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South Petherwin Parish Magazine



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Lighting up Christmas!



Emma Curtis and her withy lantern helping to light up South Petherwin at Christmas. Full story about the lanterns, carol singing around the village and the Parish Carol Service overleaf.

Photo approved by Mrs Curtis. 21.12.14. South Petherwin Carol Singing.

Withy Lantern Making and Carol Singing

On Saturday the 19th December, withy lantern making took place at the Village Hall. After much time and preparation by Abi Caine we opened the doors. Abi showed myself and Jane how to bend the withy (willow) sticks and fix them in shape with masking tape, so we could then show and help others. It was a surprisingly simple and highly enjoyable skill. We were soon busy with families, young couples, older couples and Reverend Anne Brown making a variety of different lantern shapes, stars, hearts, an owl and Claire Hine made an enormous angel with help from Reverend Anne. The next stage was to smother sheets of white tissue paper with p.v.a glue solution and cover the lantern framework, this was extremely messy and great fun.

Whilst this was going on hot refreshments, including mulled apple juice homemade cakes biscuits and mince pies were available as well as delicious filled jacket potatoes (courtesy of Alison Barham, Reverend Anne, Abi and Sue Vernon and myself). The next step was to attach a torch, night light or string of lights to the lantern and make a pole to hang it off. Then we had to let the lanterns dry over night. We had a constant stream of parishioners all enjoying the event and making new friends.

The next evening, all dressed for the cold wet weather, we collected our lanterns from the Hall and set off to carol sing around the village. The lanterns looked incredible, we couldn't believe we, a group of novices, had done such a good job. Truro festival of lights - beware!

We started at Tiny meadows, moving up the main road, into Trelinnoe Close, Trelinnoe Gardens, the retirement bungalows and St Paternus Close, our lanterns bobbing in the dark. We stopped at intervals singing requests from the carollers and villagers. Cars slowed down and people looked out of their windows. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, especially the children knocking on doors. Unfortunately not as many people came out to listen as we would have liked, probably due to the weather, but this didn't dampen our spirits or our total donations.

We finished just in time to enter the church for the carol service at the beginning of the first hymn. The carol service was beautiful and the remaining children and adults paraded down the aisle for the last carol adding to the atmosphere. All agreed the two events were a great success and a lovely start to Christmas. Special thanks to Abi for organising everything and having the idea in the first place. We have already discussed repeating the lantern making again next year.



Helen Masters



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday Dad!

on 27th January

Have a great day!

See you in London soon

Love Claire, Mathew and Rachel



*Happy Birthday
Helen*

*On 20th January
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Lost Property

**A lady's ring has been found
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Please contact Sue Vernon
772640 if you have lost one**

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Community Shop and Post Office Update

I would love to be able to report that all the paperwork and red tape had been dealt with, but sadly it has not. The application for the post office has been delayed as one of the required DBS (the new version of a Criminal Record check) took over eighty days to come through. It arrived just after Christmas and the application for the post office could not be considered until this was received. So, we are now waiting to hear regarding the date of the interview, which should be within the next couple of weeks, and if that goes ok, we should be able to then give a date for the opening of the Post Office.



The situation has also been held up as we are still awaiting the outcome of the Planning Application from the County Council, but hopefully all the information has been given and that will be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks. The good news is that the new electrical supply cable has been installed although still needs terminating, but that is less problematic than getting it hidden in the roof. So we are making progress albeit slowly and hopefully we will have better news next edition **If you would like to be involved with the management team, please contact Anne on 779649 for details**

Rev Anne Brown

Carol Service

St Paternus hosted the combined Church of England and Methodist congregations for a service of nine lessons and carols a few days before Christmas. The church was full and the service began with a solo by Deborah Adams with the organ played by Gordon Maunder. Following this the congregation found their voices and filled the church. Lessons were read by representatives from various groups in the Parish and Reverend Brown gave a brief address on tolerance and remembered those who had recently suffered a bereavement.

Reverend Brown also spoke of a small piece of artwork which has been loaned to the church in commemoration of those who took part in the Great War and will remain in the church until 2018. At the end of the service adults and children paraded the lanterns they had made the previous day through the Church making a wonderful display. Afterwards everyone made their way to the back of the church where mince pies and drinks awaited. This was a fitting and happy occasion which brought many from the Parish together reminiscent of times when communities interacted more.

Peter Northmore

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**Annual Parish
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On the last Saturday of November 2014 the Parish pump underwent a complete overhaul. Councillor's Andrew Hosking and Phil Parsons spent the day replacing all the old wood with new and fitting a new roof and handle.

Phil Parsons said " It was a busy day working on the pump renovation. As the pump is at the centre of the village we were constantly aware of our work being monitored by passing locals. Some people reminded us of how they used to pump fresh water everyday until mains water arrived in the 1960s. The late Una Goodman encouraged us with her warm smile.' He added "one driver from Lewannick questioned what we were doing, and asked if South Petherwin was preparing itself for dry weather in 2015! And as we finished we helped a young couple

whose car engine ground to a halt as they passed the pump. They were on route to Plymouth having left London hours earlier. Thankfully the RAC were on hand"

Both councillors enjoyed following in the tradition of former councillor John Edwards in looking after the Parish landmark. They wish to thank Landlake Sawmills for the wood, Roger Parsons for the use of the welder and Cormac for the barriers.

IF YOU HAVE A DOG: READ THIS!

The countryside is there for dog owners to enjoy but please be vigilant and responsible by following some simple guidance to make sure pets and livestock are safe. When joining the footpath by the village hall or wood stile keep your dog close by, if possible on a lead.

At this time of year, the field you cross may have pregnant ewes so please don't use it as a free roaming space for your dog. If there are cattle who may find you and your dog a welcomed distraction from blades of grass and decide to follow you or run at you, keep calm. However if you feel threatened by the cattle release your dog so you can both get to safety separately. Dog poo can spread disease to the livestock so please bin it.



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Methodist Chapel News

Christmas is always a joyful and busy time for members of the Chapel and this Christmas just past was no exception. The monthly lunch club put on a great festive meal, which was very well attended, and enjoyed by everyone present. The Chapel hall was beautifully decorated, and everyone appreciated the lovely meal and meeting and talking together. Donations given at the lunch were for the Cornwall Air Ambulance.

The monthly coffee morning had a definite Christmas atmosphere and again everyone enjoyed meeting up and chatting, and the goodies on the food stall did a brisk trade. The proceeds from the morning were sent to the local food bank, and for the foreseeable future this will be the procedure.

On Christmas Eve in the evening the Chapel members joined St Paternus for the Parish Carol Service, which was well supported; the carol singing enthusiastic and lively and everyone enjoyed another opportunity for the Church and Chapel to get together.

The sudden and unexpected passing of Mrs Una Goodman just before Christmas is a great loss to the Chapel, where she was a long standing and valued member, and also to the village where she was very well known. The thoughts of us all are with Owen and the family.

Chris Richardson

Cornish Customs

I expect everyone is aware that Shrove Tuesday, a moveable feast determined by Easter, is the day before the beginning of Lent when many of us scoff pancakes, before giving up something for the 40 days of the Lent period. I have just found out about Nickanan Night, or Nicky Nannight, a Cornish feast held on the Monday before Lent.

Apparently in West Cornwall this was sometimes called roguery night, an excuse for local youths to play practical jokes on friends and family including knocking on doors and running away! (Nicky nicky nine doors) There was a rhyme used:

*Nicka nicka nan
Give me some pancake, and then I'll be gone
But if you give me none
I'll throw a great stone
And down your door shall come.*

Please don't get any ideas! For the foodies amongst you, there was the practice of eating pea soup and salt bacon. Interestingly, in Brittany there is a similar custom, referred to as Ninc-kyn-nan-neuf. If anyone knows of any other interesting customs and foods for the time of year, please let me know.

Alison Barham

SOUTH PETHERWIN EMERGENCY DEFIBRILLATOR

In the last issue of this magazine, it was advised that following a public meeting in October, the Community Heartbeat Trust were the organisation chosen to provide the defibrillator and cabinet for our community. The CHT stressed to us the need for good governance, so a committee has been formed with the objective of raising funds to purchase and maintain the defibrillator and cabinet. It has been decided to locate the cabinet on the outside wall of the public toilets (subject to permission being granted), as it needs to have a source of electricity and be in a prominent position.

The aim is to have the defibrillator up and running as soon as possible this year, so please look out for information on fundraising events (see this magazine for the first

one!). We are also looking for a team of volunteers who are happy to carry out the required checks on the machine (these are very easy, quick visual checks, but must take place regularly). Once the defibrillator is set up, the committee will then look into an emergency call system for the village..... but more of this at a later date!

We are really pleased to say that some money has already been raised by the school and from the carol singing, so we are up and running! We are also applying for grants and will be looking into sponsorship/donations from local businesses. If you would like to help in any way or have any queries or suggestions, please contact the following members of the committee:

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South Petherwin Band of Bellringers—Old and New

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Many Towers, particularly in the West Country mark the event by ringing with ‘muffled’ bells before midnight. This is when each bell has a leather ‘glove’ attached to one side of the clapper, producing a very soft mellow sound on each alternate stroke. The bells are stilled just before midnight, the muffles quickly removed and then after the church clock has struck midnight and the New Year has arrived, the bells are pealed again, unmuffled now for about ten minutes to welcome the New Year to the Parish.

The process of muffling requires both athletic skill (and agility!) as the bells are mounted high in the church tower, and each one has to be accessed from underneath. Time is of the essence, when all the bells (there are six in our tower) have to be unmuffled in under 10 minutes. Leon Vanstone, Tower Captain, and Malcolm Wright, achieved this feat with under one minute to spare, to loud applause of other less athletic ringers and friends gathered in the ringing chamber.

The evening ended with 2015 being heralded in appropriately with mince pies and Cornish clotted cream and toasted with hot mulled wine .A great way to welcome the New Year, and a tradition that is well worth preserving for the future.

Nigel Parker

We are so sorry to have to say goodbye to:

Brigid Facks-Martin, who died unexpectedly in December. Although she lived out near Illand, she grew up on the family farm at Trethevy and was a very active member of South Petherwin W.I. in its day, winning prizes for her beautiful garden blooms. Many people will miss seeing her around the village.



Una Goodman, who sadly passed away very suddenly a week before Christmas. She was well known in the village as a loving and very caring lady, who had a lively interest in the world in general and her family, neighbours and friends in particular. She will be sorely missed.

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'Oh go on, it'll be fun and it's not hard' How gullible I was, how easily persuaded! The Lions' Charity concert for 2014 was being arranged. I remembered the previous one. I recalled volunteers wafting about on the stage, with nothing too taxing to do, just making up the numbers in the chorus. Yes, I could do that. Little did I know! September, the first rehearsals - two nights a week, several pages of First World War and 1920's songs to learn - swing tunes, 'Showboat', Al Jolson and more. Fortunately most were familiar. Just verses to learn, but that should not be difficult. But wait.... pardon? Choreography? A Keystone Cops sketch? Suffice to say that I soon decided that my brain was far too old to cope with singing, steps AND remembering where to be on the stage – all at the same time!



The majority of the cast were old hands at all this (and my hubby was in it too, which helped), and constantly reassured us 'newbies' that we would be alright, it really would be fun! Our coach had endless patience with us and who, having been a professional, knew exactly what she wanted, constantly rehearsing us until we began to get the idea. A fancy dress supplier in Egloskerry came up with some wonderful outfits; the charity shops were scoured for any missing items and I purchased character shoes in the hope that they would improve my dancing!

This year the concert was to run for two nights, in the hopes of more money to distribute amongst local organisations. Volunteers from the Lions Club looked wonderful in their 1920s outfits, ready to assist the audience. The girls in the cast had their hair done 1920s style (a donation by a local hairdresser) and together with suitable makeup, really looked the part, whilst the men were very debonair and reminiscent of times past. Curtain up.....!

Well – it WAS fun! I didn't make too many mistakes, loved the dressing up and was rather pleased to find that I had made a reasonable job of something so unexpected. Feedback was encouraging. I shall regard it as my challenge for 2014, completed! Would I do it again? Mmmm.....well, I need to get some more use out of those shoes, so if I'm asked..... let's wait and see!

Sue Vernon

Gardening Matters

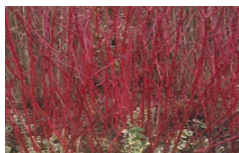
Welcome to a new gardening slot for the magazine. We moved to South Petherwin 3 years ago now and thanks to this magazine and word of mouth my business has grown and grown.

Jobs in January

- Prune apple and pear trees - remove dead, diseased and damaged wood and any crossing branches to open up the centre of the tree and shorten the ends of last years growth spurs to maintain shape.
- Plant bare rooted plants - such as fruit trees and bushes, roses, hedging plants and shrubs if ground is not frozen.
- Prune climbers - such as Wisteria and roses and hard prune overgrown shrubs now whilst they are still dormant.
- Now is a good time to consider any changes you want to make to your garden and plan what seeds to sow and plants to grow later in the year.

Cornus alba 'Sibirica' - Red -barked Dogwood

A group of shrubs for all year round interest providing autumn leaf colour, fruits and early flowers and coming to their best in winter with spectacular coloured stems. Cornus are hardy, quick to establish and fast growing, giving wonderful structure to the garden. Hard prune back to the base in March to keep the vibrant coloured new growth. Hopefully, the weather will allow us to get out in the garden over the next few weeks, even in small doses, rewarded by a warm drink and a slab of Christmas cake. By the next issue spring will hopefully have sprung!



If you have any gardening questions let me know and I'll try and answer them on this page. Email me at samnella@talktalk.net

Ella Charman

Fork handles?

Joe: "Good hevening, Dicky, 'ow be 'ee, then? I just cum 'ere to ax 'bout that spaade yew borried las' week."

Dicky: "Aw dear, I lent 'un to Sam, iss I did. Were 'ee wantin' un?"

Joe: "No, 'tesn't fer meself. 'Tes the man I got 'un from 'oo tells me the bloke it b'long to want 'un back!"



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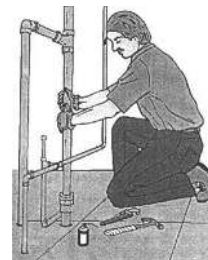
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TABLE TENNIS



The table tennis club is now flourishing in the village hall, with thirteen members. North Hill has recently bought new table tennis tables and they have very kindly given one of their old ones to us. It is in better condition than the one we already had which was very warped, and we are very grateful to them. Together with the tables belonging to the club, we now have three tables available to play on.



The club is run by the U3A but anyone from the Parish is welcome to come along – all that is required is to pay an annual fee of £9 to join the U3A and then a small sum each time you play, to pay for the hire of the hall. If you are free at 10 am on Tuesday mornings why not pop along and have a trial game - it's great fun with good company and a great way to keep fit!

Sue Vernon

New King Pin Champion!

The South Petherwin Skittle Club annual King Pin Competition was held in December 2014. At risk of repeating myself from last year, this is a competition requiring great skill and accuracy. The aim is not to knock down as many skittles as one can, but to do so by knocking over the front pin (king pin) first. Not as easy as it sounds.

Many think they have achieved greatness, only to find half the pins knocked over don't count. This year we had a specialist benefitting from practising at Yeolm Bridge. Well done Norman Pyke 2014-2015 King Pin Champion!

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South Petherwin CP School

Have a Vacancy for a Foundation Governor



As a Foundation Governor along with the whole Governing Body and the Headteacher, you would have the overall responsibility for the running of the school. The Governing body have three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work. However, we would particularly welcome nominations from people with Science, Communication, Health & Safety or Safeguarding skills. Training is available for all governors and the governing body has expectations that new governors attend these free induction training sessions.

There are three Full Governing Body meetings per Academic year and three committee meetings per year with additional days to visit school and monitor the School Development Plan.

Should you be interested in this important role please contact the School Office via email on secretary@south-petherwin.cornwall.sch.uk or make an appointment to discuss further details with **Mr Tim Gray, Headteacher on 01566 776363.**

Three New Councillors Co-opted onto Parish Council

Mr Nik Burgess, Mrs Julie Butler and Mrs Chris Powlesland were nominated for co-option at the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 14th January 2015. The proposal was carried unanimously and the three new councillors were welcomed on to the Council by the chair, Cllr John Whiting.

School News



I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year. The new term is off to a busy start, but as promised, here are the results from the Incredible Business Week (our take on The Apprentice).

The week started with a business talk from Charlie Bears and was very successful with all classes creating their own plans, designs, poster adverts and filmed adverts for their products. Classes 1 and 2 made Christmas decorations, Class 3 made wreaths and cards and Class 4 made Christmas cakes.

Profits were as follows:-

Class 1 £14

Class 4 £30.50

Class 3 £64.20

Class 2 £81.14

Charlie Bears kindly donated a bear which was raffled and made £91 for the village defibrillator fund. The chickens now have names: Penny, Pippin, Jessie and Miss Nugget Grey! They are growing well and we await eggs with baited breath.

This term our learning topics are: Infants – Journeys. Juniors - Living Things (particularly humans and animals in North and South America and Europe). As always, if you would like to come in and help please ring the school on 776363 and you will be most welcome.

Helen Masters

Handyman wanted

The Parish Council is looking for a handyman to undertake occasional works in the Parish. This could include small repairs and maintenance of council assets such as the toilets, bus shelter, noticeboards etc. Applicants please contact the Parish Clerk for proposed hourly rates.

Email; spparishclerk@icloud.com or tel 01566 777183



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Parish Diary - Regular Events

<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Parish Council Meeting	Second Wednesday in the month 7.30 pm, Methodist Chapel Hall	Clerk: Alan Brook 777183
St Paternus C of E	Service 11.15 am	Wardens: Barbara Cobbledick 772559 Deborah 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	Leon Vanstone 773619
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. sparishclerk@icloud.com

Councillors: Phil Parsons, Michael Screech, Andrew Hosking, Dawn Rogers, Adrian Finnimore, Roger Kneebone, Nik Burgess, Julie Butler, Chris Powlesland

Cornwall Councillor: Neil Burden 01566 782286 nburden@cornwall.gov.uk

Parish Diary - Special Events

<i>date</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Sat 7th Feb	Table Top Sale. 11-2.00 Village Hall	Sue Vernon 772640
Fri 13th Feb	South Petherwin CP school breaks up for half term	SP School 776363
Sat 14th Feb	Coffee morning. 10.30 Methodist Hall	Tony Smith 782204
Mon 23rd Feb	School opens for new half term	SP School 776363
Mon 23rd Feb	Lunch Club 12.30 Methodist Hall	Wendy Smith 782204
Sat 14th March	Coffee morning. 10.30am Methodist Hall	Tony Smith 782204
Sat 21st March	Booksale and Coffee Morning. 10-12 St Paternus Church	Barbara Cobbledick 772559
Mon 30th March	Lunch Club 12.30. Methodist Hall	Wendy 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 are 21 Jan, 4 and 18 Feb, 4 and 18 March.

Helpline number-; 0300 1234 141

SOME USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Emergencies: Police Ambulance Fire Brigade Coastguard 999

Police (Non emergency-general Enquiries) 101

Environment Agency—Floodline 08459 881188

Environment Agency—Emergency Hotline 0800 807060

Transco (Gas Emergency Service) 0800 111999

South West Water 0800 169 1144

Western Power Distribution (new emergency no) 0800 6783105

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