# South Petherwin Parish Magazine

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## *The Parish celebrates the King's Coronation!*



# Parish Council Update

Before the normal monthly Parish Council meeting in May, it was the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council which is held once a year and, amongst other things, votes in post holders. The meeting voted Cllr Phil Parsons as Chairman and Cllr Alison Barham as Vice Chairman. Other offices were filled by the members of the council.

The meeting then proceeded into the normal monthly Parish Council meeting. One of the items discussed was a proposal regarding the council becoming the Custodian or Holding Trustee of the Village Hall. One of the ongoing concerns for the volunteers who manage the Village Hall is trying to find Holding Trustees who will follow its journey through the years. The Holding Trustee's role is not to manage the hall but to be the holder of the title deed of the property. In the past, named holding trustees have either moved away, passed away or are uncontactable, and it becomes very difficult and costly to trace people. The proposal was agreed, so in the future the Parish Council as a public governing body stands as the Holding Trustee. Hopefully this will help to both maintain continuity and simplify things going forward for the hall committee.

Cornwall Councillor Adrian Parsons requested the support of the council to highlight to Cornwall Council the need to continue in its role to do all they can to reduce the road accidents along the A388. The council agreed to highlight their concerns to the authority about this, as well as the A30 junction as Plusha.

There is still a vacancy for a co-opted Parish Councillor. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk. If you would like to discuss the matter further, the Clerk or any of the councillors would be pleased to help.

The Annual Parish meeting will be held on Wednesday May 24th at 7pm in the Methodist Chapel Hall (a change from normal). This is where representatives from organisations and clubs let the Parish know what has been happening in the past year and any forthcoming plans or things of note. Please come along—all are welcome and there are free refreshments.




We hope that you liked the commemorative coins sent out to households with the information leaflet before the King's Coronation.



# 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. May - October they are held in the Village Hall, November—April they are held in the Methodist Chapel 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 May/June issue….

The year is flying by and we are hopefully coming into some better weather. I loved the beautiful images of flowers and blossoms sent in by Paula Stagg, such as the one featured here.

We hope that you enjoyed the Coronation celebrations—see the centre pages for how it all went. All photos will also be on the website in due course.

As usual, there is plenty happening around the parish. We hope that you enjoy reading this issue and enjoy the early summer months.

**Alison Barham, Editor**



## From our Cornwall Councillor Adrian Parsons:



The promise of an early spring appears to have disappeared, with cold evenings and wet days putting the seasonal growth about a fortnight behind where we would normally be. Only now is grass growth exceeding the mouths of the hungry sheep and cattle. With supplementary feed being expensive to keep the livestock satisfied, it would be good to have some warmer weather soon!

Some sense has finally prevailed, with the Council Leader, Linda Taylor, dropping the proposal for a Mayor for Cornwall. The consultation was flawed and badly managed to try and get the result they wanted, and the people of Cornwall rejected it. Right from the start this was a massive misjudgement by the Conservative administration trying to add a further layer of bureaucracy to an already top-heavy system. What's required is the funding for true devolution with a Cornish Assembly with the people of Cornwall in the driving seat for making the big decisions which affect all of our lives. The question now 'is how to deliver something that will provide lasting benefits to our residents'. It is now recommended that the Council pursue a Level 2 deal that seeks to retain as many of the elements of the Level 3 deal as possible. It would be incredibly disappointing if the government were to deny us this just because the Cornish residents didn't want an all-powerful Mayor sitting over them. One would hope the government would listen to what the people have said and deliver on all that they have committed to.

Any investment and improvements made to our strategic road network are welcomed, so it's been pleasing to see the latest resurfacing work taking place along the A30 between Five Lanes and Kennards House, with better illumination and road markings hopefully making the road safer. What has made these works of particular interest is that at various times the centre crossings at Plusha and Two Bridges were closed to allow work to safely take place. These closures replicated a proposal which National Highways had floated at a recent Launceston Network Panel meeting, ie. closing them as a temporary measure until funding could be found to pay for full junction upgrades. The closures during the resurfacing works gave us a feel of what it would be like if the National Highways proposal was adopted. It came as no surprise that many rural roads in the Trevell, Polyphant, Five Lanes, South Petherwin and Lewannick areas became rat-runs, with even a lorry get stuck in a backroad. I received numerous complaints regarding extended journey times and associated additional costs and environmental impact as well as details of incidents, including drivers doing U-turns on the A30. We are thankful the work has been completed without a major accident, but one thing is for sure, it has highlighted the challenges we would face if these crossing closures were to be made permanent.

Lastly, we have seen a number of tragic road accidents on our local network recently. Councillors Long, Conway, Paynter and myself have had meetings with Highways officials to again press home the importance of speed reductions and safety measures being implemented on the A388. We still await the results of last year's feasibility study, which will identify areas where improvements need to be made and allow us to push for the much needed funding to deliver improvements.

**Cllr Adrian Parsons Tel: 01566 782296**
**Email: cllr.adrian.parsons@cornwall.gov.uk**

# Shirley Daw's Iceland Trek Sept 2023
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Hello, I'm Shirley and I live in South Petherwin with my husband Tony and son Nathan. We have been here for 7 years now and love every moment.

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This September, I will set out on a challenging and gruelling **5 day, 58kms Trek in Iceland Lava Trek!** in a bid to raise vital funds to help **end homelessness.**

Your donations will help an individual or family who have become homeless to get the support they need.

I have seen first-hand the impact on families in the area who have no choice but to live in static caravans / tents and temporary accommodation throughout the winter as there are no alternative properties available.

My motivation for this activity is to know that the money raised will help families and individuals during the toughest times to ensure they are safe and have a roof over their head.

The days will be long and the terrain very challenging, with steep climbs to 3,600 ft and rough descents. At the end of the day, I will be setting up camp & will spend the night outdoors.

**Crisis** are an amazing charity who cover the whole of the UK and who help people directly out of homelessness, and campaign for the changes needed to solve it altogether. We know that together we can end homelessness.

Please scan the code with your camera to reach my fundraising page.

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# All the King's men….

During a visit to the Tower of London at Easter our very friendly Yeoman Warder (Beefeater) tour leader proudly informed us that he had been selected to escort the King on Coronation day. A friend then told us that *he* would be escorting the King on Coronation day.
Exactly who did escort the King on Saturday 6th May?
Flanking the State Coach were:

**4 Royal Watermen**. Until the middle of the nineteenth century the Sovereign regularly travelled on the river Thames. The men who rowed the Royal Barges were known as Royal Watermen. The Sovereign today still retains 24 Royal Watermen.

**4 of the King's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard**. Yeoman Warders have been guarding the Tower of London since Tudor times. Nicknamed 'Beefeaters', the 35 Yeoman Warders all come from the Armed Forces and have at least 22 years' military service, reached the rank of warrant officer and have been awarded the long service and good conduct medal. Originally they were part of the monarch's personal, crack bodyguard. No one is exactly sure where the nickname 'Beefeater' comes from. The most likely explanation is that Yeoman Warders were given a daily ration of meat for their duties. Records show that even in 1813 the daily ration for the thirty men on duty was 24lbs of beef, 18lbs mutton and 16lbs of veal!



Ahead of the State Coach were:

- **17 of The King's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard.**
- **The King's Bargemaster and 12 Royal Watermen.**
- **Yeomen Warders of the Tower of London**: 1 Officer, Chief Yeoman Warder bearing the Mace with 2 escorts, 12 Yeomen Warders, Yeoman Gaoler.

**17 of The King's Body Guard for Scotland, the Royal Company of Archers.** Apart from its role as the Sovereign's bodyguard, the Royal Company of Archers still functions as an archery club - the purpose for which it was originally formed in 1676. Members of the Royal Company must be Scots or have strong Scottish connections. Membership is by election. The Royal Company of Archers functions as the

Sovereign's 'Body Guard in Scotland'. It performs duties at the request of The Sovereign at any State and ceremonial occasion taking place in Scotland. The Royal Company's most regular duty is to be in attendance the annual garden party at the Palace of Holyrood house.

**17 of The King's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms**. His Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms provides a bodyguard to The Sovereign at many ceremonial occasions such as arrivals of foreign Heads of State, the Garter service at Windsor, the State Opening of Parliament, the evening reception held by the Sovereign for the Diplomatic Corps and services of the Orders of Chivalry. The Gentlemen at Arms also attend garden parties, where they form the lanes through which the members of the Royal Family walk. The Honourable Corps consists of five Officers and 27 Gentlemen. The Captain is a political appointment, the Government Chief Whip in the House of Lords. The uniform is that of a Heavy Dragoon Guards officer of the 1840s with helmets of white swan feather plumes which are worn when on duty, even in church. Cavalry swords are worn by Officers, and long ceremonial battle-axes, over 300 years old, are carried by all the Gentlemen. The Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms was instituted by King Henry VIII in 1509 and celebrated its 500th anniversary on 2009. Since 1856, when the award was instituted, twelve Gentlemen at Arms have been holders of the Victoria Cross, the highest award for gallantry and conspicuous bravery in the field. The band's original role was to provide a mounted escort, armed with spear and lance, to protect the Sovereign in battle or on progress around the country. After 1526 the Corps began to do duty at court on foot, carrying a battle-axe, as they still do today.



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Fourth Sunday of every month at 10.15am – Morning Prayer with Dr Brian Davis
Every Wednesday midweek service at 11.00am - Eucharist with Reverend Sean Clancy

**Events**
Coffee mornings **first Saturday of each month** - come and enjoy a bacon or sausage or bacon and sausage sandwich, piece of cake, and a cup of coffee or tea.

South Petherwin Church is open every day for quiet prayer meditation or just for a moment of peace. South Petherwin Church is a Celtic Quiet Place.

From Ascension Day (18 May) to Pentecost / Whitsunday (28 May) the church will be following the 'Thy Kingdom Come' programme. This is an ecumenical programme of prayer to grow God's kingdom and for more people to come to know Christ. The church will be open as usual and also between 3.00pm and 4.00pm every afternoon Brian will be in the church for a daily cycle of prayer. The 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer booklets will be available for anyone.

Church Warden – 01566 782936
Facebook: Saint Paternus Community South Petherwin



For Coronation events see page 17.

# GARDENING MATTERS

What a lovely time of year. The fresh vivid green growth of the beech hedge amazes me every year as it gradually unfurls. Every day there is something new to spot and with all this rain and warmer weather the weeds are growing well.

## *Jobs in May and June*

### *Sow:*

*Salad crops such as lettuce, radish, rocket and spring onions.*
*Beans, carrots & parsnips now the ground has begun to warm up.*
*Annual flowers straight in the soil such as cornflowers & poppies.*
*Biennials to flower next spring such as wallflowers and Sweet Williams.*

### Plant:

*Gladioli, lilies, acidanthera bulbs for late summer flowers.*
*Dahlia and canna tubers in lots of fresh compost.*
*Cosmos and other seedlings once hardened off.*
*Divide congested bulbs and replant.*

### Prune:

*After flowering, prune spring shrubs such as forsythia, kerria, camelias and rhododendron.*
*Clip over heathers after flowering.*

### Protect:

*Annual bedding plants until risk of frost has passed.*
*Runner bean plants until the end of May.*
*New plants from pests, use wire mesh Herbaceous perennials from weather damage with plant supports and stakes.*

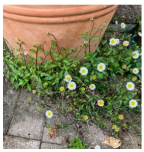
### Weed:

*Keep on top of weeding with regular hoeing round vegetable seedlings.*
*Mulch flower beds after weeding to keep in moisture and supress weeds.*

### Feed:

*Tulips and other spring bulbs after flowering for next year. Use a liquid feed or sprinkle fertiliser around the bulbs and water in.*
*Newly planted trees and shrubs need regular watering.*









*Erigeron, Iberis, geranium and saxifrage London Pride are all good for early flowering ground cover.*

Ella Payne

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# STERTS

## An exciting future ahead.... hopefully!

At last we have had some money from the insurance company for the damaged theatre canopy and frame, and can therefore plan a new future for Sterts. Creditors have been paid but unfortunately there is not enough money to replace like with like, so we are re-imagining Sterts and exciting ideas are buzzing around. A very possible vision is for a relatively inexpensive structure to be built over the cleared auditorium so that we can begin to use the space again fairly quickly and generate some income. Then grants will be applied for – with prayers said and fingers firmly crossed – so that other exciting ideas can be put into action. So watch this space!!
Sterts' Youth Theatre is back in action, so if your young people are interested in drama, why not take them along and see what they think. They will be very welcome and will gain in confidence and ability in leaps and bounds.

Meanwhile, Sterts is going on tour! As I write, a concert of music, dance and acting is being put together, supported by all and any Sterts people who want to take part, and it's hoped that this will raise much needed funds. The concert will be performed twice at the end of July in Launceston Town Hall – 8th July 2pm & 15th July 7pm; then twice in Liskeard Community Hall, and there will probably be at least two more performances, yet to be confirmed.

It's a little early for too many details, but the Box Office is already taking bookings – just go to Sterts Theatre & Arts Centre website– https://www.sterts.co.uk/what-s-on or ring the office on 01579 362382 between 10am & 1pm, Monday to Friday.

**Sue Vernon**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Wednesday May 24th**
**Methodist Chapel Hall 7pm**

**Come and hear from your local organisations such as the School, magazine and Village Hall.**
**All welcome**

# South Petherwin Village Hall

# Forthcoming events:




**Bingo:**
**Friday 26th May**
**Doors open 6.15pm**
**Eyes down @ 7pm**

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

We are still trying to track down one of the original hall committee members. If you know **Denise Fassum** can you please let us know? Please contact Alison on 777561 or alisonbarham21@gmail.com if you can help.

## New Chairman

At our recent AGM, John Ashdown kindly agreed to stand as the new Chairman and was voted in unanimously.

If you would like to **join the Committee**, please contact the Secretary Claire Ashdown on 471299 or email claire.ashdown@live.co.uk



## Want to hire the hall?

Just a reminder that the kitchen is fully fitted with fridge, oven, hot water heater etc. Ideal for parties!

Contact: Alison on 01566 777561 or John Ashdown on 01566 471299

**For sale:** Wooden trestle tables; Skittle alley. POA. Contact John on 471299

## Dates to remember

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wednesday May 24th | Annual Parish Meeting | Methodist Hall | Parish Clerk (see page 3) | 7pm |
| Thursday May 25th | Friendship lunch | The Frog & Bucket | Claire Ashdown 471299 | 12.30 |
| Friday May 26th | Bingo night see page 17 | Village Hall | John Ashdown 471299 | 7pm |
| Monday May 29th | Friendship Group | Methodist Hall | Joan Whale 772847 | 2-4pm |
| Saturday June 3rd | St Paternus Church coffee morning | St Paternus Church | D Adams 774244 | 10-12 |
| Weds June 14th | Parish Council Meeting | Village Hall | Parish Clerk (see page 3) | 7pm |
| Thursday June 22nd | Friendship lunch | The Frog & Bucket | Claire Ashdown 471299 | 12.3 |
| Every Sunday | Games Club | Village Hall | Martin Cargill 07956 121043 | Evening |
| Every Monday | Bell ringers | St Paternus Church | Nigel Parker 451653 | Evening |
| Every Tuesday | Table Tennis | Village Hall | Malcolm Tulip 01566 451154 | 10am |
| Every Tuesday | SING! | The Frog & Bucket | Sam Davies 07950 371796 | 7.30pm-9.30pm |

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**St Paternus Church South Petherwin**



Wow, what a coronation weekend! A weekend of celebration, hard work and thank yous.
Coronation day, Saturday 6th May, fell on the church's monthly coffee morning. The church looked amazing, decorated with a beautifully patriotic flower arrangement by Janet (left) and some amazing crochet work from Dee (right).



Following a lovely Coronation day, and a peel of bells by the bell ringers from South Petherwin, and from other local parishes, it was great to see so many faces old and new drop by before they settled down for some serious Coronation viewing, with refreshments (thank you Sue and Margaret) and great raffle prizes.

On Sunday 7th May the day began with a thought-provoking celebratory church service held by Brian. There was a steady stream of tower tourers who took up the challenge of the 74 narrow, steep steps. The weather conditions were perfect for a great view from the top of the church tower. There was also the chance to give bell ringing a go. Thank you to South Petherwin Bell Ringers for the bell ringing introductory lesson. The bell ringers practice at 7pm on Mondays, please contact Nigel if you are interested (see opposite page for details.)



Monday 8th May was Big Help Out Day. A very dreary but warm start didn't stop our willing volunteers. Thank you Al and Bryony for the gutter and roof clearing, many, many smelly wheelbarrows full and a job very overdue. Also thanks to Andy, Wendy and Michael for hours of drain clearing, Lavina, Alice and Graham for the cutting back of vegetation and Helen for the much needed supply of tea, coffee and bacon sandwiches. It was such a successful weekend that completely exceeded our expectations, THANK YOU VERY MUCH to everyone that gave your precious time, it is so appreciated. Hopefully, ad hoc remedial work such as this will allow our precious church to continue for many years to come.











On the Sunday, the Parish Council had arranged for a cream tea in the village hall with games outside, including the ever-popular bouncy slide!

Thanks to all those who helped with the preparation and running of the event, as well as the amazing behind-the-scene bakers.

We had plenty of scones, lashings of jam and cream (with the correct application onto the scone of course!), lovely cakes and tray bakes, all washed down with squash and tea or coffee. The weather held fair, and the event was enjoyed by all.





" Great to see so many of the village together."

"Fantastic spread. Great to see so many friendly faces. Well done SP."

"Wonderful community spirit."

"A lovely tea and great company. Thank you."

"Thank you for another amazing event. We had an amazing time!"

Just some of the great comments left in our Comments book.




Right: Honey & Immy Perree-Jones with their Majesties











This photo was sent in to the magazine by Valerie Hosking. It shows the 1953 Coronation and a carnival float named 'Seaside Fun'. It was assembled by Gordon & Dorothy Uglow, Val's parents. Left to right: Mrs Folley, Gilbert Brown, Mr Folley, Gordon & Dorothy Uglow, Julie Folley, Val and Richard Folley. Does anyone else have any photos and&/or memories of the 1953 Coronation?

THE BIG HELP OUT





On Monday 8th May, a hardy bunch of parishioners donned their wet weather gear and did the walk to Treguddick Distillery where we had plenty of hot drinks and cake. The more sensible ones amongst us had arranged lifts back home—a handful of us braved the pouring rain for the walk back. Along the way some of us collected litter as part of the Big Help Out day —we were shocked by how much there was along such as short, quiet stretch of road. This included Lucy (pictured left), who you may remember from our previous issue is doing her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh, and as part of her voluntary work she has been litter picking around the village.

*The Parish Council would like to thank:*
*South Petherwin St Paternus Church and events team, Bell Ringers, South Petherwin Village Hall Committee, parish volunteers and Councillors, South Petherwin Community Primary School , English Spirit Distillery … and all the amazing public support.*

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# SOUTH PETHERWIN METHODIST CHURCH

The Easter Sunday Service was led by Revd Doreen Sparey Delacassa assisted by Naomi her daughter. They re-enacted the Easter story and traditional Easter hymns were sung. Holy Communion followed the service. The chapel had been beautifully decorated including an Easter garden arrangement created by the Friendship Group together with colourful posters displayed in the windows placed alongside the vases of spring flowers.






The April monthly meeting of the Friendship Group set about making their crowns to celebrate the forthcoming Coronation and their next meeting is on 29th May 2-4pm in the Methodist Hall. All are welcome.





The Methodist church was closed on May 7th so that the congregation could attend the special Coronation service being held at the Parish Church.

**Mary Stoneman**

# Speedo Mick

Passes through the parish on his charity walk to Lands End from John O'Groats.






On April 14th Mick Cullen, aka Speedo Mick, was seen passing through the parish on his way to Lands End, wearing his trademark pair of blue Speedos, walking boots and woolly hat. He was finishing his 1,000 mile route from John O'Groats to Lands End — and his final ever charity walk. He was hoping to raise £200,000 in order to reach a total £1 million fundraising target from over the last seven years of his walks. He reached Lands End on April 29th.

Some of you may remember that the magazine last featured him as he passed through in May 2020.

Writing on his online fundraising page at www.gofundme.com/f/the-final-stomp, Speedo Mick said: "On this next challenge I will be will be fundraising for something that is very close to my heart and that is mental health and suicide prevention. I have suffered from mental health most of my adult life and still do suffer from it to this day."

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# Notes on a trip to York

At the end of January, I received a letter from Buckingham Palace saying that I had been nominated by the Bishop to receive the King's Maundy money on 6th April and asking if I would accept the honour. At first I thought it might be a hoax, but I soon found out that it wasn't, and I replied that I would be thrilled to accept. Later in March I received the tickets, instructions on where to go at York Minster and what to wear, and the free parking sticker.

When the day came, we arrived at about 9.30 at the designated door of the Minster, and joined the queue to have our names ticked off as we entered the building. Inside we met security: we were swept by a metal detector and had our ID checked. Then we were ushered to our places. Recipients (74 men & 74 women because the King was 74) were seated at the ends of the rows along the aisles and on the front of the crossing between the aisles. It was on the crossing that I was seated, so I had a very good view of everything. While we waited for the service to begin at 11.00 we were entertained by music from the organ. At 11 o'clock the King and Queen arrived and processed to their seats and the service began. At a point after the first Bible reading, the King accompanied by Yeomen of the Guard walked round one side of the church making the Maundy presentation to each recipient. What we each received from the king were two small leather purses : a red one and a white one. One contained a commemorative £5 coin and a similar 50p coin, the other purse had 74p in special Maundy silver coins – 1p, 2p, 3p & 4p – all apparently legal tender. After giving me the purses the King clasped my hands and said 'well done' as I bowed and said 'thank you your Majesty'. Then he moved along the line to the next person.



It was a splendid, memorable occasion, and I am eternally grateful to the Revd Sean Clancy who was my companion for the day and who drove me all the way to York and back.

**Brian Davis**

**[Picture shown is from the Yorkshire Post, Editor]**

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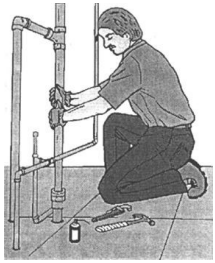


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## Strangely warmed



The accidental founder of the modern Methodist movement, John Wesley (1703-1791), was born in the remote village of Epworth, Lincolnshire. A studious little boy, he grew up to love reading and learning and in time became fluent in seven languages. His younger brother, Charles Wesley (1707-1788), followed in his footsteps becoming an undergraduate at Oxford University.

By the time Charles arrived at Oxford, John had returned to Lincolnshire. Charles lived an undisciplined life in his first year, but in his second year decided to be more serious. He met regularly with a small group of friends who resolved to study classical literature on weekdays and works of divinity on Sundays, to attend the university sacrament, and to do all the good they could (which included helping the poor and visiting those sick or imprisoned). Their less disciplined colleagues called them 'Methodists' and the name stuck. When John returned to Oxford to teach at Lincoln College he joined this club and soon became its leader.

In his 20s John became a restless soul. So intent was he on proving to God and himself that he was living a good life that he divided every waking hour of the day into quarters and kept a personal diary as to how well he had used it, but if his hope had been to find peace with God through self-discipline he failed. In his early 30s, John, with Charles, had the opportunity to work in a colony in Savannah, Georgia. Although John set out with enthusiasm, his time in America was disastrous and after just over two years he returned to London, failing a failure, unsure of the future, and frightened of dying.

The brothers' perilous journey to Georgia brought them into contact with some German Christians with whom John was so impressed that, with characteristic zeal, he set about learning German. On the ship, in Savannah, and back in London, the German Christians consistently maintained that peace with God was found not through self-discipline and good works but by faith in Jesus Christ. By early March 1738 John conceded that was what the New Testament taught but there was one problem – he did not feel that he had such faith. Towards the end of May that year, John still felt that he was not at peace with God but on 24 May he wrote in his daily *Journal*:

> In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation, and an assurance was given me that he had taken away *my* sins, even *mine*, and saved *me* from the law of sin and death.

This personal faith, sealed to the warmed heart, would energize John Wesley and his friends to become travelling preachers. John Wesley visited Cornwall thirty-three times, gathering people who found faith in Christ into small groups, the forerunners of today's Methodist Churches.

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

LAWRENCE HOUSE MUSEUM LAUNCESTON
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## Lawrence House Museum & its Pop-up in the Merchant's House

As a result of repairs to the fabric of the lovely Georgian building in Castle Street home Lawrence House Museum the main museum is unlikely to open for the 2023 season.

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The opening exhibition, prompted by the accession of King Charles III by virtue of which the title of Duke of Cornwall passed to his elder son, William, Duke of Cambridge, will feature objects know at "The Feudal Dues" which are at present kept in Lawrence House Museum. Manors of the Duchy of Cornwall pay tribute to the Duke of Cornwall by offering him various gifts. As they include a brace of greyhounds, readers will appreciate that only the inanimate gifts are kept in the museum.

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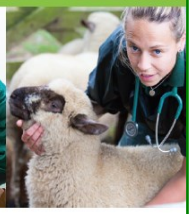
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# FARMING NEWS



There are many new innovations in farming especially around satellite technology for self-steering tractors and mapping along with any number of animal husbandry bits of kits. This includes multi-feeding stations for young calves or lambs which have collars around their necks and the kit detects how much milk to feed and can check the health of the lambs. But there are still the traditional ways which include the re-use of drinks bottles and teat and lamb powder milk purchased from Maunders and an attempt to mutli-suck x lambs at once. This is an art form and seems to work up to 6 lambs!! **Phil Parsons**

Letter to the Editor:

Over the Easter holiday we had our young granddaughter staying with us. We went to the playground in the school grounds only to find it locked. There was no explanatory notice on the fence or gate. This is the first time this has happened as our other grandchildren were here last year and access to the equipment was not a problem. My understanding is that some of the equipment and some seats were paid for from the Community Fund (your fund your money). The money was provided on the basis that the facilities would be available to the parish. At the time I was one of the fund trustees and remember the correspondence between the trustees and the school.

Peter Northmore




A lot has happened in school since the last publication of the Parish News.

Firstly, it is with great sadness that I write to let you know that I will be taking early retirement and leaving my position as headteacher of South Petherwin CP School at the end of this academic year. It has been a real privilege to see the school go from strength to strength over the last eight years and I will miss everyone enormously. However, after 35 years as teacher/school leader I feel the timing is right. I am pleased to announce that the governors have appointed an outstanding new headteacher, Mr Matt Avery, who will take over in September. I am looking forward to working closely with Mr Avery over the next few months to ensure the transition is as smooth as it can possibly be.

In the last week of the Spring Term we had our Ofsted Inspection. We are looking forward to receiving the final report which we anticipate will be published at the end of this month. Everyone (children, staff, parents and governors) were amazing ambassadors for our school and although it was a very intensive process I feel that we all did the school proud.



Finally, we have had a great time in school celebrating King Charles' coronation. I hope you have had a chance to see the telephone box which was decorated with crowns created by the children in Class 2. Thanks to everyone for taking part with such enthusiasm.

Editor: more images opposite

# South Petherwin Pre-School




Now that the weather is starting to turn warmer we have been out exploring our lovely garden more and more. We have been making our own assault courses, digging in the garden area and going on a bear hunt! We have had lots of fun mark making in different materials, We used sand, pens, pencils & paints, our hands, and we made our own playdough to make different patterns in with lots of different tools. The older children have been having a go at writing their own names and have been doing such a great job. We also enjoyed celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III. We made some beautiful sparkly crowns, baked and decorated some yummy crown biscuits and made some Union Jack handprints as a keepsake.

**Natalie Bewes**








# SOUTH PETHERWIN CRICKET CLUB

So, as mentioned last edition South Petherwin Cricket Club will be fielding its first ever Ladies team this season.



We have had several training sessions specifically for the Ladies and have recruited a mix of Ladies and U18s who have some experience as well as some complete novices.
The team is coming together well and all those participating appear to be enjoying themselves.

The club has managed to attract sponsors for the Ladies kit with thanks to local companies The Identity Studio, SB Bodyworks, Stenlakes, Parnalls Solicitors, AR Yorke & Archer Arms.

The Ladies season commences on the 21st May at home with weekly training sessions ongoing.

**The club is also very proud to announce that Cornwall Cricket have asked us to host Cornwall U18 Ladies vs Wales U18 Ladies on the 28th June.**

For the Saturday Teams, the start of the season, so far, has been hampered by weather so we hope to provide you a more detailed report in the next edition.



Here's a photo of our Ladies sporting their new kit with main sponsor Maxine Howe of The Identity Studio. The club wanted to give the Ladies their own dedicated designed kit for both training and match days.

**All Stars coaching for the juniors started on Friday May 5th and runs for the next 8 weeks.**
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