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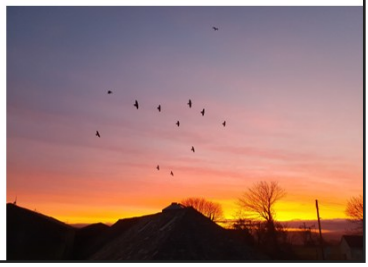




Winter in the parish







Parish Council Update

At the January meeting Cornwall Councillor Adrian Parsons raised concerns around the conversation Cornwall Council is having with Devon in becoming one large unitary authority. The government was indicating this might be a good idea. Parish councillors could see there may be benefits as many use services based in Devon, but on the whole the general consensus was that Cornwall would probably loose out as the smaller county.

The Council wished to fully support the motion being put forward by Cllr Adrian Parsons to mandate Cornwall Council to push for a safer junction at Plusha.

It was agreed to adopt the South Petherwin Parish Council Wind Turbine Grants Policy and invite parishioners to the coffee morning on Saturday 8th February at its launch .This will be at the village hall from 10am-12pm. Further details can be provided by contacting the parish clerk at parishcouncil@southpetherwinpc.org

The council was also asked to consider the merits of setting up a separate website solely for the council and it will consider this at the next meeting.

There are currently some parish councillor vacancies. If you are interested, please contact the clerk for further details.

To contact the Parish Council:
Parish Council Clerk (Linda Coles): parishcouncil@southpetherwinpc.org
Parish Council Chairman: Phil Parsons
Tel 01566 777179 mobile 07737 008416, email philparsouthpether-winpc.gmail.com
Parish Council Vice-chair: Adrian Finnimore Tel 01566 772440
Other councillors: Roger Kneebone; Julie Barlow; Maria Lewis; John Ashdown; Mary-Ann Screech
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 by searching for the application number. If you want to comment on an application, you will need to register first.
Planning application decisions can also be seen on the Parish Council meeting minutes on the parish website.

Welcome to the January/February issue….

What a winter we have had so far, with storms, snow and ice. The beautiful photos on the front cover reflects some of the scenes around the parish, with thanks to (left to right, top to bottom) Paula Stagg x 2, Sue Vernon, Helen Masters x 2.
We have some great reports on fun-looking Christmas activities, plus plenty of information on what is happening in the parish in the next few months too.
Something for your diaries later this year - due to the success of the Flowerpot Festival last year, another one will be held this year from Friday29th August to Saturday 6th September. Look out for more details in future issues.
We hope that you enjoy this issue.
Alison Barham, Editor

CHARITY WALK

Did you see a man pushing a shopping trolley through the parish recently and, like me, thought what on earth is he doing? Well he is called Pel Scopes and he has pushed that trolley starting from his home in Grays, Essex destined for Land's End. He is walking a total of 315 miles all in aid of his local SEN school called Treetops.





He is walking 10 hours a day and it should take him three weeks. When I caught up with him by Tiny Meadows, at one end of South Petherwin, he was hoping to finish by Wednesday next week. He did mention the hills on the way to the village but I didn't have the heart to say, "just wait till you get over Trekelland Bridge!" If you would like to support him in his valiant charity walk please go to his Just Giving page, Facebook, or see him on our website www.southpetherwin.com.
Phil Parsons

www.justgiving.com/page/pels-grays-to-lands-end-challenge



The beginning of January brought another dusting of snow, enough to cause some highways issues, with the A30 being blocked for a brief period and tricky driving conditions on our back roads. This kept the council's gritter lorries busy, with every full run over the Duchy's critical road network covering around 870 miles.

Thankfully, as the month progressed, the weather settled down a little. With the first batch of ewes now starting to lamb, hopefully this continues, as the sooner the new born lambs can be turned out with their mothers, the healthier it is for them. A good start in life is essential.

The redevelopment works at the Launceston Refuse Transfer Station (RTS) have been completed and the site has now returned to full service. They have reintroduced DIY waste, paper, cans and mixed plastics waste streams to the site. In addition, Launceston will be one of the 9 HWRC sites across Cornwall that will be able to accept upholstered furniture items, following a change to regulations set by the Environment Agency. To support the site in returning to full service they are moving to a booking system. Affective from end January 2025, residents will be asked to book a 30 minute slot before attending. This can be done on the Cornwall Council website or—if residents have a question or can't get online—they can call 0300 1234 141. Bookings can be made for the same day, if there are spaces available, or up to a week in advance. I doubt this will be popular and have to admit I'm a bit surprised by the decision, as I don't think there has ever been an issue with queuing at this site in the past, so we will wait and see how things play out! Cllr Paynter and myself have held talks with officers to express our dissatisfaction.

With the temporary measures now in place at Plusha Junction, some people have reported that during busy periods it has been more difficult to pull out onto the A30 or cross the road with the 50 mph speed limit in place. It's also been reported that on a couple of occasions, local residents have witnessed individuals still trying to cross the A30 the wrong way, leaving the B3257 to go to Launceston without using the diversion via Five Lanes! I expect by now many of you will have seen the police in their Vision Zero vans monitoring the 50 mph speed limit through this section of the dual carriageway. In just the first two hours the police were on site, they caught 375 vehicles exceeding the speed limit, with that number to date now exceeding 1,000!

It's looking like the council site under the control of Treveth (it's arm's length company) on the link road off Pennygillam roundabout, which had been bought to deliver much needed local housing, is looking like being put on hold for three years, until market conditions improve! This was always going to be a challenging site to build, and in its current state is an eyesore when entering our town, vast sums of money have been spent on getting it to where it is, without any chance of making a return on investment any day soon!)

The recently proposed devolution deal merging Devon and Cornwall has reignited discussions about the introduction of a mayor. In its English Devolution White Paper, the Labour Government has indicated a preference for combined authorities led by a mayor. A devolution deal that crosses the Tamar and encompasses both Devon and Cornwall would cover a significant demographic expanse, including both rural and

urban landscapes. The implementation of such a deal raises several questions about its functionality and effectiveness. One major concern is the potential allocation of funds - my fear is that money might be disproportionately funnelled into larger towns and cities, leaving rural areas as the poor relation. This highlights the need for a balanced approach to ensure equitable distribution of resources. While the idea of a combined authority for Devon and Cornwall presents interesting possibilities, it is crucial to address the concerns of rural communities. Sometimes, bigger is not always better, and careful consideration must be given to ensure that all areas would benefit from any potential deal. As we know, only last year the people rejected the opportunity for a Mayor for Cornwall, and I don't see any enthusiasm growing for a combined Devon and Cornwall devolution deal!

Email: cllr.adrian.parsons@cornwall.gov.uk

CHRISTMAS CHEER!

A glorious afternoon was spent with friends in a cosy atmosphere. A huge thank you to Debbie, Ben Leigh and Maddy at the Frog and Bucket for laying on a delicious Christmas dinner for our Lunch





FRIENDSHIP LUNCH

Friendship Lunch at The Frog and Bucket for our parish seniors @ 12.30 on Thursday 23rd January, Thursday 27th February, Thursday 28th March

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CHERRY PYKE



Cherry Pyke sadly passed away on October 8th 2024, aged 52. Most of her last four months were spent in St Luke's hospice, surrounded by her myriad of friends in a room full of flowers, cards and tokens of friendship and with her husband Roger by her side. As with everything else in her life Cherry faced her final weeks with enormous resilience, practicality, and a deep concern for those around her.

Born in Hastings, but brought up in Cornwall from the age of 12, Cherry attended St Joseph's school in Launceston. She left at 16 and undertook a number of administrative jobs in and around Launceston before moving to the Cornwall Council Planning Office in Bodmin in 1995. Three years later she applied to join Devon and Cornwall Police where she remained for 26 years. She found her work as a Police researcher hugely satisfying as it combined her deep interest in human behaviour with her retentive memory and legendary attention to detail.

Cherry's husband Roger was a special constable when they met in 2001. Who knows if it was love at first sight but he proposed after three months and they later married in Trewen Church. For many years they lived at Treveth in South Petherwin; a landmark in the village as their house was painted bright yellow. Cherry said her aim had been to ensure their home was visible from the International Space Station. Needing more room, they moved in 2021 to their dream house in Chapel, Launceston.

For some years Roger has been severely affected by M.E., but he and Cherry were determined that their life together should not be defined by his condition. They shared an interest in art and wildlife and the antics of their three Bengal cats Tensing, Kato and Erik whom they both loved with a passion despite their somewhat quirky behaviour. Cherry had many other interests including running, cacti, travelling, Phillip Larkin, and crazy dancing. She was a born communicator, writing long colourful messages to friends and family using her own unique phrases and words. She could talk for England but was also a wonderful listener and empathic friend.

Cherry relished village life. She was on the parish magazine committee for a few years and a founder member of the South Petherwin book group. To every group she brought enthusiasm and drive, but perhaps especially to her drama groups. After LADS folded she joined the PRIMRAF theatre company in Callington, and acted in three of their productions. Undoubtedly these were some of the happiest times in her life.

Cherry will be sadly missed by all her friends, family, and especially by her husband Roger. Her ability to laugh when life served her lemons, and to make the best of everything around her, are a wonderful legacy for the very many people whose lives she touched.

Helena Northmore

STERTS UPDATE JANUARY 2025

The last three shows at the end of December were a resounding success I'm delighted to say, & now we can look forward with anticipation to what 2025 will bring us. Sterts now has a new modern website & already you can find there many of the productions that have been booked for the coming year, and indeed you can book many of them already.

There will be a grand official opening of the Sterts' site on St Piran's Day, 5th March with Jackson's Claret – new champions of Cornish music – supported by fabulous dancers from Tros an Treys, led by Cornish dance legend and Bard Alex Taylor, along with Cornish Story Teller extraordinaire, Shazz Andrew, bring the old Cornish art of Troyl into the twenty first Century.

A Troyl (think Cornish Caelidh!), combines tunes, songs, stories, costumed display dances and called dances for the audience to join in. Shazz has been entertaining audiences for 30 years and brings an additional sense of fun to the proceedings. As well as offering dances with a caller, Jackson's Claret will be performing tunes and songs for Nos Lowen dancing for the audience, where traditional Cornish dances are led by expert dancers, rather than called and you just follow the straightforward steps. It should be great fun! However, between now & the above, the Studio & attached building is going to be refurbished & reimagined, so do go along on 5th March & see all the improvements. Hopefully our unpredictable weather won't hold up the work!!!

By the way, for those who missed the amazing production of **'The Beast'** at the end of last summer, there will be a screening of the excellent DVD that was made at the time. It will be in Upton Cross Community Hall on Saturday 1st February, entrance by a suggested minimum donation of £5 on the door for the new microphone fund (I was amazed at the cost of a decent system!!). See Sterts' website to reserve tickets.

If you have any opinions on the new website, I will be happy to pass them on. Here's hoping for a bright new future for Sterts in 2025.

Sue Vernon

South Petherwin Village Hall

Forthcoming events:



Friday 31st January
Friday 28th February
Booking is essential. Contact John or Claire as per details below.
Doors open 6.15pm - Eyes down @ 7pm

Souper Thursdays
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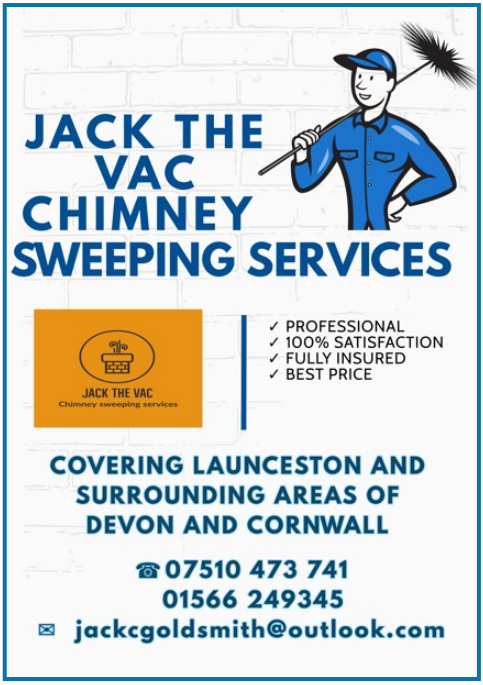


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Christmas in South Petherwin

The village was lit up with some beautiful Christmas lights – thank you everyone who shared outside decorations!





On December 15th we gathered in Trelinnoe Gardens to recall the Christmas story. The journey to 'Bethlehem' began! A very young 'Mary' was very pregnant but still started out on the journey. She was joined by angels - led by the angel 'Gabrielle' and Santa Paws. Chief shepherd, John, and other amazing shepherds, a little black 'sheep', some strange Magi and other hangers on! We stopped several times along the way to sing Christmas carols and eventually ended up at the INN, the Frog and Bucket, who had reserved an outside room for Mary and Joseph. More carols and warm mince pies. Thank you Ben, Debbie and team for making us welcome!







On Sunday 22nd we joined together for a service of readings and carols at the Methodist church and enjoyed more mince pies!

On Christmas Eve at 4pm more carol singing, this time in church. The congregation, of all ages, including four doggie friends, enjoyed a Candlelit service. Sadly we didn't have an organist but led by Deborah we managed to sing heartily as the Christmas story was told again in short readings.

We celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus on Christmas morning with more carols and Holy Communion.

An amazing team effort, my thanks to John and Claire, Jo, Claire, Natalie, Georgina, Lydia, Christine, Brian, Christine, Rosemary, Marilyn, Jenny, Sue and Rose [amazing shepherds!], and everyone who came in 'costume' and those who just came along! You are all stars!!

Olive Stevens

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1 February 2025 | 9:30am - 12:30pm
The Old Cattle Market, Helston

12 February 2025 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm
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15 February 2025 | 10:30am - 12:30pm
Market Way, Redruth

18 February 2025 | 10:30am - 12:30pm
Launceston Library

22 February 2025 | 10:30am - 12:30pm
The Workshed, Liskeard



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Dates to remember

Thursday 23rd January 2025	Friendship lunch see page 5	The Frog & Bucket	Claire Ashdown 471299	12.30
Monday 27th January	Friendship Group see page 25	Methodist Hall	Joan Whale 772847	2-4pm
Friday 31st January	Bingo night see page 11	Village Hall	John Ashdown 471299	7pm
Saturday 1st February	St Paternus Church coffee morning	Village Hall	D Adams 774244	10-12
Saturday 8th February	Parish Council coffee morning	Village Hall	P Parsons 07737 008416	10-12
Weds 12th February	Parish Council meeting	Methodist Hall	Parish Clerk see page 2	7pm
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Every Sunday	Games Club	Village Hall	Martin Cargill 07956 121043	Evening
Every Monday	Bell ringers	St Paternus Church	Sue Vernon 772640	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
Every Thursday	Pilates see pages 6 & 11	Village Hall	Andrea Roberts andiec@yahoo.co.uk	2 evening sessions

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Parish Council - see page 2

St Paternus Church - see page 20 for information on services

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Eucharist (4th Sunday)	Sunday 26th January	10.15am	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens and Dr Brian Davis
Coffee morning (1st Saturday)	Saturday 1st February	10 to 12	Tea, coffee, bacon sandwiches, cake **in the Village Hall**
Eucharist (2nd Sunday)	Sunday 9th February	9.30am	With Reverend Sean Clancy
Eucharist (4th Sunday)	Sunday 23rd February	10.15am	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens and Dr Brian Davis
Coffee morning and Pancake Party (1st Saturday)	Saturday 1st March	10 to 12	Tea, coffee, pancakes, bacon sandwiches, fun and games **in the Village Hall**
Ash Wednesday - Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes	Wednesday 5th March	11.00am	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens
Eucharist (2nd Sunday)	Sunday 9th March	9.30am	With Reverend Sean Clancy
Eucharist (4th Sunday)	Sundy 23rd March	10.15am	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens and Dr Brian Davis
Coffee morning (1st Saturday)	Saturday 5th April	10 to 12	Tea, coffee, bacon sandwiches, cake **in the Church**
Eucharist (2nd Sunday)	Sunday 13th April	9.30am	With Reverend Sean Clancy
Stations of the Cross - coffee morning	Saturday 19th April	10.00am	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens
Easter Sunday Service	Sunday 20th April	10.15am	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens and Dr Brian Davis
Eucharist (4th Sunday)	Sunday 27th April	10.30am	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens and Dr Brian Davis

Our monthly coffee morning in March will have a pancake theme!



Saturday 1st March
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With the start of the New Year, ever changing weather is something many gardeners are having to contend with whatever the season. There are many jobs to be done this time of year if the weather allows and with appropriate clothing!

Jobs in January & February

Plan: *Plan jobs to be done in spring, such as moving plants, creating new areas, propagating new plants or starting a new project. Browse magazines and books and visit nurseries or a garden centre for inspiration. Add to borders with winter bulbs such as snowdrops, aconites, cyclamen and hellebores.*

Plant: *Bare rooted plants are sold now for planting from now until the end of February. This is a more cost effective way of buying roses, hedging and fruit bushes. Trees and shrubs can be planted now if the ground is not frozen or waterlogged.*

Weed: *Weed and mulch borders after rain to keep in moisture and suppress weeds. Remove plant debris from the crown of plants and where bulbs are emerging. Avoid digging vegetable plots if too wet or the ground is frozen. Cover rhubarb to encourage young stems.*

Prune: *Prune apple and pear trees - remove dead, diseased and damaged wood and any crossing branches. Aim for a cup shape with an open centre to allow air to circulate. Mulch the base with wood ash. Prune wisteria – cut whippy stems back to 2 or 3 healthy buds. If very overgrown, cut back to a framework and tie in stems. Climbing roses – remove long flowered sideshoots. If grown against a wall, aim for a fan of stems. Cut some oldest stems at the base. Overgrown shrubs such as cotinus or physocarpus can be hard pruned to encourage new growth in spring.*







Winter flowering cyclamen, hellebore and snowdrops.

SOUTH PETHERWIN METHODIST CHURCH



The chapel had been beautifully decorated for the festive season, with window decorations, an Advent ring and a handmade nativity scene donated by the late Vicki France. On Friday 20th December the chapel was full to capacity when South Petherwin Primary School held their Christingle service on the last day of term, led by Headmaster Matt Avery. Rev Haley gave a Christmas message and this was complemented by the delightful items given by the pupils. They also explained about the meaning of Christingle. These were then lit during the singing of their final item, `Away in a Manger` which was sung beautifully and during which a collection was taken in support of `Children's Hospice South West`



On a very blustery Sunday morning, December 22nd a carol service was held, led by Ministry Coordinator & North Area Mission Lead Deacon Ruth Richey who was welcomed by Mary Stoneman, who also read the notices and was the organist for all the services. The Advent candles were lit by Tony Stephens during which Deacon Ruth read an Advent prayer. After an opening bible reading by Deacon Ruth the first carol `See him lying on a bed of straw` was sung, then following this, carols were interspersed with bible readings taken from the well known Christmas story. The readers were Tony Stephens, Julie Barlow, Olive Stevens and Roger Parsons. The concluding carol was `Hark the Herald angels sing.' Donations were invited for St Petroc's Society for the Homeless Christmas Appeal 2024 and raised a magnificent sum of £314.15. Refreshments of tea/coffee, mince pies, cream and homemade biscuits were served in the hall after the service, where there was plenty of chat and catch up with friends.

Mary Stoneman

Methodist Church Friendship Group

As we prepare this article 2024 is drawing to a close. It has been an eventful year for the Friendship Group as we have truly become 'friends' as we share time together each month.



In November we all made Christingles. This Christmas idea was not around when the majority of our members were at school, so unless grandchildren had taken part in a Christingle service the whole thing remained a mystery. Christingles were introduced here from the Moravian church in Europe.

The different items all have a meaning as part of the Christmas story:
The orange – represents the world that God made
The red ribbon – the blood Christ shed for the world
The fruits – four sticks with fruit representing the food provided by God; enough for all if only man would share
The candle – for Jesus, the light of the world

We hope you all had a pleasant time at Christmas. Also we send best wishes to all readers for the New Year and look forward to seeing everyone on the last Monday of each month. (Monday 27th January and 24th February). The February meeting will include a visit from Anna Harrison, Devon and Cornwall Police PCSO.



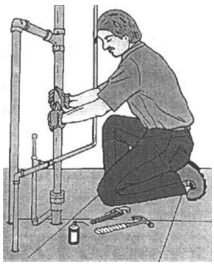
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Vorsprung durch technik



In the amazing world of advertising, who would have thought that three German words would become synonymous with the excellence of the motor marque Audi? It's more than 50 years since the slogan, which roughly translates 'progress through technology', became familiar across the world, even in English-speaking countries such as the United States and Great Britain. It was Sir John Hegarty (b. 1944), who having been brought up in North London in the aftermath of the Second World War, saw a faded poster on a factory wall in Inglostadt, where Audi cars are made. 'It just captured people's imagination,' said Sir John, commenting on the success of the adverts.

Summing up the Christian faith in a few words represents more of a challenge and yet, as we move through Lent into Easter, I am reminded of the words of the Lord Jesus from John's Gospel. John the Evangelist does not record any of the wonderful parables of Jesus but he does record several miracles, indeed the first 12 chapters of the Gospel are often called the 'Book of Signs'. The first miracle is turning water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana. When his mother asked him to help with a crisis – the wine had run out – Jesus initially responded by saying, 'my hour has not yet come' (John 2:4). It was a response that John would record Jesus making on two further occasions (John 7:6, 8). Imagine the excitement then when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem (for what we now know was the last time) and said to his disciples, 'the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified' (John 7:23). He continued, 'Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed' (John 7:24). Is that it then? After three years of parables and sermons and miracles, the essential message that Jesus has brought from God is an elementary lesson in gardening? The man we thought could be the Messiah turns out to be an early Alan Titchmarsh!



As often in the Gospels, Jesus is expressing truth in language that needs some reflection and thought. One of the delights to me of dog-walking at this time of year is to see the first snowdrops and crocuses and daffodils. Yet, each of these is part of the cycle of dying back and

new life that is written into creation. Jesus explains briefly what he means, 'anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me' (John 12:25-26). Jesus puts the words starkly – it's a very definite choice.

While people who say that 'Jesus was a good teacher' are right, it is an incomplete description. It is a mistake to think that Jesus was only a good teacher. For he set out his mission, 'unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed'. It was by his death on the cross (which Christians remember particularly on Good Friday, and at every Holy Communion) and his rising to life or resurrection (which Christians remember on Easter Day, indeed every Sunday) that Jesus brings hope of life eternal to the world. For, in his death and resurrection, Jesus shows his victory over our two greatest enemies, sin (more accurately unforgiven sin) and death.

The believer's response to this message is to seek to live for Jesus Christ (we don't always do that perfectly I can assure you of that) in the hope that if we 'die to our selfish lives' we may 'live to eternal life'. At present, that happens in an incomplete way but our hope is that when we die, we are, as it were, dying with him, and therefore because he is risen, we may rise with him. The early Methodists, 300 years ago, distilled the Christian life into these words, 'Christ dying for us; Christ reigning in us'.

John Haley
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During the months of November (end of) and December it was all go as we prepared for Christmas. At the end of November we took part in two football competitions for Y3 and 4. The first was the East Cornwall Plymouth Argyle Tournament hosted at St Joseph's. The children performed admirably and ended up winning the entire tournament. Just one week later, they attend Launceston College's football tournament and festival. Just as they had done the previous week, they won. We were very proud of all of the children

In December each class (including our ever-growing pre-school) were able to perform Christmas shows for family and friends. The children sang and acted brilliantly and I am quite sure (although I am biased) that our school has the best ensemble singing around: it was a joy to watch and hear them perform.

At the end of the term we were thrilled to be invited to the Chapel to take part in a Christingle service. The children enjoy this time, its message and history. It is always lovely to be made to feel so welcome by Tony, Mary and Rev Haley.





There is nothing better to rid oneself of post-Christmas blues than returning to South Petherwin School. The children returned with such energy and enthusiasm and they were delighted to have a little chance to play in some of the snow that fell in the first week back. The children have started this term's learning at pace with learning ranging from Mini-beasts to Vikings, Coasts and Rivers to a Carnival of animals.

Our redevelopment of our fantastic pre-school (the funding has been allocated from Cornwall Council's Community Levelling Up Programme, on behalf of the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund) is well on the way, and should be complete in a matter of weeks: we are very excited for its opening.

There are many great things planned this term and we can't wait to share our adventures with you all in the next edition of the magazine.

Thank you, **Matt Avery, Headteacher**

FARMING NEWS



Lambing season can be shared across the year as some breeds of sheep can become mums earlier than others, such as early autumn. Most sheep farmers lamb between January and April. The early lambing flocks will be able to sell lambs when the price is good as the price is generally higher earlier in the season, especially for the Easter holiday.

How many lambs can you see ? This mum will have plenty of mouths to feed!

Phil Parsons



SOUTH PETHERWIN CRICKET CLUB

Even though it's the off season, we still have some news. Since the last issue, we have had both our AGM and our end of season presentation. Both were well attended and productive evenings, and were held at one of our sponsors: The Archers Arms in Lewannick.

At the AGM, there were a few new faces voted in for some roles at the club. Adrian Clements is the new vice captain of the first team, who will be supporting myself. The second team will be led by Rich Watson, with Tarran Davey as vice captain.

Thanks goes to all who have stepped down for the work that they put in to their respective roles.

The end of season dinner was a great evening with many people winning awards, as follows.

First team:

1st team batting average - Andy Brenton
1st team batting performance - Andy Brenton
1st team bowling average Adrian Clements
1st team bowling performance - Jacob Masters

Second Team:

2nd team batting average - Richard Watson
2nd team batting performance - Richard Watson
2nd team bowling average - James Cawsey
2nd team bowling performance - James Cawsey

Women's team:

Most wickets - Paige Clements
Most runs - Olivia Jones
Most victims (fielding) - Leah Davey and Meg Masters
Coaches Player - Emma Barnes
Players Player - Freya
Captains players - Abbey Davey and Emma Wynn

As always, if you'd like anymore information about the club, whether that regards playing, sponsorship or simply watching some cricket, please do contact us at the club.

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South Petherwin Pre-School

We are back and ready to start another year of FUN! The most exciting thing that we cannot wait for, is to be in our brand new building! We have been watching the progress the builders have been making and this week we got to have a look inside.



At the end of last year we did an amazing performance of 'Mayhem in Bethlehem' which we were all superstars in and our families loved coming to watch us perform on the big stage. We enjoyed plenty of sparkly Christmas crafts and really loved joining everyone for Christmas lunch.

We enjoyed the little bit of snow that we had and thoroughly enjoyed throwing snowballs at Natalie & Debbie on our return to school.

The activities that we are most enjoying at the moment are sharing story sacks with our friends. We love retelling the story using all the different props.

We wondered if there were any people in the village who would be able to knit/crochet us some props so that we can make some more story sacks.

If you would like to help us then please contact Natalie. Tel 01566 776363 or email nbewes@south-petherwin.net

Natalie Bewes



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