South Petherwin Parish Magazine

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Parish Council

At the April meeting, Alan Dixon was co-opted to one of the casual vacancies on the Parish Council. Alan has lived in South Petherwin since 2021, and feels deeply invested in the local community. The council extend a warm welcome to Alan.

There are three remaining casual vacancies for parish councillors. You don't need any prior experience, just a willingness to get involved in local decision-making and help shape the future of the parish. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk.

Simon Harry and Andy Patterson joined the meeting to explain to the council about their ongoing voluntary work in maintaining the clock in the parish church. This clock is over 100 years old and has a manual mechanism. The Parish Council thanked them for all their hard work and, at the forthcoming coffee morning (which will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday May 30th 10-12), it will be possible to pop over to the church and view the clock to get a sense of how it works and what's involved in looking after it.

On May 20th the Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7pm in the Methodist Chapel Hall. 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.

Councillor Rowse is hoping to commence the Parish Council 2026 survey soon and this will run until the autumn. He explained that he plans to visit a good number of parishioners to ensure a representative sample. `I will be making every effort not to be intrusive', he said `and the survey will be completely anonymous and of course not compulsory'. This is an exercise designed to provide the parish council with a current assessment of parishioner perception and knowledge of council processes and will provide useful indications of the efficiency of council communications as well as parishioner needs. See page 27 for Cllr Rowse's idea on enhancing the environment of the parish.

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. This may be opened up to the wider community at a later stage.

Cllrs Phil Parsons & Julie Barlow, the clerk and County Councillor Adrian Parsons have met online with the team working on mitigation matters for Plusha Junction (see Cllrs Parsons report on page 4).

Parish Council

To contact the Parish Council: Parish Council Clerk : clerk@southpetherwinparishcouncil.gov.uk
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; Alan Dixon.

The Parish Council usually meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Methodist Chapel Hall.
Parish Council meetings May 13th (including AGM), June 10th, July 15th (one week later than normal). There is usually no meeting in August.

Welcome to the May/June issue....

Front cover top to bottom left to right: Paula Stagg, Helen Masters, Sue Vernon, Helen. Thanks go to all for these great photos: proof indeed that spring is here, and to Mary Stoneman for the lovely image below.
We have pulled forward the production times of the magazine and—if things go to plan– you should be receiving this issue in early May. We had some feedback that some of the events publicised in the magazine had been & gone before people had received their copies, so we hope to alleviate that. Just a reminder that everyone, including all the distributors, are volunteers and we thank them for all their hard work.
Thanks too goes to the Parish Council for the Wind Turbine Grant funding that has been awarded to the magazine for three issues. We rely on grants, donations and advertising, and would not be able to keep running without funding like this.
Alison Barham, Editor





The year moves on apace. With lambing finished for another season, it is always a relief to get the ewes and lambs turned out into the fields, where they are happiest in their natural environment. Hopefully, as the grass starts to grow, the cattle will soon follow.
The warm, dry spell at the start of April allowed us to drill the spring barley, as well as apply fertiliser to grass fields where appropriate.
Something that is impacting all of us is the ongoing situation in Iran, with fuel, energy, and fertiliser prices escalating. This will affect households and businesses at a time when we were already struggling with the ever-increasing cost of living. During March, it was noticeable that many people we do business with were passing on increased costs. One would imagine this will inevitably drive food inflation, as farms seek to remain viable in challenging conditions. The sooner this war reaches a conclusion, the better for all of us.

Plusha

National Highways have said they will proceed with the interim measures proposed in the Autumn, with slip roads being implemented to allow vehicles to pull in and out of the junction at Plusha.
We still do not have an agreed figure for the local mitigation measures, but we are told it will be close to what we have asked for (£500k). This will see some small changes in South Petherwin, although these have not yet been finalised. Proposed measures include improvements to footways and crossing points in the village, possible additional traffic-calming measures, and some realignment work at Trekelland Bridge. The hope is that this will reduce the frequency of large vehicles striking the bridge, which in turn leads to road closures for maintenance and repair work. Discussions with Highways and the Parish Council will continue to ensure the most appropriate measures are delivered.

Recycling

Recently, we have seen improvements to our recycling service. From March, residents across Cornwall can now place Tetra Paks and soft plastics into their household recycling collections.
The new materials include cartons used for foods such as milk, juice, soup, custard, passata, tomatoes, beans & pulses. To recycle these, simply rinse, squash, and place them in your red recycling bag.
Plastics and wrapping that can now be recycled include bread bags, cereal bags, salad bags, frozen food bags, and carrier bags. Crisp packets, bubble wrap, multi-pack wrapping, cling film, plastic film lids, chocolate, sweet & biscuit wrappers and fruit and vegetable nets are also included. To recycle these items, put the plastic bags and wrapping into a carrier or bread bag and tie it at the top. If you have space, put the tied bag inside your red recycling bag. If not, place it on top of your black box or tuck it securely between your other recycling bags so it doesn't blow away.
Hopefully, this will make recycling a lot easier for households across Cornwall.

Planning

With regards to planning, we are now moving into uncharted territory, where the opportunity to oppose a planning application at committee level is likely to be removed for many types of application. The Government has recently published a consultation on the National Scheme of Delegation, which closes on **23 April 2026**.

In summary, the proposed regulations set out types of applications where decisions:

- **Must be delegated to officers in all cases**, including householder development, minor commercial development, and minor residential development (consisting of up to nine new dwellings, either flats or houses, on a site smaller than 0.5 hectares). This also includes some reserved matters applications, discharge of conditions, prior approvals, and certificates of lawfulness.
- **Are presumed to be delegated to officers**, unless they meet certain criteria or fall within specific circumstances, such as being on council-owned land. These include major developments, and presumably the new medium-sized application category, along with applications to vary or remove conditions, retrospective applications, some reserved matters, listed building consent, advertisement consent, and tree preservation orders.

The overriding presumption is that the functions listed will be delegated to officers. A function may be referred to committee only where one of the criteria is met and both the nominated officer and the nominated member of the planning committee agree to the referral.

Criteria for Referral

The presumption should be that decisions are delegated to officers and only exceptionally referred to committee. At a minimum, at least one of the following statutory criteria must be met:

A. The application raises a significant planning matter when considered against the development plan and other material considerations.

B. The application raises an economic, social, or environmental issue of significance to the local area.

Where a specific planning concern (such as highways or flood risk) was initially raised by a statutory consultee but has been satisfactorily addressed through amendments to the proposal, unless there are compelling reasons to conclude otherwise.

Under the national scheme of delegation, existing practices within local authority constitutions, such as ward councillors calling applications into committee or referrals based on a certain number of objections will no longer be possible. Local authorities will therefore need to amend their constitutions to align with the new national framework.

There now appears to be a strong drive by Government to deliver sites for new homes at all costs. While I understand the need for local housing, often the community is best placed to have a say on this. We live in changing times, and as we know, it is not always for the better.

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St Paternus Church South Petherwin

Thank you all who attended the consultation on 11th April. I am grateful for all your comments, advice, encouragement and support. One question that comes up again and again is "are you not supposed to be retired?" I wonder what is behind that question? So here is something of an explanation.

When I reached 60 and qualified for a State Retirement pension, I continued working as a Parish Priest with various responsibilities and when I reached 70, I qualified for a retirement pension from the Church of England. I continued to work with various responsibilities until I came to live in South Petherwin. In January 2024, I was contracted to assist Rev Sean Clancy, the rector of the 3 Rivers [now Many Rivers!] Benefice. Earlier this year Sean was appointed as Strategic Rural Dean of Trigg Major Deanery, and I was appointed Assistant Rural Dean: So am I retired? Some time ago I reached a first retirement age but like so many of you, I go on doing what I can to support the life of the community I live in. That includes discerning the future of the church building and working together to plan and if possible, to have the building repaired and restored so that it can be a place for community events, for prayer, for social meetings and a beacon of hope! Please do support the events and any project that is decided on as we go forward

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Spring has arrived, and for those of you lucky enough to have hedgehogs in your garden you may have noticed them out and about again. After hibernation they will be de-hydrated and hungry. Here's how you can help .....

- Put out shallow bowls of water on the ground.
- Feed cat food, dry or wet, or hedgehog food.
- Don't give milk, they are lactose-intolerant, so it will upset their stomach.
- Be very mindful when strimming and mowing - they won't move out of the way quickly.
- Be careful driving around at night, driving slowly around our village saves lives.
- Cut a small hole in your fence so they can move freely between gardens for food and mates.
- Leave an untidy corner, they love to nest in piles of leaves and twigs.
- Try not to disturb garden sheds, another favourite place to nest is underneath.
- If you have a pond make sure there is an easy way that they can climb out.
- Try to avoid using pesticides and slug pellets so that chemicals don't enter their food chain.
- If you ever see a hedgehog out during daylight this is a bad sign that it's unwell. Take it to the vets please, they will be able to pass it on to a local hedgehog rescue. If anyone is unable to do this, I would be happy to help.



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Weds 13th May	Parish Council meeting	Methodist Hall	Parish Clerk see page 2	7pm
Weds 20th May	Annual Parish Meeting	Methodist Hall	Parish Clerk see page 2	7pm
Monday 25th May	Friendship Group	Methodist Hall	Joan Whale 772847	2-4pm
Thursday 28th May	Friendship lunch	The Frog & Bucket	Claire Ashdown 471299	12.30
Friday 29th May	Bingo night	Village Hall	John Ashdown 471299	7pm
Saturday 30th May	Parish Council coffee morning	Village Hall	Parish Clerk see page 2	10-12
Saturday 6th June	St Paternus Church coffee morning	Village Hall	Olive Stevens 07480 576535	10-12
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Friday 26th June	Bingo night	Village Hall	John Ashdown 471299	7pm
Monday 29th June	Friendship Group	Methodist Hall	Joan Whale 772847	2-4pm
Saturday 4th July	St Paternus Church coffee morning	Village Hall	Olive Stevens 07480 576535	10-12
Weds 15th July	Parish Council meeting	Methodist Hall	Parish Clerk see page 2	7pm
Friday 31st July	Bingo night	Village Hall	John Ashdown 471299	7pm
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FARMING NEWS



Fields are being drilled with spring corn, maize and a variety of spring crops, but the cost in fuel is a concern. The winter cereals are all looking healthy but the cost of planting may yet have an impact. Hopefully by the next magazine everything will have calmed down and oil prices come back to a more sustainable level. It would be great if we didn't have to be so reliant on oil and use new technologies such as hydrogen. Lord Bomford, JCB boss, has worked on a solution which if applied would suit the heavy tractors and machinery in agriculture for the long term.

Phil Parsons



Flowerpot Festival 2026
14th—22nd August

The Flowerpot Festival, sponsored by the Village Hall, will be held again this August—**but please note that after this year the flowerpot display element will be taking a break**. So why not dig out those unused pots and get creative! Prizes are available for the best creations.

There will be a few activities in the week run by the village hall and the Parish Church. **The Craft & Produce Show will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 22nd August.**

This year we also hope to have an auction of produce, a raffle and guess the weight of the cake, amongst other activities. Refreshments will also be available. The schedule for the Craft & Produce Show will be available in the next issue (July/August) of the magazine, which will come out in early July. It will also be available by June on the parish website, so keep an eye out.

For more details, please contact Alison on **alisonbarham21@gmail.com**

IN MEMORIAM: RAY HORRELL



Born on 6th October 1926, Raymond John Horrell was a true Launcestonian.
First employed when leaving Launceston College as a journalist for the Cornish & Devon Post, he was conscripted as a Bevin Boy (one of 48,000 young men) and sent to Mountain Ash Colliery, Wales, during the war years— much to his dismay, as he had been a cadet in the Air Training Corps and had assumed he would have been detailed to the RAF. After the War, he was then conscripted to the Royal Artillery and stationed at Woolwich and Salisbury Plain.

On leaving the services, Ray joined his father as a director of J T Gillbard & Co Ironmongers and Furnishers in Launceston.

In 1952 he started dating Christine, and they married at Tinhay Chapel Lifton in 1954, honeymooning in London (see photo below). Their daughter Stephanie was born in 1956.

An active member of the Central Methodist Church, he was a local preacher for more than 40 years.

Ray had several hobbies including Toc H, bible studies, The Organ Society, reading, teaching himself German and, when moving to South Petherwin, bell ringing, where he joined St Paternus Church.

His beloved wife died in 2013. Ray was able to remain in his own bungalow at Tiny Meadows until passing away on 25th January 2026 at the age of 99 years.





St Paternus Church (C of E)

Upcoming Events

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

Coffee morning (1st Saturday) in the Church	Saturday 2nd May	10 to 12	Tea, coffee, bacon sandwiches
Rogation walk and lunch. Meet at the Village Hall	Sunday 3rd May	12 noon walk 1pm lunch	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
Coffee morning (1st Saturday) in the Church	Saturday 6th June	10 to 12	Tea, coffee, bacon sandwiches
Love your Burial Ground Week & Churches Count on Nature	6th to 14th June	See – caring for gods acre website	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens and Cake and Rakers
Holy Communion (2nd Sunday)	Sunday 14th June	09.30am	With Revd Sean Clancy
Holy Communion (4th Sunday)	Sunday 28th June	10.00am	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens and Dr Brian Davis
Coffee morning (1st Saturday) in the Church	Saturday 4th July	10 to 12	Tea, coffee, bacon sandwiches
Holy Communion (2nd Sunday)	Sunday 12th July	09.30am	With Revd Sean Clancy
Champagne Cornwall Chorus evening concert in the Church	Friday 17th July	7.30pm	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens
Holy Communion (4th Sunday)	Sunday 26th July	10.00am	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens and Dr Brian Davis

Revd Stevens 07480 576525 **FB: Saint Paternus Community South Petherwin**

Coming soon to South Petherwin Church:



Champagne Cornwall Chorus

Friday 17th July 7.30pm

A ladies four-part harmony group singing Acappella style. Over the last 30 years flying the flag for Cornwall singing and entertaining many thousands of people and raising many thousands of pounds over the years for both national and local charities and winning the Ladies Barbershop class and the Ladies Choir class at the Wadebridge and St Austell Music Festivals.

St Paternus Church (C of E)

Our Atlantic Roots

Friday 18th September 7.30pm



Cornwall-based transatlantic duo 'Our Atlantic Roots' characterised by their country and folk roots.



Coffee morning returned to church as, with a grant from the Diocese, we had been able to purchase space heaters! These are mobile and can be used either in the café area or at the worship area.



Tea, coffee, bacon rolls and cake were enjoyed and the Easter raffle included Easter eggs. Mike kindly judged the Easter Bonnet Parade. First prize went to Thomas!

DIOCESE OF TRURO

The Diocese of Truro Notice of a Meeting to Elect Churchwardens: Parish of South Petherwin

A meeting of parishioners will be held at South Petherwin Church on the 5th day of May 2026 at 6pm for the election of Churchwardens.

This meeting may be attended by:

- All persons whose names are entered on the church electoral roll of the parish; and
- The persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence

This will be followed by the **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2026 for those on the Church Electoral Roll.**

Notices for the Annual meetings and elections will be posted on the church and village noticeboards.

Churchyard News

This spring has seen the welcome return of many butterflies and much birdlife in St. Paternus churchyard, and the less welcome posse of seagulls who have been harassing the rooks! By the time this article goes to press the summer meadow will have had its first cut. This year we are trialling a slightly different approach. Working with one of Cormac's urban rangers instead of the regular cutting teams, we are intending to make more use of scything, capitalising on the training some of our volunteers had back in 2024 and the equipment we purchased with the help of the Turbine Fund.



This approach will have multiple benefits. From a practical perspective, scythed grass cuttings are much easier to rake and remove than arisings produced by the mower. There will be less compaction of the soil than is caused by heavy machinery and more care can be taken around graves and memorials. It's also great exercise! Environmentally, scything helps produce more favourable conditions for wildflowers such as cuckooflower and bugle, helping to improve the biodiversity of the churchyard.

Here is the provisional plan for this year, subject to the weather and events in the church:

Cut: April 27 and 28 (summer meadow)	Raking: May 02 and 03
Cut: June 24 and 25 (spring meadow)	Raking: June 27 and 28
Cut: September 21 and 22 (both meadows)	Raking: September 26 and 27
Cut: October 26 and 27 (both meadows)	Raking: October 31 and November 01

In addition to these dates, the regular teams will be trimming the path edges on a monthly basis, and we will continue to maintain the mown paths through the churchyard. Anyone with scything experience would be welcome to help on the first days of each cut, and we always need volunteers to help with the raking; the second days are provisional depending on the amount of work required.

The project is now in its eighth year and we'd like to take the opportunity to thank all those who contribute; the planning, the fundraising and the baking, as well as the rakers who are so essential to the project. We couldn't do it without you!



Karen Harry (South Petherwin Cake and Rakers)
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GARDENING MATTERS

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

Gardening Matters

At this time of year, we are especially lucky in Cornwall to have such a rich variety of spring colour. From rhododendron and azaleas to the cowslips and bluebells.

Jobs in May & June

Weed: *Keep weeding flower beds and containers and mulch with a fresh layer of compost. Weed and prepare vegetable beds for sowing seeds and planting out.*

Sow: *Make regular sowings of salad crops such as lettuce, radish, rocket and spring onions. Root crops such as carrots, parsnips and beetroot can be sown directly once the ground has begun to warm up. Annual flowers straight in the soil such as cornflowers, marigolds and poppies. Beans and peas can be sown in pots ready to plant out.*

Plant: *Sweet peas can be planted out in the ground or in pots and given a structure to climb up such as canes or an obelisk. Gladioli, lilies, acidanthera bulbs for late summer flowers. Stored dahlia and canna tubers can be planted once they have new shoots developing. Bedding plants, and annuals such as cosmos and other seedlings once hardened off towards the end of May.*

Prune: *After flowering, prune spring shrubs such as forsythia, kerria, camelia and rhododendron. Clip over heathers with shears after flowering.*

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

Protect: *Runner bean plants until the end of May. New plants and sowings from pests, use wire mesh and sticks. Herbaceous perennials from weather damage with plant supports and stakes. Check lilies regularly for red lily beetles.*

Right:
Bluebells and wood anemone at West Petherwin woods – wood anemone are an indicator of an ancient woodland.





SOUTH PETHERWIN METHODIST CHURCH



The chapel had been tastefully decorated to celebrate the Easter Sunday message 'Christ is Risen', with each window hosting a beautiful arrangement of spring flowers and foliage. A warm welcome was given by Angela Noakes to Henry Stanbury who led the service and also to the many who had attended the service, together with some visitors who had joined us. She then read out the notices for the week.

The first hymn was 'Christ the Lord is Risen today' and Henry continued the service through bible readings and hymns, with the well known Easter Story, the crucifixion, the empty tomb and the risen Lord in his sermon. This was followed by prayers of intercession to include those for world peace, the lonely, the bereaved, all those in ill health and a quiet moment for us all to reflect on our own personal prayers.

The service concluded with the rousing hymn 'Can it be that I Should Gain an Interest in the Saviour's Blood', which was followed by the Benediction. The vases of flowers were offered to the congregation to take home if they so wished.

Our next Service of Celebration will be the Chapel Anniversary on Sunday 10th May at 11am, celebrating 154 years of worship, and will be led by our Minister Rev Oseias Da Silva. All are welcome.

Mary Stoneman



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.
If you are interested come along and meet us, or contact Helen on 07977 929173.

Methodist Church Friendship Group

At the end of March the Friendship Group met as usual and it was good to see so many out and about after difficult weeks with illness and bereavement. It is good to meet with each other in companionship in a friendly environment.



As we were nearing the end of Lent and the Easter celebrations were approaching, our craft activity for March was 'sun catcher' Easter crosses. These were coloured and taken home to display in a bright window to 'catch the sun' as a reminder of the good news of Easter.

As we usually do, we thank all those who contributed to the Friendship afternoon: our faithful members, those who gave lifts, provide refreshments and wash up!

Angela and Michael Noakes



South Petherwin Visual Improvement

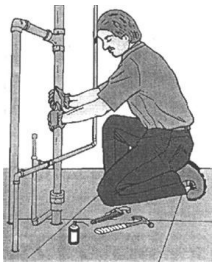
Do you agree that the visual aspects of South Petherwin parish, whilst not bad, could be improved by a wider use of flowers, shrubs, ornaments, sculptures etc.?
Would you like to be involved in setting up and maintaining a new South Petherwin Environment Enhancement Group ?
This new group would require leadership and volunteers, as well as enthusiasm and knowledge.
Involvement in this endeavour could provide individuals with great satisfaction as well as enhanced social experiences.
IS THIS YOU ?
In the first instance contact Harold Rowse (07923 082573) who will collate responses and hopefully work towards a first meeting.

David Elcock

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Trees

The sun is out (from time to time), the daylight is getting longer and we are all being treated to incredible displays of tree blossom and flowers - bringing colour and vibrancy to streets, gardens and parks after a long, dark winter.
And this year is particularly impressive!
Here's why; spring tree flower and blossom displays are set by the buds development in the course of the previous summer. Warm weather encourages the formation of flower buds for the following year. We had good conditions last year for the formation of the flower set and after the wet winter, they have not been restricted by lack of water, so this is translating into a bumper blossom season. The Rosaceae family (cherries, plums, apples and pears) seem to be doing particularly well; "Hawthorn is part of that family so look out for hawthorn blossom in the hedges over the next few weeks."



National Hedgerow Week is 3rd to 10th May. A perfect time to celebrate one of our unsung heroes. Often seen simply as boundaries, hedgerows are actually made up of individual trees working together to create a living and breathing ecosystem. Hedges support wildlife, capture carbon, and stitch our landscapes together. By recognising hedges as trees too, we can better appreciate their value and protect these vital green corridors for generations to come.
Lavinia Archer

FRIENDSHIP LUNCH

Friendship Lunch at The Frog and Bucket for our parish seniors @ 12.30 on Thursday 28th May, Thursday 25th June & Thursday 23rd July

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School watch: Gillian Sleep (773300)
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SOUTH PETHERWIN CRICKET CLUB

Here are the Home fixtures for May and June for all our teams:

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
6th June	SPCC 1st XI	St Austell
7th June	SPCC Ladies	Perranporth
13th June	SPCC 2nd XI	St Austell
20th June	SPCC 2nd XI	St Stephen
21st June	SPCC Ladies	Grampound Road
26th June	SPCC 1st XI	Grampound Road

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 will be having outdoor nets session at the ground on Wednesday and Friday evenings. Net sessions are from 6.30-8.00pm

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.

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