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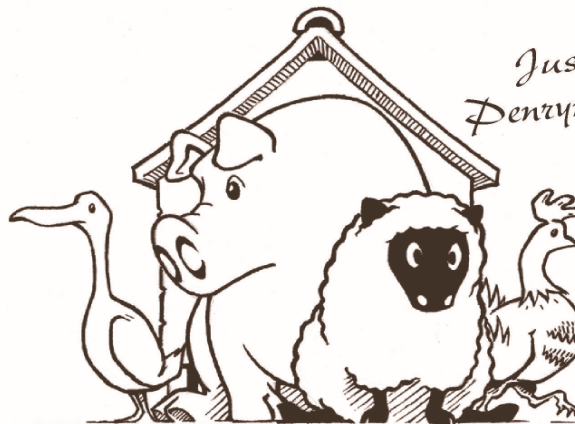
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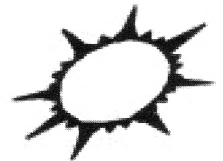
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Thank you for the positive comments about the 2023 cover style. I have passed them on to Kelly, our new "cover girl". The 2023 new look continues.

Thank you also to the people who have offered to take over magazine distribution from Shirley. Welcome to the **Perran News** family. We now have a new distributor and a deputy.

Congratulations to Stuart Douglas and the Speedwatch Team. Thanks to Stuart's leadership and dogged determination to maximise the safety of the busy A39 in our parish there are now average speed cameras for the Norway section through Perranarworthal. Following the success of the Tregolls Road cameras in Truro these should be a powerful encouragement to local motorists to go carefully through Perranarworthal. By slowing the traffic here, it also seems to reduce the congestion at the Devoran roundabout going towards Truro, and the Treluswell queue going to Falmouth. Imposing pieces of street furniture, I think they could be informally named "Taggart's Towers".

Also in this issue a reader makes personal observations about street furniture in the village.

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## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT: JANUARY 2023

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The normal programme of parish council meetings resumed after the Christmas and New Year break. Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings of the parish council, its committees and working groups, except a few that are identified as 'confidential', such as staffing committee meetings.



**The Planning Committee** met on 4 January, but it was a very short meeting with only two applications to consider. As mentioned previously, the detail and outcome of all planning applications can be found on Cornwall Council's website.

**The Staffing Committee** met on 10 January. The main item of business was consideration of applications for the new post of assistant clerk. It was decided to extend the closing date for applications. Although this would lengthen the timetable, it was anticipated that the selection process will have been completed by the end of February.

**A Playing Field Meeting** was held on 11 January. Although the chairman had indicated that, under the current governance arrangements for the playing field charity, they were inadmissible, proposals were passed that the chairman "should stand down" and Cllr Long "should take the chair" of the meeting. It was agreed that further discussion of the governance arrangements of the playing field charity would take place at future meetings. In response to the requirements of the Charity Commission, the clerk gave a presentation on the main points of the Charity Commission's guidance on the duties of a trustee and dealing with conflicts of interest. It was hoped that, once the Charity Commission had been informed that this had been completed, it would conclude matters arising from the complaint made to the Charity Commission in 2021.

Following a report by the maintenance working group, it was agreed that the clerk would write to the local football association to complain about swearing during football matches, a reminder notice should be erected that no dogs were allowed on the playing field, and the flagpole should be repaired. It was also agreed that ownership of the playing field should be registered with the Land Registry, which it never had been, and that a tree safety survey should be regularly undertaken.

Following the success of Santa's visit to the playing field at Christmas (thanks to Cllrs Hirst, Davey, Voyce and Snodgrass), it was agreed to organise an Easter bonnet competition and Easter egg hunt – look out for the posters. £48,000 from the Community Infrastructure Levy had been secured to enable the installation of the next stage of the play equipment (thanks to Cllrs Voyce and Davey for their work on this).

**The Highways & Footpaths Working Group** met on 18 January. On highways, it was reported that work had begun on the installation of average speed cameras on the A39 through Perranarworthal, and Cornwall Council had agreed to consult parishioners on a scheme to improve traffic flow through Perranwell. Public consultation will follow. A local resident expressed great concern about the flooding at Bissoe Bridge that had prevented access by emergency vehicles. Responsibility for tackling the flooding seemed to lay somewhere between Cornwall Council and the Environment Agency, but it was hoped the situation could be rapidly improved.

On footpaths, great progress had been made on resurfacing many paths, and work on the remaining paths would be undertaken later this year. A new parish map had been prepared with footpaths clearly marked and would be distributed to all residents of the parish with Perran News. Negotiations were continuing with our contractors for all aspects of footpath maintenance.

**A full parish council meeting** was held on 25 January. Councillor John Symons, chairman of Mylor Parish Council, was welcomed as a visitor. During the time for public participation, residents of Tanners Lane reported that they had received an invitation to join a local network, but were advised that this was probably a scam.

Cllr Williams (the ward member on Cornwall Council) noted that work on the virtual pavement on the bridge in Perranwell had been completed, whereas the work to reduce flooding at Bissoe Bridge had stalled. Public

consultation was under way in relation to implementing double yellow lines on Cove Hill.

On highways and footpaths, the council agreed to support the introduction of double yellow lines at the foot of Cove Hill, assess the build-up of silt under the bridge and, if required, arrange for it to be removed, appoint Mark Woolcock to cut the parish's footpaths in 2023, go out to tender in March 2023 for further footpath resurfacing work, and continue with Glen Humphries for grass cutting. Concern was expressed about continuing problems with dog fouling and this problem would be examined further by the Highways & Footpaths Working Group.

Cllrs Snodgrass and Hirst reported that they were planning a concert on the playing field on 8<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate the King's coronation.

At the previous meeting, a statement had been read out by Helen Pettett on behalf of the Neighbourhood Development Plan steering group indicating a number of difficulties that had occurred in the relationship between the steering group and the parish council. Some aspects were considered at this meeting, but further discussion was deferred to the next meeting, when it was hoped that Ms Pettett might be present.

An initial discussion was held about the possible priorities for the parish council during the next financial year. Further consideration will take place at subsequent meetings before finalizing priorities.

It was agreed that the chairman, vice-chairman and clerk should produce a draft Complaints Procedure for presentation at the next parish council meeting, which will be held on 22 February.

Neither the **External Relations Working Group**, nor the **Emergency Planning Working Group** was able to meet in January. Both will resume their meetings in March.

Finally, a date for your diary! The parish council's **annual parish meeting** will be held on Wednesday 19 April at 7:00pm in the Perranwell Centre. This is an opportunity for everyone in the parish to discover more about the work that the parish council has been doing on your behalf in the past twelve months, question councillors about their activities, and help shape the council's priorities for the future. While working to an agenda, the annual parish meeting is distinctly less formal than the usual parish council meetings because members of the public have the right to raise issues and participate in discussion throughout the meeting, rather than being restricted to a short period at the start of the meeting. This is the ideal opportunity to engage with councillors and learn more about key changes in your community.

Details of council meetings will be published on the council's new website and the three noticeboards, which are located opposite the Royal Oak, in the bus shelter opposite the train station, and outside the main entrance to the playing field. Information may also be posted from time to time on the Perranwell group's Facebook page.

**Colin Bridges**  
**Chairman**

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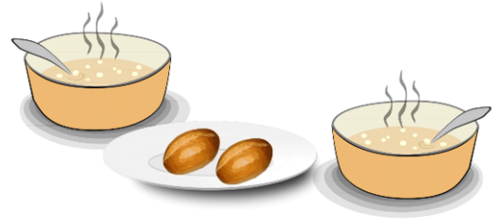
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## PERRANWELL STATION - WEATHER REPORT FOR JANUARY 2023

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Average daily maximum temperature:	10.1C
Maximum temperature for the month:	14C on 4th and 5th
Average daily minimum temperature:	4.7C
Minimum temperature for the month:	-2.0C on 24th
Rainfall:	6.82 inches
Sunshine:	60 hours
Wind direction:	Westerly quarter



### Another Month of Two Halves

The first half of January was mild, unsettled and wet, with nearly all the month's rain falling by the 18th. It became much drier and colder from mid-month, although temperatures improved in the final few days.

Overall, day-time temperatures were slightly above average, while night-time temperatures were close to what we might expect. Total rainfall was a third higher than the January average.

### Local Climate Changes

Recently a neighbour kindly sent me an extract from a Falmouth guidebook dated 1959, detailing records of meteorological statistics for 80 years. Out of interest, I looked at how these statistics, for a long period starting in the 19th century, compared to my own records for Perranwell of more recent times.

	<u>Falmouth (c.1875-1955)</u>	<u>Perranwell</u>
Annual average daily max temperature	14.1C	14.1C (1993-2022)
Annual average daily min temperature	8.3C	8.4C (2006-2022)
Annual rainfall	43.9 inches	44.0 inches (2007-2022)
Annual sunshine hours	1698 hours	1575 hours (2014-2022)

I have to say I was surprised at how closely my own records tallied with those for Falmouth going back to a period starting nearly 150 years ago. Climate change is real (as has been the case throughout Earth's history). The Met Office confirms that UK average annual temperatures remained much the same for the period 1910 to the 1980s, but then rose during the mid 1980s and 1990s from c.8.5C to c.9.3C by 2006, since when temperatures have again remained broadly stable. Furthermore, the Royal Meteorological Society's "State of the UK Climate 2020" details that temperatures in western areas of the UK have increased by 0.5C to 0.75C between 1961-90 and 1991 to 2020, while rainfall has increased by between 2.5% and 5% over the same period. So I would have expected my comparison to reflect these changes in broad terms.

One explanation could be that, although we are geographically close to Falmouth, being slightly more inland can make a difference, certainly in terms of minimum temperatures being naturally lower away from the coast. Clearly, Falmouth benefits from more sunshine, favourably situated as it is on the South coast. Another point to bear in mind is that some of my recordings have been carried out for shorter periods than 30 years, the generally accepted period for long-term average recordings. It's also worth noting, that as detailed in a previous report, annual rainfall at Perranwell has increased in the last eight years.



Even so, the similarity in the two sets of recordings is an interesting discussion point, if only amongst amateur meteorologists!

### Weather Update

There has been very little rain from mid-January up until the middle of February. Are we going to witness a Spring drought? Time will tell.

**Mike Hands**

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## **TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE CENTRE OF THE VILLAGE**

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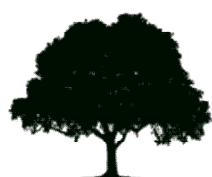
A public meeting has been arranged for **22nd March at 7pm in The West Room of the Perranwell Centre**, to discuss the scope of a feasibility study by Cormac to improve the traffic flow in the centre of the village. The draft proposals from Cornwall Council include:-

- Consider alternative parking arrangements in front of Nos 1-8 Greenwith Hill, narrowing the carriageway and providing kerbed parking bays and priority section, however visibility is constrained by bends on both approaches.
- Review vehicle flows and speeds within the village.
- If local solution is not feasible, consider preventing footpath parking with installation of bollards, including opportunities for displacement parking within the immediate vicinity.
- Investigate ownership of land outside Perranwell Stores for opportunity to locate parking bays.
- Assess impact of recently installed virtual footway.
- Consideration of associated drainage, surfacing, utilities and lighting, where necessary.



A copy of the Cormac proposal is available on the Parish Council web site, plus the ability to log comments about the plans. <https://perranarworthalpc.org.uk/highways/>

Cllr Snodgrass



**Perranarworthal**  
PARISH COUNCIL  
HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS WORKING GROUP



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

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### 2023

March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Singing for Wellbeing
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Cascade Theatre Company
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Outing by bus to Trebah Gardens
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Terry Broad - singer
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	In house CORONATION
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Cober Band – Stewart Douglas
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Music Therapy – Melanie Garside
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Outing to Trelissick
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Music and Movement – Karen Dowden
July 25 <sup>th</sup>	Music, Music, Music
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Drums for Fun
August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Picnic in the Park (weather permitting)
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Tai Chi Kempo
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Outing for tea at Linden Hey
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	In house HARVEST
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sunny Side Up – Ukulele Band
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Music and Movement – Karen Dowden
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Outing – to be confirmed
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	In house CHRISTMAS



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## PAWS PUPILS QUALIFY FOR YOUTH SPEAKS AREA FINALS

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Congratulations to the three year 6 pupils, Florence, Daisy, Anna and their adult helpers who have qualified from the Area Junior School competition for Truro schools and now go forward to the Area competition to be staged in Penzance in February.

For anyone who has not experienced Youth Speaks Competition it is best described as quite an ordeal for the young team members and their watching families and teachers. The experience of public speaking tests confidence and presence in front of an audience (including stern judges of a 'mature age'.)

The PAWS team (well coached and prepared by Mark Teasdale) researched and practiced their presentation 'Female participation in Sport' to meet the very structured protocols that Youth Speak competitions stringently adhere to. The Rotary Club of Truro Boscawen hosted the Area round at Devoran School and the judges, questioner and timekeepers ensured that the tension within the competition hall was very clearly felt by all teams.

By the time the Perranarworthal team were called to present their chosen topic the standard had already been set by the first two schools. Showing some nerves and their desire to do their very best the team of three did themselves, their families and school proud delivering their chosen topic clearly, with some humour and plenty of detail to ensure the attentive audience were fully engaged. The introduction by the team's chairperson set the tone of the presentation and also handled the tricky question skilfully. The PAWS team's Speaker provided a very precise four minutes presentation championing female sport and highlighted that females do not enjoy the same opportunities as males! The presentation came to a close with a strong finish from the team member responsible for the conclusion and vote of thanks to the team.

It was then a matter of seeing what other competing teams had to offer, a long interval, while the judges deliberated and then the results were then made known. A top two finish!

All in all, quite an experience for the team but what a well-deserved result! The Adjudicator's complimentary remarks ensured that a very good presentation can be even more polished but was clearly already of a high standard. The Rotary Club presented a cheque to the very proud Headteacher,

Mrs Heffer, the proceeds to be spent on books for the library. I'm sure that when they next speak to a bigger audience, they will be very accomplished public speakers!

Well done to all concerned and good luck in the next round.

***Glen Durgan***

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***Happy Easter***  
**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
and



**EASTER BONNET COMPETITION**

Junior & Senior Class

Bonnet to be worn on the day

SUNDAY APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> 10.00AM  
KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

Judging 10.30



Raffle in aid of King George V Playing Field

Locally Donated Prizes

Come along and enjoy



## JOHN LANGFORD: “John the Fish”

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Many readers will have heard the sad news of John’s death in January following a stroke on Boxing Day. John was a Cornish Folk Legend, and you may have read the fulsome biographical tributes to him in the West Briton and on Cornwall Live.

John, with Carrie, was a great supporter of **Perran News**, and latterly the Local History Group. Indeed, John was the distributor of **Perran News** postperson’s bundles for quite a few years. Easily spotted with his long white hair and fulsome beard he has been a figure in the village landscape for over 40 years. There will be an unfillable space without him.

I first met him when I came to Perranwell in 1981. We both had daughters at playgroup, and then the village school, and we became friends through parallel interests in our daughters. Dads standing back, but supporting the mums, who were fully immersed in the playgroup/village school scene at that time. Happy days.

I was a little envious of his numerous diverse talents and achievements, folk singer, radio host, shoemaker, leather worker, secular humanist celebrant, but the dad of two of my children’s friends, and latterly stalwart distributor of **Perran News** were my personal cherished connections. I was also pleased he shared my enthusiasm for electric bicycles embraced later in life. So sad he won’t be able to do more miles.

I always enjoyed his company. He had an inner calm and wisdom, always a pleasure to pass the time of day with, in conversation. His startling big white hair and big white beard, in contrast to his quiet gentlemanly demeanour, will also not be forgotten. I will miss him.

I am sure readers will share sending condolences to Carrie and the girls. **MBG**

## A READER WRITES

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Unlike other areas in the Neighbourhood Development Plan, Perrandowns was excluded from any 'protected status'. This together with the NDPs support for affordable housing developments outside settlement boundaries, in effect into open countryside, presented Morris Farms with an open goal. Unsurprisingly they won their recent planning appeal, and they are now free to develop the land at Lower Trewedna Farm.



The genie is now out of the bottle. In April 2015 Morris Farms together with their architects Laurence Associates sought to develop 4.5 hectares of land at Lower Trewedna and there is no reason to believe that this plan would have changed in the long term. With the backing of the NDP and with affordable houses as the sweetener the fields at Lower Trewedna could now be developed, albeit piecemeal, particularly by those well versed in gaming the system. The Affordable Housing Team would surely find sufficient second or third choice clients from their Register particularly from the deprived areas of Falmouth.

The gradual urbanisation of the Parish across open countryside may be welcome by some but I for one will be saddened as this village surely morphs into yet another sprawling dormitory for the major conurbations.

**C.F.H**

## A READER WRITES

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I cannot claim to be a local, being a Scillonian by heritage, but we have lived in the village for 23 years and are extremely happy here.

What does concern me is the proliferation of street furniture that has arisen during this period. Over 20 items have appeared which tend to detract from the ambience of the area.

Lately a solar controlled sign saying Thank You has appeared on Cove Hill I question the value of that. Closely following this item flashing lights have appeared at the bridge already made presumably safer by the virtual footpath. I am not aware of there having ever been an accident to young or old on the bridge but I could well be wrong.

I suppose the answer to me will be that this will help to prevent one in the future. I know that we live in a nanny state where any idea of personal responsibility has been removed but on grounds of common sense and expense I say no more. On reflection however it may be a good thing if a large net could be erected over the village just in case some debris from a plane or from outer space fell on a resident. Could be money well spent!

**MS**

## PLACENAMES OF PERRANARWORTHAL

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In compiling the Historic Environment Report for the Neighbourhood Plan I became aware of some inconsistencies and irregularities which have developed over the past two hundred years or so, in the naming of the settlements in the parish. This has been brought about largely as a result of names being imposed by outside organisations such as the Ordnance Survey, the Post Office, various Highways agencies, and County and District Councils. Placenames almost always emerged from common usage; placenames were simply what local people called the places they lived in. I suggest that we take matters back into our own hands and bring some common sense and consistency to the situation. The following scheme would clarify this situation and seems to make good sense to me:

- The parish is **Perranarworthal**; this name goes back at least to the 10<sup>th</sup> century; it has come to define the whole of the parish and should not be attached to any small part of it. Although originally three Cornish words, it is now modernised into a single word (as has also happened with the parishes of Perranzabuloe and Perranuthnoe)
- The area beside the Kennal River from Manor Mill to the Norway Inn is **Perran Wharf** (two words), which concisely describes its historic location and function; it should not be known as Perranarworthal.
- The settlement along the hillside above Perran Wharf from Tullimaar to Cove Hill is called **Tredrea**.
- The village name is **Perranwell**, not Perranwell Station.
- **Perranwell Station** refers only to the Railway station. The cluster of houses beside and to the south of the station is **Mellingey**.

I would be interested to know how many other parishioners feel strongly about this issue.

**Steve Hartgroves**

# PERRANARWORTHAL LOCAL HISTORY GROUP MEETING REPORTS

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## TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER QUIRKY CORNWALL

This was a meeting with a difference! Speaker, Kingsley Rickard treated us to a talk entitled "Quirky Cornwall or a Cornish Pastiche".



Kingsley explained how the talk had come about. He was approached by the Trevithick Society to fill in at the last minute for a speaker who unfortunately couldn't attend. Kingsley explained that he had delivered all of his talks to the society recently and had no other talks prepared on other topics. "You must be able to do something" he was asked in desperation, "you have so many interesting slides about Cornwall"

Kingsley realised that he had as over the years he had collected a selection of interesting and quirky photos of the county. He was able to deliver the talk to the Trevithick society and from then on offered it as one of his topics.

There must have been about 60 slides in the collection and topics ranged far and wide. There were several from churchyards, Barnoon at Ives commemorating a life lost on the Titanic, a cast iron grave memorial in Hayle cast by the local Harvey's Foundry, and tiled pottery graves in Barnoon.

Bricks from St Day were originally cast in an incorrectly made mould with the S being reversed. Examples of these can still be found in buildings in the area. A St Austell sign was spelled St Austle which was the original spelling as was Lansen for Launceston as seen on a milestone.

There were several mining references, a tungsten mine was sited at Porthtowan, the smallest mining head frame is sited at Camborne School of mines, Holmans tested their rock drills at Carn Marth quarry and the numerous holes can be spotted today. South Terrace mine at St Stephen only produced one metal & that was uranium. Worryingly the old engine house was used as accommodation at one time.

In our area you may have wondered why Baldhu has such a large & imposing church. There were prospects of large mines being built in the area and the church was sized accordingly. The mines and increase in population did not materialise. Billy Bray, local tin mining evangelist and preacher, is buried in the grounds of the chapel.

These are just a few examples of the interesting and often amusing slides shown by Kingsley.

Do join us at our future meetings, Perranarworthal Local History Group has an excellent & interesting programme for the new year. Follow us on Facebook Memories of Perranwell Station & Perranarworthal, or our website [www.perranwellhistory.com](http://www.perranwellhistory.com)

## 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2023 DAVE WARD, ON BEER AND BREWING IN CORNWALL

On a snowy evening in January, members of the PLHG braved the freezing conditions to attend our Treasurer, Dave Ward's talk on **Beer and Brewing in Cornwall**. Dave was involved in the early days of CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale, and his knowledge of, and love for, his subject was evident from the outset.

He explained that beer was discovered as an accidental by-product of the gathering of grain during the Agricultural Revolution (c 10,000 BC)\*. Fermentation of grain occurred in storage jars naturally due to wild yeasts in the air, however there is evidence in pottery and Art that beer was then actively produced in Mesopotamia from about 8000 BC. A 6,000-year-old Sumerian tablet has been found depicting people drinking beer through reed straws from a bowl. We know that Egyptians used ceramic vessels for brewing as the porous interior allowed the yeast to grow, and they consumed beer in large quantities. It was treated as a type of food which was consumed daily and used in celebrations.

He described the technical side of the brewing process, explaining what the essential ingredients were and describing how they are transformed into the *amber nectar*. He then discussed the changes in the industry since the 1960s, and the impact which CAMRA had, not just on the brewing process itself, but also on the ways in which the pubs were owned and supplied. There followed an account of the history of Cornish breweries and pubs and a description of our local establishments. This village once had 5 pubs, although some were only beer houses or winks. Dave's talk was full of fascinating facts and interesting anecdotes, and was followed by a lively discussion amongst the members of the audience. It was a most enjoyable evening.

\*<https://www.britishmuseum.org/blog/sip-history-ancient-egyptian-beer>



## Perran-ar-worthal Local History Group

# PRESENTS: SHOUT KERNOW

Celebrating Cornwall's Pub Songs  
With Hilary Coleman and Sally Burley

**Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm at the Perranwell Centre.**

Come along and join in...it will be fun!!



**Hilary Coleman** was inspired to undertake the project Shout Kernow because of her growing realisation of how important this pub singing is in Cornish culture.

She co-founded the ground-breaking Cornish bands Gwaryoryon, Sowena and most recently Dalla (2000) and was heavily involved in researching and arranging Cornish traditional music for these bands which included writing songs and tunes in the idiom and using the Cornish language. In 1998 she set up Cumpas offering Cornish music workshops for schools, arranging and writing songs with children. She introduced Cornish songs, including the pub harmony singing tradition to many choirs and now runs the Red River Singers in Pool.

In 2004 Hilary became a bard of the Cornish Gorseth for her services to Cornish music

**Sally Burley's** interest in Cornish culture and history has come through her father Joseph Mills, a keen historian who co-wrote The History of St Day. She met Hilary Coleman when her children joined a Cornish dance troupe, Hilary was playing clarinet in the band Sowena who played for them. Sally sang with Hilary in the Tregajorran Singers and now helps with the running of the Red River Singers.

## A WANDER AROUND OUR UPGRADED PATHWAYS...

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This walk will begin in the heart of our village at the Village Hall.

As you exit the parking area, take the first right down Chyvoque Lane. Take the next right turn after walking along the road, keeping an eye out for traffic (you are walking around the edge of the playing field). At the bottom of this road turn left down the tarmac road; at the end, there will be a gate slightly to the left and a house on your right this is Mill House, and some call this lane Mill Lane. Walk past the house and go around it until you reach a bridge called Burley's Bridge. Go over the bridge and turn left to follow the river along the narrow path.

Continue walking along the river, over a small stile and onto the new extended boardwalk. This opens to a field and you will see a worn path across the field, which you will follow. As you get closer to the hedge look for a stile on the right as you will go over this. Once over, turn left onto the path. Continue along this path until you reach a stile (to the left there is a gap for dogs to pass through), cross the stile and stay on this path. You will ascend on Butterfly Lane and pass beneath the Railway Bridge for the Falmouth Branch Line. At the top, you will see an array of signs ahead of you.

Turn left here and go downhill on the new path surface where it used to get very muddy in the winter. At the bottom there is a ford, you will turn slightly right before the ford to go over a small bridge. Continue along the path on the other side, turning slightly left and ascending the hill past the Hanging Tree on the corner. You will emerge onto a road with Bargas Farmhouse on your left. Turn right and walk up this road and round a bend. Keep an eye on the right hedge for a path with a new surface. Turn right down this path to Little Bargas and at the end turn slightly left, follow the path down the slight hill (be aware this is a bridleway) keeping an eye on the right hedge for another path which you should take (it's grassy around the opening so be careful not to miss this one).

As you continue along Venton Path (Venton means Spring) you will see it lives up to its name as it is very wet underfoot. Where the path splits keep right, you will now be walking over tree roots and other obstacles, be careful here as when wet roots can be very slippery. This path will lead back to Hanging Tree Corner where you will turn left and walk downhill finding yourself back at the ford.

Retrace your steps back to the village.

Top tip, walk to the Royal Oak at the end of your walk for a cuppa or even lunch...it's a great way to finish a lovely walk. This walk is approximately 2.2 miles.

**Kelly Bennett**

## KNOW YOUR BUZZY NEIGHBOURS!

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Have you noticed spring is on its way in our parish? The woodpeckers are already calling each other and drilling holes in the trees, the spring bulbs are coming up and there are squirrels about too.

Now there is some pollen available as there are flowers about the bees have started flying. Honeybees and bumble bees are waking up from their winter slumber and can be seen and heard.

In the UK we have 270 species of bee, these beautiful, hardworking creatures are in a family group known as Hymenoptera, which are integral to most of our land-based ecosystems. It's guaranteed you will recognise some of these species we live next to every day, these relatives include wasps (parasitic and social), sawflies, ants, honeybees, bumblebees, and solitary bees. We have 24 species of bumble bees in this country. Our rarest bee in the UK is the Shrill Carder bumblebee (*Bombus sylvarum*), which is mainly in parts of Wales and the Southwest regions.

One of the most easily recognised visitors to our gardens in Perran-ar-worthal is most likely to be one of the Red-Tailed bumblebees (*Bombus lapidaries* or *Bombus pratorum*) a fairly common and widespread species that will appear about April time, maybe sooner. This bumble is a good-sized bee, black with a bright red tail. Red-Tailed

bees love to feed on thistles and in particular yellow flowers. There are plenty of dandelions and Birds' Foot Trefoil about in the fields and gardens of Perranwell if they aren't mown off.

Other bumble bees that come into our gardens in our parish:

White-tailed bumblebee (*Bombus lucorum*)  
Garden bumblebee (*Bombus hortorum*)  
Buff-tailed bumblebee (*Bombus terrestris*)

Early bumblebee (*Bombus pratorum*)  
Common carder bumblebee (*Bombus pascuorum*)  
Tree bumblebee (*Bombus hypnorum*)

Living here we are all in a great position to provide for bees and pollinators, with plenty of wonderful gardens for foraging, fields, wooded habitat and stretches of Cornish hedges which are a greatly underestimated stronghold for species overwintering, nesting and foraging.

Other neighbourhood good guys that need to be encouraged are the mason bee family, they are wonderful pollinators and stingless, so safe to have pollinating the garden around animals and children.

Our moths, butterflies, birds, bats and other insects are in decline and all help in the pollination process, including wind-carried pollen and other animals spreading pollen from place to place. Without bees' manual pollination of crops is estimated at £1.8bn a year for farmers, whereas our bees pollinate on a large and spread scale at one time for free. Eighty percent of all flowering plants need pollination to survive, this includes our vegetables, fruit, and livestock food.

Threats to our bees and pollinators include *habitat loss* due to increased development and invasive farming methods.

**Climatic change** alters weather patterns which change seasonal temperatures.

**Parasites and diseases** such as varroa, viruses and worms.

**Invasive species** such as the Asian hornet and habitat invasion can cause food loss due to plants that are not native.

Making space for nature by making bee hotels, leaving wild areas in your garden, leaving dead wood, and using bee bricks in new builds. As well as not using pesticides and finding a friendly environmental alternative, will go a long way to helping protect these important creatures.

With all the above threats and a deluge of large construction sites and more intensive land use, there is now a large fragmentation of natural habitats locally. We are losing our pollinators at a rapid rate all through the UK, even in Cornwall.

We can all help by planting more trees and diversely planting pollen-rich plants to flower in different seasons that will encourage different bee and pollinator types.

The more diverse the planting you sow, especially of native wildflowers (e.g., White/red clover and dandelions) will bring a better selection of pollinators to share your garden.

Many people don't cut their grass from now until after May or leave a pollinator strip unmown to help with habitat connectivity. This gives an oasis smorgasbord of flowering plants, a place to snack for bees, butterflies, and other hungry pollinators to use.

I hope you have enjoyed the very quick insight into 'knowing your buzzy neighbours'.

For more information go to The Bumblebee Conservation Trust which has a great website as do IBRA (International Bee Research Association).

**Jacqueline Davey (including front cover image)**

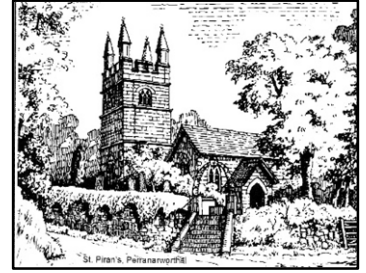
## CHURCH LETTER

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It only feels like five minutes ago that I was planning and writing about our Christmas services and here I am, talking to you about Easter!

Like Christmas, Easter has many traditions, and I am sure that you have your own memories of what Easter was like for you in years past.

Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb on the third day after his crucifixion. Easter is the fulfilled prophecy of the Messiah who would be persecuted, die for our sins, and rise on the third day. According to the New Testament, Easter is three days after the death of Jesus on the cross.



Easter follows a period of fasting called Lent, in which many churches set aside time for repentance and remembrance. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Good Friday, the day of Jesus' crucifixion.

The week leading up to Easter is called The Holy Week, or "Passion Week", and includes **Palm Sunday** (the day Jesus entered Jerusalem and was celebrated), **Maundy Thursday** (the "Last Supper" where Jesus met with his disciples to observe Passover), and Good Friday (when Jesus would be crucified on the cross).

Easter is a very significant date within Christianity and is the foundation of the Christian faith. Jesus, the Son of God, fulfilled prophecy and through his death, has given the gift of eternal life in heaven to those who believe in his death and resurrection.

Next to the Easter bunny, the most familiar symbol is the Easter egg. Like others, the egg has a long pre-Christian history. Again, there's no certainty as to why it became associated with Easter.

Many Ancient cultures viewed eggs as a symbol of life. Hindus, Egyptians, Persians, and Phoenicians believed the world begun with an enormous egg. The Persians, Greeks, and Chinese gave gifts of eggs during spring festivals in celebration of new life all around them. Other sources say people ate dyed eggs at spring festivals in Egypt, Persia, Greece, and Rome. In ancient Druid lore, the eggs of serpents were sacred and stood for life. Early Christians looked at the connection eggs had to life and decided eggs could be a part of their celebration of Christ's resurrection. In addition, in some areas, eggs were forbidden during Lent; therefore, they were a delicacy at Easter. Since many of the earlier customs were Eastern in origin, some speculate that early missionaries or knights of the Crusade may have been responsible for bringing the tradition to the West. In the fourth century, people presented eggs in church to be blessed and sprinkled with holy water. By the twelfth century, the *Benedictio Ovorum* had been introduced authorizing the special use of eggs on the holy days of Easter.

The timing of this blessing would uphold the idea that Crusaders may have brought the tradition back. Even though eggs had been used previously, the Crusaders may have made the custom more popular and widespread. In 1290, Edward I of England recorded a purchase of 450 eggs to be coloured or covered with gold leaf. He then gave the eggs to members of the royal household.

Lots of traditions... and at St Piran's church we have our own traditions of services and events to which you are warmly invited. Please do check our website [www.thewatersidechurches.com](http://www.thewatersidechurches.com) for further details. The website is updated regularly and you would be assured of a very warm welcome to anything that is going on in the church. We are looking forward to welcoming children and their families to our Craft event and Easter Fire on Saturday 8th April. We all had a wonderful time making Easter gardens and gathering around the fire (made for us by David Harris) afterwards.

As part of The Waterside Churches, we hold a joint Sunrise Service at 6am on Devoran Quay on Easter Day. If you are an early riser, do join us. Last year the sunrise was spectacular. We had a high tide and swans glided past as we welcomed Easter Day. It was incredibly peaceful and a beautiful way to start our Easter celebrations. We all headed back to Devoran Parish Centre for coffee and croissants afterwards. Set your alarm clocks to go off early!



Please do not hesitate to contact me on 01872 276 357 if you would like any further information or to chat about our Easter Events and Services.

Do join us; to start a new Easter tradition or enjoy traditions that you have not taken part in for years. You would be most welcome.

Every Blessing, Revd Karen

## POEMS

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There's something in our family  
It's Called ADHD  
I don't know what it stands for  
But that's what someone once told me.

"Why don't you ever sit and rest?"  
They asked. "And Just watch some TV.?"  
But there's always something else to do  
Than sit down lazily.  
When I grow old there will be time  
To just sit down and stare.  
Till then I will keep doing,  
While there's still time to spare

I want to end life knowing  
That I have done a lot.  
They might not be important things  
But I don't care a jot.  
Its making others happy,  
Doing things to cheer them on,  
Well yes it does take effort  
But when I'm dead and gone  
On my grave the words will say-  
Died  
One hundred years and three.  
But might have lived much longer if  
She'd sat and watched TV"  
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## DIRTY DOG OWNERS

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Once again I stepped in it  
Darn a big pile of &#\*%

Let's have a little talk  
About taking your dog for a walk

When you take your dog on a stroll  
Remember you're on poo patrol

Just use a bag as a glove  
A simple way to show your love

When you walk away from the scene  
It's only right you leave it clean

It's a simple thing to do  
When your doggie goes poopoo



Please look after our village and pick up after your dog! **KB**

## Tuscany to Perranwell Station in a small Electric Car: Returning Home

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### Monday July 25<sup>th</sup> Volterra 0910

Leave wedding farmhouse heading north. First stop Pontaderra Station for back seat passenger to catch train. Tricky one-way system in station carpark. Missed first entrance. Car park looked quiet so went in through the exit. Big mistake, facing wrong way and cars coming in correct entrance. Long reverse out chased by irritated locals honking and shouting. The ladies aboard luckily don't understand Italian profanity (me neither) but the hand movements gave it away. Exit car park backwards into suburban street and make several orbits before finding station entrance. Daughter disinterested from wedding flowers and safely delivered to train. Back on autostrada. First charge at services near Pisa missed going out. Not the most aesthetic location adjacent to a small wire enclosure which was the dog toilet. Still the charger was good and the sun still shining with a fortuitous gentle breeze. Worse places to have one's elevenses, fortunately upwind of canine facilities. 83 tunnels and nearly as many bridges passing by Genoa. Amazing civil engineering.

Arrived Allessandria, north west of Turin for night stop in tall modern hotel on outskirts of city. Overnight thunderstorm first and only Italian rain. No Brits in hotel. Head waiter in restaurant eager to practice his very good English. He liked my accent, pleased I wasn't American. Was I Australian? Much mirth from beloved. Best take it as a compliment.

**202 miles today**

### Tuesday July 26<sup>th</sup> Allessandria

Charged overnight at hotel and back on autostrada. Fairly quiet long uphill west of Turin approaching mountains ahead. Crossed into France through Mont Blanc tunnel. €48 to use the tunnel 13km long and all downhill. Electric car regeneration gave us 10 more miles range arriving in France than we left Italy with. Good news but didn't quite make up for €48 toll. C'est la vie.

Heading towards Aix les Bains by a big lake and close to Chambéry, a popular airport for ski flights where the planes approach over the lake. Stayed in Golden Tulip Hotel. Aix les Bains a cheerful bustling spa town. Another overnight hotel charger.

**192 miles today.**

### Wednesday July 27<sup>th</sup> Aix Les Bains.

A beautiful cross-country route today. Sun still shining. Drove round the lake shore on quiet roads and two ascending winding pass roads on small mountains to the west of the lake. Great views as we drove through spectacular countryside on almost deserted roads. Lunch-stop at café on outskirts of Bourg-en-Bresse. Fast charger at the Volvo truck garage opposite. Afternoon flatter countryside in rural central France north of Lyon. Roads straight, flat, and quiet. No big towns.

Arrived Moulins 1600. Old medieval town with attractive cathedral in centre many similarities to Truro Cathedral in shape and central city location. Ancestral palace of Dukes of Burgundy also in town centre. Town Centre Hotel de Paris (Best Western) in town centre slightly weary, but comfortable room and bed. Air con bust so worth 10% discount. Every cloud etc.

Moulins a lovely place for a wander round in the evening sunshine. Could have stayed longer.

**173 miles today**



## MOTORCYCLE EXPEDITION

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This tale ends on the March 3rd 2014, a misty night near Calais just before midnight. There's an obliteration of green plastic, a smashed crankcase and I'm in some shrubbery trying to get to my feet.



It started simply because I just really yearned to take my motorcycle across the Channel sometime. In late February I'm looking at my Kawasaki Zx6r and it's got pretty fresh tyres and M.O.T etc, I mean the only snag is my insurance runs out on March 1st but stuff worrying about that. I booked a ferry for early Saturday morning, finished work Friday and by 9pm was on the road for an overnight cross- country stint. I got on the A30 and it was just sheer euphoria. Buzzing on at 95mph I stood up on the foot pegs, took my left hand from the bars, fist aloft, hollered "YES! WE'RE ON IT!"

Temperature was hovering above freezing and by the time I got on the a303 I was a shuddering mess with my cheap crash helmet putting my brain into a deep freeze.

Growing up in Perranwell Station means you just can't help be overwhelmed by the enormity of infrastructure elsewhere. The M25 with FOUR lanes and blue road signs and there's just so much concrete. My earlier road trips, just hitting Exeter was pretty awesome. They were darker days for the soul but now aged 28... My soul is fully restored and I'm sitting with the engine ticking over in front of a huge steel door that's gonna hydraulically lower and unveil France. Anticipation, butterflies, yea butterflies they call it! That was intense.

So you gotta go on the other side of the road but I felt comfortable with that in an instant. Destinations were pretty random. See a sign for Dunkirk, ok, a sign for Ypres, after all I've read, there it is, bloody wipers!! However, aside from stopping for fuel and dragging on those lucky strike cigarettes I have no wish to leave the main paved arteries. Foreign tarmac and a two wheeled machine running soundly beneath me, a sensory elation. Height. However I gotta stop somewhere and there's big signs saying Liege so I head there, find a hostel. Maybe this town is a little run down.

"Can I leave the motorcycle out front?" I ask the bloke behind reception.

"You can" he replies, "but it will not be zhere in ze morning". Ok. He ushers bike and myself behind an iron gate. I chuck my stuff in the four-bed room and head out to town. I haven't slept for 36 hours but adrenaline is being administered via novelty. I have a few beers and a few more beers at eight percent proof. A couple of hours later a restaurant owner is rousing me from sleep outside his building, I'm in the semi-conscious alcohol daze and I shout at him for trying to rob me.

"No", he says "I help you. I call ambulance"

"Well that's ok then" I say. It took me an hour to stumble back to the hostel where I discover I have a black eye and bloody crusts on my forehead and cheek. I'm really relieved to find my phone and wallet still about my person.

So. Waking up and feeling really rough but the Eifel roads and sheer cold were pretty sobering. I'm near the Nurburgring but it's not on this trip's itinerary. I just want to chew miles and now I'm hitting that legendary Autobahn... It's another chance to marvel at the fact that 160mph on this motorcycle feels like no big deal whatsoever. You're just operating the machine as the manufacturer intended. The eye-opener is the Mercedes that passes me like I'm trundling in a Transit. I make regular stops because as any touring motorcyclist knows you get a sore butt along with leg cramps and the 160mph cruising has left my neck in a lot of pain, like when you've slept awkwardly on the couch, perhaps. Plus I stop to smoke Lucky Strikes which I'm delighted to find the Germans sell in packs of 40. Eventually I get to Stuttgart. Next morning I stop to check my map and 100 yards up the road some high heeled young girl is smoothing down a short leather skirt which seems inappropriate attire for the time of day and these cold weather conditions. She looks toward me, walks up and down. Must be waiting for a bus or something.

Let's skim- a skimmington! A skimity ride, I haven't even bothered to check the spelling and I'm not 100 percent sure if it was in 'The Mayor of Casterbridge' but anyway I went to Verona then Turin then Monaco and saw the spot

where Micheal Schumacher and Alex Wurz clashed in 1998. I smoked some lucky strikes and headed back up through the incredible Maritime Alps (snow, cold, incredibly well treated roads) then Switzerland and by the 6th day of my trip I was in Albert. Thiepvel Memorial. Incredible. Had already read Birdsong twice because Sebastian Faulks is awesome. Englby and Where My Heart Used to Beat are "must reads". Visit Beaumont Hamel.

Daft decision in hindsight but I thought I would just cruise down to see the American Cemetery at Normandy then nip back for my Calais ferry. The American Cemetery was... well it's impressive but there's something akin to a theme park about it, with the visitor centre, coach loads of hollering kids and the gift shop. Those smaller cemeteries near Albert, well tended with about 50 graves, they are a far better place to smoke a Lucky Strike.

So I headed back toward Calais and I'm really way too tired to be riding, I'm hallucinating a bit and hitting the brakes often because I reckon there's people walking across the motorway. I get to Calais and miss the turning to the ferry terminal. I'm heading back towards Dunkirk, I'm a "newbie" to google maps but I consult it and head back on some minor roads. It's misty. Suddenly I think there's a solid wall 20 yards ahead and I slam on the brakes, hit the ground and can hear the motorcycle grinding across the tarmac. "I've actually fallen off it" runs through my head before my brain re-engages in the shrubbery. Bikes lying in the grass with the front end ripped off, the headlight is still beaming but it's like an eyeball that's been ripped from its socket, optic nerve hanging on.

I still reckon I can ride home until I pick the motorcycle up and the clutch plates gleam, crankcase is ripped right open and that motorcycle is bleeding out... Best just to have a Lucky Strike.

As for insurance, thank goodness for auto-renewal. A fortnight later the penny dropped concerning the vocation of the girl near Stuttgart.

*JM*

## **POOR MOBILITY AND TRAPPED INDOORS?**

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If you (or anyone you know) in Perranwell are immobile and have little opportunity to get outside, here's a chance to feel better. I know from first-hand experience the transformative impact of fresh air, the sound of birds and some country views on people who are otherwise house bound. This might apply even more so in the case of people with dementia.



Anyway, I'm offering a free pushing service with the following characteristics:

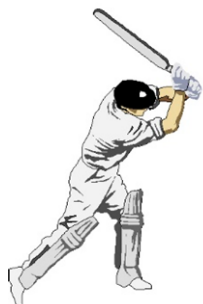
- At the start, the person wanting to get out (the pushee) is already "suited and booted" ie in the wheelchair (I just do the dumb pushing)
- The end process is the mirror image of this (ie the pushee will somehow be able to get out of the wheelchair without any assistance from me)
- Health and Safety is limited to a belt which straps the pushee into the wheelchair (ie not a problem if we hit a pothole)
- Recommended push time is about an hour
- No hill too steep
- No weather too bad

If you're interested, call me on **07824 996779**.

By the way, a) I have a spare wheelchair with leg extensions, head rest and waterproof cape if required and b) I have done a lot of this before with a 90+ year old who never complained, so don't get nervous about safety!.

*Peter Harding*

## It's that wonderful time of year again...A shiny new season is almost upon us!



Winter may have been quiet here at the ground, but the boys have very much enjoyed their indoor 6-a-side competition at Truro college. This is a really enjoyable, short, snappy format of the game and it is great to be able to continue play all year round. Everyone is very excited to be talking about the new season already. The first indoor training session of this year was well attended and full of high spirits. Please see details below if you are interested in coming along.



With the spring comes renewed vigour and a bustle of activity at the ground.

If you walk past at all you may have noticed vast piles of leaves and tree-fall being collected, building materials in the car park and some other obvious signs of a pre season sort out! We are in the process of widening the path to at least 2m, to accommodate wheelchairs and push chairs comfortably. This will enable much easier, safer access to the ground and pavilion, for all our members and guests. The access ramp for wheelchair users will also be widened to make life easier. We look forward to publicising the completion of this work and hope that this news will encourage those who may previously have hesitated to join us more readily.

We're sure the players will appreciate an upgrade to the changing facilities too! With a new dividing wall, all new seating, more storage, a fresh coat of paint and new carpets too, we hope they will be a much warmer welcome for all the cricketers who will play here this summer.

Our club is very lucky to have some very dedicated people working hard to bring the new season to life. The cricket may have ceased for a while but there has been a lot of work undertaken over the winter and we extend our gratitude to those who have made it happen.

With dark days behind us and blue skies promising, we look forward to welcoming you back to the club this season for what we hope is going to be a fully packed programme of cricket and enjoyment!

So with no further ado...

### **Dates for the Diary:**

Day & Date	Match type	Venue	Additional info	Time
Fridays Until 31st March.	Indoor training sessions	Penryn college Campus	All ages from 13 up.	18:00 - 20:00
Thursday 13th April	First seniors outdoor training session	Tredrea cricket ground	All ages from 13 up.	18:00 - 20:00
Saturday 15th April	1 <sup>st</sup> League match	Tredrea cricket ground	1st XI vs St Just 3rd XI	13:30

### **Seniors report:**

Our 3 senior teams look forward to competing in divisions 3, 4 and 6 west respectively.

With a changing of league rules in recent years, we are delighted to see our 3<sup>rd</sup> XI able to play the majority of their home fixtures here in the village on Sundays. (as opposed to Truro School, where we have previously rented their pitch for Saturday use) So, all the more opportunities for you to join us for a sunny summers afternoon!

If you are interested in joining the club, or want to take up cricket again, please contact the club secretary who will be able to give you advice and contact information.

### **Juniors report:**

Our junior section is thriving and it is a joy to see so many local youngsters progressing through to playing open age cricket here. We will be running the **All Stars and Dynamos** programme again this year and look forward to another fun summer. The early bird registration opened on the 15th February and is advertised in local schools and on-line. The cost will be £40: unchanged for the last 3 years! This has proved to be very popular in the past so early registration is recommended. We are very grateful to our brilliant coaches who make the sessions such fun: Chris L and P, Susie and Sarah, Dave A and Stan, Marco, Richard, Adam and Pete, and all the others who have



stepped in and helped at different times. If you want more information about All Stars and Dynamos or are interested in helping, please contact Adam Widdison..

We will be running the Colts (age 11-14) training again this year and look forward to fielding a side in the League as well as playing some friendlies. Colts who want to take part in indoor nets should contact Gareth Best or Chris Pentecost. Otherwise, we will be starting outdoor training sessions in early April. More information will be available nearer the time. If you previously took part in Dynamos and are older than 11 you are welcome to join the Colts.

Please contact adam.widdison@Live.com for more information.

**Ladies cricket:**

Over the last two summers we have offered a dedicated night each week for ladies softball cricket. We have some amazing young ladies coming up through the junior sections and some surprisingly competitive mums! We acknowledge it is not easy for ladies to make ‘play time’ for themselves but we hope those who attended would agree it is great way to blow off some steam, laugh among friends and enjoy being outside together. It has however proved tricky to maintain a regular rhythm given the busy lives we all now lead. In the interest of offering ladies of all ages and abilities in the village the opportunity to have some play time...We invite you to get in touch and let us know what that would look like for you.

If silly, fun games that involve throwing/catching and hitting a ball excite you, definitely get in touch.

If you’re a bit shy or unsure but think you might enjoy some fresh air, light exercise and laughter, also definitely get in touch!

If you have a competitive streak but not the commitment for training/competing week in week out let us know - we would be happy to hold festival type days or evenings throughout the summer.

If you just want to come and have a quiet drink in a lovely setting after work sometimes while watching everyone else run around, do let us know-we can open the bar!

If our ladies coach were available on a Friday night would any of our mums/sisters/aunties etc want to have their own squad on the field playing alongside the children??

Our club is here for you ladies, as much as it is the men and children. Our ladies coach is willing to do her best to facilitate what you want from your club, she just needs to know!

If we can offer you your own little slice of respite here with us we would love to do so.

**Club events:**

The Friday evenings are a great social event for all who attend. The Club bar and facilities are open and this year we hope to run a BBQ on a Friday as well. We are very grateful to Mac who keeps the bar going and Pete our BBQ chef.

With growing demand and support for more social events at the club, we now have a great group of people who are keen to help make the most of the summer here in our village. We look forward offering our members and community a range of different occasions to get involved in.

Starting with...

Day & Date	Event	Host & contact	Food & drink	Start and end	Additional info
Saturday 25th March	Club registration day	Adam, Ash, Tom, Gareth B.	Bar	12:00 - 16:00	All potential members welcome.
Saturday 15th April	First league games of the season	Ash & Tracy	Coffee & cake morning	11:00 - 12:00	Whole community welcome.
		Pete B & Pete H	BBQ evening	18:00 - 21:00	

### **Club support.**

With all the work being undertaken to improve our facilities for everyone, we would like to invite any member of our club or community to have a bench situated at the ground. Many of us have long standing links with our beloved club and if you would like to have a dedicated seat we welcome you to get in touch.

We welcome any level of support, be it groundwork, match day catering, scoring, umpiring, event planning, sponsorship or any other creative input. Any assistance is so greatly appreciated. We understand how valuable time is and know that it is not always appropriate to make a regular, rigid commitment. But if you feel like you might have some spare time and energy and you enjoy being part of a team, do get in touch. Better still, come up and have a drink and a chat with us one weekend!

Look forward to seeing you all.

### **Contacts:**

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## **MYLOR BRIDGE BOWLING CLUB**

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It hardly seems possible that we are now more than halfway through our indoor bowling season. The carpet bowlers are riding high, the A team currently top of the league, and the B team, having found their feet, are playing very creditable games and climbing.



We recently challenged the U3A carpet bowls team, who play at Ord Stater, to a return match and this time triumphed. (Photograph shows a match in play) With two mats in play they did give us a run for our money, making it a great afternoon – fun, laughter and home-made cakes!

Meanwhile our two short mat teams are competing in the West Cornwall League. “Creeksiders” play in the blue league and “Miracles” (so called because in their debut season last year they thought it would be a miracle if they scored at all) in the green. Both are mid-table and hope to reach dizzy heights!

Surprisingly there is also an outdoor winter league. These matches are played at Falmouth Bowling Club where there is an all-weather carpeted rink. Once again, we have two teams of hardy individuals competing. “Miracles” – who won the league last year – and “Incredibowls”. Though thoroughly enjoying their games victory may fall through their grasp this year.

We wish all our teams well and, of course, every success.

Should you wish to join us, or just find out more, please visit the website [www.mylorbridgebowlingclub.co.uk](http://www.mylorbridgebowlingclub.co.uk) for details. A warm welcome awaits.

***Elaine Beckton***

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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)*

<b>Buses going towards TRURO</b>												
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	from Frogpool						365	36				
	Perranwell Rly Station	07.48	09.35	11.35	12.35	14.25	15.34	15.35				
	Truro Bus station + 26 min											
<b>Buses leaving TRURO</b>												
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		
	+ 26 min to Chapel	(term)	(hols)									
	route then goes up Greenwith Hill towards Frogpool											

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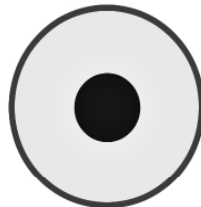
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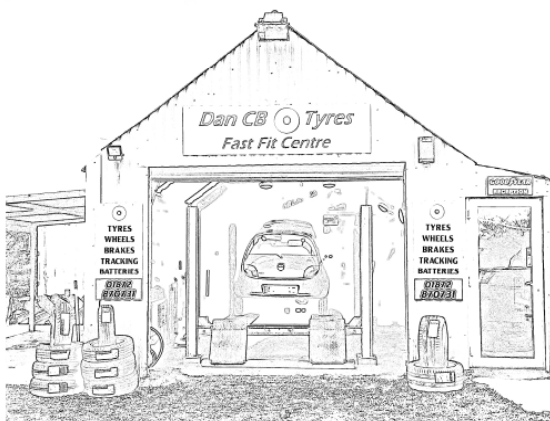


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