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## South Petherwin Parish Magazine



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**Merry Christmas  
And  
Happy New year**





## Clerks Comments

The Parish Council were pleased that after contacting Cornwall Council Highways department an extremely overgrown footway in Trebursye was cut with amazing results—the footway has more than doubled in size!

BT are in the process of reviewing rural telephone boxes and have recommended that those which are underused are decommissioned. The phone box in South Petherwin is on their list, so the parish council have requested that it is kept open at present ( via the County Council who has collated all the parishes responses). However, if all else fails there is a possibility that that the council can purchase the phone box for the sum of £1, and if that was the case, will involve the community regarding a new use for it. Some parishes use them to house defibrillators, or turn them into a book exchange. Do you have a good idea?

The contractor who cuts grass for the parish council unfortunately had dog faeces flung in his face while cutting the grass by the side of the main road in Trelinnoe Gardens. Please, please, clear up after your dogs—it has consequences you may not have thought of. As reported in this magazine in May, dog faeces can lead to toxocariasis in humans ( which causes serious illness and blindness).

You can contact the clerk on 01566 772596  
or email [parishcouncil@southpetherwinpc.org](mailto:parishcouncil@southpetherwinpc.org)

*Alison Barham, Parish Clerk*



*Trebursye footway, before and after cutting*

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**Lantern making  
in the village hall**  
10-2pm



Happy 10th wedding  
anniversary Paul  
Love Ali xxxxx



## Answers to the quiz on page 23

1. According to The Guinness Book of World Records, "White Christmas" has sold over 50 million copies worldwide.
2. "Holiday Inn", in 1942. The film "White Christmas" didn't appear until 1954.
3. "I love You Love Me Love" by Gary Glitter
4. "Silent Night".
5. "O Holy Night".
6. The Night Before Christmas.
7. 7
8. Mrs Cratchitt
9. Cornwall
10. Football (it describes a 4-3-2-1 team formation)
11. Buttons
12. Norway



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## Yellow House

*By Cherry Pyke*

When people walk past our house, I watch them glance up and grin. I'm not sure if they laugh because the bright colour makes them feel like a spring daffodil, if they are searching for their sunglasses or if they simply think we're crazy. When I moved into Roger's house in 2002, it was a modest shade of cream with brown windowsills and a contented brown shepherd on the wall. Then the following spring we visited Looe with his Mum for Mothering Sunday and whilst chomping on local ice creams, noticed a yellow and purple house shining across the twinkling water. We both thought the same thing.

Our wedding followed a similar theme with Roger's Mum making beautiful purple bridesmaids' dresses and Flower Scene interweaving the fabric into their yellow hand-tied flowers and my own vibrant bouquet. Roger designed an art deco style logo incorporating our initials and this was exquisitely interpreted by Mrs Kerslake (late of Tregroco) around our funky three tier cake to reflect the angular contours of New York's Chrysler Building that we'd be visiting on our honeymoon.

Once married and settled, Roger re-painted the house in its new, glorious colours and used a corner shelf to create the unique name plate. However, despite my taste for fun, Roger disappointingly thought it best not to re-spray the car. Over the years, the house has been called 'Balamory Cottage' by small children, been heartily welcomed by sat-nav weary delivery drivers and envied by men who flinch at the prospect of being "so brave" but secretly dream of splashing raspberry crush Weathershield over their dreary bungalow.

We're not the only yellow house in the village, or even the first one, yet by giving our tiny, mid-terraced former Baptist Chapel an artistic twist, we hope to start a new trend. If other home-owners and landlords/ladies take an adventurous step into the world of colour, South Petherwin could be seen from the International Space Station and everyone would walk around with daft smiles, just like in Balamory.

So next time you reach for the safety of magnolia (unless, she adds hastily, you own a Listed Building), remember those summer flowers, happy children's faces, inspirational buildings and the cheerful uplifting of spirits that being different can bring.



## **From Parish Council Chairman Julie Butler ;**

The council is really pleased about the quick resolution on the footpath. The telephone box decommissioning will be a great opportunity for the community to get involved. Please feel free to contact our clerk, Alison Barham (details left) or myself, Julie Butler on 01566 774537 or email [julietldh@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:julietldh@yahoo.co.uk)

Seasons greetings to you all!



## **Let your voice be heard!**

Included in this issue is a short survey from Rev Jo Smart, the minister at the Methodist chapel in South Petherwin. Jo will be familiar to many people in the parish since her appointment here in September 2015. As part of her probationary training, Jo is required to undertake a short survey of one of her chapels and the surrounding community and she has chosen South Petherwin. She would be grateful if as many people as possible could complete the survey by 9th December and return it either directly to her, or pop it into the wooden box in the Church by the shop. Jo has promised to write an article for the magazine at a later date, to let us know the results and findings of the survey.

## *Lantern Making*

Withy lantern making will be returning to the village hall on **Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup>**; drop in any time from **10.00 a.m. until 14.00, finish at 16.00.**

Yummy hot food and cakes available to enjoy while you're making. Wear old clothes and bring some battery operated lights if possible, to attach inside the lantern. Own secateurs are useful. No children under 12 unaccompanied. Each lantern made costs £2 to go towards materials. Sunday 18th, weather permitting, there will be the option of carol singing (with or without lanterns) around the village, ending, for those that want to take part, in taking the lanterns into the church during the carol service, timing TBC. Why not combine your lantern making with a drop in to the coffee morning in the shop and post office Saturday morning and pick up some local Christmas goodies. **Any questions please call Abi Caine 01566 774873.**



### Oil Syndicate

It was a great relief to complete my first order for the Oil Syndicate. As I have not had any irate phone calls I am assuming that everyone's order was delivered.

Sue had warned me that it was difficult to find the right time for phoning around and that I would need to leave lots of messages on answer phones. She was right!

I know that not everyone uses email, but I was wondering if those of you who do, would mind if we use that method of contacting each other about oil orders. It could save a lot of time, be more convenient and we would all have a written copy of the order.



If you are happy to do that please let me know. My e mail is—**agnhexworthy42@gmail.com**. Obviously if you prefer, I will still phone you.

Finally many thanks to Sue for spending time with me to explain how the system works and show me the spreadsheet. Not being very experienced with Excel it was very useful.

*Ann Nicholson*

### Trans Kernow

The neighbours and ourselves recently went to see the Kernow King on his tour - 'The Minority Rapport' at Launceston Town Hall. The Kernow King (aka Ed Rowe) pokes gentle fun at all things Cornish, such as customs, dialect, Poldark and pasties. Loads of great videos and audience participation ensured that the evening was a huge success.

What made us laugh most (because it was a bit close to home), was the category of person he dubbed Trans-Kernow. You weren't born in Cornwall, but you probably moved here or visit all the time and you wish that you had actually been born Cornish, you are that proud of your adopted county. I must admit, when I go 'up country', I often drop oh-so-casually into the conversation, that I live in Cornwall, just to see the invariably envious faces of the people who don't live here.



The Kernow King is well worth checking out – either on YouTube or live. Geddon my birds!

*Phil Fox*

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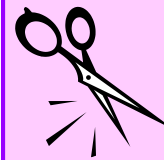
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### Winter Precautions

A couple of weeks ago I managed to fuse the house lights, and as I fumbled around for a torch, I realised that I should probably check that emergency items are to hand, now that the dark nights and cold weather are here. I found a small box into which I put: a torch and spare batteries, some battery powered tea lights, a couple of sturdy fat candles that should stand up fairly easily and something to stand them on, and matches. I put this box at the front of the hall cupboard so that I will be easily able to put my hand on it in the dark.



Then I thought of all the other things that I should do : ensure that the stopcock turns easily, in case of frozen pipes; make sure that I have a bag of salt near the back door in case of icy steps and paths; check my supply of cold and flu remedies; buy some extra tins of soup and other easily stored food in case we get snowed in (I've heard rumours of a really bad Jan/Feb to come).

I've also made myself a list of handy phone numbers that might be needed in a hurry and left it right by the 'phone – doctor, my electricity supplier (if there's a power cut, you can call **105** for free, to get help or advice), my household insurance company and a plumber. Fortunately I have already had my smoke alarms checked for free by the **Fire Service – 0800 3581 999**. Another handy number is **Age UK Advice line on 0800 169 6565**. Now when did I last have my electric blanket checked ?– I know it's supposed to be at least every 3 years!

*Sue Vernon*

### Parish Website

Just a reminder to check out the great new parish website, which Roger Pyke has worked hard on, moving to wordpress and giving a general overall facelift. Wordpress makes the site more accessible and easier to read on all types of devices. Since the new website started it up, it has received 5,395 visitors! It has all kinds of interesting and valuable information from parish contacts, the community shop, parish diary and parish council information—and loads more.

Please ensure you send in your information to Roger Pyke on any events that you are holding or updates on clubs you may run or belong to. This is a community tool for everyone to use. **The website address is [southpetherwin.co](http://southpetherwin.co) and Roger's email is [rogerpyke1@gmail.com](mailto:rogerpyke1@gmail.com)**



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### The Autumn Fun Day

The Autumn fun day in October proved a great success. South Petherwin PTA working in partnership with South Petherwin Parish Council and other parish groups organised the morning events including horse riding face painting apple pressing, hot food, music making, and a skatepark. Parish Councillor Phil Parsons was relieved that the rain held off. He said 'the Parish Council has run this project for over ten years, and we have never cancelled because of the weather'.

As ever, the children loved the skatepark and all ages from 3-12 had a go. Bikes, scooters and skateboards zoomed up and down the ramps. The parish council hope to run this event in the spring as part of its youth programme. The parish council would like to thank the PTA and parent volunteers who helped to erect and dismantle the skatepark. Also the South Petherwin Wind Turbine Community Fund and Tempest skatepark officer, Paul Meadows.



# South Petherwin WW1



## Remembrance Sunday



Remembrance Sunday fell on 13<sup>th</sup> November this year. It was a bright and sunny day which made a welcome change from the rain of the previous two years. Prior to the service, traffic passing through the village, was stopped in both directions by Cllr Phil Parsons and Peter Northmore, with additional help from Paul Barham.

Approximately forty people of all ages, gathered by the war memorial, to hear Dr Brian Davies, a worship leader from North Hill, conduct a short service. Wreaths, on behalf of the Parish Council and the family of Ronald Creber, were laid at the foot of the memorial by Tony Stephens and Luke Clement. Ray Horrell and Luke Clement read the famous poem 'We shall not grow weary' and a two minute silence was observed at 11am in keeping with the rest of the country. The names of fourteen servicemen, who had lost their lives during the two world wars, was read aloud by



Helena Northmore. Service men and women from all the armed conflicts, both past and present, were also remembered. The atmosphere was quiet and reflective with a communal prayer for peace throughout the world. The service concluded with the National Anthem and a blessing.

Many people then made their way to the Methodist Chapel where Dr Brian Davies led the morning Service. Gordon Maunder played the organ and Barbara Cobbledick and John Whale gave the readings. There was a collection for the British Legion, and the service was followed by tea and coffee in the chapel.



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### Triple the birthday fun!

Happy birthday to the Wheadon triplets! Paige, Florence and Ebony from Trelinnoe Gardens celebrated their first birthday in great style on 31<sup>st</sup> October. Brave Mum and Dad, Donna and Daniel put on a party for their girls in a local village hall and counted up 26 children not to mention various parents and grandparents. 'We had a lovely time', said Donna, 'and although it was a bit noisy and chaotic, everyone enjoyed it. Each of the triplets had their own special birthday cake'

However having triplets is not all fun and games ; infact far from it, when you consider the number of nappies, bottles of milk and change of clothes, the babies get through on a daily basis. And then there are the disturbed nights and times when one or all of the babies need a bit more attention. 'It's very hard work' said Donna 'and Daniel and I are exhausted for much of the time.



Bath time has to be like a military operation. *L to r Ebony, Paige and Florence*  
But we have lots of help from both sets of grandparents and we know it will get easier next year when the girls are out of nappies and old enough to go to nursery.'

Ebony, Paige and Florence are not identical, and they are beginning to look different and establish their own personalities Donna said 'It's wonderful to watch them change as they grow' .

### Anyone for short mat bowls?

The village hall has a second hand short mat and some balls for short mat indoor bowls. Would anyone be interested in starting up such an activity? The mat takes up a considerable space in the store room, so if no one is interested in making use of it, we may have to sell it on.



Please contact Sue or Peter on 772640 if you are interested.

## Church and Chapel Services

### St Paternus Church

**Sunday 18th December** 6pm Parish Carol service with lanterns and candlelight

**Saturday 24th December** 4.30pm Christmas Eve Service



### Methodist Chapel

**Friday 16th December** 1.30pm School Christingle service in the chapel

### THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

#### *A quiz for all the family*

1. What is the greatest selling Christmas song of all time?
2. Easy one this time, in what film did the answer to question 1 first appear?
3. In 1973, the UK Christmas No 1 single was "Merry Christmas Everybody" by Slade. Which record was at No 2?
4. The Carol "Stille Nacht" was translated into English and became what?
5. What Carol came second in the Classic FM vote for "The Nation's Favourite Carol 2015"?
6. What is the poem *A Visit from St. Nicholas* more commonly known as?
7. During the 20th century how many official white Christmases have there been in the UK?
8. Who served up figgy pudding in Charles Dickens's 'A Christmas Carol'?
9. Mummers Day is an ancient midwinter celebration in which English county?
10. The phrase 'Christmas Tree' formation is commonly associated with what?
11. Who is the servant of Cinderella's father and also Cinderella's friend?
12. Which country traditionally gives London's Trafalgar Square Christmas tree?

*(Don't suppose you'll need them, but if you do, the answers are on page 31 )*

# Christmas 2016

## The History of the Christmas Cracker

The Christmas Cracker as we know it was invented by Tom Smith, a baker who specialised in wedding cake ornaments and decorations. On a visit to Paris he saw sugared almonds, wrapped in a twist of tissue paper, being sold as "Bon Bon". He took the idea to his London shop and found it sold very well at Christmas but sales dwindled into January.

He knew he needed to make them more appealing, and when he threw a log on the fire and heard it crackle, it gave him the idea for the device that makes the

cracker pop when pulled. The ping device of the cracker further developed insertion into novelties, and of course,



cracker pop when inclusion of the pop-necessitated the size to be increased, and the cracker of mottoes and jokes, the paper hat.

Tom Smith was succeeded by his three sons, but it was the youngest, Walter, who was the inspiration behind the cracker we know today.

As Tom Smith fulfilled special orders, it was a bit surprising that in 1927 they received a letter from a gentleman containing a diamond ring and a ten shilling note. The letter asked for the ring to be placed in a special cracker for his fiancé. Unfortunately the letter omitted any details of an address, and the gentleman never contacted the company again, so the ring and the ten shilling note are still in the company's safe today.

During the Second World War all cracker makers had restrictions placed on the making of the cracker snaps, but Tom Smith was commissioned by the Ministry of Defence to make a training aid, made of three to six cracker mechanisms tied together, which simulated the sound of machine gun fire.

*Phil Fox*

## South Petherwin Chapel Harvest Festival Services

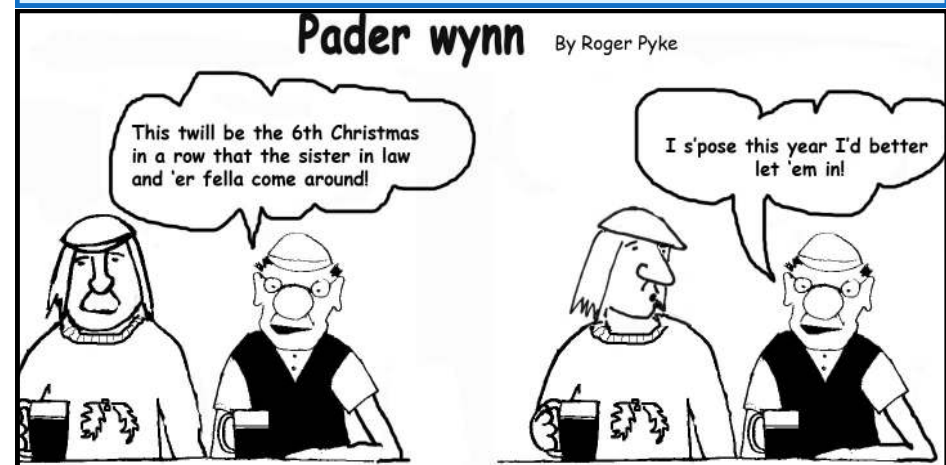
We were pleased to welcome Revd Keith Roberts to take our Sunday morning harvest festival service which was well attended. He gave us much food for thought. The chapel had been beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables. One area had been set aside for donations of non perishable food for the Launceston food bank. The organist was Mrs Mary Stoneman and we sang some lovely traditional harvest hymns.



The service on the following Tuesday evening was led by Miss Mary Butler M.B.E. who spoke on 'the seed of life' and how it can be sown in various situations. The organist was Mr Gordon Maunder. This short service was followed by the harvest supper when over 30 people sat down to a meal of cold meat, salads and accompaniments, all of which had been provided by chapel members and friends.

The retiring collection for both services were for 'All We Can' (Methodist Relief and Development Fund) A sale of produce was auctioned by Mr Phillip Parsons who worked hard to encourage the bidders to reach the highest price. As a result £62 was donated to the Launceston Salvation Army. Four bags of non perishable food were donated to the Launceston Food bank. The following Friday, South Petherwin School held their Harvest festival service in the Chapel. This concluded another successful harvest festival and time of fellowship together.

*Mary Stoneman*





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## A letter from Rev Heather West, Curate in the Benefice of three rivers



*Christmas is coming the goose is getting fat  
please put a penny in the old man's hat, if you haven't got a penny  
a ha'penny will do, if you haven't got a ha'penny, may God Bless You.'*

Yes, it is nearly here, Christmas a time of 'peace and goodwill to all'. For some this  
will be a time of peace and joy, and I pray that this is what it will be for you, but for  
others a time of absolute torment or loneliness.

Will you be running around looking for that special must have toy, or gift, or have  
you already got all your presents bought and wrapped? What will this time before  
Christmas be for you?

Is Christmas not a time of sharing? God shared His son with us, the inn keeper  
shared the stable with Mary and Joseph, the angels shared the glory of God with the  
shepherds, the Kings shared their wealth with the infant Christ. We all have gifts and  
skills that we can share with our neighbours, and we all can be receivers of the offers  
of others. While it is good to give and receive material gifts, the greatest gift we can  
give is ourselves, so if we do not even have that to gift as the old carol says may  
God Bless you. So this Christmas time can we all look at ourselves and ask how can  
I make the life of my neighbour better?

May God's peace be with you this Christmas.

Heather

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*Aaron Gerry (11)*



Some of the spooky  
characters in  
South Petherwin on  
Halloween



*Jess Gerry (13) and Elle Stevens(13)*



*Jacob (7) and Ben(5) Turner*

### A possible conversation between a Farmer and his Son:

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## What Farmers Do

### In the Winter?

**By Phil Parsons and Phil Fox**



It's approaching winter, and what does your average Cornish Farmer do, apart from catching up on all the TV they missed during the rest of the year? Well, although winter is a time for the earth to slow down and hibernate, for a farmer it is actually quite busy. The animals' needs change as the winter draws in. In the fields, nutrient levels in the grass drop and therefore livestock still in fields will need their feed to be topped up with silage and corn. These will be placed in round or square metal feeders in the field. Should the weather deteriorate to the point that they need to be housed in barns, then the additional work of putting straw bedding down will be required, and this will need replacing as and when required.

The farmer will need to manage his/her stocks of silage and feed to ensure there are sufficient supplies. The weather can make this very difficult, as prolonged and early bad weather can start eating in to the supplies earlier than anticipated. Then there is preparation required for any upcoming breeding season, to ensure the animals concerned are at the correct levels of nutrition for impending pregnancy. This will again involve changing their feed accordingly.

Then you have the small matter of the arable fields. Winter crops may have been sown and will therefore need monitoring regularly, and fields that will be sown in the spring will need to be prepared, by ploughing, and then having slurry spread on a month or so later. Any winter crops will also need to be harvested. This is again weather dependent. And, of course, there is general maintenance to the farm and the machinery to be carried out.

On the whole, the farmer will have an extremely busy time even if the weather behaves – if it doesn't, then it will be into overdrive, and having to deal with everything with daylight reduced greatly.

<b>The Really Useful Page</b>			
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