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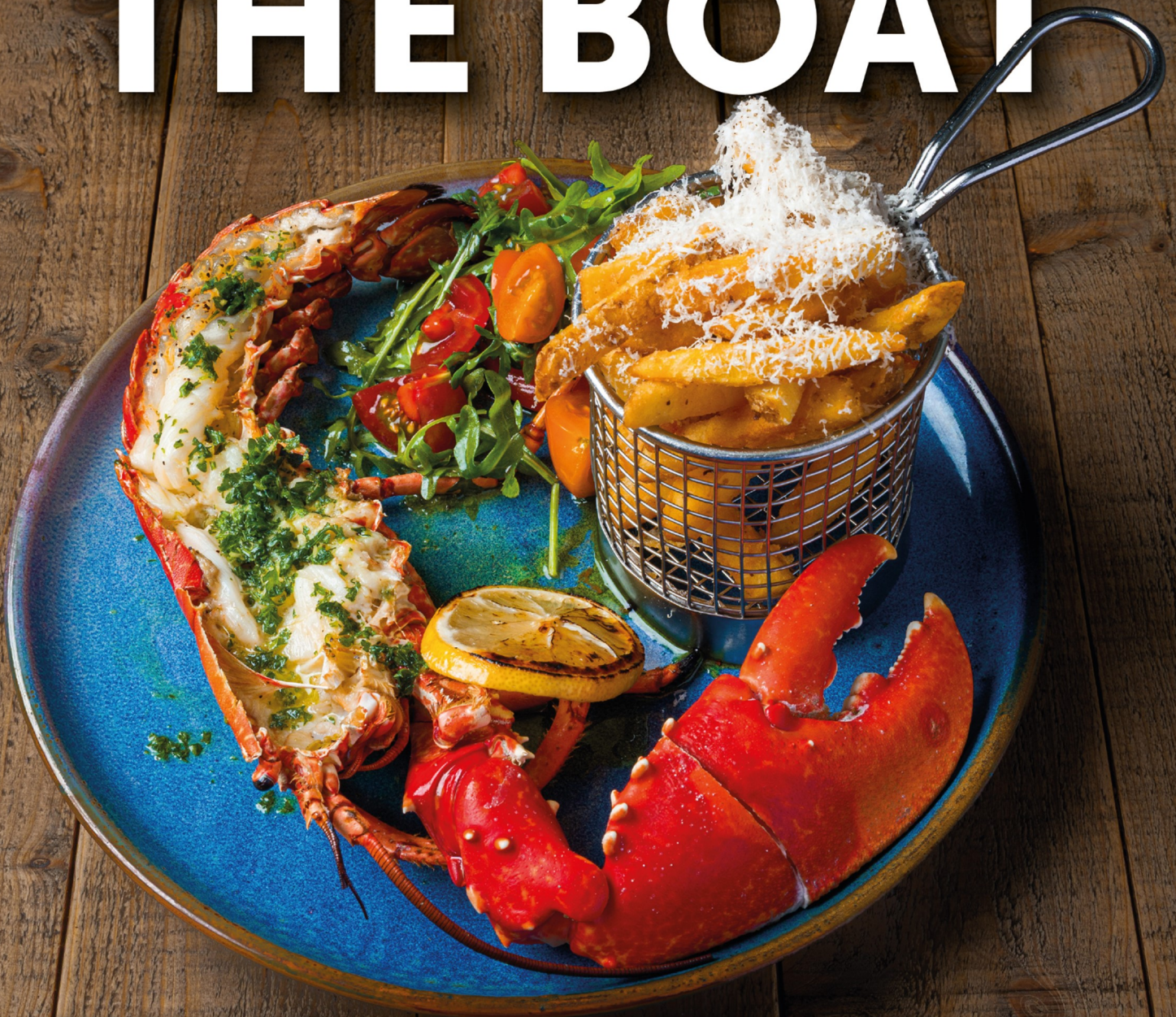


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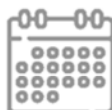
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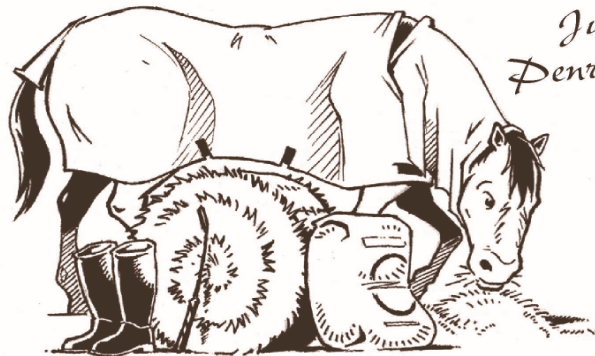


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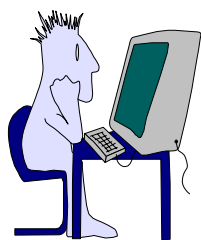
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An autumnal cover from Kelly with a photo from Jacqueline Davey. Thank you both.

I hope all readers have enjoyed a summer break. After the sunny earlier months of the summer, August and September so far are a bit of a disappointment. See Mike, our weatherman's, page for some details of July and August. The fungi seem to be enjoying the changed conditions, however, and the grass has miraculously turned green again.

The Royal Oak has changed landlords. I am sure readers join me in thanking and congratulating Tim and Lizzie for making the pub a joyful hub for the village, and wish them well for the future. They will have a lot of friends in Perranwell for years to come. Jonathan Dolby, who has been working in the Royal Oak for a while, and his wife Hayley, have taken over. I am also sure readers will wish them well and support them in their future endeavours.

Walter Brotherton has been nominated as an MCC Cricket Hero. Anybody who has had any connection with the cricket club over the years will know that Walter has been the beating heart of the club for about 50 years in numerous roles. Great stuff, Walter. Very well deserved.

You will notice that the directory pages look different and rather better organised. Colin Bridges has kindly done this, and it will be easier to find what you are looking for. I think there are a number of entries which may be out of date but Perran News has not been notified so if you spot any errors please email me and I will delete or correct details.

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT: SEPTEMBER 2025

After the long summer break, it's back to business with much to report.



Hedges have recently grown abundantly, assisted by plenty of sunshine and rain, with the result that they often make roads seem narrower and obscure speed-limit and other signs. You may have noticed that many of the hedges have recently been cut. Thanks are due not to Cormac but to our own Cllr Mark Pryor assisted by Mark Kelly, who undertake this work voluntarily, so we owe them a big thank-you. To support this work, the parish council has been preparing its own hedge maintenance policy. At present, this is still in draft form but the basic idea is that responsibilities relating to hedge maintenance will be explained in detail and the parish council will gradually undertake a programme of education and persuasion to encourage everybody, especially land and property owners, to take better care of hedges. More details will emerge once the draft policy has been approved.

One key point is that the parish council undertakes almost all the maintenance work in relation to footpaths and is often criticised when paths become overgrown. However, while the parish council is responsible for vegetation growing upwards from the surface of each footpath, property owners are responsible for cutting back growth from the sides. Not a lot of people know that, as Michael Caine might have said. Local residents rightly expect footpaths and other public rights of way to be maintained to a good standard because they contribute immensely to the health and wellbeing of the community. To achieve this, it seems clear that the parish council's budget for footpath maintenance will probably have to increase substantially as the financial support from Cornwall Council for this work is very limited.

The parish council has decided that a programme of Tidy-up Days will be run on the first Saturday of each month, organised by Cllr Lea Thomas and supported by Cormac with the loan of equipment. The first event was held on Saturday 6th September, so look out for details of further events. The hope is that by making it a regular monthly occasion, more people will participate in helping to keep the village looking good. Many areas of the parish require attention. If you know of such an area, please tell us so that it can be added to the programme. And then think about joining in. You might even enjoy it.

In addition, it's been suggested that it might be a good idea to hold a Repair Café on the same Saturday morning as the Tidy-up Day. If anybody likes this idea, has experience of running a Repair Café or possesses handyman skills that might be useful for such a venture, please get in touch. Repair Cafés are very popular in other parts of Cornwall, so it will be interesting to see if there is a demand for one here.

An extension of the 30mph limit on the A39 from the western end of the current 30mph zone through Stickenbridge to Frog Hill was proposed by Cllr Bron Freake and supported by the parish council. The speed limit on this stretch of the A39 is currently 60mph but the area includes bus stops on both sides of the road, the fruit and veg stall and turnings into residential areas. Several accidents and near-accidents have been observed, caused by drivers not necessarily exceeding the speed limit but driving too fast for the circumstances. Cormac, who are responsible for highways, rejected the initial proposal, but the parish council will be considering this further.

Meanwhile, the parish council is proceeding with a proposal to install a great many more speed awareness signs in 20mph zones to encourage drivers to slow down. A schedule of potential locations for additional signs has been prepared and will be sent to Cormac for approval. If it goes ahead, our Speedwatch team will be monitoring the impact. More volunteers for Speedwatch sessions would be especially welcome. If you'd like to see traffic speed reduced, don't leave it to others – volunteer!

Chyvogue Lane, which runs alongside the playing field, will be familiar to many local residents, not just those who live there but many other people who enjoy walking along it. The current status of the lane is technically that of an unrecorded public right of way. In order to clarify the situation, the parish council is

in the process of compiling an application for Chyvogue Lane to be registered as a restricted by-way. Normally, restricted by-ways prohibit vehicular traffic but users of properties along the lane, including not only the houses but users of the playing field and the school, would continue to have the right to drive along it. Some residents living along the lane believe it is privately owned but the evidence for this, as opposed to the right to free passage, seems slim and a succession of maps from the early nineteenth century onwards would appear to indicate that it is, in fact, a public right of way. The matter was fully debated at a recent meeting of the Highways & Public Rights of Way Working Group, which was attended by many local residents. Members of the public have been invited to submit any documentary evidence to the Clerk concerning the lane's historical status. The final decision on the designation of the lane will rest with Cornwall Council and we will report the outcome.

The Community Store made a welcome return to the beautifully restored old shop premises in the centre of the village. The newly-created Community Corner with its tables and chairs has been a very welcome addition. If you have not yet visited the store, please make a point of doing so; besides being a very pleasant experience, the store will rely on its local customers visiting frequently. We don't want to lose the shop again. However, the good news about the re-opening of the old shop premises was tempered by the fact that the building was put up for sale again. The parish council is monitoring developments closely and will be considering any steps it may be able to take to help secure the long-term future of the community store. This will be assisted by the fact that two parish councillors (Cllrs Annie Hewitt and Dave Ward) serve on the shop committee.

The flooding at Bissoe Bridge and along the Coast-to-Coast Trail continues to occupy our attention. The Mining Remediation Authority is expected to make a much anticipated return visit in October to share proposals to clear silt from the river and thus reduce flooding. Look out for details.

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

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Chairman

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PERRANWELL STATION - WEATHER REPORT FOR JULY 2025

Average daily maximum temperature:	21.5C
Maximum temperature for the month:	26.6C on 10th
Average daily minimum temperature:	14.6C
Minimum temperature for the month:	9.4C on 3rd
Rainfall:	1.51 inches
Sunshine:	182 hours
Wind:	North West quarter



Warm and Dry

A very pleasant month, weatherwise, but the drought was beginning to bite. Rainfall was low, only 57% of the long-term average for the month. The number of summer “rain days” has been fewer in recent years (see article below).

Daytime temperatures were about 1.5C above what we can normally expect for July, while nighttime minima were about 0.5C higher than normal. Following a warm 1st of the month, temperatures peaked between the 8th and 14th. The warmth continued for most of the month, with temperatures reaching at least 20C on 26 days. Nationally, it was the UK's 5th warmest July on record.

Perhaps surprisingly, sunshine hours were slightly down on the July average.

Weather Report for August 2025

Average daily maximum temperature:	21.2C
Maximum temperature for the month:	25.0C on 12th
Average daily minimum temperature:	14.1C
Minimum temperature for the month:	8.5C on the 22nd
Rainfall:	3.05 inches
Sunshine:	167 hours
Wind:	Westerly quarter

Warm and Mainly Dry

August's weather was similar to July's, except that it turned very wet at the end of the month, 1.75 inches of rain falling in the 24 hours spanning 28th and 29th alone. Daytime temperatures were some 1C above average, the warmth peaking in the second week. However it stayed relatively warm throughout the month, daytime temperatures reaching at least 20C on 25 days.

Although it stayed very dry for most of the month, the last week was very wet, bringing the month's rainfall up to near average. Sunshine hours were also near what we can expect in August.

Is our summer rainfall pattern changing?

In recent years, I've suspected that our summers have experienced longer dry periods, interspersed with fewer days of rain, sometimes heavy or prolonged. This pattern has been particularly evident this summer. With this in mind, I extracted the following figures, comparing the averages for the last two decades, from my records:

<u>2006-15 Rain</u>	Rain	Days*	<u>2016-25 Rain</u>	Rain	Days*
May	2.02"	13.2		2.25"	9.4
June	2.30"	10.5		2.94"	10.0
July	2.98"	13.5		2.33"	10.1
August	3.12"	16.3		2.85"	11.7
September	1.90"	10.9		4.45"	14.1 (2016-2024)

* "Rain Day" defined as having rainfall of at least 0.04 inches

It is noticeable that Rain Days have decreased in the first four months, regardless of whether rain totals have slightly increased or decreased. September appears to be an interesting anomaly, with a dramatic increase in average rainfall, but this month is usually regarded as part of the autumn.

Although of interest to keen weather observers like me, please note that these trends come with the usual caveat that comparing relatively short ten year spans does not translate necessarily into long-term changes.

September Update

The drought appears to have well and truly ended, with nearly four inches of rain up to the 14th.

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A NEW CHAPTER FOR THE ROYAL OAK IN PERRANWELL STATION

The Royal Oak in Perranwell Station has entered an exciting new chapter, as husband-and-wife team Jonathan and Hayley Dolby take on the much-loved village pub.

For Jonathan, the move feels like a natural progression. Having worked at the Royal Oak for the past seven years, and previously at the Norway Inn, he knows the pub, its people, and its place at the heart of the community. Now, alongside Hayley, he is looking forward to shaping its future while keeping its welcoming, traditional spirit alive.

Community is at the centre of their vision. The Dolby's want the Royal Oak to continue as a gathering place for locals, visitors, and families alike. This commitment has already been reflected in the pub's refreshed decor. As part of their redecoration, Jonathan and Hayley have adorned the walls with vintage photographs of Perranwell Station, creating a warm reminder of the village's story and its people. The images have quickly become a talking point, sparking memories and conversations among the customers.

"We really wanted to bring the story of the village into the pub," says Hayley. "The Royal Oak isn't just a place to eat and drink – it's a space where people connect, and we wanted the decor to reflect that sense of belonging."

Jonathan added:

"Having worked here for so many years, I've seen how important The Royal Oak is to the community. Hayley and I are proud to take it on, and we're excited to carry it forward as a place where everyone feels at home."

With their blend of experience, passion, and community spirit, Jonathan and Hayley are looking forward to the future of The Royal Oak – and to raising a glass with the people who make Perranwell Station such a special place.

COMMUNITY SHOP

We have had a great start to the transfer of the Community Shop from the portacabin to the original shop premises. Not only do we have a brilliant working environment the move has resulted in a big uplift in sales. We've increased stock levels to cope with the larger footprint and higher turnover together with offering sales space to local suppliers.

Our community corner offers a very relaxed and comfortable space in which to enjoy one of our lovely cakes and a cuppa. Do come and try for yourself.

We continue to monitor our pricing structures so that we offer competitive prices and our commitment to local suppliers remains as before.

People Changes

We have had a number of changes in the management committee of PCS. David Podd has resigned as chairman and will be replaced by Annie Hewitt. David remains on the Management Committee so we can still tap into his superb retail expertise. We owe him a huge debt of gratitude for his vision in setting up the original shop and orchestrating the move into the current premises. Dave Ward has resigned from the committee although he will remain with the company as a team leader and will also retain responsibility for managing cash.

We wish to thank both David's for their significant contributions to the development of the shop right from planning a community shop to its opening.

At the same time, we welcome Paula Wheeler to the management committee. Paula has been active with the shop for some time, her work ethic, practicality and organisational skills are already adding value to the team.

We had to recognise that the paid Store Standards Manager position has not worked out. Graeme McCallum got stuck into the role, but in hindsight the fit wasn't ideal, we will examine ways of addressing standards whilst maintaining a wholly volunteer workforce. Graeme will continue to support the shop as a volunteer, and we thank him for his efforts in what proved to be a difficult role.

Finance

The move to our new premises provided a welcome boost to sales which exceeded all expectations. Total August sales collected (ie inc VAT) reached £14,000 -more than 50% higher than our 2025 monthly average in the old portacabin. This is a bit of a one-off and we have already seen a drop in September. However, we fully expect monthly sales to remain comfortably higher than before.

Due higher expenses together with one-off moving and set-up costs there's been little in the way of profits and cash generation although this situation will improve in the coming months

General

We have had several new volunteers join us and we are grateful to all our volunteers for the time they freely give. If you wish to join our team there are tasks required behind the scenes which we need assistance with. If this is more appealing than being customer focussed, then please do get in touch.

Finally, we are a shop which is run by the community for the community. We get some lovely compliments, the best one of all is your continued support by shopping with us.

The Community Shop Management Team

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COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Hello all,

A motion for the ocean

By the time you read this, I'm hoping I'll have had my first motion agreed by Cornwall Council. It is focused on sewage pollution, an issue which affects our rivers and creeks just as much as the coast: there were 172 dumps in the Kennall River last year, and 145 in Mylor Creek. As well as pressing South West Water to make the necessary investments in infrastructure, I'm suggesting that Cornwall Council appoint one of its members to be a volunteer 'water quality champion' to keep up the pressure on behalf of the whole council, and also that we convene local charities and environmental groups to explore what we can do together. I'm pleased to have had cross-party backing – this is something we all want to see cleaned up.



Learning the ropes

The life of a councillor is certainly varied! I've been enjoying meeting residents, dealing with issues and getting to grips with the workings of County Hall. Unfortunately, there's not always a quick fix to the issues people raise with me. I've been experiencing a frustration which I imagine is common to lots of new councillors – discovering the practical reality that issues are not always straightforward to resolve, particularly when money is tight. Optimism, creative thinking and stamina to keep plugging away at things will be an important part of my councillor toolbox over the next few years!

Buses

Much of my time since I last wrote has been spent on issues relating to buses – prompted mainly by changes to bus schedules to Truro College, which mean there is no longer a stop for students in the centre of the village. These new routes have been commissioned by Truro College, but for me it's highlighted a whole range of wider issues around public transport. Officers in the Council are starting to think about the new bus contract from 2028 onwards and will be seeking councillor input on that. The bottom line is that operating buses in a rural county like ours has particular challenges. This is an area where it's not just about what happens at County Hall – we need to speak up for Cornwall on the national stage as well, because government policies often don't work in rural areas like ours.

The new development at Trewedna

I know there's interest in the houses being built at Trewedna, so I've included again the information about those. All of the properties have eligibility and local connection requirements.

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The shared ownership homes will likely open for applications around the time Perran News is landing on your doorstep. The rented homes will be advertised about 3 months before completion, which is currently on track for March next year.

In either case please keep your household details, local connection information and contact details up to date.

That's it for this month but as ever, please don't hesitate to get in touch if I can be of any assistance.

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<https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/cornwall-and-the-isles-of-scilly-marine-nature-recovery-framework>

Local Plan drop-in sessions at Penryn and Falmouth, Wednesday 4th November from 12-7pm. The Local Plan sets the framework for how Cornwall will develop over the next 20 years. It's an important part of planning policy, setting the framework within which planning decisions get made. With the government having dramatically increased housebuilding targets, Cornwall needs to refresh its Local Plan and to do so much more quickly than usual. These sessions are to gather people's views.

Details: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/creativekernowcornwallcouncil>

WI NEWS

As usual, the members of Perranarworthal WI have been pretty busy. We've enjoyed talks from a time travelling Victorian lady (yes, really!); heard about the hard work of the Friends for Cornwall Hospital, and enjoyed a scrummy cream tea on a sunny August day at Linden Hey.



In September, Maureen Bate showed us her incredible paper craft skills and everyone had a go at making something with her careful instruction. Your next birthday or Christmas present wrapping may be a work of art – we were inspired!

CB

ST PIRAN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS AND FESTIVAL

St Piran is the patron saint of Cornwall, and his feast is widely observed throughout the county on March 5th each year.



Living in (one of the three) parish(es) of St Piran I think it would be appropriate for us to celebrate the saint's day each year, and to use the occasion to raise funds for the Perranwell Centre. We could arrange a variety of activities and involve people of all ages, the local primary school and local groups, choirs etc.

Suggestions to date include parades and processions through the streets, a St Piran's day 'Furry Dance', a St Piran Supper with Cornish music (including the traditional "Trelawney Shout") and poetry, quizzes and a pasty competition.

I would like to form a small committee to discuss ideas and help plan and organise the first event - to take place next year - 2026.

If you are interested please contact me:

(Lesley Hartgroves) on lhartgroves@gmail.com or telephone 07717280124

NEWS FROM DEVORAN SCOUTS

The 17th Truro (St John's Devoran) and known by all as Devoran Scout Group has Cubs (8 to 11 year olds) and Scouts (11 to 14) plus Explorers (14 to 18). The age ranges have a bit of flexibility. The Explorers combine with Explorers from Playing Place Group. We have had Beavers (6 to 8 year olds) in the past but lack of numbers resulted in the Beaver Colony closing down...for now we hope.



We have been in existence for over 70 years and although we meet at Devoran Village Hall and have the name 'Devoran' in our name we draw on a wider area. Cubs and Scouts both meet on Wednesdays. Numbers aren't high but camaraderie and enthusiasm certainly is among adults and young people. The enthusiasm is plain to see and the values as strong as they ever were. There's a good team of leaders but as so often with scout groups in many places, running Cubs or Scouts can be on a knife edge as all adults are volunteers so could step down at any time for all sorts of very genuine reasons connected with work, family, health.

That happened with our scouts year or so ago when the Scout Leader Mick Roberts said after many years fulfilling the role week in and week out it was time to take a rest particularly with work pressures. With no ready replacement the Trustees and other leaders had to find a solution failing which the scouts would have to close. A small group, including some parents who had been giving some help already were prepared to give it a go as the last thing any of us wanted was closing the doors. So for over a year now we have kept up a weekly programme including Scouts and Cubs having an excellent weekend camp on Dartmoor.

Cubs and Scouts in Devoran are healthy and active. Besides the camp there have been a selection of activities to maintain interest. There have been wide games, hikes (day and night) first aid training, sailing and kayaking, cooking, games and visits all of which produce smiles (usually). We have a range of equipment for camping and activities, and are blessed by our surroundings. A wise old leader when asked what are the benefits of being a scout said 'creating memories' by which he meant the activities, experiences, friendships and achievements all contribute to a pool of memories that live with you for life. Many of us, and probably some of you reading this, have those memories and retain friends from Cub and Scout days. Some readers might have been Brownies or Guides but the same adage applies.

Hopefully, the young people won't notice but change has been happening with the Scout organisation.

Locally the Districts (local areas) of Falmouth and Truro merged nearly two years or so ago to form the 'Carrick District' a reminder of the area of water that connects the two places. Decreasing numbers meant separate Districts were no longer viable but a new set up should help resolve that. Carrick as a Scouting District now has 16 Groups (including some Explorer Units) as well as a District Explorer Unit, stretching from Goonhavern in the north east to the Helford River in the south west. The new District largely parallels the now defunct local government area previously known as Carrick District Council. A new District badge has been agreed depicting the Carrick Bend knot. The Carrick Bend knot dates back to at least 1783, when it was included in a nautical bilingual dictionary. Its origins prior to that are not known with certainty but it is possible that it came from the Carrick Roads, part of the River Fal that flows from Truro to Falmouth. It is a knot used to join two lines, a great symbol for the joining of Truro and Falmouth Districts.

At a national level Bear Grylls has stepped down as Chief Scout. He was an inspirational leader and really walked the talk. His replacement Dwayne Fields has an impressive CV being the first Black Briton to reach the North Pole among his many achievements. He is known as an explorer, adventurer and TV presenter, having been seen in the BAFTA nominated Channel 5 series Race to the Pole, on BBC Springwatch and Countryfile.

Organisationally at a National, Regional and local level there many changes have taken place which have been labelled 'Transformation'. This is basically about improving the volunteer experience with four specific areas of change; A Warmer Welcome; More Engaging Learning, Simplifying Volunteering and Digital Support. One of the typical changes is what adult's roles are called. We have had people called 'Commissioners' or 'Leaders' which will

be changed to, for instance, District Lead Volunteer and Group Lead Volunteer. So what previously was called the Truro District Commissioner following 'the Transformation' is to be known as the District Lead Volunteer.

Above reference was made to our Scout Leader standing down. Mick Roberts had given many years of service but he clearly 'had the scouting bug' as a year or so after stepping down he agreed to become our Group Lead Volunteer, a position (previously known as Group Scout Leader). The role had been vacant for many years with the then Chair of Trustees, Clare Fenwick, covering many of the responsibilities over that time. Mick brings a wealth of experience to us and with it some relief to Clare!

Clare herself stood down and to give her credit she found her successor. Dave Ellis responded to a message on the Next Door platform and brings vast experience in public service to the role. His 3 year term (part of the new rules changing it from election every 12 months) is due to be confirmed at our AGM in the Devoran Village Hall on the 26th November: contact me if you're interested in knowing more or attending. We have what is known as an open selection process for trustees, which this year will include confirming a new Treasurer and anyone interested in being nominated for any role should contact me. The Treasurer vacancy has been advertised and appears elsewhere.

This would not be a typical scout communication if it did not include a plea for adult help though we need young people too. We would like to restart our Beaver Colony but need a small team to do so. Cub and Scout numbers need a boost as well. For adults training is provided and is a requirement based on what role a person actually has; safeguarding checks and vetting processes are necessary too and we are looking for someone who will wear the scout uniform as we are a uniformed organisation. If you want to know more or want to help out you can contact me.

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THE PERRANWELL MEMORY CAFÉ

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

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

2025

October 14	Tai Chi with Nikki Ridgemont
October 28	Jumping Out Duo with jazz - clarinet and sax
November 11	Nancy Althea with chair yoga
November 25	Nikki Bovis Coulter - Artwork
December 9	Outing – venue tbc
December 23	???? tbc



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

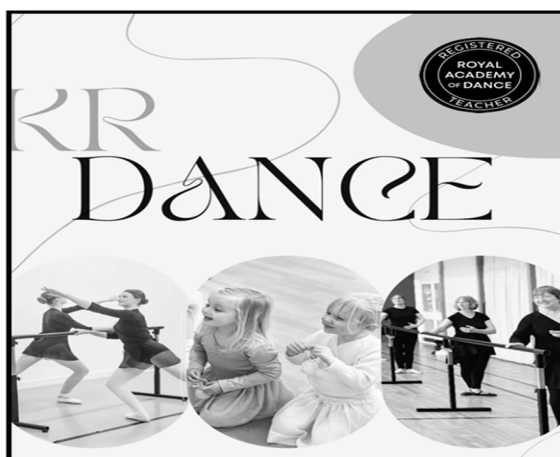
Perranarworthal Memory Café – a little bit about it and a shout out for volunteers.

There is a Memory Café Network throughout Cornwall. Our Perranarworthal Café is unique and is run by a group of committed and caring volunteers from the local community. We meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 2-4pm at the Village Hall. There's always a tea break with plenty of delicious homemade cakes supplied by volunteers. Sessions are made up of activities such as quizzes, games and singing, as well as movement activities like tai chi, and guest performers and facilitators such as musicians and artists. We also manage to fit in a few outings over the year to nearby places such as Trebah Gardens. Guests and carers are always warmly welcomed.

There's plenty of laughter, time to catch up on news and also get a little drop of support if and when it's needed. Whilst we have a great group of volunteers, we are mainly women. So, we would like to encourage some of you men out there to consider becoming a volunteer. We're waiting to hear from you!

CB

Contact Sue on: 07443 504128 or Roe on: 01872 719076



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PERRANARWORTHAL CRICKET CLUB MCC COMMUNITY CRICKET HERO

Anyone who has ever been connected with the village cricket club will know Walter Brotherton. Walter has been nominated as an MCC Community Cricket Hero. A very well-deserved award, Walter is and has been the beating heart of the club for about 50 years in numerous roles. Great stuff, Walter.

On coming to Cornwall nearly fifty years ago Walter played in the first team and became a leading all rounder/strike bowler. Over the years he has been first team captain, chairman, president, trustee, and head groundsman. He played in the second team well into his sixties and is still lead curator of the ground at Tredrea's beautiful pitch.

The ground and the wicket have long been admired by visiting teams from all over Cornwall who always enjoy playing at Perran, even if they come second! Now in his eighties, Walter, together with Alan Johnston and Bob Haine, still spend several hours each week maintaining the pitch and wicket to exceptionally high standards. Heroes all.



Here is a photo from the club archive circa 1980 with young Walter front row 2nd on right, and an even more youthful Phil Davey, former head teacher at Perranarworthal School, 2nd from right.

Walter will be celebrating this award with other Community Cricket heroes at Lords sometime this year. **MBG**

MYLOR BRIDGE BOWLING CLUB

With the season drawing to a close, club finals were recently played in mostly dry weather. However, one game was played in pouring rain with spectators enjoying the scene from a dry clubhouse. Windscreen wipers would have been very useful!

Winners of the trophies were as follows: Ladies singles – Sue Walker, Ladies handicap singles – Elaine Beckton, Men's singles – Chris Johns, Men's handicap singles – Ian Dodd, Mixed singles – Andy Lobb, 3 sets of 7 – David Bevan, 3-2-1 – Andy Lobb, Ladies drawn pairs – Sue Kelly and Wendy Fowler, Men's drawn pairs – Adrian Poole and David Commerford, Mixed drawn triples – Derek Sherman, Ron Weatherhead and Paul Matthews. Due to injury, the Mixed pairs final was postponed until the beginning of next season. A series of exciting and, sometimes, tense matches. Congratulations to all!

Captain's day, 14th September, marks the season's conclusion and hopes are high for a fine day with all six rinks in play. Later in the afternoon all will enjoy a meal of Pip's Pasties and Magnum ice creams (we certainly know how to live!), followed by the presentation of trophies.

Cwmbran calls... the club tour this year takes us over the border into Wales where we will be staying at The Parkway Hotel, Cwmbran. During the stay three matches are scheduled at Hay on Wye, Croesyceiliog and Ross on Wye. Details of the trip will be recounted in next month's issue of The Magazine.

For those wishing to try their hand at this addictive sport, details can be found on the club website www.mylorbridgebowlingclub.co.uk. We very much look forward to welcoming new faces.

Elaine Beckton

BOOK REVIEW CORNER

The dawn is getting a little later... I've had a ridiculously busy couple of months with folks wanting slabbing here and brick paving over there, so busy that the dawn hours have been laced with worry that this could be seriously detrimental to the writing of book review corner.. ah, do not fear, reader, dear, some time was poached to read a little...



Orbital, by Samantha Harvey, winner of the Booker Prize 2024... six astronauts circling the Earth, a highly rated book which I must be honest I found a little turgid at times and was easily distracted, those pesky paving issues like neural weeds. Flashes of beauty though, as quoted here " it's a universe of sidelines, there is no centre, just a giddy mass of waltzing things.. a bashing away of mankind's ego by the instruments of scientific inquiry until it is, that ego, a shattered edifice that lets light through".

Nuclear War, A Scenario, by Annie Jacobson - I devoured this book on Sunday 17th August and it read like a thriller, Jacobson uses her knowledge and research of declassified documents to outline exactly how nuclear war could unfold, how close we have already been and how prone we are to a blinding flash of light, vaporising thousands, leaving others carrying their charred skin around like a bundle of clothes and perhaps rendering much of the planet uninhabitable for humans.

A Robin just flew into the kitchen. It's found its way out.

The Anxious Generation by Jonathon Haidt explores the effect social media has had on teenagers over the past ten years. The effect of the smartphone. Teenage depression and suicides have rocketed, particularly amongst girls. There's a very powerful song by Nina Nesbitt called "Selfies". Although the book explores the teenage relationship with the smartphone I think it's a read so many of us can relate to- I mean, who actually really likes Facebook and would declare it's had a positive effect on society? So many of us are dependent on it for interaction with various events and organisations, then get drawn into this 21st Century Wild West. None of this happens by accident- Facebook and other smartphone platforms pay millions of dollars to top psychologists, negativity is fostered as this lights up the brain and encourages engagement. This book offers a great insight.

I re-read The Counsellor by Cormac McCarthy, the man is a master at planing the veneer off civilisation and letting us humans see the dastardly creatures that we always have been and probably always will be. However, it's not this that grips me with McCarthy, just his beautiful use of language:

"Yes. At the understanding that life will not take you back. I have no wish to paint the world in colours more somber than those it wears, but but as the world gives way to darkness it becomes more difficult to dismiss the fact that the world is in fact oneself. It is a thing you have created, no more, no less. And when you cease to be so will the world. There will be other worlds. Of course. But they are the worlds of other men and your understanding of them was never more than an illusion anyway. Your world- the only one that matters- will be gone... The extinction of all reality is a concept no resignation can encompass. Until extinction comes. And all grand ideas are seen for what they are. And now I must go. I have calls to make, and then, if there is time, I will take a little nap."

McCarthy's use of language just clutches at my heart, a psychical sensation, threatens to wring tears from my eyes. Devastatingly brilliant. Stella Maris is my favourite book. I've read it, like, six times? Just beautiful.
JM

A COMFORTING THOUGHT:

The older you get, the better you get. Unless you are a banana.

Tues 21st Oct 2025
At the Perranwell Centre 7.30pm
'King Copper'



A century of industrialisation in Devoran and Restronguet Creek 1800 to 1900
Speaker: Nicholas Johnson MBE

Nick was Head of the Archaeological Service in Cornwall (1975-2010). As well as directing the surveys of archaeological landscapes on Bodmin Moor and West Penwith, and creating the Mineral Tramway Trails, he led the team that achieved World Heritage Site status for Cornish Mining in 2006. He retired in 2010 and has since concentrated on the history of Devoran and its hinterland.

For 30 years, from 1785, the Great Carnon Stream Works extracted tin gravel from the river bed below Dunstan's Bridge by constructing large embankments that channelled the Carnon and Kennall rivers away from the diggings. Meanwhile, copper mines in the Gwennap area began their huge expansion. Hundreds of pack mules passed daily through Carnon Downs on their way to and from the mines carrying copper ore and coal to and from mineral quays on the Fal.

All this was to change in 1824 when the Redruth and Chasewater Railway connected the mines to new wharfs being built on the old streamworks' embankment at Devoran. In 1828 a new section of the Truro to Falmouth turnpike road was constructed to Perran Wharf and Perran Foundry. The area around Lower Devoran farm was owned by the Agar-Robartes' of Lanhydrock who saw a great business opportunity and proposed a new town to be built called **Devoran**.



Penpoll and Point towards Devoran in 1857 © Royal Institution of Cornwall - Sept 23 1857 17 ships sailed from Point

Devoran had a church, chapel and Sunday School, a Board School, a market hall with an Institute and library above, a post office, police house, four pubs and a dozen shops and stalls. The creekside had 1000m of busy, smelly and noisy wharfs.

This hive of industrial activity was short lived. Mine waste, pouring out of the Great County Adit above Bissoe rapidly restricted navigation, but it was the collapse of mining in the late 1860s that proved fatal. There are few places in Cornwall that have experienced such an extraordinary rise from rural backwater to thriving industrial enterprise zone and back to rural backwater in less than 70 years. Zero to Hero and back almost to Zero!

Do come along and join us to hear more about the rise and fall of the mining industry in this area from a well known local expert.

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annual membership (was due May 1st) £6



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St Piran's Church Annual Toy Service ***10.00am Sunday 23rd November 2025***



Unbelievably we are once again rapidly approaching the month of November and our Annual Toy Service at St.Piran's Church is almost upon us, to which all are very welcome - particularly young families. ***If you have any toys*** in good clean and operating condition which your children or grandchildren have grown out of or they no longer require we would be very happy to receive them for distribution to disadvantaged families in the area who, owing to the current economic circumstances, may otherwise receive very little or nothing for Christmas

The Joint Anglican and Methodist Community of our Parish has been providing this facility for the past 50 years or more and you, the residents of our parish, have been most generous with your support over that time for which we and the recipients are sincerely grateful.

A SINCERE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED IN THE PAST .

During recent years the Falmouth/Penryn Food Bank has kindly carried out the task of distributing the gifts from their headquarters in Penryn and are pleased to continue with this facility so - if you have any of the following new or second hand items in clean good workable condition that you would like to contribute we would be very grateful to receive them.

- (1) For young children*** – Toys, games, jigsaw puzzles, scooters, bikes etc
- (2) For teenagers*** – Toiletries, Socks, or anything else you think may be of interest to them.
- (3) Monetary Contributions*** (if you prefer). All cash contributions are used for the purchase of Christmas fare (food) and are not distributed direct so as not to be used inappropriately.

If you are unable or prefer not, to bring your contributions to the Toy Service we will endeavour to collect them so please telephone

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ONCE AGAIN – THANK YOU

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Yoga for Relaxation	Deidre Mason 01209 613488
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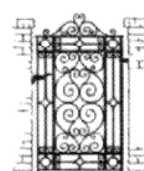


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