

South Petherwin Parish Magazine



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**The community magazine bringing the residents
of South Petherwin together**

Help Needed To Slow Traffic

On Wednesday 14th June, a number of residents of Daws House attended the Parish Council meeting to address the issue of dangerous driving at excessive speeds through the hamlet. In total, over twenty households were either present, or had sent their support and apologies for being unable to attend.

Due to many drivers passing through Daws House at speeds far in excess of the 30 mph limit, and a number of near misses when residents are leaving their driveways, or walking along the B3254, it was felt that attention should be drawn to this ever-worsening issue. A number of young families now live here and children have narrowly avoided being struck by cars when walking to catch the school bus, or walking home at the end of the school day. These children must walk on the road, owing to the fact that no footpath is available. Older residents too, have had many close calls when out walking. Residents are being shown aggression on a more regular basis, even when slowing down to turn onto their drive.

The Parish Council adopted a pro-active stance, suggesting that we have a better chance of getting something done if South Petherwin is included too, the greater number of people living here adding weight to the issue of traffic travelling through both areas with in-

creasing speed and in complete defiance of the speed limit.

On behalf of all the people who live along the B3254, or who have to join it on a regular basis, I would ask that as many people as possible sign our petition. The Parish Council needs this support to take the matter further and present a proper case to the higher authorities that make decisions about such things. Paper petitions will be available to sign at the school reception and will circulate around the village.

There is also an online petition at <https://www.change.org/p/south-petherwin-parish-council-reduce-speeding-traffic-through-daws-house-and-south-petherwin>

PLEASE sign the petition if possible and allow us to make the first steps toward Making South Petherwin and Daws House safer for everyone.

With thanks,

Darren Jeffery

(On behalf of the residents of Daws House)



What Next for the Church?

Rev Heather West talks to Helena Northmore about the impact of the shop closure and plans for the future.

What are your thoughts about the shop closure?

Like most people I'm very disappointed. But the shop wasn't making enough to survive so there was no real alternative. Everyone connected with the shop worked really hard to keep it open but struggled against lack of support. It's very sad it didn't work.



What is happening to the shop fixtures and fittings and any remaining monies?

Any food items left over were donated to Launceston food bank. The till was returned to the dioceses who will use it for another project. All the Post Office equipment had to be returned to the Post office of course. Items like the fridge and the A-frames are being kept and used in the church. Some of the original funding from the diocese was earmarked to build a disabled ramp in the church to make access easier, and this is now being built. Any remaining monies from the original dioceses fund will be returned to Truro

How does the shop closure affect the church?

Well, one of the great advantages of the shop was having people coming into the church on a daily basis and seeing the church 'being used differently' (This was one of the main objectives of the dioceses granting the funding in the first place) But although the shop has closed we're planning to keep the church open every day, as soon as the disabled ramp has been built. At the moment the building work makes it too risky to leave the church open but hopefully it will be finished by the end of the summer. In the meantime services will continue as normal and we will still be selling second hand books

Any new plans concerning the church?

We are now holding coffee mornings on the first Saturday of every month (next one is Saturday 5th August) and hope to develop them in the future by selling some fairtrade goods and maybe having an occasional speaker in. I'm also hoping we will start to have some more informal services in the church and a special service to rededicate the clock. It's important for the church to move forward and look to the future.

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The Eden Projects' Big Lunch and Great Get together was organised in memory of Jo Cox MP and held on Sunday June 19th outside the village hall



Despite the searing desert like temperatures (hotter than the hottest day in '76!) and the unfortunate clash with father's day the day was a big success.

There were old friends and new, people who'd lived in the parish all their lives, and others who had just moved in.....





Calls for gazebos were answered, pints of lemonade and/or Shipwreck Ale (thank you Penpont Brewery for your kind sponsorship) were drunk, dominoes were toppled, pavements were scrawled upon, quiches were devoured, cakes were gobbled down with hot tea and most importantly chats were had.....



Thanks to the South Petherwin Community Fund for their grant and everyone who helped make this such a lovely event, with hopefully more to come!

Feedback at Lifton Strawberry Fields

On 17th June, local band Feedback, whose lead vocalist Andrew Hosking lives in the parish, celebrated their tenth anniversary playing a gig at Lifton Strawberry Fields. The weather that evening was perfect, and the venue was packed with over 400 people – most of whom were soon dancing away and having a great time. Over £3,000 was raised for Pancreatic Cancer UK and the Motor Neurone Disease Association

Alison Barham



Blooming Flowers!

The flower tub planted by 'A Novel Gathering Book Group' in Trelinnoe Gardens was funded by The South Petherwin Community Fund.

The book group are grateful to the fund and its contributors for the money.



Electrical Storm

Photo from the internet



On Friday May 26th people were woken in the early hours of the morning (well, some of them were!) to a massive thunderstorm in the area, which kept many people entranced for ages. Photo's abounded on facebook the next day.

Whilst it was great to watch, it did have some repercussions, including trip switches being thrown and many phone lines being down for several weeks.

Closing the Shop

As you all know by now, the community shop closed the shop door for the last time on Friday 26th May 2017.

Everything went very smoothly with the shutdown. At the end of June the committee and myself had our final meeting to finish off any business that had arisen. Once all pressing matters had been addressed we waited for our merry band of volunteers and partners to arrive at the Elliot Arms in Tregadillett, as a way to say thank you to them all for all the hard efforts they have put in over the period that the shop was running.

If anyone still has any unreturned Shares, please can they get in contact with Mike Ryalls (775121) by the end of August so that we can get the monies returned to them.

Finally, on a personal note, I would like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers and our customers who made working in the shop a very happy time for me.

Kate Edwards

'Tie me kangaroo down sport...'

Yes, Bruce is still on the loose! Maggie and Andrew Elder from Trecrogo spotted the runaway wallaby several times in their garden in June. For a while he seemed to have developed a daily routine sitting in their garden by day and sleeping in the long grass in the adjacent field by night. He nibbled on grass and ferns and Maggie says she put out water for him but had been told wallabies don't drink much, getting most of their moisture from grass and leaves. She also had to tread very softly as wallabies have sharp hearing and eyesight and the Elders didn't want to spook him. Maggie added that if they thought he could come to any harm, or cause any serious damage they would have contacted the RSPCA, although she thinks they would have had a tough job catching him as he could leap and jump at amazing speed!

However it seems that Bruce has now moved on — or has he? Margaret hasn't seen him since 2nd July and thought that was the end of the story.....until one of her neighbours in Trecrogo said he's now taken up residence in *her* garden. Bruce clearly thinks South Petherwin is the place to be!



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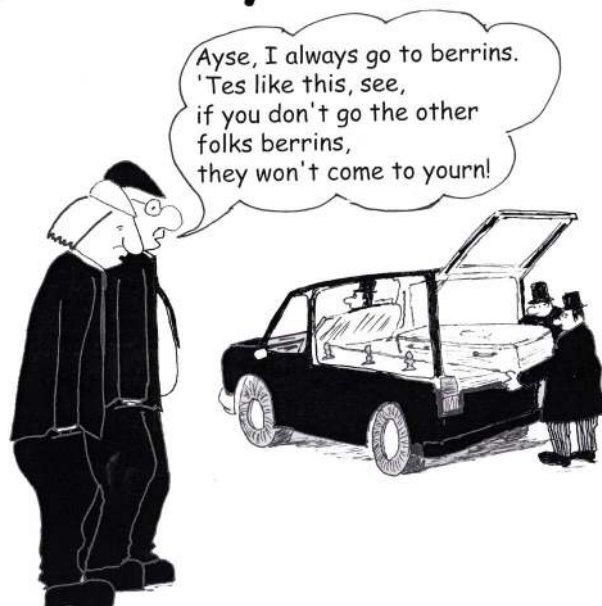
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Methodist Chapel News



The chapel was beautifully decorated for our Chapel Anniversary held on 14th May. The special preacher for our afternoon service was Rev Chris Tomlinson. He gave us much to ponder over including how much our services have changed down through the years. The organist was Mr Gordon Maunder. The service was followed by a scrumptious afternoon tea served in the Sunday School room, where over 30 family and friends were able to sit down and enjoy fellowship together. Our recent coffee mornings have continued to support our new chosen charity the Barnabas Aid Fund (Hope & Relief for the Persecuted Church)

As many of you will have observed by now, the scaffolding has been erected around the chapel building. The Grade 2 listed chapel was built some 145 years ago and has been subjected to all weathers which together with its age has taken its toll on the building. In 1991 the Methodist Property Quinquennial Inspection report identified that the roof would need replacing within the next 15 years. The last Quinquennial report in November 2016 considered this work now essential and urgent and following this ongoing advice the Major building work to re slate and insulate the roof is now in progress.

No activities will be taking place within the building as the whole churchyard is closed and out of bounds to the general public for obvious safety reasons and for the duration. Our Sunday morning services will continue though, but with restricted access only on the designated pathway leading to the main chapel door.

Please direct any enquiries on the matter to either Phil Parsons 01566 777179, Mobile No 07737008416 or John Whale 01566 772847.

Mary Stoneman



A delightful photo sent in by Mary Stoneman of her 'neighbours' at the bottom of her garden. Who's looking at whom?

The Really Useful Page

| <u>WHAT</u> | <u>WHEN</u> | <u>WHERE</u> | <u>WHO</u> |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Lunch Club | Mon 21st Aug | See back page for venue | Wendy Smith 782204 |
| Coffee morning | | Suspended due to building work | Tony Smith 782204 |
| Knitting | Most Thursdays at 2pm | West Petherwin Farm | Muriel Parsons 773027 |
| BIMBO's (over 50's keep fit) | Every Monday (except B/hols and lunch club dates) | at the "Winds of Change" during Methodist Hall building work. | Vi Brook 779243 |
| Bell ringers | 7.30 pm Mondays | St Paternus Church | Nigel Parker 773233 |
| Skittles | 7pm Tuesdays | Village Hall | Peter Northmore 778744 Vi Brook 779243 |
| Bingo | Last Wednesday of the month 2pm | Village Hall | Pat Locke 774671 |
| Table Tennis | 10am Tuesday mornings | Village Hall | Sue Vernon 772640 Tony Bawn (U3A) 784665 |
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South Petherwin Parish Council

The Parish Council meets on the second Wednesday each month at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. It is open for anyone to come and listen in.

Parish Councillors are:

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Clerk: Phil Fox (temporary)

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The Church Clock Update

Yes, at last ! Up and running, ticking, chiming and with the two clock faces repaired, repainted and the 'hands' regilded with gold leaf and paint. It was an undertaking not without tension and drama, but the end result is one that should bring both credit and confidence to the village. Whether you are walking or driving through South Petherwin the eye is drawn to the clock, black and gold – true Cornish colours indeed. In addition, the complete clock mechanisms that date back to 1911, have received the equivalent of a MOT, and the clockmaker's technician - stated that he could see no reason why ' the works couldn't be good enough for another century'. Heartening words indeed.

Although the clock still has to be wound by hand- roughly three times a week – by the 'band of stalwart winders', the whole 'machine' is a real credit to British craftsmanship and technical skill dating back to the 19th Century. So, a really big thank you to everybody who has helped in so many diverse ways to bring this project to such a pleasing and positive conclusion. It is hoped that this improvement will be of lasting benefit to all who live in, pass through, or visit the village for both current and future generations.

Nigel Parker

Sadly we say goodbye to

Nina Carter passed away at Treliske on 19th April 2017 aged 86. For several years she had lived in Trelinnoe Gardens, moving out to Pen-Inney, Lewannick a couple or so years ago. As a young woman Nina joined the Queen

Alexandra Nursing Corps, rising to the rank of captain. After leaving the army, she continued her nursing career, ending it as the sister in charge of a nurses home where the trainee nurses lived. In later years she was the matron in a boarding school. All this in spite of the poor health she suffered all her life.

Nina was a talented artist, a collector of dolls and dolls houses (all of which were made and decorated by her). She grew beautiful orchids and was a lover of nature and all animals, but most especially cats. Her last pet was Harry, a beautiful ginger Tom. It was after he was killed on the road in South Petherwin that Nina decided to move into Pen-Inney. She had no surviving family, but was a kind thoughtful and caring friend who will be sadly missed.



Wendy Lewis



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A number of tourists have been targeted by fake police officers according to Devon & Cornwall Alert. The free to use two- way messaging service is operated by Devon & Cornwall Police. They recently sent out an alert from Action Fraud (National Fraud Intelligence Bureau) which said that a lone fraudster had approached victims whom they believe to be unfamiliar with the area. The police will never ask for passwords or PIN details, request a person to withdraw money to transfer to them or to a 'safe' account. It is good practice to ask for their name and rank, force and any ID, especially if they are not wearing a uniform. **If anyone has been affected by this or any other fraud please report it to Action Fraud. Tel – 0300 123 2040 or www.actionfraud.police.uk.**

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Mary Stoneman

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School News

By Helen Masters



Don't Forget....

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| <i>School finishes</i> | <i>July 21st</i> |
| <i>Inset days</i> | <i>September 4th and 5th</i> |
| <i>School starts</i> | <i>September 6th</i> |

This term has been extremely busy: the SATs tests went well with pleasing results. A small group of class 3 and 4 children won a local 'Wakey Shakey'

competition. They had to make up an exercise routine to music to be taught to a class or school. Class 2 visited Restormel Castle as part of their topic work. Class 4 had a very successful residential trip to Camp Kernow where they went bat watching, collected natural products to dye material, gathered and cooked their own food, learnt archery, had campfires and generally loved being outdoors. Classes 3 and 4 had a wonderful day at Eden as part of their Rainforest studies..Class 1 visited Trethorne to look at the animals. They loved holding and finding out how to care for them.

This term's WOW week "Oh I do like to be beside the seaside" started with a whole school trip to the beach. Sand sculptures, castles and beach games galore! After this inspiration poems and songs were written, posters made for beach safety and advertising local beaches. We raised a tremendous £1135.00 for the British Heart Foundation with a sponsored skip. We all joined in, having fun whilst keeping fit and raising money. On July 1st Our Summer fete took place with various stalls, raffles, silent auction and BBQ as well as our first Bake off competition. The day finished with a family camp out on the school field. Eggs for breakfast were collected from our new friendly chickens.

And finally.....Loud meows were heard from one of our outdoor welly boxes this week. Inside was a tiny 8 week old black kitten! Ms Mills nicknamed him Petherwin and showed him to the children, to their surprise and delight.. After much love from all the classes and a check up from the vet, Petherwin has been found a new home.



Launceston Show

The Launceston show was founded following a meeting held at the White Hart Hotel on Saturday 19th February 1887, when it was resolved to hold a horse show for the district. A committee was duly elected and it was agreed to make the sum of £130 available for prize money.



Thursday 21st August 1887 was fixed as the date of the first Launceston show. In the early years the show was held within the town boundary of Launceston at both Windmill and Hurdon, until moving to the current site at Kennards House in the mid 1950's. Launceston Horse Show as it was known in the early days was highly respected as an equestrian event, and before the popularity of the motor car, large crowds gathered each year with the railways running special 'show trains' from places such as Plymouth for the event.



This year's show will be held on Thursday 27th July in the usual Kennards House site. More information can be found at launcestonshow.co.uk

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Buildings of Launceston

There was an article in the Sunday Times recently about Launceston. It commented on outlying villages such as 'lovely South Petherwin'. The writer of the article was particularly charmed by Launceston's 'tangle of medieval streets'. We are all inclined to dash into town to do our shopping and other business without stopping to look around and admire some of the beautiful features of the buildings around us.

This summer Lawrence House Museum are putting on an exhibition designed to encourage us to look more closely at our surroundings in the centre of Launceston, to admire some of the fascinating details and be shocked at some signs of neglect and dilapidation. The exhibition is called 'Buildings of Launceston within the Old Town Walls'. It includes a streetscape, photographs of most of the buildings in the centre, together with detailed information about some of the more remarkable buildings and the people who have occupied them over the centuries. Do you know where 'Hanging Judge Jeffries' is believed to have stayed? Or how a lottery win led to the building of Eagle House? Or where you can see Flemish Bond or modillions?



Have you noticed these musicians in the High Street partly obscured by a modern shop front?

The answer to these questions together with a wealth of other interesting facts about the buildings in Launceston can be found in the Museum exhibition. It runs from early July to the end of October. Don't miss it!

Kaye Montgomery

Church Coffee Morning



What a lovely surprise! Some 25 people from the village appeared for the first Saturday coffee morning in the Church in June. There was filter coffee, tea and plenty of delicious cakes. Young - very young - and many older members of the village appeared and the conversations were wide ranging! The election of course, TV programmes, and the closure of the shop and the Post Office. Those there were really sad it has closed - but it was lovely to see the newly repaired clock in place and hear the quarterly chimes.. We'd love to see more people from the village appear for these new monthly coffee mornings (next one is 5th August) and help the village be a thriving community where we truly know our neighbour.

Penny Bailey

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South Petherwin Community (Wind turbine) fund



Did you notice that the Big Lunch and
Get Together (page 6/7) and the beautiful
flower tub (page 8) were both sponsored by the
South Petherwin Community Fund?

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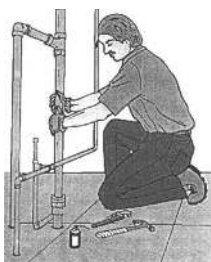
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Gardening Matters

Over the last month or so we have experienced a mix of wind, rain and tropical sun. At this time of year the garden is looking at its best, so it's time to relax a little and enjoy your efforts. There will always be little jobs of which here are a few.

Watering and feeding – in early morning or evening on hot days and prioritise plants that have been newly planted, are in containers, bedding plants and veg/salad crops. Established shrubs, trees and perennials should have roots deep enough not to need continual watering.

Regular harvest and make successive sowings of salad crops – such as lettuce, radish, rocket and watercress to give you a regular longer lasting supply.

Lightly prune roses to remove spent flower buds and encourage repeat flowers, also feed with rose fertiliser.

If in these bouts of hot weather you are getting fed up of all this watering here are some more drought tolerant sun loving plants to consider:

Pelargoniums, Begonias, Gazanias, Poppies, Sedums, Grasses, Dianthus pinks, Lavenders and many of the daisy family.

Looking especially good now are Roses and Agapanthus



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So, Who Dunnit?

(The dodgy Parish Council clerk? The handsome pub landlord? The shady farmer?)

A Crime Novel Partly Set in South Petherwin!

Imagine searching the Internet and finding a crime novel called "**The Winds of Change**"! It's by American author "**Martha Grimes**", and features South Petherwin and Launceston, amongst other locations in England; in fact the pub of which the novel takes its title is the "Winds of Change" in South Petherwin. Yes really!

I tracked down a copy on Amazon and it took just over two days to read it. It is a moderate crime novel that revolves around the central hero, DCI Richard Jury. Grimes, a self-proclaimed Anglophile, has obviously visited the locations she has written about, but I suspect only in brief visits.

The plot involves a murder in London, and another in the Launceston area connected with a missing child. The plot jumps between these two locations with a couple of trips to Newcastle. Although based in this area, the events don't reflect reality. An example is that when Jury drinks his pint in the Winds of Change with his colleagues, they snack on Pretzels for goodness sake! Also no local brews are mentioned.

After a drink in "The Winds of Change" it's off to Tiny Meadows to interview someone. In another pub a customer comes in and "holds up two fingers to the barman". In the writer's world this is obviously how we in the UK ask for whisky in pubs, whereas in reality this would more than likely get you a punch in the face from the barman. Also, they slice the froth off a pint of Guinness with a knife!

Guns are used, but the Police don't seem to be bothered if they are licenced, or whether there are any more hanging around. Oh yes, and of course Jury hangs around with the usual crew made up from members of the aristocracy. The author's favourite word is "anodyne", and she feels she must mention it at least once in every chapter. Her biggest crime in my eyes is a throw away line saying that Cornwall is only really about the coastline. She obviously hasn't stayed long at all in the county.

If you haven't guessed the ending by halfway through then you haven't taken any notice of the blatant clues the author shoves in almost every other page. This is just one of a series of novels featuring Richard Jury, and they have a big following in Germany, so don't be surprised if German tourists are spotted wandering around the village.

Phil Fox

Parish Events

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>EVENT</u> | <u>VENUE</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Sat 5th August | 10am Coffee morning | Church |
| Wednesday 9th August | 7pm Parish Council Meeting | Village Hall |
| Monday 21st August | 12.30 Lunch Club | Wheelhouse Cottage |
| Wednesday 6th Sept | Term starts | School |
| Wednesday 20th Sept | Community Fund Trustees Meeting | TBC |
| Saturday 30th Sept | 2.30-4.30 'Bel Canto' Concert | Church |

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