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From the Editor

We are in the midst of preparing for a unique occasion when H.M. Queen Elizabeth II reaches her Platinum Jubilee - 70 years on the throne. It will be a small minority of us who remember any other head being adorned by the crown. I hope we will all make the most of the holiday granted in order to celebrate the occasion.

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Crafthole and District Open Flower and Vegetable Show

I hope that by now there are lots of entries for the annual garden competition. It is being held earlier than usual to coincide with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

The Flower Show is taking place on Saturday 13th August 2022 in the Memorial Hall with the doors opening at 1.45pm. The schedule is being circulated to previous entrants but it will

also be available in the Crafthole Village Shop. It can be downloaded from the Parish Website www.sheviockparish.org.uk/flowershow and will be available from committee members.

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SHEVIOCK MEMORIAL HALL SUPPORTERS CLUB

£5 a YEAR gives chance to win £10 EVERY week.

200 Club Update

Before the pandemic and lockdown kept us all away from our friends and family, many of the parishioners (and those further afield) supported The Sheviock Memorial Hall by joining the Memorial Hall Supporters Club and it is time we got it back up and running. It is the easiest way to support the hall.

For those of you who don't know – a £5 payment, once a year, gets one number which goes into a weekly draw to win a tenner – as simple as that.

We have a team of very kind volunteer collectors that even come to you to collect the cash, again – no effort.

So alongside you attending events and classes, hiring out the rooms and offering ideas for ways that the Hall can thrive, we will be starting up the club again.

I will meet with the collectors and get them up to speed and they will be doing their rounds again. They will be asking anybody new if they want to support the Hall as well.

If one of the team has not been able to get in touch with you when the next newsletter comes out, just give me a call for a number. If you would like to be a collector, then please call me as well. Here's looking forward to your ongoing support for the Hall.

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I DON'T believe it! By Grumpy old Git

Dad always said that when one door closes another one opens. He was a lovely dad but a terrible cabinet maker.

Ken Bruce Radio 2

A man on the last commuter train talking loudly on his 'phone to his wife with numerous excuses as to why he was so late: 'My boss wanted to talk to me', 'A client came in very late', 'Couldn't find a cab', and so on. A lady sitting close by leaned over and said, loud enough for his wife to hear, 'Please get off the 'phone and come back to bed, darling'. He immediately shut up, leaving his fellow passengers in peace and, no doubt, visualising the scene when he got home to his wife.

Metro

For the Platinum Jubilee more than 1500 beacons will be lit at 9.45 throughout the kingdom and overseas territories.

As custodians of the beacon on Beacon Hill, Trewickle Farm, it was decided some renovation was the order of the day. We last had a lighting ceremony twenty years ago at the Golden Jubilee.

Malcolm Biles very kindly offered to carry out the work, and applied a great deal of time and skill to do justice to such an icon.

I decided to look into the history of the beacon as it holds, I think, an important place in the history of not only the parish, but also the country.

As anyone who wishes to learn anything about the history of the parish would do, I turned to Neville Cusworth's mighty tome, *"Shevioc History of a Cornish Coastal Manor and Parish"*.

During an excavation in 1982 at the site of a Bronze-Age barrow at Trewickle Farm, two Roman bronze coins were discovered, suggesting that the Romans kept a look out point or beacon there. This takes us to around 100 AD.

The actual barrow, or mound, dates from the later Bronze-age (1000 BC) and was the site of burials of chieftains and their weapons.

1224 In the reign of King Henry III, John of Bayeux was made keeper of the coasts of Devon and Cornwall. This was a response to the threat of a French invasion, and he was to provide beacons in every parish on the coast.

There was also a beacon at St. Michael's chapel on Rame head.

1588 in Elizabeth I's reign saw the beacons lit to warn of the approaching Spanish Armada. 166 ships were watched as they progressed toward Plymouth from the Scilly Isles, their progress being signalled by the beacons. This led to the famous defeat of the Armada by

the English fleet, with the help of the weather, once Francis Drake had finished his game of bowls.

Key beacon sites, of which Beacon Hill was likely one, had three beacons, which were lit according to the threat. Once the local JP had given permission, one beacon would be lit to signify a hostile fleet of 20-30 sail, two for 30 - 50 sail and all three beacons for more than 50 sail, or if an invasion appeared imminent.

The beacons were normally watched from March to October or November, by two men who received 8d. a day, paid by the parish. To avoid false alarms, one of the men would go off to summon the JP or a military captain before lighting the beacon. The general alarm would be sounded by the church bells all clashing together. To avoid confusion, the bells were otherwise only tolled singly for christenings, weddings and funerals.

1613 in the reign of King James I the threat of Spanish invasion again caused the re-establishment of the beacons.

King Charles I again called for the beacons to be prepared in 1626 in case of a French invasion.

Another threat from France who declared war against Britain in 1793 during the reign of King George III had the beacons back in use. But this time they were used as flag semaphore posts. This one communicated with another based at Maker church.

Many of you will remember the last lighting of the beacon in 2016 to celebrate the Queens birthday, and now we continue the historic lineage that strings all the way from the Bronze-age.

Many thanks to Kevin Andrew for his forbearance during the work on the beacon and the lighting of the beacon.

Also to Malcolm Biles who has done such a marvellous job on the beacon refurbishment, and to John William Bean for his assistance.

Heritage Gateway at Sheviock Parish Church

Music for the Memorial Path

Having received all necessary permissions to create our proposed Memorial Path to the North of the Church, we are now awaiting a second planning application for the provision of a ramped entrance at the West Gate and will finally be out to tender for the works. So, we move swiftly on to the need to raise some additional funds – we anticipate around £5,000 - and have once again started planning Heritage Gateway fundraising events. Our first events are specifically to raise funds for the Memorial Path. They will be launched by a sponsored Hymnathon (or singing all the hymns in Hymns Old and New!) over two weekends; 21st and 22nd of May and 10th and 11th of September - by which time our voices will hopefully have recovered from the first session! We are also pleased to welcome Whitsand Harmony once again for a concert in the Church on Friday 22nd July. We are currently putting together a programme of varied musical events for the Summer so please do look out for the posters



as they appear and help to support this parish project.

Once again, we would like to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers who are helping to maintain both the Church and the Churchyard in such lovely condition on our Churchcare mornings held on the first Saturday of the

month. Also, to the volunteers who just pop in and out of the churchyard when they have the time, doing all sorts of jobs to keep it looking tidy and such a pleasant place to stop and reflect.

If you would be interested in volunteering to support the Heritage Gateway - this is specifically for the care and upkeep

of our beautiful medieval church and churchyard - please do contact either Jenny or Judy. There is no upfront commitment - we just send out an email from time to time asking for help with specific events, which might be anything from moving furniture to washing up.

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Memorial Path Fund Sponsored "Hymnathon"

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Part 1 - 21st/22nd May

21st May Hymns 22nd May Hymns
9:00 am – 1:15 pm 1 - 71 9:00 am – 1:15 pm 161 - 232
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm 72 - 112 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm 233 - 278
5:30 pm – 8:15 pm 113 - 160 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm 279 - 302

Please do come along to sing and/or listen and enjoy tea and cake
You can sponsor individuals, or hymns, or just the event
Part 2 (Hymns 303 – 571) will be held on 10th/11th September

All funds donated for this event will be used towards the creation of our Memorial Path, which will enable us to continue the interment of cremated ashes in the churchyard.

The Cornish people have long held that Mary and the boy Jesus were brought to this Country by their rich relative Joseph of Aramathaea in a boat. It is believed that Joseph was a Tin Merchant and came to deal with the Cornish people. This story has come down to us in legend. There is no written authority as the British peoples did not have a written history. The Celtic people were illiterate at that time, their history was verbal, spoken by their elders and Druids. In 1805 William Blake thought so much of this legend that he wrote his famous poem 'And Did those Feet in Ancient Times Walk Upon England's Mountains Green.' This poem was put to music by C.H.C.Parry in 1916, being known there-after as 'Jerusalem.' This song has since become Britain's most popular patriotic song, even regarded as her unofficial anthem.

The Churchman Sabine Baring-Gould wrote, "The legend is that "Joseph of Aramathaea came in a boat to Cornwall and brought the child Jesus with him, who taught him how to extract the tin and purge it of its wolfram. When the tin is flashed the tinner shouts 'Joseph was in the tin trade!'" ['Cornwall,' S.Baring-Gould, p. 57]

Another version is that in the 12th century, with Glastonbury the oldest and greatest religious centre of Britain, the monk historian, William of Malmesbury was invited by the monks of Glastonbury to stay with them and write the history of their abbey. This he did. In William's 1121 'Antiquity of Glastonbury,' he records that St. Philip sent twelve disciples from the country of the Franks and their leader was "Joseph of Aramathaea who buried our Lord."

Joseph was a secret disciple, rich, a member of the Jesus family, known by the Roman hierarchy, and a member of the San Hedrin. He it was that claimed the body of Jesus from the Roman governor, took his dead body down from the cross and prepared it for burial, then buried Jesus in the tomb that he had prepared for himself.

*A long time ago a boat landed,
in Looe Bay probably.
Owned by the man Joseph it grounded,
for Tin, from the mines, by the sea.
It's said he had his niece Mary with him,
a refugee from oppression at home,
and her son who was said to be quite trim,
the cause of the trouble with some tome.
They say he was twelve when he came, and
the family they stayed a few years.
The boy grew to achieve local fame,
healing the sick and stopping their tears.
And he preached, as he grew, of his Father.
Of a life all peaches and cream,
in a land where most would much rather
spend all of their time it would seem.
It's said with life's problems he'd grapple,
and when they'd travelled to Glastonbury
Tor,*

*the young man built a small chapel,
the first in the World that's for sure.
When thirty he left the south west,
to return to that far eastern land,
his mother beside him quite blessed.
They say she knew what fate had in hand.
I read of his trial in a book.
How his own people wanted him dead,
and how they brought false witness to
libel.*

*The San Hedrin wanted his head.
It would seem preaching peace and
healing,
made men wish Him beneath the sod.
So they crucified Him with bad feeling,
and sent the poor man to his God.
I know there is some Cornish penchant,
for a good story of man conquering fear,
but I believe His feet walked here in times
ancient.*

The man's name was Jesus, I hear.



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Chairman's Report 2022

Following the lockdowns of the previous year we are now returning to normality and holding council meetings at the hall again.

Your parish councillors all stood for re-election at the elections of May 6th. I am pleased to say we were elected by default, there being no additional candidates and so we benefit from continuity of service and the combined experience of the candidates.

We welcomed a new councillor in Paul Stone representing Portwrinkle. It is the first time for some while that we have our full quota of councillors.

Our bids for road improvements are in the pipeline. We look forward to improved safety signage at Portwrinkle and speed humps through the village being converted to cushions to alleviate the damage being suffered by buildings adjacent to them.

We have had a busy year, with much to show as evidence of the efforts of the council.

Our long suffering bus shelter at the Cross, which had been repaired many times to keep it standing, finally gave up during the winter's storms and so we now have a nice shiny new one.

As I write this report we have a replacement car park machine being installed. Many will be aware that the previous machine has been out of action for a while but here we are, just in time for the season's visitors. Last summer was very busy with visitors, sometimes causing congestion as the parking spaces were used up. We also had problems with overnight campers

which we've taken steps which we hope will be resolved for the coming season

The open space, to be known as the Platinum Jubilee Open Space, has benefitted from six miniature fruit trees, a chess table featured bench, some really exciting outdoor gym equipment, raised beds for the use of parishioners to grow flowers and veg. and, in progress at the moment, a gazebo to provide shelter from the sun/wind (delete as necessary)

The Finnygook Lane footpath was finally officially opened, along with a get together at the memorial hall.

We have managed to keep our precept increase to a reasonable level of 2.5 per cent., which considering rising costs of staff, legislation, defibrillator upkeep et al, is a laudable achievement.

On the subject of defibrillator costs, we would welcome a fund raising committee to aid the considerable on-going costs.

So I'd like to conclude by thanking all our councillors, who have contributed immensely to the running of the council; our team of staff who have worked on to keep the parish moving; to the volunteers who continue to make themselves available to render assistance to anyone in need. And finally, as always, thanks to Nancy our clerk, who has done so much to keep us going.

I commend this report to you.

Steve Medway
Chairman
Sheviock Parish Council

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Council News

Thanks again to all who contributed to the parish clean up back in March. Thanks to your efforts we now have tidier flower beds and bus shelters, grass verges and kerb sides. It is always a pleasure to see how tidy our parish is kept. I'm sure that visitors are more mindful of litter when they see everything nice and tidy.

The new ticket machine is now installed at the Portwinkle car park. It requires the input of car registration for printing on the ticket, this prevents the practice of passing on un-used time on tickets.

While the machine has the capacity to take card payments, we unfortunately do not have sufficient signal strength to employ it. When and if the situation improves it will be an easy matter of enabling the machine.

The cost of the machine will be recovered from ticket sale income within six months.

I regret to report that the forthcoming season will see a withdrawal of the dog ban on the Harbour beach at Portwinkle. I wish to let it be known, especially to those who remember the long drawn out arrangements to secure a dog free beach in accordance with the majority decision, that this is entirely against the parish council's wishes. Earlier this year, Cornwall Council asked us if we required any changes to our dog control order. We replied that we didn't but Cornwall Council claim they had no response so assumed we wanted no dog order. Despite our forceful protestations that we were victims of their incompetence, there was no bending from that quarter. Unfortunately, without that order in place we cannot legally enforce a dog ban. We have consequently had to remove all relevant signage and store it for the return of our rightful arrangements next season.

We are now back to normal council meetings at the Memorial Hall on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. Please be prepared to

have lots of fresh air circulating, (as opposed to lots of hot air from the speakers) and accept that some may wish to wear masks.

Steve Medway

Platinum Jubilee events

Thursday 2 June 9:45 pm Beacon Lighting. More than 1,500 beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories, and one in each of the capital cities of Commonwealth countries in recognition of The Queen's long and selfless service. The beacons will enable local communities, individuals and organisations to pay tribute to her as part of the official Platinum Jubilee Weekend of celebrations from 2nd to 5th June 2022.

Friday 3 June 2:30. Open Space official opening . To commemorate the Queen's

Platinum Jubilee, 6 dwarf fruit trees have been planted in the far lower end of the Open Space, together with the installation of raised beds, Adult Gym Equipment, a (chess games top) picnic table, and gazebo shelter.

3:00 Memorial Hall for a Tea Party. Bring along your picnic and drinks and enjoy an afternoon in or out –depending on the weather.

Saturday Sunday 4/5 Street Parties Get together with your neighbours to arrange get togethers and have some fun.

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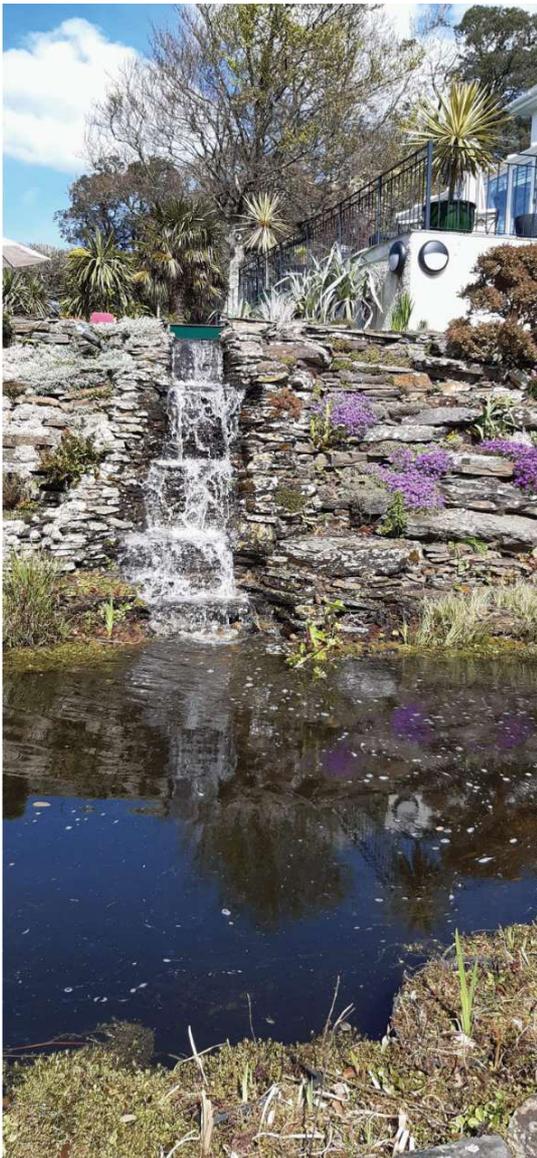
Dee Medway

In March Saul Walker gave a very entertaining talk of his time as Show Manager of the Chelsea Flower Show. It was fascinating to hear about the organisation, costs and work involved in putting on the Show. The club hopes to visit Stonelands House and Gardens where Saul is now working.

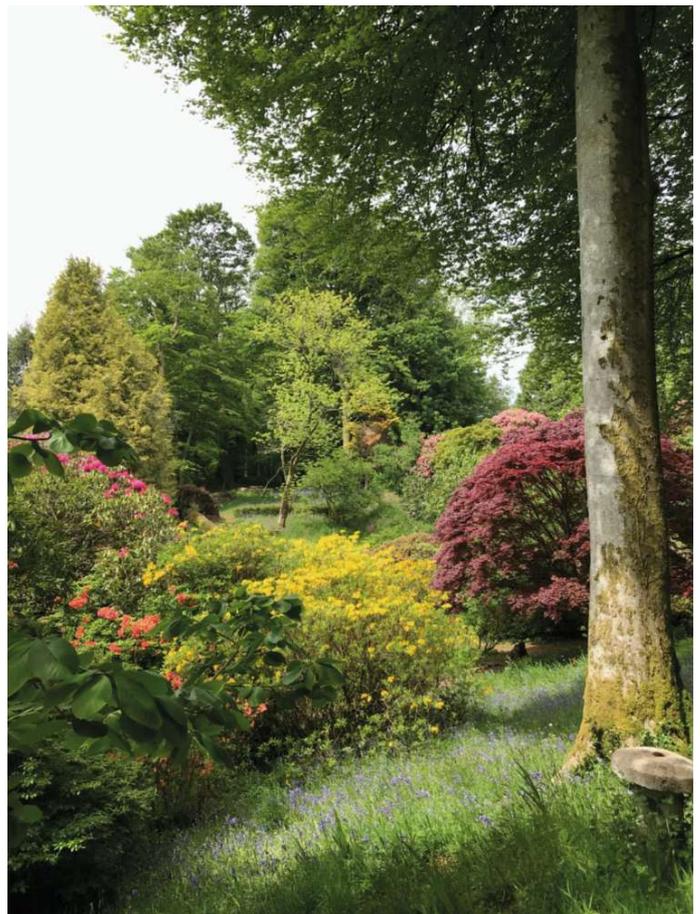
In April we visited Pencarn Gardens, Wadebridge. Trevor Wiltshire opens his garden to gardens clubs to support local Cornish charities. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the tour of the lovely garden which had a variety of more unusual plants. Special thanks to Bob for stepping up and organising every one in my absence.



The new Rame Peninsula bus at Lukesland.



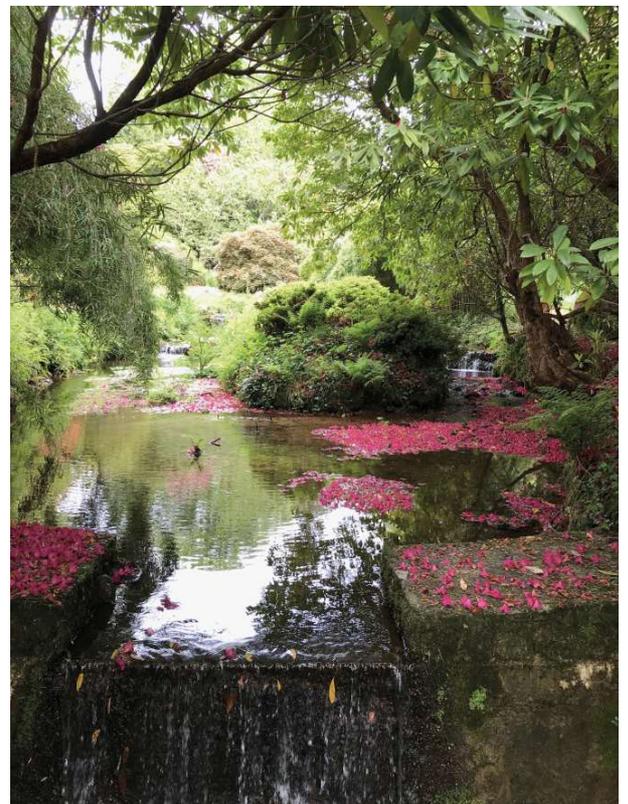
Left: Pencarn Gardens *Lynn Erasmus*



**The
spring colours
of the shrubs
at Lukeslands
are
breathtaking**

In May we visited Lukesland Garden, Ivybridge which is open spring - May and June and autumn - October and November. It is a hidden gem and a truly spectacular garden.

Our next trip out is to Ken-Caro Garden, St Ive will be on Saturday 18 June.



Meetings are usually held at the Sheviok Memorial Hall on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm. Meetings are usually in the form of visits to gardens in the months of April, May, June, July and September. We do not normally have an August meeting. Membership fees: £12 per garden, £1 per meeting, non-members £2. Enquiries - Dee Medway (Secretary) 01503 230661

OUR LOCAL BUS SERVICE -My mention in the March Newsletter that as at that time Government Pandemic Bus Support Funding had not been extended, our own bus services could soon be affected, proved to be very true. On the 24th February Kate Ewert and myself were informed by James Church of Go South West in an informal meeting in Torpoint, that most of the 70B Portwrinkle-Torpoint Plymouth Bus Service was being withdrawn leaving the Torpoint & Rame Peninsula Area with only the mainly 70/70A Cremyll-Torpoint-Plymouth Bus Route, meaning that there is now only one bus, compared with two previously, an hour crossing over on the Torpoint Ferry on weekdays. The only through buses we are left with is the 06.45 70B ex Cremyll – Plymouth Bus that departs Crafhole (Kimberley Foster) at 07.26 for Royal Parade, plus three evening buses departing Royal Parade 18.25, 19.55 & 20.45 that call at Crafhole (Kimberley Foster) en route to Millbrook. The new severely reduced bus services were submitted on the 25th February to the Traffic Commissioner in order to comply with the required 42 day notification. We later discovered that no one knew anything about the bus cuts. Cornwall Councillors, Town & Parish Councils had not been informed – there had been no consultation whatsoever – it was all ‘fait accompli’ and it was too late to make any representations. We of course immediately informed our RPPTUG & associated local Town & Parish Councils of the impending cuts. On the 1st March Grant Shapps announced that an additional £150 million Government Pandemic Funding was belatedly being provided. We do not know what Cornwall’s share of this additional money is, but nothing so far has been done to reverse our bus cuts so it is just one of a number of questions that needs answering.

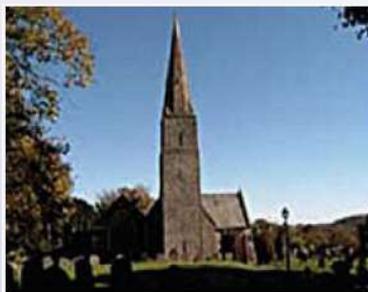
We still have the 75 Torpoint – Liskeard Service together with the new 75A Torpoint-Plymouth via Sheviock, St.Germans & Saltash Service. These two bus services unfortunately do not now connect at Torpoint with the 70/70A Service as it requires a 34/36 minute wait. There are so called connections on the Devonport Side of the Ferry by using a revised No.34 Service. In the past any problems we have had, have been with the bus companies but never with Cornwall Council who during most of the 32 years I have been involved, have been very supportive as they should be, but sadly the positions seem to have been reversed. On the 28th February I put forward proposals with three alternatives to Cornwall Council suggesting that the 75A should in addition to calling at Sheviock, be re routed to call at Crafhole & if possible Portwrinkle as well. I had checked there was sufficient lay over in the timetable to do this as there is 23 minutes in Royal Parade & 9 minutes at Torpoint. This simple re routing would do much to alleviate the new situation and give back our villages four through buses each way to Plymouth plus giving access to St. Germans, Kernow Mill & Saltash. After chasing it up I eventually got a very dismissive reply on the 8th March that said “At this time there are no plans to further revise the 75A from that, which is in the process of being registered with the Traffic Commissioners”. I did not take too kindly to that reply & following my email response & a 40 minute ‘phone call from the Cornwall Public Transport Lead it was reluctantly agreed to look further into the matter, which was done, but I still received a negative response. However, they have been forced to re route the 16.30 ex Torpoint 75A, via Crafhole Bus to accommodate school pupils returning from high schools in Plymouth. Unfortunately there have been incidents with drivers not being aware of the changes, resulting in instances of pupils being left stranded e.g. a young girl being left at Polbathic.

Although we want the whole 70B Service to be restored, there is, we think much that could be done with the current service using existing resources and only incurring marginal additional costs (fuel). We now e.g. know for sure that 70/70A buses when they arrive in Royal Parade at 30 minutes past the hour, lay idle with the driver until the return journey at 20 minutes past the next hour, so obviously with a 50 minute layover the buses could be routed via Crafhole & Sheviock, but there would be implications with a re timing of the service required. We know that there have been many complaints about the new service, and that as advised some of you have contacted Cornwall Council & Go Cornwall Bus. Our area has also lost out on the much publicised Cornwall Reduced Bus Fares Scheme, as it does not apply to journeys into Plymouth. What is now needed we think is a PUBLIC MEETING, which with the support of Sheviock Parish Council has been ARRANGED TO BE HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, CRAFTHOLE on MONDAY JUNE 20TH FROM 6.0PM. MEL. WATSON the lead for Public Transport in Cornwall and James Church, Commercial & Customer Manager for Go South West will be there to discuss the bus cuts & answer questions. Kate Ewert our Cornwall Councillor will also be in attendance & I must pay tribute to Kate who has given us great support and you may have heard her on the local media including Radio Cornwall. I do need also to point out that James Church has given us much support over several years & has attended all our meetings. Thanks also go to Sheviock Parish Council, Ian Court & Martial Bugliolo for their recent help & support. *It is extremely important that the public meeting is very well supported if we are to regain a much improved bus service that will help those in our community who are dependent on using public transport, so please be there if you possibly can.* Finally I would mention that Looe Town Council have asked to join our RPPTUG and will be nominating a representative to serve on our committee.

Sad to learn of the passing of Jim Kitto's wife, Gill. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Jim at this difficult time.

Steve Medway

Some of the work already done towards the Platinum Jubilee open space. Gym equipment. Paul and Ian planting up the fruit trees. Raised beds ready for planting



A service of Prayer was held for the people of Ukraine giving parishioners the opportunity to light a candle and place blue and yellow wool on the prayer tree.

Forty-two parishioners attended and generously

donated a total of £600 to the Ukrainian Appeal.

It was good to be able to celebrate the Easter Sunrise Service at the Beacon. Seventeen people rose bright and early to be there for 6:30. The skylarks accompanied the singing of hymns. The service was followed by breakfast in the garden of The Bungalow, a sign that perhaps life is at last beginning to return to as it used to be!

Easter Communion was attended by forty-one people, some in the area on holiday. The church was decorated with daffodils. The Cross looked beautiful, Stephanie had decorated it with daffodils and camellias. The service, as are all services, was followed by coffee and biscuits, so if you are in the area around 11:00am you are welcome to drop in. The last time Easter was celebrated in St Mary's was 2018. We are beginning to hold fund raising events towards the Memorial Path. By the time this Newsletter drops through your letter box you will have missed the Hymnathon on 21st and 22nd May but there will be another opportunity in the Autumn to join in, sponsor a favourite hymn, or just listen as you enjoy tea and cake. Look out for the posters. Reverend Canon Lynn and Reverend Laura continue to offer services by zoom:-

Sunday Evening Worship	7:00pm
Thursday Evening Prayer	7:00pm
Monday Evening Prayer	7:00pm
Friday Morning Prayer	10:00am
Wednesday Morning Prayer	10:00 am
Saturday Evening Prayer	7:00pm

If you would like to join one of these services please email Reverend Canon Lynn Parker – parker30@hotmail.com

CHURCH SERVICES

First Sunday of the month Holy Communion 10:00am.

Third Sunday of the month Holy Communion 10:00am.

Followed by coffee and biscuits at 11:00 am. If you are passing you are welcome to join us.

ALL ARE WELCOME, looking forward to seeing you.

Judy Scott and Jenny Bushrod

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Well, as I sit here on a rare -but hopefully less so - warm and sunny day, composing my Summer Community Shop insert for the SPM, I am reminded that, shortly - hopefully- we will be welcoming visitors to our beautiful part of Cornwall. With that in mind, we are now stocking many locally sourced goods which we hope people will want to buy to take home to their friends and family as holiday mementos. However, perhaps I can encourage you, our local readers, to also come and see what we stock, so that perhaps you may find things either for yourselves as a treat or to take with you when you visit friends and family further afield. Come and see us anyway as, with the ever increasing cost of fuel, it may be that it just isn't worth going to Torpoint or Liskeard when you run out of an essential item (of which we stock many - bread, baking products, potatoes, drinks etc). May I remind you that our prices are, in many instances, very competitive - I stopped short of buying a bottle of Zero Coke in the Co-op for my Grandson last week thinking it seemed very pricy and, indeed back in the shop, I was able to save about 40p on my purchase. Pasties are also cheaper than most other outlets and, with picnics in mind, cold meats and cheeses will also be hard to beat price-wise.

We shall also be stocking up on some beach items for the family as well as ices for those hot days to come and, of course, our cold drinks fridge is bulging too. The shop directors and



wonderful volunteers work extremely hard to keep our village shop a viable enterprise, BUT... we cannot do this without YOUR support as well, so please, please consider popping in now and again- you may be pleasantly surprised. You will always be assured of a very warm welcome.

We hope that this summer, you may enjoy a long awaited holiday either at home or abroad - goodness knows, we've waited long enough- and that you all keep healthy as the ravages of the pandemic are lessening. We are still hoping that our customers will be willing to wear a mask in the shop and we are still keeping to the "two customer" requirement.

People have asked if we are going to open in the afternoons. Unfortunately, our pre-pandemic volunteer numbers have decreased and, unless more volunteers step up to the plate, I'm afraid this will not be possible. As I have said before, the work is not difficult and it is a satisfying way to both serve the community and get to know one another. If you think you could spare just 2 hours a week behind the counter, please contact Ellen in the shop. You would receive full training and mentorship before being left to fend for yourselves and I'm sure you would get much pleasure from it. In conclusion then, we look forward to seeing you in our shop anytime and our best wishes to you all for a wonderful and restful summer. Lynn Vickery - on behalf of the shop directors.

The weather was kind for the Easter Monday event and many bright Easter bonnets were entered into the competition. It was good to have the hall alive with the buzzing sound of excited children as they went on their Easter trails looking for clues and searching out chicks, carrots and bunnies. Adults caught up with friends after such a long time without any community activities, whilst they enjoyed delicious refreshments provided by our kind volunteer cake bakers. A huge shout out to The Finnygook Inn, Dove cote Bistro, Cornish Pod, the village shop and Sainsbury's for generous donations towards our raffle.

The hall is jointly supporting the Platinum Jubilee celebrations with the Parish Council and hosting a parish picnic on Friday 3rd June from 3pm. This is a family

opportunity to enjoy a picnic within the tranquil setting. There will be tea, cakes and a bar to help you relax and unwind while the children can safely enjoy playing together.

The Hall summer fair will be on Saturday July 16th – as well as various stalls there will be organised children's games, an inter pub tug of war competition, basketball challenges, Barbeque and Bar and music. Another great opportunity for a community get together for many families

I look forward to seeing you all soon at these events. In the meantime I am always available to be contacted on 07900553116 or via email paulasabrooks@aol.com if you would like to discuss or suggest events or activities for the hall, you are also welcome to attend the meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7pm.

Easter bonnet entrants





Our Mission Statement.

We pray that Crafhole Methodist Church may always be God-Centred, providing a place where God's family may worship, reach out in Christian love and service to the community and draw in all people of all ages and abilities, so that they can learn that God loves and values them.

DEFINITION- "A village consists of a group of houses, together with other buildings such as a church, shop and a public house" A centuries old description of any small village in England

This is Crafhole at the moment.

Shortly Crafhole will lose one of its community facilities when the 158-year-old chapel closes. Yes that is correct, Crafhole Methodist will have to close due to an edict by the Methodist Conference 2021.

The parish actually had a school in Shevioc until 1966 and the building is still there. Sometimes action by authorities seems crazy. Soon after it's demise the old schoolhouse was turned into a family house. Then immediately the Parish started to grow rapidly and a school really needed.

Consequent to its closure the number of children grew dramatically and almost swamped Antony school

Luckily for Crafhole the Methodist Church had a flourishing Sunday School and its membership grew as the numbers of children grew. I understand that lots of other small communities are also losing chapels and churches because they too are not viable, but Crafhole Methodist Church will be a real miss. Unfortunately there are not many Methodists left to sustain the chapel, we had hoped we would be able to save the chapel, but that looks very unlikely. The real sadness is that there are many people within our parish who have been members of the Methodist church. There are also many people, especially within Crafhole, who were members of the Sunday school and will remember the great times they had on a Sunday morning.

Unfortunately they have, for some reason, not continued these times.

Crafhole will soon only then have the shop and the pub in the parish area. When you think that only three years ago we virtually lost our Public house to a fire and now, for a moment, Crafhole is back to full strength and the village has its three facets.

Unfortunately we look like losing yhr third part of the original make up of a village, the Methodist chapel. The Methodist conference passed resolutions concerning minimum membership of twelve locally resident. The conference meeting stated many chapels are to close with membership below that and we are there already.

Crafhole Methodist Church is being asked, with urgency, to come together with St Germans (and with Donderry) to enter a group as a single church to form a new church council to oversee the existing work and plan for future working together as one church.

So there you have it. We either see the definition of a "village" be re-established in Crafhole by increasing our congregation or go into a grouping of chapels and see what happens next.

Church Services will be held each Sunday morning at 10.30 am until the new programme of shared churches is finalised. All are very welcome to all services held in the Methodist Church.

Coffee Morning

"The socialising centre of the universe!"

Remember on the **fourth Saturday** of every month there is a Coffee Morning in the Shevioc Memorial Hall starting from 10.00 until 11:30 am, put these dates in your diary:- Saturday :- 28th May, 25th June 23rd July and 27th August

There is always a cake stall but the main reason for this morning is to socialise by having good company, a chat and tea/coffee with biscuits. We would like to say a big thank you to all our loyal supporters who share our coffee mornings with us.

Ring 01503230326.

The Methodist Church. Your Decision could help

Quote by John Wesley

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

The Methodist Church started in the 18th Century as a revival movement, breaking away from the Anglican Church in 1784. Since then it has become the 4th largest Christian denomination and has churches and members throughout the world. The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ

and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. It does this through:

WORSHIP – To increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love.

LEARNING & CARING – To help people to grow and learn as Christians, through mutual support and care

SERVICE – To be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice

EVANGELISM - To make more followers of Jesus Christ
Methodists who belong to Crafhole church are also part of a Circuit of Methodist Churches, a District and the Connexion, which is the whole of the Methodist Church in Britain.

What's on at the Sheviock Memorial Hall

The Recreation/Snooker Club

Snooker facilities are available every day on a superb table. For details contact Michael S 230326

Short Tennis.

Short Tennis is played in the Sheviock Memorial Hall on a Thursday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, equipment is provided

Mike Cloughton 230022

Short Mat Bowls

You may or not know that for the past 14 years a Short Mat bowls club has existed in Crafhole. We meet in the Sheviock Memorial Hall, Crafhole every Monday afternoon 2.00 to 4.00pm and Friday evening 7.30pm onwards..

It's not too difficult once you realise that the bowls are biased towards you **not** them being self-directional. Aiming for the little yellow ball whilst circumnavigating a piece of wood mid-way down the carpet ensures you can and will get frustrated. Perseverance eventually wins. Why not try and see if you have it in you ! Have you got the nerve to try it or are you just a sit at home and watch television fanatic. Contact 230326

Keep Fit or Gentle Exercise

Why not come and join us for some fun and a chance to keep your joints moving.

We meet on a Thursday afternoon at 2.15pm for an hour in the main hall. Anyone is welcome to join us and no previous experience is necessary! We laugh a lot and sweat a little!

Badminton Club

We have a badminton club in the Sheviock Memorial Hall every Wednesday. Children meet at 6.30pm until 7.30 and Adults from 7.30pm until 9.30pm

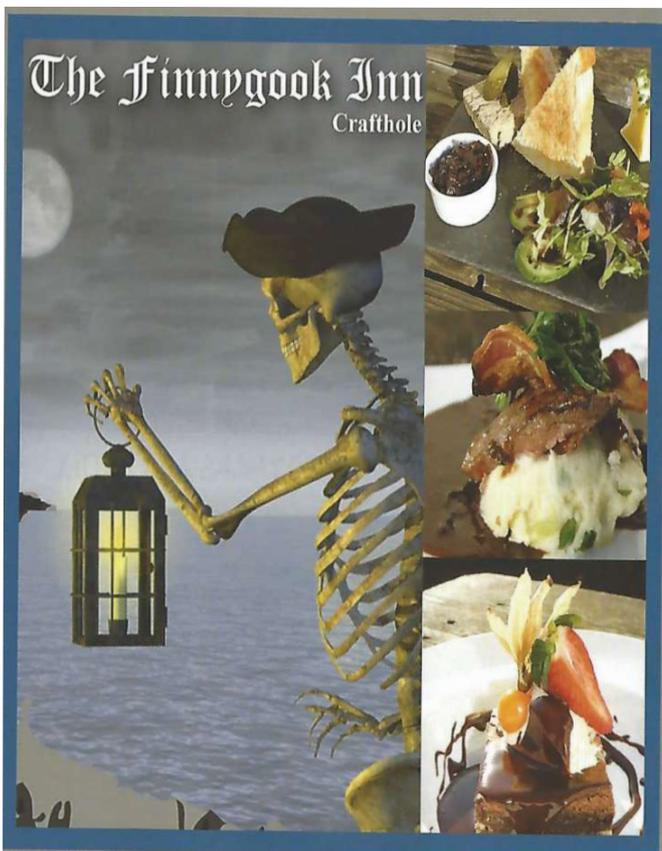
Barbara Snowling

Crafthole Pre-school

We currently have vacancies for 2,3,and 4 year old children to come and join us in a home from home play environment. Children will make new peer friendships and learn new skills which will support them for transition into school. For a free visit to the setting for all families, please call **Paula Brooks 07900 553116** or **paulasabrooks@aol.com**

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Film Club

Lynn Vickery

To all film fans...

Our film club is back up and running more or less as normal now. It would still be good if everyone could wear a face mask and gel their hands but as it is no longer statutory and as places such as care homes seem much more relaxed about the virus themselves, it is very much up to you. We shall continue to ventilate however, so wear a coat if necessary.

We have films booked for Sunday June 19th and Sunday July 17th

PLEASE NOTE this change of day for both films. This is because the hall is booked out over the weekend in June and in July, I am singing at St Germans and I am hoping you won't mind...

On 19th June we are screening "Nomadland" based on a true story about a 60s something woman who lost everything in the 2007 recession and travelled the American West, living the life of a modern day nomad.

ON 17th June I have managed to reserve "A Royal Night Out" - again, based on fact, though it is largely a fictional romantic comedy, when the princesses

Elizabeth and Margaret were joyously allowed to mingle, incognito, with the crowds celebrating VE Day (very much against their mother's wishes). If you are not a club member but would be interested in joining, please get in touch with me. Your first film would cost you £6 but after that just £3. As with all the films, it would be helpful to know who is coming. So far, numbers have not been a problem, but with the apparent lowering of infection rates of Covid and the resulting increase in confidence, I anticipate a rise in club attendance. I would hate to have to turn people away and so may be able to offer a second screening if numbers seem high.

I look forward to hearing from you and maybe seeing some of you at the films.

PLEASE NOTE there will be no more films until September 17th. I should be grateful for suggestions of films I may be able to book. I'm afraid I am unable to get "The Dig" as it is owned by Netflix and they do not franchise out, so I am sorry if you were hoping to see it. I certainly am.

Lynn Vickery 07528 127017/01503 230048

Portwrinkle

Esther Spaarwater

My name is Esther - along with my partner, we are the very lucky new owners of Smugglers Cottage in Portwrinkle. We moved in in June last year, and have felt so blessed by the incredible welcome we've had in the village.

I love swimming and, within days of moving in, was welcomed by a swimmers' group who come from Torpoint and Saltash. One of them, Christine Ridgeon, has been swimming here for years, and has a very special feeling for Portwrinkle. For my birthday in December she gave me this poem, and I wonder whether you would consider including it in the next parish newsletter?

Portwrinkle

*From heaven came a rainbow
cascading from the sky,
like an irridescent moonbeam,
an illusion to the eye.*

*It landed on the water
between the harbour walls.
While on the water's edge
oystercatchers shrieked their calls.*

*For me there is no other,
Portwrinkle seems like home,
for within the harbour's embracing arms
you never feel alone.*

Christine Ridgeon, a Portwrinkle swimmer

As a child I was taken to a Silver Jubilee street party. The red, white, and blue bunting and balloons were out, and cake and tea were plentiful. Years later we are celebrating Her Majesty's the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Even if they are not everyone's 'cup of tea' royal jubilee years can help us remember together as a nation what is important to us and give thanks for that.

'Jubilee' has its origin in the Bible. God told Israel the nation needed to celebrate them, but they were very different. There were no balloons or bunting that we know of and it was not about the reign of a king or queen. Rather, God told Israel to keep every seventh year as a sabbath year when the land should rest. After seven of these, "The fiftieth year shall be a holy jubilee for you...everyone is to return to their own property. If you sell land to any of your own people or buy land from them, do not take advantage of each other."

In this way, social relationships, economic security, stability and community wellbeing were to be given an opportunity to be reset, along with the land. In days when inequality between rich and poor is at very high levels in the UK, how we

could benefit from such a reset! When things get so out of kilter, it affects trust, social cohesion, life expectancy and so many more key aspects of the nation's life. As Rev CB Samuel of Micah Global explains, *"Jubilee was a recovery of identity, especially for the poor. It is not about simply correcting economic problems, which is very important; not even just caring for the poor because they're poor; but it is restoring identity, which is a part of their history and very important for them. Jubilee operated as a corrective because people were tight-fisted and hard-hearted."* – CB Samuel*

The Israelites may never have actually got this far, but the instruction still showed the heart intention of God. We are living in the time of a cost of living crisis. It is vital that we pay attention to the needs of the poorest around us. Will we allow God to reset our values in line with those of Jesus? If so, and if as a society we find ways to bring all to the party, so to speak, that will really be something to celebrate in our part of Cornwall and around the world.

*quoted here, and to read more: <https://www.tearfund.org.au/stories/jubilee-in-the-bible>



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