South Petherwin Parish Magazine

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Parish Council

The Parish Council held a coffee morning in February, and is looking to repeat this again soon. On May 20th the Annual Parish Meeting will be held. This is where parish organisations and societies join us to share what they have been doing and what their plans are for the future. All are welcome, and refreshments will be available. It is a great way to meet people and find out what is happening in the parish.

In the spirit of community engagement, Cllr Harold Rowse will be conducting a survey of some of our parishioners to help ascertain their understanding of the Parish Council and its remit. Councillors will also be having their photos put on the website & in the magazine in the next month or so.

We currently have four vacancies for councillors. You don't need any prior experience, just a willingness to get involved in local decision-making. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk.

Regarding Emergency Planning, Cllr Phill Middleton will be running an emergency scenario with the Parish Council, which will help to highlight the issues that are faced when a crisis occurs, and therefore how best to deal with emergencies in the future.

Several issues facing our local roads were discussed in the March meeting, including the ongoing problem at Plusha Junction (see Cllr Adrian Parsons' report on page 4), damage caused by vehicles in the centre of the village where the road narrows and how best to mitigate this, and concerns regarding parts of the B3254 around the Petherwin Water area.

To contact the Parish Council: Parish Council Clerk :
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Website: www.southpetherwinparishcouncil.gov.uk

How to apply to the Wind Turbine grant fund: Go on to the website (address above), click on Documents from the bar at the top, scroll down and you will find a link to the fund application under Policies and Procedures. Otherwise, please just email the Clerk, as above.

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 usually meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Methodist Chapel Hall. Next meeting April 8th 2026.

Welcome to the March/April issue....

Spring is definitely with us now and we are starting to enjoy some drier weather. With this, there are beautiful spring flowers appearing in the parish, like the daffodils on the front cover, and the other pictures we feature in this issue.

Many parishioners thoroughly enjoyed the John Edwards slideshow (see pages 18 & 19) which was a blast from the past, and we would love to see more of your images like this. Even for someone like me who was not born here, it was fascinating to see what the village looked like fifty odd years ago.

Back to the present, and there are lots of things happening in the parish as usual. We have also extended the useful pages events diary, so that you have more of an idea of what' on going forward.

Thanks to Paula Stagg for the front cover image, and this one of a cute mouse.

Alison Barham, Editor



Flowerpot Festival 2026
14th—22nd August



The Flowerpot Festival, sponsored by the Village Hall, will be held again this year in August.

There will be a few activities during the week based around and run by the Village Hall and the Church, and it will culminate in the Craft and Produce Show in the Village Hall on **Saturday 22nd August**, where the winners of the best flowerpot displays will be announced, with prizes available.

The schedule for the Craft & Produce Show will be available in the July issue of the magazine and earlier on the website, so keep an eye out.

Please contact Alison for more details on **alisonbarham21@gmail.com**



As we enter March, we are thankfully beginning to see some signs that spring is slowly emerging. The snowdrops have come and gone, and now the primroses and daffodils are bringing some colour and warmth, even if the weather patterns haven't been especially favourable, with continued wet and blustery conditions. It comes as no surprise that January has proven to be the wettest start to a year on record, with persistent Atlantic weather systems bringing a relentless series of low-pressure fronts. This has led to significant flooding and widespread travel disruption, as rivers burst their banks and communities faced repeated downpours.

The first group of ewes has now lambed, with a large percentage producing singles this year, something I believe can be attributed to last summer's dry conditions and lack of grass at tupping time. The strongest lambs are now out in the fields with their mothers, and hopefully, as things warm up, the rest will soon follow.

Road Safety Strategy

I recently attended Cornwall Council's Road Safety Strategy event, which is currently being refreshed after seven years. The data shows that the number of people killed or seriously injured on Cornwall's roads has remained broadly unchanged, and it's clear that this is not acceptable. The updated strategy will therefore aim to address this.

National Highways has recently announced that they will continue implementing interim safety measures following the closure of the right-hand turn when exiting Plusha. These measures will now include slip roads pulling in and out of Plusha Junction, as well as the closure of the right turn when exiting the Black Hill quarry junction at Two Bridges. Traffic leaving Polyphant to join the A30 will need to travel through Hicks Mill and join at Holyway Cross. The right turn at Two Bridges from Lewannick (Old Hill) will remain open. These and other measures can be viewed on the National Highways website.

Potholes

Potholes continue to be a concern. We are told that reports have dropped slightly from around 517 per day to 497 per day, partly due to recent improvements in the weather. Repair teams are now fixing around 378 potholes a day, compared to 358 a fortnight ago.

Due to the drier weather we are finally starting to see days where more potholes are being repaired. However, there is still a large backlog, with 5,296 potholes currently on the system. Let's just hope that when repairs are made, the fixes last, as all too often we are seeing work that simply doesn't hold up.

Kit Hill Parking Update

Following Cornwall Council's recent proposal to introduce parking meters and charges on Kit Hill, there was an overwhelming outcry from residents. The consultation received 1,081 responses from people opposing the proposal.

Alongside numerous meetings with stakeholders, we have been pressing hard to ensure common sense prevails in this attempt to impose parking charges on Kit Hill Country Park. While we are not quite there yet, the recommendation is now that charging for parking at Kit Hill will be dropped, which is good news. Cllr Rogerson, the relevant portfolio holder, visited the site and accepted our argument that there were moral, ethical, and practical issues with introducing charges, and it appears this has been taken on board.

Equally important, if not more so, was the effort of more than 1,000 local residents who took the time to respond to the consultation. The final decision will be made by Cabinet in mid-March.

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Bank Holiday Sunday In South Petherwin
You are invited to a Parish Walk and Buffet Lunch in the Village Hall



Sunday 3rd May at 1pm



At 12 noon we will set off on a walk around the village and through the woods along the stream, over the stile and along the public footpath across the field.
Traditionally parishioners would have walked around the parish boundaries, blessing the parishioners, the land, the crops, the animals, plants, insects and birds. Please respect the environment and any animals you may see.
There is a shorter walk through the church yard to the Village Hall. You might like to make a list or take photos, find as many varieties as possible of birds, trees, shrubs, flowers, fungi or anything else you spot! There might be prizes for the longest list or the rarest find.!!!

Please book a place: Suggested donation £5
Message or phone 07480 576525

THE WILDLIFE PAGE by Mel Bees

Spring is in the air....at last! The garden wildlife is coming alive.



If you have a pond, your frogs should have spawned and your toads will be any day now. Try to leave ponds alone now to give the tadpoles time to develop.
Left: A lovely frog face from our pond.



We also had a visit from this beautiful female sparrow-hawk, often seen hunting in the garden. She sat preening in the sun for ages. She chased some small birds but luckily the blackbirds always send out warnings so she didn't catch any that day. Stunningly beautiful, but not everybody is happy to have them around. She has no impact on our bird numbers though - we have too many!



THINGS TO HELP WILDLIFE THIS SEASON:

- Sprinkle a packet of wildflower seeds, they do well in pots too.
- Build a small pond, a great way to encourage all sorts of creatures.
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- Put up some bird boxes.
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John Edwards Memory Morning



South Petherwin Parish Magazine hosted the John Edwards memory morning at the Village Hall at the end of February, which was really well attended. Phil Parsons hosted the event which was run by the magazine. In response to the morning Phil said, 'It was a joy to have so many local faces who added the names or stories behind the pictures including parish carnival days, village life and life in the Launceston area from the 1970s."

The plan going forward is to run another memory morning and encourage local residents to bring along pictures or memories they have to build a long term "Petherwin Memory Bank" to preserve memories for the future generations.

See opposite page for one such memory sent in to us by a former parishioner.

The parish website hosts many photos that have been sent to us, but please note that the John Edwards slides haven't yet been added to this and may in fact be given their own special link as there are so many of them. (To find the History section on the website : www.southpetherwin.com/More/History, then scroll down the page and click on the link to the topic that interests you).

On the opposite page are just a few of the slides shown.
Top left & right: Village main shop & petrol station—Werren Brothers.
Bottom left: Old School
Bottom right: Dick Maddever's carpentry workshop















Alan Pedrick has contacted the magazine and sent in the school photo above. Do you recognise anyone, or are you in it? We would love to hear from you.

Alan says: “I was mostly brought up in South Petherwin and lived there from age of 3 to 25. In tidying drawers we have found a SP school photo which I believe would have been 1959/1960 and wondered if you would be able to add it to your collection.”

Dates to remember

Thursday 19th March	Friendship lunch see page 28	The Frog & Bucket	Claire Ashdown 471299	12.30
Friday 27th March	Bingo night see page 11	Village Hall	John Ashdown 471299	7pm
Monday 30th March	Friendship Group see page 31	Methodist Hall	Joan Whale 772847	2-4pm
Saturday 4th April	St Paternus Church coffee morning	Village Hall	Olive Stevens 07480 576535	10-12
Weds 8th April	Parish Council meeting	Methodist Hall	Parish Clerk see page 2	7pm
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Parish Council - see page 2

St Paternus Church - see page 24 for information on services

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FARMING NEWS



After one of the wettest years many of us can remember, farming in the parish has been a constant battle with the weather. There has hardly been a day without rain, leaving fields saturated and making even routine work difficult. Tracks are muddy, gateways churned up and even a quad bike's tyres spinning.

As we move into the lambing season, the pressure is especially felt on sheep farmers. Lambing is always a demanding time, but the persistent rain adds another layer of challenge. Wet conditions make it harder to keep newborn lambs warm and healthy, and fields that would normally offer good shelter and dry ground have often been waterlogged. As this picture shows, the best place is indoors, sat on the mum sofa and enjoying a good sleep.

At the same time, grass is just beginning to grow again, offering a glimmer of hope after what has been a very hungry winter for livestock. Fodder stocks have been stretched, and many farmers have had to feed more than usual for longer than expected. The cost and effort of getting through the winter have been significant.

What the parish needs now is an early spell of warmer spring weather. A few weeks of sunshine and warmth would help the grass come away strongly, dry the ground, and give both farmers and livestock a much-needed lift. After such a difficult year, a kinder spring would make all the difference.

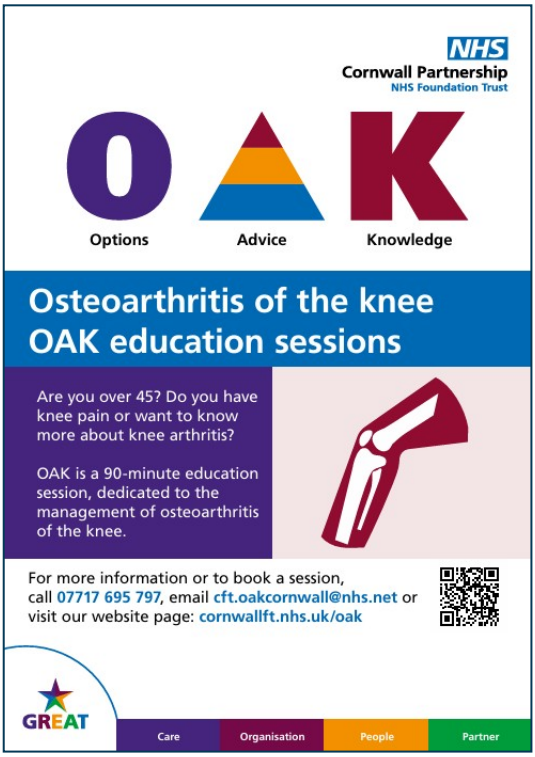






Photos: top Phil Parsons, bottom Sue Vernon

OAK: Ami Herman, Operational Lead Physiotherapist for the Caradon area, has told us about this opportunity for those suffering from osteoarthritis of the knee.



This 90-minute group session is delivered by specially trained physiotherapists. They offer the opportunity for people who have been diagnosed with osteoarthritis of the knee to learn more about the condition and various ways which can help you effectively manage the symptoms associated with it. We all appreciate that people are different; we enjoy different things and have different goals in our lives. Similarly, knee osteoarthritis affects people in different ways. So finding the right treatments or management plans to suit your needs is important. That is why at OAK we believe you should be at the centre of making the decision about how you want to manage your arthritic knee. We know that people who are involved in these decisions are more likely to engage in the treatment and to have a more successful outcome.

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If you were affected recently by the water supply being unexpectedly cut, according to South West Water's Customer Promise, if you were without water for more than 12 hours, you may be able to claim compensation.
Also, if you are on their Priority Services Register, you have other possible entitlements. (It is worth getting on the Priority Services Register for all the utilities that offer this.)
The Customer Service number is 0344 346 1010.
South West Water have also set up a feedback form for the incident: **www.southwestwater.co.uk/launceston-feedback**

St Paternus Church (C of E)

Upcoming Events

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

Holy Communion (4th Sunday)	Sunday 22nd March	10.00am	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens and Dr Brian Davis
Coffee morning (1st Saturday) in the Church	Saturday 4th April	10 to 12	Tea, coffee, bacon sandwiches
Easter Service	Sunday 5th April	10.30am	With Dr Brian Davis
Holy Communion (2nd Sunday)	Sunday 11th April	9.30am	With Revd Sean Clancy
Forming Friends of St Paternus group	Sunday 11th April	1 to 4pm	In the Village Hall
Holy Communion (4th Sunday)	Sunday 26th April	10.00am	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens and Dr Brian Davis
Coffee morning (1st Saturday) in the Church	Saturday 2nd May	10 to 12	Tea, coffee, bacon sandwiches
Walk and lunch. Meet at the Village Hall	Sunday 3rd May	10.00am	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens
Holy Communion (2nd Sunday)	Sunday 9th May	9.30am	With Revd Sean Clancy
Holy Communion (4th Sunday)	Sunday 24th May	10.00am	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens and Dr Brian Davis

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A Church Near You: St Winwaloe Church in Tremaine

St Winwaloe Church, located West of North Petherwin, East of Hallworthy and not far from Splatt, is one of the smallest Parish Churches in Cornwall, being just 12 feet wide and 44 feet long. The Church was built in the 11th century by the Bottereaux family and in 1160, William de Bottereaux, gave Tremaine church, along with its mother church at Egloskerry, to the Priory at Launceston. The church tower, only 31 feet high, was added in the 14th century. The font is Norman, from around 1100 and made of local Polyphant stone. The church holds two services a month plus special services, such as Plough Sunday, and events.



St Paternus Church (C of E)



The year began with a slight flurry of snow! Thankfully, we were able to hold the first Saturday coffee morning in the Village Hall. Icy roads restricted us for a few days before the rain returned!





In spite of the very short cold snap the wildflowers flourished and there are signs of bluebells – thank you Cake and Rakers, as you keep the churchyard looking very lovely.

On the 23rd January the bells were rung at the funeral of Terry Screech. His daughter, Rebecca, read a very lovely tribute to her father and shared many happy memories of his life in this parish. More memories of a well known and loved man were shared as bellringers gathered on February 2nd to ring muffled peals in memory of David Emery. There have been quite a few deaths in the village, and we send condolences to all who have been bereaved.

On Pancake Tuesday we had a Pancake Party and Beetle Drive in the Village Hall. Peter Vernon was by far the best in the pancake flipping competition!







Lent began very early this year, an Ash Wednesday service with ashing and communion was conducted by Rev Sean Clancy on the 18th February. Our Lent reflections are based on a Franciscan Publication, *Landscapes*, meeting people from a variety of cultures and hearing their stories. We look forward to Easter and to the Community walk and lunch on May 3rd.

There have been some new appointments: Rev Sean Clancy was commissioned as Strategic Rural Dean of Trigg Major Deanery and Rev Canon Olive Stevens as his assistant. In the Diocese we welcome appointments for an Archdeacon of Bodmin and A Bishop of St Germans.

The church building needs urgent repairs and updating, an information and consultation afternoon will be held on Saturday April 11th – see separate notice and please come along! **Olive Stevens**

WWI Artefacts

On permanent display in the Village Hall is a cabinet containing WWI artefacts. They include Fred Jasper's bible and postcard. A Silver War Badge awarded to William Jasper is also included. Fred and William both lived in the parish, joining the Army and Royal Navy respectively. Fred was sadly killed in action on 9th of October 1917, whilst William passed away on 6th of March 1918 after contracting tuberculosis.

Also on display is a Royal Navy sweetheart brooch from Joseph Budge to his wife; Joseph was the grandfather of Julie Barlow. He survived the war and lived in Kersbrook Cross until his death in 1957.

A huge thank you to Clive Butler for making the cabinet, and to Peter Bailey and Julie Barlow for their contributions.

John Ashdown



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Don't forget that the magazine goes on to the website shortly after publication, and there is a huge history section on it—why not take a look?

EASTER SATURDAY MOSAIC WORKSHOP

Sat 4th April 2 - 5pm South Petherwin village hall

Come and create a mosaic on a slate. Prices start from £15



Materials provided but if you've broken a favourite china cup or plate lately, please bring the bits along to include in your mosaic

Cake stall and refreshments will be available

All proceeds towards sending a group of young rugby players from Launceston Colts to an elite development rugby camp in New Zealand, July 2026

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SOUTH PETHERWIN METHODIST CHURCH SPECIAL SERVICES

EASTER SUNDAY 5th April 11.00 am

Service led by Henry Stanbury

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Sunday 10th May 11.00 am

Service led by Revd Oseias Da Silva, including Holy Communion

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US

PETER & HELENA NORTHMORE

The Parish Magazine committee would like to thank both Peter and Helena Northmore for all their work for the parish magazine. Helena was editor of the magazine for over 6 years and Peter was one of our distributors—delivering the magazine to your doors!
They have moved to East Grinstead to be nearer family, and will be much missed in the parish, as they were very involved in parish life. Stay in touch Peter & Helena! Thanks for all your help.





Above: Helena is in the centre, between Kaye Montgomery, first editor, and myself.
Right: Peter a few years ago on a clifftop walk.

FRIENDSHIP LUNCH

Friendship Lunch at The Frog and Bucket for our parish seniors @ 12.30 on Thursday 19th March, Thursday 23rd April and Thursday 21st May

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

GARDENING MATTERS

Ella Payne **Email: samnellap@gmail.com**

Gardening Matters

March brings some very welcome sunshine and signs of spring are everywhere. The swathes of daffodils on the Link Road are a cheerful sight after such a dull, wet winter.

Jobs in March & April

- *Prepare the ground by weeding, raking and applying a fertiliser ready for planting when the soil warms up. Start with broad beans, shallots and onion sets and early potatoes.*
- *Begin indoor sowings of annual summer flowers such as cosmos, cleome, snapdragons and zinnias to plant out after the frosts. Salad and root vegetables can be sown to plant out at a later date.*
- *Increase snowdrops in your garden by lifting and splitting them in the green as the flowers fade and replanting in groups.*
- *Where perennials have outgrown their space, dig them up in clumps and divide and replant or pass on to friends.*
- *Continue to prune roses removing dead, diseased or damaged stems and cutting cleanly above an outward facing bud. Mulch well round the bottom and apply a rose fertilizer.*
- *Deadhead hydrangeas and cut stems back to a pair of green buds to make an even framework. If very congested, cut out 1/3 of the oldest stems back to the base to encourage new growth for next year and give an open structure.*
- *Perennial grasses can be cut back to the ground where you see new green growth.*
- *Cornus winter stems can be hard pruned now to produce bright coloured stems for late winter colour next year. The pencil thick stems you remove, can be planted in deep pots of compost to root and make new plants.*
- *In dry weather begin mowing the lawn and edge the borders.*
- *Once weeding borders, mulch round plants to help retain moisture before the dry weather arrives and to help supress the weeds.*



This large bumblebee had just emerged from underground and was drying off in the sunshine!

A Season of Hope

The winter has been challenging with its cold weather, storms, and constant rain. The short days of darkness now seem to be behind us, and we can see in the fields the beautiful daffodils, while even the rainbows have returned. Spring is a season of newness and hope.

It is clear that the change of season brings brightness to our lives, making it easier for us to smile and rejoice in the arrival of new days. However, alongside these beautiful signs of renewal, we continue to face the horrors of this world, as wars and conflicts erupt in many places. These global situations also have a knock-on effect on all of us, often leaving people feeling anxious or even hopeless.

In the Christian faith, we celebrate something that offers Jesus' followers a hope that goes far beyond a simple festival. Easter is about the new life made possible through the resurrection of Jesus. It reminds us that we can have hope even when things are not going well. There is life beyond our troubles and tribulations.

Of course, for many people Easter is associated with chocolate and joyful celebrations. For Christians, however, it is the spiritual foundation of our hope. It reminds us that God's love and grace reach out to humanity. This meaningful blessing helps believers face their challenges with the assurance that God will provide and remain faithful to us.

Christians believe that Jesus conquered death and opened the promise of new life. Just as after a long winter the earth brings forth beautiful flowers, so too life can emerge again from what once seemed lifeless.

It is also true that many people today feel weighed down by the negativity around us. Wherever we go, we often see signs of tiredness and discouragement. Honestly, it is not always easy to remain positive when we see so many challenges both in our country and across the world.

My invitation is that we hold on to those things that give us hope. There is a Bible passage in Book of Lamentations3:22–23 that says: "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

May we hold on to the things that give us hope and help us keep going. Easter speaks of new life, like the daffodils of spring and the arrival of a new season.



And perhaps it is also an invitation for each of us to renew ourselves, trusting that God's grace is always present in our lives.

Rev Oseias da Silva *South Petherwin Methodist Chapel*

Methodist Church Friendship Group



The start of 2026 was wet, cold and miserable! However, our hardy members turned out for a time of tea and chat and welcomed in the New Year with making calendars. We looked 'back' with pictures of vintage groceries and 'forward' with the calendar dates for the year ahead.

The weather was slightly better by the end of February and members made their way in slightly milder rain! As a registered Warm Welcome Space we had received a £10 voucher from the Co-op to purchase tea and coffee for our meetings. We are grateful for their support and members raised a cup in thanks!

Our craft make for February looked towards Spring and we created colourful picture frames – again what a talented crew! We are pleased that so many members of our South Petherwin community feel welcome at our meetings and are able to share friendship with us.



We can still find room for you if you would like to join us for friendship once a month – last Monday of each month at 2.00pm.

Angela and Michael Noakes

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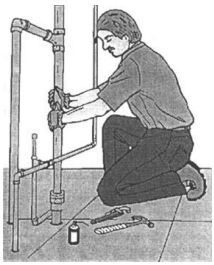
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The month of March has brought so many highlights here at South Petherwin.

Our Year 3 and 4 children have been taking part in the Callington Arena football league and have been playing brilliantly. They took this form on to the Launceston college football tournament where they finished a very respectable 'runners up', winning 10 games and losing 1.

March also saw the children enjoy St Piran's day celebration - enjoying all things Cornish. Following this, the whole school had a fantastic day celebrating World Book Day and the many costumes that the children came in were fantastic.

On Saturday 14th March, the school football team played at the regional football finals in Bristol - representing the whole of Cornwall. They worked hard, played well and embodied team spirit and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. The team drew 2 games and lost 1 in the group stages and so unfortunately didn't make it to the national finals. We are all very proud of them.

Finally our 'First Lego League' team took part in the Cornwall finals at RNAS Culdrose. They worked incredibly hard with their coding, robot design and presentation projects which paid off as they won TWO awards: The Fellow Team Award (for team work, kindness and upholding the Lego League values) and the very prestigious award for Best Robot design.

We hope everyone has a lovely Easter.

Matt Avery, Head





South Petherwin Pre-School

This half term our topic has been 'Growing'. We have enjoyed the stories of Jack & the Beanstalk and Oliver's Vegetables. We have talked about what plants need to grow and we have planted our own beans to make some magic beanstalks! We are also watching our cress heads grow and we can't wait for them to grow so that we can make some egg and cress sandwiches. The role play area has become a fruit & vegetable shop for us to do our shopping in and we have explored the feeling of frozen veg, played guess the vegetable in the feely bag and made printed patterns with different fruit and veg. We are also looking forward to our trip to Coombeshead Farm to see what they are growing and help to plant some more things. We have also been enjoying being part of a music project with the Cornwall Music Service Trust. We have had someone come in to make music with the children using a variety of instruments, including violins, drums, recorders, a baby cello and various other percussion instruments.

Natalie Bewes







WANTED!

Village singing group needs a new leader. We sing pop songs from musicals. We meet on Monday evenings 7.30-9.30 at The Frog & Bucket.

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SOUTH PETHERWIN CRICKET CLUB

The season is nearly upon us so here are the starting in May with the following Home fixtures :

Date	Home Team	Away Team
2nd May	SPCC 2nd XI	St Minver
3rd May	SPCC Ladies	Wadebridge
9th May	SPCC 1st XI	Roche
16th May	SPCC 2nd XI	Grampound Road
23rd May	SPCC 1st XI	Boconnoc
30th May	SPCC 2nd XI	Saltash

Spectators are welcome at the club as we want the club to be part of the South Petherwin community so why not come along, relax and watch and have a cup of tea?

1st and 2nd Team Matches commence at 1.00 pm. Ladies matches commence at 1.30 pm.

If you are interested in trying out to play or want to get back into cricket then we have nets booked at Launceston College on the 2nd and 22nd of April.

Net sessions are from 7.00-9.00 pm.

The Ladies Team welcome all levels of cricket experience and are actively trying to increase the number of ladies and girls (over 13) at the club, so if you have been watching the 20/20 or The Hundred and fancy giving cricket a try, then please contact us.

We are also on the look out for new sponsors this season so if you are a local business and want to help support us then please contact us for more information.

The club will be looking to host Allstars (children ages 5-8) again this year so watch out for up coming news on dates for that.

Any questions or enquiries the please contact us on our social media (Facebook/Instagram)

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