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Autumn in South Petherwin Parish



Photography by David Montgomery

Cormac Asphalt Plan Proposal

Cormac held a public consultation event at Bangor's Quarry Pennygillam, on Thursday 21st September with around fifty people attending. Plans were displayed with guided tours around the proposed asphalt plant site. Noise, air pollution, traffic movement and benefit to the local economy were just some of the issues raised. One suggestion proposed by a resident was to allow for an emergency exit on the South Petherwin side, if a major incident forced Pennygillam Industrial Estate to shut down. The existing South Petherwin road entrance would otherwise be closed off. Another suggestion put forward was to allow for a cycle route, using the old Petherwin road up to the industrial estate. There used to be a road going to Bangors Quarry straight across the top of the estate to Launceston cemetery.

Cormac officers attending the event were pleased with the turnout but following a discussion with the parish council agreed to hold a further consultation in the parish as a number of residents hadn't known about the event. The next consultation will be at the **Methodist Chapel car park on Monday 2nd October 2017 between 2-6pm**. The planning application will then be considered again at the October Parish Council meeting and then forwarded to the November/December strategic planning committee in Truro.

September Parish Council Meeting

The two main items raised at the parish council meeting were the Cormac asphalt planning application and speeding vehicles along the B3254 Daws House route. A petition with nearly 300 signatures requested that action should be taken to 'reduce speeding traffic' and 'to take this matter to Cornwall Council highways department'. During the council meeting it was agreed that the chairman, Cllr Phil Parsons would attend the Launceston Community Network Panel meeting on Thursday 21st September to present the petition to the Cornwall Council chief executive Kate Kennally with the support of Cornwall Councillor Neil Burden

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Shop leaves positive legacy for church and village.

*The following article is a media release from
the dioceses of Truro sent to the
South Petherwin Magazine*



“The community shop at South Petherwin might have had to close less than two years after opening, but the project has left ongoing, tangible benefits for the church and wider community.

For a start, the church itself now remains open during the day for people to visit, and the building is accessible to more people thanks to a ramp that has been added to help those with certain mobility issues.

The changes made to the fabric of the building to accommodate the shop can now be used to provide new facilities for the church—a small kitchen, shelving to create a second hand bookstall, and a lockable area to make it easier for the church to remain open during the day.

The community spirit that the project harnessed is still very much in evidence; there are now regular coffee mornings and fundraising events driven by people who were involved in the shop project.

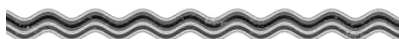
The church hopes to build on the positive feedback around the ‘feature days’ that worked well for the shop, such as pancake day and the Christmas concert.

Rev. Heather West said ‘one of the joys for me is seeing people come to the coffee mornings, and being able to take the opportunity to mix and have a chat with them. The visitor’s book is also testament to the fact that people are now able to come in and visit the church, simply because it’s open, which is good news’

Bishop of St Germans, the Rt Rev Dr Chris Goldsmith said ‘ Everyone involved with the South Petherwin Community Shop deserves a big thank you, from its inception right through to those people who are now looking at ways we can benefit from its positive legacy. It is really important we continue to try new things and innovate, praying and giving careful consideration to how we can benefit our churches and the wider communities they serve.

Just because the shop has closed does not mean it has failed. It might not have succeeded in the way it was originally intended, but its legacy will bring tangible positive benefits to many.”

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Speeding update.

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to sign the speeding petition, which was advertised in a previous edition of the Parish magazine.

123 signatures were gathered locally by residents and a further 168 were gathered online, totalling 291 signatures. If you would like to view the online petition and comments left by those who have signed, go to [Change.org](https://www.change.org), search for 'South Petherwin' and click on the link. It is still possible to sign if you haven't already done so. The petition was supported by residents, visitors, local businesses and South Petherwin School.

The combined petitions were handed to the Parish Council at the meeting on September 12th and it is hoped that progress will be made to reduce the speed of vehicles through the village and Daws House to an acceptable 30 mph.

The general consensus seems to be that it has risen steadily in recent years and now the number of speeding vehicles is causing a danger to residents and pedestrians. Residents and the Parish Council are in discussion about how to escalate the matter, before the inevitable accident occurs.

Your support is very much appreciated.

Darren Jeffery.

A Sad End for our Wallaby

You will have read in this magazine, and seen on the local news about a wallaby who had taken up residence in Trecrogo.

Sadly in early August 2017 the Wallaby was found on a local farm and it soon became very apparent that he had an injured and infected hind leg. He was easily captured and under the supervision of a local vet was put on a course of antibiotics. Sadly after 10 days of treatment and no signs of improvement it was decided that the kindest thing was to put him to sleep.

He was laid to rest in a field in South Petherwin Parish.



A resident from Daws House writes.....

'We spotted this dogs mess when out walking in Tregaller Lane the other day. Perhaps one of you dog walkers could enlighten us why once it is parcelled up it is ok to leave it on the grass verge?'

Methodist Community Survey 2017

Earlier this year, as part of her training as a Methodist Minister, Rev Jo Smart invited the parish to take part in a community survey. The following is a synopsis of the results.

Many thanks to those who completed the forms and took part in this survey. Forty one forms were returned and of those 41% were in the 30-44 age group followed by 31% in the 60-74 age range.

The main reason that was given for liking South Petherwin was the sense of community. Other comments given were in relation to the school, the countryside, the peace and quiet, the amenities and its closeness to the A30 and Launceston. The main reason given for disliking South Petherwin was related to traffic, including the lack of transport and footpaths. Other comments concerned a perceived lack of commitment to village activities, as well as lack of shops. Fears were also expressed about possible future development by national companies.

Although the main concern was in regards to traffic, the most mentioned area to change was the amenities. It was felt there needed to be a community area with family facilities, more shops and that the hall should be updated. Other recommendations included better transport links, and traffic calming measures.

18 (44%) of the returned surveys were from people who said they attended a church; the top reasons given for this were 'sense of community and belonging' and 'faith is nurtured and strengthened. 23 (46%) of surveys were from people who didn't attend a church. Their main reasons given were 'don't believe' and 'too busy'. However of the 34% who responded to the question how they would feel if the church was threatened with closure, 44% said they would be 'upset' and 14% said they would be 'devastated'.

As some of you will be aware, South Petherwin Methodist Church will be going through some major constructional works. Whilst this is being done the members of the church would like to take this opportunity to reflect on this survey and what it means to be a Christian today in South Petherwin. We therefore continue to welcome your thoughts and suggestions, and pray that together we can work with you to build on the strong sense of community that has already been identified in South Petherwin.

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In addition all groups meet at a coffee morning on the last Friday of every month except December, 10.15am at the hall at Launceston Central Methodist Church.



Anyone interested in finding out more may contact Ken Ransom on 01566 784756 or Hugh Beswetherick on 01840 269025 or **email launu3a.sec@gmail.com**.

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After a brief hot spell early on, this summer's weather has been disappointingly wet and cool especially in the evenings.

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Jobs in September

- September and early autumn is a good time to make more of your favourite plants by propagation. Herbaceous perennials can be lifted and divided by slicing right through the clump and then replanting with some fertilizer sprinkled into the growing hole to get the roots to establish. Plants suitable for this method are hardy geraniums, Phlox and Aстранtia.

Semi ripe cuttings are still soft at the tip but firm at the base. Take a non-flowering stem, remove the lower leaves and plant close to the edge in a pot of compost. You should be able to get 4 or 5 stems into a small pot. Water well and leave somewhere sheltered but not in full sun. Some stem cuttings root just as well in a jar or clear glass of water. Plants to try include Dianthus pinks, Pelargoniums, Salvias, Fuschias and Hydrangeas.

- Continue deadheading regularly flowers such as dahlias, cosmos, zinnia, sweet peas to prolong their flowering.
- Start planning and planting spring flowering bulbs such as daffodils, muscari, anemone blanda, snowdrops, tulips and hyacinths.
- Keep harvesting vegetables to keep them producing for a longer season. Lift onions and lay out to dry before storing.
- Sow overwinter crops such as purple sprouting, kale and swiss chard.

Late sowings of salad crops can be made under the cover of the greenhouse for protection.

It has been a good year for Hydrangeas, they have thrived in all this heavy rain and the sun hasn't scorched the flowers.

Email me at samnella@talktalk.net

Ella Payne



The Really Useful Page

<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>WHO</u>
Methodist Lunch Club	Suspended		Wendy Smith 782204
Methodist Coffee morning	See page 32		Tony Smith 782204
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“ Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness”

By
Alison Barham

What on earth happened to autumn? I woke up on the 1st September and the radio informed me it was the beginning of the meteorological autumn. No! This summer was such a wash-out I don't feel ready for autumn yet!

I normally like autumn—I was born in the season and I love the way the leaves change colour and you get that back to school feeling—you know, the first blank page of the exercise book, the new pencil case.....

Some people say that the autumn equinox (when night and day are of equal length) which usually falls around Sept 22nd-23rd signals the start of autumn, but the meteorological start is defined on whole months with autumn being September, October and November in the Northern hemisphere. Thus my panic when I woke up on September 1st. I thought I had until September 22nd!

The word autumn comes from the ancient Etruscan root *autu*, which was borrowed by the Romans (*autumnus*). The American term *fall* traces its origins to old Germanic languages, with the old English *fioell* or *feallan*. During the 17th century English settlers took the term to the British colonies in North America with them. While the term *fall* gradually became obsolete in Britain, it became the more common term in the States. I also learned that the name *backend* was once a common name for the season in Northern England. (I rather like that one!)

The title above is from the poem 'To Autumn' by John Keats, a beautiful tribute to the changing of the year. So I will pack away the outdoor furniture, put away the summer clothes, and resign myself to cosy nights in, by a roaring log fire.....and perhaps I'll treat myself to a new pencil case

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Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) - A User's Guide

By Cherry Pyke

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Five years ago, I didn't know any of these things. In fact, I saw people with ME out socialising, smiling, shopping or flying abroad and privately wondered hang on, are you really sick? Why do you have a blue badge? I don't understand why you can look so well.

What I didn't see was the hours, days, weeks or months of bed rest or the handfuls of tablets required to get them outside their front door. I didn't watch their private agony or the time spent recovering from these rare activities or the impact on their hopes and dreams as they struggle to manage a disease that feels like having-influenza-then-being-asked-to-run-a-marathon-while someone-hits-their-nerve-endings-with-a-hammer. When exercise is damaging at cellular level and their bodies operate like a battery that only ever charges up to 40% and shuts down after a couple of hours.

Three years ago, after a long, detrimental crusade of determined will-power, my husband collapsed in the street whilst delivering parcels. He hasn't worked since. Diagnosis took months against a cynical medical profession and it was life-changing for us both.

He has 'severe grade' ME but he's an inspiration. Not because he's 'got better' - quite the contrary - he's in constant pain, uses crutches and/or a wheelchair and requires medication and care.

But he has accepted the challenge of managing his ME with great humour and found ways to be creative in small chunks of time, resting for weeks so he can do something different. He might get better - but he may get worse - there are no guarantees with ME but we keep hoping for a cure.

A new movie is being released soon and it's called 'Unrest'. It's the first autobiographical film that is truthfully directed from the bed/wheelchair of a severe ME sufferer. It's not showing in mainstream cinemas, because it's about ME. But when it's seen, I think it will change the world's perception.

When you meet someone with ME - ask them how their day is going, include them in social events (even if they keep cancelling), believe they have an illness that can't be fixed by statements like, "The sun's shining, that should make you feel better," or "My friend had ME, she goes mountain climbing now," or "Yeah, I get tired too, you'll be fine. Think of all those Paralympians." If it was down to willpower, my husband would be scaling Ben Nevis whilst carrying an elephant, rather than be house-bound - he's unflinchingly strong. ME affects the workers, the selfless givers and the physically fit. Pacing is the key - using only half of that tiny battery to seize every moment of energy and make it shine. Please be kind.

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School News

By Helen Masters



Where did the Summer go?

We have all settled back into our school routine very well, especially our new reception children. We welcome two new teachers this term: Miss Hayley Paynter in the reception class and Mr Sam Watts in Class 3 to cover Mrs Palmer's maternity leave. Mrs Palmer leaves on 22nd September and we wish her a very happy time with her new baby. We can't wait to see her! Mrs Little has moved up to teach Class 2.

Over the Summer we had the roof repaired, so no more buckets catching drips. Unfortunately the planned extension to the hall and Classes 1 and 2 has been delayed, watch this space for updates.



Miss Hayley Paynter and the new reception class

We also have a refurbished kitchen so that proper home cooked meals can be cooked every day on site. What a difference! The meals look and taste delicious and the children are very happy and ready to learn afterwards. The smell is fantastic throughout the school.

Coming up this term:

Class 4 have junior life skills at Launceston Fire station on 29th Sept. Harvest Festival 4th Oct. The cross country league starts on 20th Oct As well as all the usual clubs and daily activities.

As always, we welcome visitors and people to hear children read. Let's hope we get an Indian Summer.

Autumn Foraging

By Kaye Montgomery

The arrival of autumn is marked not only by the amazing colours of tree leaves and autumn gales but also by the appearance of all sorts of fruits, nuts and berries. You may be lucky enough to find a field mushroom the size of a dinner plate, but you are much more likely to find mysterious growths popping up overnight, looking interesting or pretty but not necessarily good to eat. If you are knowledgeable or brave, you may decide to try identifying and eating some of the mushrooms but be careful. In Switzerland, where fungus hunting is much more popular, you can take your basket of fungi along to the local police station where they will have access to a specialist who will advise you on which of them are safe to eat. Since we don't have this service, we have to make our own decisions. And even if they are safe, do you really want to eat them? Shaggy ink caps look interesting and are edible, but when you cook them they disintegrate into a black mush which is absolutely tasteless.

The star of the autumn foraging season is surely the blackberry. Childhood memories seem to be full of sunny days spent roaming the countryside and picking blackberries, coming home with mouths stained with juice and arms and legs covered in scratches, but with boxes and baskets full of berries to make apple and blackberry crumble or bramble jelly. During World War II syrup made from rose hips was very popular to supplement a wartime diet short of vitamin C. The syrup is not fashionable nowadays but rose hips do make a very palatable home-made wine. Hawthorn berries are not so well-known as an ingredient but mixed with apples they also can make a tasty wine of a delicate pink colour. And of course one of the stars of the autumn drinks cupboard is sloe gin. Perhaps we should all be out stocking up on the fruit, though it easier to process after the first frost has softened the berries. Sloe gin improves dramatically with age. If you can bear to wait a year or two you will have a beautifully rounded mellow drink to enjoy by the winter fireside, perhaps with a few locally picked nuts.



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BELL RINGERS' NEWS

Many, many thanks to those who made a generous and speedy personal donation, to the Church for making a quick second donation, and particularly to the Anna Maria Gurney Charitable Legacy, for all coming to the aid of the clock project in double quick time when an emergency occurred. There was an unexpected and unplanned for, expense during the final fitting of the second refurbished clock face and the ringers (and South Petherwin) were faced with the possible embarrassment of not being able to pay the final bill on time, as there was no more money in the bank. To our great relief and gratitude, the Anna Maria Gurney Charitable Legacy responded immediately to our plea for help and put a cheque for the remaining balance in the post, despite already having given us a grant. Thank you all so much!!

Preserving our history:

There are, in the ringing chamber at the church, a number of framed photographs of past and present ringers, complete with names and dates. Sadly, over time, most of the older ones have faded badly and are becoming illegible. Roger Pyke has very kindly copied them onto the parish web site, (www.southpetherwin.com) enhancing those that he can and making many of the names more readable. This must have taken some considerable time and we are very grateful to Roger for preserving some of South Petherwin's bell ringing history for future generations to read.

South Petherwin Ringers

Sadly We Say Goodbye to

Beryl Crowle who passed away on 4th July 2017. She came to live in Daws House after her marriage to Denzil and was fortunate to live in the property Denberlea which was built by Denzil, for 56 years. Beryl worked in Adams the Chemist in Launceston for over 40 years. She was a family centred person and good and close friend to many. She cared for her family and was giving and selfless to others and will be sadly missed.



Phyllis Finnimore passed away on 2nd July 2017. She lived at East Compass Farm with her husband Terry. They had lived all their married lives in the parish of South Petherwin, firstly at Kennards House and then when the A30 went through they moved to East Compass Farm, Tregadillett. Many years ago, they had a milk round and delivered to all the surrounding areas. She was a great family lady and loved her flowers and garden. Our condolences to all her family.

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Concert

**Shelley Jeffrey and the
Bel Canto Choir**

With soloists and special guests,
the Launceston College
acapella choir

at

South Petherwin Church

2.30pm

Saturday 30th September

Tickets £6.00 for adults
£4.00 for children

Cream tea in the interval

*Additional car parking available at the Methodist
chapel car park*

Quiz Night

Quiz Master; Robin West

7pm

Friday 20th October

at

South Petherwin Village Hall

£10 per team.

Up to 6 people per team

**For more information phone
Robin on 07768 288527**

Nibbles provided, please bring your
own alcoholic and soft drinks. Raffle,
tea and coffee available

All proceeds to church funds

Church Events

Following another successful coffee morning on Saturday 3rd September, the church is now resolved to make these monthly coffee mornings a fixture. The next one on **Saturday 7th Oct.** will be in aid of Macmillan and all proceeds will be forwarded to the charity. The concert on **Saturday 30th September** promises to be a wonderful event. Many people in the village will remember the Bel Canto choir, who sung in the church at the Christmas coffee morning. Please note the concert starts at **2.30pm**.

On **Sunday 8th Oct** there will be a Harvest Festival Service in the church at **4pm**, followed by a harvest tea and auction of produce. Everyone is welcome to attend and there is always a good selection of local fruit and vegetables to buy at the auction.

And lastly there will be a quiz on **Friday 20th October at 7pm** in the village hall. Quizzes used to be a regular event in the village and were always great fun whether your team was made up of genius's or people out for a bit of fun. So please get your family and friends together and come along for a great evening.

CHAPEL NEWS

New Chapel Roof

We are able to report that the major building work is progressing well. The whole roof is now fully insulated and the re-slating is about 75% complete and ongoing. We hope that the weather will hold out so that the completion will be sooner rather than later. If you have any queries on the matter would you please contact, either Phil Parsons 01566 777179, Mobile No 07737008416 or John Whale 01566 772847

Mary Stoneman



South Petherwin Methodist Church

Harvest Festival Services

Sunday 1st October

11 am Guest Preacher, Mr Alan Libby of St Ives

Tuesday 3rd October

6.45pm Short Service to be led by Rev Heather West

Harvest Supper to follow
£5.00 Adults £2.50 Children

Bookings -

Mary Stoneman 01566 773375

Coffee Morning and Lunch Club

There are no dates in October for the lunch club or coffee morning as both have been suspended due to the building works.

Launceston YFC (Young Farmers Club) Harvest Festival is being held at chapel on Thurs 28th September at 7.30 pm. Everyone is invited to the Sunday School room afterwards for refreshments and entertainment.

Parish Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
Sat 30th Sept	2.30pm Bel Canto Concert	Church
Sun 1st Oct	11am Methodist Harvest Service	Methodist chapel
Sun 1st Oct	11.15 Service to bless the clock and ramp	Church
Mon 2nd Oct	2-6pm Cormac asphalt plan consultation meeting	Methodist car park
Tues 3rd Oct	6.45 pm Harvest Service and supper	Methodist chapel
Sat 7th Oct	10am Coffee Morning (MacMillan)	Church
Sun 8th Oct	Harvest Festival Service and tea	Church
Fri 20th Oct	7pm Quiz Night	Village Hall
Mon 23rd-27th Oct	Half Term	School

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