

SHEVIOCK PARISH NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor

One of the outcomes of not having the services of the village shop for weeks; the realisation of how much we depended upon it! How many times did you find yourself having to make the journey to the next nearest retail outlet, or go without? So having now, thanks to the incredibly hard work from the many people involved, let's ensure we see the new store prosper. With the increase in opening hours any new volunteers to help in the store would be very welcome - all training would be provided, and you won't be left alone until you are completely confident.

We again 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.

You can now read the Newsletter on line. Go to sheviockparish.org.uk/parish-newsletter/ to access this, and previous copies.

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: Shop renaissance

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From Which scam watch

Brushing scams typically involve being sent a low-quality item with no other information. The online seller uses your information to send you this item, which enables them to verify the purchase on the platform they are using (Amazon or eBay, for example) and write a positive fake review of the item under your name.

The items they send out in the brushing scam are usually cheap and low quality; they're likely inexpensive to post, too, so the influx of good reviews outweighs the cost of sending them.

In 2023, Which? warned about a widespread [Suzhichou scarf scam](#), which involved sellers listed on Amazon sending 'Suzhichou'-branded scarves in order to boost their ratings on the platform. More recently, Facebook users have

complained about mystery deliveries containing a vacuum cleaner, bread, a pack of noodles and phone cases. Some people have reported receiving several parcels.

Some mystery deliveries contain [QR codes](#) (those two-dimensional images made up of black-and-white squares that you can scan with a smartphone), which could direct you to a malicious website or cause malware to be downloaded to your device if scanned.

In December, Which? warned about [Amazon sellers attempting to inflate their reviews](#) by sending QR codes through the post. These QR codes were part of a postcard promoting the 'Amazon Early Reviewer Program', which thanks you for your purchase and invites you to buy a new product and review it by scanning the code.

I DON'T believe it!

By Grumpy old Git

Please allow me to thank everyone for their thoughtful messages regarding Jack. Jack was 15 years of age and was well known around the parish. He was a rescue from the Gables kennels having been found roaming around Laira. He had been rehomed once, but was returned having bitten the hand that was trying to feed him - there's a lesson there somewhere! He was very nearly returned again by us as he proved to be quite the handful. But we persevered and are extremely glad we did. He became a bit of a pub connoisseur and we couldn't pass one without him dragging us in!

Talking of dogs, I hear the sheep farmers suffered badly during the *Ban Collie Days!*

Why are dogs terrible dancers? Because they have two left feet!

What do you call a dog that doesn't bark?A hush puppy.

How do you stop your dog from barking in your front garden? Put him in your back garden.

What type of zoo has only one dog? A Shih Tzu.

St Mary's Church, Sheviock Fiona Harvey

As we begin June, we are looking forward to repeating two of our most popular community services.

**Teddy Bears' Picnic
Service at 3pm on
Sunday 14th June in**

Crafthole Memorial Hall

This informal service is enjoyed by young and old and attracts teddy bears of all ages, large and small. Why not give your bear (or other furry friend) an afternoon out and come along and join us?

**Service for Sea Sunday at 3pm On Sunday
12th July at Portwrinkle Harbour**

This is a wonderful opportunity to express our thanks for the beautiful place in which we live and to show our appreciation of all those who work at sea.

As you know we have been without an oversight minister for nearly a year but we



are now delighted to be able to publish this notice:

"The Bishop of Truro, the Rt Revd David Williams is pleased to announce that the Revd Stephen Michael Guffick, at present Assistant Curate of the Looe Valley Benefice in the Diocese of Truro, is to be Rector of the Benefice of The Rame and Rivers Churches with oversight responsibilities in the Diocese of Truro. This is conditional on legal formalities being completed and successful completion of any outstanding curacy requirements. He will be licensed at a place and on a date to be arranged".

We very much look forward to Rev Steve joining us later in the summer and take this opportunity to thank Rev Annabel for all her hard work and commitment to us during the past months.

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

By the time you read this article we will have held our May Market which has hopefully been a grand success providing you with many tasty treats.

Following hot on its heels, we have our Summer Concert on Friday 5 June at 7:30pm with Polperro Fishermen's Choir. Please do support this concert, it promises to be a lively evening, and we are especially pleased to have secured this very popular choir. 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.

As we head into a glorious Summer, we will be holding our Sunday Afternoon Teas again with local musicians entertaining. Following the successful trial last year, we will hold



these between 3 and 5 pm on the first, third and last Sundays of August. Please make a note in your diaries and we look forward to welcoming you with friends and family for home baked cakes and cream teas. It's an ideal midway stop for a Sunday afternoon walk!

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

**Sunday Teas with local musicians
3 – 5pm on 2nd, 16th and 30th August**

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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.

Flower Show Winners

Mel Parry

Hi, everyone.

Mel, again, talking about the Flower Show.

I really hope all the prize-winners from last year have enjoyed displaying them over the last year, and taken great pride in your successes.

Even though- sadly- as you know, the show will not be held this year, we're still hoping for new blood to take on the organising of the event, so we do require the trophies, vases and cups to be returned to the

previous organisers, so they can be stored ready for the future along with the rest of the Flower Show resources.

We still live in hope that the Show will live again, and wish to make sure all the materials needed are stored and ready to hand over.

Please could the prizes be returned to either Mel Parry, or Judy Scott by Tuesday July 30th

Thank you again!

Mel Parry

Crafthole Film Club

Jacqueline Perez

The Film Club has been steadily growing in numbers, and we continue to have new members every month. We aim to vary the film genres and styles, something for all tastes! So, recently this has included 'H is for Hawk', 'The Choral',

'The Phoenician Scheme' and 'Dead of Winter'. All brilliant productions with incredible casts and acting. Equally as important, the Film Nights are social and a time to meet and catch up with people. We

pause for an interval, and we have a small bar and always ice-creams! For those who have not been, it is helpful to know as well that subtitles are on for every screening. The next Film Night will be on Saturday 20th June and we will be showing 'Rental Family'. A film by Japanese director Hikari, which follows down-and-out American actor Phillip (played by Brendan Fraser) as he's drafted by an



agency that hires out actors to play friends or family members. This comedy portrays Phillip's encounters with his customers' lives, the family or personal dramas that he finds himself catapulted into, and how he

improvises a range of stand-in roles.

The film is full of thoughtful performances, through a joyful and magnetic mix of goofy, awkward, bumbling and genuine situations.

The fact that Hikari

spent years researching into Japan's real-life rental agency industry (there are nearly 300 such agencies in the country) gives the film a refreshing authenticity. Jacqueline and Lynn, craftholefilmclub@gmail.com Newcomers : £8 Member Entry : £4

Crafthole Film Club Sheviock Memorial Hall
Part of the C-Fylm Network

Stand by for potential chaos as SWW again plan to block our roads while they carry out work. This is to take place 4th to 8th June along the coast road toward Derry. We have written to them to implore them to consider the bus routes and diversion signs - matters we have had bad experiences with on previous occasions. Hopefully they will take heed!

Parish Spring Clean

Thanks to all who helped with the annual Spring Clean. The usual litter pick circuit found a much smaller haul than usual - still the usual fast food rubbish and drinks cans - but not as many. It does appear that a considerable amount has been dropped from the recycling trucks.

Adjacent to the Telephone Kiosk

You'll also notice that, finally, the long planned additional parking bays have been created. It took a long time coming, following problems with underground water pipes, eventually rectified by SWW. We are hoping Cormac will return and tidy up the pavement - parking interface. We've had a few slips reported, so please do take extra care whilst using this area.

Telephone Kiosk

The Parish maintenance man has been busily working on the Telephone Kiosk at the Cross - now an information point - thanks to Steve Lester. The kiosk is now resplendent in its new coat of red paint.

The Classic car event returns to Mt. Edgecombe on 2nd August. However, whereas in previous years provision has been made to control traffic through Crafhole to and from the event, at time of writing no such arrangements are planned this year. We have approached the organisers to see if they can adopt such plans - fingers crossed or we'll face the nightmare of gridlock through the village and surrounding areas.. There is a circular one way system operating from Tregantle to Four Lanes school junction; westbound along Military Road, along the cliffs; eastbound through Millbrook.

Whilst we have our annual spring and autumn cleans, it has been suggested we adopt a more structured arrangement for residents to take responsibility for the upkeep of their frontage. Please let us have your views.

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: 23rd June, 21st July, and 18th August .

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

May 2026 Chairman's Report

This is my first report as Chair and is not dissimilar to my predecessor's.

Many issues discussed then are still extant and pending responses or actions from Cornwall Council especially works promised to be completed on footpath 1 and footpath 5 during the last financial year.

Coastal erosion/ future proofing Finnygook Lane, Cliff stability reports are still pending National Trust Footpath to Blackball beach is still closed

Crafthole traffic flow scheme is only partially completed with the addition of 4 new parking spaces. We are still awaiting removal of speed ramps and double yellow lining opposite Lyner House to the mini roundabout. Delayed due to SW water having to re-site a stop tap.

Safety review recommendations at Polsoe hill / Tredis turnoff are still to be implemented.

Ongoing fight with EDF for excessive charges for the defibrillator in Tredis, wasting many hours of our Clerk's precious time.

We've suffered some disturbing incidents throughout the year as well, including :

Flooding in Pool cottages due to excessive rain and mudslides.

Mud slides in Horsepool Lane.

More coastal erosion and cliff collapse on Finnygook beach.

Flooding of footpath 12 to Finnygook beach.

Flooding of Georges Lane.

AI graffiti on Christmas day.

Power cuts in Shevioc due to Storm Goretta.

Bank collapse/subsidence on Donkey lane restricting the emergency escape route from Portwrinkle.

On a brighter note: We have achieved plenty, including: VE DAY 80. May 8th, 2025, Beacon lighting. Special thanks to Malcolm Biles and Steve Medway for preparing the beacon.

Safety review approval of the proposed permissive path from Crafthole to Trethill.

Following ongoing concerns raised by Portwrinkle parishioners and the Cleaning staff at the Public toilets; and after a period of Public consultation; we have revised the Portwrinkle Parking Order to include:

"No overnight parking of mobile homes and campers between 11pm and 8am" -which can now be officially enforced.

Also, slightly increased the summer parking tariffs, to fund the running costs of the devolved Public toilets/flowerbeds and car park and accrue funds for future upgrades and repairs; thus continuing to ensure that parishioners do not fund any of these costs via the parish precept and the Public toilets remain open.

Working with Torpoint Town Council and St Germans and Cornwall Council, achieved a Safety review by Cornwall

Council of the A374. Awaiting funding and implementation of plans by Cornwall Council.

Undertook a series of repairs and replacements in the Play Park following recommendations from The Play Park Inspection Co.

Safety review approval of use of the roadside verge on A374 from Ladywell to Shevioc

Lane and we have submitted a bid for grant funding from the Community Highways Infrastructure programme (CHIP) - awaiting to hear result and need final approval by highways for the use of the verge.

Undertook a public consultation regarding the Dogs on beach Order, seasonal ban. Following the responses and comments submitted - which were predominantly in favour of the current restrictions, it was agreed not to seek changes and to continue with the current Cornwall Council dog ban times: from 10am to 6pm, July and August, on the Harbour and Hoodny beach.

We've repaired steps on Finnygook lane footpath and re-routed Ambers Way to avoid subsidence. Thanks to myself and Steve Medway for organising and implementing.

Although there is no legal requirement to do so, we have worked with Antony Estate to re-supply beach safety rescue equipment on Finnygook beach; followed by an RNLI beach safety assessment, with the aim to implement their recommendations by working with landowners to install clearer safety signage for the benefit of parishioners and visitors.

Cllr Court successfully updated the emergency plan.

St Mary's cemetery transferral of maintenance formally agreed between Cornwall Council and Diocese.

Clearance and reopening of Polbathic footway to Trerulefoot on the A374 westbound which was a joint effort from the cluster of councils and Kate Ewert applying pressure to the relevant stakeholders.

Crafthole Phone box has been refurbished and reinstated as a tourist information kiosk.

New Parish Council website and Cllr email addresses are live.

Repairs completed to harbour wall and walkway.

And last but not least, Re-location of the village shop to Shevioc Memorial Hall.

So thank you to you all for your time, dedication and determination.

Thanks also to Kate Ewert for all her support during my first term and the same to my fellow councillors.

Special thanks to Nancy for keeping me legal and on track and for her tenacity, dedication and professionalism.

And thanks to Steve for our maintenance needs, Gary our dog warden, Dean the grass cutter and Francis our cleaning operative.

Its been a pleasure serving with you all.

Cllr. Warren Evans

February was the time for our AGM once again. The existing team were re-elected. Business being completed wine and cheese was enjoyed by all present.

In March we hosted Kim Parish who gave a fascinating talk detailing Cornwall's Gardens.

Dr. Paul Gainey visited during April. His talk was an absolute gem which held us all captivated as we learned about Flora on the Lizard Peninsula. We look forward to welcoming back for a return visit.

At the beach on the mouth of the R. Erme.



Kingfisher sculpture at Mothecombe Gardens

On May 17th we took the Rame bus to Mothecombe Gardens for their St. Lukes charity opening. We were blessed with un predicted pleasant weather for a leisurely walk through the gardens.

Coming Up:

Sunday 28 June - St Lukes Open Gardens - Millbook. Self drive.

Sunday 6 July Bus trip to Flete Gardens.

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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Sunday June 14th at 3pm
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Sheviock Memorial Hall



Do bring your bear – even if it's
lost an eye or an ear!



Rame Bus Programme

Here are the highlights covered by this issue of the newsletter. The current fuel cost situation has necessitated an increase in fares to cover the increases.

Monthly:

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Saltash & Kernow	1 st Wednesday	£7
Truro City	2 nd Wednesday	£11
Totnes & Dartington village	3 rd Friday	£10
Tavistock	4 th Friday	£10
9 th June	St Ives	£15
16 June	Heligan	£12
11 July	Cowslip Craft Fair	£11
31 July	Sidmouth Folk Festival	£14
3 August	Sidmouth Folk Festival	£14
4 August	Exeter & Ikea	£15
8 August	Taunton International Flower Show	£16

Contact number for bookings **07874 831814**

Please state where you require picking up. Bus normally departs Cawsand car park at 9 am, so pick up times vary depending on where else the bus needs to visit before you.

Crafthole Village Store News

Lynn Vickery

Well, it will come as no surprise to most of you that the shop has now reopened in its new home at the village hall. If you haven't paid us a visit yet, I would really urge you to do so - I think you will be absolutely delighted with the transformation of the old snooker room.

We are now trading as Crafthole Village Store and will soon have a brand-new logo in place, visible to everyone passing through the village - designed by Celia Lister in collaboration with Andrea Evans.

Meanwhile, inside, Warren and Andrea Evans worked practically round the clock to complete the interior furnishings, within just 6 weeks of the decision being made to relocate and they have done a magnificent job - along with the help of skilled friends and family and other willing hands - all eager to complete the project. We cannot thank them enough for everything they have done to make this day come.

As I think I mentioned previously, we had a couple disappointments with grant applications and were very close to closing altogether. However, we ultimately secured four grants - including a very generous one from the Carew Pole Charitable Trust Fund and funding from Kate Ewert's Community Chest, along with four generous donations from parishioners, which finally made it possible for us to ask the Village Hall Committee to release the snooker room and go ahead with the relocation.

And here we are... I think you will be pleased to know that we are introducing several new lines: Redmoor - dried fruit, nuts, spices and confectionery; Miniml - eco-friendly household and personal care; Bray's burgers, bacon, sausages and ham; not to mention locally produced and very delicious Eglarooze wines; Helen Lloyd-Hughes' beautiful jewellery; Ian Lister's honey and chutney from right here in the village - all these lovely things produced literally on our doorstep. And ... something delicious for the weekend - Cornish Pod cakes.

We held a preview evening on Friday, May 1st, to which all our volunteers, donors and those who helped with the move and getting the shop ready were invited, to say a great big thank you to them all - far too many to name personally - but we cannot overstate our gratitude to you all and, if we have seemed remiss in giving you our personal thanks, we are sorry - I think things have been happening so quickly, it's all been a bit like a rollercoaster.

We opened officially on Saturday May 2nd at 9am and, it would be fair to say that the shop was buzzing most of the day. I think everyone who has been into the shop has been bowled over by its tasteful use of colour, space and furnishings and by the variety of choice on the shelves, which, as we begin to explore different outlets, will hopefully increase. Our other project - for which we are currently seeking more grant funding - is to install a "real" coffee machine, which we hope will encourage community awareness and appeal to passers-by in need of a hot drink.

You may or may not be aware that we have now introduced an afternoon shift which, at the moment means a fair bit of doubling up of shifts for volunteers. However, I am delighted to tell you that we are in the process of training 12 new volunteers who wish to be involved with this brand-new venture. We sincerely hope that more of you might be tempted to join us - if not on a regular basis, then as a floater, to help give extra cover, or even, it has been suggested, as a "buddy", willing to

help clean shelves or check prices etc for us. And, of course, we really do need more directors, with new ideas. None of this is particularly time consuming or onerous and, the more help we have, the easier it becomes. Please do contact a director or volunteer if you would like to be involved in some way.

And so ... a new start and, we hope, a greater emphasis on our community responsibilities. This is your shop and you must let us know what you want from us. The green suggestion book is on the counter - please do use it to share your ideas of how we can improve on what we are doing. We may not be able to fulfil all your wishes, but we will certainly try.

We look forward to seeing you all - even if it's only to pop in for a look and, maybe a friendly chat. There is now, of course, ample parking. We hope you all enjoy the coming summer - let's hope the weather settles soon and this cold wind drops.

Lynn Vickery - on behalf of the Directors



Shop opening times:

Monday - Friday	8.30 -12.30 & 2.30 - 5.30
Saturday-	9 -1 & 2-5
Sunday-	9 -11

My name is Betty and I have been staying at my grandparents in Portwrinkle over the Easter period.

I have been selling Shell People on the front to raise funds for me to go to Iceland with the Guides in 2027 which will be an amazing experience.



I should like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has brought shell people from me helping me in my quest which has raised over £50 so far which I am very grateful for.

However I still need to raise another £2450 to cover my costs and raise money for the Guides so if you would like to contribute further, my

Gofunding site is

<https://gofund.me/49ac20b33>

where you can contribute further. Or scan the code.

My shell people can still be purchased from my grandparents house at Cove Cottage, Donkey Lane, Portwrinkle.

Once again, thank you to everyone who has contributed.

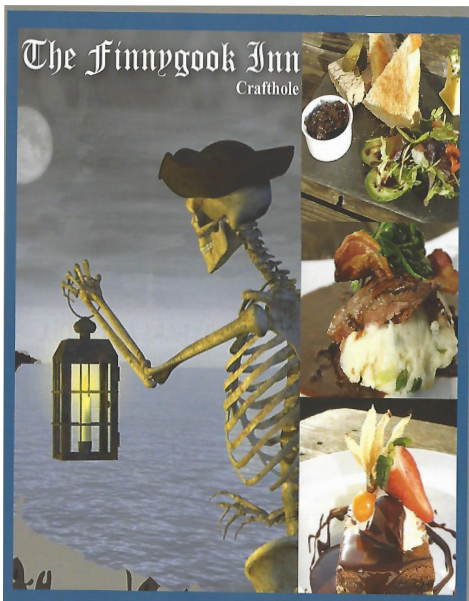
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Where're we too?

Bob Bushrod sent in this photo of a cottage, long gone; but the signs of its existence are still evident. If you can identify the location, get in touch. Answer in the next issue





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IMPROVEMENT TO OUR LOCAL BUS SERVICE – Commencing on Monday 27th July we will have a very useful additional through 70B Bus Service to Torpoint & Plymouth departing Crafhole at 12.36, Sheviock at 12.41, arrive Torpoint Ferry at 13.08, Devonport Ferry at 13.25, Plymouth Railway Station at 13.36 & Royal Parade at 13.45 in good time for afternoon shopping & Thursday/Saturday Matinee Performances at the Theatre Royal. This bus helps fills a very large gap, as currently there is no through bus service to Plymouth City Centre following the 10.36 ex Crafhole No. 70B Bus, but there are several good Afternoon & Evening through return buses from Royal Parade to our villages. Grateful thanks again go to Go S.W. Bus for listening to us and agreeing to this re-routeing of the 12.00 ex Cremyll -Plymouth No 70 Bus to become a No 70B Bus.

Through 70B buses to Plymouth are important as changing buses from the 75 involves a lengthy 25 minute wait at Torpoint on the outward journey, but only a possible precarious 6 minutes on the return journey from the City. The 70B is also regarded locally as a much more reliable local bus service.

SUNDAY BUS SERVICES - It is good to see our new Sunday Bus service being reasonably well used, as I observed whilst using it on the past two Sundays. It was also good but a bit surprising to see some passengers using the bus service to travel from the Rame Peninula to Crafhole/Sheviock & return.

NEW CITY 'HEALTH VILLAGE' & OUR LOCAL BUS SERVICES – One new Diagnostic Centre has been built and another one is due to be built on a car park in Colin Campbell Court in Plymouth city centre, situated adjacent to Western Approach with direct access to its bus stops. Currently however, our local bus services going into Plymouth have been routed via Drake Circus & the Viaduct so I have been in contact with Go S.W. Bus about this, who have since consulted with the NHS who confirmed, as we suggested, that the new Diagnostic Centres will serve South East Cornwall, catering for many patients who would have previously attended Derriford Hospital. Thanks go to Go S.W. Bus for now deciding to revert to routeing all S. E. Cornwall to Plymouth Bus Services including our Nos.70/A/B Buses to operate via Western Approach in both directions as from the 26thJuly. This could mean only having to take one instead of two buses to attend your appointment.

LOCAL TRAIN SERVICES - There is little change to trains calling at St. Germans in the new timetable operative from the 17th May -12th December with some 47 trains calling Mondays to Fridays on the up & down platforms at the station. I note that on Saturdays you can now get a through train to Paddington as late as 19.26. The very useful St. Germans Timetable Leaflets as well as our local bus timetables can be obtained from the new village store as well as the Foyer of the Memorial Hall, and the old telephone Kiosk near the Cross in Crafhole.

**OUR R.P.P.T.U.G. AGM/PUBLIC MEETING
WILL BE HELD IN THE SHEVIOCK MEMORIAL HALL, CRAFTHOLE
ON THURSDAY JUNE 25TH FROM 18.00
SENIOR P. T. OFFICERS FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL,
THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF GO SOUTH WEST BUS,
AND
THE CHIEF OFFICER OF TAMAR CROSSINGS
WILL ALL BE PRESENT TO PARTICIPATE & ANSWER QUESTIONS
A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL**

Hello to everyone,

The committee hope you are all well and ready to enjoy the warm weather once it arrives. Since the last newsletter, the hall has held the Easter Monday event, this was a great afternoon, lots of family fun with the egg rolling and many people enjoying the delicious cakes and a cuppa whilst catching up with friends, whilst the younger generation enjoyed the soft play and searching for the Easter trail clues. There were not so many this year but the Easter bonnets were judged and the winners appreciated their chocolate prizes. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the event a success and to everyone who donated raffle prizes.

The Bingo evenings were well supported and enjoyed by many that attended, they are hopefully to be repeated with a different theme later in the year.

The summer event this year will be from 1pm on Sunday 5th July. Did you know that this year is the 50th year since the official opening of the village hall back in 1975. We want to have a spectacular celebration and would like to hear from anyone who can provide support on the day. Are there any talented bands, singers or groups that would like to participate or demonstrate their skills on the day? We will have a BBQ and foods available all day and there will be a bar available for cool refreshments. Tea, cakes and ice creams will also be available.



There will be children's games and races, a tug of war competition and many more fun activities throughout the day. Write it in the diary now to ensure you don't miss a great community

day with friends.

Many of you will have been watching the transformation of the previous snooker room into the new shop. I would ask everyone to applaud the commitment and hard work of the volunteers who enabled the changes but I especially wish to commend Warren and Andrea who worked like trojans for 8 weeks to bring the dream to fruition for the community. The shop is looking amazing and will be the envy of many other villages. Well done all, I hope you will all visit and support the team of volunteers to ensure that it becomes a valuable social hub in the village. The craft fair dates are planned for the 10th and 11th October, if you are a crafter and would like a stall. There is always a great array of unique crafts which offer ideas for gifts or treats for yourself, or come browse and enjoy some homemade cake and tea.

Thank you to all that have offered help with fundraising events, more help is always welcome as are donations of cakes, help run stalls or help in the kitchen at events. Please drop me your contact details in an email -

paulasabrooks@aol.com if you are able to help.

Current clubs available at the hall are as follows:

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

Alison 07709 594478

Gardening club – 3rd Monday of month

Dee 01503 230661

Film Club – Every 3rd Saturday of the month

Lynn 07528 127017

Yoga – Friday evenings

Jackie 07772344107

Stretch / body toning classes

Susie 01503 230774

Pilates – Tuesday evenings

Liz 01752 813960

Sewing / crafting club – Tuesday fortnightly afternoons

Mel 01503 230372

Yin Yoga - Monday evenings

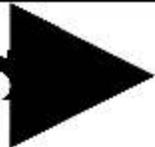
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The Ongoing , Going, Gone Saga of the EDF Fiasco Steve Medway

EDF had been charging us (up until April 1st 2025) on a monthly contract of around £12 per month (This is the only item that we pay electricity for as we rent our parish council office with bills included in Crafhole).

We are on an unmetered tariff - which has sky rocketed since April 2025 last year - which we had been disputing as initially thought it was a mistake (as EDF said they has moved us from large to small business - this was not the case) then other issues with EDF meant that they misled and gave poor customer information and continued to charge this big business tariff which we were disputing.

We have been via the ombudsman and believed they could help as unless we found an alternative supplier we had to remain on this huge unmetered tariff, or disconnect the unit- we worked through a list and nobody would take us on (Bill continued to rise) Now despite the ombudsman ruling that EDF should provide an apology and compensation, yet despite this being applied the bill is still huge at £1600 for 12 months and accruing every day until we disconnect and supply Edf with a disconnection certificate. (Disconnection was a last resort for us as it places lives at risk - especially as we are a rural community far from the hospital. Our previous annual bill for this unit was £144 so you can see why we were disputing the charges at it consumes minimal

electricity (Locator light, alarm if box left open and heated plate/fan if the temp falls below 0 degrees or above 30 degrees.

It needs to remain in a central public accessible place, solar would not guarantee the energy required if it is a gloomy winter and the temp drops consistently (rare but possible)

We cannot afford to keep it at this cost (which increases daily until proof of disconnection) we are also concerned that once disconnected, there would be a second charge to reconnect if funds could be found for obtaining a meter (but at present all funds and extra are simply going on this ridiculous and inappropriate bill unless we want to face legal action. We believe EDF should have advised us/helped to install a meter initially as no prior warning in order to consider/accrue funds for a meter. Now we do not have the funds to do this especially as we are forced to pay this charge.

We have passed the details of the case on to our MP, Anna Geldard, whose office has said they will investigate.

It is unbelievable that we have to disconnect this public lifesaving unit just to pay an extortionately inappropriate charge but have no other option left available at this current time.

We ask that any Tredis parishioners who may have a view on this to contact the Parish Council.

Torpoint and Bénodet Prepare to Mark 40 Years of Friendship in 2027

Peter McLaren

A milestone year is on the horizon as Torpoint and District in Cornwall and Bénodet in Brittany look ahead to celebrating four decades of twinning, friendship and cross-Channel exchange.

Residents in Torpoint and District are being invited to look ahead to a special year in 2027, when the long-standing twinning link with Bénodet, Brittany, will celebrate its 40th anniversary. Reports from the Bénodet twinning committee say preparations are already under way for the landmark occasion, with anniversary exchanges expected to bring the two communities together once again for visits, civic welcomes and shared activities.

The Torpoint–Bénodet partnership dates back to 1987, following contacts made the previous year. Accounts of the twinning's early history trace the idea to Cornish visitors who saw in the two coastal towns a natural connection: both communities share strong maritime identities, close ties to the sea and a tradition of welcoming visitors. Over the years, what began as a formal civic link has grown into a lasting friendship between families, volunteers and local organisations on both sides of the Channel.

Published reports from Brittany indicate that the 2027 celebrations are expected to include a visit by Bénodet representatives to Torpoint in May, followed by a return visit from Torpoint to Bénodet in September. Organisers have

suggested that the programme will include a wide range of activities, with outings, social events and opportunities for residents to renew old friendships and make new ones. Earlier anniversary events have featured civic receptions and community gatherings, and there is every sign that the 40th year will be marked in the same warm spirit.

Supporters of the twinning say its real success lies not only in official visits but in the friendships that have endured over decades. In an age when international links can feel distant or formal, the Torpoint and District and Bénodet association has remained personal, practical and community-led. School-age memories, family hosting, shared meals, music, conversation and local traditions have all helped keep the relationship alive.

As 2027 approaches, the anniversary promises to be more than a celebration of the past. For both Torpoint and Bénodet, it will be a chance to honour 40 years of goodwill while looking to the future of a partnership that has linked Cornwall and Brittany through shared heritage, hospitality and friendship. Local residents with an interest in twinning will no doubt watch with anticipation as plans continue to take shape over the coming months.

For your information there are 12 Members of the Twinning association who are resident here in our Parish and if you are interested in the Association, you can contact myself, Peter McLaren.....01503 232920