

South Petherwin Parish Magazine



Issue No 57

Harvesting in the sun!

After a few wet cool summers, we have finally had the summer many of us have been waiting for. Warm sunny days and beautiful blue skies were a daily occurrence throughout July. The smoky smell of evening barbecues and the sweet scent of flowers were prevalent as you walked around the Parish.

And a wonderful summer has been followed by a bountiful harvest, with spring barley yielding up to three plus tons per acre. But the increase in production has meant prices for feed barley have dropped from over £200 to as low as £160; good news for livestock farmers buying in food but not for the seller.



Parish Play Area Update

As you are probably aware, a Parish Play Area is being planned for South Petherwin. A substantial amount of money has been secured as a result of the wind turbine development specifically for the play area. The proposed equipment will be situated just inside the gates to the school and will be a shared play space for both the school and the community.

Quotations have been obtained from three different play equipment companies and these have each provided plans outlining their suggestions for the equipment to be included. Consultation has taken place with the children at the primary school who were keen to give their ideas as to what should be incorporated in the design.

At present, we are working on a lease agreement with Cornwall Council which will enable us to use the piece of land as a shared space. If are interested in seeing the proposals, please come along to the **Skate Park event at the school on Saturday 5th October between 10am and 1pm** where the plans from the three different companies will be on display.

Andrew Hoskin– Parish Councillor

Cornwall Councillor Neil Burden

Following the criticism of our Cornwall Councillor Neil Burden, in the July issue of the Parish Magazine, I feel that in fairness, I should show the other side of the coin. I have contacted Neil on two occasions to report the overflowing dog waste bins in the village. On both occasions I got straight through on the telephone and the bins were emptied within 24 hours each time. Well done Neil!

Tony Lewis

The '6 Parishes Litter Project'.

Are you concerned about litter in the Parish? We are a network of six of your neighbouring parishes sharing the problems we have with litter, ideas for prevention, and liaising with Clean Cornwall. We are actively improving the cleanliness of our parishes and building support in our communities.

We hope that interested people from South Petherwin Parish will come to our next meeting on **Wednesday 30th October, 10.30am at Upton Cross Parish hall** (on the B3254 opposite the school) and consider being part of our network. You can see more about the Litter Free project in North Hill parish on www.litterfree.co.uk. If you would like to talk to us please phone Roger Catchpole 01566 782587 or Jill Goodman 01566 782573

Jill Goodman

School Extension

The builders moved in to school at the end of last March to start our new extension. The children were excited and interested to see the building work at every stage. Class 1 in particular enjoyed watching the progress and incorporated it into their project about buildings. The work was supposed to take 12 weeks but inevitably things cropped up and it took longer. Hence we were vying for space with the builders, the day before term started in September! But now it is nearly finished and we are just waiting for the new furniture to arrive.

The extension includes a lovely glass entrance with disabled access (see photo below) extra working space for the children, new toilets for the children and staff (we only had one before and you can imagine the queue at break time!) increased office space and a much needed storeroom. The extra space is wonderful. We will be having a grand opening later this year and hope to see as many people from the community there as possible.

Helen Masters



Well done Gemma!

Gemma Sanders and the England Womens Football Team won a bronze medal in the recent deaflympics at Sofia in Bulgaria. The team played magnificently and Gemma certainly flew the flag for Cornwall. The full story will follow in the next issue of the magazine.



The Parish Magazine is now available to read on the South Petherwin website. Go to www.southpetherwin.com

RAY HORRELL

**one of the unsung heroes of World War 11 finally
receives the credit he deserves.**



In 1943 a proud young Air Training Corps recruit, Ray Horrell (the one in the centre) stands guard over a Hurricane in Launceston Square. At the time he was working as a Trainee Reporter for the Post, anticipating his call-up papers and expecting a posting to the RAF. The following year however, instead of being several thousand feet in the air, Ray found himself deep underground in the Welsh Valleys mining for coal. Ray had been selected to be a Bevin Boy along with four others from the Launceston area.



The scheme started in 1943 when there was a need to recruit miners to replace those skilled men who had been conscripted into the armed forces. Mining had not been considered reserved employment. After 6 weeks training, just outside of Monmouth, he was posted to Deep Dyffryn Colliery in Mountain Ash.

To make the selection process random, one of Bevin's secretaries each week, would pull a digit from a hat containing all ten digits, 0-9, and all men liable for call-up that week whose National Service number ended in that digit were directed to work in the mines so it really was the luck of the draw.

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Ray spent two years as a Bevin Boy. Like the other recruits he received no war medal or recognition of the part he had played in the war. Bevin Boys did not wear uniforms or badges, but the oldest clothes they could find. Being of military age and without uniform caused many to be stopped by police and questioned about avoiding call-up. Ray's job was to shovel the coal on to a conveyor belt after 'his' miner had cut it out of the seam. He worked from 6.00 a.m. until 2.30 p.m. for 6 days a week. He remembers it as a grim period in his life, working in conditions where little thought was given to Health and Safety.



Ray found digs near the colliery with the wife of a miner. He remembers having to share a bed with another Bevin Boy who used to go out drinking a lot and then be sick on the bed when he had had too much. After two weeks of this enough was enough, he was asked to leave and Ray had the bed to himself! Ray did not go to the pub but spent his free time at the cinema. During these two years he earned £3.10s out of which £1.10s went to the landlady who seemed to think she was on to a good earner with three tenants. (Ray remembers an old railway worker who used to sleep under the stairs!)



After the war Ray joined the family ironmongers business of J T Gilbards in Launceston. In 2008 Ray was encouraged to apply for the newly minted Bevin Boys Badge which arrived with a certificate finally recognising the valuable contribution made by Ray and his fellow Bevin Boys to the outcome of World War.

Dave Thomas

Mobile Skate Park

Test your riding and balancing skills!

View the new Play area plans!

The mobile skate park will be at South Petherwin School
On Saturday 5th October from 10am-1pm



The park is run by qualified instructors and includes ramps and half pipe with a selection of skateboards, bikes, scooters and safety gear.

For children aged 6yrs + at the discretion of parents or guardians and the instructors

For further information ring Phil Parsons on 01566 777179



Wow what a week!

Last May, Class 4 (age 10-11) from South Petherwin school went on a residential trip to Barton Hall for a week of activities. Here some of the children describe their experiences.

The best activity in my opinion was the trapeze.

It felt like you were in a circus. You would climb up what looked like a telegraph pole. Our whole group had a go despite how frightening it was.

Georgia

After 45 minutes in the coach we finally arrived at Paignton zoothen we reached the orang-utang enclosure. We were staring at them for ages and then the mum orang-utang grabbed the baby and leapt at the glass. We all went 'WOW!' and jumped back. Eventually the coach arrived at Barton Hall..... We all excitedly ran to the breakfast door. It was yum, we all ate everything. What amazing food. (I wouldn't have had that at home.)

Amelia

Last week Class Four went on an activities week to Barton Hall. It was an amazing experience. The leaders were wonderful, the activities were awesome and the meals yummy.

We split into different groups to enjoy activities. First came the giant swing which looked very scary but was 'AWESOME!!'. I recall basically you are in a fully secure harness unlike what we all thought. You are given a wedgie and clipped tightly to a metal bar.

Sophie

On the giant swing they asked for the most confident people to go first, so me and Oscar went first. We went right to the top and at first you felt nervous but then it was fun. So me and Oscar yanked the rope and we didn't know when we were gonna drop and the rest of the team counted down like '3.2.1' and we dropped! It was so much fun it felt like you were flying.

Emily



A big thank you to all the staff at the school who worked so hard to give the children such a wonderful week.. And to all the children who contributed.—Magazine Committee

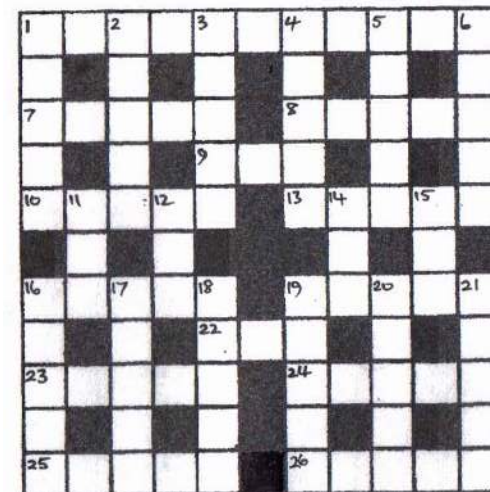
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ACROSS

1. Bird Hunter (7 4)
2. Aboard underwater vessel (2 3)
8. White Wader (5)
9. Tavern (3)
10. Box Shaped van at airport (5)
13. Melodies (5)
16. Measuring device (5)
19. Positively one's purpose (5)
22. Lady seen at Christmas (3)
23. Foolish Person (5)
24. Striped cat (5)
25. Come In (5)
26. Atomised water (5)

DOWN

1. Angry image (5)
2. Tessa -my reversed possession (5)
3. Sherwood bird (5)
4. Maritime birds (5)
5. Protector (5)
6. Birds on a string (5)
11. Employ (3)
12. Singleton (3)
14. Rock Roe (3)
15. Flavoured with juniper berries (3)
16. Cut at 45 degrees (5)
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19. Fairytale (5)
20. Boring bit (5)
21. Hang about (5)



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Copy for the next issue of the Magazine should be given to a member of the editorial committee not later than **3rd November 2013**. (Please remember to attach your name and telephone number in case of queries.)

Parish Diary - Special Events

<i>date</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Sat 5th Oct	Mobile Skate Park SP School 10-1pm	Phil Parsons 777179
Sun 6th Oct	Harvest Festival Services Methodist Chapel .11am and 6pm	Tony Smith 782204
Tues 8th Oct	Short Service followed by Harvest Supper Methodist Chapel . 6.45pm	Mary Stoneman 773375
Sat 12th Oct	Coffee morning. Methodist Chapel 10.30am	Tony Smith 782204
Sun 13th Oct	Service followed by Harvest Supper and auction of produce. St Paternus Church.6pm	Rev Brown 770649
Mon 28th Oct	Lunch Club. Methodist Hall	Wendy Smith 782204
Wed 30th Oct	6 Parishes Litter meeting Upton Cross Parish hall 10.30	Jill Goodman 782573
Sat 9th Nov	Coffee morning. Methodist Hall 10.30	Tony Smith 782204
Mon 25th Nov	Lunch Club. 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 will be Wed 18th Sept, 2nd, 16th and 30th October
Helpline number-; 0300 1234 141

SOME USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Emergencies: Police Ambulance Fire Brigade Coastguard 999

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	0800 365900
Police (Non emergency-general Enquiries)	101
Crimestoppers	0800 555111
Citizens Advice Bureau Launceston (9am-noon)	01208 264691
Community Police Officer Clare Danson	01566 771419
Rev Anne Brown –Vicar (Cof E)	01566 770649

Parish Diary - Regular Events

<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Parish Council Meeting	Second Wednesday in the month, 7.30 pm, Village Hall	Clerk: Fran Dennison 782277
St Paternus C of E	Service 11.15 am	Wardens: Valerie Adams; 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
Bimbos	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 Fasham 779476
Bell Ringers	Mondays, 7.30 pm practice	John Atkinson 774264
Skittles	Tuesdays 7 pm, Village Hall	Vi Brook 779243
Bingo	Last Wednesday of each month, 2pm Village Hall	Derek Pitman 779612
Mobile Library	Tuesdays 12.25-12.40 pm Village Pump	Tues 29/1/13 and every alternate Tuesday

The Little Red Bus (Launceston Community Transport Partnership) covers South Petherwin area on Thursdays. For information, ring 01566 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.

Your Parish Councillors are:

Chairman: John Whiting

Clerk: Fran Dennison 01566 782277

Councillors: Lavinia Archer, Caroline Davies, Terry Goodman, Phil Parsons, Andy Patterson,

Michael Screech, Andrew Hoskin, Dawn Rogers

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

Welcome to the smallest village!

Whilst running from South Petherwin to Kennards House the other day, I noticed a bright new village sign, aptly named 'KENNARDS HOUSE' located near Tregaller Lane. Then, a few paces later, just after the showground entrance, another shiny sign told me that my visit to the pleasant village of 'KENNARDS HOUSE' was over. Confused, I retraced my steps.



Having lived in the area since the early 1980s, (and therefore almost local) I always assumed that Kennards House began near Trethorne. Yet we now appear to have the tiniest village in Cornwall. Does anyone know why? Is it possible to build a house here; surely planning permission would be tricky when the entire village is the size of a large garden? Thankfully the Launceston Show will make this modest village rejoice next summer so maybe someone has a cunning plan. Or it could simply be that Kennards House is special and I should wind my neck in.

Cherry Pyke

A great season for the cricket team.

This season has produced some outstanding performances from a number of players in the cricket team including Simon Drew scoring 770 runs and Ewan Warton taking four consecutive wickets with four balls. Both Adam (16 yrs) and Danny Drew (14 yrs) kept up with the senior players with Danny holding the same batting average as his dad, Adrian.



The end of season climatic match against St Stephen ended in a win for South Petherwin ensuring their move up to the second division. The full story will follow in the next edition, including the results of the Doug Gerry memorial match. Club members are seen here preparing the wicket for the final match.

**Good on yer South
Petherwin cricket team!**



*Happy Birthday
Vi Brooks!
90 years young this month!
Best wishes from all her
many friends in the
village*

First Friday of each month
light lunch 12.30 -1.15
Time for reflection 1.15 -
2.00

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come to one or the other or both
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Autumn is a time for big decisions—
like whether or not it's too late to
start spring cleaning.



A big welcome
to all the children starting reception at
South Petherwin school.
We hope you will be very happy and enjoy
your time at the school

Calling the Parish Paparazzi!

Please send in any photo's of local
events or groups in the
Parish for inclusion in
the
2014 Parish Calendar.

Email your photo's to
philp653@gmail.com



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committee (details back page)

Noticeboard

Do you need a cleaner?

My name is Kath and I live in South Petherwin. I can do ironing, hoovering and all types of cleaning. I can be flexible with hours and have good references.

If you need a one off clean, or help on a regular basis, give me a ring on

01566 772608

'The happiest people don't have the best of everything
They just make the best of everything they have'
-Kate Allatt



South Petherwin Website

Catch up on all the latest parish news and information! Visit the website at
:http://www.southpetherwin.com.

Congratulations
To
Rev Eleanor Reddington
Who completed a three mile sponsored swim across the solent and
Raised a massive £2000 for the charity ASPIRE which helps people with spinal injuries.

The summer fayre
at
St Paternus Church was very well attended this year.
Nearly £400 was raised for Church funds and Rev Brown would like to thank all those involved for their help.

SPAG - South Petherwin Allotments

A time of mellow digging like billio fruitfulness!

Well here is Autumn, and while there is a distinctly balmy feel about these golden days the main focus is on the fork and the muck. I know that if I don't prepare the ground properly then the following year will lose its edge. Last year due to wind, rain and reluctance I failed miserably to dig and dress



as intended and felt not quite ready for the past glorious summer, so watch out; good intentions are fully sharpened and glinting with hope for new perfection.

This year the allotment has seen plot holders have a very satisfying haul and the enjoyment of a fine summer, and we all have

several new projects on the go. Firstly funding has been applied for to create an edible hedge; sloughs and elderberries and I am told Hawthorne leaves used to be called bread and cheese on account of their satisfying bite. I have tried them and while not unpleasant, I think you would have to be quite hungry to consider them breakfast. We will be planting fruit trees in an orchard area, laying down some hardcore, taking hardwood cuttings to supplement our hedge, and maybe having the odd bonfire, baked spud and beer.

Also the big news is, we have a sale on from now until February next year, so if you want to bag yourself a plot to see if you like it, then a full plot (25 x 12m) is just £10, and halves and quarters a fiver. So why not enjoy a crisp Autumn full of flasks of tea, robins sitting on your spade and the satisfying warmth of working up an appetite on a cold day, taking in the unsurpassed panorama? If interested please call me: Abi Caine 07943 699208, or email southpetherwinallotments@gmail.com.



A letter from Rev Anne Brown the Vicar at St Paternus

Dear all

It is now the season of 'mists and mellow fruitfulness' as Keats put it in the opening line of his poem 'To Autumn' but I wonder sometimes if all the waxing lyrical about Harvest, while wonderful at painting pictures in our minds, misses some of the crucial points. In an agricultural reliant society, gathering in the Harvest was fundamentally critical to the survival of the community. Failure to gather in sufficient food would mean the community might not survive the coming winter. No harvest, no future. Today, with so much of society disconnected from the agricultural bedrock which supports us, this underlying basic truth still exists. It always was, and still is, hard and demanding work. So I think there is still a need to mark harvest time.

Celebrations to give thanks for the harvest, have been around since man started to farm, although the Harvest Festival Church Celebration is a much more recent tradition. It began in 1843, when Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service at his church at Morwenstow. Our church and chapel will both be having harvest celebrations, to give thanks to God for the Harvest and to pray for those whose work and endeavours keep us fed. The church service at St Paternus is on Sunday 13th October at 6pm followed by Harvest Supper and Auction of Produce. It would be good to see our community coming together to give thanks for all those who provide food for us, both locally and further afield.

Finally, if you want to find out what is happening in South Petherwin Church and in the wider team of churches that I work with, why not see our new web site www.threeriversteam.org.uk

Much love and blessings in Christ.

Revd Anne Brown

Priest-in-charge of the Three Rivers Benefice

Tel- 01566 770649 Email; thethreeriversteam@btinternet.com.



South Petherwin Methodist Church

Harvest Festival Services

Sunday 6th October 11am led by Mr Peter Parsons

6.30pm Harvest Songs of Praise led by Mr Eric Rowland

Tuesday 8th October 6.45pm Short service led by Rev Anne Brown

Followed by a harvest supper.

All are welcome



Positive Visualisation—Driving the dream.

Three years ago I wrote an article about the trauma and happiness of fitting a new kitchen, an event only brought about through the cancellation of our dream USA road trip holiday due to the eruption of that infamous Icelandic volcano. "It wasn't meant to be," is a phrase we often hear and miserably dismiss when some glorious plan has been dashed by the clumsy fist of fate.

Yet in this case, it was true. If we had travelled to the USA in April 2010, heavy snow would have hampered our journey, major road works blighted our trip to two national parks and my husband, limping from a broken ankle, could not have walked far. In May 2013, we tried again – this time we fully researched the journey, added another four days and extended the route to include Death Valley, Yosemite, the Giant Sequoias in California, the famous cacti in Tucson, plus our original plans for Arizona, Utah and Nevada. Our camera broke so we bought a decent one and my husband's physiotherapist had fixed his ankle.



We could even celebrate our tenth wedding anniversary in San Francisco on the last night and treat ourselves to Cirque Du Soleil's in Las Vegas in the first week. We made contact with my husband's cousins in Sacramento and met those wonderful people at last.

When it "is meant to be" it all works out for the best. Life grants you a brief window of time and it is up to you to grab the opportunity. If it is financially, emotionally and practically possible, then do it. We had a magnificently captivating road trip, immersing ourselves in seven beautiful national parks and the joy of being enveloped in a momentous two week experience, with nearly 3000 miles of challenges and fulfilment. Shortly after we came home, fires ravaged through Arizona and California, a tragic accident in Yosemite killed a mountain climber and various things sadly went wrong for other people in the area. We missed all of this because our "time" was right.

Never underestimate the power of thought and always believe that if you visualise something long enough, for the right reasons, it can eventually happen and then the feeling is simply, to use the nauseating American cliché, 'awesome'.

Cherry Pyke

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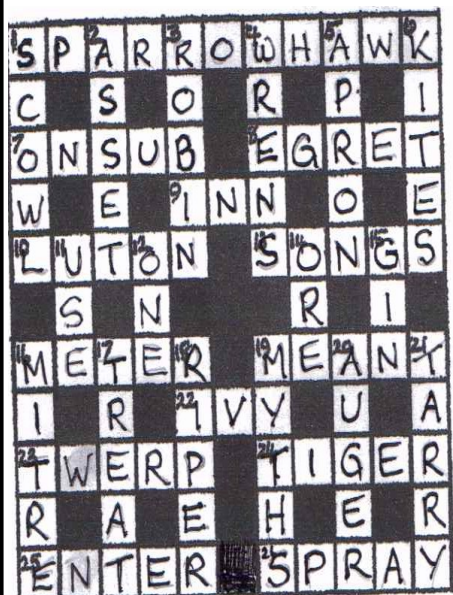
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Solution to Crossword on page 28



This photo shows a selection of litter picked up in Tregaller Lane recently. The local PCSO Clare Danson and Parish Council have been made aware of the ongoing situation. Police Patrols have been stepped up in this area.

Want to do something about it?

See page 2 for a campaign to help clear up litter



Christening Service

On Sunday afternoon of 18th August a christening service was held at the Methodist Chapel for Avril Frances Oke, daughter of Steve and Zoe Oke, grandchild of David and Annette Jasper and Chris and Anne Oke and great grandchild for Sheila Jasper and Graham Jasper. The godparents were Jonathan Oke, Amy Jasper and Lynsey Ellis.

Avril was born on 23rd June 2013 at Penrice Birth Centre St Austell but spent her first week in intensive care at Treliske. After one week in hospital she fully recovered from her complications and has had no further repercussions. The service was led by Rev Malcolm Jones and the organist was Mrs Mary Stoneman. This special occasion was celebrated by the proud parents, godparents, family and friends who received a warm welcome at the chapel.

Hedge Bindweed

Hedge bindweed or bellbind with its pure white trumpet flowers is a familiar sight in the hedgerows & gardens at the moment, choking plants as it twines around any shoot or cane that gets in its way. But BEWARE - Hedge bindweed has medicinal uses as a laxative! It flowers from June to October & the flowers are insect pollinated and produce few seeds.

The seed is contained in a 4-seeded capsule & can retain viability for at least 39 years when buried in soil. (No wonder it is so hard to get rid of in the garden!). A ground cover of common chickweed has been used to suppress hedge bindweed in vineyards – is that a good excuse to leave the chickweed in the garden I wonder?

Sue Vernon

