

# South Petherwin Parish Magazine



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**Ewe's the best! See story on page 21**

## Parish Council Update

The Parish Council winter coffee morning in February was well attended and a number of issues were raised including traffic speed on the B3254, bus stops, safe road crossings, white lines at Daws House and refreshing double yellow lines around the pump bend.



One issue raised but not under the remit of the council, was the consultation regarding a Mayor For Cornwall. No-one supported this idea and all thought it would add to bureaucracy and cost, although it was pointed out that Cornwall Council is in desperate need for funds and this could help.

Most attending supported the idea of a new 'smiley face'

flashing speed sign and 20 mph speed limit. The proposed new speed limits will have to be adopted by Cornwall Council at the Full Council Meeting at Truro. The Parish Council has expressed an interest in this new speed limit and welcomed the opportunity for more discussions followed by a formal parish consultation by Cornwall Council with parish residents. The council is open to all views on this issue and realises it needs to take all views on board going forward.

The events for the King's Coronation are being planned, and will run from Saturday 6th to Monday 8th May. Saturday will be left open for everyone to enjoy watching the Coronation: the first such event many of our parishioners will have seen. Then on Sunday 7th from 2pm there will be a cream tea at the village hall with a bouncy castle and other events in and around the church. No doubt the bells will be ringing over the weekend to celebrate the Coronation. On Monday 8th there will be a parish walk including a volunteer "rubbish pick" as people walk towards Treguddick, and possibly Lewannick. It is hoped to stop at Treguddick Distillery to purchase refreshments.



The council has purchased 500 Coronation coins to be distributed per household and it is planned to deliver them via a Coronation Events leaflet in April, so please keep an eye out for this.

All are welcome to join these events and the aim is to provide a community celebration on this historical weekend as free as possible.

## Parish Council Information

### To contact the Parish Council:

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**The Parish Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm.**

**November—April they are held in the Methodist Chapel Hall, May - October they are held in the Village Hall.**

April 12th 2023 (Methodist Chapel Hall)

May 10th 2023 (Village Hall)

**Note: Planning Applications can be viewed via the Cornwall Council website Planning Portal and searching for the application number. If you want to comment on an application, you will need to register first.**

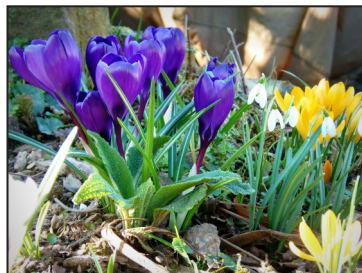
### Welcome to the March/April issue...

The old saying is that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb, but we're still waiting for the 'lamb' bit! It's good to see the spring flowers though, such as the ones in this photo by Paula Stagg.

The magazine committee always love the different photos and articles that you send in to us. This month they range from litter picking around the community to hedgehog highways! We hope that you enjoy this issue.

Once again we have the South Petherwin Wind Turbine Community Fund to thank for this issue; their support has been invaluable.

**Alison Barham, Editor**



## From our Cornwall Councillor Adrian Parsons:



As I write this our first batch of sheep to lamb is drawing to a close. Whereas once I used to look forward with a youthful enthusiasm to lambing time, now every passing year feels more difficult than the last. Interestingly this year we had a slow start, much I suspect due to the hot dry conditions last August, with the rams having more interest lying in the shade rather than going about their daily work! In the four week period of lambing two thirds lambed in the final ten days, which made for an incredibly busy few days & nights! Thankfully the weather has been kind and with an increase in the number of single born lambs this year, the couples could be turned out to the fields early. In fact, usually February can be the most unpredictable of months, as we saw last year with the continued barrage of storms. With many farmers being tight for feed and bedding this winter, the recent calm conditions have been most welcomed. Although I doubt South West Water will see it this way with our reservoirs still being well short of where they would normally be as we rapidly head towards Spring.

Lately there has been lots of discussion surrounding the taxation of second homes across our area. Cornwall Council has recently approved proposals to impose a 100% premium on council tax for second homes. The issue of second home ownership has been a problem within our Cornish coastal towns for a number of years, with many of our most picturesque fishing villages becoming ghost towns in winter. Local folk are being forced to live further inland where prices are a little more affordable. Although in recent times even here it has become increasingly difficult for many to be able to buy a home or find somewhere to rent, such is the demand for housing. Even within the Altarnun and Stoke Climsland Division it's been noticeable that the number of second homes has increased, as many now realise just how beautiful the area is and that perhaps housing stock is a little better value for money. I find it incredibly frustrating at the moment that so many people are struggling to get their foot on the housing ladder, let alone find a home in the place where they were brought up, especially when you see so many properties locally that are empty for most of the year. With the ongoing issues of empty homes within some of our villages, you would hope these measures would perhaps encourage the owners to either repair and let their homes or sell them, rather than continue to let them fall into disrepair!

At The Full Council meeting on the 17 January 2023 a resolution was proposed that Council Tax premiums should be applied to empty properties and second homes in Cornwall and that a letter be sent to the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities asking for it to be

### **RESOLVED** that

*(i) approval be given in principle that the following additional Council Tax premiums be applied from 1 April 2024, or as soon as possible thereafter, subject to the required legislation being in place:-*

- 100% premium for properties which have been empty and unfurnished for a period of between 1 (previously 2) and 5 years;
- 100% premium for second homes; and

*(ii) the Leader writes to the relevant Secretary of State to request that local authorities are given the power to raise Council Tax premiums to 300% on second homes.*

Therefore I feel the plans to impose a premium on Council Tax bills for second home owners should be welcomed, as this potentially could bring in an additional £25 million a year in revenue for Cornwall Council. I just hope this money is ring-fenced to provide additional local needs housing stock in areas where it's most required, to ensure we help keep our living, working, Cornish community alive!

The pilot for the 20mph rollout has concluded and it has shown that making 20mph the default speed has brought traffic speeds down to safer levels. The plan is to roll out this in six stages. Launceston is evidenced to be one of the safer areas in traffic speeds and accidents so has been placed in stage 4 of the rollout. The change will be in place by 2025.

Finally, it's been great to see Launceston Leisure Centre reopen its doors back in mid February; it's now really important that the centre is used to ensure it stays open. The Facebook page Launceston Leisure will be updated and the new telephone number is 01566 779557. For any questions please call the centre.

**Cllr Adrian Parsons**

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**Tel: 01566 782296**



**Can you help?** We were sent this photo by someone from America! It's at Glastonbury in the 1970's and they are carrying the South Petherwin WI banner. Can anyone shed any light on it? If so, please contact the Editor.



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# Hedgehog heaven

I was pleased to see in the September/October edition of the magazine that Hilda the hedgehog is thriving, and that there are many other 'Hilda's' in the parish.

I wonder if they are able to meet?

Given the freedom, hedgehogs will roam an average distance of 2km on a single night. Male hedgehogs in the breeding season can cover up to 3km in one night in their search for females! All snacking on slugs, leatherjackets, earwigs, millipedes and other creepy crawlies you don't want in your garden, as they go.

They should all be hibernating now, but here's a tip to help them when they emerge in the spring: make a hole, no more than 13cm square, at your boundary to allow the hogs to roam.



South Petherwin is obviously a hedgehog friendly parish. We can raise its star rating by making a 'Hedgehog Highway'.

That's just a series of small holes in fences and walls to allow hedgehogs to pass freely between gardens, parks, and allotments, in search of adventure - or romance!

With hedgehog numbers in decline, there has never been a better time to get involved in

hedgehog conservation. Hedgehogs R Us are writing to councils, parishes & towns in the UK to ask them to take part in a Hedgehog Highway project by using a small portion of their assigned funds to purchase a box of hedgehog highway surrounds and make them available for residents. Each box of 50 is £150 & includes 50 Hedgehog Highway surrounds & 50 information leaflets, a display box and window sticker showing you are part of the project.

**Lavinia Archer**

*Interesting sites: [www.hedgehogsrus.co.uk](http://www.hedgehogsrus.co.uk); [www.hedgehogstreet.org](http://www.hedgehogstreet.org)*

# GARDENING MATTERS

March marks the beginning of the growing season. After what seems like a very long winter with some erratic weather, let's hope in the second half of March, Spring finally arrives.

## *Jobs in March and April*

### *Sow:*

*Warm up the soil with cloches or plastic sheeting before sowing.*

*Start sowing indoors or in a greenhouse, hardy vegetables, salad and flowers.*

*Start outdoor planting of broad beans, shallots and onion sets.*

*Chit potatoes to encourage shoots before planting on a warm day in April.*

*Pot up over wintered dahlias and begonias and start to water to encourage shoots.*

*Last chance to plant bare root trees, shrubs and fruit bushes.*

### *Prune:*

*Spent flowers of Hydrangeas can be pruned back to a pair of healthy buds.*

*Prune out dead, damaged and diseased wood.*

*Hardy fuschias can be pruned into shape once green shoots can be seen.*

*Cornus winter stems can be hard pruned now to produce bright coloured stems for late winter colour.*

*Prune and mulch roses.*

### *Weed:*

*When not too wet, weed and mulch borders, pruning and removing last years old growth.*

*Weed and dig over vegetable beds. Feed with a fertiliser before planting.*

### *Propagate:*

*Split and re plant clumps of snowdrops after flowering (in the green).*

*Split hardy perennials by digging up clumps, split with a half moon and replant.*



Ella Payne

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## Litter Picking

My name is Lucy, and my family have lived in the village for 30+ years. I signed up to do my bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award a few months ago and as part of that, I have to do voluntary work. We looked into various options but wanted to make a difference to the village we live in. My dad and I went out for a walk to discuss different options I had, and I passed comment there was a lot of litter on the roadside. When I got home from the walk, I emailed my Duke of Edinburgh tutor and asked if we could do litter picking in the local area, to which she agreed. All we needed to get was a local person to sign my book to prove we had completed this.



We purchased a litter picker and a hoop and set off on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February to do our first litter pick. We decided to start on the road to Kennards House as that was the road we walked on when we came up with the idea. We soon realised the hoop wasn't strong enough to hold the bag so we only collected 4.5kgs that day. So the week leading up to the next litter pick, my Dad and I came up with a few different ideas on how to replace the hoop. In the end we settled on a sack truck with a bin strapped to the front of it and we couldn't wait to get out and try it!

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of Feb we took our new design out litter picking. Again, we carried on picking litter up along the Kennard's House road and managed to clean from the village to Jasper's Corner. Our new design was a great success as we managed to collect 10kgs of rubbish. We have been slowly working our way to the lay-by on the Kennard's House Road. After we have done this, we shall be litter picking on other roads coming into the village. We have been out for 4 weeks, an hour a week, and have collected a total of 31kgs.

My dad has put a couple of posts on the 'I live in South Petherwin and surrounding area' Facebook page. I have been touched by the lovely comments left and it makes me more enthusiastic to go out and continue it every weekend. Now we are getting more into a routine, if people would like to join us, please get in contact through Facebook and we will arrange a day and time where to meet as we only do it an hour a week each weekend.

## First Aid Session at the Village Hall

Saturday 25th March 2pm—4pm



Free 'know how' session on basic first aid:

Basic CPR

How to use a Defibrillator

Basics on choking

Recovery position

People email Andrea Roberts on [andiec1976@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:andiec1976@yahoo.co.uk) if you would like to attend as there is a limit on numbers. Further sessions may be held in the future if over-subscribed or you can't make that day.

Refreshments will be available to buy.

### Sterts news

Well, really there is not yet any good news, but all Sterts' volunteers wait in hopes! Sterts are still 'in discussion' with the insurance company who will not now insure the canopy, but the Studio & Conservatory are still in use & available to rent out. It is also hoped that in due course we will be able to open the Café for coffee & snacks etc & maybe more....watch this space.

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In the meantime therefore, there will not be any income for some time. To this end I have decided to ask people if they will consider sponsoring me to abseil down a cliff (about 120ft) in May, in order to help the situation a little. I may be able to help pay a bill or two! I know the general timing isn't great, but if you can help if I knock on your door, I would be so very grateful. There is also a Facebook donation page in Peter Vernon's name. Sterts is such a marvellous facility for this end of Cornwall & does so much for all ages of people who are drawn to the arts. The confidence it gives to young people in particular is invaluable. Please don't give up on it! **Sue Vernon**

# South Petherwin Village Hall

## Forthcoming events:

**Saturday 25th March 2-4pm First Aid Session (see page 19 for more details)**



**Quiz: Friday 31st March @ 7pm  
Doors open from 6.30pm**

**Bingo: Friday 14th April  
Doors open 6.15pm  
Eyes down @ 7pm**



### **Land Registry update: can you help us??**

The hall was given to the parish over 20 years ago by the WI and a committee set up to oversee its running. The original members of the committee signed the land registry document. Not unsurprisingly, only one of these original members remain on the committee and sadly many members have passed away. In order to update the land registry document we need to contact all the original members who are still living and we are therefore trying to track some people down. Can you please help with the following names (is it you, do you know them and where they are now?): Stephen Daw, Denise Fassum, Robert Whittle, Theresa Wakeham. Please contact Alison on [alisonbarham21@gmail.com](mailto:alisonbarham21@gmail.com) if you can help.



If you would like to **join the Committee**, please contact the Secretary John Ashdown on 471299 or email [j.ashdown56@btinternet.com](mailto:j.ashdown56@btinternet.com)  
**To hire the hall** call Alison on 777561 or John on 779796



## Scanner in the sky!!

A couple of weeks ago I was out strolling on Kit Hill with my walking group, when sounds of a helicopter became apparent, & there was the mineral scanner relaying backwards & forwards across the side of the hill. After two or three passes, it came straight towards us, by which time our cameras were clicking away furiously. The scanning disc must have cleared the top of the trees by a mere inch or two – what a skilful pilot! (I wonder if all our gold & platinum has been recorded!!!!) **Sue Vernon**



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The Village: Helen Masters (775545)

Tiny Meadows: Richard Beacham (773614)

Daws House: Andrea Foster (779181)

School watch: Gillian Sleep (773300)

If you are interested  
in joining the scheme  
please contact any of  
the above.



## Dates to remember

Thursday March 23rd	Friendship lunch	The Frog & Bucket	Claire Ashdown 471299	12.30
Saturday March 25th	First Aid Session	Village Hall	Andrea Roberts see page 15	2-4pm
Monday March 27th	Friendship Group	Methodist Hall	Joan Whale 772847	2-4pm
Friday March 31st	Quiz night see page 16	Village Hall	John Ashdown 471299	7pm
Saturday April 1st	St Paternus Church coffee morning	St Paternus Church	D Adams 774244	10-12
Weds April 12th	Parish Council Meeting	Methodist Hall	Parish Clerk (see page 3)	7pm
Friday April 14th	Bingo night see page 16	Village Hall	John Ashdown 471299	7pm
Thursday April 27th	Friendship lunch	The Frog & Bucket	Claire Ashdown 471299	12.30
Every Sunday	Games Club	Village Hall	Martin Cargill 07956 121043	Evening
Every Monday	Bell ringers	St Paternus Church	Nigel Parker 773233	Evening
Every Tuesday	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Malcolm Tulip 01566 451154	10am
Every Tuesday	SING!	The Frog & Bucket	Sam Davies 07590 371796	7.30pm- 9.30pm

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South West Water	0344 346 2020
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Defibrillator access code (machine is located the wall of the public toilets, near the pump)	onC123X

**Parish Council** - see page 3

**St Paternus Church** - see page 20 for information on services

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Brian Davis	01566 782936

**Methodist Chapel** - Sunday Service at 11am

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### Cornwall Councillor

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## St Paternus Church (C of E)

### Upcoming Events

Every Wednesday midweek service at 11.00am Eucharist with Reverend Sean Clancy.

Coffee morning: first Saturday of the month 10-12. All welcome.

Annual meeting will be held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 7.00pm in the Church.

Church Warden – 01566 782936

Facebook: Saint Paternus Community South Petherwin

The Benefice of The Three Rivers and Altarnun shares its priest, Reverend Sean Clancy, with the parishes of Altarnun, Lawhitton, Lewannick and South Petherwin.

# Recycling

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# Charity project

[www.south-hill.co.uk/charity-recycling](http://www.south-hill.co.uk/charity-recycling)

**Thurs. April 13<sup>th</sup> the trailer will be collecting from:**

- Launceston TESCO car park from 10:15am until 11:15am
- Frog & Bucket car park. South Petherwin at 11:30am
- The Old Phone Box, Coads Green at 12noon
- Golberdon to box up from 1 – 2pm Please come and take a look.

**Thank You for the amazing support, to date we have raised over  
£8800 for our main charity Kicks Count.**

# FARMING NEWS



Cover story: When a sheep has one lamb the farming rule is that it won't need much care. If the ewe has a double, then that's the perfect number! If it's triplets, well they may or may not go on and you'll need to keep an eye on them. But when you find she has had six — a sextuple — then it's "intensive" care time. This mum managed six with a healthy lot of milk but was bewildered when they all started to bleat, "feed me".....

The second season of Clarkson's Farm has been pulling in the viewers and proving very successful. One local farmer in the parish got to visit Diddley Squat Farm Shop and queued for half an hour to get into the shop with its large tractor logo above. Afterwards, he found a space in the adjoining lambing and enjoyed a coffee with the milk provided by the local farming



family highlighted in the series. In his opinion, "Clarkson puts the farming perspective over very well, especially some of the problems and realities of keeping livestock and the problems with TB," which has been echoed by many in the farming industry. It would be interesting to see if similar projects along the "Clarkson" idea could work in other rural areas! The series does seem to be both inspirational and innovating for the farming industry and many hope to see yet another series.

That said, if you look around in the fields in the parish you will see crops being planted and cows calving as farming life goes through the seasons.

**Phil Parsons**

## SOUTH PETHERWIN METHODIST CHURCH



### THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

A service of Thanksgiving was held recently to celebrate the life of a dear member, Mrs Thelma Dowler, and taken by Revd Dr John M. Haley MA. Having attended our chapel for many years, she became a member in March 2019 and had been a regular supporter of the monthly lunch club.

Thelma lived in Egloskerry but after attending a friend's wedding here, she was completely awestruck with the central stained glass window depicting 'The Light of the World'. This reminded her of a pencil written letter received from her late father, who had been called up to the army in 1942 and was sent to the Far East. The letter emphasised

the importance and need to walk in the light, something which in times of despair and personal darkness can be easier to say than do. He was captured by the Japanese and became part of the enforced labour party building the Burma railway. No more news was received until after 1945 and then only that he had died. At 15 years of age this was a blow from which she never recovered but nevertheless she would draw on things her Father taught her, a love that was to remain all her life. The significance of the stained glass window drew her to worship with us from the moment she set eyes on it.

She was widowed after 60 years of marriage to Peter and had a son called Roger and the family grew, having one granddaughter and three great grandchildren of whom she was very proud. She continued to live at Egloskerry and had many interests including volunteering at the Lawrence House museum and being a member of the Old Cornwall Society. Her love of music shone through having sung in many choirs, attending concerts and she developed a fondness for the music of Mozart and was able to visit Salzburg.

Thelma chose a piece of music by Mozart, Ave Verum Corpus, to be played on the organ during the procession into chapel and had planned the rest of the service to include her final resting place in the graveyard, which was to face her special window, 'The Light of the World.'

Mary Stoneman

# SOUTH PETHERWIN METHODIST CHURCH

The Friendship Group continues to meet on the last Monday of the month in the Methodist Hall 2.00pm – 4.00pm. It is well supported and folk enjoy the warm space provided along with tea, coffee, cake and a good chat. All are welcome to join us.

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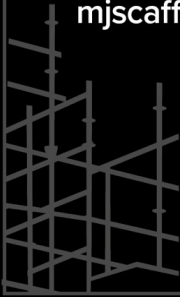
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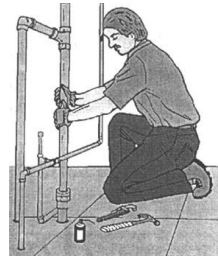
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## A Century of Faith

In March 2022 my father's younger brother died. Among his possessions was a diary from 1923 that belonged to my grandfather, Algy Haley (1902-1981). There were football scores of teams my Grandad had played in, Plymouth Argyle scores, and not much else. Except one entry from 7 February 1923, 'Minnie and I were converted at Gipsy Smith's mission in the drill-hall.' Minnie was my grandmother and they were married in 1925. They continued as devout Christians.

Rodney 'Gipsy' Smith was born on 31 March 1860 at Epping Forest. He grew up in a gipsy caravan and had no formal education. His mother died of



Picture of Gipsy Smith reproduced by kind permission of The Museum of Methodism, Wesley's Chapel, London.

smallpox when he was a young child and his father was constantly in and out of prison - but was converted to the gospel through a Prison Chaplain. Consequently, as a 16 year old, young Rodney came to faith in Christ through the witness of his father, the preaching of the evangelist, Ira Sankey, and a visit to the home of John Bunyan. He joined William Booth's Christian Mission that would become the Salvation Army and, having taught himself to read and write, shared faith by singing hymns and songs until he died in 1947. He said, 'I didn't go through your colleges and seminaries. They wouldn't have me but I have been to the feet of Jesus where the only true scholarship is learned.'

My Dad, Raymond Haley, was born in 1929. Reflecting on leaving school my Dad writes, I can well remember being very upset that my father insisted I should learn a trade rather than become involved with professional football ... In 1949, I went for what was thought to be a routine x-ray examination, but later I was recalled to see a specialist ... I had tuberculosis in both lungs, one being affected very badly ... I was panic-stricken ... I believe I prayed for the first time ... I said something like this, 'God if you're there, I need you, I'm scared, I'm afraid to die.' ... I believe that night God saved me ... I had found Jesus. In 1967, my Dad became a Methodist local preacher and travelled extensively in the Tamar Valley until his death in 1989.

In January 1971, a shy little boy went to a Christian weekend at Treloyhan

Manor, St Ives. On the Sunday afternoon, an older gentleman, asked him if he would like to be a follower of Jesus – and he said he would. That little boy was me. A childhood commitment needs to be supplemented by recommitment that grows up with you. Although I believe I gave my life to Jesus as a 12 year old, I needed to do it again at 16, at 18, at 21, at 25, at 27, at 36, at 43, at 50 and many times since.

Methodists and other friends from South Petherwin, Trebulet and Coad's Green gathered together on the last Sunday evening of February to celebrate a Century of Faith, 100 years since the entry in my grandfather's diary. The high point of the evening was the recording of Gipsy Smith singing.

### John Haley

(Revd John Haley, TYS, is a minister in the Launceston Area Methodist Circuit. His responsibilities include South Petherwin Methodist Church).



### Intensive proactive operations target County Lines across Devon and Cornwall

Over the past two weeks local officers have targeted the use and supply of drugs, associated crime and safeguarded vulnerable people. The activity happened was part of the National County Lines Intensification Week and was followed up with a proactive operation in Cornwall.

Earlier this week, Project Medusa, a dedicated County Lines team from Merseyside Police carried out a joint operation with local police in Cornwall and South West Regional Organised Crime Unit (SWROCU) to target drug related offences in the county.

Teams focused their work on Newquay and Penzance but also carried out warrants in Truro and St Austell and stopped a vehicle with links to drugs supply on the M5 near Exeter. This was a dynamic operation involving many teams including Roads Policing, Drones, Special Constables, Intelligence, Crime and Neighbourhood. The operation resulted in:

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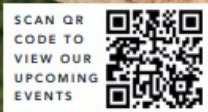
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## Valerie Adams

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Many people in South Petherwin will have been saddened to hear that Valerie Adams (known as Val) passed away shortly before Christmas. Her health had been deteriorating for some time and in the last three years Val was virtually housebound which was a huge frustration for her, but she never lost her sense of humour. Determined to stay in touch she maintained her friendships through letters and famously long phone calls!

Born in Middlesex, and brought up in the suburbs of Cardiff and Wakefield West Riding, Val moved to Hull and there married Keith Adams. They had two daughters, Deborah and Stephanie and in December 1979 moved to South Petherwin where Val and Keith ran a menswear shop in the White Hart Arcade in Launceston. Following Keith's premature death in July 1992 Val maintained the shop on her own for a number of years. She enjoyed running a business and it lent itself to her sociable nature.

Val was a well known figure in South Petherwin where she joined the Womens Institute, the Mother's Union and Midi Group. At St Paternus she was a Sunday school teacher, secretary of the PCC, church warden for 9 years and worship leader.

She will be remembered for her friendly face, her sense of humour, her interest in current affairs and her deep faith which was central to her life. Our condolences to Deborah, Stephanie, Andrew and Val's grandsons Adam and Luke of whom she was always so proud.





We had lots of fun celebrating World Book Day at the beginning of this month. Reading for pleasure is the biggest single indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or income. Days like World Book Day promote a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and improved life chances for our children.



If you would like to help the children in our school (by either reading to them or listening to the children read to you) we warmly welcome volunteers. If you are interested and have half an hour or an hour to spare, please drop me an email on [head@south-petherwin.net](mailto:head@south-petherwin.net) or call us on 776363.

Many thanks, Theresa





## South Petherwin Pre-School

The children have all settled really well into the Pre-school and we are having lots of FUN!!! We have been spending time getting to know each other and finding out what we enjoy doing.


The activities we have been taking part in have been simple things like sharing a story, talking about our feelings, playing musical instruments and singing. We have the opportunity to share all the school outdoor areas and so we have made full use of building bug hotels in the environmental area, climbing on the trim trail, sharing Class 1's outdoor area and having fun chasing Natalie, Meg, Kelly & Debbie around the playground!

We join Class 1 for various activities and Class 1 join us in the Pre-school for some more fun. We get to do gymnastics in the hall, create art, have fun with numbers and use our imagination in the role play area. Dressing up has also been lots of fun with all the different hats, glasses, scarves, capes and jewellery that we have been given. We love to check out our new look in the mirror!

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For the Saturday teams, the first team will continue to play in Division 2, after recording the club's highest ever league finish (5th in Div 2) last year. The second team will play in division 5, after being relegated last year. We will be looking to bounce straight back up to division 4. Fixtures for these two sides can be viewed on our Twitter and Instagram pages.

As always, please contact us if you'd like to become a part of the club, whether it be a player, coach, sponsor, helper or spectator, all new members will be warmly greeted.

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- 12 Sept Dr Scott Davidson** University of Plymouth  
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