

SHEVIOCK PARISH NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor

It was a sad and moving final service at the Methodist chapel. Conducted by The Revd. Stuart Reed, and attended by what appeared to be a full house. Another final goodbye to our beloved Andrew Lobb. His service at the Glynn Valley chapel, also standing room only, an indication of the affection with which he is held by our community.

We welcome a number of new neighbours into our parish, and trust they find a happy and fulfilling time with us. We hope that you'll help us to maintain the wonderful community spirit we all enjoy.

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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: Spring bulbs in the sunshine.

Last issue "Where am I?" Photo. I had a few correct answers plus a few incorrect ones. It was the mirror at the golfer's Finnygook Lane crossing place.

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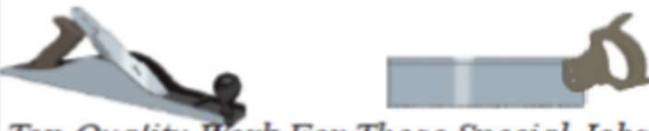
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Tap 'next' > confirm the email address > tap 'save' or 'done.'

Outsmart the fraudsters.

I DON'T believe it!

By Grumpy old Git

Diplomacy is the art of letting the other fellow have your way!

If tomb is pronounced tomb and womb is pronounced womb, why isn't bomb pronounced boom?

As a fan, and indeed user, of Calibri font; it is used throughout the newsletter, I was amused to come across this nugget of news from the USA. Secretary of State Marco Rubio has formally changed the State Department's official font from Calibri to Times New Roman, dismissing the old choice as "informal" and a "wasteful" paean to diversity.

"The United States is breaking up with a font because it's just not their type," said Politico. "This being the Trump administration, it was something of a surprise that the font Trump Mediaeval wasn't chosen". That's not a

description of how Ice raids are conducted but an actual font dating from 1954.

This reversed a 2023 directive under the Biden administration, the switch to the more traditional Times New Roman would "restore decorum and professionalism to the department's written work", and can be seen as *"the latest attempt by the Trump administration to stamp out remnants of diversity initiatives across the federal government"*.

Despite all that, I think I'll stick with Calibri!

St Mary's Church,

Sheviock

As we splash our way through the last days of this soggy winter, the sight of the snowdrops and the sound of the blackbird's song are a welcome sign that Spring is on the way, but first a quick look back to Christmas. It was our joy to welcome well over 100 people to St Mary's for our Café Carols – every seat was taken and every available space filled. Later in the evening we celebrated the first Communion of Christmas. Thank you to everyone who took the opportunity to donate to our Christmas appeals and collections. Through your generosity we were able to contribute £348.20 to The Children's Society and £401 to St Petroc's Society for the homeless.

The Church Year moves on apace and by the time you read this, we will be entering the season of Lent and Easter.

We will be holding a friendly, chatty Lent Book Club open to all on Wednesday 25th February, Wednesday 11th March and Wednesday 25th March, all at 3pm. Mothering Sunday is on 15th March – our service at 10am will be an opportunity for families to come to church together and celebrate the day with gifts of flowers.

There will be a service to mark Good Friday at St Mary's at 12 noon on 3rd April.

Easter Sunday is on 5th April. For early risers, with the kind permission of Kevin Andrew, we are planning our usual Sunrise Service on The Beacon at 6:30am. If you hope to join us at this, please note that Beacon Field



is planted with grass destined for silage, so please follow the waymarked path and strictly NO cars in the field (wellington boots are recommended). It means sacrificing an hour in bed but well worth the effort for the experience and early morning views, followed by a sausage bap at The Bungalow.

Please keep an eye on the parish notice boards for details of other services and events during Lent and Easter at St Mary's and in the wider benefice.

Looking further ahead, we will be repeating our popular Teddy Bears' Picnic Service in the Memorial Hall at 3pm on Sunday 14th June. Young or old, please bring your teddy and enjoy the party!

We have established a pattern of holding a service at St Mary's on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 10am. The service is always followed by an opportunity to share coffee and fellowship.

Finally, this is also a busy administrative time for the church, and we extend an

Invitation to Sheviock Parish Annual Meeting of Parishioners Sunday 3rd May 11:00 am. St Mary's Parish Church, Sheviock

If you are a resident in the Parish of Sheviock and listed on the register of Local Government electors – whether of any faith or none – you are entitled to attend and vote at the **Annual Meeting of Parishioners for the election of the churchwardens.**

www.achurchnearyou.com for details, or as your churchwardens - Jenny on 01503 230565 or myself on 01503 230334 will always be happy to advise.

Fiona Harvey : Churchwarden

Heritage Gateway at Sheviock Parish Church Jenny Bushrod

How quickly February disappears – with distant memories of our events in 2025, from which you helped us to raise **£4,247.77 for our Heritage Gateway Fund.** 2026

was then off to a good start with our Sausage Sizzler – relocated at the last minute to Sheviock Memorial Hall, thanks to Storm Goretti – where we still managed to raise £547.67. This was followed by our traditional Pancake Feast, and although numbers were lower than previous years, you helped us to raise £445.23 for which we are very grateful. The next events for your diaries are:

**St Mary's May Market on Saturday 23 May
10am – 2pm**

**With local food producers and lunches
served from 12 noon.**



**St Mary's Summer Concert on Friday 5 June
7:30 pm
Polperro Fishermen's Choir - Tickets £7.50**

We are delighted to secure the Polperro Fishermen's Choir for this concert which promises to be a lively musical evening and do hope that lots of you will be able to join us. Tickets will be on sale on the door – so please arrive in good time to secure your seats and we will have wine and nibbles available during the interval.

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Heritage Gateway Funds are dedicated funds for the upkeep and maintenance of Sheviock Parish Church buildings and graveyard and heritage information and materials.

Well, it will come as no surprise to most of you that this will probably be the last Chapel article, as we have now officially closed and will soon be on the market.

Our final service was on Sunday 7th December, when we had Carols by Candlelight. It was a lovely service, attended by many well wishers, those who had been associated in some way over the years - Sunday school and club, Bright Hour, table tennis, coffee mornings, Anniversaries and special lunches, Harvest food parcels etc. and the chapel looked beautiful. It was lovely to see the chapel full and afterwards to share so many memories with friends over coffee and mince pies. It was so nice that Barbara Snowling was able to attend - very emotional for her, of course, as chapel has been such an important part of her life in Crafthole for over 50 years. The service was led by our Circuit Minister, Rev. Stuart Reed, who kindly produced an order of service which people were able to keep as a memento. Although a sad occasion, the service was upbeat and we felt that it was a very fitting end to over 160 years of service in the community.

What will happen to it now is out of our hands. A few of us have been hard at work trying to empty the chapel -a mammoth task- and much of the contents has been donated to St Germans Chapel, with whom we are linked. The village hall has taken one of the table tennis tables and all the folding tables as well as the Scout and Guide banners, which I hope will be displayed somewhere appropriate. The circuit archivist had a field day, charity shops will soon be groaning under the number of bags and boxes we send their way and a few items have ended up in private homes. There will be several trips to the tip of course. We do have a number of stacking chairs - 20 lovely pink woven upholstered ones and blue cushioned plastic ones as well as the green ones which replaced the old pews. If anyone



knows of any group that might like to have them then please get in touch with me. I don't think any of them have a fire safety certificate, but it would be such a shame for them to have to go to the tip.

Sadly, our Charity coffee mornings - held once a month at the village hall- have also had to stop, due to lack of personnel to run them. They are missed and it would be lovely to see something similar taking place on a Saturday morning run by the community for the benefit of not only others, but for the community itself - everyone likes a time when they can meet up with friends and neighbours for a good old chin-wag. So, it is with sadness that I sign off for the last time. It will be interesting to see what happens now - one thing is for sure... the village will not be the same without the chapel.

My very best wishes to you all and many thanks to all who have supported us over the years.

Lynn

Parish Council email addresses

Those of you who notice these things will see from the contact details below we all have a new email address. This will bring us in line with government procedures.

Parish Spring Clean

Saturday 21 and Sun 22 March .

Happens every year, Spring, doesn't it.

I know many of you get involved each year in the spring and autumn cleans. Those of you not aware, we dedicate a weekend to volunteering to do our bit to helping make the parish the lovely place it is.

The bus shelters always benefit from a good clean, so maybe you'd like to have a go at one of them. The Cross garden always looks better after a tidy and the Open Space raised beds would be a nice project for someone. Everyone's patch could probably do with a weed, a litter pick or just a sweep up. Whatever you do - do it safely.

If you want to be involved with any projects, give Steve a ring on 07709092226.

Property damage/Graffiti referencing AI, within Parish Christmas Day. Police have one remaining line of enquiry but are not hopeful that this will result in moving the investigation forward. They have received limited intelligence regarding any possible suspects; therefore, it is highly likely that the investigation will unfortunately be closed. They are currently in the process of contacting victims and explaining that no further action will be taken, pending any further developments. If there is anything significant, they will reopen the investigation and pursue all leads. **Should anyone have any further information please report to police quoting crime ref:50250328700.**

Did you know we have a mobile library which visits Crafhole, at The Cross bus stop near the Finnygook. They are there from 12.10 to 12.30 every 4th Tuesday, the next being: 3rd March, 31st March, 28th April and 26th May

You can find details of the latest crime reports from this link <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area>

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Council News

EDF may force community to Pull Plug on Life-saving 24/7 Public Access Defibrillator.

Our Parish Council is being forced to potentially “Pull the Plug” on its lifesaving 24/7 Public Access Defibrillator. Due to a shocking price hike by EDF, from £144 per year to over £1074, that’s an electrifying increase of 645% just to power the protective cabinet – which is laughable - as the actual defibrillator inside is powered by disposable Duracell batteries!

Sheviock Parish Council are being threatened with “Legal Action” unless it pays the heart stopping bill, which equates to more than its entire defibrillator budget for the year - allocated to fund all 6 defib units in this rural/coastal parish; to supply electrodes, batteries, checks and repairs to all the defib units and each of their protective cabinets.

The defibrillator cabinets elsewhere in the parish, are kindly sponsored by local businesses:

The Finnygook Inn, Silas Cove café/bar/restaurant, The Memorial Hall and South West Water – who all absorb the minimal running costs of the cabinets, externally attached to their premises.

However, Sheviock Parish Council pays an electrical fee for the Tredis defibrillator cabinet. Due to its remote location it had to be attached to a centrally accessible rural wall - to secure 24/7 public access - with the power dropped down from an overhead cable. This powers the small LED locator light but also - when needed - the audible alarm and climate control (should the temperature drop to freezing in the dark of winter). The Parish Council does not even have its own electrical bill, as it is included in the office rent, yet EDF charges the unit under a “Big Business” tariff.

The Clerk has been disputing this charge, especially as EDF managed to provide a discounted tariff for the previous 3 years. But despite a heart stopping amount of emails/calls/conflicting information, repetition to vari-

ous departments, near resolution and dead ends, Sheviock Parish Council have just been given a “resolution” of yet another inappropriately high quote for a slightly revised “big business” contract, plus a huge bill and a statutory notice threatening legal action, all received at the same time, with EDF calling it a success/resolution. EDF had previously advised the Clerk that until she could find a new supplier the monthly contract charges would continue to accrue but they would revise the bill at the end. Otherwise the alternative was just to accept and pay the ridiculous tariff or pay the huge bill and remove the lifesaving device at the potential cost of a life. The Clerk requested help in finding an alternative supplier, but the list provided by EDF, offered no help; after even more wasted energy - spent by the Clerk on phone calls/emails - these alternative suppliers have been unable/unwilling to take on this unit/new unmetered contract.

It seems that the UK’s large electrical suppliers do not have the power to run this tiny cabinet or think outside of the box. EDF are no longer willing to provide a discounted tariff that reflects its nominal energy consumption, neither will they sponsor it - which would have been much cheaper than the cost in time it has taken its various departments/advisors to understand the case or attempt to read the notes. Many of the EDF employees, despite sympathising with the issue do not have the authority to break the circuit and generate a realistic tariff as can only work within set parameters,

This unit was installed, at cost, within its location due to the hamlet’s distance from the nearest hospital. Yet it seems EDF, the company, is incapable of supporting this vulnerable community and would rather see the unit unplugged, or moved to an inaccessible location, or charge a shocking tariff; plus threaten legal action to retrieve extortionate back charges – All at the potential expense of saving a life.

Cllr. Warren Evans

In January we had a trip to the Heligan Magical Garden. It was a beautiful evening – the rain stopped just in time for our arrival - and the garden was spectacular and well worth a visit next winter.

Also in January, we had our New Year Lunch at The Bay in Cawsand and enjoyed a delicious meal. A big thank you to the staff, you were great, and to everyone who joined us. Such a joyous occasion to start the New Year.



Coming Up:

:Monday 23 February - AGM

Monday 16 March - Talk - Kim Parish - “The Hidden Gems of Cornwall (Gardens)”

Monday 24 April - Talk - Dr Paul Gainey - “The Flora & Fauna of The Lizard Peninsula”

Meetings are usually held at the Sheviock 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.

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Rame Bus Programme

Here are the highlights covered by this issue of the newsletter.

Monthly:

Exeter	1 st Tuesday	£13
Saltash & Kernow	1 st Wednesday	£6
Truro City	2 nd Wednesday	£9
Totnes & Dartington village	3 rd Friday	£8
Tavistock	4 th Friday	£8

21 Mar	Falmouth Spring Flower Show	£10
26 Mar	Westpoint Craft Fair	£12
22 April	Salcombe	£12
1 st May	Powderham Castle Festival	£10
5 th May	Exeter & Ikea	£13
19 May	The Garden House	£7
9 th June	St Ives	£13

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Easter Monday Event



Shevioc Memorial Hall 2-4pm
Everyone welcome

Easter Bonnet competitions Under 5's. Over 5's and Adult	Refreshments and cake
Egg Rolling competition	Egg/Easter themed activities
Easter trail	Raffle
Craft stalls	



I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and that you have a happy and healthy 2026.

At the time of writing this, we are still unable to make any decisions regarding our future and the move to the village hall, whilst very much looked forward to, is not yet a certainty.

I am pleased to report that there has been a moderate increase in customer support, but we need more. We cannot contemplate a move unless we are confident that it will be successful. The Village Hall Committee, quite rightly, gave us a final decision date of the end of March – which, under the present circumstances re. funding, we had hoped might be extended. Unfortunately, this is not an option, which means we shall **not have** funding confirmed **before** the decision has to be made. At our February meeting we discussed our projected costs after moving, considering the huge and ever increasing price rises in everything – goods, electricity, insurances etc. and we found that we would need to make an increased income of around £100/week to keep the shop viable. We do realise that everyone is in the same boat and it is a BIG ask, but **you are the only ones** who can help us. In any event, moving to the Village Hall will be a huge leap of faith.

So, once again, I am appealing to you **all** to come into the shop and spend just a few pounds a week. For those of you who have never visited us, I think you will be surprised at just how competitive we are with high street shops. Of course, we do not expect you to do the whole of your weekly shop with us, but, as a “convenience store”, we



are able to supply all the basics and much else beside. Pop in and see for yourself. You will be assured of a very warm welcome and, if you have the time, a chance to have a chat with others - there's a lot of laughter to be heard. **If you want the shop to succeed it really is in your hands...**

We still need

more volunteers and directors - many of us are getting on a bit and may not be able to carry on for much longer. I have plans to move away to be nearer my family, once we have sold our bungalow- it would be so much easier for me to leave if I know that both my positions have been filled by a new director and volunteer.

With Valentine's Day and Shrove Tuesday now pleasant memories, we have Easter to look forward to, so watch out for the usual seasonal goodies and bright Easter decorations.

Once again, Rosalie has created a wonderful flower display outside the shop - as ever, our thanks Rosalie.

The shop opening times are:

Monday – Saturday 9am-1pm

Sunday - 9am - 11 am

Over the Easter W. E. are as follows:

Maundy Thursday 9-1pm

Good Friday 9- 11. Saturday 9am-1pm

Easter Sunday 9-11 Easter Monday 9-11

I'd like to wish you all a very Happy Easter and hopefully will see you in the shop sometime.

Lynn Vickery - on behalf of the Directors



Hello.

I have been pondering for days now how to write this. As many of you know, I have served as Chairman of the Flower Show committee for many years. The committee has had members come and go over the years and each person has given their insight, time and effort into making the Flower Show the best it can be. All these people have been, and are, amazing, and I personally am so grateful for everything they have contributed and for the pleasure in working alongside them.

However several members of the committee -myself included- have now retired. Without a new wave of volunteers coming up after us, we are left with no choice but to sadly say goodbye to our popular village Flower Show. It is a genuine shame to see such a traditional, widely-enjoyed community event come to an end, but without people to organize and run it, we are left with no other choice.

Having to say goodbye to such a wonderful experience is a bitter-sweet moment.

Personally, it has been my genuine honour to be a part of this long-running celebration. Our Flower Show has been running since 1941 and was one of the few remaining annual Flower Shows still held in South East Cornwall, especially after the Covid outbreak in the early 2020s. We've been featured in photo-journal articles on the BBC, had prize winners from up and down the country competing, and the show has always brought a lot of joy

to the people who take part. Retirement decisions are an inevitable but unfortunate part of community run events like ours, and without anyone new to pick up the mantle... well, I've said that part already.

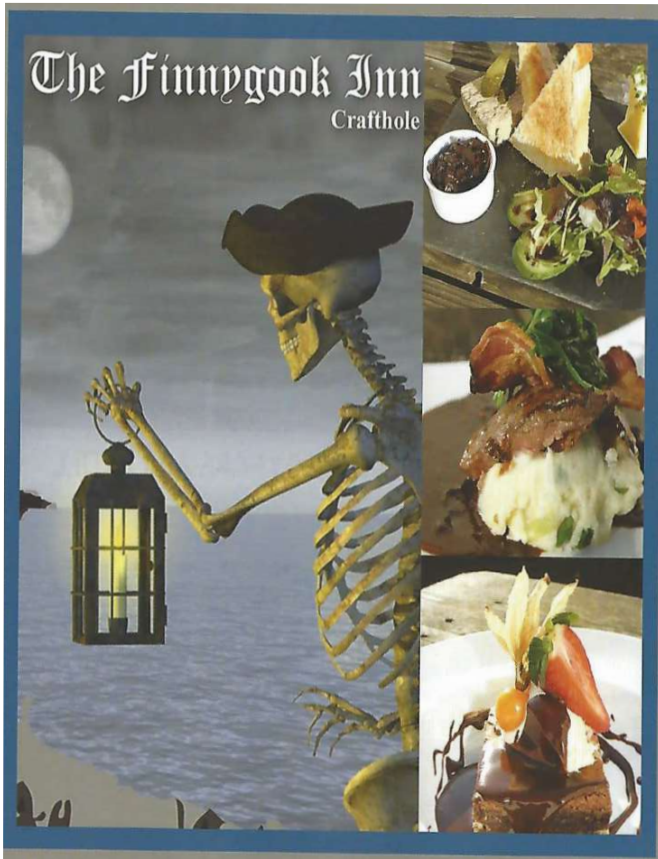
We would like to express our heartfelt thanks for all the help and support of so many people involved in all the previous shows. It is deeply appreciated and we couldn't have done it without you! It has been an event which has involved so much of our community and that connection is very special.

I hope, dear reader, that my deep and warm feelings for both the show and all who have come in contact with it are apparent. I look back on my years involved with this event with great fondness.

This letter is both a Call-to-Action in the hopes others are fired with enthusiasm and fresh ideas to carry on with the show, and also a fond-farewell to what feels like an old friend. I'm sure I'm not alone in feeling this. Should anyone wish to take up this challenging task, everything involved with the show has been archived. All of the paperwork, equipment and contact details are easily accessible and ready to be handed over to the next generation. Our aim is to make the lives of anyone who wanted to take over as simple as possible. However, until such time...

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next village event.





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SEEKING IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR LOCAL BUS SERVICE - As previously mentioned we have no further news about possible implementation of our main proposals to substantially improve local Bus Services in the Rame Peninsula, but we have a couple of meetings coming up when we may learn a bit a bit more about our prospects, the first on the 17th March when we have an on line meeting with our RPPTUG Sub Committee and Senior officers of Cornwall Council & Go S.W Bus, and again at our RPPTUG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING which this year will be held in THE MEMORIAL HALL CRAFTHOLE ON THURSDAY JUNE 25TH FROM 6.0PM. Richard Stevens the Managing Director of Go South West Bus has informed me he will be attending the meeting as has Gemma Hall, & Nick Truscott the two main Senior Officers responsible for Public Transport with Cornwall Council. The meeting is open to the public, and will give you the opportunity of directly asking them questions about our local bus service, so please make a note of the date in your diary. Your support will be much appreciated.

In the meantime I have been in contact with Richard Stevens, M.D. Go S.W. Bus, in an endeavour to agree the implementation of a marginal additional cost proposal to give Crafthole & Sheviok an early afternoon through bus service into Plymouth that would be ideal for afternoon shopping and for attending matinee performances at the Theatre Royal on Thursdays & Sats; that commence at 14.30. This could be achieved by re routing the 12.00 ex Cremyll – Royal Parade No 70 Bus to operate as a No 70B Bus Service. Although an implementation date has not yet been agreed, I am hopeful that we will have this potentially very useful bus service rerouted during the year. The bus would probably depart Crafthole at 12.36 and arrive Royal Parade at 13.45. There are several afternoon & evening return No 70B Buses from Royal Parade.

Adverse weather conditions and road works have recently unfortunately added to the unreliability of our local bus service particularly with the No. 75 and flooding at Seaton etc: The villages of Seaton & Dowederry have been without any bus service except the Dowederry Community Bus, on several recent occasions for a number of consecutive days, sometimes without any warning unless you consult the App. on the Transport for Cornwall Website. There is we believe a possible alternative re routing to the 75 involving very little additional running time, that could be used in such emergencies, that we are pursuing. It is very important that everything possible is done to minimise disruptions to this bus service. Roadworks & flooding at Kingsand etc. has also affected the No.70 Bus Service with diversions being made via Hounster Hill in Millbrook, which unfortunately led to chaos when two buses got stuck endeavouring to pass each other on the steep hill. Go Cornwall Bus have been giving me information about delays & diversions to our Local Bus services & I have been passing these on to all my local contacts. If you would like to be included in such notifications, then let me have your email address. My email address is- g.cadwallader@btinternet.com

The campaign for Better Transport in their latest newsletter has focused on the need for better bus stops and are encouraging people to sign their enclosed letter to Simon Lightwood MP the Minister for roads & buses, calling on him to support better bus stops – you can access this form on their website - <https://bettertransport.org.uk> I personally think this is very important as e.g. there are bus stops in the Sheviok & Deviok Parishes where there is still not any RTPI (Real Time Passenger Information) available whereas other parts of our Area in Torpoint/Main Rame Peninsula etc. have had it for several years. We have been assured that this will soon be rectified. I understand Sheviok Parish Council have plans in hand for a new bus shelter at the Kimberley Foster Bus Stop with seats.

We are informed that the new bus shelters that have been erected in Royal Parade Plymouth come at a cost of over £7.5 million which seems to many bus users including myself to be a serious waste of public money, as we genuinely would like to have the old bus shelters back with their much increased seating accommodation etc. Many find it difficult to understand how it was considered that just two seats would be sufficient at some of the well used bus stops on the Parade.

A bright hello to everyone. The village hall had its AGM at the beginning of this month, I was hopeful that we may have had interest of additional new committee trustees, sadly we didn't and the current trustees were all re-elected as listed below. Refreshments were enjoyed between the AGM and the ordinary meeting which followed.

Chairperson – Paula Vice chair and booking clerk Warren Secretary – James Treasurer – Ian (temp re-elected)

Health and Safety – Billy Digital – Karlina Jacqueline P, Fiona H, Alison V, Dave H

Many thanks to Mike Cloughton who has now retired from the committee after over 22 years.

**** WE DO URGENTLY NEED TO APPOINT A NEW TREASURER ASAP (IAN WILL SUPPORT) PLEASE SPEAK TO A COMMITTEE MEMBER IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP*****

Dates set for 2026 so far, please add them to your diary now to avoid missing them

Bingo evening – 28th March,

Easter bonnet and egg rolling event on Monday 6th April,

Summer event Sunday 5th July,

Craft Fair weekend on 11th and 12th Oct.

I recently read in archived reports that the hall was officially opened in 1976 – 50 years ago! I am hoping that we will be able to mark this anniversary later in the year with a celebration.

Pre-school – open daily 9am- 3pm, term time.

Toddler stay and play group – Friday afternoons 1pm – 2.30 Contact Paula 07900 553116

Bowls – Monday afternoons 2pm

Gardening club – 3rd Monday of month

Film Club – Every 3rd Saturday of the month

Yoga – Friday evenings

Stretch / body toning classes

Pilates – Tuesday evenings

Sewing / crafting club – Tuesday fortnightly afternoons

Yin Yoga - Monday evenings

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Did you know the hall is available to be booked via WARREN 07990 518219 by families if you would like to play badminton or table tennis on wet weekend afternoons (we have the equipment). If anyone has any surplus perennial plants that they are dividing, I would very much appreciate them to



I send my thanks to everyone in the community that has donated raffle prizes for our previous events, they were very much appreciated. We are always grateful to receive any donations of unwanted gifts that can be used as raffle prizes (please pass

them to a committee member or drop to the hall and mark for my attention) In addition we always welcome home baked cakes and any help you can offer to run a stall or help in the kitchen at events. Please send me your contact details in an email - paulasabrooks@aol.com or text 07900 553116

Regrettably during the last year there were clubs struggling to attract new members which have now resulted in them having to close, there is now available session times for new clubs on a Wednesday or Thursday evening – please contact Warren to discuss your needs. With that in mind I need to ask you all to set yourself and families a target this year of supporting the hall events and groups. This will help them all continue to survive and thrive and to ensure funds are there for the ongoing agenda of maintenance and refurbishments including the extensive roof replacement costing £20k+ in the kitchen and hallway area to eradicate the many leaks that have been experiencing and to replace the kitchen velux window which is rotten. We hope that the shop location will take place soon so we can update you in the next newsletter.

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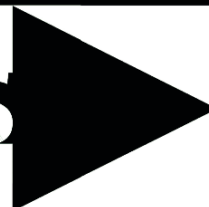
add to the flower beds, please feel free to leave them at the hall front door.

Enjoy the forthcoming Spring days and the committee look forward to seeing you all enjoying the many events during the year.

Paula, SMHC chairperson

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As the Christmas decorations are packed away, interest rates are cut, and the November budget becomes a distant memory.... its time to move in 2026. Selling in 2025 was the year of people who, 'needed to sell'. It may have been a job relocation, separation, death or debt, unfortunately these types of sales crystallised last year's UK housing market.

This year, let us move because we want to! After all there are indications that moving house is good for cleansing the soul!

Imagine that empty loft, clearing the shed that has never been cleared, doing or not doing those jobs that you always promised.

It's a different drive to work, if you still work. A different walk home, new neighbours, a change of view, flowers popping up in the garden that you didn't plant. Variety is the spice of life, and we could all do with a bigger garden eh!

We have come up with three help tips for you to sell in 2026, get the best price, the right buyer and hopefully find that dream home!

1. De-personalise (a bit) and de-clutter.

As selling agents this is the question that we get asked the most. How should we present our home?

It's a subjective point and no correct answer although, Ideal Homes would suggest looking at the house through the eyes of the potential buyer.

Take a few photos down from the wall, but not too many as you want to present the home as being loved and enjoyed. Definitely, wash the dishes and if you have a penchant for bringing home fridge magnets from every part of the Costa's, maybe take them down as well. We are sure they will look lovely in your new home.

2. The Price Is Right

It is a tightrope that we walk with all our vendors. Ideal Homes are motivated to get all our sellers the

best possible price from the best possible buyers in the market. If the price is too high it is unlikely that the house won't get the interest it needs to sell, if the price too low and there is always that thought that you could have achieved more.

Our estate agency team have more than 70 years of experience between them. Selling houses in South East Cornwall is our speciality, and we would always welcome a call or message on the correct pricing of any house, apartment, bungalow, flat, holiday home or building plot. Whether falling down or recently renovated, expert pricing is fundamental in finding a buyer in 2026.

3. Advertise your lovely home to EVERYONE Market your house to a pond of potential buyers and you may get a sale. Although, how do you know that you have achieved the best price? Advertise your property to the ocean and you can be sure that the whole market has the potential to see your home.

One of the leading property portals suggests that 90% of buyers will see their new home online, however, what about the buyers who look in the estate agent window, a friend who tells you about a 'For Sale', board? Ideal Homes have an ever-evolving bank of, 'hot buyers' looking to move into the area. For every new listing, we will exhaust this database even before we release the property online.

Good internal photos, spectacular drone photography, meta port videos, floorplans all make good for a successful sale, our job is to make sure that the whole market gets the chance to see your wonderful home, helping you to sell in 2026.

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Andrew Peter Lobb

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I want us today to celebrate Andrew's life and say thank you to God for all that he was to each one of us who knew him and what he made of his life!

Andrew was the eldest son of Dorothy and Peter Lobb of Tor Haze, Crafhole. Andrew was born in Plymouth hospital, a difficult birth. When mum and baby came home, I went to help look after them for a week, so I have known Andrew all his life. Andrew always classed himself Cornish through and through and Plymouth was another land over the border; he even flew his Cornish flag all the time!

Peter his dad was a Coppersmith in Devonport Dockyard where he trained and worked all his life. Andrew spent his entire life in the same home, like his dad before him. He attended Antony school where he met his lifetime friend Andy who is a bearer here today, both 4 years old at the time. I am told there was another Andrew in the same class! Just imagine being the schoolteacher with three boys all Andrews, poor man!! Andrew attended Crafhole Methodist Church Sunday School, I can't remember for how many years. Peter lived with his mum, and after his marriage to Dorothy they all continued to live in the same house. The house was full, being a two room up and two down, so after Andrew's birth Peter halved his mum's room and Andrew slept in that little room until he went into hospital before he passed away. After Peter's mum died, Andrew's little brother Christopher was born. Andrew was eight and as they grew older, they became very close and fond of each other. There are many photos of the two brothers with Andrew's boat either fishing, getting nets ready or painting his boat! The sea really played a big part in their lives. Andrew loved the sea and living by it spent a lot of time there fishing. Unfortunately Andrew was not good with food as he would tell you, he didn't like fish but his mum and dad loved it, Dorothy enjoyed cooking it too.

I am not sure how old Andrew was when he had his first boat, but I suspect it was after he left school. His first job was at Taylors at Bethany on YTS, then he went to work at Port Elliot. Then Blakey's at the holiday park. He has told me many times, over the years how hard up he was by the

time he paid his mother lodgings. He was happy at the caravan park and enjoy working there. He learnt many skills fitting up caravans, moving them around with the tractor and doing many other jobs until it was taken over and the enjoyment went. Andy took him to the job centre at Torpoint and a job at the dockyard was advertised and on January 24th, 1990, he was accepted as a labourer and started earning good wages. Sadly, this was short lived and normal life ended in June 1990 when the two brothers were in a tragic accident. Andrew was driving and Christopher passenger when they were in collision with a Nissan Cabstar, Christopher just 14 was killed and Andrew 23 was rushed to hospital unconscious. I remember that day as if it was yesterday. We were at George's mothers for Sunday dinner, Gwen my sister rang telling me there was an accident, I rushed to pick Gwen up and we went down to support Dorothy and Peter, and to take them to see Andrew. Andrew spent 18 months in Derriford hospital and in the Rowans rehab centre. After coming out of a coma with life changing injuries, Andrew worked hard on his own recovery and fought a long battle to regain some form of normality and health. He regretted that his health didn't afford him the life that many men his age enjoyed. He fought against all the odds and always had a smile on his face and a joke to lighten it up. His parents always said Andrew would never be able to look after himself, but he proved them wrong and not only did he look after himself, but he also looked after his sick dad who died of motor neuron disease and his mum until she had to go into care at Torpoint. I was able to be there for him whenever he needed me. I will miss Andrew greatly, and I have grown very close to him over the years. I will always be grateful to those who have been there for Andrew at Crafhole, I know it's fatal to mention names but Ellen who was the postmistress has been like a mum to him. Andy his friend and Malcolm who has been such a support and help to him and to me since Christmas. Thank you to David the Pastor, to David the undertaker, the bearers and to each of you all here today, Andrew would have been so proud to see you all here, thank you and God bless you all.

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