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### Changes to the Magazine Committee

Goodbye and thank you to Vanessa Elcock who has recently left the Magazine committee due to work and family commitments. She has done a wonderful job for the last three years coordinating all the advertising space in the magazine and we wish her well.

We are very pleased to welcome two new comers to the committee; Mary Stoneman and Alison Barham. We hope they will enjoy their time with the magazine.

### Parish Magazine Committee

Helena Northmore (778744 hmnorthmore@msn.com) Helen Masters (775545) Phil Parsons (777179), Cherry Pyke (776998), Sue Vernon (772640), Peter Northmore (778744), Mary Stoneman (773375) Alison Barham (777561)

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## South Petherwin Parish Magazine



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### Changes at The Post Office.

*Alan Brook, Clerk to the Parish Council, outlines changes that are to occur in the Post Office Service at South Petherwin*



At the request of the Post Office, members of the Parish Council met with Mr Colin Pound, Field Change Manager on 10<sup>th</sup> September. Mr Pound announced that Sarah Hart has resigned as Postmistress with effect from 7th January 2015. It is standard practice when no obvious location for transfer of Post Office premises is available, for the Field Change Manager to meet initially with the local Council. Government policy is to maintain postal services in rural communities and the Post Office is tasked to make every effort to ensure this happens.

After a discussion of the impact and options available, which included input from Rev Anne Brown, Mr Pound arranged to meet with the Community Shop Committee to consider transfer of facilities to the shop. The Committee and the Post Office would be working with the aim of arranging as seamless a transfer as possible. Mr Pound said that a consultation period with the general public would be undertaken. John Whiting, Chairman of the Parish Council said "While it is sad to hear that our current post mistress has resigned, the Council is pleased that plans are in place to consider the service continuing from a location in the Community Shop."



### New Play Area Soon To be Opened!

As I am sure many of you will be aware, the new play equipment has been installed in the school grounds for the use of the school and the surrounding community. Although this has been a long time in the planning, we hope that you will agree it is well worth the wait. The Outdoor Play People, based in St Columb, have done themselves proud with the quality and craftsmanship of the equipment and its erection. This project would not have been possible without

the financial support from The Aggregate Levy Fund and the generous contribution made by Otter Power Ltd (Trevosa Cross Wind Turbine). The Parish Council wish to pass on their appreciation to those involved. Finally we hope that you and your family will enjoy the fabulous addition to our Parish and be able to attend the official opening on **Saturday 27th September**. (details below)

*Cllr Andrew Hoskin*

At the Parish Council Meeting on 10th September, Chairman John Whiting thanked Councillor Andrew Hoskin for all his hard work and commitment in leading the Play Area project.

### South Petherwin Parish Council and School PTA Play Area Opening Event

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am – 1pm**  
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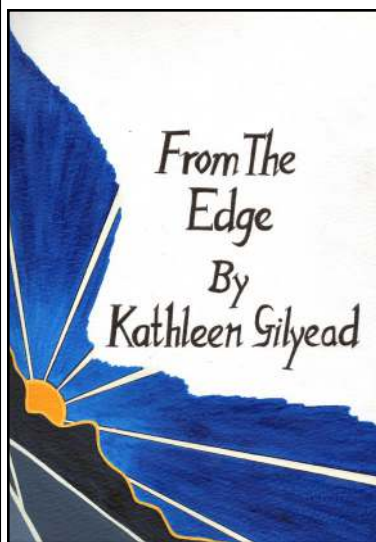
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## Community Shop Update

Things are progressing albeit slowly. By the time you read this hopefully the plumber will have come and sorted out the heating pipes that need to be moved to allow us to build the box in which the shop will be set.

Currently we are liaising with the planning department about the need or not to have planning permission, I have to admit I never realised how much red tape there is, but things are moving forward. We are holding another **Community shop BBQ on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September**, why not come and see what progress is being made.

*Details on Page 22*

*Rev Anne Brown*

## Notes from the Parish Clerk

Thanks to the advertisement in the last Parish Magazine the Parish Council has now appointed someone to open and close the public toilets on a daily basis.

The appeal for suggestions for the siting of a bench in store with the Council resulted in three suggestions. Subject to approval of appropriate authorities, the bench will be placed in the churchyard with views over the fields.

As a result of the resignations of three councillors we have vacancies on the Parish Council, which have been advertised on the noticeboards. Should an election not be called the Council will seek to co-opt new members. Should you or anyone you know be interested in joining the Council please contact the Clerk.

On the subject of noticeboards, please do not use the one at Tregaller Lane, which is awaiting repair.

*Alan Brook , Parish Clerk*  
*Email: [spparishclerk@icloud.com](mailto:spparishclerk@icloud.com)*

## Parish Councillors Resignation

At the Parish Council Meeting in August the Chair accepted with regret the resignations of Councillors Chris and Terry Goodman. The Council expressed their thanks and appreciation for the work of both councillors over the time of their involvement in the community. There has been a subsequent resignation from a third councillor.

## WW1 Project

At this half way point in the year, the Magazine committee wishes to thank Peter Bailey, Phil Parsons, Roger Pyke and others involved in the WW1 project for their hard work and dedication. The project has ensured that we remember those brave soldiers from this Parish who gave their lives for our freedom.



## A Cup of Tea with Helen Bansal

*Helen lives in Tiny Meadows and owns/ manages Cameo beauty salon in Launceston. Here she chats to Helena Northmore about work, home and her perfect day.*

**HN Are you Cornish born and bred?**

HB Oh yes, I was born in Lanson and have lived in the area all my life.

**HN You say Lanson and not Launceston?**

HB What other way is there to say it?

**HN How long have you lived in South Petherwin and what's the best thing about living here?**

HB I moved to Tiny Meadows from Daws House ten years ago. I like the feel of being in the country but near to the town. A quiet and peaceful environment is important to me. I have no plans to move.

**HN Do you have family locally?**

HB Yes, I live with my partner Ken and have three grown up sons. All my children live in the area, so I see them regularly. One of my sons moved to Trelinnoe Gardens last December and it's wonderful to have grandchildren so close by. I have five grandchildren under twelve!

**HN Tell me about your business. Why is it called Cameo?**

HB I retrained as a beauty therapist when I was 28 after the children started school. Then around 1993 I opened Cameo in a small premises in Exeter Street in Launceston. The business grew and we moved to our current site in Market House Arcade nearly 15 years ago. My aim has always been to make every client feel pampered and special. I called the salon Cameo because it makes you think of a beautiful woman in profile- like on a cameo brooch.

**HN Do you have a strict beauty routine?**

HN Oh yes! (*laughing*) What else am I going to say? Of course it's vital to cleanse tone and moisturise twice each day.....but like everyone, some days I'm more thorough than others! But I'm also lucky to have good genes

**HN And your best beauty tip?**

HB Make sure you use a daily moisturiser with SPF built in (sun protection) whatever your age. And that includes men too. And keep hydrated by drinking plenty of water. And don't smoke. Actually that's the most important of all.

**HN Do you have any hobbies or interests?**

HB I'm afraid I don't do much outside of work. I've cut down my hours in the salon but there's still all the accounts and administration to do. I see my family but don't really have the time or energy to do much socially in the evenings or weekends.



## Table Tennis anyone?

Did you know that there is a table tennis table in the village hall?

The Launceston U3A are setting up a table tennis club in our village hall, playing on Tuesday mornings at 10am.

Anyone in the village would be welcome to join them (there are only half a dozen players so far) on payment of £9 a year for membership of the U3A.

If you are interested please ring Sue Vernon on 772640.



## Village Telephone Box

Does anyone in the village use the public telephone box opposite the shop? Would the village miss it if it was disconnected? Is it important that it remains operational?

It has been brought to the attention of the magazine committee that the box was only used eleven times in the last twelve months, and is in danger of being disconnected.

The almost universal use of mobile phones means that many boxes are falling into disuse and either being removed, or adopted by villages for £1 for other uses.

What do you think? Do please let the magazine committee know your thoughts on the subject. (*details on back page*)



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### HN Do you feel involved in village life?

HB That's a difficult one. I'd like to be more involved but don't have the time. But the village is a great place to live and I really like my road. The neighbours are friendly and there are quite a few older people which is nice. I used to like going to yoga in the village hall and was really sorry when it stopped.

### HN And your perfect day?

HB I'd go to a lovely secluded beach for the day with my partner Ken, or by myself. I'd just sit in the sun and read and think. Just a bit of quiet time. No pressure. Then I'd go home for the evening and have a meal with Ken. I'm very much a home person. That would be my perfect day, but I can't remember when I last had a day like that!

### Update on defibrillator for South Petherwin

Since the village meeting and demonstration in the hall in June, lots of enquiries have been made, and we have narrowed down the choice of charity to supply our defibrillator to three. There will be, as promised, another meeting in the **village hall on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm**, to update everyone who is interested in helping to make the final choice.

**Sue Vernon**

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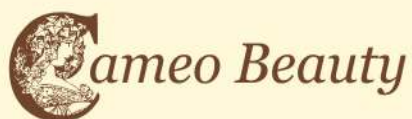
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## pre School 20th Anniversary

South Petherwin pre-school  
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The local PCSO is Clare Danson. Police contact details can be found in the 'Useful Tel No's section' on page 12

Co-ordinators;	The Village	Helen Masters	775545
	Tiny Meadows	Richard Beacham	773614
	Tregaller Lane and Tremeale	Mary Stoneman	773375
	Tregaller Lane and Tremeale	Crispin Earle	774038
	Daws House	Andrea Foster	779181
	Kennards House	Terry Goodman	86847
	School watch	Gillian Sleep	773300

# Wind Turbine News



## Fund Update

The South Petherwin Community Grant Fund Trustees formed earlier this year. So far funds amounting to just under £2,500 have been awarded and the committee have another £2,607 from Trevozah to award and the possibility of a further £1000 from Bottonett.

Projects supported so far include, Tregadillet Songbirds, South Petherwin Allotments, South Petherwin Skittles Club, the WW1 booklet and South Petherwin Cricket Club. Approximately £50 has been spent on administration costs, including postage and printing consumables. We meet about four times a year and all trustee time is given voluntarily.

The trustees are attempting to obtain authority from others who have erected or are proposing to erect wind turbines in the Parish to distribute any money they might give towards local public causes. Developers are entitled to use income from turbines as they see fit. Should they wish to donate to the community, as trustees we are accountable to Parishioners developers and Cornwall Council for distributing the funds responsibly.

We believe money which is said to be for communities may best be distributed by people from those communities. Especially to those who believe they do not benefit in other ways from the turbines.

The trustees are conscious that not everyone is in favour of the turbines. However, for the foreseeable future they are likely to be a part of the local landscape and we would like others to be involved in how any money donated is being spent. An application to become a trustee would be welcome from anyone who works or lives in the Parish. Anyone who would like to discuss becoming a trustee should email the secretary [rieffery1978@hotmail.com](mailto:rieffery1978@hotmail.com) or phone her on [07932838999](tel:07932838999).

*Trustees to the Community Fund*

## Beacon Wind Turbine

The appeal against the erection of a wind turbine on Beacon Hill, behind Tiny Meadows, has been successful, despite strong opposition from many in the village and Daws House. *See full details of the appeal on the South Petherwin website; [www.southpetherwin.com](http://www.southpetherwin.com)*

## WHERE'S THE LOST MILESTONE ?

Following a query from a Councillor I recently contacted the Milestone Society who gave me some information about the stones in our Parish, which have considerable historic importance. They were erected by the Launceston Turnpike Trust shortly after 1760 when an Act of Parliament was obtained for 'amending, widening and keeping in repair several roads leading to the Borough of Launceston'. These roads included the road 'from a certain Place called Pennigillam Pool in the Road aforesaid in the Parish of St Mary Magdalen, through the Parishes of Saint Mary Magdalen and South Petherwin to a certain Place called Trekellern Bridge in the Parish of South Petherwin'.



Within South Petherwin there were two milestones; one by the old quarry between Daw's House and South Petherwin Churchtown and one opposite the Trecrogo turn. The old quarry one was Grade II listed and disappeared before 2009. A search was made by Milestone Society and Cornwall Highways, without success. The surviving milestone at Trecrogo turn was listed by English Heritage in June 2007.

The turnpike road never went beyond Trekelland Bridge. The milestones south of there, all the way to Liskeard, were erected in the 1890s by the District Highway Boards when they succeeded in having the road made a main road attracting maintenance funding from the County Rate. Our milestone is a different design and much older than these, and as a result is of more historic importance nationally.

The Launceston Turnpike Trust's minute book shows work was done on the road in 1760, 1764 and 1765, but doesn't say exactly when our milestones were erected. We know that they were to be 'set right', i.e. the distance was to be set accurately, one mile apart, in 1843, 'measuring from Centre of Broad Street Market'. Distances were used to calculate carriers' charges for their customer's goods and for the post (until the standard penny post came in).

The milestones were painted by the Launceston Trust as late as 1858 'when weather permits'. In 2008 an agreement was reached between Cornwall County Council and the Milestone Society allowing specified volunteers, after suitable training, to undertake maintenance work on milestones on the Council's behalf. This is why our milestone has been painted recently. In the stagecoach days of the Turnpike Trust, milestones were painted so that travellers could spot them, especially at night when one block of granite can look much like any other. Theft of milestones is very rare so perhaps our lost milestone was struck by a vehicle and uprooted in 2009? Perhaps someone saw it lying by the road and took it 'for safekeeping'. If anyone in the Parish knows where this lost milestone is, please let the Parish Clerk know so that it may be reinstated.

*Alan Brook*



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Applications must be submitted  
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Applicants must demonstrate that funds will be used to promote the Parish or enhance the lives of Parish residents.

*Applicants do not need to reside in the Parish*

# South Petherwin WW1



## Painting the war memorial

Did you notice the recent repainting of the war memorial lettering? I set myself this task as part of the WW1 commemorations and to honour the young men from the Parish who lost their lives. My first step was to contact the monumental mason expert Mr D Gynn who gave me the advice below. I think it would be useful for anyone considering a repaint of the family gravestone. This is what Mr Gynn told me –

- Choose a dry sunny day and wash the granite and lettering with a small amount of bleach diluted in water.
- Clean the lettering with a wire kitchen cleaner. The old flaky paint needs to be rubbed off possibly with some sand paper to create a good base for the paint to hold. Wipe the lettering with cloth.
- Then, take a bottle cork and wrap plain cotton fabric around it. Secure it with an elastic band. The fabric needs to hold the paint but not have any fluffy bits which would stick to the lettering.
- Take a small plate and pour a small amount of black metal paint onto it. Dab the cork in the paint and dab the lettering gently. This stops the paint from running as it would with a paintbrush.
- Allow to dry and dab any missed corner of lettering.

It sounded like a very simple task which would be completed in an hour or so! Nearly three hours later and encouraged by passers-by and a helpful neighbour I had finished. The photo below shows the difference before and after lettering that has been repainted. If you are considering a repaint of the family gravestone give yourself plenty of time..

*Phil Parsons*

## Service marking outbreak of WW1

On Monday 4th August, a brief service was held at the Parish Church to mark the outbreak of WW1. The vicar, Rev Anne Brown led prayers and hymns and quoted poems from WW1. The service ended with a moving rendition of 'the last post' played by Peter Bailey on the cornet.



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**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 6.45 pm.**  
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## Roadworks at last.....

Over the past few weeks the roads in and out, as well as through, the Parish have been subject to road works and traffic light delays.



The winter storms and wet weather, coupled with the frosts of recent years have caused considerable damage to surfaces all over the county. To their credit the cash strapped Cornwall Council, with the aid of central government funding, have acted to try and repair the damage.

I have no idea if the repairs are of sufficient quality to last for a few years or if this is just a stop gap which will break up at the first signs of another heavy rainstorm or frost. The repairmen were quick and efficient, as well as reassuring about how they wanted the delays to be as minimal as possible, realising the difficulties for residents.

*Peter Northmore*

## And Harvest Time again.....



The 2014 cereal harvest, primarily barley, was delayed due to the wet weather. Thankfully sunny September enabled the combines to get going with average 2-3 tons per acre.



## Parish Diary - Regular Events

Organisation	Details	Contact
Parish Council Meeting	Second Wednesday in the month 7.30 pm, Village Hall	Clerk: Alan Brook 777183
St Paternus C of E	Service 11.15 am	Wardens: Barbara Cobbledick 772559 Debbie Adams 774244
Methodist Chapel	Morning Service 11 am	Steward: Tony Smith 782204
Prayer Group	Every other Wednesday	Muriel Parsons 773027
Lunch Club	Last Monday in month (unless Bank Holiday)	Tony & Wendy Smith 782204
Knitting	Most Thursdays 2 pm, West Petherwin Farm	Muriel Parsons 773027
Bones In Mind Beats Osteoporosis	Every Monday (except when Lunch Club or Bank Holiday)	Vi Brook 779243
Pre-School	Mon-Fri 9-12am, lunch club 12-1pm; afternoons Mon, Tues, Thurs 1-3pm; toddlers Fri 1.30-3pm (term time only)	Rachel Jeffery 779476
Bell Ringers	Mondays, 7.00 pm practice	John Atkinson 774264
Skittles	Tuesdays 7 pm, Village Hall	Vi Brook 779243
Bingo	Last Wednesday of each month, 2pm Village Hall	Pat Locke 774671
Mobile Library	Tuesdays 12.25-12.40 pm Village Pump	Alternate Tuesdays

**The Little Red Bus** (Launceston Community Transport Partnership) covers South Petherwin area on Thursdays. For information, ring 777960

**Village Hall:** To hire hall, contact Sue Vernon 772640

**Methodist Hall** To hire hall, contact Wendy Smith 782204

**Oil Syndicate** Contact Sue Vernon 772640

### YOUR 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:

Chairman: John Whiting

Clerk: Alan Brook 777183. [spparishclerk@icloud.com](mailto:spparishclerk@icloud.com)

Councillors: Phil Parsons, Michael Screech, Andrew Hosking, Dawn Rogers, Adrian Finnimore, Roger Kneebone

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# Volunteering in Bolivia

My name is Rachel Hine, I'm 18 and live in South Petherwin. I recently finished my A levels and have decided to take a break from studying and work as a volunteer in Bolivia, South America. Despite the pressures to apply for university I have always been passionate about going abroad to do some work in developing countries. I am going away with Tearfund who are running an international citizenship service (ICS) programme which is a UK government-funded development programme that brings together 18 to 25-year-olds from all backgrounds to fight poverty overseas. It also aims to create and motivate active citizens to shape their future for the better. I felt this would be a once in a life time trip and something I could put my all my efforts into.

I went for an interview with Tearfund and before I knew it, my placement in Bolivia had been confirmed. I will be flying out in September for 10 weeks. While I am there we will be working in the local community with OESER. This is a project which works with a local business called Mikuni producing and selling cereal bars from the local quinoa grain. All profits go to helping find jobs for local women who have been subject to street poverty and abuse. It also gives grants for local children to attend school reducing their vulnerability on the streets.

The programme is fully funded but I still set myself a fundraising goal of £800 to go directly to the charity and ICS programme. I have been overwhelmed with all the support I have received from family and friends. Also the local Vicar, Anne Brown, who let me hold cake sales in the Church and give a talk at a recent Sunday Service. And the Church Living Well in Plympton who have helped with amazing donations and further fundraisers. As a result of all this I have well and truly exceeded my target and raised £1280!



When I return home in December I will be following up the work I have done in Bolivia in an Action at Home project which I will be eager to get the local community involved in. Even though my deadline for any donations has been reached if you are interested in learning more or supporting the work I will be doing when I return email me at [rachelhine7083@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rachelhine7083@hotmail.co.uk) or if you would like to donate to Tearfund go to [www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org).

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## Parish Diary - Special Events

<i>date</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Sat 27 Sept	Play Area Official Opening. 10.30 SP School	Andrew Hoskin 772537
Sat 27 Sept	Community Shop BBQ. 4.30—6.30 St Paternus Church	Anne Brown 770649
Sun 28 Sept	St Paternus Church. 6.30. Harvest Service followed by supper and auction.	Anne Brown 770649
Sun 5 Oct	Methodist Chapel. 11am Harvest Festival Service	Tony Smith 782204
Tues 7 Oct	Methodist Chapel. 6.45 Harvest Service and supper	Mary Stoneman 773375
Sat 11 Oct	Coffee morning 10.30 Methodist Hall	Tony Smith 782204
Thurs 16 Oct	Defibrillator Meeting Village Hall 7.30	Sue Vernon 772640
Mon 27 Oct	Lunch Club Methodist Hall 12.30	Wendy Smith 782204
Sat 8 Nov	Gift day. St Paternus Church 10-12	Barbara Cobbledick 772559
Sat 8 Nov	Coffee morning. Methodist Hall. 10.30	Tony Smith 782204

**Recycling Collection dates;** Both rubbish and recycling are collected on a **WEDNESDAY**. Rubbish is collected every week; recycling (and garden waste for subscribers) on alternate weeks. Next Recycling dates will be Wed 1st 15th and 29th October. **Helpline number-; 0300 1234 141**

### SOME USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Environment Agency—Emergency Hotline 0800 807060

Transco (Gas Emergency Service) 0800 111999

South West Water 0800 169 1144

Western Power Distribution 0800 365900

Crime stoppers 0800 555111

Citizens Advice Bureau Launceston (9am-noon) 08444 994188

Community Police Officer Clare Danson 01566 771419

Rev Anne Brown—Vicar (Cof E) 01566 770649

Rev Eleanor Reddington—Methodist Minister 01566 782240



## First impressions or should it be 'we'll do it dreckly'?

After several years of perusing estate agent listings of properties in Cornwall, and a couple of disastrous viewings, (don't touch a property that states 'available for first time in 20 years!') my husband and I finally took the plunge and left Hampshire for a new life in Cornwall last April. Over twenty years of commuting into London was enough for me, and my husband had luckily been able to sell his business, so the time was finally right.

We saw our house-to-be in December - cold and wet outside, but a lovely welcoming fire inside with the right 'feel' to the house - and we were smitten. Four long months later and we were travelling in convoy down to Cornwall, our bewildered cats mewing in the back of my car.

We love the location of South Petherwin - close but not too close to the A30, fairly equidistant to either coast, near both Bodmin Moor and Dartmoor, not far from Exeter, Truro and Plymouth and also nearer my sister and husband who live in Redruth. We also really like Launceston: a castle and other old buildings, plenty of shops, cafes and banks - and more hairdressers than you could wish for!

We are lucky that our neighbours have also recently moved in, so we are newbies together, discovering both practicalities and information about the village, as well as walks and pubs! As our house is at one end of the village, we didn't meet very many other people at first, and we were beginning to wonder where everybody was. So we decided to attend a few meetings and activities; the Parish Council AGM, skittles, Church Fayre and the defibrillator meeting, All of these meant that we have started to meet more of the villagers and we are heartened by how friendly and welcoming everyone is.

We have been back to Hampshire a few times to visit friends and fulfil previous commitments but once we drive back over the Tamar we breathe a sigh of relief and know that we are back home. We love the pace of life (my commute is now 60 seconds to the office at the back

## South Petherwin School News



The children came back to school after a long and mainly sunny holiday, but the holidays were not what they were talking about, it was the new play area at the front of the school!

They were all very excited, exploring and clambering over each new piece of equipment. I asked some children what they thought: Aaron said it was great and he liked the spider's web best and he was looking forward to the rest of the equipment being fitted. Sam said it was fun and he had enjoyed playing on it in the holidays. Lily said she liked everything especially the climbing wall. All the children agreed that the Park was fantastic! After many years of campaigning, the village has a brilliant play area that will undoubtedly benefit the whole community.

Ugandan update:- The Ugandan teachers are having trouble with their visas, so at the moment we are unsure when they will visit. We will keep you posted.

*Helen Masters*



## Clearing Up the Churchyard

A group of neighbours and friends of all ages got stuck in one Sunday morning in September to clear the church yard of overgrown laurel bushes and ripping off the ivy that was covering the side of the churchyard wall. The team worked quickly, finishing before the morning's church service and the results were amazing, with the old wall seeing the light of day for the first time in several years! Special thanks to Abbi Caine and Barbara Cobbledick for organising this.

*Alison Barham*



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of the house, my husband has 5 minutes to get to his job) and our favourite phrase that we have learnt since arriving here is: 'We'll do it dreckly!'.

*Alison Barham*

### Skittles Group is 25 years old !

2015 is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of South Petherwin Skittles Club. The club was started to support the village hall when the WI, who owned the hall, ceased to meet in South Petherwin. There are still some original members as well as many more recent. The club contributes approximately £600 a year towards hall funds. The anniversary was celebrated by a barbeque and competitions for men and women to mark the event.

The tension mounted as competition time drew near. Teeth were grinding hands rubbing and several visits to the toilet were made by these competitive and highly tuned skittlers. The match was being played for individual trophies and, better still, names in the SPSC hall of fame. The South Petherwin equivalent of a name carved in the paving stones of Hollywood. There for posterity or until the hall falls down.

The competitions were won by Simon Bolt and Pauline Eden. There was a slight controversy as it was such a lovely evening and the doors were open, it was thought some of the throws were wind assisted. However, the panel of adjudicators, showing no favour, ruled that it was the same for everyone and the results should stand. Congratulations Pauline and Simon.!

*Peter Northmore*



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