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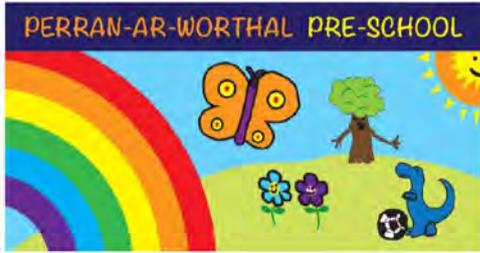
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EDITORIAL



As I write this Big Village is well under way and the sun is beating down, although the forecast for the coming weekend is not quite so hot. The front cover shows some pictures from the early events.

Bravo for the Knitting Circle who have knitted some very special bunting and other decorations to adorn the village and mark the festival fortnight. A colourful and gently humorous touch to the celebrations. The events so far seem to have gone well so I hope readers will be moved to send in some words and thoughts for the August / September edition. Colin Bridges has sent some of the photos on the cover. Thanks Colin.

We have another Crossword. I hope readers enjoy this relatively recent addition to *Perran News*. If you enjoy the crosswords and puzzles please let me know as the compilers would welcome some feedback.

A couple of readers have recently complained that they are missing political content in *Perran News*. Luckily, this month Barney Bile hits the spot with something opinionated and controversial to mark the first anniversary of the referendum, Thanks. Barney.

The Boys in the Band also turn up again, like bad pennies.

I would like to welcome all new readers of *Perran News* who have recently moved to the village. Big Village will give you a good idea of the flavour of the community and I hope you will meet some of your new neighbours and fellow villagers. I am sure you will like what you see.

It was interesting and encouraging to hear in Rob and Clare Holmes talk about their research for "Remembering the Fallen" that some family members of the war memorial names had contacted them having read the articles on the *Perran News* website. It is difficult to know how many hits the website gets, but it is heartening to discover that *Perran News* is read well beyond the parish.

If you are reading this editorial far away contact us and let us know where you are and what your connection is with the village. In the heyday of Cornish Mining miners went to all parts of the world and it was said that down a hole in the ground anywhere on earth you would find a Cornishman. They were known as "Uncle Jacks" I believe. Perhaps in this modern age we now have internet "Uncle Jacks" and "Aunty Jills", to be politically correct, who read *Perran News* on line far from TR3.

The website comes up easily on a search for "*Perran News*" so please recommend it to all your friends, relatives and former neighbours who might have an interest, from Playing Place to Paraguay.

It is the advertisers that pay for your free copy of the magazine every month so please support them. It is very gratifying that *Perran News* is perceived as such an effective local directory for the village. Readers if you use an advertiser in *Perran News* please could you mention you saw the advert in our pages to give them encouragement to continue supporting your free village newspaper.

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If you have an event you want to advertise which is scheduled for the first ten days of the month can I suggest you plan ahead and publicise it in the preceding month's issue so people will have reasonable notice and there is no likelihood of the event taking place before some readers receive their magazine. **THE COPY DATE FOR MATERIAL INCLUDING ADVERTS IS 12TH OF THE MONTH PRECEDING PUBLICATION PLEASE.**

Thank you to all contributors to *Perran News*. It is an enormous help if you type an item for the magazine on a computer word processor. You can send it in electronic form as a .txt or .doc file, on a disk or ideally as an email attachment. If you have an Apple computer please could you send files as .doc or rtf as Pages files are incompatible with my windows computer.

If you send articles electronically could you not include fancy fonts or complicated formatting, the simpler the better, thanks.

If you email send articles to me at markgripper@gmail.com If you handwrite articles please make them as clear and legible as possible particularly unusual words or we may make mistakes. Leave hand-written material in the red box at the village shop.

Mark Gripper

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on May 17th and included the Annual Parish Meeting. It was attended by Councillor Peter Williams (Cornwall Council) and various members of the public. Concern was expressed about the safety of the ride on horse at the Playing Field which was missing its footplates. Subsequently the horse has been fenced off and will shortly be removed. There are plans for a continuation of the playing field refurbishment and hopefully the horse will be replaced by something new shortly.

Councillor Graham Brown was re-elected as Chairman of the Parish Council, as was Councillor Mark Pryor as the Vice Chairman. The new Councillors, John Burn and Scott Kneebone were welcomed by the Chairman. Councillor Williams asked that the Parish Council let him have a list of any matters for Cornwall Council related work and he would do his very best to get them done.



By the time you read this the Big Village activities will have taken place, hopefully there was something for everyone to enjoy and the weather was kind. Thanks are due to the main organiser, Mr Ian Halford for all his hard work in co-ordinating all the events.

If there are any issues within the Parish that you would like the Parish Council to look at, please contact the Parish Clerk or any Councillors. You are very welcome to attend meetings, whether it is the main Council meeting or a planning meeting.

The next parish council meeting is on Wednesday 26th July 2017 at 7.30pm, with public participation between 7.15 and 7.30pm. Planning Meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month, but please check the website and notice boards for confirmation.

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PERRANWELL STATION - WEATHER REPORT FOR MAY 2017

Average daily maximum temperature:	16.4C
Maximum temperature for the month:	23C on 26th
Average daily minimum temperature:	9.6C
Minimum temperature for the month:	2.9C on 10th
Rainfall:	2.41 inches
Sunshine:	177 hours
Wind direction:	Easterly quarter



May's weather in Perranarworthal parish reflected the national picture, with easterly winds for the first 10 days, an unsettled period mid-month, and a warm spell from the 24th to the 26th. Temperatures were about 1C above the long-term average, rainfall was near average, while sunshine totals were below what we can normally expect in May.

Nationally, the average temperature was some 1.7C above the long-term average, making May 2017 the second warmest May in the series extending back to 1910.

Here, 11 of the last 12 months have seen average temperatures above the long-term average.

At the time of writing, Big Village festivities have just begun, and the weather is set fair - at least for the next few days. In fact, the sun is shining from a cloudless sky, the temperature is around 23C, and a slight breeze makes it near perfect for lazing outside. This leads me to reflect on last month's article about the best area to live in the UK from a weather perspective, and the realisation that many people would not want the higher summer temperatures experienced in the south east; you really can have too much of a good thing.

Mike Hands

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MARITIME LINE NEWS

Did you know?



THE MARITIME LINE
TRURO-FALMOUTH BY TRAIN

From 21st May, 2017, on Mondays to Fridays, the last train on the line now runs more than half an hour later. The train will depart Truro station at 22 44 instead of the current 22 08 and Falmouth Docks at 23 11 instead of the current 22 35.

On Summer Sundays, the number of trains is set to increase from 11 to 12 each way, improving service frequencies in the middle of the day. Currently seven trains operate each way before 18 00 on Sundays, and this will increase to eight.

The later weekday train follows requests from Cornwall Council, the Hall for Cornwall and the Maritime Line Forum; allowing people to return home by train after a performance at the Hall for Cornwall. The later evening services will also allow visitors from other parts of the country to be better able to reach Falmouth by train. The later Maritime Line service will make a connection with the Golden Hind, the 18 03 from London Paddington. Currently, the latest people can leave Paddington for Falmouth is one hour earlier at 17 03.

Readers may recall that Actavo (the Scaffolding firm up by the station) kindly donated money for plants for the station platform flower beds earlier this year. Now that summer has finally arrived, these are looking very colourful.

This is just a note to say that Actavo have now responded to the planting that has been done around the station and the village by putting up some attractive hanging baskets and a flower tub of their own at their premises.

We are delighted to work with Actavo, who are very keen to be part of the community here at Perranwell

This update provided by Friends of Perranwell Station

CHOIR NEWS

We were thrilled to win our category at the Cornwall Music Festival in March and honoured to be invited back to perform as the finale at the Gala Concert.

We are now looking forward to these upcoming events:

10 Sept Truro Day. Singing on the stage at Boscawen Park 3pm.

KEEP THE DATE EXCITING VILLAGE EVENT COMING UP

Dear all, 2 days AFTER the deadline for The Perran News I was approached by a very nice, but extremely persuasive lady to hold an event next month and invite you all. So throwing myself on the mercy of the Editor I hope this reaches you.

Forgive me for being vague but at the time of going to press all I actually have is where and when. She wasn't so much asking for an event but more of a miracle. But we shall rise to the challenge!

VILLAGE HALL 7PM SATURDAY 22ND OF JULY

The good news is that by the time you read this I will be able to supply all the details. (Those who know me will trust me to come up with something!!)

We do genuinely extend a very warm invitation to you all so please call once you read this for more details.

Sue Kneebone (01872)864342 07828590320

EXCREMENT ALERT!

Someone is allowing his/her dog/dogs to foul the triangle opposite Perranwell Station, the small area of grass and flowers which is planted and maintained by Parish Council volunteers.

The red dog waste bin is situated only a couple of feet from these unwelcome deposits.

The grass is cut each week and this is becoming a very unpleasant task.

Christine West



St Piran's Church
with Perranwell Methodists, July 2017

Sun 2 nd July	CW	9.30am	
Sun 9 th June	BCP	8.00am	
	CW	9.30am	
Sun 16 th July	CW	9.30am	
Sun 23 rd July	BCP	8.00am	
	F/Service	9.30am	
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PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL PRE-SCHOOL - FUN IN THE SUN

The Pre-School embarked on its annual trip to the beach last month. Staff escorted the children on the train to Gyllyngvase Beach in Falmouth, where the sun shone, many sandcastles were built, ice creams were eaten, feet paddled, and a great time was had by all.

The Pre-School is now planning its next summer trip, which will be to Dairyland next month.



CALL FOR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We are still looking for new volunteers to join the Pre-School committee.

Some of our members will be stepping down shortly, leaving places on the committee that must be filled in order for the Pre-School to continue to run.

Activities include a monthly meeting and various fundraising events throughout the year. 60% of the committee must comprise parents or grandparents of enrolled children but the remaining 40% can be from any member of the community.



If you have some time to spare and would like to contribute, please contact us!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY BREXIT

I hope those who voted for Brexit are pleased with their handiwork. You must all be thrilled how it has turned out. A pound worth 20% less than it was a year ago, a "strong and stable" government in hock to a dozen right wing Ulster politicians. Can it get any better than this?

After giving our European friends and neighbours the cold shoulder, whilst the rest of the world looked on aghast, the only non-British person who thinks Brexit is a good idea is the poisonous Nigel Farage's best mate, Donald Trump. Wonderful.

It all began in Cornwall when the red Battlebus rolled into Truro last April, plastered with slogans about "£250 million a week for the NHS if we leave the EU". The perfidious Boris Johnson, leading the charge, selling this cruel lie, in an ill concealed plan to advance his journey to 10 Downing Street. A small crumb of comfort, fortunately he isn't quite there yet, but he's getting close. The two main party leaders, Mme May and Mr Corbyn, both conspicuously, kept their heads down during the cut-and-thrust of the campaign, being allegedly Remainers; fence-sitters more like. Neither like to be reminded of this in media interviews these days.

Within a short time the jolly band of Brexiteers grudgingly confessed the NHS slogan was porkies, but it was noticeable that it was never painted out, as the red bus continued to feature in the backdrop of daily news reports during the campaign. "Nothing to do with me, sport", the gruesome Farage chuckled daily, at this subliminal propaganda outrage.

Readers may remember the film "*Life of Brian*" when the Judean National Front were complaining "What have the Romans ever done for us?" For Romans substitute EU. They then listed a whole lot of things which didn't sound too bad: building roads, funding civic amenities, improving the environment generally, major infrastructure projects, raising safety standards. Sounds familiar?

Barney Bile

THE BOYS IN THE BAND - CONVENT GIRLS AND MALTESERS

It has become a tradition for gloom to descend the day before a general election. Today was true to form so a bit of further suffering seemed appropriate. I hadn't been to visit the Governess since Easter as I trudged to the Village Hall on a grey damp June Wednesday afternoon. Pilates afternoons for me always seem to be grey and damp, I suppose because I can't go sailing. For a change I was early and was surprised to find the entrance hall deserted. I was even more surprised looking through the hall door to see, not the ladies, but the brothers, in full action at 3.20. Surely my watch wasn't slow. Class doesn't start till 3.30. My mistake.



I tried to sneak into the back of the class without being noticed, but was immediately spotted and summoned to the naughty step at the front of the hall amidst smirks and jeers from my class mates. The usual Governess was away in the Cayman Islands, visiting her offshore bankers for advice before the Brexit talks get under way. She always seems to be AWOL when I turn up. Is she avoiding me after all the promotion material I have written in *Perran News*? The Devoran Governess is holding court today, putting the Perranwell ragtags through their paces. With some glee she informed me that classes have been starting at 3.00 since Easter. I should come more often. I should also read more carefully the technicolor emails the Governess sends detailing the timetables.

The Devoran Governess is in the same impressive mould as her colleague. A formidable woman. I could see her doing well in SAS Ultimate Hell Week or on Bear Gryll's Island. I am quite sure she could drag a tractor tyre up a steep hill with a rucksack full of bricks on her back without any trouble. As for building a waterproof shelter and killing a crocodile with a machete, a piece of cake. With this formidable brace of governesses on the island I am sure fellow castaways would enjoy quality accommodation and ample jungle cuisine with Governesses one and two on the case. Everyone would be fit and flexible to boot. If I knew they were going I might even apply to Channel 4 for an Island holiday and some crocodile stew.



Today she has some interesting new wheezes to entertain us. We are visualising hollowing our stomachs as though we are scooping out melon balls with one of the special gadgets beloved of the likes of Delia Smith and Gordon Ramsey. There's certainly plenty of material to scoop. The next minute, reliving her schooldays, she is asking us to sit up with straight backs and pretend we are "convent girls". Looking round the room I am not sure that some of the chums aren't taking this a little too seriously. Glad we are not required to do this one in appropriate costume. A dozen middle aged men in gym slippers and straw hats is a picture I don't want to think about.

The final new treat is lying on our backs with bent hips and knees, feet off the floor, trying to keep our shins level, so we can balance imaginary Maltesers, without them rolling off our shins. In no time my Maltesers are a sticky mess or rolling all over the floor.

Even more disconcertingly during this exercise to keep our shins horizontal she kept asking us to make sure we had the correct "angle of dangle" so the Maltesers don't roll off. I found this rather alarming as this is an expression I had not heard since fifty years ago when it was common during discussions with pubescent school chums contemplating the unexpected consequences of the hormonal surges which bedevil adolescent youths.

All the more disconcerting for the classmates, as I suspect we all may be a little less well provided for in the hormone department these days.



Peter King has sent in this extract from the Village Hall Committee from 50 years ago.
Thanks Peter

Minutes of the Perran-ar-Worthal Village Hall Committee held on Monday, 10th July 1967 held at the Hall at 7-30 p.m.

Present were Mrs Gill, Mr & Mrs Gilbert, Mr B. Carder Mr D. Carder (who apologised for his late arrival) Mr T. King, Miss Ward and Mrs S. Perkin who was in the chair.

I Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Jackson and Mr Hope.

II Minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

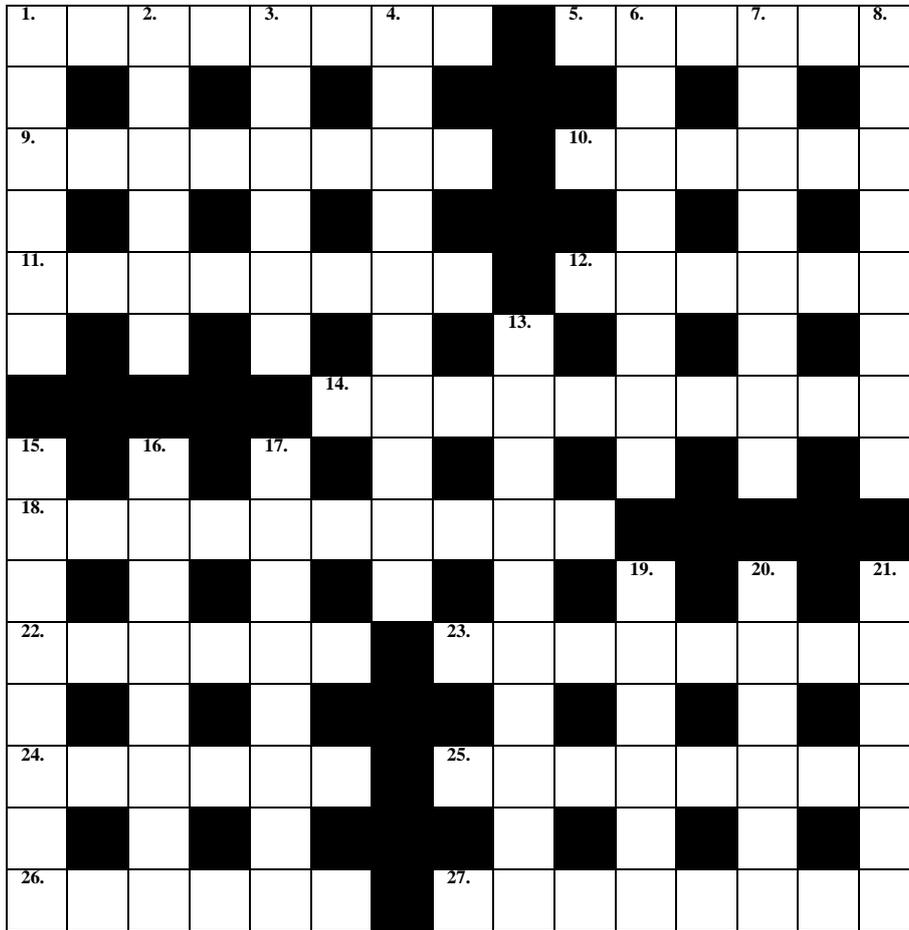
III Matters Arising from the Minutes

1) Confirmation had been received that Mr Walters would open his grounds of Carlew Mill, to the public for the Halls benefit on August 6th which meant that Stewards would be needed, Messrs B & D Carder Mr King, Mr & Mrs Perkin, Mrs Gill and Miss Ward all volunteered to act as such. The secretary agreed to work out a rota. Car Strickers were being distributed and an advert put into the West Briton

2) No word had been received as to whether Mr Wish had been consulted about the amplifier. Mr Gilbert agreed to try and do so.

3) Condition of football room was very bad, as members saw for themselves. Secretary to ask them to tidy it up.

4) July 5th Liaison Meeting had been convened and proved successful.



ACROSS

- 1. Precedes residences heard on 13 (8)
- 5. Where tree and sheep may retreat (6)
- 9. Go downstairs afterwards on 13 (8)
- 10,24. Another dramatic dance
(without model) was on 13 (6,6)
- 11,22. I invite you for food on 13 (4,4,4,2)
- 12. Live at the god on 13 (6)
- 14. Being present for invitation to ball
at Prime Minister's residence (10)
- 18. Cooker and dog transport (5,5)
- 22. See 11
- 23. Sponge on 13 (8)
- 24. See 10
- 25. After Brooklyn on 13 (4,4)
- 26. Have some tuna later on 13 (6)
- 27. Mixed nuts date what is unspoken (8)

DOWN

- 1. Church not sweet? Find the cause (6)
- 2. Part of a complex sum or a retired
Japanese heavyweight (2,4)
- 3. African city held by some Zulu and
Ashanti (6)
- 4,19. Chicken and road on 13 (10,6)
- 6. Dame's pet may charge (8)
- 7. Reminiscent of benefit included in
property payment (8)
- 8. Has murders following on 13 (8)
- 13. Tie Elvis on differently and box (10)
- 15. Unusual crown in London district.
How? Now! (5,3)
- 16. Action man endlessly morphs into
body structure (8)
- 17. Totally clean and no charge for
bacterium (4,4)
- 19. See 4
- 20. Dire strait for painter (6)
- 21. Confused red fan some distance
away (3,3)

BILL TEAGUE WRITES - SOME OF MY MEMORIES OF PERRANWELL.

Before I get too old to use my typewriter, I am now 91, getting on, here are some of my school memories.



In 1938, when Miss Rowe, one of the teachers, retired we made her presentation of an electric clock. Headmaster, Stanley Biddick, did the presentation. Miss Rowe said to him: "thank you very much, but I have not got any electric electricity where I live." His face went a deep red as he had failed to ask if she had electricity where she lived at Burncoose. It looked bad in front of the whole school. Whether we gave her something else, I cannot remember.

On the outbreak of the war in September 1939 a school from Hornsey, North West London was evacuated here, so our lessons were cut to mornings only and the afternoons were spent on the playing field. On the site where the chapel car park is, there was a house at one time, and a spring appeared in the living room floor, making the house uninhabitable. They were re-housed by Truro RDC.

In pre-war days there was one solitary seat at the junction where this stood. It disappeared, probably went to help the war effort, and was never replaced. I can also remember six shops in various parts of the village, now we are down to the one. Mate long continue to flourish.

I've also seen several changes at the parish church. About 1955 - 1965 Rev Canon J R Jose was vicar. If he had a congregation of 15 that was his lot. He passed away, and succeeding vicars, there have been several of them, altered and improved things. The old hymn books were replaced by more modern ones, the morning prayer and evening prayer services were dropped, the service times went back from 11am to 10am then to the present time of 9.30am, a big improvement for everybody. Also people came to live in the village who are interested in church affairs, the congregation steadily increased to the present 40 to 60 worshippers at every service. My one regret is that most of us are elderly and we need more young worshippers every Sunday. If the church wardens etc hear that you have a birthday anywhere near a Sunday there is a good chance that you will get a burst of Happy Birthday from our organist, where else will you get that?

Now I have something to give away. It is a 1960 vintage, about that time, large Ferguson hi-fi combined radio and record player also with a cassette player which needs attention. It comes with two large twin speakers. It needs a good home and is a large thing so will need an estate car or a small van to transport. It is too good to go to the United Downs Dump. I need the room for it. I'm at home most days and can be found at the nearest cottage to the parish church, my phone number is 863893.

READERS WRITE

Via your organ I wish to send a plea to residents of the parish that possess a car alarm. REMOVE IT.



On many occasions, both myself and other residents in the village may leave our motor vehicles unlocked overnight, sometimes with the keys left in*, but this does not concern us, as it never leads to any undue occurrence.

HEY you people with car alarms, that live in Perranwell, why do you need a car alarm, are you paranoid or insecure, what is your problem?

Chill and enjoy where you live, and don't ruin the peace for everyone else.

Angry Resident

P.S.*This is not an open invitation.

I have been reading all of the objections against the proposed planning application in the field by the station. The main objection appears to be the increased traffic through the village. There are also concerns about the extra pressure on the school. However, people in favour seems to welcome the extra people in the village to support our local businesses. I have a brilliant idea, how about they build student accommodation for Tremough campus, there will be no extra cars and certainly no children to try and go to the school. But this would be great for the shop and the pub. The location is perfect given that it is right next to the train station with Penryn being just minutes away on the train.

Sarah Knowles

Hello readers.

This is a letter that I didn't want to write, but now feel I have to. I have lived in the village all of my life, and believe me, that's a long time. I love this village and never want to see it ruined, however, I am also realistic and realise that we must evolve, I have become increasingly frustrated reading bits and pieces in the **Perran News** and dotted around the village. This letter is mainly regarding the objections to the planning by the train station.

I would just like to give my responses to the objections that have been made, but also express my views about the whole issue. Short sighted. We need to be protecting the village that we all love, this doesn't mean stopping it from growing. It means allowing it to grow in order to protect its future. Post offices are shutting all over the country, we are fortunate to have an amazing little post office with a lovely little shop. We need to increase the number of people in the village to ensure the future of this business. I remember a few years ago, a sign in the window of the shop dying that the national lottery were threatening to remove the lottery machine from the shop because it was under used, we cannot let this happen. The post office is not alone! An average of 4 pubs a day have shut across the U.K In the last 6 years, this is because they are not being used. We don't want to see ours vanish.

Our local football team has recently reduced from 2 teams to 1 due to a lack of players. It's common knowledge that the train station is constantly under review because it isn't used enough. Our village is partly named after the railway STATION. We are risking losing all of these, and more if we don't increase the number of people in the village. I find it slightly ironic that the main objector to the planning lives in "the old post office" and they are doing their best to create another house with the same name down the road. 30 houses, that could be 100 people. That's 100 people that could be using all the local amenities. Let's use this to sustain our village and the objection of development is incredibly short sighted.

Let down: I believe that the parish council have let us down. There are 2 potential housing developments in Perranwell. Cornwall has been instructed to build 57,000 homes. Every village has to do their bit. All villages and towns around us have had large developments and now it's our turn to do our bit. The council will grant one of, or both of the planning applications. The parish council had a job to tell the council which application they would prefer to have. Rejecting both applications is counter productive. They had the opportunity to use their local knowledge and ability to reflect the opinions of the parishioners in order to identify which development they think should go ahead. By rejecting both, they have failed the in their role, and failed the village. If both developments go ahead, the parish council need to accept part of the blame.

Void: The main objector to the development near the station has voided his own objection. I understand why he doesn't want 30 houses, basically in his garden, however, if you don't have genuine objections then don't make some up. More traffic? More pressure on the school? I will talk about those a bit more later but my point here is that he never had that objection to the application at the other end of the village. Therefore, he doesn't really care about those point, but is just using those as made up objections. He would have more respect if his objection was "I don't want my view ruined by 30 houses" because that is his only objection really.

Hypercritical: The parishioners of this village need to make up their minds. I have lived in the village all my life and have read the **Perran News** since It began. Every month I read in the **Perran News** people moaning about farmers. Mud on the road, slow tractors, smelly cauliflower fields, too many lorries, bird scarers, bonfires, foot path issues, potatoes on the road etc. And now I read that people would rather the land remain as farm land!!

Unbelievable, make up your mind people. You either want to live in a farming village or you don't. The next time I read a complaint about anything farming related in the *Perran News*, I will be incredibly embarrassed for the person who has written it.

Insensitive: Moaning about the extra traffic that comes through the village when the A39 is shut is a horrible thing to do, often, the road is shut because someone has lost their life or is seriously injured. And all you are worried about is the extra traffic. Disgraceful. And in fact. One of the biggest traffic issues in the village, especially when there is an accident on the A39 is that van which is parked in the road opposite the station. Out side the old post office. While we are on traffic. This estate won't increase the amount of traffic going through the village much. Most will turn right and away from the village school? This argument is stupid. The school is not going to be put under pressure. It's simple. If a school can take 100 pupils then that's all it can take. They may find themselves rejecting more people but that's all. In fact, at present, a large number of pupils don't live in the village. With development in the village that will increase the number of local pupils and therefore, wait for it, reducing traffic into the village.

An extra junction is dangerous? From the station to the school there are roughly 8-10 junctions that people have to cross. I have never heard of an accident occurring due to people crossing these junctions. One more isn't going to hurt. And also, how ironic, without the kind will of Mr Kneebone, we would all still be walking down the dangerous road from the station. The foot path has been brilliant, thank you Mr Kneebone. It's funny, there are many people in this village that are suddenly very concerned about village matters such as the school and what not, yet we have never heard a peep out of them before. We don't see these people support the village. I go to the odd parish council meeting and I have never seen any of these people there before, until recently that is, and what issue do they bring up?? The planning! No interest in anything else. Could it be therefore that these people are only using the school etc as a tool to try and stop the planning. Making up inaccurate objections when really all they mean is NOT IN MY BACK YARD!!!! and I would like to finish with a quote that I overheard someone say in the village. "I'm objecting because Mr Kneebone has enough money" I say no more.

Steve Small

Dear Editor, The other evening, while exercising Tyson, our two-year old Chihuahua, my wife, Mildred, and I were confronted, and indeed affronted, yes sir - affronted, (even Tyson collapsed on his back legs at the sight, involving a sizeable veterinary's bill), by what I can only describe as obtrusive reflective signage, more fitting to a motorway turn-off than to a country road. This lurid placard has been recently crudely affixed to the 150 year old masonry parapet of the structure spanning the railway over which we were leisurely perambulating. It appears that it was there to inform us that what we were traversing was a 'Road Overbridge'. I am pleased to confess that this information has filled a gap in the knowledge I have acquired over the past three score years and ten. I have often wondered what these feats of engineering were that enabled me to transport my person from one side of a railway to the other without being knocked into oblivion by an approaching Intercity 125 or the like. Now I know. It went on to inform me that if I should strike it, presumably with my fist, or was it a vehicle, I should report it to the Rail Authority on the telephone number provided.



Not content with just one of these obtrusive signs, I turned to discover that the perpetrator, presumably 'Network Rail' had erected a duplicate on the opposite parapet. The effect upon Mildred was even more devastating than upon Tyson as she grabbed hold of the parapet and started to slowly collapse onto the road. Aware of her predicament, I reminded her, kindly but firmly, not to make a public exhibition of herself, and that she was 'British' and not Hilary Clinton – 'Think of her Majesty', I said, 'If she died on her feet, she would still remain upright!' Taking my advice and upon unsteadily returning home with stiff upper lip but visibly shaken, Mildred took to her bed and has been under continuous medical surveillance ever since. Owing to the severity of her condition, even I have been prevented from visiting her.

To return to the cause of our predicament, we since understand that these signs have been affixed in duplicate to every railway bridge along our railway line, and maybe to every similar structure in the United Kingdom. In view of the large numbers of our young people who seem to be qualifying in 'Graphic Design' these days (the remainder

venturing into 'Law' for which ever increasing 'laws' have to be devised to keep them employed, thereby making hitherto innocent people guilty of something – or is it everything?) would it not have been possible for Network Rail to concoct something more subtle and pleasing to the eye of the passing observer? Bring back the Victorian's sense of civic pride!

Yours aghast

Victor Emm (Local Resident)

Post Script: With regard to Mildred, I am pleased to report that, according to her doctor, colour has now returned to her cheeks and that he will be leaving in the morning DrV.

DOG BLOG

Hello everyone

I am so pleased to have all my friends mentioned in the last Perran News, apologies for not writing in myself, but I have been very occupied with domestic matters!



Regular readers may remember She Who Must Be Obeyed was attempting to learn Italian, much to my amusement. That little fad seems to be over for the time being so I am being spared the embarrassment of being told to fetch in a different language. I have never fetched when told to in English, so what made her think I would respond to Italian is beyond my understanding.

Due to Best Loved Human's foot trouble which has now been cured, I have cut down on my walks, so you may not have seen as much of me as usual. Be assured though I maintain my vigilance in repelling cats, squirrels and seagulls, although not necessarily in that order. Tinkerbelle you are exempt from that category of pests! BLH has stupidly lost his walking stick somewhere. If you see one that has a top in the shape of an otter's head with green eyes, he would be very pleased to be reunited with it. It belonged to SWMBO's grandmother, so you can imagine the stick he is getting - pardon the pun - for the stick he no longer has!

Toodle pip

Scruffy

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JULY CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Across 1. Sherlock 5. Ashram 9. Upstairs 10. Candid 11. Come dine 12. Apollo
14. Attendance 18. Range rover 22. With me 23. Victoria 24. Camera
25. Nine nine 26. Wicked 27. Unstated

Down 1. Source 2. Ex sumo 3. Luanda 4. Coronation 6. Stampede 7. Redolent
8. Midsomer 13. Television 15. Brown cow 16. Anatomic 17. Germ free
19. Street 20. Artist 21. Far end

MRS DALE'S DIARY



"I've noticed something about gardening. You set out to do one thing and pretty soon you are doing something else"
An extract from "Deep in the Green" by Anne Raver



There is a genus of plants that really enjoy "hot and dry. This genus is **SEMPERVIVUM**, from the Latin *semper* - always - and *vivo*-alive. These plants have the capacity to thrive with very little moisture. They are mountain plants found on rocks and in crevices exposed to the hottest sunshine throughout southern and central Europe, Asia and Africa. There are about 50 species, and many variations and hybrids. Smaller species are the size of a pea while the largest might be six or seven inches across. All make perfect rosettes of wedge-shaped fleshy leaves in varying colours and colour combinations. Some are smooth and shiny, while others are hairy, some are covered with silky threads like a spider's web.

The largest species and varieties need humus mixed into a well-drained compost so they may withstand the worst drought, but the smaller species and varieties, especially those with veils of silken threads that help retain moisture, will put up with the driest conditions. **SEMPERVIVUM** love an open sunny situation, where they can develop their full colouring. They detest shade or the drip from trees. Beth Chatto writes: "they make ever increasing clumps of tightly packed rosettes with a bewildering variation and subtlety of colour; translucent mahogany reds, apple green with crimson tips, crimson with pale green tips, bloomy purple, jade green with chocolate tips."

I have a book "Classic Garden Plants", written by Will Ingmerson purchased when it was published in 1975. A renowned plantsman, who ran the famous nursery in East Grinstead, Sussex founded by his father, chose plants special to him. He was much travelled, and his knowledge of plants was prodigious. **SEMPERVIVUM ARACHNOIDEUM** is his choice from this large genus. He wrote: faced with an extensive selection, I chose **SEMPERVIVUM ARACHNOIDEUM** as the representative of an invaluable genus. Decorative at all times and able and willing to endure the most austere conditions, this avid sun lover asks for no more than sharp drainage and a hot dry position." **SEMPERVIVUM ARACHNOIDEUM** is sometimes called "cobweb house leak" because its rosettes of fleshy pink and green leaves are threaded across and across with silvery strands just like a tiny spider's web. Flowers are not of primary importance in this genus which relies upon the effectiveness of its large or small, closely packed, and colourful fleshy leaves. The blooms on **SEMPERVIVUM ARACHNOIDEUM** are rose red, and there is also a rarely found white flowering form. **SEMPERVIVUM ARACHNOIDEUM** is found in the Pyrenees to the Carpathians and has been grown in Britain since since 1699.

This is an easy genus to grow given good drainage and full sun. A raised bed or the top of the wall is ideal as long as it is in an open position with free draining soil. Water sitting on the crown will cause rotting. Earthenware pots and pans are very suitable. The potting mixture I use is two parts of John Innes Number 2 with one part coarse grit. Sempervivums are easily propagated by division, or offsets in spring or autumn. I top dressed pots with sandal chippings to avoid earth splash I do move my collection of Sempervivums undercover for the winter, when the weather is usually at its wettest. Bright porch or greenhouse is good so there is plenty of light, but not all the rain. Water sparingly during the winter months while they are undercover.

I bought my first **SEMPERVIVUM** from Ingmerson's Nursery in 1979 - it was **SEMPERVIVUM ARACHNOIDEUM**. I now have some 25 different varieties - gifts from a dear friend and purchased at special garden nurseries.

Beth Chatto writes:

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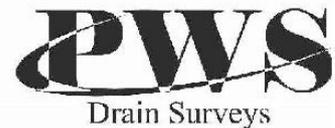
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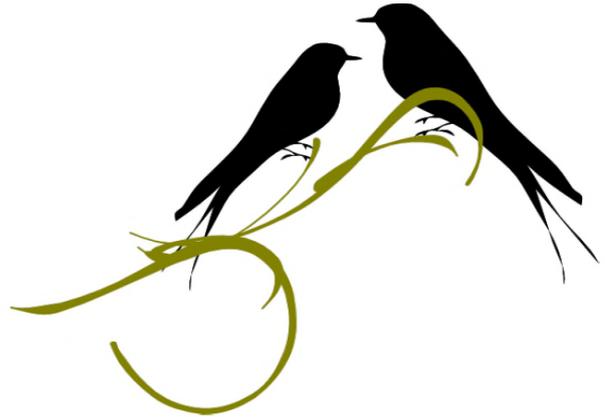
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