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## **South Petherwin Parish Magazine**



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### **Tucker Tackles the All Blacks!**

#### **The 're-Launceston-isation' of the rugby club**

Jimmy Tucker, a farmer in South Petherwin, was recently appointed as the new coach for Launceston rugby club. He says he was surprised to be offered the post as he 'hadn't gone looking for it' but added that this was the proudest moment of his rugby career. For Jimmy (only his Mum calls him James) rugby, like farming, is in his blood. He played for Launceston for over a decade, and the legendary Cornwall team which won at Twickenham in 1999. The final two years of his career was spent with Exeter chiefs as they started to make their mark.



Jimmy has said he realises being coach is a huge task. He wants to reinvigorate Launceston rugby club and see it connect with the local community so that more families become involved both as spectators, volunteers and players. He has a term for this; 're-Launceston-isation'.

As coach, the challenge is a daunting one with the team yet to win a match, but Jimmy is determined to change that. Quoting the great coaches he has said 'winning is a habit and so is losing. We have to try and break the habit'.

Good on you Jimmy! All of South Petherwin are right behind you.

(see page 30 for details of the club)

# December in South Petherwin



## Christmas Fayre at the Church

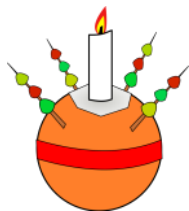
The day of the Christmas Fayre was a wet, windy and cold Saturday at the end of November. But in the Church it was warm and Christmassy and despite the weather, over thirty people turned out to support the event. Mince pies, homemade cakes, books, greeting cards, and great raffle prizes were on offer, as well as the popular tombola stall.

Over £245 was made and will be put towards Church funds. Thank you to everyone who kindly supported the event.



## Christingle Service

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, Rev Jo Smart led the South Petherwin Primary School's Christingle service held in the Chapel on the last day of term.



## Chapel Lunch club

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December our Lunch Club 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, with tea/coffee and mince pies. All served by our willing band of helpers. Rev Jo Smart then led a short carol service which was accompanied by Mary Stoneman on the keyboard. A hearty rendition of 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas' concluded the afternoon. Donations were invited for the Launceston Branch of The Salvation Army and a total of £100.00 has been passed onto them.

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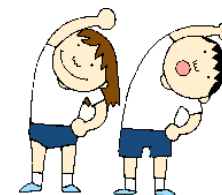
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## Lantern Making

For the second year running, Abi Caine held a lantern making workshop on 12th December at the Village Hall . The event was well attended by people of all ages, many returning from last year, as well as new comers. A variety of different shapes were made, stars, cones, hearts, cubes and a rather lovely Christmas tree complete with star on the top. Food was provided by Alison Barham, Sue Vernon, Abi Caine, Ann Brown, Lin Dickinson and Helen Masters and was enjoyed by all.

This was a lovely relaxing day amongst what sometimes seems like the chaos of the pre-Christmas celebrations. Maybe this will become an annual event.



Lowen and Mali hard at work



Jessica shows the Vicar what to do

## Carol Singing

With the minimum of planning or fuss, about a dozen people, adults and children, gathered together outside the village hall on Wednesday 23rd December, to go carol singing. We set off along Tiny Meadows, up past the Church to Trelinnoe Close and through to Trelinnoe Gardens. Some of the group carried lanterns they had made at

Abi's workshop. Despite the cold, spirits were high, and thanks to Deborah Adams we all stayed more or less in tune.

We were given a wonderful reception from the village, with people coming out of their houses with their children sometimes to make requests and sometimes just to listen. It felt good to be reviving an old village tradition and we collected £61 for the restoration of the church clock into the bargain.





## Festival of Light

The Church came alight on Sunday 13th December, when Rev Anne Brown conducted a short service called the festival of light. The Church was well attended by adults and young children, some of whom are regular attenders at Church or Chapel but many of whom just wanted to come and share the peace and light of Christmas.



Several people carried lanterns which had been made the previous day at Abi's workshop. They cast a wonderful light in the candlelit church and added much to the tranquillity of the occasion.



## Parish Carol Service

On 20<sup>th</sup> December the Methodist Chapel and Church came together to hold the Parish Carol Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. The chapel where the service was held had been tastefully decorated by Gordon Maunder and his team and included a beautiful nativity scene created by Bill and Linda Salt. (photo below)

The service, which was very well attended was led by Jo and Phillip Parsons. The lessons were read by Helena Northmore, Teresa Mills, Peter Vernon, Michael Shelswell, Sue Vernon, Roger Parsons, Helen Masters, John Whale and Gordon Maunder, all representing different organisations within the Parish. Mrs Mary Stoneman was the organist. A retiring collection raised £155.00 which was forwarded to The Launceston Street Pastors.



*A special thank you to Abi Caine and Helen Masters for all their hard work with the lanterns, and carol singing. They helped to make December a happier time for many people living in the Parish.*

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Yes, I know things may be a few pence more than at Tescos, but if **every household** in the village made a point of buying **just one item** in there **every week**, it would probably ensure that the shop and post office would at least pay its way and therefore we could keep them both open. Apart from papers and magazines, I am prepared to buy my milk there because Trewithens pay their farmers a decent rate - that alone has to make it worthwhile spending a little more.



So, if you can, do please make an effort to buy at least one item each week. After all, having a village shop benefits everyone - and encourages house buyers too!

*Sue Vernon*



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## Parish Council News

### From the Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Dawn Rogers

#### Dear Parishioners,

I would just like to offer you all a happy and prosperous 2016 and extend a warm welcome to all those who have moved into our parish in the last year. Members of the public are welcome to attend our Parish Council meetings, which are held on the second Wednesday of the month, as well as the Annual Parish Meeting, which is held in May – see the parish noticeboards for details. If you have any queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01566 778516.

**Councillor Dawn Rogers**

#### Notes from the Parish Clerk

The Parish Council has now submitted the precept for the next financial year. The precept is used to fund all the activities that the Council undertakes for the community. Several hours were spent in the meticulous preparation of this document, with each proposed or required spend itemised and carefully considered. In the past year there have been many new regulations and changes to the way Cornwall Council works that will have an impact on us. These include the new Transparency Code (which will involve the publication of financial data for public access) and Paperless Planning (Cornwall Council will stop sending out paper copies of planning applications to town and parish councils this year, so new ways will have to be found of accessing the information).

Bearing all this and more in mind, reluctantly the Council have had to increase the precept for 2016/17. This will equate to less than 71p extra a month for a Band D household, and the Council hope not to have to increase it further for at least another 3 years. Any parishioner has a right to view the financial information of the Council. Please contact the Clerk for details.

The Council have recently provided two grit bins for the parish, with the help of a grant from the County Councillor. Unfortunately it seems at the moment that sand bags would be of more help! Due to the incessant rain for the last few months there are increasing numbers of potholes on the roads, and we have had several calls about these. We pass on all the reported details to the Highways department of the County Council.

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**Alison Barham, Parish Clerk**

grimace towards the finish line then my blurry eyes stared in disbelief at the clock ... only two hours, 49 seconds..... I was totally shocked!

The feeling of accomplishment was immense, surreal and fantastic. My final fundraising total reached a phenomenal £900 for which I am so grateful. As I came last in every school race, dreaded sports days and exasperated my teachers, I felt very proud to call myself a proper runner that day. I am immensely grateful to my husband, other family and special friends who helped me achieve this goal.

Of course life can change in the blink of an eyelash - the following weekend I fell over on dry flat tarmac whilst watching a buzzard and hobbled in agony for weeks with a scabby hand but thanks to treatment, rest and waist expanding chocolate, I eagerly returned to my trainers, feeling pleased that this setback was temporary and extremely lucky to be fit and well.



*Cherry Pyke*

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**All served with a smile and a helping hand!**



## GO CHERRY GO!

### Racing for Alzheimers

Back in June, I decided that I possessed sufficient willpower and fruit pastilles to sign up for the Truro Half Marathon. I regretted this decision after a receiving a smugly jolly confirmation email stating the race was "hard, hilly and not recommended for first timers who cannot comfortably run ten miles." When I returned home exhausted and drenched from a soggy six mile practise run, I decided to do it for charity to eliminate further self pity. I chose Alzheimer's Research UK -some of my family members have lost their lives or suffer from this horrible disease that hammers its carers and ruins the human essence of its victims, so I wanted to help.



There were afternoons when my legs ached and lungs wheezed as I repeatedly dragged myself up St Stephen's Hill, St Thomas Road and Meadowside. Mornings when rain dripped down my nose and I heard the voice of my school PE teacher saying "Cherry, you loath exercise, this is ridiculous," but each time I received more sponsorship and hearty encouragement from friends, colleagues and family, I felt motivated to find humour in every run and absorb nature from the dappled lanes.

After my first ten miles, I slumped to the ground, a long way from "comfortable," but it gradually grew bearable. September arrived and I was persuaded by a running friend to "beat the time" I achieved in 'Treggy 7' back in 2012. I ran this tough race in hot sun at ludicrous speed frightening pedestrians as I loudly gasped, calf muscles searing, to beat my time by four minutes with utter incredulity and relief.

Two weeks later, Half Marathon day dawned. As I stood at the start line, wrapped in my zone, I wanted three things: a) to finish in less than two and a half hours, b) to finish without injury or falling over and an optimistic c) to enjoy it. I started slowly, appreciating the river, the trees and feeling excited by the crowd. I began to overtake people, courteously stepping aside for faster runners. I tackled hills and focused my pace. A scarily muddy detour through knobbly rooted woodland, a slippery field, a precariously steep path, a narrow trail and then the sheer relief of downhill tarmac when I felt like a happy athlete on wheels, marshals cheering, a brief stop for water and yet another uphill slog.

My friend appeared on his bike at ten miles to tell me I was very fast and took a few smiling photo's. But the last two miles were the hardest when the river re-appeared; rubber legs burning, fruit pastilles eaten, arms propelling me with a gritty

## WEATHER

Two photo's that sum up the weather this winter. Rain, rain and more rain. Lanes have been flooded and fields saturated. But the warmer temperatures mean the snowdrops are out already with a promise of spring.



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## A Letter from the Methodist Minister



### Dear All

I have to admit that I am not particularly Facebook savvy but I did read through a lot of the New Year messages that were posted. Many of them spoke about the past year – the successes and the failures, the struggles and the joys, the pleasures and the disappointments. All had encountered in one way or another, new things – some which were invited, some which definitely were not. The word “new” can either fill you with excitement, or with trepidation. “New” invariably means that things will be different from before; that there will be changes and change can sometimes feel scary.

For my family and myself, we have encountered quite a lot of new things in the last few months. We have moved to a new home, at a new location, for me to commence a new role as a Probation Minister in the Methodist Church. It is a new circuit for us with lots of new people to get to know and new activities to experience. We have been made to feel extremely welcome and we are very grateful for all the support and encouragement we have received. This has affirmed to me that whatever new things we may go through we do not do them alone.

As Christians, when we turn to God we commence a new journey. It is not always an easy journey as there are normally new obstacles and challenges to face. I believe, however, that we are never on our own facing these. Although we experience new things and encounter change, God doesn't change, He remains constant. The Bible tells us that God will not leave us or forsake us (Joshua 1:5) for He is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). God accompanies us on our journey, He takes us by our right hand and says ‘Do not fear, I will help you’ (Isaiah 41:13), all we have to do is just let Him lead and strive to get in step with Him.

So as we begin this New Year and all that it may bring, I wish you every blessing and pray that you may place your hand into the Hand of God, for, in the words of Minnie Haskins, ‘that shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.’

**Rev Jo Smart**

jcsmart@me.com 01566 782240

*And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:  
“Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.”*

*And he replied:*

*“Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.  
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.”  
(Excerpt from “God Knows” by Minnie Louise Haskins, popularly known  
as “The Gate of the Year”)*

## Restoration of the Church 1889

*By Alison Barham*

An interesting article was given to me recently from The Post & Weekly News of January 10<sup>th</sup> 1970. It was about a cutting from a paper dated May 1889 with a report of the re-opening of South Petherwin Parish Church after extensive renovations.

Two years previously, the church was in an awful state: the floor was damp and uneven, unpleasant smells and odours arose from the many cracks and crevices in the tombstone floor and some parts of the building were dangerous. In fact it was termed ‘a whited sepulchre full of dead men’s bones’. The north wall was 18 inches out of perpendicular and the south arcade was leaning askew by 14 inches.

A survey had to be carried out and it turned up many points of rare archaeological interest – a fine Norman doorway in the north aisle, two early 14<sup>th</sup> century coffin covers in stone and a portion of very old altar tombstone cut in Polyphant stonework of the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Vicars could be traced back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century, but they discovered that a church had existed on the same site in the early part of the 12<sup>th</sup> century, and possibly this was on the foundation of a still earlier rudely built church.

Appeals for funds by the then vicar raised the sum of £2000; enough for the basic renovations to begin. The porch was entirely restored using old material, the Norman door was reopened. The floor was cemented and raised and the roof was renewed and the carved ribs were re-introduced.

One stone found by the builder makes you smile:

Beneath this stone Humphrey and Joan together they rest in peace.

Living indeed they disagreed, but here their quarrels cease.

The church was re-opened with a day of celebrations and sermons followed by lunch in the National Schoolroom and a public tea, followed by Evensong.



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## Golfing Heaven.....

*By Mike Ryalls*

In November 2015 I at last achieved something I had wanted to do for some time. I spent 3 weeks in Natal playing golf from the Drakensberg Mountains down to the Indian Ocean. I started off near the little towns of Himeville and Underberg and finished off on the Ocean a little to the north of Durban near Ballito. Nine courses at an average cost of just over £17 each and that included a buggy. Can't be bad, can it? But with there being about R20 to the pound, I was rich!

I revisited many of the courses that I have played before but also added a couple of new ones. Simbithi was one such – mostly par 3's, a couple of par 4's and one par 5.

The best hole was the 17th.(photo right)

I lost 2 balls here before giving up, my brother-in-law made it with his second shot. The hole before I got the buggy stuck in mud trying to take a short cut!



Of course, a Golf Tour is not just made up of Golf. The people you meet make the occasion. I travelled out with the Canadian Ambassador to South Africa. I was propositioned by an African sales assistant who wanted to come home with me, so, as quick as a flash, I asked for her telephone number! You don't let these opportunities go at my age – or any age for that matter!

The weather was not particularly good. They were crying out for rain when I got there and half way through my stay they got it! Trust an Englishman to help! But it still remained relatively warm. 16 C and I'm into shorts in this country – suffice it to

say I was always in shorts in South Africa! Once, playing golf just after the rain had passed, we came across monkeys making a feast of flying ants.

I'll finish with just one more photo.(see left) This is the view from my hotel room at the Sani Pass Hotel. In the background are the Drakensberg Mts and on top of them is Lesotho



## Sadly we say Goodbye to



**Flo Weddell** who passed away recently. Flo moved to the village in 1983 to take up a position as 'live in' warden for the sheltered bungalow accommodation at Trelindon. She enjoyed over 10 years there and her daughter and son in law Pat and Harold Rowse in Trelinnoe Close were close by. Flo then left the village for a while but returned in 2005 and again became part of the community. She joined in village activities and was a member of the Chapel lunch club and attended the coffee mornings. In January 2010 her condition deteriorated and she moved to Springfield House, North Hill.

As a fitting tribute to their mother, grandmother and great grandmother, the family joined us at our November coffee morning at the chapel. The coffee and stall, together with donations amounted to £171.02 which was added to other donations and a total sum of £454.00 was sent to Alzheimer's Research UK. Pat, Harold and family would like to thank everyone who contributed in this way to Flo's memory.

*Mary Stoneman*

**Enid Hazel Nutley** who sadly passed away peacefully on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November in hospital. With her husband and son, she moved to Daw's House from Buckinghamshire in 1982. Hazel was very musical and loved to sing with the W.I. choir and performed solos on many occasions. Helping out front of house for LADS was always a pleasure for her. She was a kind and gentle lady and will be missed by very many people.

*Sue Vernon*

## Jackets for chickens!

Have you adopted any rescue chickens recently? Are they lacking feathers and are you worried they have no protection in the colder weather? If so, this may be just the thing for you; a knitting pattern for a chicken's jacket just like the one in the photo. It was provided by one of the chicken rescue societies. If you would like a copy of this pattern please contact me Wendy Lewis, via the editor at [hmnorthmore@msn.com](mailto:hmnorthmore@msn.com) or tel 778744





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## The Wild Winter Wood

*By Peter Bailey*



*Old man winter*

I was having a hard time getting into the Christmas spirit what with the unseasonal weather and all. It was therefore no wonder that a summons from my daughters to join them and the grandchildren for an afternoon in Tehidy Woods was met with less than enthusiasm. One does one's duty however and we turned up, be-wellied, to find ourselves part of a throng of children, parents, and grandparents trudging into the woods where we were to be met, apparently, by fairies! The rain had mercifully stopped but the previous showers, combined with the earth track and many trampling wellies had produced the most enticing puddles you have ever seen.

Through the leafless branches we caught glimpses of colour and an occasional sparkle which set us speculating what might lie in store. We soon met our first fairy who tripped along the line, exchanging banter as fairies do and collecting tickets. Just inside the wood we came upon the Wish Fairy who told us how important dreams were and how wishes were part of dreaming. She handed out ribbons which we tied around the Wishing Tree while making our wishes. While helping my granddaughter tie her ribbons I suddenly realised that I was as excited as the children.

On we went through the trees until we were accosted by two more fairies who sang beautifully for us and pointed out a heart shaped knurl in the trunk of their tree, assuring us that if we rubbed this heart our love would be sent out to all our friends, and to anyone else we thought might need it. It would have been churlish not to join in and the fairies were very persuasive.

Passing the Fire Fairy who danced and whirled her fire balls, through a tunnel of branches a little further on we found Old Man Winter. He was dressed in a fur trimmed greatcoat with a crown of holly and ivy and sat in an armchair in front of an old fireplace, telling stories of when the world was young and how the seasons were born. We were all spellbound, the ladies mainly by Old Man Winter's resemblance to Johnny Depp. He endeared himself further by handing round marshmallows and jelly babies before sending us off along our path, compulsively ringing the bells which hung from the trees.

The path led to a tented theatre where the fairies plied us with hot chocolate and settled us into our seats. There followed a two act play narrated by Old Man Winter himself and accompanied by a very talented musician who moved from violin to guitar, from guitar to keyboards while providing sound effects. Great fun! What an afternoon it was! The whole experience was produced by The Rogue Theatre who apparently stage similar productions at other times of the year. Children can wear costume and it's such a wonderful way entertain them, perhaps as a birthday treat? You can find more information on [www.roguetheatre.co.uk](http://www.roguetheatre.co.uk)





## School News By Helen Masters



### Happy New Year!

This term the whole school will be learning about the Polar regions. We are very lucky to be working with Education Through Expedition ( ETE ).

An explorer Antony Jinman is in the Antarctic trekking his way to the South Pole and will be available to answer the children's questions via the internet. We can track his progress and look forward to our school logo being planted at the South Pole.

We also had Rachel and Nabs from ETE talking to us about the Antarctic and doing experiments with the children. Classes 1 and 2 learnt how Polar animals keep warm, by smothering one hand in lard and plunging both hands into iced water, comparing how long each hand could remain in the water. They could feel the benefits of a large layer of blubber!



Anthony Jinman

Classes 3 and 4 did experiments about glaciers and their movements. Class 3 also wrote instructions for explorers and Class 4 created personifications of Polar animals. We will be learning lots more in the coming weeks and the creative club are planning to make an igloo out of old plastic milk bottles. As always we welcome any help or visitors.

### Sweetie Quiz

(All the answers are sweets!)

1. Infants that wobble
2. Wise guys
3. Where refined people live
4. Fruit falling down
5. Sport for a prince
6. Where Mums go for drinks
7. Where there was a mutiny
8. Where 9 might follow
9. Coat fasteners made with cocoa
10. 100% precious metal



(answers on page 30)

Thanks to Wendy Lewis for finding this on the internet

# Melanie Young

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## Cornish Writers

### A new series by Alison Barham

Robert Stephen Hawker (1803-1875), the celebrated 'Vicar of Morwenstow', was an Anglican clergyman, poet, antiquarian of Cornwall, and reputed eccentric (apparently he used to dress up as a mermaid and also excommunicated his cat for mousing on Sundays!). He loved bright colours and it seems the only black things he wore were his socks. At his funeral, everyone wore purple.

He spent many hours in his small hut that he built himself on the cliffs overlooking the sea. Here he would write his poems and letters. He became known for his work in rescuing and burying the remains of shipwreck victims washed up on the jagged rocks below his church (formerly they would be left in the sea or buried on the beach). The figurehead of the ship *Caledonia*, which foundered in September 1842, marks the grave in Morwenstow churchyard of five of the nine-man crew. Hawker's Hut is now the smallest property in the National Trust portfolio and is well worth a visit, along with Morwenstow Church.

Although Robert Hawker published a number of short collections of verse, most of his poems were distributed in leaflets that he printed at his own expense. It was not until he was 66, that he saw his *Cornish Ballads* in print. Highly regarded in his day, Hawker's work has now largely vanished from the public eye except for his triumphant 'Song of the Western Men'. Under the name 'Trelawny', this is sung as the unofficial National Anthem of Cornwall.


A good sword and a trusty hand!  
A merry heart and true!  
King James's men shall understand  
What Cornish lads can do!

And have they fixed the where and when?  
And shall Trelawny die?  
Here's twenty thousand Cornish men  
Will know the reason why!

Out spake their Captain brave and bold:  
A merry wight was he:  
'If London Tower were Michael's hold,  
We'd set Trelawny free!

'Trelawny he's in keep and hold;  
Trelawny he may die:  
But here's twenty thousand Cornish bold  
Will know the reason why!'

*(abbreviated version)*



*Hawker's Hut at Morwenstow*

## The Really Useful Page

<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>WHO</u>
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