

# SHEVIOCK PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## From the Editor

**G**ood to see the return of the scarecrow competition this year. You may recall the marvellous entries of the previous years, you'll also be relieved to know that you will not be competing with Warren's effort, he is exempt as he will be judging. You may wish to submit pictures of your efforts for the next newsletter - due in June.

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If you have any contributions you'd like to see printed in the newsletter, do please get in touch. Any items submitted should be original, or with the owner's permission, and you'll have a world wide readership.

**Steve Medway**

*Cover photo: Chris and Ebony walk the beach (Lilli Gullan)*

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I hope all our contributors are happy with this issue. If you have any points to make regarding this newsletter, please let me know.



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## *I DON'T believe it! By Grumpy old Git*

I was struggling to get my wife's attention? So I simply sat down and looked comfortable. That did the trick.

*"Waitress, can I ask you something about the menu please?" The waitress slapped me round the face saying: "That's none of your business!"*

A wife asks her husband, "Could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk and if they have avocados, get 6. A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk. The wife asks: "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?"

He said: "They had avocados."

*My wife asked if she could have a little peace and quiet while she cooked dinner. So I took the batteries out of the smoke alarm.*

*(From Dad's jokes*

*website)*

"Dad, can you tell me what a solar eclipse is?" No sun.

**Chris Kennedy** 31/1/1947 to 22/11/2019

**Gill Kennedy**

From 1981 until November 2019 Chris's home was in Craffhole along with Gill and his son Steve and daughter Annette and in more recent years their families.

Although Chris's work as a Civil Engineer took him all over the world, he always loved coming back home. He loved walking in the area, most recently with Ebony, joining in village activities and watching Plymouth Argyle. He involved himself as Treasurer of the Shevioc Memorial Hall, as Chairman of the Parish

Council and helping with the local Speedwatch Team.

Chris's death in November was very sudden and unexpected. Gill, Steve, Annette and the grandchildren miss him terribly but are so grateful for all the support and love they have received (including those of you who have walked Ebony in all weathers). The celebration of Chris's life on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February was a fitting tribute and would not have been such a success without everyone's support.

## **Wonderful Villages Photo Competition**

**Phil Barrington**

In this year of 'Village Halls Week 2020' we are running a photo competition to provide funds for cash-strapped rural community halls. The competition is designed to champion and emphasise the vital role that halls play in strengthening rural communities. The top prize is £1,000 to the village hall and £500 to the photographer.

To help, would you be kind enough to pass on information about the competition to any appropriate villagers, parish councillors or village hall trustees in your area? We are keen that all villages have an equal chance to take part, prompting villagers to collaborate and bring home the message of their hall's vital importance.

**Here are the key points about the 'Wonderful Villages' Photo Competition:**

- Top prize is £1,000 to the community hall and £500 to the photographer.
- Theme: 'Village Life - a photo which characterises the value of community in your village'. (This is not about 'pretty villages' or professional photography, but rather capturing the essence of 'community' in a village.
- It's open to all rural halls. No fee to enter. Halls can enter as many photos as they wish.
- Entrants can nominate any rural hall they wish. It doesn't have to be one that is local to them.
- Closing date is 15/3/20
- Details and rules are available from <https://villagehallsurvey.com/survey/photo-competition>
- Trustees can download a poster for noticeboard display from the above link.

- We've received over a hundred entries already, with some very touching photos showing great community bonds. Please encourage villagers to vote for the best photos from other communities in order to help the judges. <https://villagehallsurvey.com/survey/photo-competition/photo-gallery>

- If halls wish to share information about the competition on Facebook or Twitter, a full-size version of the graphic below can be found and saved at <https://villagehallsurvey.com/photo-competition-graphic-fb.png>.

**Phil Barrington**  
Projects Manager

## Film Club at the Memorial Hall

Lynn Vickery

As many of you may be aware, the village hall has started a film club in the new Kennedy Room, where state of the art equipment has been installed, which can be used by any groups for illustrating talks etc. Our first film was "Rocketman", about Elton John's early life and struggles with low self esteem, to get into the music business. To my delight- and thank you all so much - we had excellent support, 24 new members and welcoming 6 current members. Everyone seemed to enjoy the show and also the interval, where we had ice creams and beverages. Thanks go to Andy Kayes, the technical wizard in charge of projection, Mel Parry, Bob Stevenson, Julie Kayes and Fiona Harvey who all kindly helped. Also all who helped to put the chairs away etc. at the end.

Our shows will generally be on the 2nd Saturday of the month - except in April, when it will be the first, due to Easter.

Forthcoming shows:-

**Sat March 14th - Downton Abbey**, which needs no explanation and then

**Sat 4th April - Mrs. Lowry and Son**, which is a portrait of the artist Lowry and how his mother tried to dissuade him from becoming an artist.

Screenings from May - July will be **Yesterday, Eddie the Eagle and Bohemian Rhapsody**.

We have one extra show, booked for the younger members of our community - and their parents too ... **Mary Poppins Returns** - to be screened on Wed **April 8th at 2.30**.

Membership fee £3

Non member, £6. Members, £3.per show

Children under 12 are free but must be accompanied by a paying adult.

Children 12-15 may join at a cost of £3 and may be unaccompanied.

Shows start at 7.30 but if you need to, come a bit early to be signed in - have a cuppa and a chat while you wait.

Remember to bring your membership card with you though, as we have to record your attendance. Don't forget, as a member, you are able to visit any of the local film clubs, but for Polbathic you must buy tickets in advance.

If you would like to volunteer to go on a rota to help at the door or in the kitchen and also in the afternoon to put out the chairs, please let me know. These things do not take very long and it would be nice if, now and again the organising team could take a break. My number is 230048 or 07528127017

I look forward to seeing you at the next film show and thank you again for your support.

## Crafthole and District Open Flower Show

**SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2020**

Once again it's that time of year when we should be planning what to grow for this year's show. Some of you may already have begun planting especially vegetables, a new one included in this year's Schedule is **garlic**. Another addition to the Schedule is a **sunflower**. The weather may not be tempting you out into the garden yet but start thinking about your Summer Garden and



Vegetable Patch. The Schedule will be published in good time and please read it very carefully especially times of staging, staging and presentation guidelines as there are MAJOR changes and the Judges follow the rules carefully. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Flower Show with all your entries.

**Flower Show Committee**

### **SHEVIOCK MEMORIAL HALL SUPPORTERS CLUB**

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#### **WINNERS 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 to 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>WINNER</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>WINNER</b>	<b>No</b>
19/11/19	Baz Gibbs	147	07/01/20	Ken Gurr	144
26/11/19	Kenn Gurr	144	14/01/20	Gill Kennedy	90
03/12/19	M Rutherford	275	21/01/20	Mike Wilkinson	208
10/12/19	Eileen Turner	98	28/01/20	Angela Moore	112
17/12/19	Andrea Evans	176	02/02/20	Tess Ives	69
24/12/19	Andrew Ballard	252	14/02/20	Pauline Kemp	109
31/12/19	Bernadette Parkinson	207			

Crikey, 2020 is off to a flying start and the new extension is going great guns and standing up admirably to 'Ciara' and 'Dennis'! The Supporters club is just one of the ways we raise the money to help run and expand the hall. So thank you all for your support.

The collectors are coming round this part of the year – so my thanks go out to them as always. To make it easier, if you see your collector, have a chat and give them your subs face to face! If you fancy being a collector then please contact me if you'd like more info.

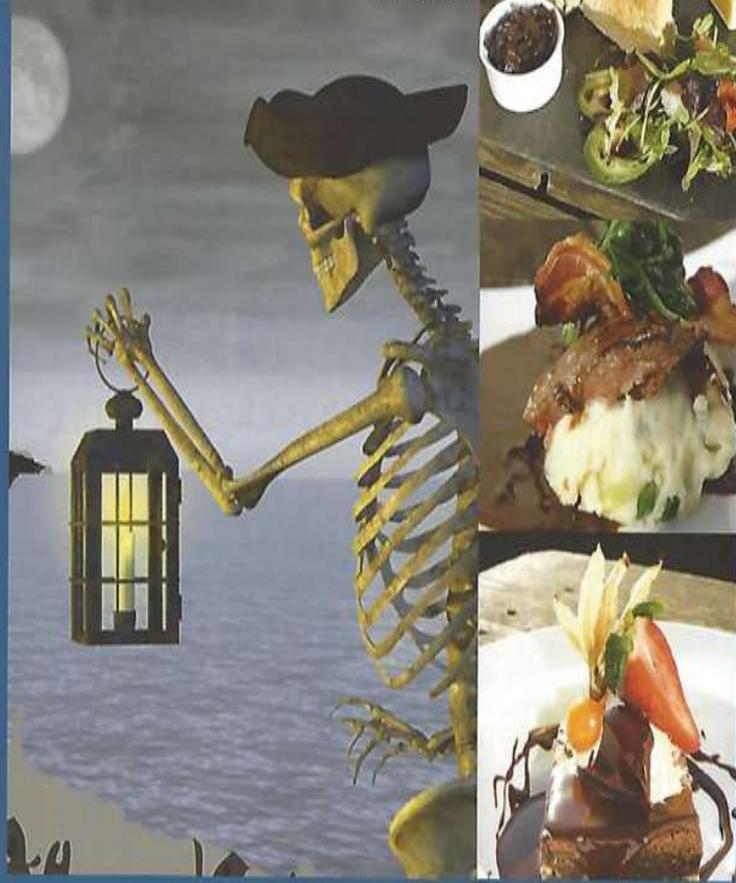
Anyone with a number in the draw (10p a week) has the chance to win £10 each week. That's only a fiver a year. So why not join the Memorial Hall Supporters club. If you would like to, please talk to one of the collectors or give me a call and I will happily allocate you some numbers. Let's hope 2020 brings all you want.

**If you only take part in one flutter this year it has to be the Sheviok Memorial Hall Supporters Club. A guaranteed £10 winner every week, except Christmas week, and it supports the Hall.**

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## What's on at the Finny

**7<sup>th</sup> March 8.00- Quiz night**

**20<sup>th</sup> March - King Dinosaur**

**10<sup>th</sup> April - Ross Kelly**

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## Hello - Goodbye

Comings and goings at the Parish Council this month.

Peter Cade, who has been with us for a short time and has made such an impact on the council, has reluctantly had to resign due to unforeseen circumstances. We thank Peter for his contribution whilst with us, and wish him good luck for the future.

We are joined by Theresa Pine, who brings a wealth of experience which will, I am sure, benefit the parish.

### Highways

Following representations from the good folk of Tredis, we have been working with Cormac and Antony Estate to improve safety at Polscoe. The problem is when turning right off the B3274 towards Tredis, the foliage restricts the ability to see traffic coming down the hill from Crafhole. Having surveyed the site, we have decided that the work will be commenced in September. This is due to the current ground condition being waterlogged. By the time the ground drains we'll be into bird nesting season restrictions on hedge cutting. There are restrictions on road works during the summer holiday months which brings us to September.

### Changes to Parking Arrangements.

We've now completed the changes to the parking bays on Finnygook Lane, thus removing the pinch point opposite the South West Water build out. Additionally, the

Disabled designated parking bay in West Lane has been de-restricted.

### VE Day Celebrations.

We have been asked about plans for the forthcoming VE Day celebrations. This will be on 8th May 2020 so you may wish to assemble a committee to arrange a community response. The council will be pleased to assist in any arrangements.



## Sheviock Parish Council

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# Council News

**Christmas Tree.** Following a suggestion for the installation of a Christmas Tree, Warren set his mind to see what could be done to that end. Thanks to Andy Carter and Carter Excavations, we had a fine tree delivered. A bit of civil engineering by Warren soon saw the tree in pride of place by the cross in Crafhole, lending a festive feel to passers by on the dark winter's nights. Thanks to all concerned.

**Notice Boards** We were asked to renovate the notice boards in Crafhole and

Portwrinkle. These have now been either repaired, or replaced and are available for use by parishioners. The keys will be issued to interested bodies, and also the shop.

**Spring Clean** time again. Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March. You are invited to contribute to the tidiness of the parish - rubbish picking, bus shelter cleaning, tidy the flower beds, just the kerb outside your house. Whatever you do, please do it safely.

## **Sheviock Parish Council TENDER INVITATION**

### **Grass Cutting and Footpaths Maintenance Contract 2020/2021**

**Tenders are invited for the above Contract for footpaths, grass and undergrowth cutting in Sheviock Parish 2020/2021.**

**Please apply to the Clerk for a pack, details below.**

**Tenders to be returned by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 to:**

**The Clerk,**

**The Bill Warren Room, Sheviock Memorial Hall,  
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e-mail: [sheviockpc@btinternet.com](mailto:sheviockpc@btinternet.com).**

**Steve Medway, Chairman**

## **Community Speed Watch Volunteers**

**Berenice Earnshaw**

Would you be interested in joining our team of Speed Watch volunteers?

This is a national initiative where members of local communities join, with the support of the Police, to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices. We are currently a team of 5 but are seeking to increase our numbers to ensure we have an adequate pool on which to draw to cover a monthly Speed Watch, and possibly look to increase the number of sessions over the year.

The duration of a Speed Watch is one hour and ideally a minimum of 3 (but no more than 4) is

required.

In our Parish 7 locations have been designated and 'health & safety' checked by the Police. Training is provided – usually in house 'on the ground' with the Team.

If you are interested, or would like more information, please get in touch with Berenice Earnshaw (01503 230732) or Andrew Lockett (01503 230525)

You can also check out on line at '[www.communityspeedwatch.org](http://www.communityspeedwatch.org)'

2019 was an excellent year for our garden club with interesting speakers and some great outings. Thank you to everyone for your continued support which is much appreciated.

Our Speakers included talks by Chris Kennedy (A Gem of a Garden - Attadale), Sarah Chesters (The Story of Rosemoor), Trevor Wiltshire (Pencarn Garden) and Aaron Southgate (Buckfast Abbey Gardens).

Trips out included Burncoose House, Gwennap (Open Gardens - Cornwall Wildlife Trust), Bowringsleigh Gardens, Kingsbridge (Open Gardens – St Lukes Hospice) and Cotehele Garland /Saltram House Christmas Illuminations.

A special thank you to Steve for driving the Rame Community Bus for our trips out. His skill is especially appreciated saving us from a possible nasty collision with bouncing bicycles on the way to Buckfast Abbey and negotiating our trip down a narrow entrance to Bowringsleigh Gardens!!!

In July we met to dedicate the new bench in the Open Space in memory of Betty Heapy, founder member of the Garden Club, followed by our annual Garden Safari. A big thank you to all those who invited us into their allotments and gardens and to Jenny and Bryan for a delicious cream tea.

In December we had the annual fund raising event for the Memorial Hall. Many thanks to all those who helped with the preparation/donations and manning of the stall.

In January we had our New Year Lunch at The Finnygook Inn enjoyed by all. Thank you to Erika and staff for a lovely day.

Special thanks to Peter, our Treasurer, Judy for organising our meeting refreshments, Bob

Stevenson, our Hall Committee representative and Steve for helping me with the posters.

Special mention to the memories of David Dunn and Chris Kennedy who supported us all. Their contributions to the wellbeing of the whole of our community will never be forgotten and hopefully the legacy of their lives, the things they did, places they went, goals they accomplished will be remembered by us all.

In conclusion may I wish everyone a great gardening year in 2020 and hope that the club continues to thrive.

Coming up

Monday 16 March - Speaker Tricia Howard - Topic Iconic French Gardens

Saturday 18 April - Visit to Pencarn Garden - Wadebridge

Saturday 23 May - Visit to The Garden House - Buckland Monachorum

Meetings are usually held at the Sheviock Memorial Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 7pm.

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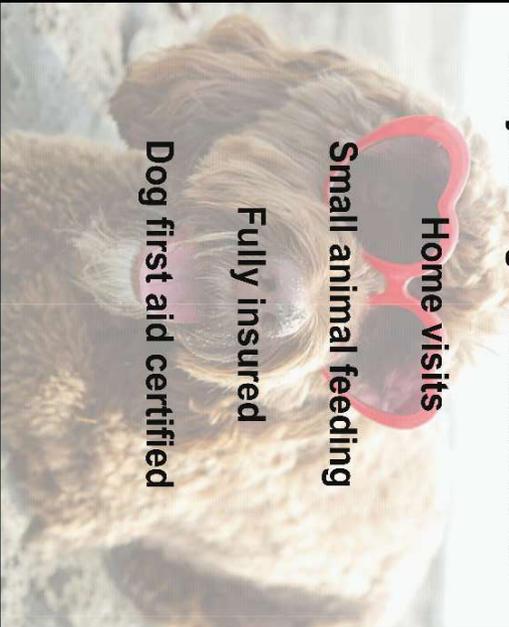
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## Local Public Transport Update

Geoff Cadwallader

Somewhat surprisingly in early January, Cornwall Council awarded the tenders for all of the County's grant aided bus services for the next eight years except the Truro Park & Ride (retained By First Kernow) to just one company, Plymouth City Bus owned by the Go Ahead Bus Company. City Bus has proved itself to be a good bus company that has served our area well since operating our local bus services, fully cooperating and liaising with our local public transport users group. However, it is sad to see many small bus companies lose grant aided contracts that may be important to their survival.

Our new bus service will commence on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March and I have just had the opportunity to look at the timetables before they are sent to be registered. There appears to be very little change to our 70B Plymouth-Torpoint-Sheviock-Crafthole-Portwrinkle/Millbrook Bus Service, with similar frequencies and times to now. I think it is good news that we have retained our current relatively very good bus service, as the tenders are not set to be renewed again until 8 year's time. The 75 Service will continue to consist of 5 round trips but there is good news, in that 3 of the Liskeard-Torpoint Trips are shown to call additionally at Sheviock, the Kimberley Foster stop in Crafthole & Portwrinkle, but in the reverse

direction only the 15.24 ex Torpoint Ferry – Liskeard Schooldays Bus is shown to call at these locations..

Under the One Public System for Cornwall Project, Public Transport Services in the County set up are to further improve in 2020 with improved frequencies and routes, reduced fares, better links with rail, integrated school transport services, and environmentally friendly buses. As you are aware we now have a greatly improved train service at St. Germans and moves are currently being made to persuade Cornwall Council to provide a demand responsive bus service based at the station similar to the Corlink Minibus Service that we had a number of years ago. The 71 Liskeard – Saltash via Polbathic & St.Germans Bus Service has been greatly improved in frequency and extended to Derriford Hospital via a direct route. There is also to be a new Truro Railway Station – Newquay Airport Bus Service. A £23.5 m government funded "Reduced Bus Fares" pilot scheme is designed to significantly reduce the cost of bus travel in Cornwall over four years, by establishing town zones & capping the cost of making multiple journeys within these zones, but it is not yet known how this will work, particularly in Torpoint & Saltash where the majority of journeys made, are to & from Plymouth.

## Bereavement Social Group

Christine Chick

The new Crafthole Bereavement Social Group is up and running. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at the Memorial hall, Crafthole, in the Kennedy Suite from 2.0pm – 4.0pm, where we meet like minded people to chat and arrange social events etc. The next meeting will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> March. So far we have arranged a visit to the Theatre Royal to see the Mousetrap, and a Sunday Lunch out. Ways of helping local residents who have problems e.g. with getting to the surgery or dentist etc. have also been mooted. For more information please contact Christine Tel. 01503 230786. A warm welcome awaits.

Dear Parishioners,

Community Shops have been increasing apace with much national news promoting the innovation of communities taking control of what is essentially the hub and life of a village – and Crafhole Community Shop has been at the forefront of this movement.

In order to ensure the continuing success and health of our Shop we have been conducting a financial review and looking at how we can best serve our customers and also provide for our holiday visitors who bring much needed seasonal revenue. We would like to share with you some of our on-going programmes towards this end.

- We are currently working towards the installation of a card machine (bringing us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century!) together with a land line for easy access for all, and the proceeds of our successful Xmas Turkey raffle have been ring-fenced for this purpose.
- We have also been exploring ways of reducing our carbon footprint and moving away from plastic, which will take time and in some cases initial financial outlay but is a definite goal.
- We are in the process of moving our bank account to the Co-op which has a strong ethical policy and will offer considerably reduced bank charges.
- Just a reminder that we have a 'Comments Book' (by the Post Office) and welcome new ideas and improvements; we cannot always implement these in the short term but are optimistic that in time we

can develop and improve and work towards a thriving business which will not only serve everyone, and especially our more vulnerable parishioners, but provide the on-going community spirit so often lost with the closure of a village shop, and thereby the danger of losing the Post Office.

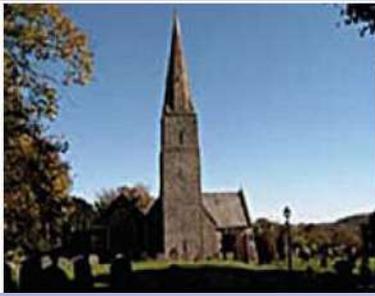
To enable us to achieve this end we need our customers to regularly use the Shop – in the long term "Use It or Lose It". We are all so used to the Shop being there, for our daily newspaper, milk, bread and those other essentials we suddenly find we need.

We appreciate that many of you already make regular purchases and without you we would be lost. However, we would ask that you are all aware that for a successful business we **all** need to participate in keeping this important resource afloat, not just for a newspaper (which brings in minimum profit) or a pint of milk; if everyone spent as little as £5 or £10 a week this would make a significant difference.

We are absolutely a 'convenience shop' without which we would all be getting into our cars and rushing to the nearest supermarket at the end of the day for those forgotten essentials, but importantly we are what binds this community together. So please use us and make this Community Shop another success story of regeneration in village life.

On behalf of all the Directors,

Bryan Pullinger  
(Chair, Crafhole Community Shop C.I.C.  
Regn No.07833286)  
14 February 2020



You will find a warm welcome for all at St Mary's. We have a service every Sunday at 09:30. On the first and third Sunday we

hold a Morning Worship service, which is led by one of our gifted Readers from across the Benefice. This is a shorter service, without communion, followed by coffee and biscuits. On the second and fourth Sunday we hold a service of Holy Communion which is normally led by our Priest, Reverend Canon Lynn. All our services are supported by uplifting music and we try to be flexible with our content to suit the congregation on the day. Children are welcome at all services and will be involved as much, or as little, as they want. We have spaces for the children to do crafts or move around as they wish and now have our wonderful Hobbit House (the WC). With children in mind, we have a number of special services coming up:

● **Mothing Sunday on 22 March at 10:30**

This is a combined service with Antony Parish Church and Crafhole Methodist Church and there will be plenty of op-

portunities for children to be actively involved in this service.

● **Easter Experience at St Mary's Sheviock on 8 April 10:00 – 12:30**

Experience Easter together at St Mary's Church with interactive activities for children to share with parents/carers, with a sandwich lunch provided at 12:00

● **Easter Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

If you can get your children out of bed for 06:30 we meet at the Beacon for the Easter Sunrise service. This is a very short service, followed by breakfast at The Bungalow, Cliff Road, Crafhole.

Our Easter Sunday Communion will be held at St Mary's at 09:30, to be followed by coffee and biscuits and an Easter Egg hunt for the children.

We do look forward to welcoming you to one of our services but equally understand if you would prefer to visit the church quietly and enjoy the peace within. The Church is unlocked every day between 9 am and 4 pm so please do drop in at your convenience.

*Judy Scott and Jenny Bushrod  
Churchwardens*

## Ringing the changes!

As part of the first phase of renovations at Sheviock Parish Church, our two church bells have been refurbished and converted to full swing – from simple chime. If you have ever fancied trying your hand at bell ringing, please let us know as we will be arranging bell ringing lessons in the Spring.

Please contact Jenny Bushrod on [bushrods@btinternet.com](mailto:bushrods@btinternet.com) or 01503 230565



Photo courtesy of **John Taylor & Co.** From their website: “restoration work to be carried out on two swing chime bells that hang in a composite Aggett of Chagford bell frame. The bells will be lifted from their pits and their bearings cleaned. The existing fittings will be overhauled, and new rope bosses will be supplied and fitted. New bell ropes will be manufactured and fitted to complete the work.”

## Children are our Future

## Reverend Canon Lynn

As we settle into the new Benefice of St Germans Group Parish with Antony and Sheviock - can anyone think of a punchier title? - I am delighted to announce that we will very soon be welcoming our new Curate, Laura. We are especially pleased that she has a particular interest in work with children and young people which will be of great benefit to our communities.

Most of our children's work is currently undertaken within the local schools. This takes many forms, for instance at the end of this term, many of the children will be taking part in the Experience Easter activity at St German's Priory. We are also looking forward to some of the children from Antony joining us for the World Day of Prayer Service on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at Sheviock Parish Church. In addition to this, I have regular contact with the children within the school setting and a small group of church

members are regularly undertaking other pastoral activities.

We have a well-established Messy Church for the whole Benefice, which is held on the third Saturday of each month, from 10:30 – 12:00 in St Germans Chapel (which is tad warmer than the Priory!) We have a great morning doing crafts, having a story and a song and then sitting down to a lovely lunch provided by our helpers. We will be able to extend Messy Church to Sheviock Parish Church in July, following Laura's arrival. In the meantime, of course we would love to see you at St Germans. Finally, we take our responsibilities for safeguarding very seriously and you can be reassured that all our helpers are required to have the correct DBS checks and our all our activities are risk assessed.

*Reverend Canon Lynn*

[parker30@hotmail.com](mailto:parker30@hotmail.com)

## New Years Eve

Editor

**New Years Eve** was celebrated by 136 of us at the Memorial Hall in a repeat of last year's successful event. Led by the fantastic performance of the Friday Night Boys, there was plenty of dancing. A big thankyou to them. Also many thanks to the Hall committee for the use of the hall, which they provided free of charge. Thanks to Warren for the donation of a barrel of wonderful Polbathic cider, to the many people who helped both set up and clean up the following day. £546 profit was made which is being shared between 5 recipients. Daryll Hughes again ran a raffle on behalf of Cancer Research and was able to make a handsome donation. Most of all, thanks to all who joined us to celebrate.



**AHOY!**  
fish and chips

**Ahoy!** We are back after a much needed break! Open at Sheviock Memorial Hall every Friday between 5pm and 7.30pm. **We look forward to seeing you all again soon**



I hope that you all have had a great Christmas time and that the new year has brought you the very things you wanted. It has brought to the parish a Village hall full of opportunities with new ideas and 'clubs' being formed. These had to be promised and actioned so that we were able to get the necessary grant to extend. So far a few of them have failed following their first 3 weeks of "free" existence, namely the art class which the lecturer was willing to run but needing at least 10 people. After the first three weeks all attendees were expected to pay for the extended sessions but only 8 people wanted to sign up to regularly attend so it failed.

The other was a socialising morning called a 'Chit chat' club where people could meet and either talk or just look at the view depending on what you wanted. This only raised a very few and after three weeks was not thought viable. These are but a few that have fallen by the way side, but some have been successful and I hope more will follow.

You in the parish may have good reasons but it is sad that so many are without community

spirit. Keep your eyes on the **notice boards** around the parish for fresh attempts to offer what you may like. The enlarged lounge should be able to extend to you, the Parishioners, a much greater opportunity to get out away from the gadgets of today's world and actually get involved with something different. This **Lounge Extension** has doubled in size the existing room and is making a big difference. When we had the successful film club night it was packed and all viewed a great film. Keep your eyes open for the next one later this month.

We had our annual AGM at the beginning of February and the committee was re-elected for this year. The following major items were discussed:-

**Easter Bonnet** which is on **Easter Monday** at the hall and in the grounds

**Summer fair** which is on the first Saturday 4th July where the theme will be plastered on posters. Keep your eyes skinned.

[www.sheviockparish.org.uk/memorial](http://www.sheviockparish.org.uk/memorial)

Michael Snowling. Chairman.  
Sheviock Memorial Hall, Crafhole  
Trustee Management Committee

## **Diary Dates: -**

The **Village Hall Management Committee monthly meeting** is on the first Monday in each month starting at 7.00pm. The next set of meetings covered by this magazine is Monday 2nd March, 6th April and 4th May, all to be held in the hall lounge.

## **Charity Table top sale and Coffee morning.**

Charity Table top sale and Coffee morning. Saturday, March 21st at the Memorial Hall in Crafhole. 10am - 12 midday. All proceeds go to the individual charities taking part. Phone Lynn on 01503 230048 if you represent a registered charity and would like to have a table (no charge).

**Lynn Vickery**

## **Footpath News**

We achieved our aim of having the footpath sufficiently well advanced for a communal walk to the beach on Christmas morning. And a lovely sunny morn it was too.

We are almost done with the formalities of contracts and signage agreements with Antony Estate. Once complete, we'll arrange a grand opening ceremony. We will also be dedicating the path to the memories of Dave Dunn and Chris Kennedy. Watch out for details.



### ***Our Mission Statement.***

*We pray that Craffhole 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.*

We are considering starting a **messy church** once a month for primary school children.

It is a fun time and a gentle introduction to the Christian faith. All children have a sense of wonder and this activity would give them an opportunity to explore. If you would be interested in this idea contact Barbara. **Tuesday Club** meets on the first Tuesday of each month in the Schoolroom. Come and join us at this partly devotional meeting and with interesting discussions as well as entertaining games and quizzes. We also have visiting speakers.

#### **Craffhole Methodist Church Coffee Mornings**

***"The socialising centre of the universe!"***

Remember on the **fourth Saturday** of **every month** there is a Coffee Morning in the Methodist Chapel Sunday School room starting from 10.00 until 11:30 am,

Put these dates in your diary:-

Unfortunately February will **not** be the fourth Saturday but the **fifth** Saturday **the 29<sup>th</sup> February** when it will be "**Soup and Pudding**" event 11.30 to 2.00pm otherwise see you at the **Coffee mornings** on the 28<sup>th</sup> March and the 25<sup>th</sup> April **and 23<sup>rd</sup> May**. There is always a cake stall but as we all know 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.

**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.

**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 Craffhole 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.

***Craffhole Methodist Church is a small friendly chapel sharing in the Anglican Methodist Covenant.***

Although we have different names and different styles of worship, we are teaching the same message that God is Love. We are seeking to spread the Good News of Salvation when JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS so our sins could be forgiven. This is the message that tells us the real meaning of Christianity

***Barbara Snowling 01503 230326.***

#### **Diary Dates**

Sunday 31st May. Harvest of the Sea at Downderry 3pm

Sunday 7th June. Craffhole Church Anniversary 10.30am

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June "Songs of Praise" at the Sheviock Memorial Hall 6.00pm

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept Harvest Festival at 10.30 am followed by a lunch.

This is a **united service** with ***St Mary's Church Sheviock***

For more information contact Barbara Snowling 01503 230326

# What's on at the Sheviock Memorial Hall

## The Recreation/Snooker Club

The ***Snooker Club*** is definitely underutilised, though numbers are growing. This is another and repeated call for new members. We do have a superb table, so I am told by a few "professionals". The cost of membership is £16.00 per person per year to join, plus 20p per 20 minutes lighting cost. Members have virtually unlimited usage throughout the day up to 10.30pm when it is expected the hall will be cleared. For details contact **01503 230326**

## **Short Tennis.**

Every Tuesday afternoon and Thursday evenings, short tennis takes place in the Village Hall. This is played on the Badminton court and is a very good game for those out for some exercise without too much strain. Come along and try it out and swell the numbers enjoying themselves.

For further information please contact

**Michael Cloughton 230022**

## **Short Mat Bowls**

You may or may not know that for the past 12 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. Apart from the friendly twice a week games we play in the South East Cornwall league and have great fun. We do not always win but put up good showings against strong league opposition. ***Why not try your skill!*** **Michael 230326**

## **Keep Fit or Gentle Exercise .**

*Why not come and join us for some fun and a chance to keep your joints moving.* Thursday afternoon at 2.15 for an hour. Anyone is welcome to join us and no previous experience is necessary! We laugh a lot and sweat a little!

**Barbara 01503 230326**

## **Badminton Club**

The Badminton Club is still very active and successful. It would be good to see some younger adults joining us. The children all come regularly and their play has greatly improved. New members at all ages and levels of play are welcome. Some of the older children now play with the adults which keeps us all on our toes. We really need an input of children 7 years and over, as well as teenagers.

5 30pm - 6 30pm juniors  
6 30pm - 7.30pm Seniors -  
7.30 pm - Adults

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# A & A

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## Heritage Gateway at Sheviock Parish Church

I seem to remember saying in a previous article, “Always expect the unexpected” in relation to projects. Little did we envisage just before Christmas, as we completed Phase 1 of our renovation project, that our plans for Phase 2 would be so dramatically altered. Like many properties across the country, the efficacy of our rainwater goods and onward drainage has been creaking under the sheer volume of rainfall and on the 21<sup>st</sup> December a large section of the retaining wall to the churchyard collapsed onto Glebe House garden below. We are very thankful that no-one was injured and that damage appears limited to the garden rather than the house. Unfortunately, this is not an insurable event.

Whilst the rebuilding of the wall is the obvious requirement, this must be part of a broader strategy to address drainage - from the church roof through the churchyard and beyond to the natural watercourse. We have commissioned structural and drainage engineers to re-design a drainage scheme and will then need to apply for grants and to fundraise for our revised Phase 2 works. Our plans for further renovation of the

ceilings, lighting and internal decoration are therefore now the new Phase 3.



In the meantime, we should not overlook a wonderful start to our Heritage Gateway fundraising programme for 2020 with the concert from Reflections Choir held in January and our very traditional Pancake Feast in Sheviock Memorial Hall to mark the start of Lent. We delivered our 2020 Events Programme to every house in the Parish – if you

have not received yours or misplaced it – there are always spare copies at the back of the church. So please, do support our Spring events and help us to safeguard this beautiful medieval church for future generations.

18<sup>th</sup> April – Spring Food Fair

25<sup>th</sup> April – Whitsand Harmony C

16<sup>th</sup> May – St Mary's Spring Walks

*Heritage Gateway Funds are used for the upkeep and maintenance of Sheviock Parish Church buildings and churchyard and heritage information and materials.*

*Jenny Bushrod & Judy Scott  
Churchwardens*

## Using the Defibrilators

We have received comments on using the defib. units. It has been noted that it is unclear as to how to use these devices.

We have therefore had the following instructions printed, which will be affixed to the boxes.

### **Instruction to obtain Portable AED (defibrillator) from External box**

- Grip either side of external box, near top
- Pull towards you and down.
- A loud alarm will sound, to warn that protective exterior box is open
- Remove portable defib. unit (and additional cardboard box of child size electrodes if required). Adult electrodes are already connected within the closed unit.

- Close exterior box, to turn off alarm -if have time.
- Call 999 if not already done so.
- Take defib. unit to patient,
- Open up box and follow instructions shown.
- Follow audible instructions, given by the the defib. unit, once turned on.

There are six units, which can be found at:  
Memorial Hall  
Portwrinkle pump house  
Tredis  
Sheviock  
Finnygook  
Jolly Roger Cafe Portwrinkle

Recently I was in a conference where the main speaker was recovering from an episode of laryngitis. Every word was a struggle. Every word was a challenge, but she was committed to her obligation, whatever the cost. Christian ministry is many things, but no one in theological college ever said anything about giving up the power of speech voluntarily. There are those who are acquainted with me who are astounded that I have completed twelve hours of vocal abstinence in a sponsored silence. It seems people were prepared to part with their cash to keep me quiet. But of course there was a serious side to this challenge to raise funds to support a student to work among the voiceless people of Bolivia. Of all the gifts and abilities available to human beings, words must count among the most powerful. Certainly the 19<sup>th</sup> century English author Edward Bulwer-Lytton would agree, for he is reputed to have first suggested the pen is mightier than the sword. Perhaps this explains why authoritarian governments seek to hold on to power and silence opponents through censorship, sometimes even to the point of physical destruction. Words convey ideas. Words convey dangerous, subversive ideas. Words convey liberating ideas. Words are

powerful because once spoken, they can never be taken back. Think of the power of Neil Armstrong's words "one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Think of the power of Martin Luther King's words "I have a dream." You may have your own meaningful quotable quote as a reference point in your own life. I like the way the Bible portrays Jesus' disciple Peter. Peter is far from being the model of perfection so often portrayed in stained glass, but a flesh and blood human being, human enough to forget to engage his brain before opening his mouth. Yet Peter, impulsive Peter, shows the qualities Jesus is looking for to continue his work of love and justice and compassion. James also describes the tongue, the power of words, as a fire capable of great evil, but also of great good (James chapter 3). Words really are a two-edged sword. So whether we are of few or more words, today let them not hurt, or belittle or distort the truth. Rather let this amazing gift of words be used only to build up, to help, comfort and encourage those to whom and of whom we speak. Think of the power of Jesus's words "Love one another. As I have loved you, love one another."

Rev. Iris Bray  
Saltash Methodist Circuit

## **Sheviock Climate Change Task Group**

**Mel Parry**

This recently formed group needs your support and ideas to protect and preserve our environment. This was a Parish Council initiative announced in the December issue of the Sheviock Parish Newsletter. Initially a small group was formed but we need more help from those of you who are interested in climate change and who come from all walks of life and a span of ages.

- Initially we are looking into planting around the play area/ open space, possibly with low fruit trees.
- We hope to increase recycling with the help of the Pre- School.
- Look into siting electric car charging points around the parish.
- Campaign to encourage drivers to turn off their engines when stationary - if you are aware of this being an issue anywhere in the parish please let one of us know.

We would welcome any new ideas.

If you are interested in joining or helping this challenge please contact either;

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