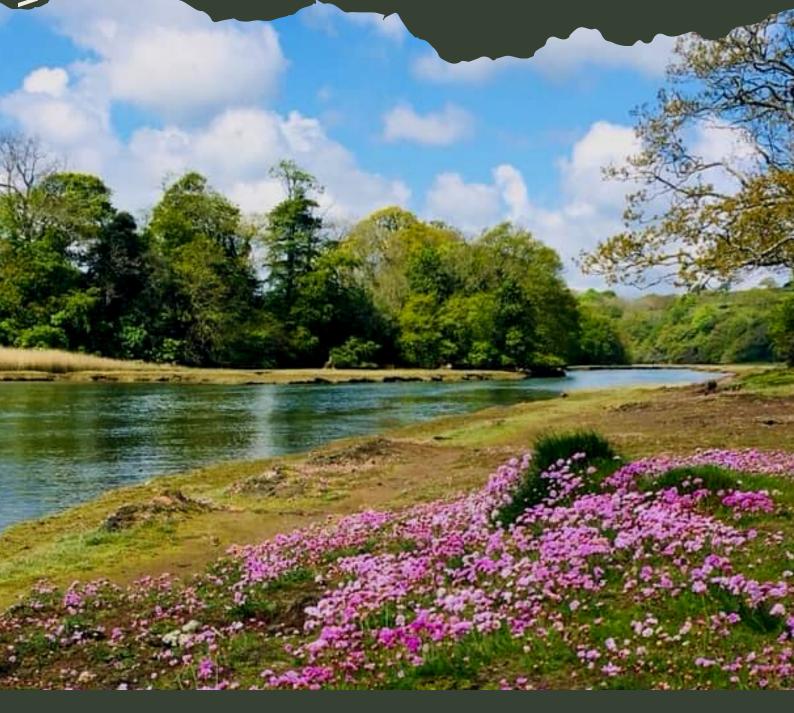
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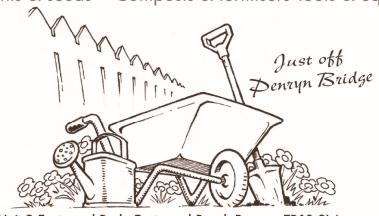






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EDITORIAL



A great summer cover this month showing the Perranarworthal creek as posted on the village Facebook page. The work of Kelly Bennett, our

cover editor, and Jacqueline Davey, for the photo. Thank you, ladies. Splendid cover.

As I write this, we are in a rare settled fine spell of weather which I hope will still be with us by the time you get to read the magazine. A marked contrast to the torrents of rain early in the month.

I would like to add my congratulations to the organisers of the two village events on Coronation Weekend. Both were well attended, and enjoyed by many. Particular admiration for the rescue operation for the concert on the Sunday which was a peak rain day in the early May deluge mentioned above. Great stuff organisers one and all. Thank you. Well done.

In this issue is a helpful detailed article on the history of the football club and a calm description of their hopes, which have been evoking some heated debate and concern in the community. Could I draw people's attention to the penultimate paragraph which clearly states: no stadium, no floodlights, no turnstiles, no fencing, are on their wish list, just a level playing field.

Also, in this issue a distinctive article by a former pupil recalling memories of a much-loved past headmaster of the village school.

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT: APRIL 2023

Although April was a tumultuous month for the parish council, it began quietly on 5 April with a meeting of the **Planning Committee**, followed by a meeting of the **Highways & Footpaths Working Group**. It was reported that the installation of average speed cameras on the



A39 had been a major success, but further work would be needed to improve traffic management through the village when the A39 was closed. Regrettably, the road at Bissoe Bridge would probably remain flooded as repair work to de-silt the river would be too expensive because of the high levels of contamination from local mines. Footpath maintenance for the new season was well under way, and footpath restoration would continue once a new contract had been agreed.

A playing field meeting was held on the 12 April. Cllr Snodgrass proposed that a discussion take place on perceived conflicts of interest as raised by the Charity Commission and to take measures to remove any identified conflicts of interest. The meeting decided not to support the proposal and as a consequence Cllr Snodgrass announced his resignation and left the meeting.

The meeting approved a resolution stating that "this council, in its role as the sole trustee of the playing field charity, understands, accepts and will not further dispute current legislation, guidance and advice in relation to the following: (a) that individual councillors are not themselves charity trustees, (b) that the duly elected chairman of the parish council is also, by virtue of their office, the chairman of the playing field charity and (c) that the council's standing orders and financial regulations govern the proceedings of the playing field charity, unless otherwise specifically countermanded by charity law."

The playing field meeting also passed an important resolution that "this charity should consider changing its structure as soon as possible to become a charitable incorporated organisation (foundation model) and should seek appropriate independent specialist legal advice to achieve this."

Cllr Voyce reported that it was cheaper to repair the existing flagpole than buy a new one, so it was agreed that up to £1,000 could be spent on repairs. New play equipment would be installed in June. Cllr Hirst believed that a toilet on the playing field was absolutely vital and it was agreed that the costs of a portable toilet should be brought to a future meeting. Cllr Hirst reported that the Easter egg hunt had been very popular and had raised £40.20.

The annual parish meeting, held on Thursday 20 April, was attended by the unprecedentedly high number of 81 parishioners. Those attending heard an account of the parish council's work in the past year and enjoyed a lengthy question-and-answer session. In between, everybody enjoyed refreshments provided by the WI, for which the parish council was very grateful. One of the key outcomes of the meeting was a proposal to establish a new parish council working group on the environment. It is expected that this will commence work later this summer.

The parish council met on 26 April. Several parishioners commented on recent events. Please see the minutes of the meeting on the website for further details.

The parish council decided to support the extended proposed traffic modification feasibility study to include the area opposite the Royal Oak at an additional cost of £3,500, payable by the parish council. The parish council also decided to spend a further £9,350 this year on footpath renovation, and agreed to support the proposed Coronation concert and to underwrite the event in the sum of £4,000. Parish council priorities for 2023-24 were also agreed.

The Emergency Planning Working Group met on 27 April. Further work was being undertaken on arranging training for the group, improving traffic management when the A39 was closed, preparing the parish's emergency plan, identifying issues to do with flooding and giving more publicity to the work of the group.

Cllr Davey announced her resignation from the parish council on 28 April, and on the same day Anna Pentecost, the clerk, gave notice of her intention to resign, with her last working day being 26 May. Shortly afterwards, Cllr Long confirmed that he had resigned, and Julie Tayler, the new assistant clerk, declared that she had resigned with immediate effect. This means that, at the time of writing, the parish council has vacancies for three new councillors and will need to recruit new staff. These matters will be addressed as soon as possible.

As usual, parishioners are encouraged to attend meetings of the council, its committees (except the staffing committee, whose business is confidential) and the various working groups. Further details can be found on the parish council's website: www.perranarworthalpc.org.uk Any comments on the work of the parish council will be welcomed.

Colin Bridges Chairman

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ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISH COUNCILLORS WITH THE PUBLIC

This is just a short note of thanks to the councillors who organized and participated in the village hall meeting on 20/4/23 to explain what was going on in the parish council. Having turned up largely out of curiosity (but also to eat the WI's cakes - which were very good btw), I found it informative rather than boring and appreciated the openness, transparency and willingness of these councillors to engage with the public.

Since this is the only event in the year dedicated to the council interacting with the public, hopefully more councillors will join their colleagues at the front next year. Demonstrating a willingness to face the people they represent and showing they're part of the team, I'm sure they too will receive equally generous applause for their efforts!

Thanks again and keep up the great work.

PH

PERRANWELL STATION - WEATHER REPORT FOR APRIL 2023

Average daily maximum temperature:

Maximum temperature for the month:

Average daily minimum temperature:

Minimum temperature for the month:

Rainfall:

Sunshine:

14.3C

21.0C on 30th

7.6C

1.0C on 7th

4.13 inches

140 hours

Wind direction: Westerly quarter/variable

Predominantly unsettled

There was a mixture of weather during April, with nearly double the long-term average rainfall in what is normally our driest month. There were no particularly cool/cold spells and temperatures reached the higher teens mid-month and towards the end, peaking at 21C on the 30th. Overall, daytime temperatures were around 1C above normal for the month. Sunshine totals, however, were down some 25% on normal, which made it feel that bit cooler.

Reservoir Levels

With South West Water's hosepipe ban is apparently likely to last for most of 2023, there are clearly still major concerns about how we would cope with another dry summer. Since last summer, our weather has been desperately trying to remedy the situation - apart from February, every month from last September onwards has had higher than average rainfall. In that period Perranwell has had some fifty inches of rain - 45% more than the long-term average.

Unsurprisingly, a recent check of SWW's website confirms that Stithians reservoir is 99.4% full, so one might ask "what is the problem?" I don't have a definitive answer to that, however I suspect it is to do with the relative capacities of Cornwall's reservoirs and their respective current levels. Stithians is, I believe, the second largest in the county with a capacity of some 5000 million litres. However, this is dwarfed by Colliford reservoir, near Bolventor on Bodmin Moor, with a capacity of 28540 million litres. Unfortunately, Colliford is at present only some 68% full, compared to 76% full at this time last year. One would have thought that the rainfall on Bodmin Moor would have been at least as high as at Perranwell, so presumably there are other factors affecting the level, including higher demand across Cornwall.

Mike Hands mdh51@btinternet.com

I have been told by a reasonably reliable source the problem may be that Stithians, College and Argall are all partly fed with water pumped from Colliford. This does not reduce the irony, on a day when 40mm of rain fell at Culdrose recently, I received a circular from SWW urging me to save every drop. Sadly, I did not have any large containers to hand. Perhaps SWW, rather than spend money on sending leaflets, could fix more leaks like the one beside Vanilla at the top of Old Carnon Hill which has been running for at least a week.

I am appalled that the CEO of SWW was offered a seven-figure annual bonus for her performance. She at least had the humility, or was it embarrassment, to refuse the offer. MBG

Services at St Piran's Church Perranarworthal June 2023.

Sun 4th June 10.00 am Communion Sun 11th June 8.30 am BCP Communion. 10.00 am Communion.

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Late Neolithic /Early Bronze Age flint arrowhead found near Carbis Bay

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Tasha studied Classical Art and Archaeology at Kings College London before joining the Portable Antiquities Scheme in 2021.

You are invited to take part in a Historical Items 'Roadshow'

Tasha would be interested to see any items you have come across and which may be of historic interest so please do bring them along and get her expert opinion.



Cast copper alloy domed thimble discovered in Luxulyan dating to the medieval period

THE PERRANWELL MEMORY CAFÉ

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

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2023

June 13th Music Therapy – Melanie Garside

June 27th Outing to Trelissick

July 11th Music and Movement – Karen Dowden

July 25th Music, Music, Music

August 8th Drums for Fun

August 22nd Picnic in the Park (weather permitting)

September 12th Tai Chi Kempo

September 26th Outing for tea at Linden Hey

October 10th In house HARVEST

October 24th Sunny Side Up – Ukulele Band

November 14th Music and Movement – Karen Dowden

November 27th Outing – to be confirmed

December 12th In house CHRISTMAS

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THANK YOU AND WELL DONE

A very big Thank You to the Perranwell Centre and the Parish Council for the two superb events that they organised to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III - the Tea Party on Saturday afternoon and the Concert on Monday evening.

It was a lovely chance for the village to come together to chat with old friends and meet new ones. A lot of hard work and planning must have gone on to make them so successful. The weather for the Coronation Concert was disappointing, in fact it was abysmal, but by hook or by crook every act was transferred to the Village Hall, and it was a most inspiring evening. The rain did stop, and we were able to enjoy the vintage organ playing outside during the intervals. Thank you so much to all who were involved in any way.

Mary and Derrick Painter

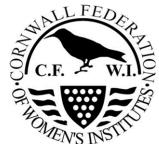
FROM THE CONCERT ORGANISERS

Thank you to our sponsors, stewards, suppliers, compere, performers and most importantly audience for helping to make the Coronation Concert such a success. Unfortunately, the weather was terrible and the Perranwell Centre came to our rescue, where we estimate 120 of us enjoyed a great night of Cornish music.

Diane and Peter

PERRANARWORTHAL W.I.

At the May meeting our newly elected President, Jan Ellery, presented a cheque for £1200 to Adele Igoe for the Women's Refuge in Truro. At the April meeting a cheque for £1200 had been presented to Judy Baccus from Hidden Help. The total from our charity fund raising events for 2022/23 was thus split equally between the two nominated charities and was much appreciated.



Rob Menary in his talk entitled 500 Miles to Santiago, told us about the reasons for setting off on this pilgrims' walk with his brother, not quite what he had

expected when he envisioned a one or two week walking holiday somewhere possibly in the UK. Perhaps leaving his brother to do the planning was a little too trusting. Rob had many anecdotes to keep us amused and whilst not focusing on the places they walked through (he pointed out that there are several documentaries that do this very well) he really brought alive the many characters he and his brother met on the way.

After tea, coffee and delicious cakes baked by the committee and following the usual business section, we sang the National anthem and toasted the King to round off the coronation celebrations of the weekend.

On13th June Mick Harrison will be enlightening us on the Cyber Project and on 11th July the National Coastwatch Institution will be the subject of Jim Jefferis's talk.

We enjoy welcoming any potential members to our monthly meetings when you would have the opportunity to experience a sociable atmosphere, make friends and join in with the various activities on offer. All meetings take place at the Perranwell Centre and start at 7:15pm on the second Tuesday of each month except August.



PERRANARWORTHAL CRICKET CLUB

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Sweet summer days...

We are delighted to announce the completion of our spring renovation work, just in the nick of time for the season to begin! The new pathway is superb, the pavilion is looking fresh and we are very happy to be open to our members and guests. Please do come for a visit.

We would like to sincerely thank all of our sponsors for this season: **Devoran Metals Ltd**, **Knights Media & Public Relations**, **Cornwall Vet Cardiology**, **Conroys Solicitors**, **Clive Pearce Property**, **On The Boards Truro**, **Biffa** and **Shield Environment**.

We are hugely grateful for their support, it enables us to provide the best facilities and playing environment we can. The clubhouse and ground are looking really smart and the players are very pleased to be wearing their new kit!

We would also like to extend our thanks to Perranarworthal Parish Council for their approval of our recent grant application. With the funds received we look forward to installing new outdoor seating

ASAP. We welcome the councillors, and of course our community, to come and enjoy an afternoon in the sunshine with us.

May was a very busy month socially, we hope you all got to enjoy your favourite bits of the spring bank holidays. With the club in full swing now, all our attention is on the cricket. We hope the weather will bless us with lots more bright evenings and weekends throughout June, and that you might join us along the way to enjoy the best of what such days have to offer...

Home dates for the Diary:

Day & Date	Match type	Team	Opposition	Start time
Sat 3 Jun	Div 3	1 st XI	Gerrans	13:30
Sun 4 Jun	Div 6	3 rd XI	Perranporth	13:30
Sat 10 Jun	Div 4	2 nd XI	Perranporth	13:30
Wed 14 Jun	T20	U13's	Redruth	18:00
Sat 17 Jun	Div 4	2 nd XI	St Newlyn East	13:30
Wed 21 Jun	T20	Evening League	Mt Hawke	18:00
Sat 24 Jun	Div 3	1 st XI	Barripper	13:30
Wed 28 Jun	T20	Evening League	Redruth	18:00
Sat 1 July	Div 4	2 nd XI	Stithians	13:30
Sat 8July	Div 3	1 st XI	Gulval	13:30

<u>Seniors report:</u> Sadly the first two weekends of the season were a total wash out, but at the third time of trying we got to take to the field. The first few games have been damp underfoot but high in spirits, with all three teams enjoying early victories. It is brilliant to finally be competing again, and performances so far suggest we have a lot to look forward to!

Senior training is on Thursday nights from 6.30pm.

<u>Juniors report:</u> Our U13's enjoyed their first outdoor training session, with a good dozen in attendance, and have also started their competitive season with a victory in their first match! We look forward to seeing our U13's playing more competitive matches this summer, please come along and support them if you can. There are some great young talents emerging and we look forward to seeing many of them step up to playing open age cricket as the season progresses.

All stars and Dynamos have also started up and parents, children and coaches alike are delighted to be enjoying the buzz of a Friday night again!

If you would like to know more about the club, it's activities or how to get involved in any way please get in touch.

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HENRY AND THE HOBBIT; CHILD OF PIRAN

1993. Henry Richards in his last year at Perran-ar-Worthal school. Summer light, Cow Parsley towers and Sycamores sway lazy. Headmaster Davey graciously shielding accusations of favouring children from wealthier backgrounds who were destined to head to private school. Hindsight, Henry would only see fairness and equality. Mr Davey would forever be a very favourable influence. Davey told Henry he could perhaps use more punctuation, but Henry just said maybe the readers not reading it right if they feel that way. For Mr Davey, Henry was perhaps like a pile of random jigsaw pieces thrown on his desk that never had a hope of fitting together, but Mr Davey would nevertheless muse over and attempt to arrange what lay before him. Everyman perhaps. Henry's father drove scaffold lorries at the local yard. Henry loved stacking scaffolding. For various homework Henry handed in detailed accounts of T.E Lawrence -chapter 16 in part 3 of "The Mint"- and Franz Kafka quotes which his father had helped him with, lines from Shelley and Keats. Milton. No eccentricities from his father. Just the natural order of things. Henry had no interest in mathematics. Whenever sums were set before him his skulls circuitry switched to the glassy eyed stare. It wasn't the maths, just the numbers themselves didn't make any sense.

Headmaster Davey read The Fate of Jeremy Visick to an attentive class. Mystery, reality questionable, Davey of the spirits. When Henry had the inevitable 'one to one' with Davey, Henry explained he had recently read The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings and was thoroughly enraptured. Very much an outdoor child, Tolkien's Norse inspirations fitted snugly to the Henry days. Beauty and hauntings. Davey seemed impressed that these were read without scholarly provocation.

Henry loved the scene from The Hobbit where a lost and tired Bilbo roamed Mirkwood at night. Bilbo saw bright lights, heard music, saw an elvish feast. He walks toward it, enters the circle of joviality only for the lights to go out and the party disappear. Seconds later the elvish feast springs up a hundred yards away and again the lights go out as soon as Bilbo steps foot into the clearing. In later life Henry would cherish this part of the book even more as it hadn't been included in the films. The visuals could only be conjured by imagination, no Hollywood filter, same as the actions of Old Man Willow.

For Henry in 1993 this was great but whether by some dusking and dawning of the soul or some other coaxial adjustments of maturity he wandered through the marshy woodland with a mind full of girls faces, shapes of their lips, colours, textures of skin on their necks, the curvature of girls' eyelids. Shapes, wanta forever fracture- the underwear he had stolen glances of, arousal of Henry as he climbed the lower branches of a willow and tipped his head back, a private euphoria, clouds sweeping beneath the sun, alien bodies beyond the horizon harvesting cirrus, Henry's body, mind, the world about him and the universe above gifting a spasm of unity. Love and laughter or dirt and death at the mercy of flailing winds for Henry Richards, Child of Piran, a driven a living a getting a setting for look to dog and a Camelia bloom for a room of a tune on a loom with a broom. Soon.

John Mitchell

CALENDAR PACK TABLETS

I daresay more than a few of *Perran News* readers take daily medication from a blister pack marked with the days of the week. A great modern innovation which tells you whether you took your tablet (s) before breakfast when you thought, or whether you were remembering from yesterday and haven't taken it at all yet today. Excellent.

There is one slight drawback to this scheme: on the occasional day you forget altogether, which is easily done, your concept of which day of the week today is gets completely scrambled. Hmm.

THE LONGEST DAY UP – LANDS END TO JOHN O'GROATS BY MOTORBIKE IN 24 HOURS.

At first light on the morning of the 21st of June myself and thirty other unfit, ill disciplined & foolish motorcyclists will set off from Land's End with the intention of seeing the sunrise 24 hours later in the far north of Scotland.

This undertaking is raising money on behalf of Cancer Research and the challenge of this ride is twofold. The route is thoroughly convoluted involving no motorways but at least one ferry crossing north of Glasgow, the second is that the motorbikes we will be riding



and probably on occasion pushing must have been purchased and made road legal for less than £600. That amount doesn't get you much these days, think anywhere from "part finished project" to "hasn't run for 6 years" or even "kept in the sea since 2016".

The LDU challenge is raising money for Cancer Research UK. The idea started when a member of the motorbike forum I'm part of was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer and we wished to show him some support. He wanted to complete the ride, but unfortunately he was too unwell to take part when the day arrived. This is the tenth year of running the Longest Day Up challenge I'll be completing the challenge on Kawasaki GPZ 500s that the last 20 years has not been kind to. I've spent the past month trying to undo the ravages of time and the questionable choices that previous owners have made regarding it's upkeep. Some of those poor choices have involved woodscrews!

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I've been assisted at times with help from the kind mechanics at Perranwell Garage and over in Lanner at

Cornwall Kawasaki, which I'm very grateful for. I've not managed much more than a couple of trips around the village, although the bike is currently road legal it's certainly not running very well at all, but I've still got time and I *will* make it.

I've cycled from end to end once before a decade ago, that time in memory of my brother who was killed in Afghanistan, but this will be a very different kind of challenge. I've little love of riding a motorbike for more than a few hours, I much prefer racing on circuits to the difficulties of long distance touring and navigating, this will probably require much more mental fortitude!

To read about my efforts getting the bike ready, updates & possibly tears on the day or to donate please see my blog or the Cancer Research fundraising page. Well wishers and donations gratefully received, plus early risers are very much encouraged to wave from the Redruth A30 overpass around half four in the morning.

My blog is at: spikesldu.blogspot.com

And the Cancer Research page is at: fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/spikesldu

Spike Downing, Chyvogue Lane, Perranwell.

PERRANWELL FOOTBALL CLUB

Due to recent events, some of the community will be aware of the proposals from Perranwell Football Club to level the playing field. Those of the community who use social media will be well informed of the reasons behind the proposals. However, we are aware a large part of the community does not use or have access to social media platforms and thus the club felt it would be beneficial to share our predicament with the people of Perranwell through this newsletter. We feel it is important to be open about



our ambitions and to give some context to us as a club for anyone not aware of our situation or who are new to the village.

Perranwell FC was formed in 1885 and has played in the village since this time. The club had always played successfully in local leagues until 1974 when the clubs First Team entered the Cornwall Combination League. During the clubs first season in this league, they finished in third place and followed this up with a second-place finish in the 75/76 season. In the 76/77 season the club went one better, winning the league for the first time, pipping St Just and Marazion to the title. The club continued to be one of the most successful sides within the Cornwall Combination League, regularly finishing at the top end of the table. League Cup wins came in the 92/93 and 93/94 season. The club again won the league in the 96/97 season and followed this in the 97/98 season by winning the treble which included the League, League Cup and Evely Cup. During the same season, the club was also invited into the Cornwall Charity Cup along with sides from the South Western League. They reached the final, knocking out the top South Western League sides of Truro City, Bodmin Town and Torpoint Athletic. In doing so they proved themselves to be one of the top sides in the County at the time. Perranwell lost 2-1 in the final against a strong Porthleven team who had previously reached the quarter finals of the FA Vase. Success followed in the seasons to come with another League Cup win 2010/11 season as well as several high placed finishes in the league.

Perranwell FC has always been a focal point for many within the community. It is volunteer led with a passionate committee which includes members who have grown up in and around the village. It has always been seen as a friendly, family orientated club where everyone is made welcome. These ethics along with sustained success has made it well known to anyone involved with Cornish football. It is arguably the most successful village side in Cornwall. To achieve and sustain this this has taken much hard work and dedication from those involved with the club. Notably, Dave Fisher who many from the village will know had been First Team Manager from the 1970's until 2012. Dave was one of the best and most recognised Managers in the County. His commitment and loyalty with the club without doubt contributed to the club being where it is today.

Due to Perranwell's reputation in Cornish football, many of the county's top players have played for the club at some point during their career. There are not many clubs within Cornwall who have developed players who have moved into the professional game. Perranwell FC have been one of the few exceptions to this when in 1995 they signed a 16-year-old player named Martin Gritton who had not been given a chance at other local clubs. Gritton flourished at Perranwell under the guidance of Dave Fisher and within 3 years had signed for Plymouth Argyle. In September 1999, Gritton made his full debut for Argyle, scoring a brace against Brighton and Hove Albion. He went on to make over 300 football league appearances, scoring 66 goals playing for clubs including Torquay, Grimsby, Lincoln, Macclesfield and Chesterfield. Martin has always remembered the club which gave him a chance and whenever he's back in Cornwall comes along to offer his support, most recently in March where he spectated a Reserve Team game in the village.

In 2018 the National Football Association recognised that Cornwall did not run a Regional National Feeder League (NFL) which forms Step 7 of the Football League Structure. This level of football had been formed around the Country to give clubs a gateway to move up through the Football League pyramid should that be their ambition. Due to the absence of this type of League in the County, the Cornwall Combination League were approached by the Cornwall FA and asked if they would be willing to run as National Feeder League. With this came criteria for the running of the league such as electronic player registrations and using the FA's Fulltime system for recording results and statistics. As a result, the committee of the Cornwall Combination League declined the request.

Left with no alternative and the need for Cornwall to have a NFL, the County FA went about introducing a new league which was named the St Piran League. Every club from the Cornwall Combination League applied to become part of this newly formed league including Perranwell FC. Like all other clubs who had applied, Perranwell FC had worked hard to maintain the level of football they had played for the previous 50 years and were keen not to take a backward step. With the formation of the St Piran League came national ground grading criteria, one of which was to have a pitch with a level playing surface. Due to Perranwell FC's history, the St Piran League were keen to have the club as a founding member. As a result, they were willing to give the club a period of dispensation to enter the league despite the pitch failing the ground grading due the slope which runs across the playing area.

The Football Association made it clear to Perranwell FC that funding would be available to make necessary ground improvements to pass the ground grading for the NFL. Subsequently, in 2018 committee members from Perranwell FC went to the Parish Council to explain their situation and to seek co-operation with their plight in levelling the playing field. Since this time, a minority of councillors have been unsympathetic towards our predicament. Since 2018, Parish Council and Playing Field Committee meetings have been attended on a regular basis by Football Club members in an attempt for Councillors to hear our case with an open mind. The hope of the club has always been that the Parish Council would offer their support in a joint venture which would help us secure both the permission and funding to level the field. The Football Club have always worked with the community with regards to the use of the field and views the levelling of it as a benefit to all its users. The Football Club have the backing of all stakeholders including the school who have attended meetings and spoken of their support. Despite this, several councillors have been unreceptive and until recently no advancements had been made.

As a result of our lack of progress in making the pitch improvements, at the start of the 2021/22 season the Clubs First Team were forced into changing venues. Had the move not been taken the club would have been ejected from the St Piran League. Subsequently, Perranwell 1st X1 have entered a groundshare arrangement with Truro City FC where home fixtures are now played at the Truro College owned Tregye ground in Carnon Downs. With this comes additional costs due to the hire of the pitch and its facilities. Match day income, the lifeblood of the club has significantly reduced due to less spectators attending and our clubhouse not having the benefit of away teams and supporters using it after games. This is financially crippling the club and without the backing of some generous sponsors from local businesses the football club is in a precarious position.

Since the election of Councillor Colin Bridges as Chairman of the Parish Council, it has been evident that he has worked extremely hard to bring more governance structure to how the Parish Council runs. With this has come renewed hope that the football club will be able to work jointly with the Parish Council. Not only will a level playing field benefit the Football Club, but all who use it. As a club we have watched our competitors in neighbouring locations grow and develop with the backing of their local councils and community who have been quick to see the benefits this type of project can bring.

Recent Parish Council meetings have exposed an appetite from the community to support our plans. The club has sourced £7000 of funding through a local company for a survey and feasibility study of the playing field. This was discussed at the latest Playing Field Committee meeting where councillors voted in favour of allowing the survey to take place. The survey and feasibility study will help us investigate ways of levelling the field to the required standard whilst causing the least disturbance, but also providing a facility which can be enjoyed by everyone who uses the area and for generations to come.

Going forward, our reserve team will continue to play in the village. They will be joined next season by hopefully an under 13's and under 14's team. The aim of the first team is to return to the village as soon as possible.

We are aware that several rumours have spread within the community about our aims with the field. To confirm, all we need is a level playing field. We do not require stadiums, pitch barriers, floodlights, or a turnstile entrance. These requirements are needed for the league above us. We have no ambition to get promoted to the next league as it goes into the realms of being semi professional with all clubs paying players expenses. We have always been realistic about who we are as a club, providing sport to as many people as possible whilst being friendly and inclusive. For the future of the club, its vital that its senior team again play within the community where it belongs.

If anyone wants to get involved with the club in any shape or form, please get in touch via the club Facebook page. We'd love to hear from you. Our fixtures are always published on our Facebook page so if you fancy watching a game of local football, we always welcome any support.

Phil Rees Perranwell Football Club

MYLOR BRIDGE BOWLING CLUB

How grateful we were for the sunshine on our day of Coronation celebrations. Red, white and blue being the order of the day saw our usual bowlers whites replaced by a wonderful array of colourful outfits. Lucie Sulch stole the show and the title of "Best Dressed" in her very regal outfit.

The afternoon commenced with a Spider: the jack is placed in the centre of the green. Bowlers take their places around the perimeter and, on the whistle, all bowl in unison towards the jack. The nearest is the winner – Chris Lane in this particular instance.

The bowls drive then began and saw the green filled with happy, colourful bowlers intent on having a fun, though competitive, afternoon. This was certainly achieved and the sight was glorious to behold. The award for highest scoring man went to Ron Weatherhead and highest scoring lady to June Commerford.

A barbeque followed and saw all tucking into much-earned hot dogs and beef burgers (purchased, naturally from our village butcher!).

Finally musical entertainment was performed by Two's Company (Yvonne and Louise Sancto) and soloist Andy Lobb. A superb way to round off our Coronation Celebration. Long live the King!

join Should you wish to US, or iust find out more, please visit the website www.mylorbridgebowlingclub.co.uk for details. A warm welcome awaits.

Elaine Beckton



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Perranwell Centre Annual General Meeting

will be held on

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If some of these entries are out of date please could updates or deletions please be sent to markgripper@gmail.com so that appropriate amendments can be made.

Thank you.

The new bus timetable is not easy to read, so here is a chart of the buses that go through the village - which may make things clearer

(From experience, the drivers on the old 46 route were happy to stop anywhere safe on their route)

	Buses going towards TRI	JRO										
Route 36	from Stithians											
	Royal Oak	7.36	07.41	09.08	10.33	11.48	13.43	15.33	16.05	17.00	17.48	
	P'well Rly Station +2 min	(term)	(hols)					(hols)	(term)			
	Truro bus station + 19 min											
Route 36A	l A from Frogpool						36S	36				
	Perranwell Rly Station	07.48	09.35	11.35	12.35	14.25	15.34	15.35				
	Truro Bus station + 26 min											
	Buses leaving TRURO											
Route 36	Truro	07.15	07.25	08.35	10.3	12.15	14.15	14.25	15.20	17.05	18.05	18.30
	+19 min to Royal Oak	(term)	(hols)				(term)	(hols)	(term)			
	route then goes up Schoold Hill towards Stithians											
Route 36A	Truro	07.15	07.10	08.55	10.55	11.30	13.15	15.20	16.05	18.05		
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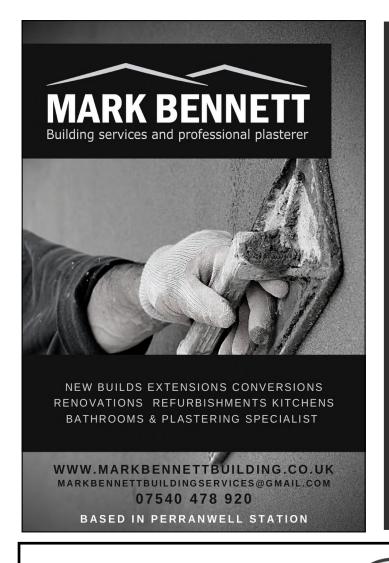
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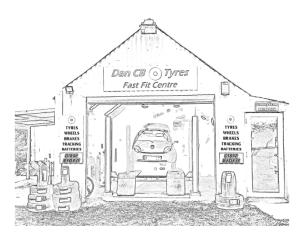
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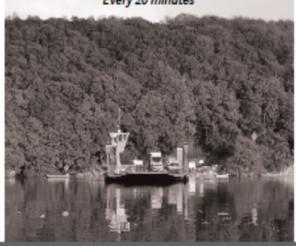
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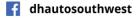
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