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#### **Harvest Time here again!**



Photo by Phil Parsons

According to one of the main agricultural contractors, the cereal crop yields this year were average, unlike the record yields last year. On the other hand the grass crops were very good and even now fourth crops are being harvested.

As autumn arrives, farmers are busy planting winter cereals and cover crops, including stubble turnips and rape. Some will be planting grass seeds but as each day goes by, with daylight shortening and temperatures dropping, there is a sense of urgency to plant before the rain comes.

(see page 13 for an interesting article on the history of combine harvesters)

#### **New Laser Printing for the Magazine**

You may have noticed that the last three editions of the magazine have looked sharper and are easier to read. We also have a brand new logo, designed by Roger Pyke, and the photo's are much improved. This is because our printer, Phil Tucker, has a new laser printing press which produces a much higher quality image. However nothing comes without a price tag, and the total cost for printing and collating the magazine has increased by £62 per issue.

To meet this additional cost, the magazine committee have increased the advertising fees for the first time in three years. The charges are still very reasonable especially as many local businesses tell us that they obtain a considerable amount of business through advertising with us. If you would like more information about advertising please contact; Alison Barham at alisonbarham21@gmail.com

In the meantime, many thanks to all those who continue to advertise, and to Phil Tucker, our printer who not only provides us with a very quick and efficient service, but is always very generous in giving advice and support to the magazine.

Helena Northmore



#### Launceston Show Successes!

Local lad, **Craig Frain**, has one passion in life; re-building and up grading his Fordson Super Major pictured here at Launceston Show. This vintage tractor was originally designed with a pulling power of over 50+hp but with its new

Perkins 610 V8, 200+hp engine it will pull up to 90 ton weights. Craig

said "Dad, Kevin, and me have had a lot of late nights but I am really pleased with the finished machine.

I hope to travel around Devon and Cornwall competing against other machines in the various Tractor Pulling competitions".

Jessica Berryman, aged 9 years old, with her winning sheep, a Devon and Cornwall Longwool at the annual Launceston Agricultural Show.



# Noticeboard

#### **Oil Syndicate**



I am pleased to report that Ann Nicholson has agreed to take over the oil syndicate. She can be reached on 01566 779254 and will no doubt be ringing round the village later in September or early October. Thank you to everyone for your support during the eight years I ran it

Sue Vernon



GOOD LUCK !

Good luck
To all those
starting
a new school,
job or university
this month.

Go for it!



#### To Sue Vernon

from everyone in the oil syndicate. You did a brilliant job setting it up and running it.

#### TRURO to TENGANI,

Malawi is full of surprises, excitement and difficulties!

Come and hear Roz Heyns of Alabaster Ministries give a lively, illustrated presentation.

Hear about the healings, the new converts, the lovely elderly evangelising and the opposition from witch doctors.

Roz was born in Truro but grew up in Rhodesia now Zimbabwe. As a Christian she was compelled to flee for her life with her 2 children under the then new Mugabe regime and left with no more than a few suitcases.

She now lives in America but ministers at least three times a year in Southern Malawi wi where she has a young team of Malawian pastors.

South Petherwin Village Hall Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.

Tea, coffee and cakes.

If you'd like to advertise any item for sale, or celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or just shout about something special please email -hmnorthmore@msn.com or contact any of the magazine committee (details back page)

#### Losing a Pet

Recently our young cat, Lily, was run over by a car on the busy main road outside our house, and although the majority of people (especially pet owners) were extremely kind, you could see that some people couldn't understand why I was so upset. The writer Daisy Goodwin put it very well when



L to r—Thomas and Lily

she said 'bereavement sounds tragic, pet bereavement sounds slightly absurd. And yet the death of a pet can be shattering and the lack of a conventional mould to pour that grief into can make it even worse.'

Talking with friends and family who understand how important your cat was (and still is) in your life can be helpful, as can be a grave in the garden, photos around the house etc. Apparently, pet bereavement is what is known as a disenfranchised loss (i.e. unrecognised as important in society), so you may feel embarrassed to show how upset you are for too long (or at all). I read that when you lose a loved pet, and particularly in such traumatic circumstances as we lost ours, it can raise feelings from other past losses of previous cats (we had another one who died in a similar way) or even people we have lost recently.

So what I take from all this is that experiencing grief in relation to your pet's death is normal and not something to be ashamed of, and is unfortunately the cost of love. The Cats Protection League, Blue Cross and RSPCA all offer pet bereavement advice and support.

On a happier note, we have a lovely older cat Thomas, who is getting even more fuss than normal! Please don't let this put you off having a pet, as the unconditional love you get from them is well worth it!

Alison Barham

## **Parish Council News**Earlier this year, after a request from t

Earlier this year, after a request from the Parish Council, Cormac the highways agency carried out a Speed Visor test in the village at two points on the B3254 (basically at the two east and west points of the village as you come into the 30mph built-up zone).

The equipment had a 10 day monitoring phase (it looked like it wasn't on, but was actually logging speeds) and then a 35 day display phase (when it flashed up the speed as cars passed).

In the 45 days there were on average approximately 45,000 cars logged. While some cars were logged driving at over 30mph, the mean speed was between 26 to 32 mph.

There were up to 13% of cars in one location driving at over 40mph, but when the Parish Council queried if any further action would be taken, we were informed that due to budget cuts and as the accident history of the locations does not identify them as a priority, no action will be undertaken at present.

The full reports are on the village website. Please take a look and let the Parish Council know if you have any queries or concerns.

As you may have noticed from earlier copies of the Parish Magazine, the Parish Council managed to get the County Council to agree to cut the grass in the church-yard earlier next year (first cut in June rather than late July). Also, the council got the County Council to recognise that the footpath that runs from Tiny Meadows to the main road is Council maintainable. So, a couple of minor triumphs!

You may have noticed that the toilets are currently locked. Unfortunately, there is a leak (probably in the mains pipe), and the council are waiting to have this fixed before the toilets can be re-opened. Nothing is simple, and the council is following the process dictated by South West Water, while ensuring that the valuable parish precept is not spent on water that hasn't been used. Hopefully this will all be resolved soon.

You can contact the Clerk on 01566 772596 or email parishcouncil@southpetherwinpc.org.

Alison Barham, Parish Clerk



## **What Does South Petherwin Think?**

Feeling inspired by the Olympics? How can you keep fit in South Petherwin? Are there enough facilities locally? Some of the questions put to visitors to the Community shop during the last few days of the olympic games.



#### **Margaret Stephens Sunways South Petherwin**

I felt very inspired by the Olympics. I think the athletes work really hard with all their training and this must encourage young people. At my age I keep fit by gardening and we're getting another dog soon, so I'll be walking a lot then too. We're got things in the village to help people stay fit, like BIMBO's and table tennis, but you have to make the effort to join them.

#### Kate Hatch, Elena (2 1/2) and Jake the dog Trelinnoe Gardens, South Petherwin

We were definitely inspired by the Olympics. I liked the athletics which I used to do, and my partner likes the cycling. We watched as much as we could. I keep fit now by running an 8, 6, or 4 mile loop round the village, depending on how much energy I have and how long Mum can look after Elena. I'd love to see a yoga class in the village. Elena loves the school playground. We hope she's going to compete in the 2032 Olympics—the next Jessica Ennis-Hill!



#### Jean Napper, Briarwood, South Petherwin

I've felt very inspired by the Olympics particularly the way Team GB have gained momentum as they've gone on. My husband and I used to have a saddlery shop in Launceston so we're particularly interested in the equestrian events. I keep fit with housework and gardening and generally being an active person. I'd like to see a pilates class in the village for younger people. It would be a good idea. But sadly not for me.

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#### Graham Davey, Garcia Cottage, S Petherwin

I'm a bit old to feel inspired by athletes but I do think the Olympics is a good thing. The amount of work that goes into winning a gold medal must be inspiring for young people. And now with the lottery funding and drug testing we can compete on an equal footing with other countries. How do I keep fit? Well I walk a bit in

the evenings but I have a very active job as a builder and never sit still!

#### Caroline Moxham, Corner Cottage S Petherwin

I don't exactly feel inspired by the Olympics. I like to watch it and admire the dedication of the athletes but it doesn't make me want to do a different sport. I used to play golf and ride a bit, but I have a problem with my back and knees so had to give it up. Now I rely on a good diet with lots of fruit and vegetables to keep fit.



#### Mike Ryalls Tiny Meadows, South Petherwin

No, I don't really feel inspired by the Olympics; I just put up with it every four years. The media is just so full of it. I'm not a sportsman so it doesn't particularly interest me. I play golf because I enjoy the walk, and I go to the gym in Launceston . But I don't notice many over weight people in South Petherwin. Maybe that's because we're country people and eat sensibly.

#### Gareth Roberts and Jacob (5) Westcott, South Petherwin

Gareth; I follow loads of sport so I happily watch it, or as much as I can. I do sup surfing (stand up paddle boarding) and have bought an electric bike from the bike shop in the village so sometimes I cycle to work now in Holsworthy.

**Jacob;** I like the Olympics, and the relays and sprinting. I run to school most days but sometimes I walk. I like chocolate but I run a lot so I keep healthy



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#### **Gardening Matters**

Overall, we have enjoyed a wonderfully warm and dry August, certainly compared to last year. Many plants are now starting to show signs of autumn as the leaves start to fall and the apples and blackberries are ready for eating.

### Jobs in September

- Continue deadheading regularly flowers such as dahlias, cosmos, zinnia, sweet peas to extend the colour in your borders.
- Herbaceous perennials can be cut back once flowering is over or can be left until early spring. It is also a good time to mulch round plants where you uncover bare soil.
- Strawberries have started to send out runners and these can be severed and replanted to establish for next year.
- Start planning and planting spring flowering bulbs such as daffodils, muscari, anemone blanda, snowdrops, tulips and hyacinths.
- Now is a good time to take stock and make changes by moving and dividing herbaceous perennials.
- Keep Camellias and other spring flowering shrubs well-watered in autumn to help establish healthy buds for flowers next spring.
- Keep newly planted shrubs and trees well-watered in dry periods to prevent stress on the plant and help roots to establish.
- Save dried seedheads of your favourite plants to sow next year or swap with friends.



Looking at its best now are the intricate flowers of the common Passion flower, Passiflora caerulea, a fairly vigorous climber, native to South America and grows very well here.

Ella Payne

samnella@talktalk.net

#### A letter from the Methodist Minister



"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

It is the season within the church's year when we celebrate harvest and the many 'fruits' of the local farmer's labour. Thanking God for all that He has given us is something that can be traced right back to Genesis. Cain and Abel, both brought to God their first fruits; Cain brought the fruit of the ground and Abel brought the first-lings of his flock. Later, God gave instruction to Moses, telling him that they should bring the first fruits of their harvest to the priest as an offering.

However, the "fruits" that are produced are only as good as the effort that has gone in to cultivating them as all farmers will know. Apparently a vine can only produce its best fruit if the soil has been carefully prepared and the plant has been given a great deal of attention. Jesus said that He is the *true* vine and that His disciples were the branches. This means that it is only by being in a relationship with Jesus that we can bear much fruit, which in turn brings Glory to God.

Jesus calls these fruits the 'Fruit of the Spirit' and they consist of things like love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, humility and self-control. Like the farmer who harvests their 'fruits' at this time of year, these 'fruits' are good and benefit the whole of humanity, not only the person giving them but also the person who receives them. Maybe we could learn from the farmer and work hard to produce at least one of these 'fruits,' making this a better world to live in.

Revd Johanna Smart 01566 782921 jcsmart@me.com

God Bless Jo



#### **Harvest Services at the Chapel**



Sunday 2nd October 11am Harvest Festival Service in the Chapel Guest Preacher—Rev K Roberts

**Tuesday 4th October 6.45pm.** Service. Followed by harvest supper Speaker—Miss Mary Butler MBE

**Friday 7th November 9.30am.** South Petherwin School Harvest Festival In the Methodist Chapel

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For your diary.....

**Sunday 13th November. Remembrance Sunday.** Meet at war memorial at 10.45am followed by united service in the Methodist Chapel





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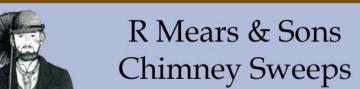


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#### Farewell to the Vicar

The bells rang out on the evening of Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August as St Paternus Church filled with people from all five of the churches in the Three Rivers Benefice, who had come to celebrate Canon Anne Brown's time here and to say farewell. She and Chris are moving on



to their next home near Perranporth where Anne will have new challenges.

The service was a happy and light hearted one, with readings and prayers from various people and a demonstration by the 'Open the Book' team, who enact Bible stories in the local schools. Following the presentation of farewell gifts to both Anne and Chris, everyone was invited to enjoy a glass of wine and the delicious food that had been prepared by various members of the congregations.

We wish Anne and Chris a very happy life in their new home and hope Anne will find work in her new parishes both challenging and rewarding.

#### **Interregnum arrangements at St Paternus**



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Following Canon Anne Brown's departure, and until a new vicar is appointed, clerical duties in the Church will be carried out by Rev Heather West, pictured here with Anne at her leaving service. Heather may be contacted on 01566 770649

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#### HARVEST FESTIVAL AND SUPPER

#### **Sunday 25th September**

6pm in St Paternus Church

The service will be taken by Dr Brian Davies with supper and an auction of harvest produce to follow











If your know a budding singer who would be interested in singing with one of our county choirs please contact Shelley Jeffery at sjefferyccc@gmail.com. Cornwall girls and Cornwall boys choirs are for year 5 up to year 8. Cornwall County Youth choir is for year 9 up to age 18.

Shelley Jeffery

### **Cornwall Youth Choir**

It has been a fantastic year for our young singers involved in our county choirs. April saw the Youth Choir performing with CYO in Truro Cathedral as part of the BBC Ten pieces project. Representing South Petherwin were Elanor Baron, Abby Edwards, Hannah Gardner, Tommy Japes, and Harry Jeffery.

The very next day Annabelle Jeffery had the opportunity to sing in the cathedral as part of Cornwall Girls Choir, performing the British debut of Jan Van der Roost's "Once upon a time" in collaboration with Cornwall Youth Wind Orchestra, HFC youth theatre and dance groups. Later that same month the girls choir got to sing with Aled Jones, once again in Truro cathedral.



July took us further afield, Hannah Gardner, Tommy Japes and Harry and Annabelle Jeffery had a day trip to Birmingham symphony hall where they took part in the National Music for Youth Festival as part of Cornwall County Youth Choir performing once again with the Cornwall Youth Orchestra. The adjudicators said of their performance of Bizet's Carmen Suite 'this is how opera should be done'!

Later that same month at the Royal Albert, Hall Harry Jeffery and Tommy Japes performed Verdi's Dies Irae in the BBC School's prom, again as part of the CCYC singing alongside the BBC singers and with the BBC philharmonic orchestra.

#### Heath Lobelia – A Rare Sighting

One sunny morning in August we set off to try to find a rare plant called Heath Lobelia. This plant grows in only one place in Cornwall, and only five other locations in the British Isles. So there is some concern about whether it may disappear altogether from this country. It likes poor acidic soils that are seasonally water-logged on rough pasture or open woodland, but countryside management is restricting suitable sites for it.

Tessa Baker is the person who knows where it should be found. She is a botanist who grew up in South Petherwin, and developed her interest in plants by examining the hedgerows as she walked to and from school each day.

With Tessa's guidance we set out on our search.

We spent twenty minutes confusing the local traffic on a very busy country road by driving backwards and forwards trying to find the entrance to the wild life site (unsignposted). However eventually we found the track, climbed a gate, waded through some mud and found ourselves in a series of undeveloped meadows full of wild flowers, sedges and rushes. The sun was warm and the ground underfoot boggy, so it seemed the ideal situation to find our plant.



Tessa Baker

We spent several hours wandering through the fields, admiring the fleabane, the betony, the scabious, the water mint, an occasional lesser skullcap, grasshoppers and frogs. But no sign of our quarry. Although we had had a wonderful morning, we were feeling slightly disheartened as we made our way back to the car. But – walking down through the middle of one of the meadows – we had our eureka moment.



There it was, just one plant, but definitely the Heath Lobelia, with its strange but rather lovely purplish blue flowers. We searched further in the vicinity and found one other clump of two or three plants.

This was nothing like the number of plants that had been recorded in earlier years, but at least we can say that the Heath Lobelia is still growing in Cornwall.

Heath Lobelia

Kaye Montgomery

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coming twelve months. Eventually a few kind people came through the door and for a short time the hall was busy, goods were sold, raffle tickets bought and teas, coffee and cakes were being enjoyed together with lots of laughter and chat.

Sadly, the momentum did not continue and the hall remained guiet for the rest of the morning. Phil Fox, chairman of the defibrillator committee, said "It is a pity that the event was not better supported, as the defibrillator is of benefit to the whole of the community." Hopefully the next event will prove more attractive to the village.

Sue Vernon











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## History of the combine Harvester

About this time of year farmers across the parish are harvesting fields of grain. Before modern-day machines were developed, agricultural workers had to harvest crops by carrying out a series of laborious operations one after another. First they had to cut down the plants



with a long-handled cutting tool such as a scythe (reaping). Next, they had to separate the edible grain from the inedible chaff by beating the cut stalks (threshing). Finally, they had to clean any remaining debris away from the seeds to make them suitable for use in a mill (winnowing). All this took a lot of time and a lot of people. No wonder people strived for a way of improving the process.

These days the three separate operations required for the harvest - reaping, threshing, and winnowing, are done with one machine, the combine harvester. This was invented in 1834 by Hiram Moore in the USA. But even though it was invented 182 years ago, the US combine harvester wasn't widely used in Europe as it couldn't cope with the different more wetter conditions. American fields were bigger, and drier than those in Northern Europe. In Europe, the American combines would have difficulties with the terrain and would clog up because the harvest was more moist.

It wasn't until 1936 that a combine harvester, built by German August Claas, was used in Germany. This proved to be more successful for European conditions, and led to the development of the modern machines used in our fields today.

Phil Fox



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#### Sadly we say goodbye to;

**Bernard Wadland**, who passed away on 6<sup>th</sup> August. A well known and much loved resident of South Petherwin for over 48 years. Bernard was always happy to stop and chat, although some of us found his broad Cornish accent an exercise in concentration!



He was often to be found working on his allotment where he grew wonderful vegetables and his favourite dahlias and we will miss the sight of him atop his tractor bringing home his produce. His contribution over many years to the ringing of the tenor bell in the church was invaluable and many in the parish will have varied and fond memories of Bernard.

Margaret Whale who passed away peacefully on 31st August at Pendruccombe House. Margaret celebrated her 100th birthday earlier this year, and had had a full an interesting life, witnessing many changes over the decades. She and her late husband William farmed at Penfoot, Tregaller Lane until their retirement when they moved down the road to Pentor. She had lived in the parish for over sixty years. John Whale and Mary Stoneman still live in the parish and her granddaughter Sarah was also raised here. Margaret was well known in South Petherwin and will be remembered with great affection by many people.

**Patricia Dinnis** had lived in Tregaller Close for over 20 years, but sadly did not enjoy the best of health. She worked in the town at Hicks and Son and at Harts, finally working up to retirement at Briggs Shoe shop. She was an avid knitter and loved to help out her family and friends, who will all miss her very much.



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You could email, text, use social media, or ring 101. All the details are on this page. Police resources are scarce, so help them to help you, by contacting them in the right way and leaving 999 calls for real emergencies





#### Neighbourhood Watch

A Neighbourhood Watch Scheme enables communities to work together with the police and limit the opportunity for crime and anti social behaviour through increased awareness of crime prevention measures. For more information contact **Mary Stoneman on 773375** or any of the coordinators below;

The Village Helen Masters 775545

Tiny Meadows Richard Beacham 773614

Tregaller Lane & Tremeale Mary Stoneman 773375 and

Crispin Earle 774038

Daws House Andrea Foster 779181 School Watch Gillian Sleep 773300

The Really Useful Page					
<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>WHO</u>		
Lunch Club	Mon 31st Oct Mon 28th Nov	Methodist Hall 12.30pm	Wendy Smith 782204		
Coffee morning	Sat 8th Oct Sat 12th Nov	Methodist Hall 10.30am	Tony Smith 782204		
Knitting	Most Thursdays at 2pm	West Petherwin Farm	Muriel Parsons 773027		
BIMBO's (over 50's keep fit)	Every Monday (except B/hols and lunch club dates)	Methodist Hall	Vi Brook 779243		
Bell ringers	7.30 pm Mondays	St Paternus Church	Nigel Parker 773233		
Skittles	7pm Tuesdays	Village Hall	Peter Northmore 778744 Vi Brook 779243		
Bingo	Last Wednesday of the month 2pm	Village Hall	Pat Locke 774671		
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S. Petherwin Cricket Team	Weekly practice and fixtures	S. Petherwin Cricket ground	07810 493583 07973 909556		

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#### **Useful Information**

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 Ann Nicholson 779254

#### **Rubbish and Recycling Collection Dates**

Both rubbish and recycling are collected on a WEDNESDAY.

Rubbish is collected every Wednesday. Recycling on alternate weeks. Next recycling dates are 12th and 26th Oct 9th and 23rd Nov

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Community Shop and Post Office

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Opening Hours-Mon - Sat 9am-1pm (Not open on Sunday)

#### **Church Services**

#### St Paternus Church (C of E)

Sunday worship at 11.15 (no service on 5th Sunday of the month)

Rev Heather West 770649

Church wardens: Deborah Adams 7744244 Barbara Cobbledick 772559

#### Methodist Chapel

Sunday Service at 11am

Minister: Rev Jo Smart 782921 Steward; Tony Smith 782204

#### **South Petherwin Wind Turbine Community Fund**

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> **Next trustees meeting** 17th October 2016

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#### South Petherwin 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: Julie Butler Clerk: Alison Barham Tel: 772596 or email: parishcouncil@southpetherwinpc.org

#### **Councillors:**

Michael Screech, Adrian Finnimore, Nik Burgess Roger Kneebone, Dawn Rogers, Phil Parsons John Whiting, Chris Powlesland