South Petherwin Parish Magazine

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Flowerpot Festival 2025







Parish Council

The September meeting, held at the Methodist Church Hall, was well attended as many residents came to share their views on the planning application for the land adjacent to the Frog and Bucket. The chairman thanked everyone for their input before the council discussed the proposal.

After careful consideration, the application was **not supported**, as councillors felt it would negatively affect the Frog and Bucket. While acknowledging that the venue is a privately run business rather than a formal community asset, the council noted that it has nonetheless become an important hub for the village and that the proposed development could harm its viability



Cornwall Council is reviewing plans to introduce new 20 mph speed limits and will launch a public consultation this autumn, which will include South Petherwin parish. The Parish Council will help promote the consultation when it opens and encourage all local residents to share their views.

On Saturday August 16th the Parish Council marked the VJ Day celebrations with a coffee morning in the village hall (left). This followed on from the marking of the day on the 15th (see page 33), and a cream tea in at the Village Hall (below) on the 14th.

The Council currently has three vacancies for the role of councillor. If you're interested, please contact the clerk by email.

The Parish Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Methodist Chapel Hall.



Parish Council

To contact the Parish Council: Parish Council Clerk (Linda Coles): parishcouncil@southpetherwinpc.org

Website: www.southpetherwinparishcouncil.gov.uk

Parish Council Chairman: Phil Parsons Tel 01566 777179 mobile 07737 008416, email philparsouthpetherwinpc.gmail.com
Parish Council Vice-chair: Mary-Ann Screech
Other councillors: Julie Barlow; Maria Lewis; John Ashdown; Phillip Middleton; Harold Rowse

Welcome to the September/October issue....



What a great start to September with the Flowerpot Festival week — see pages 22 & 23 for the full report on all the events including the Craft and Produce Show, which provided a platform for all you talented people out there!
The front covers shows the three winners of the flowerpot creations, and the three highly commended. (Julia Coombes with Miss Piggy, Wendy Lewis with Donkey and Paul Garland with George the Dog; Eve Every with elf, Suzanne Walker with Bill & Ben playing pool and Ness Elcock with Fred Flintstone). Well done to everyone who took part, it was really hard for the judge to choose.



This issue is full of articles on the other great events that happened this summer, as well as plenty of other events coming up this autumn. Enjoy!
Alison Barham, Editor

Thanks to Helen Masters for the gorgeous flower on the left and Paula Stagg for the photo of a beautiful jewel-like beetle above.



As August passed into September, the prolonged summer dry spell continued, with many parts of the UK experiencing their fourth heatwave of the year. It is now being compared to the driest year on record: 1976. With the harvest now complete, there has been little grass regrowth, and the hills have burnt off, leaving limited grazing for livestock. Farmers have begun supplementary feeding to ensure animals maintain their condition. With fodder supplies tight, I hope the autumn remains kind: the rain we are now experiencing is very welcome. The rams have gone in with the ewes, and the breeding cycle begins once again.

I welcomed the announcement from the Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust that the **Minor Injury Unit** (MIU) in Launceston would reopen in early September — a vital resource for our rural community.

Looking ahead, it is essential that we work together to strengthen partnerships and lay the foundations for a new integrated Minor Injury and Illness Service in Launceston. This will better help meet the needs of our residents by providing quicker and more accessible care closer to home, and help ensure the long-term retention of healthcare provision in the town for years to come. Initially the service will operate 8am to 5pm, Monday to Fridays until 12 September. In this period x-rays will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9am and 5pm. From Sunday 14 September, the unit will return to a 6-day a week opening, from 8am to 8pm, Monday to Saturday. X-ray will be available from 9am to 5pm Monday to Saturday.

Anyone who has a minor injury or is not sure what NHS service they need should go to **NHS 111 online** to use the symptom checker or call NHS 111 before they travel to a unit. The service is free to call and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. NHS 111 can call an ambulance if needed. People should always call 999 for life or limb threatening emergencies.

South Petherwin: There will soon be a public consultation released regarding the 20mph roll out for our local area. It's vitally important, whether good or bad, that residents' comments are fed into the system.

Plusha: Along with Peter Allen of the Safer Plusha Action Group, we met our MP to update him with what we were doing at our end with getting plans/ business case worked up and to find out what he was doing to lobby National Highways and the DFT, again from his side there was nothing new.

A388: Following the most recent tragic fatal accident along the A388, I have had discussions with our Highways officials to again review what's being done to improve road safety and push for further improvements and speed reductions along certain sections, where there is resistance to do so.

Finally, Cornwall Council have called for **nation status,** so that decisions about local services and investment in Cornwall's economy are made here in Cornwall, closer to the people they affect most. It would mean Cornwall has more control over housing, transport, and the economy, with decisions taken locally rather than hundreds of miles away. An independent petition is now open online for those interested.

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The tower clock has been running like, well, clockwork! However, some may have noticed that the hands have not actually been turning for a while. This was because the mechanism connecting the clock to the clock faces had started to seize, so was disconnected to prevent any damage to the clock itself.

Thanks to Andy and Simon everything has been well-oiled and serviced and the hands are turning again, telling the time steadily, sensibly, never too quickly, never too slowly...(for those of a certain age)!

Karen Harry



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An Evening with Tony Butler and Friends

What a memorable evening at the Frog and Bucket with a blistering performance from Tony Butler and friends showcasing his latest album "No profit in a peaceful world". Playing songs from the new album which he says represents himself, his views on modern life and important people to him, past and present.

Jo Catlin, his talented support act kicked the evening off delighting us with some of her own music and cover songs.

The atmosphere was electric when Tony appeared with Tom Nordon and Phil Fox, capturing the audience with his heartfelt lyrics.

Expressing his love for Cornwall and this village which he very much considers home, his music reflects the need for a peaceful world and freedom for all.

"Give them back their freedom" is a very poignant song about the ongoing war in the Ukraine.

Closing with the classic Big Country song "Rockin' in the Free World", everyone found their voice, singing the chorus. What a magical night!

Claire Ashdown





South Petherwin Village Hall

Forthcoming events:



BINGO: Friday 26th September & Friday 31st October

Booking is essential. Contact John or Claire as per details below.

Doors open 6.15pm - Eyes down @ 7pm

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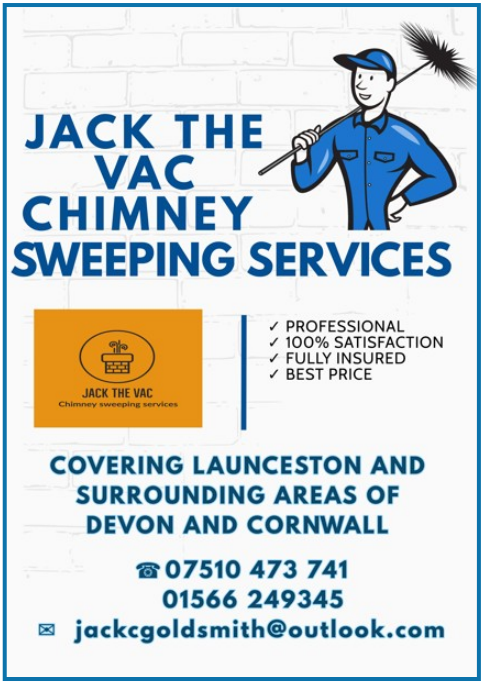


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1st November	Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival
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Book Exchange Café and Talk 12th June

The Book Exchange Café kicked off with a fascinating talk by popular local historian Rob Tremain. It was a walk through history, or perhaps a gentle stroll, relaying information about the local area. We learnt that there had been a Guildhall in the Town Square with tiny back lanes and that the Royal Charter which made Launceston the capital of Cornwall has never been taken away. Medieval Launceston, Newport, the site where Tesco is situated and Bude Canal were some of the topics discussed.

It was a real social event, Rob talked as if he was having a friendly discussion with us. His historical points of view were expressed with humour and depth of knowledge, which was so interesting.



He very much appreciated the refreshments laid on by Olive, as we all did. It was a great afternoon.

Teylu Community Theatre's first public performance

Teylu is currently rehearsing a Halloween short concert, to be performed at the Liskerrett Centre in Liskeard on Friday 31st October & Saturday 1st November. Lots of singing, some Halloween poems & stories, scary ghoulish actors & lots of fun. There will be songs you recognise & maybe a few you don't, but an hour or so will pass very quickly!!

Why not go & discover a part of Liskeard you haven't been to before; there's free parking in the Co-op carpark after 4pm – park near the lower end & walk through to cross the main road & up the lane to the centre. If you have any questions nearer the time, ring me on 772640

Sue Vernon

THE WILDLIFE PAGE by Mel Bees

You all will have noticed the changing seasons, Autumn is approaching , cooler mornings , darker evenings and spiders webs .
It is probably the most important time for wildlife , all the birds and creatures are busy preparing for the coming winter, collecting natures harvest of fruits , seeds and berries .

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP .....

Leave any fallen fruits on the ground for the insects , birds and mammals .
Hold off cutting any shrubs and bushes with berries , a vital source of vitamin C .
Perennials with seed heads are a great source of bird food and also the hollow stems are perfect for hibernating insects .
Leave an untidy corner, leaves, twigs and debris make lovely hibernating spots for small mammals , hedgehogs and insects .
Leaves on the ground give extra protection and shelter for solitary bumble bees that live underground .
If you can bear to leave your grass a little longer for the winter, it offers shelter to lots of insects .







Some pictures from around the village.

Left : A beautiful badger - what a treat - probably travelling further in search of worms and water during the dry spell. Thanks to Denise Campbell.

Centre: And this lovely, cheeky squirrel caught by Deb Pollard, happily stealing bird food .

Right: I came across this awesome chap munching on bramble leaves: Elephant Hawk Moth caterpillar.

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Churchyard News

A while ago we were kindly donated some benches for use at St. Paternus. They had been in service for a good number of years and needed some renovation before use, and we also required the relevant permissions from the Diocese of Truro before they could be added to the churchyard.



We have finally found the resources to repair a pair of them and have given both new seats. A third bench needs considerably more work but will be added in due course. They are quite rustic and low-key, but we finally have somewhere for people to sit when visiting graves or just wishing to enjoy the peace.

Autumn seems to have come early this year and the churchyard is more than ready for cutting. We plan the big cut for September rather than August to avoid the summer holidays as we need a good number of volunteers to deal with the huge amount of raking required. We would be grateful for any extra help, even if it's just an hour of your time. We advertise the date as soon as we know when Cormac are due to cut via the village and church Facebook pages. If you would like us to let you know the next date directly, please get in touch via our email address.

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South Petherwin Oil Syndicate

I have been organising the syndicate now for about 9 years and I think the time has come to hand it over to someone else. I have enjoyed it and chatting to many of you on the phone. As a newcomer to Daws House it was a great way to get to know people. I plan to continue doing the orders until the end of the year.

What does running the syndicate involve? Well, firstly contacting everyone by either email or telephone every three months to find out how many people want oil and the approximate quantity required. Then check on oil prices and negotiate the best price I can get. Send off an order form and hopefully that is it until the next time.

If anyone is interested in taking over please let me know and we can talk it through. However, if we do not have a volunteer we do have an alternative.

Many of you will remember Paul Hider, who used to run the Keltic office on Pennygillam. He now runs his own company and in addition to dealing with large companies has started to run local syndicates as well. He is happy to organise our syndicate as well. It would not be tied to any particular oil company, but for those who want to pay monthly, not to Watson's obviously, they still could. Members of the syndicate would only pay the price of the oil, no subs or extras.

Paul lives locally and has always looked after us. He is willing to come and to talk to us if we want.

Please let me know what you think. Ann Nicholson
agnhexworthy42@gmail.com 01566 779254

FRIENDSHIP LUNCH

Friendship Lunch at The Frog and Bucket for our parish seniors @ 12.30 on Thursday 25th September and Thursday 23rd October.

Please book one week in advance by calling Claire or John on 01566 471299 and advise of any special dietary requirements or allergies when booking

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Local Co-ordinators:
The Village: Helen Masters (775545)
Tiny Meadows: Richard Beacham (773614)
Daws House: Andrea Foster (779181)
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Friday 26th September	Bingo night see page 9	Village Hall	John Ashdown 471299	7pm
Monday 29th September	Friendship Group see page 29	Methodist Hall	Joan Whale 772847	2-4pm
Saturday 4th October	St Paternus Church coffee morning	Church	Olive Stevens 07480 576535	10-12
Thursday 9th October	Souper Thursday see page 9	Village Hall	John Ashdown 471299	12 noon
Weds 8th October	Parish Council meeting	Methodist Hall	Parish Clerk see page 2	7pm
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Every Monday	Bell ringers	St Paternus Church	Sue Vernon 772640	7.30pm
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 Wednesday	Line Dancing	Village Hall	Julie Barlow 07899 803196	7-9pm
Every Thursday	Pilates	Village Hall	Andrea Roberts andiec@yahoo.co.uk	6-7 & 7.15-8.15pm

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Parish Council - see page 3

St Paternus Church - see page 24 for information on services

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Cornwall Councillor

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Flowerpot Festival 2025

Thanks to everybody who took part in the Flowerpot Festival week, and we hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as we did! The Craft & Produce Show which rounded the week off was amazing – who knew what talent was hiding in the parish! This year we had more categories and entries, so the exhibits were spread across the hall and the church, plus there were old fashioned games to play outside. The weather was perfect too!

The village hall was packed as the results were read out and trophies and prizes were awarded. See the Editor's piece on page 3 for the winners of the flowerpot creations. The winners had a lucky dip from one of the following: £20 voucher at the Frog & Bucket, bags of compost from Maunders, a Sazzyloo voucher, a rabbit hutch from Cornish Timber, beer from Firebrand, and a voucher from Homeleigh Garden Centre. Many thanks to these businesses for donating the fantastic prizes and to Cllr Adrian Parsons for judging.

The Craft & Produce Show had a huge amount of entries (over 640 adult entries alone). Thanks to our judges: Claire Hine, Steve Reynolds, Chris Reynolds, Lacey Evans, Mel Bees and Sue Leavis.

Flowers: Judge Sue Leavis. Best in Class: Pat Rowse; Most points in category South Petherwin WI Horticultural Show Cup, won in 2024 by Julie Butler: 2025 Julie Butler

Dahlias: new cup kindly donated by Mrs Valerie Hosking. Winner: Sylvia Stenlake

Fruit: Judge Mel Bees. Best in Class Jane Gardner; Most points in category, cup donated by Charlotte Firth: Sue Vernon

Vegetables: Judge Mel Bees. Best in Class Charlotte Firth; Most points in category, cup donated by Charlotte Firth: Julie Butler

Domestic: Judge Chris Reynolds. Best in Class Julie Butler; Most points in category, cup donated by Janet Crossman: Julie Butler

Art & Craft: Judge Claire Hine. Best in class: Karen Harry, Most points in the category, cup donated by Charlotte Firth: Maria Lewis

Photography: Judge Steve Reynolds; Best in Class Olive Stevens, Most points in the category, winner Olive Stevens

Young Exhibitor: Judge Lacey Evans. Best in Class Theo Clements. Most points in the category, cup donated by Beccy Frame: Thomas Frame

Most points overall – Michael Screech Memorial Cup, kindly donated by Mary-Ann Screech. 2024 winner = Julie Butler; 2025 winner = Julie Butler

South Petherwin CP school also took part, with all the children entering either handwriting or egg box creature. First prize winners were Pippa, Emilia, Daniel & Hamish. It made for a great display.

We had an amazing donation of a hamper from Tesco, which was won by raffle on the day, and there was a guess-the-weight of the fruit basket—the nearest guesser won the whole thing!

There were also events held during the week, such as bingo, a quiz, Meet the Crafters, Jubilee Service at the church, and The Wreckers Morris dancers at the Frog and Bucket, to name but a few.

All the photos of the Craft & Produce Show, flowerpot designs and the events can be seen on the website.

With thanks to:

South Petherwin Parish Council for the grant of money from the Wind Turbine fund. Committee: Alison Barham, John Ashdown, Claire Ashdown, Julie Butler, Charlotte Firth, Sue Vernon, Olive Stevens, Phil Parsons. Paul Barham, Clive Butler & Phil Parsons for the outdoor games. Simon Hill for work on the website. St Paternus Church, Wreckers Border Morris Dancers, Frog & Bucket, Bellringers, U3A table tennis, Cricket club, Line dancing, Rick Howlett, Phill Middleton, Sarah Cole, Paul Burridge, Jill Holmes, Matt Avery.











St Paternus Church (C of E)

Upcoming Events

Every Wednesday midweek service at 11am. Eucharist with Reverend Sean Clancy.

Eucharist (2nd Sunday)	Sunday 14th September	9.30am	With Revd Dean
Eucharist (4th Sunday)	Sunday 28th September	10.30am	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens and Dr Brian Davis
Coffee Morning	Saturday 4th October	10 to 12	Tea, Coffee, Cake and Bacon Rolls
Animal blessing	Sunday 5th October	2.30pm	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens
Eucharist (2nd Sunday)	Sunday 12th October	9.30am	With Revd Dean
Gift Day and Harvest Festival Service followed by tea	Sunday 19th October	3.00pm	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens
Eucharist (4th Sunday)	Sunday 26th October	10.00am	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens
Coffee Morning	Saturday 1st November	10 to 12	Tea, Coffee, Cake and Bacon Rolls
Eucharist (2nd Sunday)	Sunday 9th November	9.30am	With Revd Dean
Concert	Friday 14th November	7.30pm	Our Atlantic Roots
Eucharist (4th Sunday)	Sunday 23rd November	10.30am	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens and Dr Brian Davis
Coffee Morning	Saturday 6th December	10 to 12	Tea, Coffee, Cake and Bacon Rolls
Eucharist (2nd Sunday)	Sunday 14th December	9.30am	With Revd Dean
Eucharist (4th Sunday)	Sunday 28th December	10.30am	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens and Dr Brian Davis

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Flowerpot Festival Jubilee Service The theme was celebrating creation. We began with an edited version of the first biblical account of creation demonstrating the orderly evolving of the universe and the role of humanity in that bigger picture. Fr John took us a little deeper into discovering God's involvement and the goodness of all creation leading into our response and responsibility. Sue Vernon read Rudyard's poem, 'The Glory of the Garden' . John Ashdown talked about the response to the Third World Debt, poverty and deprivation. He has been challenging MPs on our behalf and presented over 300 signatures calling for government action. Mike Noakes spoke of the decline and changes in our communities and churches, Brian followed that by encouraging us to live differently, to care for one another and our shared earth! We reflected on these themes on our hymns accompanied by Roger on the organ.



Many thanks to all who attended and especially to those who shared in leading this Jubilee Service.



St Paternus South Petherwin

The PCC have been delighted to be able to join with the Village Hall Committee for events during the Flowerpot Festival.

The church has a large space that is suitable for a variety of activities. At present we offer a book exchange, borrow or buy jigsaws, a monthly coffee morning and a variety of services like a Pet Blessing, Harvest Festival, Christmas and other Festival services, Weekly Worship, Baptism or naming ceremonies, weddings, funerals …… and anything else that you might like to suggest!

Sadly, the church building is in urgent need of repair, it has been placed on the Diocesan At Risk Register and immediate attention is needed for dry rot and gutter replacement to make the building waterproof.





Last winter one Sunday morning we were reading the story about Jesus being asleep while the disciples struggled to keep the boat afloat. While we pondered this we heard a downfall of water, it seemed as if we were right there in that boat!!! The reality was that there was water pouring down into the vestry like a waterfall! The floor space began to fill up and like those disciples we were bailing out water! We were able to patch things up and clear the outlets so that we can struggle through. We are very grateful to Andy, Abi and others who often come to the rescue and do the patching up! This is a temporary measure!

We need to raise money to add to the grants that we can apply for and hopefully begin the work.

Help needed!!!! If you would like to help, have any ideas about fund raising events – small or large – 'every penny counts!' Please get in touch with us.

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GARDENING MATTERS

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Gardening Matters

After some wonderfully long, hot summer weather, this week has seen a shift towards Autumn and some much needed rain.

Jobs in September & October

Sow: *Winter salad crops such as rocket and oriental salad leaves. Hardy annuals such as marigolds, cornflowers and nigella to flower next year. Lawn seed or lay new turf.*

Harvest: *Apples, pears and other fruit and store appropriately, Vegetables such as beans, courgettes and salad crops regularly to prolong production. Pick cosmos, dahlias and sweet peas regularly to prolong the flowering period.*

Prune: *Climbing roses back to a framework. Cut back hardy geraniums and divide to make new plants. Trim hedges and topiary to give a neat finish to last through winter.*

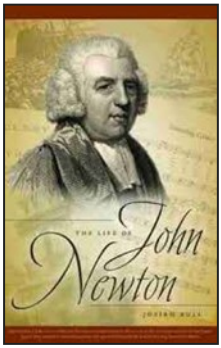
Plant: *Spring flowering bulbs such as daffodils, crocus and iris but leave tulips until November. New container grown trees, shrubs and perennials can be planted while the soil is still warm but water regularly.*

Weed: *Weed and mulch borders after rain to keep in moisture and supress weeds. Weed around vegetables that stand through winter such as Leeks, parsnips and Sprouting broccoli.*

Protect: *Your pond from falling leaves with netting. Brassicas still need protecting from cabbage white butterflies.*



SOUTH PETHERWIN METHODIST CHURCH



A Local Arrangement Sunday Service was held recently and ably led by Michael and Angela Noakes, who chose the theme of the history of the life of John Newton. We learned that John Newton (1725 – 1807) was an English evangelical cleric, hymn writer, and abolitionist who, after a life as a slave ship captain, dramatically converted to Christianity at sea. He is most famous for writing the hymn 'Amazing Grace', but also penned other well-known hymns like 'Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken'. Later, Newton became a significant figure in the evangelical movement, a prominent preacher and theologian, and played a key role in the abolitionist movement, influencing William Wilberforce in his fight to end the slave trade. The service was interspersed with the singing of his hymns and concluded with 'How Sweet the Name of Jesus is'. Angela closed the service with the Benediction.



On Sunday 31st August a United Service was held when members from Trebullett and Coad's Green chapels joined us, this was led by Deacon Ruth Richey. The welcome and notices were given by Angela Noakes and Carl Mayer read the lessons. Deacon Ruth based her sermon on Luke Ch 14 verses 7 – 14 when Jesus went to eat at the home of a leading Pharisee and the people were watching him very closely. He noticed that some of the guests were choosing the best places to sit but told them , go and sit in a seat that is not important, then the other guests will respect you. All who make themselves great will be made humble but those who make themselves humble will be made great. How can we repay God's love, he will always love us. Deacon Ruth then offered prayers of intercession and the service concluded with the hymn, 'Lord thy church on earth is seeking', followed by the Blessing. Refreshments were served in the hall when a good deal of chat was enjoyed by all.

Mary Stoneman



Methodist Church Friendship Group



Summer has gone and with it the hot weather. At the end of July we were getting ready for the Flowerpot Festival and members made windchimes with flowerpot hats! These were displayed at St Paternus and our thanks to Olive for allowing us the space.

The end of August soon arrived and this time we turned our thoughts to food! Not difficult when the subject was cupcakes. We asked members to decorate their cakes with icing and a variety of sugar strands etc, and the resultant sticky fingers made for interesting viewing. It seems everyone had forgotten that when adding water to icing sugar it really is 'one drop at a time'! However, we all managed to produce well-decorated cakes to take home for tea. Our thanks to Mary for providing the refreshments and to Pam who kindly helped with all the sticky washing-up.

New members of any age are always welcome to join our group. We meet on the last Monday of each month at 2.00pm in the Methodist Church hall.

Angela and Michael Noakes

Some more of the wonderful flowerpot creations around the parish.....

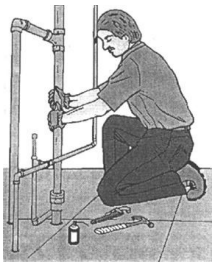


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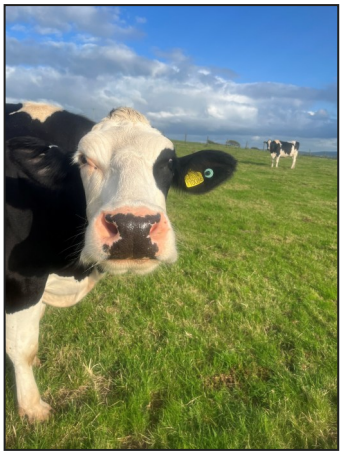
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FARMING NEWS





The harvest of summer 2025 already feels like a distant memory with the welcome arrival of rain. Combines had an easy season thanks to the fine weather, but livestock farmers faced a much bigger challenge.

The lack of rain meant little grass—both for grazing and for cutting. Late cuts of grass will likely continue into early autumn as the maize crops are brought in. Now, the fresh green shoots spurred on by the rainfall will be a welcome sight for the "gang lawn mowers": the grazing dairy cows.



Ellie's Field

A short update regarding Ellie's Field. Every other plant but the sunflower grew well in Ellie's Field, which was disappointing. But there are still plans to run an event in the future to thank all those who find their lives impacted by care for a loved in need of long term care.

Phil Parsons

A Pause for thought - VJ Day 80th Anniversary 15th August 2025



A two minute silence was observed on the morning of 15th August in respect for those British and Commonwealth servicemen and women who gave their lives in Asia and to mark the end of the Second World War in August 1945, followed by the laying of crosses.

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Launceston Medical Centre Patient Participation Group (PPG)

What's it like being ..... A Doctor at Launceston Medical Centre?

The Patient Participation Group (PPG) for Launceston Medical Centre (LMC) is open to anyone and aims to facilitate a two-way exchange between patients and LMC, and supports the work of the centre. We have planned a series of interviews with the staff at LMC to help us in our aims.

This is the second in our series of interviews and follows on from meeting patient advisors at the medical centre. If you missed that interview you can catch it on the medical centre website or the PPG noticeboard inside the medical centre.

Recently we met with a GP and this is what they told us about their role as the Day's Duty GP.

Every morning before the Klinik system and telephone lines open there is a "huddle" where the key members of the team meet, this includes the duty manager, the reception lead, members of the paramedic, mental health and nursing teams alongside the pharmacist. This allows the duty doctors to know how many appointments are available that day - for GPs, paramedics, nurse practitioners, local Pharmacy First, minor injuries etc.

"On the day" requests for appointments is always very high and especially on a Monday morning when more than 300 forms can be received. There can be a marked daily variation, a rainy day can double the number of requests! There are two Duty Doctors every day and GPs rotate these roles through the week.

- Duty Doctor 1 is the triage doctor for the day and oversees Klinik requests for medical assistance. The system is constantly reprioritising the forms coming in, based on need. Most forms are seen and reviewed within minutes of being received. The doctor may then text or phone a patient back or ask a patient advisor to make an appointment with the relevant practitioner.

- Duty Doctor 2 handles queries from other members of the team supporting the paramedics and the nursing teams, responds to hospital consultants, care home requests, palliative care issues, district nurses and much more. This aim of this role is to avoid GPs who are doing their normal clinics from being interrupted so they can concentrate on seeing patients. This doctor may also be drafted in when there is extreme pressure for GP appointments.

We asked what can patients can do to help?

- If you need a home visit get in touch as early in the day as possible.

- Be as clear and precise as you can about what you want to happen or are worried about. A GP is going to read this form and the better the information you give the easier it is to make sure you get the right response.

- Be open to the response you receive. A GP will review your Klinik form and may determine that the best route is to see an expert professional rather than make you a GP appointment. It is important to make the best use of the other really great services such as the Pharmacy First Service and the Minor Eye Care Service who can offer assessment and treatment helping free up GP appointments.

Some people cannot use Klinik on a particular day for a variety of reasons. We asked what they should do instead. It was stressed that it is always possible to ring and speak with a patient advisor who will assist in taking all the information needed so the patient can be triaged and assessed by the duty doctor. If it is very busy the patient advisor may arrange to call you back to ensure they have enough time to do this.

The Klinik system is constantly being evaluated and results of a recent patient survey are being analysed. Extending the opening hours of the system is being considered (currently 8.30am - 2pm) and it is hoped that in the future the system will always be available for administrative enquires.

We also talked about what a GPs day is like when not acting as a duty doctor..... The day is divided up into 15 minute patient appointments and on top of that GPs (including the duty doctors) have to review test results and letters (from consultants etc). There may be 150 test results and up to 50 letters (per doctor, every day) to be reviewed and acted upon as necessary. Any results always go back to the doctor who requested them. It helps the practice if you are requesting results from tests arranged elsewhere, that you make contact with the person who requested the test - ie. if it was the consultant or hospital, that you speak with them.

The Medical Centre is a Training Practice, which means it hosts GP registrars, fully qualified doctors who are undergoing advanced training under the supervision of experienced GPs. These registrars are typically in their final year before becoming independent general practitioners. This aspect of the practice plays a crucial role in developing the next generation of GPs. A significant benefit of this program is that several doctors the practice has helped to train are now fully qualified and working at our surgery, greatly supporting recruitment efforts, an area that is often challenging in General Practice.

It is clear to us that the GPs work +12 hour, intense days. They have to make multiple, rapid and important decisions under pressure. It was obvious that they get a huge amount of satisfaction from helping people and enjoy the relationships that they build with patients. Like anyone, they find dealing with conflict hard and take it personally when they can't fulfil a patient's request. The support offered to the staff by Dr Magill's psychosocial team is important in helping manage the stresses and fatigue of the role and stands as an example to other practices.

The PPG are very grateful for the time given to us and continue to be impressed at the dedication and determination of all the team to deliver for patients in our community.

We hope this has given you a further insight into the work of the centre. If you would like to be part of the Patient Participation Group you can find more information on the website and also our noticeboard inside the centre.

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SOUTH PETHERWIN CRICKET CLUB

As the summer comes towards an end, so does the cricket season for South Petherwin CC. 2025 has been a very successful season for the club. Both Saturday teams managed to finish mid table in their respective leagues, with many outstanding performances. The first team saw Adam Creasey hit his first hundred for the club, and Paul Clements record the teams best figures with the ball with 5-14. The second team had 3 players score 90 and above: Nick Gerry (90), James Cawsey (93*) and Rich Watson (103*). Whilst no one took a five wicket haul for them, they had 4 players take 4 wickets in a match. The women's team managed to secure 2 wins in the league, with some very narrow defeats. Emma Barnes, Alice Mitchell and Olivia Jones all scored valuable runs for them throughout the season. With the ball, Emma Barnes (including 5-26), Alice Mitchell, Meg Masters and Freya Payne all bowled well and took multiple wickets.

The highlight of the year was winning the Rosevear Cup! The cup is a twenty-over competition that saw the team win in a finals day, beating Roche in the semi final then Menheniot-Looe in the final. The most notable performances in the cup were superb knocks of 85* by Andrew Brenton and 71 by Adam Creasey (both in the semi final) and a handful of outstanding spells from both Sam Pengelly and Adrian Clements. This was the first cup victory for the club in 25 years and we hope to defend the trophy next season.

Keep an eye out for future updates as we look forward to some training sessions over the winter.

Jacob Masters
First Team Captain

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