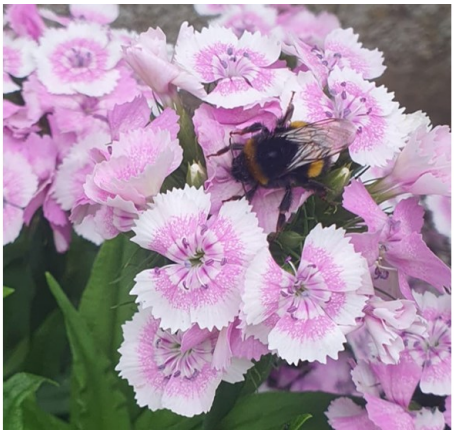
South Petherwin Parish Magazine

Issue no 134 *July/August 2026*









Parish Council

May was a busy month, starting with the Annual Parish Council meeting. This is where the Chair and Vice Chair are elected (Cllr Phil Parsons and Cllr Screech were re-elected in the two positions), members of committees and representatives to other bodies are decided and some 'housework' is done, in this case reviewing the asset register, risk assessment document and reviewing policies. This then went straight into the monthly parish council meeting.

A new dog bin will soon be in position in Tregaller Lane, the Parish Council resolved to pay Cornwall Council to finally adopt the footpaths that run between Trelinnoe Gardens and Trellinnoe Close (after years of requests), and the council discussed where to position the two flashing speed signs that have been purchased using CIL funding. The Community Infrastructure Levy is a charge which can be levied by local authorities on new developments in their area, and then councils apply for part of this budget. The Parish Council still have some of CIL funding left, and are looking into new noticeboards and improving the area around the village pump.

Also in May, the Annual Parish meeting was held. This is a meeting where parish organisations and clubs report on what they have been doing and what their future plans are. It was a really interesting meeting, and we heard from many diverse organisations. All the reports can be found on the Parish Council website.

At the end of May, the Parish Council held a coffee morning in the village hall which was well attended, and where parishioners could see the flashing speed sign and air their views on how to improve the area around the village pump.

The main focus of the June meeting was signing off the annual audit of Parish Council accounts. The accounts will then be made available to be viewed by the public.

Just a reminder that the phone box near the public toilets is owned by the council, and Cllr Barlow is going to spruce it up a bit. If anyone has any creative ideas for it, please let the council know.

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.

Please note that there will be no meeting in August (unless an urgent planning issue comes up, in which case an Extraordinary meeting will be called).

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 July 15th (one week later than normal), no meeting in August, September 9th, October 14th.



Cllr Phil Parsons
Chair



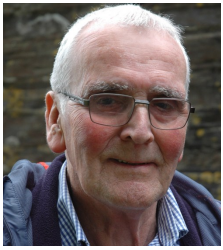
Cllr Mary-Ann Screech
Vice Chair

Photo to come

Cllr John Ashdown



Cllr Julie Barlow



Cllr Harold Rowse



Cllr Phill Middleton



Cllr Alan Dixon



Alison Barham
Clerk



As I write this, May is drawing to a close. The days have lengthened significantly, and the warmth and rainfall earlier in the month have driven strong grass growth. This has allowed us to reduce supplementary feeding for cattle and sheep, as there is now sufficient quality in the pasture to sustain them.
Heifers have been calving outdoors in the mild conditions, and lambs are gaining weight quickly. At the time of writing we are experiencing the first heatwave of the year, with temperatures further inland reaching 35.1°C, a new May record. These conditions have enabled us to cut and bale some silage. While it has been tempting to begin cutting hay, it is still a little early to expect a good crop. As my grandad would say, "shirts off in May is a bad sign for hay"; let's hope that's not the case this year.

DS Smith
Locally, there is real concern over the consultation on the potential closure of the DS Smith factory in Launceston. For over 50 years, it has been an iconic business in the town, providing employment and opportunity for many local families.
It is encouraging that discussions are ongoing with the owners to find a way forward. One can only hope they act responsibly as the employees have contributed greatly to the site's success, and they deserve a secure and fair outcome. The prospect of losing such a significant employer locally in the current climate is deeply worrying.

Schools
Following recent public meetings about behaviour policies in some of Cornwall's secondary schools, I was pleased to second a motion brought forward by James Ball to support the mental health and wellbeing of children. The proposal is to establish a task-and-finish group to engage with schools, assess what is working and what is not, and report findings back to the Department for Education. The aim is to move towards an academy system that is more accountable and better supports both pupils and teachers.

Banking Hub
Plans have now been submitted for a new banking hub in Launceston, at the former Santander site. With both the banking sector and high streets changing rapidly, this facility should prove a valuable asset to the town.

Trekelland Bridge
Last week we saw the closure of Trekelland Bridge for much needed repairs, leading to a noticeable increase in traffic on our rural roads. Closures such as this highlight the impact of restrictions like the loss of the right turn at Plusha. There has been a surge of traffic through Lewannick, with drivers attempting to avoid the longer diversion via Five Lanes. That said it will be good to see the old bridge brought back to its former glory until the next time!

Year in Review
We now close out the first year of this administration. While it may not have been marked by major headlines, we have been making the difficult decisions needed to stabilise services at a time of rising costs.
With many local authorities struggling under significant financial pressure, this was never going to be easy. However, it remains essential that we continue to meet our statutory responsibilities and deliver for our residents within the constraints of the budget.

CC Adrian Parsons 01566782296
Email: cllr.adrian.parsons@cornwall.gov.uk

Welcome to the July/August issue....

I hope that you are enjoying the summer so far, although the weather is a bit up and down!
The beautiful flower photos on the front cover are thanks to: Paula Stagg, Sylvia Stenlake, Helen Masters, Mary Stoneman (top to bottom, left to right).
There is a loose insert in this issue with the August Craft & Produce Show schedule plus a list of events. If you don't have one for any reason, you will be able to find it on the parish website, or contact me using the details on the back page.
We need some more distributors for the magazine. If you think you can help, please contact Sue (see details on back cover).
We hope you enjoy the magazine. **Alison Barham, Editor**
Images below thanks to Paula Stagg, plus Mary Stoneman top right.








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Teylu Theatre Company's first big production

Having spent their first year fundraising and getting their name known in the Launceston to Liskeard area and surrounds, Teylu are now able to fund their first production this summer. They are currently rehearsing 'Calendar Girls' (yes, the ladies really are stripping off) and since Teylu does not have its own base, they will be 'on tour'!! Several of the ladies in the cast were involved in an award-winning production in 2013 and have also been personally affected by cancer.



Teylu is a not-for-profit Community Theatre group, so they are delighted to have partnered with the brand new Plymouth Radiotherapy Development Fund at Derriford Hospital for this production, raising money for enhanced patient care. So many of us have been helped by radiotherapy or have friends & family who have, & whilst the service is an NHS publicly funded one, the funds raised from this production can be used to enhance the service for the direct benefit of patients & staff. Hopefully lots of those reading this will buy tickets for one of the performances, but if not, there are other ways that you can support the charity:

There is a 'GoFundMe Campaign, where you can sponsor a sunflower, or you could advertise in our programme (£25 for half a page). Alternatively you could sponsor a performance (£100) or sponsor our new banner (£200) which will be displayed at both Tavistock & Launceston. All supporting Organisations & Businesses will be credited in our programmes & on Social Media.

Get in touch via Teylu.calendar.girls@gmail.com

Performances –
Sterts Arts Centre. 29th July 7.30pm, Thursday 30th July, 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Tickets £15/£12 + booking fee from sterts.co.uk/whatson
Devonport Playhouse, Saturday 1st August, 7.30pm.
Tavistock Town Hall, Friday 7th August 7.30pm.
Launceston Town Hall, Friday 14th August, 7.30pm.
Tickets: Ticketsource.co.uk/teylu-theatre-company - £15/£12 + booking fee.

Sue Vernon

THE WILDLIFE PAGE by Mel Bees

Everybody's gardens will hopefully be busy with baby birds now, we have had the most exciting time. You may remember last year we had our tawny owls nest in the garden, well this year they chose our nest box. We have been honoured with two baby owlets, they have left the box and are now hanging around the garden. Just the most special thing to see.



Paula Stagg has it all going on in her garden and has shared all these pictures (below) of her abundant wildlife. How lucky .









Denise Campbell had these two beautiful badgers (left) visit her garden.

Thanks everyone for the pictures , please keep them coming to melbees70@icloud.com.

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BOOK EXCHANGE: Thursday July 9th, Thursday August 13th, Thursday September 10th
2-4pm. Contact Olive Stevens 07480 576535

Flowerpot Festival Week:
QUIZ: Saturday 15th August @ 7pm Doors open 6.30pm. £3 per person
Contact John Ashdown on 01566 471299
MEET THE CRAFTERS: Wednesday 19th August 2-4pm Free entry
Contact Alison Barham on 01566 777561
CRAFT & PRODUCE SHOW: Saturday 22nd August See insert for details
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CMA also continues to work closely with colleagues at Launceston Foodbank and Launceston Job Centre so – to both existing and new clients – please get in touch if you think they might be able to help you.

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Flowerpot Festival 2026
14th—22nd August

Not long to go until this year's Flowerpot Festival, which will run from the 14th August to 22nd August. Dig out those old flowerpots and get creative... Not got enough flowerpots—or too many? Leave unwanted pots in the church porch or pick some up if you need more. Need some inspiration? Check out last year's gallery on the website.

How to enter the Flowerpot Creation Week?

Easy! Just contact Alison (see details below) to ensure that the judge comes to see your creation. Flowerpot creations need to be out by 14th August and should be left until the 22nd please to allow for judging to take place. There will be prizes from local businesses for the best ones, but most importantly it will be for fun and enjoyment. Please note that this is the last year for now for the Flowerpot Festival, so let's make it a good one!

Craft and Produce Show & other events

Saturday 22nd in the Village Hall and the Church. Please see the enclosed schedule on the flyer for details of how to enter. Have a go at something and/or come along and see everybody else's efforts! Last year's exhibits were amazing.

Other events are listed on the back of the flyer that comes with this issue of the magazine. If you haven't received this, please contact Alison, or look at the website www.southpetherwin.com. Take part in this community event and enjoy! **Contact = alisonbarham21@gmail.com 01566 777561**

THANK YOU to the Parish Council for the grant of money from the Wind Turbine Fund to help organise this community event. Other funds were from money left over from last year and will also come from events held during the week. We would also like to thank the following people and organisations for help, support and/or donations of money or prizes:
John & Claire Ashdown, Julie Barlow, Clive & Julie Butler, Sue Vernon, Charlotte Firth, Rick Howlett, Phil Parsons, Paul Barham, Olive Stevens, Matt Avery, Beccy Frame, The Frog & Bucket, Maunders, Tesco, Homeleigh, Sazzyloo, Firebrand, Launceston Golf Club, Charlie Bears, Blades, Trethorne Leisure Park, Paul Hamlyn, Cllr Adrian Parsons, Sharon Horsington, Sue Leavis, Claire Hine, Alison Gribble, Lacey Evans, Ella Payne, Ellie Cruse. Apologies if we have unintentionally forgotten someone!

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Dates to remember

Thursday 25th June	Friendship lunch	The Frog & Bucket	Claire Ashdown 471299	12.30
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	Church	Olive Stevens 07480 576535	10-12
Thursday 9th July	Book Exchange	Village Hall	Olive Stevens 07480 576535	2-4pm
Weds 15th July	Parish Council meeting	Methodist Hall	Parish Clerk see page 2	7pm
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Every Tuesday	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Malcolm Tulip 01566 451154	10am
Every Wednesday	Line Dancing	Village Hall	Vince Symons 07783 801636	7-9pm
Every Thursday	Pilates	Village Hall	Andrea Roberts andiec@yahoo.co.uk	6-7 & 7.15-8.15pm

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Rilla Mill Village Hall was the perfect setting on Saturday 30 May, for the Primary School reunion organised by friends Julia Cook (Olver), Elaine Humphries (Hooper), Wendy Portlock (Hooper), Monica Bassett, Ann Williams (Gilbert), Julie Barlow (Hopkins) & Margaret Wilson (Hill).

Originally planned for those born between 1950-1960, this rapidly extended to those born between 1931-1960, as the eldest ex-pupil to attend was 95 year old Jack Davy, although Doreen Wilton (nee Weeks) who is now 100 years old, was away having a little break!

It was a wonderful afternoon with over 55 classmates attending from near and far, bringing photos, school reports & memorabilia. This stimulated so many conversations, memories, laughter & resurrecting lost friendships over a lovely cream tea, cakes and refreshments.

A profit of £178 was made which is being donated to "Tanya's Courage Trust", a small charity in St Austell which supports young people affected by cancer.

We would like to thank everyone who made the effort to join us and their generosity.

We are hoping to hold another reunion in 5 years (2031), but if in the meantime you are reading this and were not able to join us this time but would like to reconnect, please contact:

Julie Barlow 07899 803196 or Elaine Humphries 01579 370281

A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE.....

Thanks to Carolyn Badge née Davey for the photos below.
Possible dates: top left 1958, top right 1959, middle the Brownie pack run by Brown Owl Mrs Tytherleigh & Tawny Owl Mrs Shepherd (no date to this one, so perhaps readers can help out); bottom left 1953 I think, of John Phillips and myself, taken by Miss Maddever, our teacher; centre bottom 1953; bottom right 1952.








NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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The Village: Helen Masters (775545)
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IN MEMORY OF DEREK PITMAN



"Why not let's do it now?"

These were the words of Joan Pitman to her husband Derek while they were living in Totton, Hampshire. Derek had decided to take early retirement and had a longing to move to "Otter Country" – somewhere in Devon rather than Cornwall. Following Joan's advice, the couple began searching for a new home in Devon. During their search they came across Magnolia Cottage, situated at the entrance to the village, just before Tiny Meadows. They both fell in love with it, and Magnolia Cottage became their home for the next thirteen years.

Derek and Joan embraced parish life wholeheartedly. Even now, Joan reflects, "it was a wonderful home, and you couldn't have asked for a friendlier lot of people."

They moved into Magnolia Cottage in 2000, the Millennium year, when many feared that computer systems around the world would stop working. Derek soon became involved in parish activities, joining a small group of parishioners to establish the first Parish Magazine and parish website. His enthusiasm seemed unstoppable. He wrote articles, designed crosswords, helped with deliveries, and kept the accounts using his own unique colour-coding system.

When the village hall was threatened with closure, Derek rose to the challenge. He played a key role in keeping it open and encouraging a new team of trustees. He successfully sought funding for a new roof, windows, heating, and an accessible ramp. He also designed the new plaque that was later fitted to the gable end of the building. Another one of his enduring works for the parish are the three parish notice boards he designed and made, with a roof!

Derek established the parish Wildlife Group and inspired people of all ages to share his keen interest in the natural world. On several occasions, the group travelled to Davidstow to watch the starlings and their remarkable aerial displays, and to Golitha Falls to

experience the dawn chorus. Afterwards, Derek would have everything planned: folding tables and chairs, gas hobs, bacon baps, and plenty of tea for a well-earned breakfast together.

During the thirteen years that Derek and Joan lived in the parish, Derek devoted himself to countless community events and projects. He helped organise Scarecrow Festivals, the Best Kept Village Garden competition, and celebrations for both the Golden and Diamond Jubilees. Whatever the occasion, he brought boundless energy, enthusiasm, and good humour.

In 2013, Derek and Joan returned to Hampshire to be closer to their family. This April, Derek passed away at the age of 88. He leaves behind Joan, his devoted wife, his two sons, Geoffrey and David, and two grandchildren.

Derek will be remembered with great affection for his commitment to the community, his love of wildlife, his generosity of spirit, and his remarkable enthusiasm for life. His contribution to parish life will not be forgotten.

Photo on opposite page: Phil Parsons, Sue Vernon and Derek Pitman outside the pub (then called The Winds of Change) in the Diamond Jubilee year (2012).

FARMING NEWS from Phil Parsons





Record May temperatures helped the silage season run smoothly across the parish, with some farmers even able to make an early start on haymaking. The rain has now arrived just in time for the Royal Cornwall Show, where farmers can view the latest machinery, admire some of the county's finest livestock, and visit the ever-popular flower tent!!!

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 4th July	10 to 12	Tea, coffee, bacon sandwiches
Garden Party – Church and Church grounds	Saturday 11th July	2 to 4pm	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens
Holy Communion (2nd Sunday)	Sunday 12th July	9.30am	With Revd Sean Clancy
Summer Concert 'Champagne Cornwall'	Friday 17th July	7.30pm	In the Church
Holy Communion (4th Sunday)	Sunday 26th July	10.00am	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens and Dr Brian Davis
Coffee morning (1st Saturday) in the Church	Saturday 1st August	10 to 12	Tea, coffee, bacon sandwiches
Holy Communion (2nd Sunday)	Sunday 9th August	9.30am	With Revd Sean Clancy
Flowerpot Festival Cream Tea	Saturday 15th August	2 to 4pm	In the Church
Flowerpot Festival Exhibits on display	Saturday 22nd August	All day	In the Church
Holy Communion (4th Sunday)	Sunday 23rd August	10.00am	With Revd Canon Olive Stevens and Dr Brian Davis
End of Summer concert 'Our Atlantic Roots'	Friday 16th September	7.30pm	In the Church
Gift Day and Coffee morning (1st Saturday) in the Church	Saturday 7th November	10 to 12 Coffee morning 10 to 4pm Church open for **Gift Day**	Tea, coffee, bacon sandwiches

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News:

The church is open daily for book and jigsaw buy, borrow, exchange.
First Saturday coffee mornings are well supported.
On 3rd May we celebrated Rogation. It is the time of year when parishioners would traditionally walk around the parish blessing the land, the crops and the communities. While we did not walk all around the parish,

St Paternus Church (C of E)



The bluebells smelt heavenly and it was a perfect day for walking – we prayed God's blessing on all our parish, on the land, on the animals, and on each family and individual. We gave thanks for all the community events, for the Village Hall and all the activities there, for the Friendship events – the Friendship lunches in the Frog and Bucket and the Friendship afternoons in the Methodist Church. For the school and the Nursery, the children, staff and all involved in the life of the school. We are truly blessed to live in this community.



A buffet lunch was served in the Village Hall where we enjoyed sharing stories and eating!

I then had a few weeks off when Phyllis, Meg and I went on a 'Road trip'! We travelled up to Northumbria where we visited Durham, Holy Island, Hadrian's Wall and enjoyed the beautiful National Park. Across to Ireland on the Ferry from Cairnryan to visit family, after a few days there back to Sussex for our other sister's 40th wedding anniversary. More reminiscing! It is really good to take a break from everything now and again and reset our bodies and minds!



Rev Sean and Rev Jules were married at St Breock church on May 29th. The church was crammed full with in excess of 200 people – standing room only - as Sean and Jules exchanged their vows. Bishop David led the service and Bishop Kelly [formerly Archdeacon of Bodmin] preached. Her sermon was very amusing with a serious note about the importance of 'having and holding'.



Treatment of the Dry Rot started our programme of repairs and restoration. Huge thanks to Premier in Launceston for the excellent job done! Now we are concentrating on replacement guttering and down-pipes to deal with the damp problem.

Fund Raising Events for St Paternus Church



11th July Church Garden Party

Join us for a Churchyard Garden party
Saturday July 11th from 2 to 4pm

17th July 7.30 pm Doors Open 7pm- **Champagne Cornwall Chorus** is a group of ladies who love to come together and sing A Cappella four-part harmony. Singing a mixture of modern tunes and romantic ballads, they enjoy entertaining audiences locally, regionally and nationally. They are supporting our 'Save our Church' project. Do come along and support this fundraising event.





Enjoy a delicious cream tea on Saturday 15th August 2 – 4pm as part of the Flowerpot Festival week.

Dates for Union Flag being flown
Ever wondered why the flag is flying on top of the church? Here's some of the upcoming dates/reasons:

Saturday 13th June: Official Birthday of His Majesty the King

Sunday 21st June: Birthday of HRH The Prince of Wales

Friday 17th July: Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen

Tuesday 8th September : His Majesty The King's Accession



GARDENING MATTERS

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

Gardening Matters

Yet again the gardening year has seen some very extreme weather, from winds and rain to the recent scorchingly hot record temperatures. Many spring and summer flowers have come earlier than usual as a result.

Jobs in July /August

- If you want colour and interest throughout the season into late summer, consider planting late flowering plants such as dahlias, asters, fuchsias and heleniums. Grasses, hydrangeas and annuals such as cosmos also last well into autumn.
- Box hedging and other evergreens can be trimmed back into shape in August, but check first for any active bird nests.
- Continue to tie in and support climbers and tall plants to prevent damage from wind and rain.
- Dead head and feed summer flowering plants regularly to prolong the flowering season.
- Sow succession crops of salads such as radish and salad leaves. These are quick to germinate and can be harvested in 6 weeks so can be grown in spaces between later cropping vegetables such as leeks and parsnips.
- Spring flowering shrubs such as camelias and rhododendron can be pruned before their new buds start to form.
- Lift and divide bearded iris. Trim the foliage back to a few inches and plant in a sunny position.
- Regularly water and feed trees and shrubs that have been planted in the last year and container grown plants.
- If you are going away, group pots together in the shade and consider timed watering systems for greenhouse plants and vegetables.





Japanese irises planted with Alchemilla Mollis

Rose – Summer Song

SOUTH PETHERWIN METHODIST CHURCH

The service to celebrate 154 years of worship took place on Sunday 10th at 11am. Angela Noakes read the notices. She also gave a warm welcome to Rev Oseias Da Silva who led the service and to all who had attended this special service. This included four visitors who had returned after having attended the Sunday school and chapel in the past.



The first hymn was 'Praise to the Lord Almighty'. After the prayers, Rev Oseias invited Mary Stoneman, a long time member and organist, to share some of her memories with us. She said that as the foundation stones were laid all those years ago, so were the foundations laid for us by our parents and friends who brought us along Sunday by Sunday to attend Sunday school and chapel and to teach us about the Christian faith. We have all had some very sad but also happy memories through the years and this chapel has been our foundation where peace and solitude has been found. We also remember and think of our Sunday school teachers, and one who is here today, Mrs Muriel Parsons, for their guidance and commitment. I doubt if it was always an easy task trying to keep us all under control. Finally we all remember the days of the Sunday school anniversary, the platform erected at the front, the choir trained by John Whale, the chapel packed, with chairs being brought in for extra seating. Following this John Whale gave an account of some of the history of the chapel and remembering the first time he attended and was brought by Grandad Whale.

The service then continued with Bible readings given by Tony Stephens. Rev Oseias based his sermon on Psalm 66, 'Praise God for what he has done'. Trust, obedience in our life, share the good news, life is not always easy. God is the foundation of this church, Christ remains in the future. This was followed by The Peace, and Holy Communion. The service concluded with the well known hymn, 'One More step along the world I go'.

Mary Stoneman

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Methodist Church Friendship Group

At the end of April the weather was cold and wet – members were very good to come out in the miserable weather. However, a warm welcome awaited them in the Methodist hall. For April we tested our brain cells and took part in a Cornish place names quiz. Everyone seemed to be switched on and in the end we had to set a tie-breaker question which Margaret answered first and became the Star Quizzer of 2026.



What a difference a few weeks make! The May Bank Holiday was hot, hot, hot. However, this time the Methodist hall was cool and welcoming! They knew how to build in days gone by. This month we were using eye and hand co-ordination with a craft – making bird feeders/ trinket trays. These turned into very colourful creations which should please even the most discerning bird!



As usual we thank our members for their continued support, for those who supply refreshments and our Methodist Church for allowing us use of their premises. Hope to see everyone again on the 29th June.

Angela and Michael Noakes

A MIRACLE OF NATURE



Around fifteen years ago, this oriental poppy seeded itself from a parent plant ten yards away. Nature decided that the site would be a miniscule gap between a concrete path and a stone wall. This poppy appears again every year without fail. Apart from admiring the flowers in season, it is completely ignored with no water or food from a human and indeed after flowering it is sometimes inadvertently abused by human feet, because it gets in the way a bit. I think that if I set out to sow this poppy seed there, I would forever fail! Isn't nature remarkable?

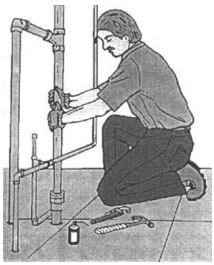
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It has been an incredibly busy and exciting time at South Petherwin Primary School. Our pupils have been representing the school with pride, exploring far beyond the classroom, and bringing home some fantastic achievements. Here is a look at what we have been up to recently:

Big City Adventures: Year 5 & 6 London Residential



Our Year 5 and 6 children packed their bags for a whirlwind **three-day residential trip to London**, and what an unforgettable experience it was! The children had a brilliant time exploring the capital and taking in its famous landmarks. Educational highlights included a deep dive into the **Natural History Museum** and hands-on experimenting in the interactive **Wonderlab** inside the Science Museum, which sparked a lot of curiosity and creativity.

To cap off an incredible three days, the group headed to **Legoland**, where everyone—staff included—had an absolute whale of a time on the rides. The children showed fantastic independence and exemplary manners throughout the trip.

Making a Splash: Class 2's Commotion in the Ocean

Closer to home, Class 2 has been diving deep into their current topic, **"Commotion in the Ocean."** To bring their learning to life, the children enjoyed a brilliant educational visit to the **National Marine Aquarium**. They got up close with sharks, rays, and countless colourful fish, turning their classroom learning into a real-world underwater adventure.









Double Bronze at the Cornwall School Games!

We are exceptionally proud of our children who recently qualified to represent the entire Launceston area at the prestigious **Cornwall School Games finals**.

Both our **Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 teams** put on spectacular performances, showcasing brilliant teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship. Competing against the best schools in the county, both teams fought hard to secure a fantastic **third-place finish**, bringing home well-deserved **bronze medals**! Huge congratulations to all our sporting superstars.

A Note of Thanks: As always, we would like to extend our massive thanks to our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and the wider South Petherwin community for helping make these enriching experiences possible for our children.

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South Petherwin Pre-School

In the weeks before half term we enjoyed having many visitors to share stories with us for our 'share a story' month. Thank you to Judith, Phill, Belinda, Suzi and Julie who kindly volunteered to come in and share their lovely stories with us, the children really enjoyed it.

We have been learning about the life cycle of the butterfly and have been extremely excited to watch how our caterpillars have changed. We released the 5 butterflies and were very excited when they wanted to land on us before flying away.

We have also enjoyed going to the jungle in our role play area and learning about the different animals that we might find! We have learnt why trees are so important and had a go at making our own trees and leaves.











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SOUTH PETHERWIN CRICKET CLUB



South Petherwin are officially Cornwall's 'Super Cup' winners!
The team photo shown, is the team who represented the club down at Mount Ambrose CC against Barripper CC. Barripper won the west Cornwall cup (Andrew) equivalent version of the East Cup (Rosevear) that South Petherwin won last season. In a tightly fought game, we defended 139 in the t20 match.

As it currently stands, both Saturday teams are doing well. The first team sit at the top of Division 3, whilst the second team are midtable in Division 6.

Please also see attached all the information about All-Stars and women's softball cricket. For any extra information, please contact the club on Facebook, Instagram or through the club email: southpetherwincc@outlook.com





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