

South Petherwin Parish Magazine



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WITHY LANTERNS

Once again last December, and back by popular demand, Abi Caine and Helen Masters held a lantern making day in the village hall. Both children and adults took part and some wonderfully ambitious creations were made.

It was a great way to start Christmas.





AND CAROLS

Just before Christmas, the lantern makers and others from the parish, joined together to go carol singing around the village. About thirty people took part and it was wonderful to see a revival of this old tradition.

An amazing total of £96.00 was raised and was split equally between Little Harbour Children's Hospice and funds for a soon to be announced small project for the village hall and community.

Well done everybody! And a special thanks to Abi and Helen for all their hard work and the SP Community turbine fund for their grant.

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Parish Council News

Thank you very much for the warm welcome I have received since taking on the post of Parish Clerk in November 2017. Having grown up in the village it is wonderful that we are able to move back to the area after working away for so long and I am very pleased that I was successful in gaining the post of Parish Clerk.



This month your councillors' wish to let you know that the outcome of the Strategic Planning Committee at County Hall Truro on 21st December 2017 was that Cormac Solutions Limited' planning application for an asphalt plant at Bangors, Pennygillam has been approved. Also that the Council have purchased the red telephone box (by the pump) in the village and are keen to hear your ideas on how best to potentially use the box for the benefit of the Parish.

Please drop us an email or come along to the **Parish Council coffee morning on Saturday 24th February in the Methodist Church Hall between 10am and 12pm.** This coffee morning will be an opportunity to hear more about the role of the Council and to find out about the upcoming scarecrow festival, further details can be found on page 31 in this magazine.

Finally, the Council would like to sincerely thank Phil Fox for his time as Councillor and stand in Parish Clerk.

Thank you once again for your warm welcome and I look forward to an interesting 2018.

Rebecca Frame, South Petherwin Parish Clerk
parishcouncil@southpetherwinpc.org



This photo was sent in by a resident who litter picks in Tregaller Lane and shows what has been collected recently. This is so dangerous to our farm animals and wildlife.

Please take all litter home



OVER CONSUMPTION!



By Alison Barham

Did you know that £6 billion was spent on Christmas ads in the UK alone, with spend on them jumping 40% in 7 years. Even though the best of them may tug on our heart-strings, at the end of the day they are there to encourage you to spend more money in their stores. Figures say that the average UK spend on Christmas was £564, with 70% of that on Christmas presents. Luckily some people are able to pay for all this from their salaries or savings, but others max out their credit cards and some go into debt.

I was lucky enough to receive lots of lovely presents – an embarrassment of stuff. But many people receive gifts they don't want, and either throw them away, pass them on to someone else (sometimes as a present the next Christmas!) or even sell them on Amazon and EBay – joining the thousands of other 'unwanted Christmas gifts'. How sad.



So, instead of making a New Year's resolution that I will soon break, I have chosen to do one thing in January, and that is to NOT to buy any more 'stuff'. Groceries, essential toiletries and going out within reason are all 'allowed', but no more clothes, sale bargains, books, gadgets and bits for the house and particularly nothing from Amazon (which feels like you're not spending anything at all). Hopefully my credit card and bank balance will breathe a sigh of relief, and I won't go too crazy in February by launching myself at the nearest store armed with a list as long as your arm.

Tied in with this, I have also decided to have more experiences this year – visiting different places, going to hear live music, trying something new. Apparently, for the first time, spend on experiences has increased over spend on products, so I'm not alone in this. Experiences add to your memory bank, especially when shared with other people, whereas products and stuff just clutter up your home. In general, people are buying less things but making sure they are better quality so that they last. M&S for example, uses 'Spend It Well!' as their strapline.

So hopefully this year I will be spending 'well' and creating some memorable new experiences instead. I hope that you all have some great adventures and experiences with your friends and family in 2018.



Joy to the World!

PARISH CAROL SERVICE

The Parish Carol Service on Sunday 10th December was held at the Methodist Chapel which had been beautifully decorated to include a Christmas tree, window decorations and a nativity scene.

Dr Brian Davis led the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. The readings were given by representatives of various groups within the parish. Tony Stephens, Launceston Street Pastors: Barbara Cobbledick, St Paternus Church Warden: Teresa Mills, Head Teacher, South Petherwin School: Rebecca Frame, Clerk to Parish Council: Clare Beecham, Church Bell Ringer: Roger Parsons, Methodist Chapel : Sue Vernon, Parish Magazine Secretary: John Whale, Methodist Chapel. Dr Brian Davis read the final lesson and gave the blessing. Mrs Mary Stoneman was the organist.

The retiring collection raised £174 and was shared between Launceston Street Pastors and St Petroc's Society for the Homeless. This well attended and very popular traditional service was followed by tea/coffee, mince pies and cream served by members of the chapel.

Bloke and Blokette's Corner



When you see a thing of beauty it stands out. You may not be able to afford it, you may not even desire it, but its looks and design are inspiring. Not sure if any one in the Parish owns a luxury sports car like this one but you may be able to name the make and model

of this fine machine? So which is it ;Ferrari, Lamborghini or Tesla? Answers in the next issue!

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New Year ? New You? Slimming World comes to South Petherwin!



Despite Storm Eleanor, on a very wet and windy January night, South Petherwin Slimming World opened its doors for the very first time at the Methodist Chapel Hall, welcoming 29 new members from the village and surrounding areas.

Three years ago, Val who runs the group weighed nearly 17 stone. Her turning point was listening to a doctor talking about a

clinically obese patient with a suspected heart attack, and then the realisation he was talking about her. Joining slimming world completely changed her life and her relationship with food. She successfully lost just over 5 stone without ever being hungry, counting calories, or feeling guilty about eating the things she enjoyed most.

Feeling she has been given a second chance, Val wanted to help others to lose weight so decided to take a step into the unknown, became self employed, and trained to become a slimming world consultant.

Deciding where to hold the group was easy. Val lives at Lower Larrick and wanted somewhere close to home, out of town, which has plenty of parking. It had to be South Petherwin.

After speaking to the lovely Wendy Smith and Rev Jo Smart at The Methodist Chapel she knew she had made the right decision and would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their support.

From her own experience she knows that healthy eating, simply making the right choices combined with healthy living, and becoming a bit more active can have remarkable results.

See you on Tuesday evening!



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Use Less Plastic!

By Alison Barham



The environmental consequences of plastic use are massive, but there are some things we can all do about it, and it is in the news a lot at the moment. The production and distribution of plastic has a huge carbon footprint, and many plastic products are designed to be disposable, and are destined for the landfill after just one use. Recycling is not the perfect solution either as plastic is never able to be truly recycled and converted back into what it was. At best it can be down-cycled into another product, such as textiles, and at worst it ends up in landfill, or littering the countryside, waterways, and oceans. It takes 450 – 1,000 years for plastic to degrade.

An estimated 12.7 million tonnes of plastic end up in our oceans each year. Nearly half of all plastics float and it can drift for years on the ocean currents before eventually turning up on beaches, remote islands or trapped in Arctic ice. Furthermore, it is estimated that 100,000 marine mammals and a million seabirds die every year through entanglement in and ingestion of marine litter.

If you love Cornish beaches, there are plenty of initiatives for joining in with beach cleaning, either on special organised days (eg. The Great British Beach Clean or Surfers Against Sewage) or by collecting and disposing of a few items of rubbish every time you enjoy your local beach, such as Widemouth Bay. There is also a new campaign titled 'The Final Straw Cornwall' which is aiming to prevent further plastic pollution by becoming the first county to ban plastic straws in order to protect its beaches (an estimated 8.5 billion straws are used in the UK every year).

• Apart from recycling the plastic that you do use at home, check out the Less Plastic website (www.lessplastic.co.uk) for some great tips to reducing your own plastic consumption including:

- -Use your own shopping bags
- -Carry a reusable water bottle
- -Pack your lunch in reusable containers
- -Say no to disposable straws and cutlery
- -Skip the plastic produce bags in the supermarket

- Use bamboo toothbrushes instead of plastic ones
- Use soap instead of handwash and shower gels in plastic containers
- Take your own cup to the coffee store. Currently Costa, for example, knock 25p off your drink if you bring your own cup. (The government are now thinking about a 'Latte Levy' on disposable cups that would ADD 25p onto your coffee! There are also calls for a complete ban on all disposable cups by 2023 unless manufacturers can make them recyclable.)



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The Mystery Visitor

By Helena Northmore



Last November, Graham Davey, who lives in a cottage in the middle of the village, noticed a man walking up and down the road outside his house. In all honesty Graham thought he looked a bit suspicious. He carried on with his building work in the house, and the next thing he knew the man was standing behind him in his doorway. It was obvious the stranger didn't speak English. He looked at Graham's tools, picked up a plastering trowel and indicated he would be happy to plaster the wall. Graham says it was obvious he knew what he was doing, so was happy to let him.

Over the next hour they communicated through sign language, pidgin English and some opera Italian Graham had learnt from singing lessons. He discovered the man was from Romania where he had a wife and two daughters, and was currently working in an abattoir or butchers. His name was Gogu and he was 62. He made a good job of plastering the wall but made it clear he didn't want any payment. They had a cup of tea together, 'talked' some more and the man left with Graham saying he was welcome to come back anytime. A few days later he knocked on Graham's door and stayed just long enough to tell him his job was 'kaput' and 'no more'.



Graham hasn't seen him since and has no idea what he was doing in the village. But he says he's sorry he has gone, as they got on well, and both seemed surprised at how much they could communicate with no language in common.

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Methodist Coffee morning	10.30am Sat 13th Jan + 10th Feb	Methodist Hall	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) 9.30am	Methodist Hall	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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Rubbish is collected every **WEDNESDAY** in the village of South Petherwin but see Cornwall council website (details below) for other areas in the parish.

Recycling is collected on alternate **WEDNESDAYS**. Next recycling dates are **31st Jan 14th and 28th Feb**

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

Parish Councillors are:

Chairman: Phil Parsons

Clerk: Rebecca Frame

email;

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METHODIST NEWS

By Mary Stoneman



Christingle Service

On Tuesday 19th December, Headteacher Teresa Mills led the South Petherwin Primary School's Christingle Service held in chapel on the last day of term. Rev Jo Smart gave a Christmas message and concluded the service with a blessing. This was a very well supported event and the chapel was full to capacity to watch the delightful programme given by the pupils and share in their service.

A Message from Rev Jo Smart;

The Time of the Prayer Meetings has Changed

We will now be meeting at chapel on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each Month (excluding Bank Holidays) at 4.00pm. We will be reflecting on the Methodist Church 'A Discipling Presence' book as we continue to pray for the life and work of the chapel and the community it serves. All are welcome to join us as we pray and discuss the future of this chapel.

Chapel Lunch Club

On Monday 18th December, following a long break everyone was pleased to return to the newly decorated Sunday Schoolroom and continue with the lunch club event. Members sat down to enjoy their Christmas lunch and tucked into roast turkey and all the trimmings, followed by a choice of Christmas pudding, fresh fruit salad or trifle, tea/coffee and stollen bites. All prepared and served by our willing band of helpers. Rev Jo Smart led a short carol service when members chose their favourite carols to sing and which was accompanied by Mary Stoneman on the keyboard. A hearty rendition of 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas, concluded the afternoon. All had enjoyed a good chat and catch up after the long break. Donations were invited for the Cornwall Air Ambulance and Launceston Town Band and a total of £120.00 was collected and shared between each charity.



CHURCH NEWS

By Clare Beecham



Christingle Workshop and Service

The first weekend in December saw a buzz of activity at the Saturday coffee morning as adults and children alike, made their Christingles ready for the Christingle Service on the following day. During the service we learnt about what each part of the Christingle represented. Then, we lit our Christingles and created a circle of light around the church, representing God's love circling the earth. This was the first community Christingle that had been held at the church for many years and it was also the first time that 14 year old guest organist, Edward Lancaster, had played for a service at our church. Thank you Edward for doing such a wonderful job!

Quiz Night... A Date for Your Diary!

After a fun-filled evening in the autumn, we will be holding another Quiz Night on Friday 23 February in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Teams can be any size, up to a maximum of 6 people. There will be a charge of £3 per person. Don't worry if you can't put a team together, come along anyway and make up a team with other people on the night! Nibbles will be provided and tea and coffee will be available to purchase during the interval. In addition, everyone is welcome to bring their own alcoholic or non-alcoholic drinks. There will also be a raffle. Please come along and support this local event. Proceeds will go towards church funds.

Gift Day – a Big “Thank You” to Friends Near and Far

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to the upkeep of our church at the Gift Day in November. The costs associated with the upkeep of such an historic building can be substantial and the Parish Church Council (PCC) are continually looking for new ways to raise funds to meet all of the expenses. The annual insurance charge for the church this year alone cost in the region of £1,700. Therefore, the PCC would like to thank everyone who contributed toward the £935 that was raised.

Calling all musicians!

As you will have seen from another article, (see page 28) we are temporarily without an organist. If there are any organists, or other musicians; who would be prepared to play at our service on the occasional Sunday, then we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Val Adams on: 774244.

RACE FOR ME!

By Cherry Pyke

Following my article about ME (myalgic encephalomyelitis) published in a previous issue of this magazine, I decide to take some action and sign up for the TAVY 13 Half Marathon on 18th March to raise £500 for Invest in ME Research (IiMER).

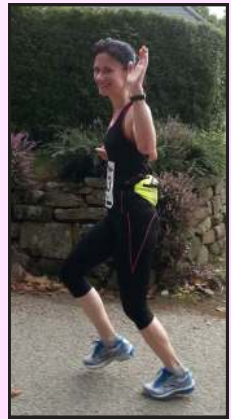
Like most people, I feel like a stuffed pony after Christmas and when the weather outside is nose-numbingly cold or horribly wet, it's very difficult to emerge from a warm house and stomp through freezing puddles on tarmac. Blessed with a fortnight of the prevalent cold and cough virus, my training plan is woefully late to start.

Nevertheless, once I set up a Just Giving page and people begin to donate, a ripple of enthusiasm scrapes me into movement, coupled with a sense of panic that I only have a few weeks left before I tackle the Tavistock hills and Dartmoor fringes without wobbling into a hedge. Barking like a seal, I stride out with determination and manage six miles - my mission has begun.

So, if you were touched by my article and would like to support the tide-turning research into ME, I would be incredibly grateful if you would please sponsor me on the link below - it's in the name of my blog, Bright Margins. If you prefer, you can contact me on 07974 505637 and I will bring a sponsorship form to your door. I'd also recommend that you watch the new award winning documentary film,

'Unrest' which is now available to order from Amazon. It's a game changer. Thank you so much.

<http://www.justgiving.com/BrightMargins>
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Village Hall News

We are pleased to report that the hall was quite well used in 2017. Apart from the regular users – Skittles, Table tennis, Bingo, Christmas Lantern making and summer Parish Council meetings - there were also several private parties, both adult and children's. We were delighted when the school once again made use of the premises for a Halloween party, and there have also been sporadic martial arts classes. Now that the stage has been dismantled there is more floor space, which has been appreciated by both the skittles and table tennis groups. The committee comprises of Peter Vernon as Chairman, Helen Masters as Treasurer, Ali Barham as Secretary and Sue Vernon as Lettings Officer, together with several other members.

Please take note that as from **February 2018**, the **Lettings Officer will be Alison Barham - 777561, together with Phil Fox 773125**, so please contact either of them to book the hall. We do hope that the village will continue to support the hall this coming year so that it can be maintained in as good a condition as possible. If you have any ideas regarding use of the hall, do please contact one of the committee – we would love to hear from you.

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School News

By Helen Masters



Happy New Year!

Our building works continue, delayed slightly due to the weather. The builders have just knocked through Class 2 into the extension and we hope to be back in our classroom in the next couple of weeks. The Hall and Class 1 are next and the work should be completed by the end of February. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Untrue rumours

There have been some rumours about the school becoming an academy ... this is NOT true and the governors do not have any plans for the school to become an academy. North Petherwin has become an academy though so maybe this is where the confusion has happened!



I can see the rainforest

By Elliot aged 9

I can see scientists picking plants
I can see the endless tapping of ants
I can see the falling of trees
I can see a hive of humming bees
I can see a colossal fire as big as the sky
I can see the trees that are waving goodbye
I can see a berry like a skittle
I can see an explorer named Ben Little
I can see the death of antelope
I can see that man can't cope
I can see the vicious jaws of piranhas
I can see the growing of bananas
I can see something eating a bug
I can see the huge hole the loggers dug
I can see the shining rays of the
beautiful sun
I can see this poem is now
officially done.



And thanks to ..

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Salt for the wildlife magazines, we will find them very useful. After half term we are having a 'wow week' with the theme of 'Arts and Crafts'. If you would like to share a talent such as knitting, pottery, embroidery, patchwork, painting etc. with us we would love to hear from you.



Greedy Sheep!

This is the time of year when the feed bag comes out for all the expectant mummy sheep, topping them up with extra protein for the lambs they are carrying inside them. And as ever there's always one who thinks to herself if only I could get myself, nose first, into that bag of feed. Of course once in then it's eat every last crumb of corn

until she reaches the bottom. Not surprisingly her mates are none to impressed as she's



LIFE BEGINS AT 80!

Congratulations!

Mike Ratcliff

Landlord at
the Winds of Change Pub

Who passed his advanced
drivers course,
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to Gordon Maunder!

St Paternus Church has been fortunate enough to have Gordon Maunder as its organist for the past 20 years. A regular worshipper at the Methodist Chapel, Gordon generously realised that we also needed his skills at the church. He has used his talent as a musician to lead our church in worship and praise to God. Organists show a lot of commitment to the church that they serve. They provide an integral role to its services, but they rarely get the recognition that they deserve. We therefore wanted to take this opportunity to thank Gordon for everything that he has done for us, to acknowledge the huge number of hours he has played the organ at services and to show gratitude for his all his kindness.

Gordon will now be taking a break from this role for a few months whilst he waits for a hip operation. Get well soon Gordon, we look forward to welcoming you back!

King (pin) Charles in South Petherwin

At risk of upsetting those in high places, we got a King Charles first! Charles Wonnacott is crowned as the undisputed King Pin Competition winner of South Petherwin Skittles Club. His exploits on the alley this year were second to none. He graciously accepted the first prize of a small trophy, a place on the honours board, a bar of chocolate and a handshake from the Chairman.

The Skittles club is open to all and is a social event. We meet in the village hall on Tuesdays at 7pm and the games usually last until about 9pm. Membership ages range from 50's to 90's. Everyone is welcome. There are competitions amongst ourselves a couple of times a year but we do not play in a league and only occasional friendlies against other social skittles clubs. A regular comment is, "Where else could you get good company, a cup of tea/coffee and a raffle, as well as lots of fun and the chance of a bar of chocolate, all for £2.50?"



All money is used to either replace equipment or to pay towards social events for members. Give it a try. Turn up on a Tuesday or telephone Peter Northmore 778744, or Vi Brook 779243.

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Congratulations Rev Heather West,



on gaining a B.A
degree in
theology for the
ministry. Seen here
at the graduation
ceremony
at Durham
University on
11th January



**South Petherwin Parish Council
And the Parish Magazine
invite you to a coffee morning
on Saturday 24th February
between 10am and 12pm
at the Methodist Church Hall**



Drop in at the Methodist Church Hall on Saturday 24th February between 10 –12 pm for coffee and cake. Take a look at the proposed May 100 year commemoration ideas, including WW1 exhibition and a re-launch of The Scarecrow Festival, or tell us your ideas on a use for the decommissioned Red Telephone Box.


Come and meet your Councillors, and Parish Magazine committee ; ask questions and take a look at the Parish map/boundary - Pennygillam to Polyphant..Are you able to help with any of the upcoming events? Are you interested in becoming a Parish Councillor? What's involved? How much time will it take?

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 24th February.

Parish Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
Mon 29th Jan	12.30 Lunch Club	Methodist Hall
Sat 3rd Feb	10-12 Coffee Morning	Church
Sat 10th Feb	10.30 Coffee Morning	Methodist Hall
Friday 23rd Feb	7.30 QUIZ (page 30)	Village Hall
Sat 24th Feb	10-12 Parish Council (page 30) and Magazine Coffee morning	Methodist Hall
Monday 26th Feb	12.30 Lunch Club	Methodist Hall

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