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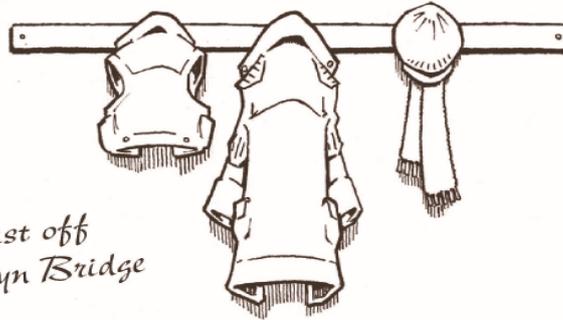
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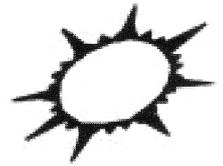
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Staff & Committee would like to thank all our past and present parents, the Parish Council and the Perranwell Centre for their continued support.

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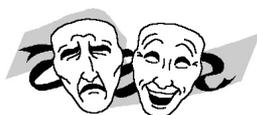
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As we plunge in to dark short wet days this week the front cover is several photos to remind you of the warm and pleasant autumn we have had. Sunflowers at Greenwith Cross, and cows on the move at Trewedna. Thank you, photographers.

This is a somewhat slender issue. Articles and content are always welcome particularly from new contributors. It is your magazine readers. I can only put in stuff I am sent. There is good news and a quiz from the PLHG which is interesting. Hopefully meetings will be able to resume sometime soon if the Covid and Flu is not too grim during the winter months.

Sadly, the Perranwell branch of the Royal British Legion is winding up and laying up its standard at the Remembrance Sunday service. Thank you to all members who have sustained the local branch over many years.

I have a notion to run some CPR and Defibrillator training / refresher sessions and have a short list of people interested to do this. If you would like to go on the list, please email me at [markgripper@gmail.com](mailto:markgripper@gmail.com). The training session are at quite close quarters, so plans are currently delayed whilst Covid numbers are still high and there is concern about flu.

Many readers will fall within the age range to be offered an annual autumn flujab. Could I urge readers to accept this offer when it comes. If you are not in the eligible group for a free flujab I would recommend paying for one at a pharmacy or ASDA or Tesco. They are £8 at Supermarkets and £15 at pharmacies. A bargain at either of those prices.

Advertising cost in **Perran News** have not changed for 10 years. During that time the cost of everything has gone up considerably so it is with some regret we will have to increase advertising costs by a small percentage in January. We get great service from our printers who charge a very fair price and support a number of other local village magazines. Thanks to Martyn, Jonathan, and Mandy. There will be a revised Guidance for advertisers in 2022.

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**Mark Gripper**

## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT: SEPTEMBER 2021

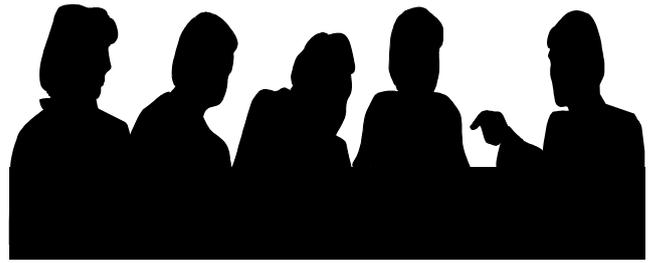
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The new **Highways and Footpaths Working Group** held its first meeting on 8 September and was able to spend far more time on this important subject than could be devoted to it in a normal council meeting.

The working group discussed proposals for the virtual footway over the bridge in the centre of the village (see further comments below), considered footpath maintenance, expressed concern about the safety of cyclists where the cycleway crosses Old Carnon Hill, received reports on improvements to the byway on 'the Alps' and debated traffic management on Cove Hill. The working group acknowledged, in particular, that many of the footpaths needed to be brought up to a satisfactory standard and this would be considered in detail at future meetings. On 22 September, the parish council received a presentation by the **Neighbourhood Development Plan** team to explain the results of the public consultation in preparation for the full council meeting the following week (see below). The month finished with two key meetings in the same week. First, the parish council, acting as **the playing field trustee**, met on Monday 27 September.

The Charity Commission had written to the council requesting an explanation of how the council had handled the Commission's recent regulatory advice, managed conflicts of interest and dealt with proposals to dispose of land. It also wished to be informed of the steps the council would take to ensure that the council's annual returns would in future be submitted on time. The council approved the response to be submitted to the Commission. The source of the complaints remained anonymous.

The council also considered proposals on the governance for the playing field charity. It was agreed that nothing further would be done in relation to this until the clerk had clarified with the Charity Commission the status of, and powers within, the charity's governing document. Therefore, a proposal to form a new



joint working group to consider matters related to the playing field was deferred, as was a decision in relation to a field change request to be submitted to Fields in Trust.

The working group on maintaining the playing field reported progress. In particular, it had received one quote for repairs to the kissing gate in the south-west corner of the field but, because of the relatively high cost, further quotes would be sought before approval to proceed could be given. Approval was given for expenditure on other minor matters, such as repairs to potholes in the car park and additional signage.

The month concluded with a **full parish council meeting** on Wednesday 29 September, which was the first meeting on the new two-monthly cycle. A minute's silence was observed at the start of the meeting in memory of High Kneebone, a former long-serving member and chairman of the council, who had passed away recently.

In the public participation session, a member of the public asked if it would be possible in future for the council to publish the reports in relation to each agenda item; the chairman indicated that this would be considered in the course of reviewing standing orders. The council was also asked if it would again contribute to the cost of Christmas decorations in the parish; this received a positive response. Mr Douglas gave the latest update on Speedwatch, and he was thanked for his contribution to the success of the Tour of Britain event on 5 September.

Cllr Williams, our ward councillor on Cornwall Council, reported that improvements had been

made to the footpath at 'the Alps', one of the speed monitors was being converted to solar power, and Old Carnon Hill was due to be resurfaced next year. By the time this report appears in Perran News, a public consultation meeting will have been held on Thursday 21 October in relation to the proposed virtual footway across the bridge in the centre of the village.

Reports were received from the various working groups, that is, working groups on the website, standing orders, memorials, and highways and footpaths.

After a lively debate, the parish council approved a proposal to submit the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan to Cornwall Council for Regulation 16 consultation. This is the next

formal stage. If Cornwall Council approves the plan, it will return to the parish for a vote in a referendum.

Cllr Holman and his team of volunteers were warmly thanked for their efforts in making the Tour of Britain event on 5 September such a success. Regretfully, mist on the day had precluded helicopter flights from broadcasting the land art installations, but nevertheless they had been much appreciated.

The council is now in its next two-monthly cycle, so the next meeting of the full council will be held on Wednesday 24 November (7:00pm in the village hall). Other committees and working groups will meet during October and November.

**Colin Bridges**  
**Chairman**

## **PERRANARWORTHAL PARISH COUNCIL COUNCILLORS**

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## PERRANWELL STATION - WEATHER REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

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Average daily maximum temperature:	19.2C
Maximum temperature for the month:	25.5C on 7th
Average daily minimum temperature:	13.2C
Minimum temperature for the month:	8.3 on 30th
Rainfall:	3.89 inches
Sunshine:	124 hours
Wind direction:	North Westerly
quarter	



### Reasonably settled, warmer than normal and rather quiet

As is often the case, September was a pleasant month weather-wise. Temperatures were higher than normal, reaching at least 20C on 11 days. The second week saw a mini heatwave, reaching 25.5C on the 7th, warmer than anything we managed in August. Nationally, it was the second warmest September in the series from 1884.

While most days during the month were dry, there was a marked change from the 26th onwards, bringing cooler temperatures and plenty of rain. Overall, rainfall was nearly 40% above the September average.

Disappointingly, sunshine hours were below average.

### Wind Speeds

Here at Perranwell Station, recently we seem to be having more calm days or days with low wind speeds. This has prompted me to get some more data compiled by the Meteorological Office and accessed via the government's website.

The average yearly wind speed over a ten year period 2002 to 2011, across the UK, was 10.24 mph. In comparison, the averages for the last three complete years were as follows:

2018	9.78mph
2019	9.44mph
2020	10.36mph

So far in 2021, seven of the first eight months have had wind speeds below the ten year average for those particular months, including January (on average the windiest month) down from 12.09mph to 8.75mph. Overall, the first quarter of 2021 was down by 0.58mph, and the second quarter down by 1.50mph.

Read into this what you will, but there doesn't seem to be any noticeable upward trend at the moment.

Mike Hands  
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At the moment we are finding it difficult to plan a programme of events as some members and indeed many of our speakers are still understandably being cautious about meetings with large groups of people. Once we are able to book speakers and plan ahead with more certainty we will of course let you know.



Many people are still doing their own history research and we have been asked to put some information together about the Trafalgar Way after its profile was raised by the recent cycling event. If you want to try a history walk Chris Burton's Perranarworthal self-guided walk is on sale in the Post Office (£3). Our website ([perranwellhistory.com](http://perranwellhistory.com)) is available for information and may help with the answers to our QUIZ which we hope you will enjoy.

### THE QUIZ!!

How much do you know about the history of this area?

Select the one correct answer in these multiple choice questions.

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| <p>1. The Trafalgar Way which runs through Perranwell follows the route of the messengers who carried the news of Nelson's victory at the battle of Trafalgar and his death to London in what year?</p> <p>a) 1797<br/>b) 1805<br/>c) 1812<br/>d) 1840</p> <p>2. What was the name of the family who built rebuilt Tredrea as a family home in 1770?</p> <p>a) Fox<br/>b) Edwards<br/>c) Pendarves<br/>d) Harvey</p> <p>3. John Jose made his fortune in the mines of Chile but returned to Perranwell and built which property?</p> <p>a) Carclew<br/>b) Goonvrea<br/>c) Penmarick<br/>d) Mellingey</p> | <p>4. Where would you find a Norman Tympanum?</p> <p>a) St Piran's Church<br/>b) The Norway Inn<br/>c) Perran Foundry<br/>d) Truro Museum</p> <p>5. Name the bronze age artefact containing gold from the Carnon Valley</p> <p>a) The Bissoe Hoard<br/>b) Nebra sky disk<br/>c) Devoran sword<br/>d) Carnon axe</p> <p>6. What year did the railway come to Perranwell</p> <p>a) 1851<br/>b) 1879<br/>c) 1890<br/>d) 1863</p> <p>7. How many pubs did the parish have originally?</p> <p>a) 5<br/>b) 9<br/>c) 3<br/>d) 2</p> |
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8. Which Perranwell resident wrote/ compiled "Flora of Cornwall"?

- a) Agnes Arber
- b) George Forrest
- c) Frederick Hamilton Davey
- d) Thomas Lobb

9. Which British prime minister regularly visited his brother who lived in Perranarworthal?

- a) Anthony Eden

- b) Stanley Baldwin
- c) Neville Chamberlain
- d) Clem Attlee

10) Which unusual animals grazed fields in Perranwell in the 19th century?

- a) Water Buffalo
- b) Llamas
- c) Ostriches
- d) Reindeer

Give yourselves an extra point for knowing why!

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## COFFEE AND CAKE MORNING

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## PLHG QUIZ ANSWERS

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1	b)
2	a)
3	d)

4	a)
5	b)
6	d)
7	a)

8	c)
9	d)
10	b)

## HOW TO GET A FREE FLU JAB

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You can get a free flu vaccine on the NHS, as long as one of the following applies:



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- You care for someone whose welfare may be at risk if you fall ill.

If your child is over the age of six months and has a long-term health condition, or if they are between two to three years old, they will also be eligible for a free flu jab.

You'll also get a free flu jab if you're an NHS-employed frontline healthcare worker or a close contact of an immunocompromised individual.

You can get your jab at your GP surgery, a local pharmacy that offers the service or through your midwifery service if you are pregnant.

Also, ask your employer as it's possible that they offer free flu jabs.

***At the time of writing, there have been media reports that some pharmacies have run out of stock. If you're affected, it's worth keeping in touch with your local pharmacy for any updates or advice.***

## COVID BOOSTER

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Most readers will have had their first two Covid jabs. A few people have had mild reactions to the vaccination. However, the consequences of catching Covid if you are unjabbed, can be severe and as you know sadly sometimes fatal. As far as I know none, or very few folk in the village have been hospitalised with Covid.



It seems that 95% of people currently getting into trouble and needing hospital admission are unvaccinated. A large number of Covid positive tests positive recorded daily are people who have been vaccinated and suffer relatively minor symptoms very similar to the common winter viruses we have had to put up with most winters. This inconvenience is very much better than the alternative of ventilation or death. This is all down to the success of the vaccines.

When you are offered a vaccine please accept it.

The scientists do not yet know how durable the immunity from the two jabs is and there is concern that vaccination protection wanes after about six months.

Do have your booster if you are eligible, to give you maximum protection through the coming winter.

## **PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (PNDP) UPDATE**

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After the public launch of our NDP back in May, we have been quietly working through all the comments we received back, from statutory bodies (Cornwall Council, D&C Police, Service providers, NHS etc.), developers, and you, the community. By the end of the consultation period we'd had 47 representations, which could be broken down to 96 comments!

We have taken these comments and very, very closely considered them, all the responses were really important to us and the Plan and help us to make the best we can for the Parish. Thank you to everyone who took time to comment, good or bad, and especially to those who offered help.

You can see the comments and our responses to them on our website: <https://perranarworthalplan.org>

They are part of the document called '**Perranarworthal NDP Consultation Statement**', **Appendix B – Response Report**.

We then presented our recommendations to the Parish Council in late September, and I'm thrilled to report that the Parish Council voted to adopt the plan and gave their permission for it be sent on to Cornwall Council for their scrutiny and further public consultation. This (known as Regulation 16 consultation) is run by Cornwall Council, who will hold the consultation along the lines of a planning notice so it will be given a PA21/ reference number. We'll help them as much as we can, and will put up posters around the Parish so as many people as possible are aware, and have the opportunity to comment further.

It is important, that Cornwall Council receive plenty of comments from our community, so please take the time to comment when the consultation starts, it helps the examiner build up a picture of what matters to us.

Finally, the steering committee are considering holding another drop-in event for parishioners to have another look at the plan during the Cornwall Consultation, some time over the winter, we'll keep you informed.

*Helen Pettett and the PNDP Steering Committee.*

## **A READER WRITES – REQUEST FOR FOOTAGE OF TOUR OF BRITAIN**

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Congratulations to Howard Spiers for his excellent photo of the Tour of Britain on the front cover of the October PN – and of course for his bravery in no doubt precariously balancing on his step ladder in the chapel car park while simultaneously looking through his viewfinder. The blur of the two leading riders gave a real sense of speed (unless it was the result of Howard over balancing (?). I presume the cyclists were observing the 30mph limit!

As most of the parish residents and others were lining the route all armed with mobile phones and hopefully, maybe, even camcorders, I am presuming that many readers may have some reasonable video footage taken from their own particular viewing positions. I thought it would be a good idea for the Parish History Archives if this footage could be compiled and edited. If anyone is interested in submitting their video footage (preferably taken 'landscape' holding the phone/camera horizontally and not vertically) please contact me by e-mail (not phone please – unless you have no alternative means).

My e-mail address (don't laugh – I didn't realise what I had done until it was too late!) is:  
[cornishbuck@gmail.com](mailto:cornishbuck@gmail.com)

In the meantime, thanks to Steve Hartgroves for his excellent series of aerial photographs (presumably not taken from the top of a step ladder) of the parish – something else which I hope will be stored in the Parish Archives. However I found it disappointing each month that Trewedna Water (the great village outback) was always ‘off the page’, It was as if we didn’t exist in spite of the fact that it is the ‘Trewedna River’ that runs through the parish. Since the advent of Covid—19, walkers, joggers, cyclists and ‘rat-runners’ now seem to have discovered the place. To redress this omission I enclose a recent photograph (see front cover) to prove that it actually does exist and it does support life – maybe ‘not as you know it’ – but ‘life’ nonetheless!

According to the late Hugh Kneebone, when we came to live at Trewedna 55 years ago, there were about 27 milking herds in this parish. What you are now seeing on the front page is the last one.

**Clive Buckingham**

(Member of Mylor Movie Makers)

## A READER WRITES

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Ref your note in the latest, October, issue of the Perran News regards a Mr Grumpy who returned his copy, since he did not apparently appreciate the aerial photos of the area.



Although I did submit an article that was published in the May 2021 News titled 'A moment to be grumpy, if I might be permitted' I would like to assure any interested parties that the gentleman with a fear of his privacy being invaded was not me, but a genuine Mr Grumpy; in fact I really like the views although I don't believe my property or even my end of Greenwith Road has as yet been on the front cover.

Please note also that the pub is still too far from my front door and that my crook knees do feel the pain of struggling up Chapel Hill to home which means for the moment that I have to make the very difficult decision of either going teetotal or getting it delivered (not really that difficult in truth!).

Signed, a still content resident who no longer feels the need to remain anonymous.

Kind Regards and please keep up the good work.

**David R Beeston**

## A RUTHLESS RHYME by Harry Graham

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Written c 1903 Ruthless Rhymes come from a book of my grandfather's, full of gruesome but very witty short poems, which showed that "Political Incorrectness" was highly developed over a century ago.

### MR JONES

**"There's been an accident!" they said,  
"Your servant's cut in half: he's dead!"  
"Indeed!" said Mr Jones, "and please  
Bring me the half that's got my keys."**

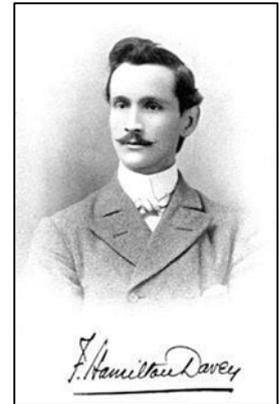


## CORNISH FOLKS.....

Frederick Hamilton Davey, Fellow of the Linnean Society, Member of the Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Society, botanist, chemist and assayer.

Frederick Hamilton Davey was born in Ponsanooth in the Kennall Vale on the 10th September, 1868, the 12th child of Emma (née Trengove) and Stephen Henry Davey. He left school aged 11 to work in the Kennall Gunpowder Mills. Encouraged by his father and local vicar, Davey took to nature study as his principal recreation.

At the age of 17, he suffered a severe attack of rheumatic fever and was left with a weak heart but used his convalescence to further his studies. In 1891, aged 23, he submitted his first paper to the Cornwall Polytechnic Society, followed by several more, earning him various medals in recognition of his industry.



In 1899, Davey met ornithologist and plant collector A. O. Hume, C.B., founder of the South London Botanical Institute, who was to accompany him on tours of Devon and Cornwall. This was clearly a seminal event, which led to Davey beginning his major opus, *Flora of Cornwall*, for which he was to become renowned. Teaching natural sciences at the Central Technical School, Davey worked as an examiner in agricultural botany for the Cornwall Council. He also contributed regular botanical reports to the Royal Cornwall Institution and prepared a botanical section for the *Victoria History of Cornwall*.

In 1900, Davey began training as a chemist and assayer at the Redruth School of Mines, and two years later succeeded his father as Works Manager of the Cornwall Arsenic Company's factory at Bissoe, having acted as his father's assistant for several years.

In 1903 he was elected a Fellow of the Linnean Society, and was then the youngest holder of that honour. He was a frequent contributor to the transactions of the Royal Cornwall Institution, and in 1905 was awarded the Henwood gold medal for botanical work. He was also an honoured member of the Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Society and acted as honorary librarian and judge.

Several years later, Davey's health again deteriorated. In later life he joined the Botanical Exchange Club (1911) but by this time his health had begun to deteriorate and he had retired to a cottage in Perranarworthal. In 1912 he suffered a heart attack followed by a cerebral thrombosis which left him unable to speak for the remainder of his life.

Fortunately during this time he still managed to read and write. He died on the 23rd September 1915 aged just 47 years, his body laid to rest in the Wesleyan Cemetery at Ponsanooth. As news of his death became known, people throughout Cornwall gathered wild flowers from fields and hedgerows, to send to the Wesleyan Chapel, Ponsanooth.

He never married.

At the time of his death Davey's herbarium consisted of 4,000 mounted specimens. Davey's '*Flora of Cornwall*' (1909) is the standard flora of Cornwall. He was assisted by A. O. Hume and he thanks Hume, his companion on excursions in Cornwall and Devon, for his help in the compilation of that *Flora*, publication of which was financed by Hume.

Davey gives an account of all the reports of Cornish plants from 1576 until his own time and divides Cornwall into eight districts. The *Flora* was a formidable undertaking, with little time available, neither library nor herbarium accessible, and no existing works to consult. Nevertheless, with the aid of his band of voluntary helpers recruited through the offices of the Royal Institution of Cornwall and a letter to the local paper, he completed the *Flora*. Comprising 600 pages, the book was published in 1909 by Chegwidden, Penryn.

The Isles of Scilly are covered by the Flora but not very thoroughly: there is a good Flora of Scilly by J. E. Lousley. Thurston and Vigurs published a supplement to the flora in 1922 and in 1981 L. J. Margetts and R. W. David published A Review of the Cornish Flora.

In 1950, Cornishman Francis Rilstone named a particularly fine species of bramble 'Rubus daveyi' in honour of his friend.

Davey's beautifully prepared and presented herbarium of about 4,000 sheets is kept at the Royal Cornwall Museum, Truro. One of his legacies is a collection of bramble specimens.

He lived at Beechwood, Perranwell Station according to the 1911 census. Not sure where that is or was but think it might be up Perran Downs end of the village. Great man, deserves more recognition than he has received.

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*Editors Note: This article, spotted by Carrie Langford, was posted on Memories of Perranwell Facebook page. There is an excellent book written about Hamilton Davey by Selina Bates and Keith Spurgin, a well-known local botanist. The book is "Stars in the Grass" and copies do appear in local second-hand book shops from time to time.*

*Hamilton Davey has always been of particular interest to me as he built the house I live in, Windrush in Silver Hill. When it was built by Davey it was called St Piran's. Hamilton Davey was in poor health by the time St Piran's was completed, and he needed several days in bed to get over the upheaval of moving as described in Keith Spurgin's book. The house was built especially with Davey's botanical work in mind, with two large bay windows with low cills either side of a small conservatory. The front bedrooms also have low cills, making the front rooms unusually light for a house of this period. The conservatory he built is unchanged and is the porch of the house, as it is now. From Davey's point of view, given his limited mobility, it was also helpfully nearer to Bissoe, where he worked, and much closer to the railway station for his botanical adventures.*

*Alas, by the time he moved in he was increasingly infirm and he died in one of the front bedrooms in the newly built house in Silver Hill in 1915.*

*When I first came to Perranwell in 1981 a very interesting old lady called Ivy Edwards lived at Rose Villa at the bottom of Cove Hill. Her father was one of the Edwards brothers who ran Edwards Mill, a grain mill on the site of the foundry, after mining machinery production ceased. Ivy knew of Hamilton Davey and remembered as a small girl at the turn of the nineteenth century, seeing him on his perambulations, "a pale man always going about in a pony and trap." Ivy had a copy of the original Davey Flora which she kindly left me in her will. A treasure I have to this day.*

*Another note of interest from the medical point of view: Rheumatic fever took many lives before the advent of Penicillin. Fortunately, it is now rare. Davey's biography gives a classic account of this dangerous illness. He had the attack of Rheumatic Fever with acute arthritis in his teens which left him with a weak heart subsequently. Rheumatic Fever with acute joint swelling and pain was a well recognised consequence of a Streptococcal infection, often a severe sore throat. Davey's weakness afterwards would almost certainly have been rheumatic heart valve disease. This causes damage to the mitral valve causing vegetations on the valve cusps. The damaged valve leaks and the heart works extra hard under strain to pump effectively. The damaged valves shed bits and pieces of the vegetations which can get carried through the circulation to block blood vessels in the brain, causing "cerebral thrombosis" leading to a stroke, as happened to Davey.*

*With the recent Covid pandemic there has been much mention of the devastation caused by the 1919 flu epidemic for comparison. How lucky we are to live in the era of vaccination and antibiotics. Hamilton Davey's life might have been so much longer and healthier had he been able to have some Penicillin aged 17 to treat his rheumatic fever. Also had Heart valve surgery been available he could have had a heart valve replacement for his damaged valve and possibly enjoyed many years of old age with normal heart function despite his rheumatic heart disease.*

**MBG**

# News From The Royal Oak

November 2021

Hello All,

It's been a little while since we've written for the Perran News – mostly because we didn't know what was going to happen next with all the Covid regulations! We're glad to say that things have got much closer to normal here at the pub, although we are still encouraging people to wear masks when moving around the pub, providing sanitisers on each table, keeping windows open and asking people not to attend if unwell.

Everyone's been great throughout though and we want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support.

Just a reminder that we are closed from November 1<sup>st</sup> until November 8<sup>th</sup> for 'essential staff maintenance' and look forward to seeing you all when we open again. The Pub Quiz will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> instead of the first Tuesday of the month.

Knitting Circle will resume after the November break, so are calling all the team back and welcoming anyone new. It's a lovely group, so keep any eye on our Facebook Page for details if you fancy coming.

Our Christmas Menu is out and will be served from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Please book early if you fancy a festive meal with us. We are also hoping to resume the Carol Singing this year, so do please join us.

We will put dates and details up for all the events so please either follow our FB Page or keep an eye on the Notice Boards.

Thank you all once again and very best wishes,  
Tim, Lizzie and all of us at The Royal Oak





## The Royal Oak Christmas Menu 2021

Served from Friday 3rd December until Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> excluding Sundays

2 Courses £20.00    3 Courses £26.00

### Starters

- ★ Parsnip & Chestnut Soup (Veg)
- ★ Classic North Atlantic Prawn Cocktail ~ Marie-Rose Sauce
- ★ Venison Terrine ~ Apple Cider Chutney & Toast
- ★ Baked Brie Studded with Garlic & Rosemary ~ Warm Focaccia

### Main Courses

All served with Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

- ★ Traditional Roast Turkey with all the Trimmings
- ★ Nut Roast with Mushroom & Red Wine Gravy (Veg)
- ★ Poacher's Pie ~ Venison, Rabbit & Pheasant in a Rich Red Wine Sauce with a Puff-Pastry Lid
- ★ Baked Fillet of Hake ~ Clam & Chorizo Butter
- ★ Roasted Butternut Squash, Pepper & Toasted Pine Nut Wellington (Veg)

### Desserts

- ★ Traditional Christmas Pud with Brandy Custard (LG, V) (Vegan version available)
- ★ Terry's Chocolate Orange Bread & Butter Pudding
- ★ Vanilla Cheesecake with Christmas Spiced Apricot Compôte

### ★ Taster Plate

Chocolate Paté, Raspberry Sorbet, Frosted Lemon Sponge (LG) (Vegan version available)

Please pre-book meal choice for larger parties using form below  
£10 per person non-refundable deposit in parties of 6 and over, payable at time of booking  
Please contact us to book vegan alternatives or food intolerances:  
01872 863175 or [theroyaloak.perranwellstation@mail.com](mailto:theroyaloak.perranwellstation@mail.com)

**Please note:** although we can offer food made with allergen-free ingredients, we cannot guarantee an allergen-free environment in the building



Children's Hospice South West's spectacular Santas on the Run Goes Freestyle will be returning to the Eden Project this December.

More than 650 people took part in the last festive 2k fun run around the iconic biomes in 2019, raising nearly £26,000 in support of the charity's Little Harbour children's hospice in St Austell.

And after being held virtually last year due to the pandemic, organisers hope an army of fun runners and walkers will be back at Eden raising cheer in their festive gear on Sunday, December 5.

"We're excited to be bringing our flagship fundraising event back to the stunning Eden Project in our 30th anniversary year," said CHSW fundraiser Kiley Pearce.

"Our supporters did us proud during the pandemic, raising thousands of pounds across the region by taking part in virtual Santa runs with their families and friends at home.

"And while people will still be able to do a Santa run at home if they'd prefer to, we hope as many people will join us at Eden as possible.

"Our festive, fun 2k course is suitable for all ages and abilities and there will be plenty of festive treats to enjoy along the way," added Kiley.

Santas on the Run Goes Freestyle will be one of the charity's first physical fundraising events for nearly two years. To enable social distancing in the event village and on the start line, there will be three start times at 10.30am, 1pm and 3.30pm.

Santa suits are not being provided this year to help reduce the impact on the environment, and the registration fee has been reduced to £10 per adult, £5 per child (under twos are free).

"Your registration fee includes entry into Eden for the day, making it a brilliant festive family day out – the perfect way to get everyone in the mood for Christmas and help raise a few pounds for your local children's hospice."

CHSW, which was founded in 1991 and is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, supports more than 500 families across the South West. The charity provides respite, emergency, end-of-life and bereavement care and support for the whole family at Little Harbour and its other two hospices in Barnstaple and Bristol.

It has adapted its care during the pandemic to ensure Covid-safe support wherever and whenever families need it, including for the first time ever, in families' own homes.

"By taking part and raising money, you will be helping to provide vital care for local families who need our love and support now more than ever," added Kiley.

Santas on the Run Goes Freestyle is kindly sponsored by The Exeter. To sign up for the Eden event or to take part virtually, visit [www.chsw.org.uk/santas](http://www.chsw.org.uk/santas)

You can also join the Santas on the Run Goes Freestyle Facebook group [www.facebook.com/groups/santasontherun](https://www.facebook.com/groups/santasontherun)

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

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

### **2022**

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

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

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

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

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

Yselkla Hall is our treasurer and also our advertising coordinator. Yselkla can be contacted on [perrannewsads@gmail.com](mailto:perrannewsads@gmail.com) Her phone number is **07933 571681**

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Thank you.

Mark Gripper

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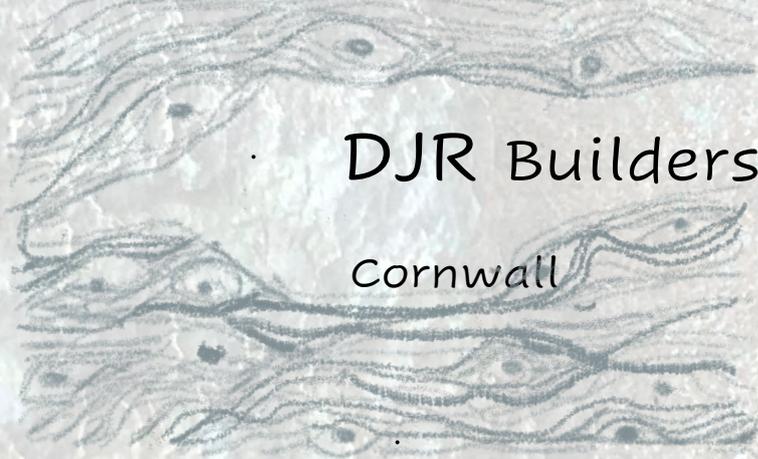
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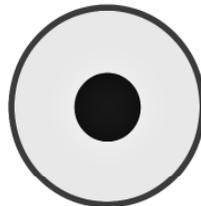
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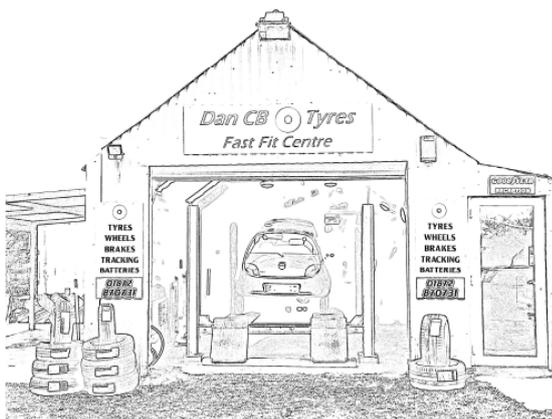


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