



## **SOUTH PETHERWIN SCARECROW FESTIVAL**

### **A HUGE SUCCESS AND LOTS OF FUN!**

**Well done to Amy Trehane from Linnick farm for her winning entry below**



***Also inside: Cricket success! New medical centre plans,  
Cake and Rakers, and the scorching weather!***



## South Petherwin Scarecrow Festival 2018



After a break of some six years, scarecrows re-appeared around the village and surrounding areas of South Petherwin at the end of May.

The theme for the 2018 Scarecrow Festival was “A 100 Years Celebrating and Commemorating”. This included the Suffragette Movement, founding of the RAF and the end of WWI in 1918.

The week started with the Scarecrow Workshop on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May, then a special United Commemoration Service at St Paternus Church on the Sunday. Fun football for the family followed on the Tuesday, with the Annual Parish Meeting on the Wednesday. Breakfast could be enjoyed at the Methodist Chapel with Tea and Toast first thing in the morning on Thursday. The John Wesley Scarecrow greeted you on the way in! Family Bingo was busy on Friday with the younger players winning prizes. Memory Day, remembering ‘South Petherwin’s Fallen’, offered reflective moments for parishioners on Saturday afternoon. On Sunday morning an alternative church service was held at the Methodist Chapel: coffee, worship and jelly babies! Happily, the sun shone for the Parish Walk in the afternoon to the Elliott Arms in Tregadillet.

The week culminated in the main events on Bank Holiday Monday: The Scarecrow Trail and Suffragette Cream Tea, which both proved to be very popular. Starting from the Village Hall the Scarecrow Trail snaked itself around the village taking in nearly 40 scarecrows. Members of the public scored the scarecrows as they followed the trail with the first prize going to Amy Trehane (Linnick Farm), second prize went to Denise Cambell (Suffragette) and the third prize to Margaret and Tony Stephens (‘Mum look what I’ve found!’).

Arriving back at the Village Hall the Trail followers could enjoy a Suffragette Cream Tea, cold drinks and have a go at designing their very own mug, thanks to Abi Caine. Children’s activities included bouncy castle and a very large bouncy slide which attracted all ages, even adults. The whole festival was organised and funded by the Parish Council and South Petherwin Wind Turbine Community Fund. It was managed by a team comprising Helen Masters, Amy Trehane, Rachel Jeffrey, Sue and

Peter Vernon, Rebecca Frame and myself. I would like to thank all those who hosted, took part, made Scarecrows or just came along to join in the festive fun. It was such an enjoyable community event there are even suggestions we might do it again next year in 2019!



Cllr Phil Parsons

Chair, South Petherwin Parish Council



Photo's by Simon Harry and Phil Parsons



At the Parish Meeting in May, Joan Heaton, chair of the Launceston Medical Centre Patient Participation Group gave the following talk about the planned expansion at Launceston Medical Centre.



### **Launceston Medical Centre Patient Participation Group May 2018**

Launceston Patient Participation Group (PPG) consists of individuals and representatives of community groups - all are volunteers and all are patients of Launceston Medical Centre. The Group's aim is to provide an interface between the Medical Centre and the patients in order to help staff provide the best service and patients to make best use of the practice.

2018 is going to be a very busy year for Launceston Medical Centre. For the last five years, Peter Harper, our recently retired Practice Business Manager, has been in complex negotiations with NHS England and NHS Property Services to secure the proposed expansion plans for our surgery. Building work is provisionally due to start before the end of 2018. With over 18,000 patients on the register at Launceston Medical Centre, and the burgeoning housing developments adding substantially to our patient list, it is essential that we expand to serve our community. Both Peter Harper and Andrew Yardley were adamant that Launceston Medical Centre would never refuse to register a patient in our area and they have succeeded against the odds.

Launceston Medical Centre would like to ensure that patients are updated on the progress of construction work and wants to minimise disruption to services as much as possible. Before construction actually begins, patients are invited to ask questions about the plans and offer suggestions for the refit. There will be Suggestion Boxes, kindly donated by DS Smith of Launceston, in the Medical Centre and other venues around the town, clearly marked as the property of Launceston Medical Centre PPG. These will be collected by Committee members, the information collated and then presented to Launceston Medical Centre. The PPG will soon be distributing leaflets with information and a suggestion form that can be posted in our boxes.

The First Phase of the building plan will be the construction of the new wing at the rear of the Medical Centre. This will be a two-storey building with consulting rooms and waiting area on the ground floor and staff rooms above. The anticipated build time will be approximately 9 months and the new building will be erected independently of the existing building and will not impinge on services.

The Second Phase of the building plan will link the existing building to the new building at the rear. The telephone system and IT main server will be moved to the new building and the transition should take around 3 months.

The Third Phase of the building plan will necessitate the closure of one side of the existing building housing doctors' consulting rooms. Doctors will be able to use the new building during this time. This phase should take around 3 months.

The Fourth Phase of the building plan will see a refurbishment of the existing building and two rooms on the right hand side of the building will be demolished to provide a new road linking front and back car parks and providing a one-way system for vehicles entering and leaving the Medical Centre. This phase should take around 3 months.

On completion, it is anticipated that Launceston Medical Centre will offer:

- more consulting rooms
- two waiting areas
- an enlarged reception area
- a dispensary with a separate entrance
- a training room for staff
- car parking to the front and rear of the building
- a new road linking the two car parks
- a new one-way system to enter via Landlake Road and exit via the hospital road

There is an on-going recruitment drive in place to ensure that Launceston Medical Centre will be fully functional when building work has been completed.

Information will be available on the Launceston Medical Centre website as building work progresses:

**<http://www.launcestonmedicalcentre.co.uk>**

We would hope that both patients and staff can continue to use the premises at Launceston Medical Centre without too much disturbance during the expansion work. The PPG intends to help the surgery in any way we can to meet this end. The new Launceston Medical Centre will be a great asset to our community.

Joan Heaton

Chair of Launceston Medical Centre PPG

26 May 2018

## Cricket Success!

Both teams have had a great start of the season, as they both sit in 4th place in their respective leagues.

The first team have won 8 from 11 games, whilst the seconds have won 7 from their last 7! Both teams have had bowlers and batters performing well, but one second team player stole headlines a few weeks ago. Mike Clements scored a club record, 223 against Pencarrow on the 23rd June. This helped form another club record, 409-8 off their 40 overs, as they won by over 300 runs. 14 year old Taylor Gerry has also had success with the bat this year, as he tops the run scoring chart for the first team.



*Second Team displaying club record of 223 runs scored by Mike Clements*

Both teams are always looking for new players, experienced or not, and if you or someone you know would like to join us, feel free to contact one of the numbers below.

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Nick Gerry - Second team captain 07428 527767

Derek Clements - Chairman 07810 493583

## Farming Round Up!

As this article is being written the forecast for the week ahead is dry and sunny weather. Many farmers have enjoyed the sunshine but as one local farmer told me, 'last year we had the heavy crops which needed hot sunny days to dry the grass but it wouldn't stop raining. This year we have plenty of sunshine but the crops are light due to the lack of rain and therefore dry very fast. Many second cut crops of silage or hay are well down on the normal yields.'

Dairy cattle are being buffer-fed as the grass dries up. Lambs that would normally fatten off grass are topped up with extra concentrates and the regular streams of water are slowly reducing to a trickle. Grazing fields reveal their hidden history below, like a main sewer line crossing a grazing field as the earth above dries out. Hopefully the dry spell will end soon and the rains return, but not too much! There really is no pleasing farmers!

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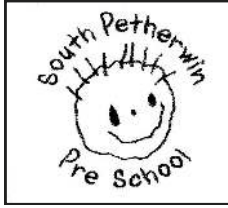
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# Plans for St Paternus Churchyard

## The Cake and Rakers Group

By Abi Caine and Karen Harry

You may have heard that there have been moves afoot to make some changes to the way St Paternus churchyard is managed. The churchyard has two sections - the newer area that is managed by the Parochial Church Council and will remain so, and the main section, which is designated as 'closed'.



As things stand, the closed churchyard is maintained by Cormac on behalf of Cornwall County Council. It is currently cut 3 times a year. Budget constraints mean this is unlikely to increase and the current approach has led to a number of issues and complaints from the community.

For large parts of the year graves that are still tended are inaccessible, and some headstones are sustaining damage. Wildlife is suffering as the current mowing regime is encouraging the growth of aggressive species like hogweed to the detriment of other plants and the insects that depend on them. Appearance is largely subjective, but there is no doubt the churchyard does not currently give an appearance of being cared for.

A new community group going by the name of South Petherwin Cake and Rakers (does what it says on the tin!) have put together a management plan that will bring the management of the grass cutting back to the parish and improve access, biodiversity and appearance, supported by the Living Churchyards Initiative, which is a joint project between





the Diocese of Truro and Cornwall Wildlife Trust. There are some hurdles to overcome in achieving this and the project will only be a success if the community is behind it.

To this end there will be a **Community Consultation in the Village Hall on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August, starting at 7.00pm**. This will be a chance to hear in detail what is being proposed and to offer any comments or suggestions. In the meantime, if anyone is interested in getting involved, we have a Facebook group (South Petherwin Cake and Rakers) that you would be welcome to join.

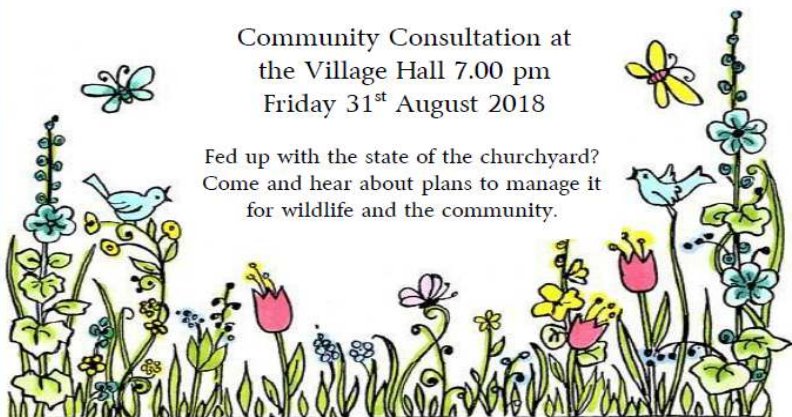


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### **St Paternus Churchyard South Petherwin**

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for wildlife and the community.



# Phew, What a Scorcher!

*By Alison Barham*

Those old enough will remember (through rose-tinted sunglasses) the summer of '76 and are probably even now comparing this summer to those balmy days. Met Office forecasters have reported that last month could be among the five warmest, driest and sunniest Junes since records began in 1910. For the first time in five years, all four of the UK's nations saw temperatures hit 30C.

The hottest temperature seen in the UK was 38.5C at Faversham, Kent on 10 August 2003. And we're a long way from June 1976, when temperatures topped 32C every day in parts of the country for 15 consecutive days. (A heatwave is defined by the Met Office as a period during which the daily maximum temperature exceeds the maximum normal temperature by 5C for more than five consecutive days.) Are we happy? Most people love the sun, but gardens are already starting to suffer and in some parts of the country roads have been melting in the heat. Train tracks have buckled as they reach temperatures of 50C and apparently, passengers on the London underground have been enduring temperatures as high as 35.4C, which is five degrees hotter than the legal maximum for transporting cattle. We have seen several devastating blazes on moorland, including Saddleworth Moor near Manchester, which firefighters say could take weeks to extinguish.

The RSPB is warning that high temperatures pose a threat to many of our favourite garden birds, while the RSPCA has called on pet owners to keep a close eye on their animals after receiving 625 calls in two weeks about animals in hot environments – the majority of them dogs in cars. Farmers are becoming increasingly worried about the impact on crops and cattle and there has been a big increase in the number of bloodsucking horseflies, which are now at levels commonly found in Mediterranean countries. Inevitably, hosepipe bans are being threatened....

Whatever the downsides, a spot of sun cheers most of us up no end. So enjoy the BBQs, the days at the beach and going out without worrying about taking a jumper, coat and umbrella, while you can (but don't forget your sunscreen!!).



## The Bluebell Forum

### Dear Editor

I really appreciated the bluebell article by Kaye Montgomery in the last parish magazine, which added to my reasonably good knowledge of the native bluebell. It has encouraged me to continue what I started in my own garden, to root out all Spanish bluebells and replace with native ones which I think have so much more appeal. It is yet another native species that is at risk of being taken over by the insidious encroachment of the Spanish variety. Probably we should be rooting out any we see growing in hedgerows, where they are very likely to interbreed with the English bluebell.



*English Bluebell*

Perhaps Kaye can tell me whether the occasional pink and white 'bluebells' I see growing wild are truly native or derived from the Spanish bluebell.

An excellent source for English bluebells is <http://www.naturescape.co.uk> who I have found to be very helpful. They do a range of bulbs, and the fact that mice or slugs or both tend to eat my bulbs is not their fault! If anyone has a solution to that problem I would be happy to hear about it.

**Jan Russell**

### Dear Jan

In response to your query, forms of white or pale pink bluebells can occur in both native and Spanish bluebells. I agree that the native variety is more appealing but Spanish bluebells are also attractive. We may indeed prefer to encourage native bluebells in our own gardens, but across the country cross-fertilisation between the two varieties is bound to occur whether we like it or not. After all that is part of the process of evolution.

I sympathise with your problem with mice and slugs. Avon Bulbs have a suggestion for dealing with the problem of mice by using buried mesh baskets (sold by garden centres for aquatic plants). As far as slugs are concerned I think no-one has the answer, except perhaps to encourage hedgehogs in your garden. Unfortunately if you have badgers in the vicinity, not only do they kill hedgehogs but they also dig up bulbs. We just have to learn to live with the good and the bad in nature. If we didn't have slugs and snails we wouldn't have song thrushes. Though it is infuriating to lose our carefully nurtured plants to slugs, mice, rabbits, squirrels, badgers, birds, we can enjoy the wealth of wildlife in our gardens.



**Kaye Montgomery**

## The Really Useful Page

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Methodist Coffee Morning	10.30am Sat 11th August & Sat 8th Sept	Methodist Hall	Tony Smith 782204
SING!	7-9pm Thursday	Village Hall	Sam Davies 07590 371796
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Skittles	7pm Tuesdays	Village Hall	Peter Northmore 778744 Vi Brook 779243
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The Parish Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall (in summer) and the Methodist Chapel Hall (in winter).

It is open for anyone to come and listen in.

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# A SIGHT TO LIFT YOUR HEART

WORDS AND PHOTO BY SUE VERNON



Perhaps many of you will know of the wild flowers on West Pentire headland, near Newquay? Last week I took my walking group there and all agreed that the longer than usual journey was well worth making. It is 40 miles away but only takes an hour to reach the pay and display car park for Polly Joke beach. From there, you walk down the lane into the field at the end and are met by the most glorious sight – crimson poppies mixed with golden corn marigolds, amongst which live 152 other species of wild flowers. All this against (on a sunny day) the backdrop of a deep blue sea & cornflower sky. It is breathtaking!!

The National Trust manage several of the fields on the headland for these beautiful flowers by simply ploughing them annually – poppies and others grow most readily in disturbed soil. Nothing extra is sown. There are other fields to wander through, but this year the field overlooking the sea was definitely the best one. There are in fact three different species of poppy to be found there – common poppies, rough poppies and the long-headed poppy. The back half of June and the beginning of July are the times to see this glory. I understand that the fields are also full of cowslips in April and May followed by thrift and sea campion in late May and early June so I must visit again and again next Spring. There's a very nice cafe and a pub on the headland, both overlooking Crantock beach: so make a note on the calendar for next year, it really is worth it. And the coastal scenery is not too shabby either!





## Hidden Valley—a hidden gem!

By Jo Tope



Despite living within twenty minutes of Kennard's

House for the majority of my life I had never ventured to Hidden Valley before, but I will certainly be visiting again. It's billed as 'fun for all ages' and although I usually read that as code for 'families with young children', myself and my partner (two 'grown ups' as we described ourselves to the ticket lady!) spent hours of fun unravelling the scavenger-hunt style puzzles and taking on the challenges of the Forbidden Mansion.

The indoor mansion was a welcome relief from the afternoon sun and allowed us to pretend we really were on the Crystal Maze as we'd always wished! However, it was the outdoor puzzles and the box hedge maze where we wiled away a happy few hours. It took this particular grown up a good ten minutes to get to the centre of the maze, and my other half was only a minute ahead despite being tall enough to cheat and see over the top of the hedges!

We also experienced the lovely little train which takes you on a tour of the site, and really shows off the pretty landscaping which you might not otherwise see when absorbed in puzzle-solving. The train provides an escape for those less inclined to sleuthing as well.

We didn't indulge in any tea and cake, but there is a restaurant there if you don't want to take a picnic. I would advise taking some water with you as you can walk yourself a reasonable distance away from the ticket office and café and might not want to trek back just for something to drink.

It was lovely to be able to be out and about without having to face the hordes on the beach – and right on our doorstep. It is as hidden as its name suggests but, in my book, well worth seeking out, especially if the sun keeps shining!



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## School News

By Helen Masters



The extension is finally finished and WOW! What a difference it has made. The hall is huge and the new trim trail is a big success. Look out for the details of the grand opening in the next issue.

This term has been packed! World Cup Wow Week, including Sports Day. Classes 3 and 4 had a fantastic day at Hidden Valley and also went on an interesting trip to the wind turbine. Classes 1 and 2 enjoyed a fun filled day at the beach.



Maddison, Jess, Josie and Grace were swimming finalists at the Cornwall games. In the Wake and Shake competition at Launceston College Grace, Josie, Jess, Charlotte, Lauren and Lily came 2nd.

Class 4 were lucky enough to work with The Royal Shakespeare Company and put on a

performance of Macbeth at Dingles Heritage fairground.

And finally.... due to government cuts to school budgets, Sandra Searle our lovely lunchtime assistant and cleaner who has been at the school for over 30 years, Rachael Gorman who has looked after reception children so well for 10 years and myself who has been in every class in the last 15 years, are all taking voluntary redundancy. I know I will really miss my school "family", particularly all the wonderful children.

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*Good luck and best wishes for the future to Sandra, Rachael and Helen. And a special thanks to Helen who for the last few years has added to her school workload by writing the 'school news' in each issue of the magazine. She is also our treasurer. Happily Helen will remain on the magazine committee and we are very grateful for all her hard work and commitment. Editor*





## Pre school News

By Rachel Jeffrey

We have had a very busy end of the school year. A new shed has been purposely designed and built in our garden by Careswell Landscaping and construction, for the children to be able to access their resources with ease and independence.

We have also had our annual sports day. The children did a fantastic job



taking part in the running, balancing and obstacle race. Many parents and families turned up to watch and support the children who all received a medal and ice lolly at the end.



With 15 of our children being lucky enough to join the primary school in September we are planning an end of year party for all the children. We are going to have Captain Coconut join us as the entertainment, and we are looking forward to seeing his performance with his giant bubbles.

Our next project is to replace the bark in the outdoor play area with synthetic grass, to make the area more versatile for the children to use in all weather.

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# Chapel Anniversary

*By Mary Stoneman*

The Chapel Anniversary was held on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm, led by Richard and Sheila Burt from Trekenner. The theme of the service was 'I am able, He is able'. They also spoke about each hymn they had chosen with this theme in mind. The final bible reading was taken from Hebrews Ch 2 verse 18 'And now he can help those who are tempted, because he himself suffered and was tempted'. The service concluded with the rousing hymn 'And Can it be that I should gain' written by Charles Wesley. The Chapel had been beautifully decorated for this occasion and a delicious afternoon tea was served in the schoolroom after the service .

The chapel was opened on 28<sup>th</sup> May 1872 with seating for 350 people and the services have continued for some 146 years. Centenary celebrations were held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1972 to include a special service, public luncheon and tea which was held in the marquee across the road in the field belonging to Mr J Parsons. The three-tiered cake was cut by the oldest member, Mrs Ivy Jenkin, who recalled that her mother attended the opening 100 years ago. An evening concert followed and supper to close. The chapel was packed for all of the services.

There was also a reopening of the chapel coinciding with the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1962 after extensive re-decoration and a new heating system was installed. There was a Marquee with catering for over 400 people and again a packed chapel for the special services. It has now undergone major repairs with a new roof and insulation added, also a new central heating boiler and as it is Grade 2 listed every repair has to be authorised by the appropriate body.

## Tea and Toast

The period leading up to the Centenary celebrations in the community has proved very topical at the Tea and Toast club held every Thursday morning during term time. The scarecrow festivities has created an excitement and the John Wesley entrant caused great interest with both Mums and children. A great atmosphere felt within the club.



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## Gardening Matters

As I write this we are in the middle of a heatwave and have seen little rain in the last two months. I realise that when you read this, the schools will be breaking up so we are bound to have seen a change in the weather and some rain again.

However, here are some gardening tips for prolonged spells of dry weather.



- \* Place moveable pots and containers out of full sun.

- \* Water in early morning or evening and prioritise plants that have been newly planted, are in containers, bedding plants and veg/salad crops. Established shrubs, trees and perennials in the ground should have established roots deep enough not to need continual watering.

- \* Use washing up water, bath water and avoid planting new plants until the autumn.

- \* Mow less frequently and raise the blades for a cut no shorter than 2.5 cms. If you leave the clippings on this also helps conserve moisture.

- \* Applying an extra layer of mulch in the spring and autumn when the soil is wet helps to keep the moisture in the soil.

- \* Cover ripening fruit with fleece or netting to stop the birds getting to them first.

- \* Keep harvesting salad and vegetable crops and deadheading flowers.

Sit back, relax and enjoy your garden!



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## **South Petherwin Website: [southpetherwin.com](http://southpetherwin.com)**



The South Petherwin website is now being managed by Phil Fox who is looking forward to his new role. He says, "It's always great to be able to contribute towards parish life.

Roger Pyke has done a marvellous job with the parish website, **[southpetherwin.com](http://southpetherwin.com)** over the years and I hope to continue to keep the good work going." The website has local news, information and minutes of the parish council meetings. If you would like to post something on the website

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## **Goodbye and thank you!**

After 6 ½ years as editor I have decided it is time to get my hat and coat (or maybe hang up my mouse?) and step down from being editor. I have loved being part of the creative, happy and extraordinarily noisy magazine committee that produce each issue, and of course it has been wonderful being involved in parish life.



Sadly there have been very few scandals or fake news debacles to report on, so I probably won't now be headhunted by The Sun. Nevertheless it has been a real pleasure to be editor of the South Petherwin magazine and I feel sure it will go from strength to strength when Alison Barham takes over as editor in September. She is a wonderfully funny, capable and efficient person so it wasn't hard for the committee to appoint her out of the thousands of applicants who wanted the post. Thank you everyone; contributors, advertisers, readers and our printer for the support and kindness you have shown me over the years.

***Helena Northmore***

## **Hurrah for Helena!**

The parish magazine committee sadly had their last meeting with Helena Northmore as the editor this month (see photo on the back page). Helena has been editor for 6 ½ years, which we worked out to be about 40 issues – amazing work! The magazine has gone from strength to strength under Helena's editorship and the whole committee will miss her. The magazine committee would like to extend our huge and heartfelt thanks for all the hard work that Helena has done, and we are very pleased to know that Helena will continue to be a contributor to the magazine in the future.

***Alison Barham and the magazine committee***



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