# South Petherwin Parish Magazine

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## Flowerpot Festival 2026









# Parish Council

The Parish Council, along with the rest of the community, were extremely shocked and saddened to hear about the terrible accident on 4th August on the B3254 Daws House, involving a young man on a motorbike and another vehicle near the top traffic island. The young man was left in a life-threatening condition, being airlifted to hospital, and at the time of going to press we do not have any other news or information about him. The road was closed from the time of the accident in the late morning until late at night for investigation. Our thoughts go out to the young man and his family.

As the Parish Council had already called an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting for a planning matter (normally there is no meeting in August), it was felt right that an agenda point be added to discuss the incident. The meeting was very well attended, with many parishioners speaking about their experiences and giving their comments and suggestions. The motion to remove the top island had been put to the council prior to the meeting by Cllr Parsons, and following all the feedback and discussion, the council decided to add the removal of the bottom island as well, with the proviso that alternative measures be found as soon as possible to improve road safety, e.g. speed bumps, average speed checks etc. The revised motion was carried and sent to the Highways team at Cornwall Council. The September meeting will have the issue on the agenda again and, as always, the Parish Council welcome any parishioners who wish to attend.

On some other matters, a new dog bin has been installed on Tregaller Lane, and Cllr Barlow has kindly spruced up the old phone box which is currently featuring some great pictures by a local young resident (see opposite page). If anyone has any creative ideas for the phone box, please let the council know. Coming up in the autumn, we are planning an emergency scenario that will feed into Emergency Planning. Given the many issues faced by the country at present, such as wild fires, this may very well come in useful.

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.

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

# Parish Council

**How to apply to the Wind Turbine grant fund:** Go on to the website (address on previous page), 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.

**Parish Council Chairman**: Phil Parsons Tel 01566 777179 mobile 07737 008416, email philparsouthpetherwinpc.gmail.com
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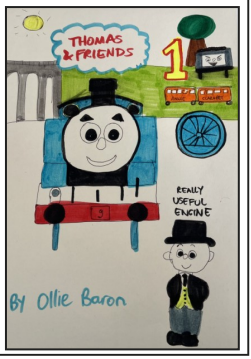
**The Parish Council usually meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Methodist Chapel Hall. Next meetings:** September 9th, October 14th, November 11th and December 9th.



**Parish Councillors** left to right: Phil Parsons (Chair), Mary-Ann Screech (Vice Chair), John Ashdown, Julie Barlow, Harold Rowse, Phill Middleton, Alan Dixon

## Welcome to the September/October issue....

We hope that you enjoyed the recent Flowerpot Festival and Craft & Produce Show held in August. The photos on the front cover are of the winners and Highly Commended. Left to right winners are Wendy Lewis, Julia Coombes & Ness Elcock. Highly commended left to right, top to bottom: Ollie Baron, Sue Walker (Bill & Ben), Abigail Caine & Harold Rowse. Thanks to everyone who entered, it really made people smile.




The picture on the right is also by Ollie Baron. Check out this and his other artwork, which are currently in the old telephone box.

We hope you enjoy the magazine.
**Alison Barham, Editor**

**Report from our County Councillor Adrian Parsons**



July brought the fourth heatwave of the year, and with it the hills are starting to brown, and the countryside is beginning to look dry and in need of a shower. The sheep and cattle have been seeking shade and, as happened last year, we have had to start supplementary feeding, as the grass supplies diminish in front of us. This will have adverse consequences for forage stocks heading into winter.

Second cut silage has been made and the corn harvest has been finished in record early time.

Whilst we were all thinking the summer was progressing nicely, little did we realise that, behind all of this, a storm was building. On the evening of Thursday July 23rd I checked the sheep, as I had been doing regularly because it has been easier than working during the heat of the day. During my checks, I came across one dead sheep and noticed a few others were lethargic. Something did not feel right.

On the Friday, I called the vet out, as it had become clear that sheep in most groups around the farm had become lethargic, lame, drooling and generally off-colour.

The diagnosis was much as I had feared and, three weeks after blood samples were taken, the results came back positive for Bluetongue. All our ewes, rams and cows were vaccinated more than three weeks ago now and, thankfully, things now seem to be improving, with livestock starting to recover.

What is particularly concerning is that Bluetongue is spreading rapidly across farms in Devon and Cornwall. If what we are being told is correct, and there is currently no additional vaccine supply coming into the country, it seems inevitable that the disease will continue to spread. Bluetongue is a non-contagious viral disease affecting domestic and wild ruminants and is transmitted by biting midges. It does not affect people or food safety, but outbreaks can result in prolonged and significant challenges at farm level, as the disease is difficult to contain.

This is causing a great deal of anxiety within the farming community, as we are hearing of a growing number of farmers dealing with poorly cattle and sheep. Sheep appear to be the worst affected, with some farms now suffering significant losses.

As Bluetongue is a viral disease, treatment options are limited. Vaccination currently offers the best available protection, although no measure can remove all risk. For many farmers, costs are beginning to escalate through increased veterinary bills and vaccination programmes, compounded by livestock losses and uncertainty about the potential longer-term effects on fertility as the breeding season approaches.

Once again, it highlights how vulnerable agriculture remains when a viral disease emerges. Were it not for the dedication of our local veterinary practices, whose staff are working tirelessly to provide advice, support and reassurance, many farmers would feel they had been left to fend for themselves.

**Launceston Show**

As always, it was a great day out and well done to everyone involved in organising the event. Whilst there were no cattle or sheep this year, the show had a really positive atmosphere. It highlighted just how important these local events are to our rural communities, bringing people together to showcase what we have to offer locally, while also providing an opportunity for socialising and catching up with old friends, which is something we all need from time to time.

**Launceston College**

After the past few years of hearing stories of heartbreak and struggle gradually emerge regarding the way education was delivered within the Athena Multi-Academy Trust, there was only so much people could take before the situation eventually imploded.

Initially, it took the courage of the parents whose children were most affected to speak out. Their voices opened the door to the scrutiny that was so clearly needed. From my conversations with the new CEO, Mark Blackman, and representatives from Cornwall Council, it became apparent that things had gone too far for the trust to recover in its existing form.

The inevitable has now happened. Athena is being wound down, and the schools involved are faced with the challenge of finding new trusts to join.

The stories I heard about the treatment of some children with SEND, as well as the hours of education lost by some pupils through extended periods in reflection, are areas where things need to improve and lessons must be learned. The question now is: where do we go from here?

The Department for Education must identify suitable trusts willing to take on these schools, and I expect our local authority to take its responsibilities in this process seriously. For me, the children within the Launceston catchment deserve better. The summer is likely to be a difficult period for teachers as this transition unfolds, and they deserve to be treated with respect. Many have worked tirelessly and done their best in what has often been a challenging environment.

Simply changing the name above the door will not be enough for many people. A new structure, a fresh approach and strong leadership will almost certainly be required to rebuild confidence and provide the fresh start that pupils, staff and families deserve when they return in September.

**Daws House**

Sadly, there has been a terrible accident at Daws House, and my thoughts are with all those affected. It is important that the police are allowed to carry out their work and ensure that what has happened is investigated thoroughly.

This has again reignited the debate about the traffic-calming measures that were installed nearly five years ago. Ever since their introduction, I, along with the parish council, have had serious concerns about some aspects of the scheme and their impact on highway safety.

I believe many people are now losing confidence in the current arrangements, and we need to look seriously at whether a different approach would provide a safer solution.

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## Calendar Girls was a resounding success!!

Five sell-out shows and six standing ovations – what more could the actors of Teylu Theatre Company have wanted from their six performances!!!

Firstly, thank you to everyone who came and watched Calendar Girls; we were all so delighted that you enjoyed it as much as the actors did. I believe that we made you cry as well as laugh, and it struck a chord with so many. I'm really sorry that a few of you had hearing difficulties at various venues and hope that it didn't spoil it too much for you. It was a very professional performance for Teylu's first outing – the next one will be Little Shop of Horrors at Rilla Mill at the end of October, so maybe put that in your diary!

Below is a quote from a delightful letter that our chairman received from the Manager of Derriford's Radiotherapy Depatment, where Teylu will be spending much of the profits of the show to make the patient waiting area more comfortable and less intimidating – not sure if there will be a sofa, but I'll let you know eventually!!

*'Calendar Girls was an extremely poignant show for us as it highlights the bravery and struggles of patients, partners and families when faced with the uncertainty and challenges a cancer diagnosis can bring. Knowing some of the cast were all too familiar with that journey themselves made the performances resonate even more strongly with us.*

*It was particularly special for us in Radiotherapy knowing that some proceeds from the performances were to be donated to the Radiotherapy Development Fund here at Derriford. Your generosity will make a genuine difference to our patients and the service we are able to provide, and we are incredibly grateful for the time, energy and commitment that everyone has put into making this happen.'*

I hope to bring you more information about the Radiotherapy Department progress in the next magazine.

Sue Vernon

# THE WILDLIFE PAGE by Mel Bees

I've had lots of pictures sent in this time, thank you. Lots of insects, which is great to see.





Bee & hover fly by Paula Stagg





Vapour moth & Drinker moth caterpillar by Peter

Insect numbers are way down this down this year, due to the ever-increasing use of pesticides.
There's a great app called Bugs Matter, this is a study of numbers and you can all help by doing a simple bug count on car number plates, it's really easy.
Other things to help:

- Plant wildflowers for pollinators: bees like tubular flowers such as foxgloves, butterflies prefer flat flowers like daisies.
- Limit use of pesticides and weed killers, if you really have to spray do so at night when insects are not so active.
- Encourage birds to your garden to help with pest control.
- Leave hollow stems for insects to hibernate in or build a bug hotel.
- Leave out shallow bowls of water with pebbles in.



You may have noticed more of these lovely Humming Bird moths this year, native to Southern France, but moving across the channel due to warmer summers.
Photo by Daniel Bees

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

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Tiny Meadows: Richard Beacham (773614)
Daws House: Andrea Foster (779181)
School watch: Gillian Sleep (773300)
**If you are interested in joining the scheme please contact any of the above.**

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# Flowerpot Festival 2026

Thanks to everybody who took part in the Flowerpot Festival week, and we hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as we did! The Craft & Produce Show which rounded the week off was amazing – who knew what talent was hiding in the parish! The exhibits were spread across the hall and the church, and there was a cornucopia of yummy home-baked cakes and biscuits to enjoy.



Outside there was a beautiful flower frame to take a selfie in (thanks to Charlotte Firth, Phil Glew for the frame and Clive Butler for the stand).



The village hall was packed as the results were read out and trophies and prizes were awarded. The winners of the flowerpot creations, judged by Cllr Adrian Parsons, were Wendy Lewis, Julia Coombes & Ness Elcock who won from a lucky dip of Maunders compost, a Homeleigh cream tea & a voucher from The Frog and Bucket. Other prizes donated for the raffle were kindly donated by Sazzyloo, Firebrand, Launceston Golf Club, Trethorne, Charlie Bears, Tescos and Blades.

**The Craft & Produce Show** had a huge amount of adult entries—nearly 300 and that wasn't counting the Young Exhibitors. Thanks to our judges: Claire Hine, Ellie Cruse, Alison Gribble, Ella Payne, Lacey Evans, and Sue Leavis.

**Flowers:** Judge Sue Leavis. Best in Class: Julie Butler. Most points in category also won by Julie Butler.



**Dahlias:** Won by Julie Butler.

**Fruit:** Judge Ella Payne. Best in Class Harold Rowse; Most points in category: Sue Vernon.



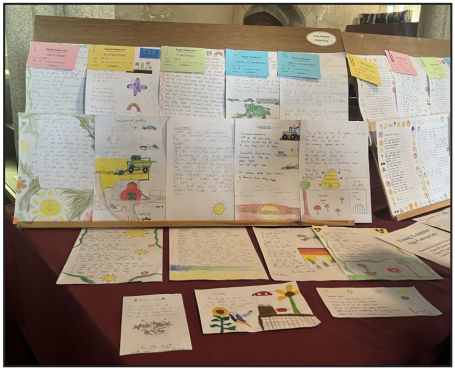
**Vegetables:** Judge Ella Payne. Best in Class Julie Butler; Most points in category: Charlotte Firth.

**Domestic:** Judge Alison Gribble. Best in Class Charlotte Firth; Most points in category: Sam Cleeve.

**Art & Craft:** Judge Claire Hine. Best in class: Charlotte Firth, Most points in the category: Maria Lewis.

**Photography:** Judge Ellie Cruse; Best in Class Alicia Davies, Most points in the category, winner Amy Jasper.

Prize donated by South Petherwin parish Church for favourite photo as voted by the public Alicia Davies.



**Young Exhibitor:** Judge Lacey Evans. Best in Class Joseph Nowak-Bourgoin. Most points in the category: Thomas Frame.

Cllr Adrian Parsons' favourite (cash prize) = Abigail Caine, photo of swallows.

Sharon Horsington, Launceston Show Secretary, favourite (cash prize) = Liz Stenlake, flower arrangement in teacup.

Both of these judges also really liked a beautifully illustrated piece of handwriting by Bryn Sandercock (young exhibitor), so he also received a cash prize.

**Most points overall** – Michael Screech Memorial Cup, kindly donated by Mary-Ann Screech. 2025 winner = Julie Butler; 2026 winner = Sam Cleeve

**South Petherwin school** also took part, with all the children entering either handwriting or an egg box creature. First prize winners were Woody (pre-school), Olive (Yr1), Charlotte (Yr2), John (Yr3), Freddie (Yr4), Phoebe (Yr5/6). It made for a great display.

There were some great raffles prizes, Guess the Weight of the Cake (thanks to Julie Butler) and a fun auction of some of the products that entrants had kindly donated.

All the photos of the Craft & Produce Show and the flowerpot creations and the events will be put on the website.

**With thanks to**:

South Petherwin Parish Council for the grant of money from the Wind Turbine fund. Committee: Alison Barham, John Ashdown, Claire Ashdown, Julie Butler, Charlotte Firth, Sue Vernon, Olive Stevens, Phil Parsons, Rick Howlett. Paul Barham, Clive Butler & Julia Coombes for extra help & support. Simon Hill for work on the website, St Paternus Church, Matt Avery, Head of SP school.





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| Wednesday 9th September | Parish Council meeting | Methodist Hall | Parish Clerk see page 2 | 7pm |
| Thursday 24th September | Friendship lunch | The Frog & Bucket | Claire Ashdown 471299 | 12.30 |
| Friday 25th September | Bingo night | Village Hall | John Ashdown 471299 | 7pm |
| Monday 28th September | Friendship Group | Methodist Hall | Joan Whale 772847 | 2-4pm |
| Saturday 3rd October | St Paternus Church coffee morning | Church | Olive Stevens 07480 576535 | 10-12 |
| Thursday 8th October | Souper Thursday | Village Hall | John Ashdown 471299 | 7pm |
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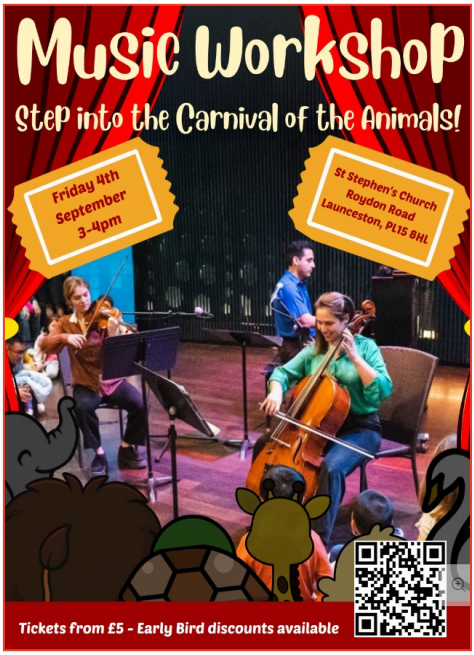
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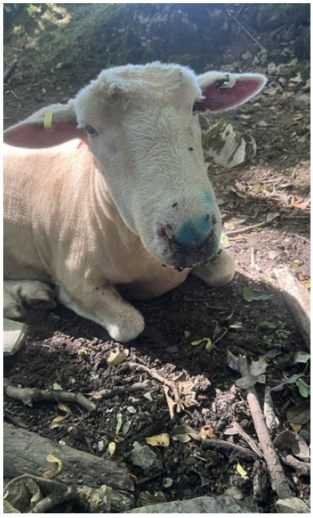
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# FARMING NEWS from Phil Parsons



Well the old saying "oak before ash, we're in for a splash" has certainly proved to be true this year. Mind you the growing season was going so well until the sun decided to stay out day after day! Crops harvested in May or June for the winter are being tapped as the green grass has long since wilted and turned to beige. Water springs slowing to a trickle and extra tops ups are required. Then Blue Tongue hit both sheep and cattle but the sheep were hit the hardest.

The sheep in this picture has recovered but it took a couple of weeks and even now not 100%.. It was so good to see the rainbow as this should indicate the change and rain...we are all praying for rain!







# GARDENING MATTERS

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

## *Gardening Matters*

After such a long dry summer, many gardeners are hopeful of a return to a more seasonally normal autumn and a welcome break from the extreme heat.

## *Jobs in September/October*

- Resist the urge to cut back hard trees and shrubs affected by drought, wait until later in the year and reassess.
- Plant spring flowering bulbs such as daffodils, crocus and iris.
- For some seasonal colour plant a container or border with plants such as with heathers, heucheras, cyclamen, pansies, violas and small evergreens.
- Avoid planting new trees and shrubs until well into autumn and after some cooler and wetter weather.
- Prune climbing roses and tie in shoots to make a fanned framework for next years' flowers.
- Prune lavender back to new green growth once the flowers fade and the bees have stopped visiting.
- Trim hedges and topiary to give a neat finish to last through winter.
- Weed around vegetables that stand through winter such as leeks, parsnips and sprouting broccoli.
- Keep picking veg such as beans, courgettes, tomatoes and sweetcorn to prolong the season.
- Harvest apples, pears and other fruit and store appropriately.
- Keep picking and deadheading summer flowers to prolong flowering.





*Above: Cotinus with Stipa Gigantea and Rudbeckia with Sedum*

# St Paternus Church (C of E)

## Upcoming Events

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

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| Coffee morning (1st Saturday) in the Church | Saturday 5th September | 10 to 12 | Tea, coffee, bacon sandwiches |
| Prize Draw | Tuesday 8th September | 2pm | In the Church |
| Ride, Stride and Row event | Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September | | Contact Revd Canon Olive Stevens |
| Eucharist (2nd Sunday) | Sunday 13th September | 9.30am | |
| End of Summer concert 'Our Atlantic Roots' | Friday 18th September | 7.30pm | In the Church |
| Eucharist (4th Sunday) | Sunday 27th September | 10.00am | |
| Coffee morning (1st Saturday) in the Church | Saturday 3rd October | 10 to 12 | Tea, coffee, bacon sandwiches |
| Eucharist (2nd Sunday) | Sunday 11th October | 9.30am | |
| Tamar Valley Voice concert | Saturday 24th October | 7.30pm | In the Village Hall |
| Eucharist (4th Sunday) | Sunday 25th October | 10.00am | |
| Callington Community Gospel Choir | Saturday 31st October | 7.30pm | In the Church |
| **Gift Day** and Coffee morning (1st Saturday) in the Church | Saturday 7th November | 10am to 4pm | Tea, coffee, bacon sandwiches in the morning |
| Eucharist (2nd Sunday) | Sunday 8th November | 9.30am | |
| Eucharist (4th Sunday) | Sunday 22nd November | 10.00am | |

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The **Big** Prize Draw – lots of great prizes

Tuesday 8th September at 2pm

In the Church

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Our Atlantic Roots

Folk Songs and Ballads

Friday 18th September at 7.30pm

In the Church

Tamer Valley Voice

Folk Songs and Sea Shanty's
Saturday 24th October at 7.30pm
In the Village Hall

Callington Gospel Community Choir

Saturday 31st October at 7.30pm

In the Church

# St Paternus Church (C of E)



We welcome the Rev Jess Lancaster to the clergy team of the Benefice as we serve the churches in South Petherwin, Lawhitton, Lezant, Lewanick, Altarnun, St Thomas in Launceston and Tregadillet. We will hear more from Jess in the next issue of the magazine.

At the first Saturday coffee morning in August we welcomed Lisa who is a trustee of the League of Friends of Launceston Hospital and Community. Lisa gave a fascinating talk about the origin of the league and their current work. It is due to their support that we have an MIU in Launceston! As they celebrate their 50th anniversary we have chosen them to be our charity for this year, and a percentage of the money we raise will be presented to them next June.

The church will be open on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September between 10am and 4pm supporting the Cornwall Historic Churches Trust. Funds raised will be shared equally by the church and the CHCT, who support our ancient buildings in so many ways, giving invaluable assistance for the preservation of our Cornish Heritage. The CHCT ask that every church in the Duchy support and work with them so that they can help in times of need. There are 218 parishes and if each could raise £100 a year for the trust they would have in excess of £20,000 additional funding to offer annually.

If you come along, there will be some challenges for you to get involved in! We are planning a Waggly Tail competition, assembling at the carpark gate at 2pm on Sunday 13th, walk round the church-yard and then into church for the judging of the waggly tails! Check the St Paternus FB page and keep an eye out for posters and further information.



On the first Saturday in November (7th) as well as the Coffee Morning we will be having a **Gift Day**. This is for the general fund of the church.

Remembrance Day is getting close too, and so **poppies are needed again** please to decorate the memorial and the church, as we remember and give thanks for all who have given their lives for our protection and freedom.

# Kowethas Paternus Fund Raising Events

Friends of St Paternus, a small group who have got together to raise money for the Restoration Project, have been busy with a program of events.







On Saturday 11th July we hosted an **Indoor Garden Party**! A good move as it was one of those hot days.

Fun and food to the lovely summer songs by the U3A singing group – many thanks to all who came to support our appeal.



On July 17th **Champagne Cornwall Chorus** entertained us with songs and stories! An excellent barbershop style choir.

On the 15th August we hosted a **Cream Tea** as the Flowerpot Festival 2026 began.

We are looking forward to a busy Autumn:

September 8th : **The Big Lottery Draw**

September 18th : **Our Atlantic Roots Concert**

October 24th : an evening with the **Tamar Valley Voices**

October 31st : **The Callington Gospel Choir** for an evening of more songs in a different style.

We hope that you will enjoy our varied program of events and support the project to restore this historic building. The money we raise locally will support the grant funding that we will apply for.

Make this a community space for all sorts of events.



Above: Paula Stagg flowers & Helen Masters, butterfly & sunset

## FRIENDSHIP LUNCH

**Friendship Lunch at The Frog and Bucket for our parish seniors @ 12.30 on Thursday 24th September and Thursday 22nd October**

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



Photo: Mary Stoneman

# SOUTH PETHERWIN METHODIST CHURCH



**Sunday 4th October 11am**

**Come and join us as we celebrate our harvest festival service**

**Led by Andrew Baker**

**Non-perishable food donations welcome to support Launceston Food Bank**

## Methodist Church Friendship Group

Once again we were pleased to welcome members to our meeting at the end of June. We offered those who wanted an activity for the afternoon the opportunity to create a dried flower arrangement for the summer. It was also a chance to congratulate those who had reached a significant birthday milestone and to welcome back some who had been feeling 'under the weather'.



All too soon the end of July approached (not soon enough for those suffering from the heat and longing for rain!). We met on a pleasant Monday afternoon and were glad that most members had survived the weather – apart from Shirley who was black, blue and yellow following a fall, but improving.

Our activity for July was stitching – something we do not do too much these days. But once the needles were threaded (eyes not too sharp!), we were off and creating.



As usual we would like to thank our members for their continued support, for those who supply refreshments and who wash up. Hope to see everyone again on the 31st August – yes, we meet on Bank Holidays! Next date after that, 28th September. **Angela and Michael Noakes**

## Rejoice Always: A Summer of Joys and Struggles

Summer has been incredible, with its long, bright and warm days. Since May, we have enjoyed sunshine bringing warmth, radiance and energy into our lives. Many of us expected only a few good days before returning to more familiar weather with showers and rain. Instead, the sunshine has persisted, bringing several heatwaves.

While many people have struggled with the high temperatures because we are not used to such prolonged heat, others have enjoyed it, taking the opportunity to visit the beach, swim and spend more time outdoors.

Another beautiful event this summer was the eclipse. It reminded us of the incredible natural phenomena surrounding us. For a short time, the moon passed in front of the sun, creating a spectacular sight. Hundreds of people gathered in parks and on beaches to experience this amazing moment, when the smaller moon appeared to overshadow the much larger sun.

The Apostle Paul says: “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”

Feeling fulfilled and content is one of the deepest desires of human beings. Yet life constantly brings both joys and struggles. At times, we experience stability through good health, security, financial stability, meaningful relationships, etc..

However, we also have a tendency to complain or feel dissatisfied with what we have. We can become anxious about tomorrow and worry about things over which we have little control. Anxiety has become a significant challenge for many people, including young children.

We cannot be naïve about the challenges facing us. Global conflicts, economic pressures, climate change and local difficulties affect our communities. There are times when life is genuinely difficult, and Christian faith does not ask us to ignore these struggles.

But rejoicing is a state of spirit that we are invited to cultivate each day.

One secret of rejoicing is learning to be thankful, even when everything is not going as we would like. It is recognising the goodness found in the small blessings we receive each day. The eclipse filled many people with wonder, but there are countless other gifts: a beautiful morning, a conversation with a friend, a walk in nature, a shared meal, a smile, a prayer, or simply the gift of another day.

Summer is almost gone, and autumn is coming with its own beautiful blessings—and probably some struggles as well. Each season brings something different.

Let us embrace each season with grace, recognising God's blessings even in difficult times and giving thanks for each day.

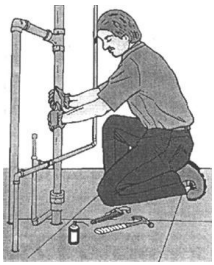
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Welcome back! A New school year begins....

As the relaxing, busy and exciting days of summer give way to the crisp morning air of September, a familiar rhythm returns. The school gates are open once again, and a fresh chapter begins for the children, young people, and families in our community.

Whether your household is currently filled with the chaotic energy of polishing new school shoes and labelling uniforms, or you are watching the morning rush from a quieter vantage point, this month marks a significant milestone for us all.

**Stepping into new adventures**

We want to extend a particularly warm welcome to:

· The little ones: Starting reception or nursery for the very first time. We know that you are going to love the adventures to come.

· Former Y6 pupils: Moving up to college. It's a big leap, but you are ready.

· Our teachers and school staff: Who have spent their summer planning, prepping, and organising for the year ahead. Thank you for your dedication.

In the final weeks of summer term, the school was absolutely buzzing with activity. From the sports field to historic castles, our pupils made the absolute most of the sunny July days.

**Sports Day Success!**




A massive congratulations to all of our pupils for a fantastic Sports Day. The atmosphere was incredible, full of cheers, determination, and wonderful team spirit.

After a closely fought competition, we are delighted to announce that Yellow (Melyn) took home the trophy this year! Da iawn/Well done to Melyn, and a huge congratulations to every single child who took part and gave it their all.




**Out and about: class trips**

Our classrooms have extended far beyond the school gates recently with some wonderful educational visits:




· Class 2 & Class 3 at Camel Creek: The children had a truly fantastic day out exploring Camel Creek. From thrills to smiles, it was a wonderful reward for all their hard work this term, and their behaviour was exemplary.

· Class 3 at Launceston Castle: To enrich their history and local geography learning, Class 3 took a trip to our local fortress. They had a super time exploring the ruins, looking at the landscape, and bringing their castle topic to life.

**Bowling Success in Callington!**

In July, two fantastic teams from South Petherwin headed over to Callington to represent our school at the Bowls Finals.




They played brilliantly against some tough competition. True to the South Petherwin spirit, they showed superb sportsmanship throughout the day, making us incredibly proud. A huge congratulations to our teams for finishing an impressive 3rd and 5th place!

**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.

# Wedding bells

**Congratulations to Avril (formerly Trehane) from Linnick Farm South Petherwin who married Nicholas Hussey on July 25th, celebrating their day with guests at home on the farm.**

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# SOUTH PETHERWIN CRICKET CLUB

**Double Cup Winners!**





Back at the start of July, the club managed to win the Isaac Foot cup for the first time in our history! In a final's day at Callington Cricket Club, we defeated Tavistock in the semi-final before beating the hosts, Callington, in the final. The final was a tightly fought match. After we posted 161 in our 20 overs, we managed to bowl Callington out for 154, winning by 7 runs.

Then more recently, at the end of July, the club managed to defend their cup win in the Rosevear Cup. Last year, we won the Rosevear Cup for the first time against Menheniot/Looe and Roche on the final's day. This year we managed to win back-to-back trophies against Roche in the semi-final and Wadebridge in the final. Again, like in the Isaac Foot, the final was incredibly close. We scored 144 in our 20 overs, before restricting Wadebridge to 138, meaning we win by 6 runs.

As it stands with 2 weeks to go, both the first and second team are sat 2nd in the respective leagues. The top 2 from each league get promoted, so we are in a strong position to see that both teams get promoted and will then play in divisions 2 and 5 next year. With lots to play for, please come up and support us!

On a more individual note, we currently have 3 batters in the top 10 run scorers in the whole of Cornwall! Rich Watson sits at the top with a staggering 1243 runs. Adam Creasey sits second with 1001 and Taylor Gerry is 8th with 784 runs. We also have Adrian Clements who has taken 42 wickets and sits 3rd in the most wickets in Cornwall this year.

As always, if you ever want more information about the club, please contact us on Facebook or Instagram or through our email: southpetherwincc@outlook.com

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