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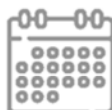
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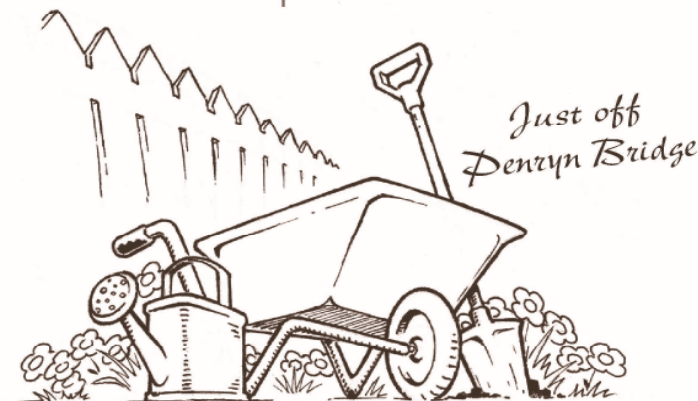


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The Community Shop will be open in its new home, or perhaps its true home, by the time you read this. There is a report of the story so far in this issue. Very well done to the team who are managing the project, and the army of volunteers who staff the shop during opening hours. A great job by everyone. Already in the village hall car park site, a good community social function has developed. I am sure this will go from strength to strength in the spacious interior of the refurbished building which offers a bright future. Many congratulations and thanks to all concerned in taking this on and seeing it through.

August is a double issue with no **Perran News** in September so next copy date is Sept 12th and the issue following this one will be at the beginning of October.

In this issue a book review and reflections on the reunion of the Gallagher brothers, and Oasis making their comeback. Most of the music legends of my youth are too old, or too dead to ever come back, sadly. Marianne Faithful and the Everly Brothers are some recent losses that spring to mind. However, The Stones, Paul McCartney and Rod Stewart can still do it in their eighties. Hooray. Also, a reader writes with some interesting ideas for future contributions.

I hope all readers will have a chance to enjoy a summer break without too much disruption by the caprice of the weather.

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Mark Gripper

"A ship carrying red paint collided with one carrying purple paint.
Both crews are thought to be marooned."

Ronnie Barker

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT: JUNE 2025

A warning, dear readers. This report does not just explain what your parish council can do for you. Rather, it asks what you can do for your community. Be prepared.



One of the hottest topics in the parish at the moment is **speeding**, which seems to be mentioned in one form or another at almost every meeting. Our local Speedwatch group, coordinated by Stuart Douglas, mounts frequent sessions and the good news is that the proportion of vehicles exceeding the speed limit (normally the 20mph limit) has been gradually declining. But that still leaves a significant number of drivers who do exceed the limit. Various culprits are identified, such as parents rushing to drop children off at school, commuters rushing home and drivers diverted through the village when the A39 is closed, although that usually occasions traffic jams that have an opposite effect to speeding. Whatever the motivation, speeding results in distress for pedestrians and occasionally accidents. The question is: what can be done about it? This was discussed at a recent meeting of the Community Liaison Working Group.

Although the police had been holding monthly surgeries in the village hall, the chairman had extended an invitation to the police to attend meetings of this working group to help ensure a good working relationship between the police and the parish council. The meeting was addressed by PCSO Mark Canvin (who was substituting for PC Helen Newton).

PCSO Canvin welcomed the opportunity for the police to work with the parish council. He said that the police were aware of speeding issues in the parish, especially on School Hill at drop-off and pick-up times. He explained that “hard measures”, such as police enforcement, detector vans, speed monitors and Speedwatch, if it had sufficient volunteers, were all part of the answer, although police resources to support such activities were extremely limited. The meeting was reminded that photo or video evidence of speeding drivers could also be submitted to the police via Operation Snap on the police website. However, the police also wanted to encourage the community to adopt a wider range of “soft measures” which had been shown to be equally effective at reducing speeding, if not more so. These included:

- large notices at the village perimeter advertising a “community pledge” to reduce traffic speed
- posters designed by schoolchildren enlarged as street signs and placed in prominent positions
- the placement of figures that might suggest to drivers that their behaviour was being observed, such as the use of life-size scarecrow police officers or lollipop ladies or other characters (being careful to ensure that highway visibility was not obstructed)
- even placing empty boxes painted yellow on poles which suggested that they might contain speed cameras.

In other words, rather than rely on the police, the community was being encouraged to take more responsibility to reduce speeding by changing the local culture. These suggestions were welcomed by the working group.

Following the meeting, I met the headteacher who agreed to explore ways in which the school might participate, particularly with posters and figures on School Hill. Further discussion will be held in the Highways & Public Rights of Way Working Group.

What can you do to help? Would you be willing to display a poster in your garden, especially if you live on one of the main roads (taking care, of course, not to obstruct highway visibility)? Would you be willing to construct and display a scarecrow or some other figure that might cause drivers just to think twice about speeding? Would you be willing to volunteer for the Speedwatch team so that they can operate more frequently? If you would be willing to do any of these things then either come along to the monthly meetings of the Highways & Public Rights of Way Working Group, drop an email to the Clerk or speak to any of the parish councillors. The message is clear: if you are concerned about speeding, then don't leave it to somebody else to do something. Get involved.

Another key issue is **Neighbourhood Watch** in the parish which has largely fallen into disuse. The local Neighbourhood Watch coordinator (Louisa Inch) was unable to continue in this role and had hoped that a replacement could be found. (Thank you, Louisa, for your work in the past on Neighbourhood Watch). Many of the

Neighbourhood Watch signs around the parish have been broken and regrettably indicate that Neighbourhood Watch is no longer taken seriously. The question is: should the local Neighbourhood Watch scheme be revived? The website for the Devon & Cornwall Community Watch Association explains that “Although Neighbourhood Watch is all about helping to cut crime and reducing the fear of crime, it's equally about helping to combat loneliness, caring for the more vulnerable members of our communities and improving the social atmosphere and our community spirit by bringing people together with a shared goal.”

At the recent meeting of the Community Liaison Working Group, PCSO Canvin advised that areas that publicized Neighbourhood Watch generally saw crime rates 50% lower than other areas. The main impact of Neighbourhood Watch was created by a high degree of visibility of Neighbourhood Watch signs and window stickers. Dog walkers were also very effective informal Neighbourhood Watch wardens. In other words, a large part of Neighbourhood Watch is provide reassurance to those who might feel most vulnerable. Now that suggests a clear overlap with the work of our own Emergency Planning Working Group which has put considerable effort into producing a list of vulnerable people in the parish, based on work initially undertaken during the Covid crisis of 2020.

If Neighbourhood Watch is to be revived then a new coordinator would be needed. The role is not very onerous but would mean acting as the focal point. So, again, the challenge is obvious: if you think that our local Neighbourhood Watch should be revived, would you be willing to volunteer as the coordinator? If so, then please either speak to one of the parish councillors or contact the Clerk.

Next, let's discuss bums or rather, where to put them – **benches and seats**. The parish council is keen to encourage walking as a way of promoting health and wellbeing, as well as helping to tackle climate change by reducing the use of motor vehicles for short journeys. However, walking is often made considerably more enjoyable by occasional stops either to catch one's breath or just enjoy the view. To assist this, the parish council is willing and able to provide more benches and stopping-off points. Personally, I'd like to see a seat at the war memorial which has recently been cleaned and refurbished so the lettering is clear, fresh gravel has been laid, planters have been added and decorations were added to commemorate VE day. Some figures of soldiers will soon be installed. Somewhere to sit, perhaps on a bench or even a rock, might encourage one to dally and reflect on past sacrifices. However, where are your favourite spots? It would be great to receive suggestions as to where seats might be best placed, especially along footpaths. Do you have any ideas? If so, please let the Clerk or any parish councillor know. So there you have it – three opportunities to contribute to your community. I shall look forward to seeing the responses.

As usual, members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of the council and its working groups. Look out for details on the noticeboards and website.

Colin Bridges, Chairman

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PERRANWELL STATION - WEATHER REPORT FOR JUNE 2025

Average daily maximum temperature:	20.2C
Maximum temperature for the month:	24.5C on 28th
Average daily minimum temperature:	13.6C
Minimum temperature for the month:	8.9C on 17th
Rainfall:	3.55 inches
"Rain Days" (at least 0.04inches):	11
Sunshine:	131 hours
Wind direction:	Westerly quarter



A Surprisingly Dull Month

The first half of June was cloudy, on the cool side, and wet. Apart from the third week, the cloudiness continued, however temperatures were higher for the rest of the month, so much so that overall they averaged 1.5C above normal. Despite the warm weather, sunshine hours were about a third lower than average for June, very disappointing.

Meanwhile, after a wet first half of the month, the second half was virtually dry with less than a third of an inch falling after the 14th.

Winds were predominantly from a westerly quarter.

Nationally, for the UK, it was the second warmest June on record.

How Weather influences the Property Market

A recently published book "100 Words for Rain" by Alex Johnson, contains many fascinating facts about the British weather. One relates to a three year survey carried out by a well-known conveyancing specialist which found that:

- 1) Rain has no effect on the number of house viewings or offers on properties.
- 2) First-time buyers are more active when temperatures are between 7-10C and 15-21C, i.e. not too hot and not too cold.
- 3) High temperatures encourage people to put their homes on the market, especially during July and August.

I wonder if the above holds true locally?

July Update

The weather has been dry so far, and temperatures have been on the up as we experience the hottest days of the year so far. We're not there yet, but it feels very much like we're experiencing drought conditions. Since February, overall rainfall has not been particularly low (albeit March and May were dry), however the rain has fallen in concentrated periods, with extended dry spells in between.

Mike Hands
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Services at St Piran's Church Perranarworthal,
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Sun 31 st Aug	10.00 am	Service of the Word.

Sun 7 th Sept	10.00 am –	Service of the Word.
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COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Hello all,

Cornwall Council business quieters down in August, but I'll still be around so please get in touch any time: cllr.ruth.gripper@cornwall.gov.uk

I've been enjoying getting stuck in to the new role - thank you to everyone who has been in touch. Whether it's planning, road safety, buses, abandoned vehicles, recycling (just some of the topics people have been in touch about!), I'm always happy to take these matters up for you. You can also report many issues directly to the Council online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something



While some issues are easily dealt with, others are more complicated – such as the flooding at Bissoe Bridge, which the parish council and affected residents have been plugging away at for some time. I joined a recent meeting of the working group and will do what I can to support their efforts to find a solution. Work has begun on the development of nine new affordable bungalows on Trewedna Lane. Some will be shared ownership and some will be social rent, but all are aimed at meeting the housing need for local people. The rented properties will be allocated through the Council's Homechoice register. There's a local connection requirement, so 'first dibs' will go to people connected to Perranwell parish who are in band A, then band B, and so on, and then it cascades out to neighbouring parishes. The shared ownership properties also have eligibility and local connection requirements - if you are interested in these please register with Coastline.

The Community Area Partnership has held its first meeting of the new term. This is a group which brings together neighbouring parishes from the Falmouth and Penryn area. Travel and transport, health and wellbeing and climate and environment were agreed as priorities in the initial discussion and the Perranwell reps had lots of ideas to contribute!

At a personal level, I am really pleased to have been nominated as co-chair of the Ageing Well Partnership Board – this brings together members of the public along with different public sector representatives to try and make sure Cornwall is a great place to get older. I will also be serving on the health and adult social care scrutiny committee – more on that in future columns I expect! And a highlight for me this week was visiting Cornwall Air Ambulance who have recently taken delivery of their new helicopter. It was a useful visit for all involved and really humbling and inspiring to get up close and hear directly from the team about the incredible work they do.

Full Council will have met by the time you read this – I am one of the supporters on a cross-party motion on the topic of abandoned boats. Over the past year or more volunteers have been working to highlight this issue and push practical solutions, and I hope the motion will receive support from all sides in the council chamber.

Finally, Safer Cornwall is keen to hear residents' views on crime and anti-social behaviour. The annual survey is open until the end of August so if you have any comments, please do take 10 minutes to share your views: <https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/safer-cornwall-have-your-say>

That's a bit of a mixed bag of topics, but such is the varied nature of life of a councillor! Do let me know if there's a particular topic you'd like me to cover in future columns. Until then, enjoy the summer.

Ruth

Ruth Gripper, Cornwall Councillor for Mylor, Perranarworthal and Ponsanooth



An Introduction to Cornish Crosses

Speaker: Andrew Langdon

Tues 23rd Sept 7.30pm at the Perranwell Centre

Andrew Langdon has been recording and researching the stone crosses of Cornwall, as well as medieval ecclesiastical monuments more generally, throughout his lifetime, beginning when he was still at school.

He has written extensively on the crosses including '*Ancient and High Crosses of Cornwall*' (an illustrated guide to 100 of the finest early Cornish stone crosses dating from around AD 900 to 1300). He also has much practical experience repairing and restoring stone crosses including the repair of Truro's High Cross after it was damaged by a road accident and left in pieces on the ground.



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A READER WRITES

I always enjoy the Perranwell News and you suggested that if I had any story ideas to send them, so here goes:

A large-scale map showing footpaths, opes and byways. Perhaps an advertiser could be persuaded to sponsor it. The map in the Parish Hall is very hard to read and the OS Landranger 204 map does not include our cobweb of local paths. It would be really useful if it showed where there are stiles or other impediments to those who might find the route challenging.



My second idea would be to feature a different local resident every month with a photo and a 250-300 word profile: "Meet...." It could be a good way of reaching out to a broad spectrum of the community, particularly if it avoided the usual suspects and sought out interesting residents from all corners of the socio-economic and age spectrum. It could have a tagline asking readers for suggestions.

I thought that moving some of the advertisers up to the front was a good idea. I found myself spending much more time reading each one and have even contacted a couple of them already.

That's my lot! If you don't like them or they're impractical, I won't be the slightest put out.
Wendy Lapidés

Thanks Wendy. Some interesting suggestions. I would welcome any opinion or contributions of items along the lines you suggest. MBG

PERRANWELL COMMUNITY STORES

MOVE BACK INTO THE OLD SHOP AND POST OFFICE BUILDING

Thanks to Jan Moore's fantastic efforts in making it happen, we have now relocated back to the old Post Office premises. The pre-fab building did its job due to the Parish Council's support, but we're now moving to a high-quality building with lots more space and a community area where customers can sit and chat (hopefully whilst enjoying takeaway coffees and cake slices!)



We are overjoyed that we have reached this point – far sooner than we had dared to hope when we set out on this adventure. This has been made possible by the dedication of all our volunteers, the support of our shareholders and the generosity of the new owner of the shop building. Perranwell Station can be very proud and we look forward to this exciting new chapter.

The new shop has everything that we stocked in the temporary one, including our very popular range of cakes and a new coffee machine. It also continues our commitment to quality local suppliers. Opening hours have remained the same.

One new development is encouraging more of our customers to switch to card payments which is less complex to manage and can ultimately save us costs despite the card fees.

Of course, it will still depend on residents using it as much as they can and we hope this new start will see even more locals choosing to shop with us (we think only about 20% of the Perranwell population buy from us). It is really essential if we are going to keep this venture viable well into the future. Similarly, we're always on the lookout for more volunteers.

We have planned an official launch event on 16th August for key stakeholders and the press.

Store standards Manager

We now have our first and only employee, Graeme McCallum, who's acting as our Store Standards Manager. The whole purpose of the role is to improve the consistency of our operation which is inevitably difficult with over 40 different volunteers. His initial focus is on making sure we:

- regularly rotate stock in a professional manner
- cut-up and handle cakes and pies in a consistent way
- keep the shop looking great
- adhere to legal requirements
- provide feedback from volunteers and customers back to the Management Committee



Balancing the need to support and encourage our wonderful volunteers and maintain standards is by no means an easy task. Helping Graeme meet this challenge will require support from all of us. In addition to this element, Graeme also completes a number of hours per week as an unpaid volunteer both serving in the shop and doing various other tasks which support the business.

Other People movements

We would like to say special thanks to Caroline Lawrence, Brett Nelson and Ian Halford who won't be leaving but will move to back-up roles, filling in when gaps arise. Their commitment, great work and fun they have all brought to the community has been greatly appreciated.

Products

Whilst we're a little late in doing so, we want to say a big thank you to Pryor's farm for supplying potatoes to the shop for free for a full year. Whilst we now have to pay for them, they're still a popular product and selling local produce remains a priority for us (even if its only a rounding error for Pryors!).

Please note that we're selling an absolutely wonderful book of poems and short stories written by 10-year-old children from Perranwell School and organised by Paul Stewart. All proceeds are going to charities selected by the children and the quality of the writing – covering what children think of us adults – is both impressive and surprising. A nice little gift for family and friends.

Financial Results

We have now completed our first full year of operations as a Community Benefit Society. Whilst the website contains full and detailed results, key points are as follows:

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Note that anybody can have read-only, real-time access to our finance system on request to the Management Committee and merely by providing an email address.

Kind regards from your Perranwell Community Stores Committee.



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been called Steve and Dave
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AN UNEXPECTED TURN IN AN UNDISTINGUISHED CRICKETING LIFE

A friend of mine who plays in the Cornwall Over 60's 2nd eleven blagged me in to playing, as they were a man short, and being the cricket tart I am I found it difficult to refuse, despite it being 45 overs per innings. I haven't played more than 20 overs for about 5 years.



<https://ccb.play-cricket.com/website/results/6795253>

This is the match I played in on Tuesday July 1st and this should show a link to the scorecard and more importantly the bowling figures.

A 0700 departure from Perranwell, in another player's car sitting beside a charming, but slightly dribbly Welsh collie dog in the back seat, since the front was occupied by another player. Nice chaps, good company, never met them, or the dog before. Doing between 75 and 85 most of the way on the A30 / M5 we were unsurprisingly first to arrive at Croesyceiliog CC. Cwmbran near Newport at 1100, 2 hours before the game started, despite stopping for half an hour at Taunton to stretch the dog's legs, and unstretch three mature gent's bladders. The pub adjoining the cricket ground was curiously named "The Upper Cock". Was this an omen for a mature Cornwall player's field of dreams?

Expectations were not high since Cricket Wales, the opposition, beat all the other south and south west counties at this age group by a comfortable margin as a rule. They did proper warmups before the match, which was a little intimidating, while my teammates gave reports on their various injuries. This was a sensible tactic in view of the extreme humidity, and I am sure our endeavours would have been the poorer for this unnecessary early waste of valuable energy.

The captain was given a simple task to win the toss and bat first in anticipation of our team not surviving the full 45 overs and enabling an early departure. He lost the toss, and we had to field. Much grumbling.

It was warm and humid, but it was mostly overcast, so it was just about tolerable, thank goodness.

The captain kindly, or possibly in desperation, asked me to bowl at about over 11. He clearly did not have a great selection of proper bowlers and those they had seemed to be limping from strains in the previous week's match in Wiltshire.

I was not expecting this. One of the opening batters was set with 25 runs. My run up is a single step, and I just try and bowl at the wickets at a good length. No spin, no swing, no clever stuff like that. In my third over the set batsman managed to let the ball hit a finger where there was no batting glove padding, so he had to take his glove off and shake his hand about a bit as serious players do. An apparently trivial injury.

However, three balls later, softened up, he missed a straight ball on his off stump and the bail came flying off with lights flashing and the stump also illuminated. First time I have ever played with IPL wickets. A truly magic moment for me, which also incidentally led my teammates to develop a naively extravagant view of my modest abilities.

I bowled 5 overs 1 wicket for 25 runs as you can see on the scorecard. The umpire gave favourable comment on my energy saving single step run up also which was nice.

Wales, sadly, went on to make 223 during the 3 hours we were fielding using all 45 overs. One gloomy member of the team had forecast 400 before the match, based on past experience, so it could have been a lot worse I suppose. We struggled to get 110 with me batting number 11 and being c&b for nought.

We had a good tea and everyone, including the opposition, were friendly and hospitable. I had a good day out.

My friend drove me home in a different car, which went nearly as fast as the morning trip, but there was no dog, and no dribble. Arrived home after a long day in Wales at 10.30pm. I was shovelled out of the car just able to stagger up the drive.

The Cornwall Over 60 second team at least has impressive mileage figures to away games averaging about 150 to 200 miles each way. Shame they don't seem to be able to match it in the run's column.

My fellow Cornish warriors were a delightful bunch, some of whom, like me, are also eligible to play in the over 70's. One of my more able teammates suggested I might like to join him in an over 70's match the day after next in Worcester, another 250 mile road trip. Another 500 miles on the M5. No thank you but kind of you to ask. What is it they say? "Old cricketers never die they only lose their bails"

I now have a rather belated County Cricket debut on my Sporting CV and I like to think it was also an International Match between two proud Celtic nations. Something, I would never have dreamed of in a month of Sundays, or Saturdays.

Sadly, if I want a team-cap I will need to play another 49 games and pay for it myself from the CCC merchandise website.

I fear I won't have sufficient years left to put the games in. Thanks for being so interested. I think all cricket clubs should have flashing lights in their bails.

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BOOK REVIEW GOES SUPERSONIC

I read "The Artist" last month by Lucy Steeds. New Fiction, available at Waterstones. I have neither the talent nor training to explain much about it, I will just say it was thoroughly enjoyable.

Brett Easton Ellis writes some brilliant synopsis of music in "American Psycho" but then he's really talented as well.

Oasis are back to rack my generation with nostalgia but I wasn't really bothered if they ever got back together or not, I just always just loved the positive vibes from the music since that first album in 1994. Definitely Maybe, the maybe theme ricocheting through the songs, why on earth would they be referred to as a second rate Beatles? Haircuts. I've always been a massive fan of both bands but it's pretty obvious which one is from a period of cultural upheaval and the other from cultural consistency. The upbeat nature of the music is a hallmark of both bands (save maybe Lennon and "Yer Blues") and they both exhibit the most non-sensical lyrics. Oasis have been pretty cool in so much as they have never pretended the lyrics mean anything whatsoever, Noel Gallagher has never tried to lash hidden meanings to his lines or said he was inspired by Chaucer. Even though "Look Back in Anger" is a play written by John Osbourne. Ahem. Citation needed.

"Times are hard when things have got no meaning, I've found a key upon the floor"

They always had the accusations of being "manufactured" as a band but it's just not true. Noel was often beaten by his father and sought solace in melody and Liam has swaggered his way from his teens to superstardom. He was genuinely arrogant enough to push the then unknown band into gigs by simply telling promoters "you need to let us play because we're ***** brilliant". Liam said he didn't have to change when he became famous, he didn't have to change for anybody, the song "Whatever" captures this ideology. It's perhaps audacious to say Liam's attitude was everything John Lennon wanted, I dunno, however Liam certainly enjoyed his fame and success whereas with Lennon one can strongly feel he didn't care whether he lived or died post 1964 and strongly resented having been forced into the suit and tie image. Obviously Lennon was far more creative but Liam would tell you himself that Lennon was a "***** god".

Local connections- much of Oasis debut album was recorded in Sawmills Studios in Fowey. Uncle Ted spoke to a pub landlord there who said the band would finish recording by pub opening time and be straight in to get smashed. Rock and Roll. Youth. They kinda look a bit haggard now for sure.

I used to wander round the village in 1996 with headphones on and tell Sally she could wait. "Supersonic" is probably my favourite song. "Whatever" is just b**** brilliant too. I don't think Oasis are anything like the Beatles, they are more like The Kinks. The Gallaghers just conjured some b***** anthems. They even made it in this village and the St. Tropez cap is hanging above the dormant coal stove.

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GOING ON THE STEAM TRAIN IN THE FIFTIES

In the middle of the fifties I can remember going on the train. Summers were good, it hardly ever rained. To the beach with mother, my brother and I would go at the end of July.

Falmouth beach, we went, it was a treat
The trains were kept nice and neat
We caught the train at Perranwell Station
To us it was like a vacation
We arrived at Falmouth Station

My brother and I moved without any anticipation
My mother came along with a packed lunch enough
for three
Followed by a large flask of tea

On the beach mother would get a deck -chair
She always loved the sea air
My brother and I rushed straight into the sea
It filled our hearts with joyous glee.

I was only five with a bucket and spade I filled it with
a sand.
I thought it was grand making sandcastles and

Playing in the small pools at Falmouth beach
We would have ice-creams they were a few pence
each

We had a ride on the donkeys on the beach,
Very enjoyable it was sixpence each.
Dad was working most of the time
He was not a beach man; he didn't really mind.

Dad worked hard for us to have some pleasure
I only wished he had a lot more leisure
To Perranwell Station we went at the end of the day
Getting off the train was easy, not like today.

The station in the fifties was kept pristine
The men worked together they had a good team
We arrived home all three and Mother got ready
dad's tea.

D. R. Oates

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Thank you.

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<u>Mondays - Saturdays</u>										
36 from Stithians										
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	Truro bus station + 19 min									
										* Saturdays & school holidays
36A from Frogpool										
	P'well Rly Station	7.48*	10.10	11.50	12.50	14.40	14.50*	17.41		
	Truro Bus station + 26 min									
36S	P'well Rly Station	7.48	15.59		(Mon-Fri term time)					
<u>Sundays</u>										
36	P'well Rly Station	9.51	12.51	15.51						This is the time shown - calls at Royal Oak about 3 mins earlier
Buses leaving TRURO Bus Station										
<u>Mondays - Saturdays</u>										
36		7.15	7.40*	8.45	10.20	12.20	14.20*	15.20	17.10*	18.30
	+19 min to Royal Oak									* Saturdays & school holidays only
										route then goes up School Hill towards Stithians
36A		7.10*	8.35	10.15	11.20	13.20	16.20	18.10		
	+ 26 min to Chapel Truro									route then goes up Greenwith Hill towards Frogpool
36S	railway station	7.05	15.20							
	(Mon-Fri term time)									
<u>Sundays</u>										
36	Royal Oak	10.28	13.28	16.28						
This timetable was last updated on 1st September 2024										
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