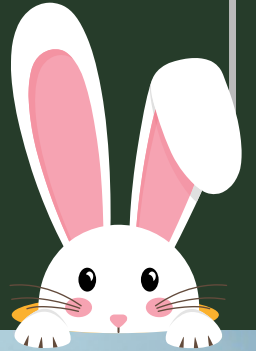


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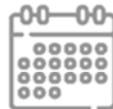
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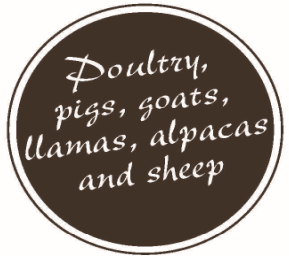
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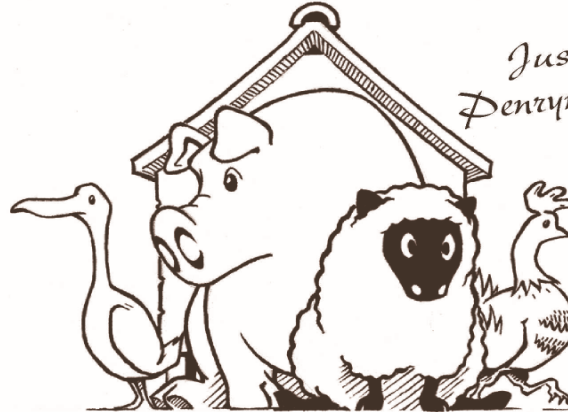






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I am sure public transport users will be glad to see that trains are running again after several weeks of relief buses. Rail-Track operatives have been busy cutting back overgrowth beside the line and doing other track maintenance. Thanks to them. As any readers with gardens will know it is quite remarkable how quickly foliage grows in our moist warm village climate. To nobody's surprise our stalwart weather man, Mike Hands, reports another mild damp month.

After further editorial chaos, confusion, and carelessness on my part, yet again, despite my editorial comment, the cover was again mislabelled. Readers were bemused; well spotted. I think this has been rectified this time and I hope both the numbers and month are correct.

There has been some vigorous discussion about the Parish Council precept rise. In this issue the chairman gives a clear explanation of the figures and the reasons for the rise. The crucial figure is the amount in ££'s on your council tax bill compared to other local parishes, not the % rise. Given the dire state of CCC funding we should applaud the parish council for taking the opportunity to secure an increase in resources to maintain the infrastructure of our great village, a very good place to live.

This month also carries a report of an interesting partnership between Virgin Experiences and GWR. An opportunity for anyone who grew up wanting to be a train driver.

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## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT: MARCH 2024

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In my previous report, I mentioned **the telephone kiosk** opposite The Royal Oak. BT had proposed that the payphone be removed. The period for public consultation has been extended and the parish council has been asked whether it wishes to adopt the kiosk. I'm certain that the community would wish to retain the iconic red kiosk.



Sadly, there is little to report on the post boxes that have disappeared recently, such as the one that used to be almost opposite the station and another at Pelean Cross. Royal Mail desperately needs to cut costs and reducing collections and deliveries is one way of achieving this, even if it runs counter to the organisation's very purpose.

Spring is in the air and plants growing again. This is good news for some, but less good for others, particularly where vegetation affects public rights of way. With regard to **footpaths, byways and bridleways**, the parish council has a partnership agreement with Cornwall Council to control vegetation that grows upwards (Cornwall Council makes a contribution towards maintenance, but the parish council organises the work). However, property owners are responsible for controlling vegetation growing out sideways from their property. The parish council is keen to ensure that footpaths are as accessible as possible, so where vegetation is growing sideways and restricting the width of footpaths, property owners will be reminded of their responsibility. If you would like to discuss this further, please come along to a meeting of the Highways & Footpaths Working Group.

The maintenance of **hedges along highways** is becoming a thorny issue. Cornwall Council does some hedge-cutting, principally where visibility is affected at road junctions, but rather less than before. Basically, landowners are responsible and more is being expected of them. Two useful pamphlets have been published on roadside hedges and verges which explain the responsibilities of landowners; these pamphlets can be found on the parish council's website. Hedge-cutting should normally take place between September and February, "unless there is an unavoidable health and safety concern that must be addressed as a priority." If you see a dangerous hedge, please report it to Cornwall Council's "Report it" system on their website.

While we're on the subject of highways, the parish council, through the Environment Working Group, is working with residents living around **Bissoe Bridge** to try to tackle the persistent flooding that blights their lives. This is a complicated and seemingly intractable problem, with many organisations involved, such as the Environment Agency and the Coal Board (who are responsible for pumping water out of the old mines), but we hope to make progress. Watch this space.

I'm sure that most readers will recall that the parish council is also the trustee of the playing field charity. At the **playing field** meeting on 21 February, it was resolved that "the parish council should approach the trustees of the Perranwell Centre with a view to commencing negotiations aimed at amalgamating the King George's Field Perranarworthal charity (KGF) with the Perranwell Centre charity to form a single charity to run the combined assets of both charities and that appropriate legal advice should be sought to support this process." Discussions will now commence with the village hall trustees to see whether amalgamation can be achieved. This would enable the playing field and the village hall site to be managed as an integrated whole, rather than attempting to persist with the existing arrangement. Most local residents already treat the site as if it were integrated by, for example, driving through the playing field



entrance and perhaps parking on the village hall car park before using the playing field or parking in the playing field car park spaces before using the village hall.

The decision on amalgamation follows the decision taken in principle to level the playing field. One public consultation event has already taken place. Further detailed work is required and the parish council will be looking to submit grant applications at the appropriate time in order to progress the work.

Which brings me to the subject of **the parish council's precept** for 2024-25. Council tax bills have recently been delivered and the increase in the parish council precept has caused some consternation. Some people have complained vociferously about the 115% increase in the precept, but I would remind them that the precept has historically been very low in this parish, the increase will bring the precept up to the level of several neighbouring parishes, and the cost is modest: the precept is only around 4% of the total council tax bill and local households are being required to increase the parish council precept from around £1 per week to £2 per week. Please see the separate report on this.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on Wednesday 3 April at 7:00 pm in the village hall. This is open to all local residents for the purpose of discussing parish affairs and gives an opportunity for local residents to ask questions about the precept and other parish matters.

Lastly, a request for help. The parish council's **register of burials** needs to be brought up to date. This requires hand-written entries in a large leather-bound register. If anybody with good handwriting or calligraphic skills can assist, please contact the clerk.

Please remember that the parish council has changed its **schedule of meetings** for 2024. Full parish council meetings now take place on the first Wednesday of the month, not the last and, wherever possible, all parish council meetings, including those of committees and working groups, will be held on Wednesdays, not on other days. Details can be found on the parish council's website.

**Colin Bridges**  
**Chairman**

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## PERRANWELL STATION - WEATHER REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2024

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Average daily maximum temperature:	11.7C
Maximum temperature for the month:	14C on 2nd and 15th
Average daily minimum temperature:	7.7C
Minimum temperature for the month:	0.5C on 27th
Rainfall:	9.33inches
Sunshine:	44 hours
Wind direction:	Westerly quarte



### Mild and Very Wet

After February 2023 which was exceptionally dry, February 2024 was very wet indeed, rainfall being well over twice the normal monthly average. After the first five days of the month, we experienced a succession of depressions and fronts from the West which continued all month. It was the wettest February on record for Southern England

The weather was also exceptionally mild, the daytime maxima averaging 11.7C against a long-term average of 9.6C, making it the joint mildest February that I have recorded, alongside 2022. Nationally, it was the second warmest February in the series from 1884 (behind 1998), but the warmest on record for England and Wales.

It was another disappointingly dull month, sunshine hours being well below average, unsurprisingly given the generally unsettled weather.

### DIY Weather-Forecasting

I've always concentrated on recording the weather rather than forecasting it. It's easier to listen to the local forecast or use a smartphone app. However, an alternative source is just to look up to the sky and try to read the signs.

One method that I came across recently is named the Crossed Winds Rules. It's obviously not perfect, and relies on the presence of clouds higher up in the atmosphere that you can see moving. Ideally, there also need to be clouds present at a lower level, eg strato-cumulus or cumulus, but if not then a wind vane will suffice (see below).

- 1) Stand with your back to where the lower clouds are coming from, and if the upper clouds come from the left hand then the weather will normally deteriorate.
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- 3) Stand with your back to the lower clouds and if upper clouds move on a parallel course (i.e. directly opposite or same direction(s)), then the weather will not normally change very much.
- 4) If there are no lower clouds, be guided by the surface wind - you'll either know where the surface wind is coming from or look for a wind vane. Then stand with your back to the surface wind and rotate clockwise approximately 20 degrees. You will then be standing roughly with your back to where the lower clouds would have been if there were any. Rules 1), 2) and 3) above then apply.

Please be aware - these are not rules for forecasting tomorrow's weather (although they may help). They are for the next few hours or half a day or occasionally more, depending on what sort of cloud is in the sky when the forecast is made.

Go on, give it a try - even if it's just for a bit of fun!

**Mike Hands**

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## THE INCREASE IN THE PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT

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I would like to explain the reasons behind the increase in the parish council precept for 2024-25. Admittedly, the percentage increase at 115% looks huge, but it is actually 115% of not very much and, even with a large percentage increase, it remains not very much. Of course, the actual amount of the precept per household will vary according to the council tax band but in very broad terms the parish council precept will increase from about £1 per week to £2 per week. And remember, that's the cost per household, so the cost per person will be lower.

The parish council precept in this parish has traditionally been among the lowest of all the surrounding parishes. Of 10 parishes that were examined, the parish precept for Band D properties in our parish was the ninth lowest. The precepts in some of our neighbouring parishes were double or triple that of Perranarworthal.

Let's consider some of the pressures on the parish council. First, inflation has been very high during the previous 12 months, on average around 10 or 11%, so a 5% increase would have effectively been a real cut in the value of the precept. An increase in the precept of around 10% would have been necessary just to stand still.

Second, the demands on the parish council have been increasing, partly because Cornwall Council is doing less, for example, in footpath maintenance, and the slack has to be taken up by the parish council, and partly because the expectations of local residents are rising, with requests frequently made at parish council meetings for additional work to be undertaken.

The parish council is responsible for the maintenance of a good deal of the fabric of the parish, such as bus shelters, litter bins, grass cutting of various areas of land and the maintenance of the parish council's section of the cemetery. Costs are rising; for example, a slightly extreme example is the bill for emptying bins which will rise from £273 this year to £695 next year. The parish has approximately 12½ kilometres of byways, bridleways and footpaths which are a treasured resource, but need to be maintained. The parish council is also the trustee of the playing field charity and, for example, the surface surrounding some of the play equipment needs to be repaired, which will cost about £15,000 next year.

In addition, there are some big ticket items in the parish council's budget. £16,000 has been allocated to the budget heads for both Grants and the Playing Field. Why? Because, as well as supporting groups in the community, such as the Memory Cafe and the WI, the parish council wishes to be able to support local improvements. In the current financial year, for example, the parish council was able to purchase the cabin for the new community store. Two new major projects will involve the levelling of the playing field and the redevelopment of the village hall. Both of those projects will cost a great deal, so grant applications will be necessary, but grant-funding bodies always want to know whether matched funding has been achieved and whether projects have the support of the community. One of the ways of demonstrating this is for the parish council to offer financial support. In other words, such funding can be used to help leverage much greater investment into the community.

Another major increase is on salaries. The parish council is now very active with three committees, four principal working groups and other projects. The parish council needs an appropriate level of administrative support. Our new clerk (Tomas Hill) is now working 24 hours per week for this parish and



we are very lucky that he has extensive knowledge and experience, in particular, of public rights of way and open spaces, which we hope to use to good effect.

As a result of all the above factors, the parish council decided to take one big step forward, rather than try to raise the precept gradually over many years. However, even with the increase, the precept is only about the average for surrounding parishes and it's only roughly 4% of the overall council tax bill.

Incidentally, it has been mentioned that an increase in the precept of 5% or more might generate a referendum, but this only applies to unitary authorities such as Cornwall Council, not to parish councils. I'm afraid the information on our website was incorrect and has now been removed. A revised version of the FAQs will be posted.

The Annual Parish Meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 3 April at 7:00 pm in the village hall. All local residents are welcome to attend and I'm sure that the precept will be among the matters raised. Please attend if you have further questions or queries, either on the precept or on other matters. If you can't attend the annual parish meeting, then you would be welcome at the normal parish council meeting the following Wednesday.

Finally, if I may, a request for restraint. Parish councillors are all unpaid volunteers who devote considerable time and energy for the benefit of the local community. Some of the epithets have been unwarranted. Your local councillors, elected by you, deserve your support, not your opprobrium. By all means question decisions, but civilly, please.

***Colin Bridges, Chairman, Perranarworthal Parish Council***

## **MYLOR BRIDGE BOWLING CLUB**

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Play, on the afternoon of the final, was watched by a number of supporters, the atmosphere one of tension and excitement. Though the match was closely fought the A team prevailed and trophies were duly presented by the club president, Jeff Askew. (Photograph left to right: Margaret Weatherhead, Sue Walker, Norma Thomas, Christine Robinson, Elaine Beckton, David Bevan, Sue Rath, Sue Kelly, Jeff Askew, David Woodman, Wendy Fowler, Jan Barnard, Sarah Curnow.)

Hearty congratulations to all!

The summer season is round the corner with the green opening on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Should you wish to join us, a warm welcome awaits.

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***Elaine Beckton***



# PERRANWELL COMMUNITY STORE UPDATE

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## Operations

We continue to refine the product range based on our trading experience and the feedback we get from customers and volunteers. By popular request we now have steak, cheese and onion frozen pasties which have been enormously successful. Our range of home baked cakes from Bon Appetit continue to tempt you all; along with Blakes cakes these items remain amongst our top sellers. Thursday mornings are always a joy when we receive Sandra's amazing home baked donations, a quick publish on facebook and they are sold out by lunchtime!

In the previous edition of *Perran News* we attributed the supply of kindling to the wrong person- it was actually Mike Cowley who generously donated them, so apologies and thank you. We are also grateful to Anne Weaver, one of our volunteers, who has made some beautiful greetings cards for sale in the shop.

On Tuesday we receive our primary stock delivery from Youings. Thanks to our regular driver, Ivan, we are able to take in the delivery before opening. The offer of a coffee seems to guarantee an advance warning of his arrival. He also does his best to avoid the morning school run-all very helpful. We are also grateful to the school for allowing us to dispose of our cardboard via them, this has made life much easier.

Our first volunteer meeting with the Committee was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> March and provided an opportunity to reflect on how well our trading has gone and what might be even better.

The Committee was delighted to gift a bottle of wine or chocolates as a way of saying thank you to volunteers for their dedication and support. It was both an informative and fun evening and no one was in any hurry to go home. It highlights what can be achieved when you get a group of like-minded people together and emphasises how much folk are getting out of volunteering. We are sorry to temporarily lose Tricia Wilcocks and Jo Hunt off the rota and look forward to welcoming them back when they are recovered. We also wish to thank Sue Wilthew for her hard work as a team leader. Many of you may already know that Sue's son has been gravely ill and her main focus is on helping with his recovery-we wish the family all the very best at such a challenging time. You are sorely missed ladies.

We are currently working on building up a bank of volunteers who could be available at short notice. If you would like to be considered for this, as opposed to working a regular shift, please get in touch with Annie on 0779931153. During the summer we will be extending our hours from 16.00 to 18.00-Monday to Friday from the 22<sup>nd</sup> July to the end of August. This may suit some of you willing to work a couple of hours. Training in advance will be provided.

## Relocation

In probably one of the worst kept village secrets, Jan Moore should shortly complete the purchase of the old village shop with the intention of doing it up and renting it back to PCS for a peppercorn rent as a very generous legacy for the community and as hoped for in our initial three phase plan. Currently we would expect to be back in place either at the end of 2024 or in early 2025.

## Finance

Whilst turnover has dipped slightly in 2024, financial performance remains strong with monthly profits and cash generation pretty stable at between £1.5 and £2k per month. The cash balance at the end of February stood at £27k.

As a reminder, full results are published on the website each month and anybody can have full, read-only access to the finance system by request (just email [peter.harding@alpha-financials.com](mailto:peter.harding@alpha-financials.com)).

## Legal structure

In order to resurrect the shop as quickly as possible, the Perranwell Community Store initially became a limited company owned by just two members of the management committee. We need to convert this to a more appropriate community based legal entity owned by a much broader range of people living in the village and intend doing so over the next few months.

We will also seek to raise a small amount of money in Q2 in order to help finance the move back into the old shop premises, purchase new equipment and invest in a Hybrid/Paid store manager. The preferred legal structure is called a Community Benefit Society (CBS) and the owners (called members) will all have equal voting power - irrespective of their shareholding. We will be supported in this process by the Plunkett Foundation a UK wide charity that supports the rescue of village shops and pubs.

Other key elements of this structure are as follows:

- Whilst members may earn a limited (and indeed capped) return this can never be guaranteed
- Initially, we think it preferable to return money to members via a lottery – but with better odds
- Unlike normal shares, members cannot sell their CBS shares to other individuals; they are held for life and can only be repurchased by the company itself
- The written rules of the CBS will also specify the community purpose of the shop and what sort of local causes (eg Christmas lights, community events etc) we wish to fund with our financial surpluses.
- Members will need to meet, probably at least on an annual basis, to confirm the Management Committee who act on their behalf and to agree matters like the distribution of surplus funds including the lottery.
- Each member of the committee can serve a maximum of three years before needing to retire for at least a year, so the idea is that future committee members will step forward from the group of members that subscribe to the shares.

Further details will be circulated shortly.

**Annual Parish Meeting,  
Wednesday 3 April  
at 7:00 pm  
in the Village Hall**



## **PERRANARWORTHAL WI FEBRUARY MEETING FEBRUARY 2024**

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At our February meeting Helene Llewellyn from Kharaz Jewellery came to talk to us. Helene has the most wonderful expertise in ancient Egyptian jewellery and artefacts, and in Bedouin jewellery which she collects. We had the opportunity to look at many pieces from her collection which she passed around the audience as she spoke. These included many ancient Egyptian replica pieces which would have been worn by dignitaries and Pharaohs. We were able to examine beautifully decorated head dresses and necklaces and Helene described how gold decoration was more widely used than silver. By handling such replicas, we could begin to appreciate how heavy the collars and bracelets must have been to wear. Such is the price of great status! In addition to the replicas, Helene also had some ancient Egyptian ceramic beads which were amazing to see, considering their great age.

We all know of the famous tomb excavations in Egypt. Helene clarified that whilst many tombs have been discovered this constitutes just a fraction of what is actually there. Helen explained that the excavation of Tutankhamun's tomb in 1922 began the clear documentation of artefacts recovered from tombs and this practice continues today. An interesting fact was that following the excavation of a tomb a 'floor sweep' is done at the end and this is often where beads are found.

Helene visits Egypt often and collects Bedouin jewellery from the Aswan area which again we had the opportunity to see. These included tribal beads, ceramic beads, hand painted beads and those made from recycled glass. She passed around pieces of semi-precious jewellery made from amber, coral, agate, carnelian, turquoise and jasper. We also had the chance to handle some wooden prayer beads, embroidery work and beautiful beadwork in the form of a belt.

Helene's talk gave us the opportunity to consider the remarkable skill that goes into such craftsmanship and to wonder at the talent that is evident in today's jewellery but also that of ancient times. Do join us for more thought-provoking talks, friendship, tea, and cake! We're a friendly lot at Perranarworthal WI and always welcome new members.

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### **Perranarworthal Women's Institute invite you to: A COMMUNITY EVENT WITH WILL THE FALMOUTH PIRATE**



<https://www.falmouthuncovered.co.uk/>

on Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup> 7.15pm  
at the Perranwell Centre.

Please join us for an evening of fun and facts from Pirate Will. There will also be an opportunity to chat and enjoy some refreshments made with care by our WI members.

There will be a small entrance fee of £3 for all non-WI members.



**Perranarworthal W.I. invite you to  
THE SPRING FAYRE  
on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 10am to 12.30 at  
the Perranwell Centre.**

Call in for tea, cake and conversation  
and browse the items on our stalls.

There will be:

Crafts, plus second-hand books and jigsaws, unwanted gifts, and nearly new clothing. There will also be preloved jewellery and scarves, eco items and a cake stall with baking supplied by our talented WI members.

The ever-popular raffle will include some fantastic, goody filled hampers.  
See you there!

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**A TALK ON THE ARCHITECTURE,**

**HISTORY AND RESTORATIONS OF ST STYTHIANS PARISH CHURCH**

Canon Michael Warner, author of 'A Time To Build', which is a comprehensive review of Cornwall's Anglican Church buildings, will discuss the topic

*Stithians Parish Church; A working building through history.*



**WEDNESDAY 12th JUNE 2024 at 7 pm in Stithians church. Everyone welcome. Admission free. Donations will be accepted towards the upkeep of the church building, the outhouse, and the graveyards. Tea and coffee and light refreshments will be available for purchase in the church.**

**This talk was originally proposed for last year, but postponed due to illness.**

**Michael was the vicar here and Perranarworthal and Gwennap between 1983 and 1993. He took particular interest in the architecture of the churches and their restoration in the 19th century by J.P. St Aubyn.**

## HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO BE A TRAIN DRIVER?

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Virgin Experiences have teamed up with GWR to offer opportunities to drive a train on a real working railway line. How many old boys dreamed of being a train driver when they were eight years old. I certainly did.



The Maritime Line is being used as a trial for this scheme. Perranwell will be the embarkation point for this Experience. Virgin will be parking a booth with flags and helium balloons bearing the Virgin Logo in the station car park to host and oversee this innovation during early April.

During three weekends in April customers will be able to pay from between £75 and £95 to drive the Truro to Falmouth trains under the supervision of a qualified driver. You will need to be over 21 and have a clean driving licence as photo ID to be required to take part in this exciting scheme. People with a motorcycle licence only will be ineligible.

You will need to book a convenient date in advance at the booth before your adventure, At your booking you will also be required to sign a declaration of health. Eyesight requirements will be assumed adequate if you hold a driving licence. This is clearly quite important.

There will be photo opportunities for participants and a selection of GWR jackets and hats of varying sizes will be available to borrow. Family members will qualify for passenger railcard discount while Dad, Grandad, Granny or Mum drive the train. On request guest driver family members may also be able to help the train manager during the journey. Volunteers will be given a hat and a souvenir whistle for this.

For an extra £50 it will be possible to have a short souvenir drone film chasing the train with you in the driver's seat of the train driving as you approach PWS either over the viaduct from Truro or along the straight over Chapel Hill Bridge and over the Steppings.

You will be instructed how to drive the diesel two carriage train and will also be instructed in the use of the signalling token at the crossing point at Penryn if you choose the more expensive southern journey option.

As for insurance purposes this will be considered "training" whilst underway so it will be necessary to give two blasts on the hooter, rather than the customary one, whenever the train passes a bridge or crossing so it may be a bit noisier if you live in Greenwith Road on guest driver Saturdays and Sundays.

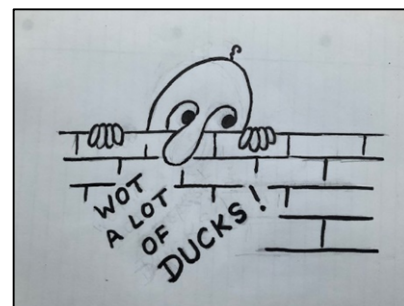
If this trial is successful, it may be tried on other branch lines throughout the rail network. I understand that Virgin Experiences are in provisional talks with LNER to consider something similar on the Carlisle – Settle Line.

There will be two Maritime Line driver-for-a-day journey options:

**Perranwell – Truro – Perranwell £75**

**Perranwell – Falmouth Docks- Perranwell £95.**

**See Front Cover.**





# THE PERRANWELL MEMORY CAFÉ

We meet in the Village Hall at 2.00pm on the Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month.

A group of willing volunteers run a very varied programme for our meetings, as you will see below, and we invite you to come along to join in, meet us and enjoy some tea and cakes.

## 2024

April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Keep Fit for us all with Karen
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	An outing to Trelissick
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Join in with the Red River Singers
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Pete Ward will instruct us with Soft Archery
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Laughter Yoga – sounds like fun!
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Games – now there's a challenge.
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	A Gentle Tai Chi experience



A couple of the above still have to be confirmed so watch this entry again next month.

For more details contact: Sue 07443 504128 - Mary 01872 865846 - Roe 01872 719076

## ST PIRAN'S CHURCH Annual Plant Sale

**Please come and help us celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



**Saturday 11 May 2024 10-12**  
**Perranarworthal Village Hall**



**Annuals Perennials Vegetables Shrubs**

**Coffee/Tea and Homemade cake**  
**Cake stall**

**Gardening Bric a Brac**  
**Raffle**

## **PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

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### **Barry West speaking on Dickens in Cornwall 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024**

On Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Feb Barry West gave us a talk on his research into the connection between Charles Dickens and Cornwall. Barry has appeared on TV in Rick Stein's Cornwall talking about this subject.



He says there is lots of evidence that Dickens visited Cornwall several times and that he used the landscape of Cornwall in his writing, especially in a Christmas Carol, published in 1843. In October 1842 Dickens had planned a visit to Cornwall and he asked a friend, Dr Southwood where was the most bleak and barren part of Cornwall he could visit and if he could go down a mine. It was suggested that he visit the coast around Land's End and Tintagel. On 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 1842 Dickens set out to travel to Cornwall returning on 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. He travelled by train from London to Exeter and then onwards in an open carriage with friends; two artists called Daniel Maclise and William Clarkson Stansfield and his biographer, John Forster. We know from letters published in the Dickensian Journal they visited St Michael's Mount, Tintagel, St Nectan's Glen and the Land's End area including the mine at Botallack as suggested by this quote from A Christmas Carol:

'What place is this?' asked Scrooge

'A place where miners live who labour in the bowels of the earth' returned the spirit.

Dickens as a social reformer took an interest in the living conditions of the miners, in particular the women and children, and we know he used his experiences to write about the conditions of the poor both to newspapers, with a view to influencing Parliament (e.g. mines and collieries Bill 1842), as well as in his stories.

Barry maintains that Jacob Marley is based on a Dr Miles Marley who was a doctor in London living near Dickens. He had published a book on childhood diseases which would have been of interest to Dickens in his work for social reform and Dickens had dined with him in London. A newspaper clipping suggested that they had a discussion about his unusual name and Dickens had said that by the end of the year the name Marley would be a household word. The Doctor moved to Cornwall to be near his son, Dr Henry Frederick Marley who lived near Padstow and also worked as a doctor. Dr Miles Marley died in 1854 in Port Isaac and was buried in St Endellion Church.

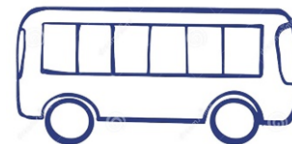
### **OUR NEXT EVENT IS:**

**AGM to be held at 7pm on Tues 7<sup>th</sup> May  
at the Perranwell Centre.**

This will be followed at 7.30pm by drinks and nibbles and a chance to look at the history of the **landmarks of our village**. This will be a discussion evening when people are invited to tell us about their own memories of the pub, shop(s), playing fields, school and churches over the years.

Bring any pictures too please.

## BUS INFORMATION FOR PERRANWELL



The timetable was revised as from 3rd September - here are the current times of buses going through the village.									
<b>Buses going towards TRURO</b>									
<u>Mondays - Saturdays</u>									
<b>36 from Stithians</b>									
Royal Oak	7.46	9.08	10.33	11.43	13.33	15.48	16.13	17.48	
P'well Rly Station +2 min						(hols)	(term)		
Truro bus station + 19 min									
<b>36A from Frogpool</b>									
P'well Rly Station	7.48	10.10	11.35	12.35	14.35	17.35			
Truro Bus station + 26 min									
<u>Sundays</u>									
36 Royal Oak	9.48	12.48	15.48						
Bus Station +29 Mins									
Truro Rly Station + 2 mins									
<b>Buses leaving TRURO</b>									
36 Truro bus Station	7.15	7.25	8.30	10.20	12.20	14.20	15.20	17.05	18.30
+19 min to Royal Oak	(term)	(hols)							
	<i>route then goes up School Hill towards Stithians</i>								
36A									
Truro	7.10	8.50	10.15	11.20	13.20	16.15	18.05		
+ 26 min to Chapel									
	<i>route then goes up Greenwith Hill towards Frogpool</i>								
<i>I have taken great care with this information, but it is always a good idea to check on the website before travelling</i>									

Finding information and understanding the buses is not easy. I have some additions though.

(1) The buses (36, 36A, 36S) leave from Truro bus station **stand C**.

(2) There are two "secret" stops:

"Chapel" (aka Chuckles Nursery), routes 36, 36A, 36S

"Greenwith Crescent" (corner of Greenwith Road and Greenwith Hill), routes 36A and 36S only.

These are real bus stops, they are listed on the online timetable, but there is no bus stop sign there. You just need to know.

(3) The 15:20 from Truro is a school bus, they only run on school days. There are actually TWO buses at 15:20, 36 and 36S (latter same route as 36A). Instead of starting from the bus station, they arrive at the bus station pre-filled with school children. As you can only fit one bus on stand C at the same time, whichever gets there first occupies stand C, and the other finds another free stand. This means you have to watch out and sometimes chase the bus around the bus station.

(4) For those living in Perranworthal, there is also the U1 Falmouth - Truro - Newquay which runs along the A39 every 30 minutes and stops at the Norway Inn and the bottom of Cove Hill.

**Jan Moore has been kindly supplying bus information for a while now. Chris Freel has recently sent this helpful additional information. Thankyou ladies both. MBG**



**DIRECTORY**  
**April 2024**

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	Trisha Willcocks	01872 864550	
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Carnon Downs Drama Group	Chris Breach	01872 862063	
Chess Truro/ Falmouth Chess Club	Robin Kneebone	07531 543651	<a href="mailto:chesscornwall@gmail.com">chesscornwall@gmail.com</a>
Choral Society Truro	Glynis Wadham- Smith		<a href="mailto:membership@trurochoral.org">membership@trurochoral.org</a>
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Defibrillator Training	Mark Gripper	07770 997778	<a href="mailto:markgripper@gmail.com">markgripper@gmail.com</a>
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Doctors Devoran		01872 562200	<a href="http://www.chacewatersurgery.co.uk">www.chacewatersurgery.co.uk</a>
Doctors Carnon Downs		01872 863221	
Football Club Contact	David Kemp	0797 1951201	<a href="mailto:k4mpy@btinternet.com">k4mpy@btinternet.com</a> < <a href="mailto:k4mpy@btinternet.com">k4mpy@btinternet.com</a> >
Football Clubhouse		01872 870202	
Friends of Perranarworthal School	Rosie Leach		<a href="mailto:fops@perran-ar-worthal.cornwall.sch.uk">fops@perran-ar-worthal.cornwall.sch.uk</a>
Keep Fit	Cathy Whitmore	01872 862040	
Kenwyn Valley Flower and Garden Club	Glennis Beard	01872 560609	, <a href="http://www.kenwynvalleyflowerclub.btck.co.uk/">http://www.kenwynvalleyflowerclub.btck.co.uk/</a>
Les Carrek Lace & Needlecraft Group	Janet Dale	01872 863033	
Memory Café	Sue Godfrey		
Methodist Chapel	Ann Towsey	01872 864300	<a href="mailto:anntowsey@hotmail.co.uk">anntowsey@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Parish Council Clerk	Tomas Hill	01872 865840	<a href="mailto:clerk@perranarworthalpc.org.uk">clerk@perranarworthalpc.org.uk</a>
Parish Council Website			<a href="http://www.perranarworthalpc.org.uk/">http://www.perranarworthalpc.org.uk/</a>
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Perranarworthal School	Mrs Rachael Heffer	01872 863004	
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Senior's Fitness	Karen Dowden	07967 087511	<a href="mailto:karen.dowden@btinternet.com">karen.dowden@btinternet.com</a>
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St Piran's Church Warden	Mr P Stuart	01872 278273	<a href="http://www.thewatersidechurches.com/">http://www.thewatersidechurches.com/</a>
St Piran's Church Warden	Mr D Simmons	01872 862066	
St Piran's Church Handbell Ringers	Janet Thomas	01872 862876	
St. Piran's Bellringing	Alun Thomas	01872 862876	
U3A	Mark Breach	01872 862063	<a href="mailto:mark.breach@yahoo.co.uk">mark.breach@yahoo.co.uk</a>
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Yoga for Relaxation	Deidre Mason	0209 613488	
Councillors Cornwall Council	Peter Williams	07833 439168	prgwilliams@cornwall.gov.uk
Member of Parliament	Cherilyn MackRory		
Zest For Life Fitness	Zoe Crouse	07721 004122	www.zestforlifefitness.com

If some of these entries are out of date please could updates or deletions please be sent to [markgripper@gmail.com](mailto:markgripper@gmail.com) so that appropriate amendments can be made.  
Thank you.

So. Apparently Julie Andrews will no longer be endorsing Rimmel Vibrant Shades lipstick, as she claims it breaks too easily and makes her breath smell  
In a statement she said:

"The super colour fragile lipstick gives me halitosis"



## GUIDANCE FOR ADVERTISERS 2024

**Perran News** is dependent on advertisers to keep going as a free village newspaper. We have a group of loyal advertisers to whom we are most grateful for support. Despite being an amateur production, most people feel that **Perran News** provides very effective good value local advertising.

**Perran News** is a non-profit making organization, whose staff is unpaid, and I would stress, again, are amateurs.

**These prices are changed for the first time since 2010.** These are the costs per issue for all adverts which do not require changing through the year or complicated artwork. There is a small pro-rata discount for all but 1/12 adverts for a full year. It still represents exceptional value for advertisers. (No Issue in September or January. 10 issues per year)

### 2023

1/12 A4 page	per issue	£6	per annum (10 issues)	£60
1/6 A4 page	per Issue	£12	per annum (10 issues)	£110
1/4 A4 page	per issue	£16	per annum (10 issues)	£150
1/2 A4 page	per issue	£32	per annum (10 issues)	£300
Whole A4 page	per issue	£64	per annum (10 issues)	£600

We are happy to advertise village organization events, public notices etc, which are one-off and noncommercial for free. However, it is too expensive to give free whole page advertising, so the size of adverts will be dependent on space and where they can be fitted in. We will always try and be reasonable and accommodating as far as space and time constraints allow. The compilers and advertising coordinator reserve the right to arbitrate on these matters; donations to **Perran News** in support of such advertising are always welcome.

Plain black and white line drawings reproduce best in **Perran News**. If you have a fancy graphic which will need scaling then a good quality proof artwork will be necessary, **Perran News** needs to be contacted to see what is workable with the printers. We do not have the resources to provide sophisticated graphic manipulation. Copies of newspaper adverts from other newspapers are impossible to reproduce well, and photographs, particularly if they are dark, are also often difficult to get a good reproduction. Anything submitted on other than white paper will give a muddy background appearance. If a poor original is sent for scanning, then it will look even worse when reproduced. The best way to submit an advert is as a .jpg file or .png or .tif file by email. These are then reproducible and scalable to fit easily. **Please could you also identify the graphic file and email with the name of the advertiser and the month.**

If time and extra work is required by the printers to accommodate particular desires of advertisers an additional charge will be levied to cover the costs. I suggest that all potential advertisers look at a recent issue of **Perran News** and see what looks good and what doesn't. The simple graphics with clear black type seem to be the most effective. They can be seen on line at [www.perrannews.org.uk](http://www.perrannews.org.uk)

**Perran News** people are listed in the directory.

Chris Lea is our treasurer and also our advertising coordinator. Chris can be contacted on [perrannewsads@gmail.com](mailto:perrannewsads@gmail.com) His phone number is

Cheques should be made payable to **Perran News** and sent to: Chris Lea,

The deadline for adverts is the 12th of the month preceding publication.  
If the advert is in .jpeg format and of appropriate proportions for the size required, we may allow a couple of days extra over the deadline and fit things in.

This however cannot be guaranteed, although we always do our best to help if we can.

Thank you.

Mark Gripper





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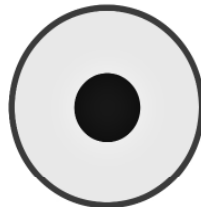
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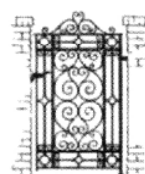


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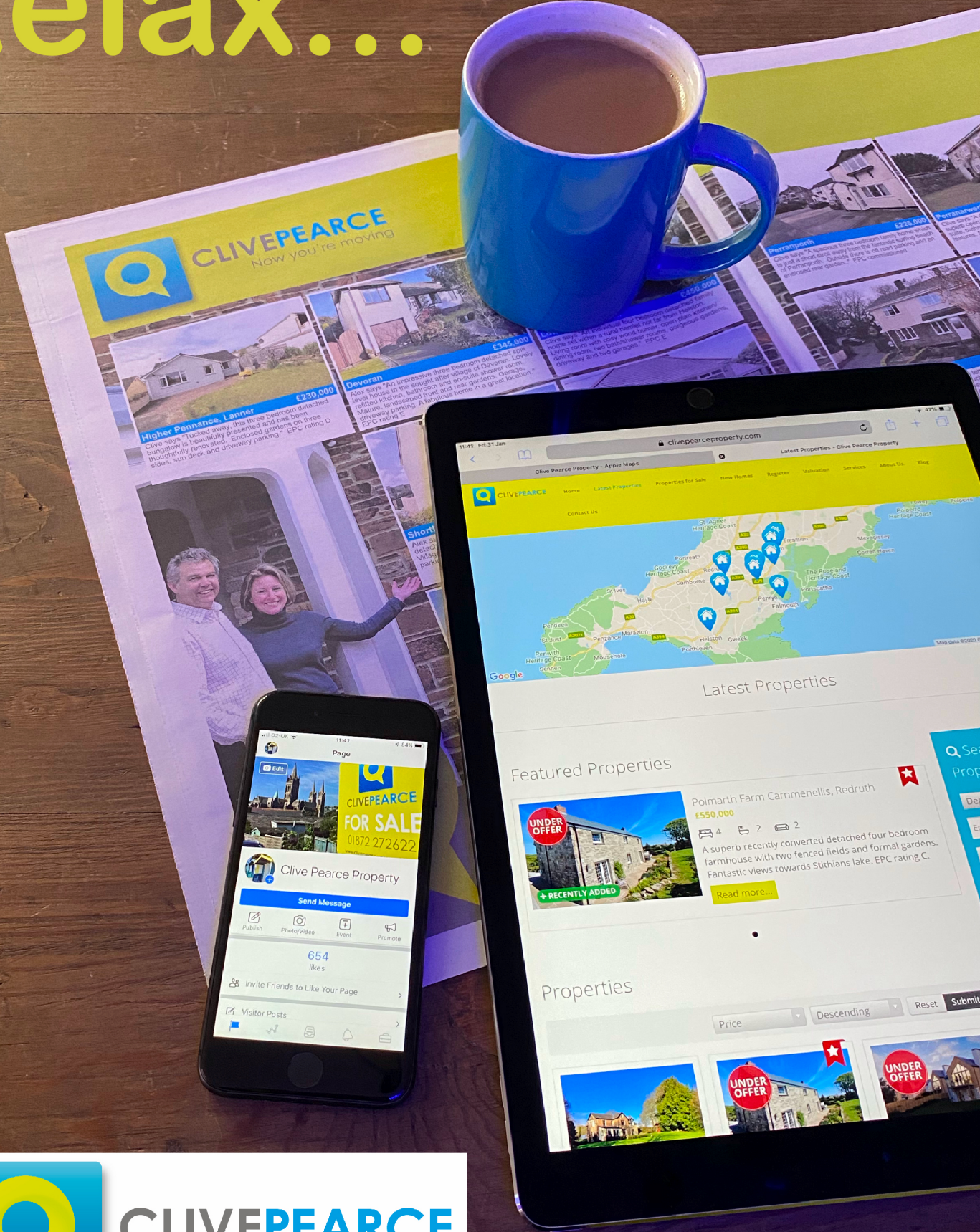
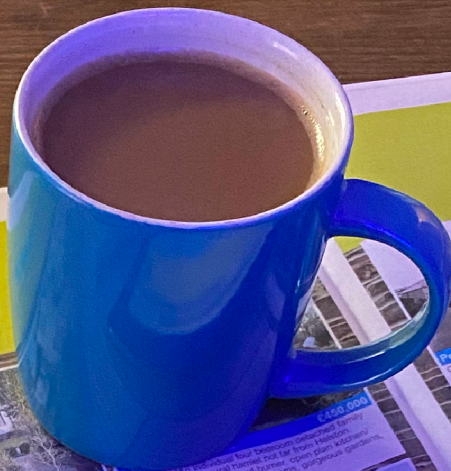
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