



Mobile Post Office In South Petherwin



But When Will It Arrive?

See Page 6 for full story!



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

It was lovely to meet so many people at the joint coffee morning held by the Parish Council and the Parish magazine at the end of February. A plethora of ideas were offered and a working group convened in order to plan an end of May 2018 celebratory

event. If you would like to volunteer to be involved in the working group please let me know via email. (details below)

You may also be pleased to hear that South Petherwin will be benefitting from a mobile post office service. Starting at a date yet to be arranged, a Post Office van will park in the Methodist Church car park each Tuesday and Friday between 1245 and 1345.



Joint Parish Council and magazine coffee morning held on 24th February in the Methodist Chapel Hall.

Speeding through villages such as South Petherwin remains a constant concern and to help address this Cornwall Council is to support the formation of mobile speed watch teams. Volunteers will be trained by the police to carry out speed checks whereupon speeding vehicle registrations will be recorded and action will be taken by the police for repeat offenders. Volunteers will work in villages outside of their own and will be asked to carry out speed watch duties once every two months. That all means that our Parish may have a team coming to South Petherwin soon. If you wish to become involved and would like to become a speed watch volunteer please let me know via email.



Cllr Phil Parsons, chair of the parish Council, with Julie Butler

Finally for many years Roger Pyke has provided a hub for Parish information through his dedication and time given in generating and operating the parish website. The Parish Council sincerely thanks Roger for his unstinting service; he will be greatly missed but hands on the baton to Phil Fox. Accordingly, please now contact Phil with details of events or information that you wish to be distributed to the Parish.

Rebecca Frame, Parish Council Clerk
Email ; parishcouncil@southpetherwinpc.org



Centenary Celebrations



South Petherwin Parish Council and The Parish Magazine are planning to Relaunch 'The Scarecrow Festival' from 19th -28th of May Bank Holiday weekend. The theme will revolve around the 100 year celebrations and commemorations including the 1st WW, Votes for Women and the formation of the RAF.

Events planned will include a Scarecrow Workshop on Saturday 19th May at the village hall and Parish Walk from the village hall to Tregadillet stopping off at the Eliot Arms Square and Compass for refreshments.



Then on the following Saturday at the Methodist Hall there will be an exhibition of 'The Fallen from the Parish Of South Petherwin 1914-1918' and a final opportunity to share memories. On Bank Holiday Monday at 2pm parishioners can follow the Scarecrow Trail around the village starting at the Village Hall and returning to enjoy a "Suffragette Cream Tea". It's hoped to make the whole weekend a family time with a bouncy castle or games

The mobile Skatepark was always a popular event for young people but the company that ran it no longer exists. However, the Council are looking at alternatives. A leaflet with more details will be delivered during May and info up dates on the parish website southpetherwin.com. If you would like to help or have an event you could run then contact **Rebecca Frame, the Parish Council Clerk** at parishcouncil@southpetherwinpc.org or **Phil Parsons** on 07737008416.

New Community Choir in South Petherwin

"Sing! South Petherwin" will be a new fortnightly community choir starting in March, with a focus on singing, socialising and fun! If you like to sing, they want to hear from you! No performance experience is required, and knowledge of music theory isn't necessary. The main aim of the club is to get people together to enjoy a common hobby in a relaxed friendly atmosphere.

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SNOW IN MARCH!

Who'd have believed it? Snow in March! The first few days of the month saw the 'beast from the east'; a cold easterly wind, temperatures well below freezing and three days of snow.



Some loved it but for others it brought inconvenience and disruption. The village school closed and many people struggled to get to work in the icy conditions. The roads in Launceston were particularly treacherous. The very low temperatures created beautiful icicles on the old quarry bank on the road out of the village.

For many it was a wonderful time to don scarves, gloves and woolly hats and drag out the

toboggan and sledge for some fun on the slopes around South Petherwin.



Photo's by Sue Vernon, Helen Masters Alison Barham and Phil Parsons

New Mobile Post Office in South Petherwin

A small group of people had gathered in the Methodist Chapel car park on Tuesday 20th March lunchtime, some clutching parcels. What were they there for? They were eagerly awaiting the arrival of the new mobile post office, which had been promised to start the week beginning 19th March, and to serve the rural communities of St Merryn, St Issey, St Kew Highway, Tintagel, South Petherwin, Port Isaac and Rock who are all without a post office service.

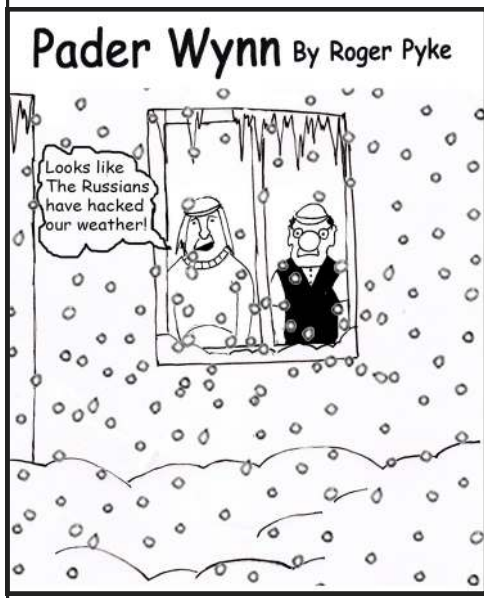
But nothing appeared on the horizon and, slightly deflated, the small troupe of people who had been hoping to support the new service went home, letters and parcels still in hand. We have since heard that the Post Office van is having technical problems with the new kit they are fitting inside it, and it may not make its appearance until after Easter.

When the service starts, the post office van will be operated by Darren Wills, the postmaster for St Breward Post Office and seen on the right in the photo above, with Lewis Horn the Area Network Change Manager. Both are optimistic that the new



service will meet a need in the parish. “I’m really looking forward to getting out and about, meeting local people and hopefully they will use the services we offer. I’d like to thank the Methodist Church for allowing us to use the car park as it’s an ideal location “. Phil Parsons, Parish Council Chairman said “ It’s good news for the village to be getting the Post Office Service back”.

The mobile Post Office van will be in South Petherwin Methodist Chapel car park on Tuesdays and Fridays from 12.45—13.45 Please look out for signs around the village as to when it is expected to start.





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The Shepherdess!

By Cllr Phil Parsons

Bottle feeding orphaned lambs has always been the one job the farmer has longed to pass on to his partner indoors or children. But one bright farmer came up with the self feeding Shepherdess. Simply place some water in the bottom of an insulated bucket with a fish

tank heater in the bottom. Then warm it up and place another bucket with warm milk inside, fix two sucking tubes into the milk. All connected to two external teats for the lambs to suck. Once they get used to it away they go! Once or twice a day you top up the milk and the rest is down to the lambs to help themselves as if it were their mum!



South Petherwin's got talent!!

Do you know how many very talented young people there are in the parish and the surrounding villages? STERTS, the theatre on the moor is a unique canvas-tented theatre at Upton Cross, near Minions, just over 7 miles further along the B3254 towards Liskeard. It has grown to be a force to be reckoned with in the Theatre and Arts world and now also has a new Youth Theatre Group which encourages and trains young people who want to act, dance and sing.

One such person, attending for the first time, is 11yr old Jess Berry, of Tregaller, who has got a part in Fagin's Gang in Oliver, one of this season's in-house shows. She first went on stage in Snow White at North Hill's panto and quickly decided that she wanted to do more. Last year, Eleanor Baron from Tiny Meadows, enjoyed herself acting at Sterts in Bussy Malone and as a result, will be appearing in Sister Act in Liskeard in April. She also has ballet lessons at Sterts and dances in their annual Dance show. She now plans to study Drama at school. In the surrounding villages of Coads Green, North Hill and Trebursye there are other youngsters who also act at Sterts **and** are going from strength to strength. Two of these are Lowen and Reuben Cole of North Hill – Reuben attends South Petherwin School, as did Lowen until she moved up to Launceston College.

Don't miss any opportunity go and see some of the in-house shows and see who you recognise – I promise that you will be amazed at the quality and confidence of these young people who are making the most of this wonderful facility.

Sue Vernon

NESTING TIME

By Kaye Montgomery



A wren's nest in the roof of a woodshed

In spite of the unusually cold weather that we had in February, the birds were determined that spring was on the way. As soon as there was a blink of sunshine the air was full of birdsong and nest-building was underway.

Different species have their own favourite types of nesting places and their own methods of nest-building.

Robins' and blackbirds' nests are usually in hedges, shrubs or clumps of ivy fairly close to the ground.

Swallows, which come later, often build in the roofs of outbuildings, sheds or garages. Wrens have been known to re-use the previous year's swallow nests, building their own structure on top. And indeed it is not unknown for the swallows to arrive later, remove the wren's top structure and reuse their own old nests.

Building materials also vary with the species. Robins use moss on a base of dead leaves, house sparrows grass and straw lined with feathers, blackbirds grass and moss lined with mud and fine grass. Long tailed tits build balls of moss, cobweb and lichen and line them with hundreds of feathers.

The cock wren builds a number of domed nests, each one made of moss, dry grass and dead leaves, sometimes with bracken. The hen wren selects the one she likes and lines it with feathers. Once estab-



This enterprising bird has incorporated some high tech materials into its nest, including binder twine

lished with a brood in the nest the little birds are very persistent in continuing their duties of parenthood whatever is going on around them. They have been known to continue feeding while a dry stone wall was being constructed around the nest. The builders left a gap all round the nest and went back and filled in it after the birds had fledged.



Julie Mitchell saw this little bird (left) in her garden at the end of February. She thinks it is a redwing but said she hadn't seen one like it in her garden before. She saw two of them chasing around and pecking around the base of her fir tree. Anyone know what it is?

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and every Thursday during term time.

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At: **South Petherwin Methodist Chapel Hall.**

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme



ALERT!

Please be aware that there have been reports of a group of three door step callers trying to sell pictures. Please report any concerns to the Police 101 contact number and be aware at all times, especially if anyone should offer to take you to the bank to withdraw cash.

There have also been reports of people driving white vans, trying to collect scrap albeit then returning later and helping themselves. Please contact the Police on 101 if you suspect anything suspicious at all in your area.

Launceston and District U3A Speakers day

The annual Speakers Day of Launceston and District U3A is this year being opened to interested non-members of the U3A.

Taking place on **Tuesday April 17th, 10.15-3.15, at the Town Hall** it will feature three guest speakers:

Professor Richard Handy on "It's a Small World: the wonders of nanotechnology", Ian Gasper on "The Galapagos: wildlife, birds and Darwin" and Lynn Goold, a registered Blue Badge guide, on "Daphne du Maurier's Cornwall."

Further information and booking forms can be obtained from Alan Maizels, U3A Secretary,
at alanmaizels@hotmail.co.uk
or on 07766 707245.

Parish Magazine Committee



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Introducing the parish magazine committee!

We are looking for someone new to join us. If you are interested in the parish, know one end of the computer from the other, and are willing to write the occasional article for the magazine then this might be for you!

Email or ring any of the committee and come along to one of our committee meetings to find out what we do.

**Look forward to
hearing from you!**



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773125*

Cars, Bikes and Old Cars!



In the last issue we asked if you could name this car—the ultimate driving machine. It was of course a Lamborghini Aventador with a 690hp engine, 7 speed semi auto gearbox and top speed of 217mph. 0-60mph in 3 seconds!

In this issue we have have one of the classic motorbikes of all time. Name the make and model and if you know any other facts send them to the magazine at philp101p@gmail.com



Austin Metropolitan.

Seeing the article “guess the car” in the last issue reminded me of my early motoring days. My first car was a 1936 Morris 8 Series 2. It had wooden floorboards, cable brakes which didn't always work and huge spring bumpers. Oh, before I forget, it also had a six volt battery, foot operated single dip headlights and windscreen wipers that eventually worked their way up and above the screen. At no extra cost a wrist breaking starting handle was included. Bought for £15 with a broken half shaft which I repaired myself in a friends fathers garage.

I eventually graduated to a series of Ford Populars and Anglias before settling on a 1950s Austin Metropolitan. Built at Longbridge in the 1950s and very early 60s, it had a two tone Fraser Nash American style body with a column gear change, white wall tyres, built in radio, spare wheel attached to the boot which could only be accessed from inside the car. Mine was turquoise and white. I loved driving it around Plymouth in the early/mid 1960s.



Angela Rippon, who then lived in Plymouth, also had one. There were not many Metropolitans around Plymouth and there was a wandering hub cap amongst them which went from car to car. One day it was on my car, the following day it would be gone and someone else had a complete set. Those were the days when owners of similar unusual cars would acknowledge each other—but we never mentioned the wandering hub cap!.

Peter Northmore

The Really Useful Page

<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>WHO</u>
Methodist Lunch Club	12.30 26 March 12.30 30 April	Methodist Hall	Wendy Smith 782204
Methodist Coffee morning	10.30am Sat 14 April Sat 12 May	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
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Skittles	7pm Tuesdays	Village Hall	Peter Northmore 778744 Vi Brook 779243
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South Petherwin Parish Council

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;

parishcouncil@southpetherwinpc.org

Councillors:

Michael Screech, Adrian Finnimore,
Roger Kneebone, Dawn Rogers,
Phil Parsons, and Chris Powlesland

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Methodist Hall To hire hall, contact Wendy Smith 782204

METHODIST NEWS

By Mary Stoneman



South Petherwin Methodist Chapel Anniversary Celebrations

Sunday 13th May at 3.00pm

To be led by Sheila and Richard Burt from
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ALL WELCOME



*The chapel in the snow earlier this month.
Photo by Sue Vernon*



Dates for Your Diary

Lunch Club

Monday 26th March at 12.30
Monday 30th April at 12.30
Methodist Hall
Wendy Smith 782204

Coffee Morning

10.30-12
Saturday 14th April
Saturday 12th May
Methodist Hall
Tony Smith 782204

Lent Lunch

Friday 23rd March
12-2.00pm

Fancy a trip to the local theatre?

I wonder if anyone would be interested in a mini bus (or possibly a car) trip to a matinee performance of 'Oliver' this summer at STERTS Theatre at Upton Cross?

You would have to wrap up well and take a cushion to pad the wooden seats, but you will be impressed with the professionalism of the amateur cast and I know, from experience, that it will be a fun performance.

Give me a ring on 772640 if you are interested - if there is enough response, I will see how much the bus would be.

Sue Vernon



CHURCH NEWS

St Paternus Church (Cof E)

By Clare Beecham



Quiz Night

Over 30 people attended our second quiz night at the village hall last month. Thank you to everyone who braved the elements on such a cold night to help us to raise funds towards the upkeep of the church. With Robin West as our quiz master, we all enjoyed a night of friendly competition. First place this time went to "The Legal Eagles". Well done to that team!

Coffee Mornings

The monthly coffee mornings have continued into the New Year and have built up a regular group of attendees. Unfortunately, the extreme weather conditions that we experienced at the beginning of March, meant that we had to cancel. However, we will be back again at the beginning of April when we hope that the weather will be much kinder to us! We will be continuing with the coffee mornings on the first Saturday of each month, so please drop in. It is a great way to get to know other people in the village.

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Thanks to Roger Pyke as he hands over the reins....

Roger Pyke, who was instrumental in setting up the parish website and also moving it to more accessible format on WordPress in 2016, is now handing over the reins, after many years in this voluntary post.

The website was an idea formed by the parish council and the parish magazine to inform parishioners about parish council news, local events and information and parish history to name a few. It was set up in 2005 (if my sources are correct!) and Roger designed the layout and has been running it since then. Apart from improving the format and accessibility by moving it to WordPress, (no mean feat), he has also patiently trained parish clerks (including myself) on how to update the parish council pages.

The magazine committee would like to extend our huge and heartfelt thanks for the all the work that Roger has done, and I'm sure the parish council and other parish societies will join us in wishing him all the best.

The website is a community tool for everyone to use, but it is dependent on receiving up to date information to keep it relevant and informative. **Phil Fox will be taking over the running of the website, and he can be contacted at phillip_fox@yahoo.co.uk.**



Alison Barham

Papillon Fund

The Cornwall Community Foundation is welcoming applications to the Papillon Fund for the benefit of the local community. Small grants are available to grassroots, front line, volunteer led organisations who are making a positive impact in and around South Petherwin.



The Papillon Fund supports community projects, within the parishes of St Thomas and South Petherwin and since 2015 more than £16,000 has been awarded to local groups. Out of area applications may be considered on the condition the beneficiaries attending the project reside within the listed Parishes (evidence of this will be required). Grants range from £250 to £1,000, larger sums can be awarded in exceptional circumstances.

Application forms and grant guidelines, including full eligibility, are available to download from **www.cornwallfoundation.com**,
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The deadline for applications is 9th April.

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School News

By Helen Masters



This Spring (hopefully we will get some warmer weather!) we started with a wonderful WOW week about journeys which links to our new topic Amazing Adventures. The children thought about where they would like to travel and we learned about famous explorers and adventurers for example Amelia Earhart and Mark Beaumont (the British cyclist who rode around the world in 78 days last year!) We celebrated world book day by sharing our favourite books and dressing as book characters.



Coming up :

Class 2 visit Morwellham Quay

Class 1 visit Deer Park Education centre

Richard Long , an engineer, is coming in to school to work with KS1 and help them to make their own moving vehicles.

Class 4 are working towards their SATS and looking forward to Camp Kernow in May.

23rd March PTA Bingo All are welcome.

Who wore this little sailor suit?

Lawrence House Museum will soon be opening for the 2018 season but we have a question for you. Do you have any idea who might have worn this little sailor suit? It has turned up in an unlabelled box in Lawrence House Museum's costume collection and we have no information about when it might have been given to the museum or by whom. It is entirely authentic, having been made by naval outfitters, C H Bernard & Sons Ltd, of Harwich who had branches in every naval port and certainly had shops in Keyham, Devonport and Royal Parade, Plymouth. So have you seen a photo of grandad or dad as a child proudly wearing such a suit?



If you have any information, please contact Rosemary Jackson, costume curator at the museum on 01566 773277 or email lawrence-housemuseum@yahoo.co.uk We look forward to hearing from you.

The museum will re-open on Monday 26 March 2018 at 10.30am and entry is still free. Check out our website at www.lawrencehousemuseum.org for opening times.

Local choir that's a treat to listen to!

By Sue Vernon

BEL CANTO is a local choir formed about two years ago by singer Shelley Jeffery who lives in Daw's House. They practise weekly, singing a variety of music chosen by members of the group. Regular weekly singing with expert tuition from Shelley has meant that they all feel confident and happy to give concerts for charity. If you have yet to hear them, or are keen to hear them again, then here are two opportunities this Spring; They are singing in St Giles-on-the-Heath village hall on **Saturday April 28th** in aid of the local primary school, and in the Central Methodist Church, Launceston on **Friday 18th May**. The Launceston Male Voice choir will join them for that event which will be in aid of a charity called ICP Support. ICP is a potentially serious liver disorder that can occur during pregnancy, with sometimes fatal results for the baby.

Do try and get to these concerts for such worthwhile causes if you can – you will certainly have a delightful evening!



*Front row L to R: Lucy De Glanville, Claire Martin
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Gardening Matters

Recent reports in the gardening press recognise the health benefits of gardening. Fresh air, being close to nature and physically working the ground all boost well-being. The weather hasn't been very kind to gardeners so far this year, but things change so quickly this time of year and there is always something new to see.



Jobs in Spring

- Start mowing lawns and put the blades on a high setting for the first cut. Aerate the ground with a fork or aerator to help improve drainage and reduce the moss.
- Cut back the dead flower spikes of heathers after flowering but take care not to cut into old wood.
- Clumps of snowdrops, primroses and hellebores can be lifted and divided to help them to spread. Also perennials can be lifted and divided now to make new plants.
- Start sowing seeds indoors or in a greenhouse of annual flowers such as Sweet Peas, Cosmos and Zinnias and vegetables such as tomatoes, beet-root, radish, lettuce, broad beans to plant out in May.
- First and second early potatoes need less space to grow so are perfect for containers or raised beds. Use an enriched compost and bury the seed potato just below the surface. As shoots grow, cover with more compost. Water regularly and by June/July your potatoes should be ready.
- Prune buddlejas, hydrangeas, clematis that flower after the end of June, willow and dogwoods grown for bright winter stems.
- Spring is a good time to mulch the borders to boost the plant growth, reduce the weeds, retain moisture and make them look tidy.

For those who don't already know, Gardeners World weekly programme started again this month. There are very good gardening radio programmes on BBC Radio 4 Gardeners Question Time on Fri/Sun and Radio Cornwall and Radio Devon have gardening programmes on Sunday mornings.

Ella Payne

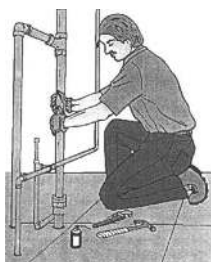
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Wed 11th April	7.30 Parish Council Meeting	Methodist Hall
Sat 14th April	10.30-12.00 Coffee morning	Methodist Hall
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