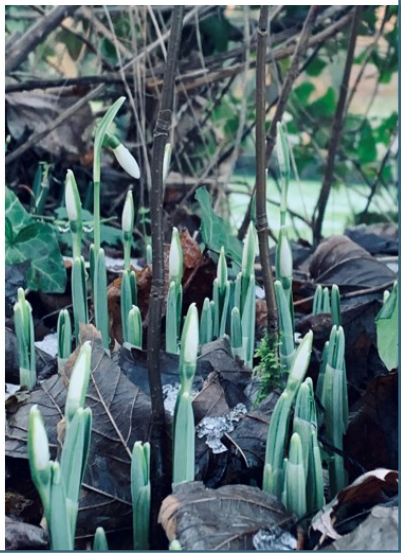
South Petherwin Parish Magazine

Issue no 131 *January/February 2026*











Parish Council

Happy New Year to you all.

In the December Parish Council meeting, the councillors discussed the setting of the next financial year's precept at length. It was resolved to set the precept at £12,650 (from £11,000 this financial year), based on predicted spend (for example on public amenities) and the need to maintain (and preferably slightly increase, as they are currently too low) the level of reserves.

In the January meeting, Cllr Screech explained to the council about the Emergency Plan, which the parish could initiate. For example, by bringing together various groups and volunteers from within the parish, it would provide a help network in the case of prolonged cold weather, extreme storms, loss of power etc. There will be more information on this at the Parish Council coffee morning, which will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 14th February from 10-12. We hope to see you there.

Also at the coffee morning, there will be a special display cabinet on show, kindly built by Clive Butler. It will display artefacts that have been pulled together by Cllr Ashdown and parishioner Peter Bailey from WWI concerning the life of parish fallen soldiers Fred and William Jasper.

Cllr Barlow raised concerns on the state of the parish highway verges following the gas scare at Pennygillam (see page 22) and the subsequent diversion. Cllr Middleton had raised concerns at the time with relevant authorities about the diversion, and it is hoped that in future HGVs will be sent via another more suitable route.

The Council currently has four vacancies for the role of councillor. If you're interested or would like to know more, please contact the Clerk.

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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; John Ashdown; Phillip Middleton; Harold Rowse.

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

Welcome to the January/February issue....

And Happy New Year! This issue has been printed thanks to the money raised at the 2025 Flowerpot Festival, organised by the Village Hall committee. Without grants, donations from parishioners and money from advertising, this magazine would not be able to exist, so thanks to all for your support.



Thanks, too, go to the photos featured on the front cover from Mary Stoneman (top image) to Paula Stagg and Helen Masters (bottom images). Paula also sent in this image of a starling—what beautiful plumage!

In this issue we have some articles on events from December (a busy month!), plus plenty of forthcoming activities to come in the next month or so. We hope you enjoy it.

Alison Barham, Editor

South Petherwin Oil Syndicate

As you may be aware I have taken over the oil syndicate ordering from Ann Nicholson. Ann has done a great job for several years, and I'm sure you're all very grateful for her efforts.

I am going to slightly change the way the oil is ordered, to hopefully give everyone a little more flexibility when ordering. Rather than ordering four times a year, I am going to run the group orders monthly. I will be sending out an email in the first week of every month and group the orders from there, with deliveries taking place during the 2nd/3rd week of every month.

For those of you who don't use email, you can call me when you need a delivery on **07771 796723** and I can add you to the next group order.

Anyone wishing to pay via DD, as I know a lot of you currently do, I can get you changed over to the new suppliers easily, just give me a call to arrange. Obviously, if you want to stay with Watson, then it's totally up to you.

If anyone has any questions feel free to give me a call or drop me an email on **info@hiderfuelservices.co.uk**.

Thank you
Paul Hider



Through December and January, the weather has thrown everything at us. We began with Storm Bram, which brought strong winds and heavy rain. This was followed by a dusting of snow and icy conditions, only to then be battered by Storm Goretti, which caused widespread disruption across Cornwall—bringing down trees and knocking out electricity to thousands of properties.

This relentless weather is taking its toll on our rural roads, which have increasingly fallen into disrepair since the cuts to the Highways budget four years ago. Where issues arise, we must continue to report them to ensure we receive our fair share of the budget spend.

With fields waterlogged, sheep have been housed for lambing, and the farming cycle begins again. Following last summer's dry spell, fodder supplies are short, so let's hope for a kind spring that isn't too far away!

Budget News for Cornwall

Cornwall will receive a £30 million Kernow Industrial Growth Fund over the next two years to support sectors such as critical minerals, renewable energy, and marine innovation. Although this is less than previous Shared Prosperity Fund allocations, Cornwall will need to adjust to having less funding than we've become accustomed to.

My concern is that, given how this funding is being targeted, North Cornwall may see very little benefit. At present, it feels as though much of the Government's earmarked money for Cornwall is passing us by. I sincerely hope our region doesn't get left behind.

Roads and Transport

Road maintenance funding is set to rise, with **£221.5 million allocated over four years** to tackle potholes and improve safety, part of a national £7.3 billion investment. Judging by the current state of our drains and roads after recent weather events, this funding will be essential.

Cornwall's bus services will receive **£30 million over three years**, but this is less than current funding levels, raising concerns about future service quality. At the very least, we hope this will help retain our existing rural bus network, which is vital for local connectivity and access to services.

Draft Budget Highlights for 2026/27

A balanced draft budget for Cornwall will now go out for public consultation. Among the proposed measures are:

- **Over £36m** for *Together for Families* services, addressing the overspend during 2025/26 and providing further investment.
- **Over £37m** to continue transforming adult social care services, ensuring better care delivered in the right place at the right time.
- **£8m** to protect delivery of core frontline services, including waste and regulatory services.
- **£9m** to support transport, housing, economic growth, and environmental services across Cornwall.
- **£3m** to invest in and improve our fire service capability.

This comes despite a challenging financial backdrop and a continuing rise in demand for the services Cornwall Council provides.

Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Charges

It was disappointing to see members of the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee support the recommendation for a **150% increase** in the monthly standing charge for Tamar crossing Tag accounts, rising from 80p to £2. In May, users also saw the Tag toll charge increase to £1.50 for cars and £3 for vans.

For those of us living in the east of the Duchy, this feels like an ever-increasing and burdensome tax to access essential services in Plymouth. Thankfully, following a public backlash, this has now been reviewed, and for the time being, the charge will remain at the lower level.

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Tiny Meadows: Richard Beacham (773614)
Daws House: Andrea Foster (779181)
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You may be aware of a recent spate of break-ins in the parish, so please be extra vigilant.



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New Year: an opportunity for new beginnings

We have been experiencing just a few weeks of 2026, and already it feels as though a great deal is happening around us. We are bombarded with news of all kinds — locally, nationally, and globally — so much so that our small village can feel the impact from the major issues affecting the wider world.

There was a time, before the media, the internet, and instant communication, when life moved at a different pace. Time felt slower. We had space for meaningful conversations with neighbours and for simple, everyday moments. Today, however, this new lifestyle has taken much of that space away from us.

In Jesus' wisdom, he reminds his disciples *"not to worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own"* (Matthew 6:34). Is this advice realistic? Many of us would probably find it difficult not to worry, as life has become increasingly busy, demanding, and costly.

So how can we find balance in life? Perhaps it begins by focusing on those things that improve our wellbeing. A good conversation, a short or long walk, time for contemplation, or simply paying attention to what is around us can make a difference. The landscape that urrounds us is beautiful and astonishing, especially when we see rainbows opening across the sky, revealing the quiet blessing of nature.

Gratitude, too, can reshape our outlook — gratitude for simple daily gifts such as food, a warm home, friends, and community. Slowing the pace of life and taking one step at a time allows us to notice the beauty of each day and to value our relationships more deeply.

The New Year is always a good opportunity to change or improve a few things that enhance our way of living. God has given us a new season — let us enjoy it, one day at a time.



All the blessings,
Rev Oseias da Silva
South Petherwin Methodist Chapel

THE WILDLIFE PAGE by Mel Bees



You may have heard some eerie screams in the dark lately ..... It's fox mating season and these are the calls they use to attract their mates. Gestation is 53 days , during which time the vixen will find a den to give birth in. Cubs will be born in March, usually 4-6 in a litter.

Foxes live in family groups and while the vixen is nursing her young the dog fox or other family vixens will bring her food. After two weeks the cubs open their eyes, at four weeks they start to eat solid food and at eight weeks they are weaned .

They will stay as a family until the autumn when they start to disperse; some females will remain with the family group.

Foxes eat a wide variety of food: mice, rats and voles, beetles and worms, fruit, rabbits and road kill.

Their life expectancy in the wild is short - many cubs do not make it to a year old. A good age for an adult is only four years old, although in captivity rescued foxes can live to 14.

These pictures are of some of our beautiful village foxes - notice how Mr Pheasant is not at all fazed!.





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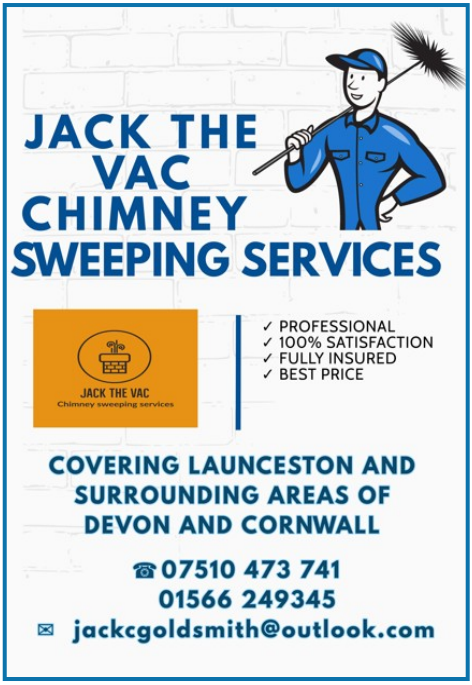


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Now for some of our older local residents and his neighbours you will instantly recognise the face of John Edwards, who passed away two years ago. John was a local builder who looked after the church and chapel buildings and the former school as well as any number of local dwellings.

One of his many hobbies—as well as his beloved motor bikes— was photography. Before he moved from his home he asked me to look after his 3000 slide collection.

So, I am planning on running an hour event at the village hall to see what interest there is to view pictures going back many decades about parish life.

Join me at South Petherwin Village Hall for this parish magazine sponsored event on Saturday 28th February at 10.30am. Free entry and refreshments provided. Feel free to bring along your own photographic memories to share.

Phil Parsons

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Monday 26th January	Friendship Group see page 27	Methodist Hall	Joan Whale 772847	2-4pm
Friday 30th January	Bingo night see page 13	Village Hall	John Ashdown 471299	7pm
Saturday 7th February	St Paternus Church coffee morning	Village Hall	Olive Stevens 07480 576535	10-12
Weds 11th Feburary	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-9pm
Every Tuesday	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Malcolm Tulip 01566 451154	10am
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Parish Council - see page 2

St Paternus Church - see page 24 for information on services

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St Paternus Church (C of E)

Upcoming Events

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

Holy Communion (4th Sunday)	Sunday 25th January	10.00am	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens and Dr Brian Davis
Coffee morning (1st Saturday) in the Village Hall	Saturday 7th February	10 to 12	Tea, coffee, bacon sandwiches
Holy Communion (2nd Sunday)	Sunday 8th February	9.30am	With Revd Sean Clancy
Pancakes and tea in the Village Hall	Tuesday 17th February	2.00pm	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens
Ash Wednesday - Eucharist and Ashing Service	Wednesday 18th February	11.00am	With Revd Sean Clancy
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Facebook: Saint Paternus Community South Petherwin

November and December were quite busy months in the parish. We began with the 80th Anniversary remembrance services, reported on in the last issue. Very many thanks to all the generous poppy creators! We plan to increase the outdoor tributes next year so please keep on making poppies!

The liturgical year of the church ended with Christ the King Sunday on November 30th and so the season of Advent began the New Year of 2025/2026.

Our coffee morning on December 6th included decorating the church with lights, trees and nativity scenes. Thank you to all who made that possible as it set the scene for our Christmas worship.

St Paternus Church (C of E)



On the 14th the Community Carol Service was held in the Methodist Church and we sang carols, listened to lessons and enjoyed tea, mince pies and fellowship. Then on the 16th we gathered in the church for a Christmas tea and more carols and stories.

On the 21st The Village Nativity happened in spite of uncertain weather! We sang carols as we journeyed from Trelinnoe Gardens to The '*INN*' at the Frog and Bucket where once again the manger was waiting for the arrival of the Holy Family and guests – thank you to the *Sing* members for support in carol singing and to Ben and Leigh for the warm welcome, the mince pies and generous hospitality.



We were delighted to welcome Edward Lancaster as organist for our Christmas Eve Service which was a joyful service of Carols and poetry. Christmas morning was our concluding service as we celebrated the birth of Christ.

We now prepare for Lent which begins with an Ash Wednesday service on 18th February at 11am - but before that its Pancake Day on Tuesday 17th!

Please note the coffee mornings will be held in the Village Hall on the first Saturdays in February and March.

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Friday 19th December saw chaos in South Petherwin, as a gas leak on the Pennygillam Estate meant the A30 was closed in both directions between Kennards House and the Pennygillam Roundabout and all traffic—including HGVs—diverted through our village. Homes and businesses in the nearby area were also evacuated by police. Even when the A30 closure was lifted, it took a few hours for the traffic congestion to clear.

"I wonder how many residents found themselves a few hundred yards from home but stuck in the biggest traffic jam South Petherwin has ever experienced? It was indeed when the "Parish stood still" but unfortunately the damage was not good with rutted verges along the highways." Phil Parsons, Chair of Parish Council







Above, photos taken by Cllr Julie Barlow. Highways have been contacted regarding repairs.

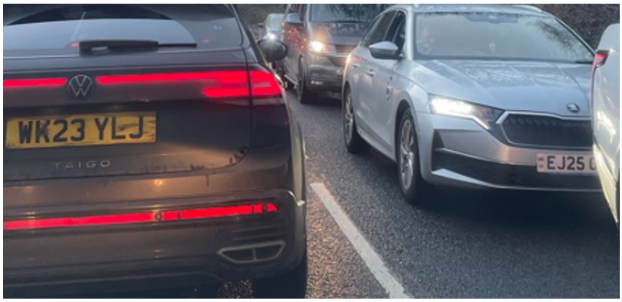


"90 minutes from Pennygillam to home whilst on call.... " Phill Middleton



"Not on main road but 2 hours on the by roads around Treggie. Felt so sorry for people attempting to get their children from school, but not one person was angry with the situation. All were polite in that everyone was prepared to give and take, reverse when necessary even if it meant 5 cars reversing. Drivers stopping to give those travelling in the opposite direction news of what was ahead." Dawn Rogers

"This was at the school junction just before 6.30pm I left town at 4.30. I would like to give thanks to all the people that came out there homes to help guide the cars through the village and to the lorry drivers for the careful driving." Andrea Doble













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Gardening Matters

With the start of the New Year, ever changing and extreme weather is something many gardeners are having to contend with. At the time of writing, we have seen ice followed by extremely stormy conditions. There are many jobs still 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. Plan and purchase seeds to sow in the coming year. 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. Sweet peas can still be sown in January.*

Weed: *Weed and mulch borders after rain to keep in moisture and supress 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. Remove ivy from the base of trees and shrubs.*

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 of the oldest stems at the base. Overgrown shrubs such as cotinus or physocarpus can be hard pruned to encourage new growth in spring.*



What flowers and interest do you have in your garden at this time of year? Above: rosemary, winter-flowering honeysuckle, cornus stems and viburnum tinus

SOUTH PETHERWIN METHODIST CHURCH



The chapel had been beautifully decorated for the festive season with window decorations, an Advent ring and handmade nativity scenes. On Sunday 14th December at 3.00pm a well-attended Parish carol service was held. A warm welcome was extended to Rev Oseias Da Silva and the congregation by Angela Noakes and she also read out the Notices. Rev Oseias commenced the service by reading from Isaiah 61.v's 1-4, 8-11. Tony Stephens was then invited to light the three Advent candles during which Rev Oseias quoted the words 'We light the candles for hope and peace,' and carried through this theme during the lighting of each one. The first carol, 'O Come All Ye Faithful' was sung then following this, the carols were interspersed with Bible readings taken from the well known Christmas Story. The first three lessons were read by Sue Vernon, Dr Brian Davis and Julie Barlow. After the carol 'Silent Night' was sung, a short Christmas message was given by Rev Canon Olive Stevens. The final three lessons were then read by Mary Ann Screech, Tony Stephens and Michael Noakes, followed by the concluding carol, 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing.' The organist was Mary Stoneman and the Blessing was given by Rev Oseias. Donations were invited for St Petroc's Society for the Homeless Christmas appeal and raised a magnificent sum of £370.30. Refreshments of tea/coffee, homemade mince pies, cream and homemade biscuits were served in the hall after the service, where there was plenty of chat, new acquaintances made and a catch up with friends.

On Friday 19th December, South Petherwin Primary School held their Christingle Service on the last day of term and the chapel was full to capacity. The Headmaster Matt Avery gave the welcome and introduced the delightful items given by the pupils who also explained about the meaning of Christingle. Rev Oseias Da Silva reminded the children of the Christmas story with his Christmas message. This was then followed by the lighting of the candles during which everyone joined in the well known carol 'Away in a Manger,' led beautifully by the children. The organist was Mary Stoneman. A collection was taken in support of Children's Hospice South West. Finally, Rev Oseias closed the service with a Blessing.



Mary Stoneman

Methodist Church Friendship Group



At the meeting at the end of November members made nativity lanterns to mark the start of the advent season. Cards were exchanged and invitations issued for the Community Carol Service to be held in December.



Our December meeting took the form of a Christmas Afternoon with (more!) mince pies, Christmas cake and a gingerbread house. It was also the judging of the crocus growing competition. Lots of pots of bulbs were entered and the winner was judged to be Linda – see picture of the presentation of the cup by our minister Rev Oseias da Silva (right).

The busy afternoon also included lighting of the candles on the advent ring accompanied by carol singing. We then challenged ourselves with a quiz of sweets and chocolates with Pam and Christine joint winners. All in all a happy afternoon which rounded off with singing a couple of favourite carols with happy memories.

We now look forward to 2026 and send best wishes for the New Year to all members, their families, and all in South Petherwin.

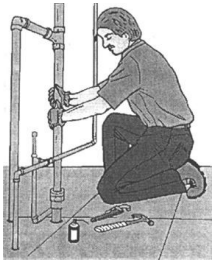
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Happy New Year,

During the month of December, we had so many things to celebrate. Firstly, all our children performed spectacularly in their respective shows: Pre-school with the Christmas singing show, Reception and KS1 who performed the show The Angel Who Nearly Missed It All, and our KS2 children who performed the Christmas play 5 Gold Rings. As always, the children were amazing and, when singing, a joy to listen to.



Before Christmas, the children enjoyed their run up to the festive period. They had a wonderful time together enjoying a Christmas dinner and we are as always very grateful to Chapel for inviting us to a school Christingle service. Always a nice way to finish off the term.

The school continues with its sporting success. At Launceston College, the children participated in the Cornish Pirates rugby festival and tournament. The children were amazing and again showed spirit, respect, sportsmanship and kindness – really personifying the rugby values. To top this off, they won the tournament.

We are pleased to let you know that Cornwall Council have delivered our parking buddies. We have started to place them in key points so that parking is conducted in a safe and considerate way.



Matt Avery, Head

South Petherwin Pre-School

We finished 2025 with a fantastic Christmas concert for our families in which all the children were involved in singing some of our favourite Christmas songs. We also enjoyed a lot of Christmas crafting and of course all the glitter!

The children have all returned from the Christmas break with lots of enthusiasm and excitement to learn. We are welcoming a few new faces and are looking forward to exploring our topic of 'People who help us.'

We have started by looking at the book, 'Real Superheroes' and discussing what we would like to be when we grow up.

We are looking forward to a visit from a doctor to learn all about their job.



This week we are going to be postal workers sorting the mail and parcels, police officers searching for the missing gems, firefighters putting out the fire on the Lego houses and doctors making our friends feel better.

Natalie Bewes







FRIENDSHIP LUNCH

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South Petherwin Cricket Club would like to wish all of the readers and their families a very happy 2026.

The cricket season starts in April and we would love to invite anyone interested in playing to come and join us in pre-season training.

We have two teams who play on Saturdays and a Ladies team who play on Sundays.

If you fancy a new challenge for the new year or if you used to play and want to get back into it then why not join us and give it a go.

Ages 12 and upwards for all teams.

Saturdays Team enquires to Jacob Masters on 07891 115713

Ladies Team enquiries to Sam Payne on 07917 273243

Or email southpetherwincc@outlook.com

Teylu Theatre Company update

What an enormous success our first two public productions were at the end of 2025. Apart from the show at Halloween, reported on in the last magazine, on the Monday before Christmas we put on a concert in lovely St Martin's Church in Liskeard. Carols aplenty, amusing readings, lovely songs from the Sterts' Singers, Benakord & the Home Ed Choir and much, much more. Not to mention an enactment of the truce in the trenches in 1914, which certainly brought a tear or two to many an eye!

Then there was hot soup to warm the cockles plus mulled wine and apple juice, and a spread of delicious homemade bakes to keep everyone happy. It was immensely successful and compliments flowed, so this bodes well for our productions this coming year. But then I would suggest that nothing less would be expected from what is now the Teylu 'family' – they have a reputation to maintain after all!!

My only regret is that Teylu is based nearer Liskeard than Launceston, but.. our summer musical is planned to 'tour' the area and hopefully will be coming to Launceston. I will of course keep you all updated. And just remember – it is only a 35 minute drive from Launceston to Liskeard to be royally entertained for the evening!

Sue Vernon

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Helen Masters managed to capture some of the many tractors that came through the parish just before Christmas as part of the Launceston Young Farmers tractor run. It was an amazing spectacle! There were over 70 tractors involved, raising money for their chosen charities.

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