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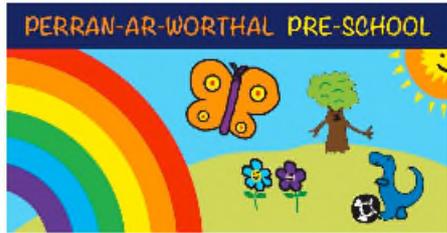
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This month's front cover shows the blood bike which recently visited a WI meeting. Sylvia French sent the photo and wrote "This is a photo of the Blood Bike team who came to our meeting on Monday. A very interesting and enlightening talk was given by Jayne Penlerick, accompanied by her father John and on call rider Paul Thomas who brought his bike along. Everyone was amazed by their dedication as they are all volunteers. The service costs around £60,000 to run, all donations from the people of Cornwall."

The other bike on the front cover is well known to users of the station and looked very cheerful for Valentine's Day thanks to local knitters. Good work.

Thanks to Mewt, who sent this photo of the triangle at the end of Trewinnard Road and which well accompanies an article by Joyce and Rod Toms recounting the planting of the bulbs 20 years ago.

Also in this issue a cautionary Phisherman's Tale.

**Perran News** now enters its 34<sup>th</sup> year of uninterrupted publication, not bad for a publication that began life printed on a Roneo Machine in a spare bedroom and stapled together by hand. Thanks to everyone concerned who has helped **Perran News** onwards and upwards over the years.

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**Mark Gripper**

## PARISH COUNCIL

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At the January meeting, a presentation was given by the Royal British Legion, which showed the journey they had been able to make to France for the 100 year commemoration of the ending of the First World War. The Parish Council had made a financial contribution to the cost of this, which was very much appreciated by those who attended. It had been a very moving experience which they would always remember.

The Council has once again signed up for the Local Maintenance Partnership with Cornwall Council. This means that the parish council organises the footpath cutting on behalf of Cornwall Council and receives a grant towards the cost. It is worth pointing out that footpaths are the responsibility of Cornwall Council, but with budget cuts, it has become obvious that it is not going to be able to fulfil that responsibility so the parish council has had to step up and take it over. This year the parish council has budgeted to have all the footpaths cut, whether they are included in the partnership or not. Hopefully that will avoid the complaints that are usually received and aimed (incorrectly) at the parish council. If there is an issue with



any of the paths please either contact the Clerk or any parish councillor to report it.

There has been some interest in the setting up of a Christmas Lights Committee, and also for volunteer drivers, however more people still needed for both. Two new rubbish bins have been installed in the playing field and arrangements have been made for these to be emptied on a regular basis.

In addition to the main parish council meetings, there are also regular planning meetings held. Members of the public are welcome to attend and make any comments they wish about planning applications or any other concerns they might have about the planning process. Meeting agendas are posted on the parish notice boards and also on the parish council's website.

The next parish council meeting is on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in the Village Hall, starting at 7pm\*

\*Please note earlier start time

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## PERRANWELL STATION - WEATHER REPORT FOR JANUARY 2019

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Average daily maximum temperature:	9.1C
Maximum temperature for the month:	12C on 25th
Average daily minimum temperature:	5.6C
Minimum temperature for the month:	-1.1C on 31st
Rainfall:	3.63 inches
Sunshine:	34 hours
Wind direction:	North West



### A Month of Two Halves

The first half of January was dry, with very calm days, and cloudy skies. More rainy conditions set in from the 16th and it became colder towards the end of the month. After the first few days with winds from the easterly quarter, the predominance of winds from the north west and north was particularly noticeable for the rest of the month.

It was a dull month, west Cornwall having the lowest sunshine hours for almost the entire country. Rainfall was below the January average of five inches, nearly all falling in the second half of the month, with 1.01 inches recorded on the 31st.

Temperatures were near average for the time of year.

### Bob Dylan's Weather Top Ten

(rated in order of severity)

- Hurricane (1975)
- Shelter from the Storm (1975)
- Down in the Flood (1961)
- High Water (2001)
- A Hard Rain's A-gonna Fall (1962)
- Four Strong Winds (1967)
- Blowin' In the Wind (1963)
- Idiot Wind (1975)
- Buckets of Rain (1975)
- Rainy Day Women nos 12 & 35 (1966)

I saw this list recently in Campbell's Weather Compendium. Dylan, an iconic US singer-songwriter and guitarist, was not primarily a Top of the Pops-type artist, although those of us of a certain age will remember classics such as Lay Lady Lay and Like a Rolling Stone. He also wrote Mr Tambourine Man, which the Byrds took to number one on both sides of the Atlantic in 1965. Of his Weather Top Ten above, only Rainy Day Women nos 12 & 35 and Hurricane made it into the UK top 50 under his name.

However, Peter, Paul and Mary hit the charts with Blowin' in the Wind in 1963, and Bryan Ferry's rendering of A Hard Rain's Gonna Fall was his first successful single, reaching number 10 in 1973.

Mike Hands

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## ALMOST 20 YEARS AGO

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Seeing the daffodils starting to bloom on verges and open pieces of land in Perranwell brought back memories of how they got there. A meeting of residents of Perranwell Station in the village hall almost 20 years ago now to discuss ideas to mark the Millennium, saw 5 of us sitting together co-opted into a small committee to deal with "flowers". We were Sue Pryor, Eileen Pope, Doreen Philips and Joyce and Rod Toms. However, we had no money for any of our ideas until by an incredible chance a friend told me of an Age Concern fund to mark the Millennium. 2 days later we had £1500! We decided on bulbs and wild flowers so that there would be no maintenance in later years. Our garages at both ends of the village were absolutely filled with large 10lb nets of new bulbs bought from Tresillian which residents could take and hopefully plant where they could be seen.

A group of us including David Harris, Robin Sopp, Billy Teague, Rod and Joyce Toms tackled the triangle of land at the junction of Trewinnard Road and School Hill. Digging holes was difficult in the very hard soil and it turned up artefacts including coal and broken china, Nevertheless, 20 years later the bulbs mainly Early Sensation are still thriving but not the wild flowers. Other groups and individuals worked hard around the village.

Perhaps our high spot was persuading the then Head of the school to allow the pupils out early and, with their Mums and the odd Dad, each pupil who wanted to, planted their bulbs on the edge of the playing field. I wonder if any of the children remember doing this. There was also money for a seat given to the school.

The bulbs were of different kinds so they flower at different times. Though they are not indigenous to Cornwall they do give colour and hope that spring is on the way.

A great deal of work followed from that meeting in a number of ways for a lot of people almost 20 years ago.

*Joyce and Rod Toms*

## I DO NOT BELIEVE IT!

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When 'we' agreed to the new development of houses opposite Belle View at the entry into our beautiful village with far reaching views of the glorious Cornish countryside and beyond, so close to the city of Truro and major town of Falmouth, did we also agree to an out of character, unpleasant and uninteresting colour of a six foot high barrier or fence made of corrugated metal?

What purpose is this barrier or fence supposed to serve? Is there a secret to be hidden to be revealed on opening day or are we hoping to attract Banksy or other street art exponents to add a bit of colour to this blank screen?

It is most disappointing that such a green and pleasant view is to be lost. Are we to assume that the rest of the valley down the hill towards the Methodist church will simply be infilled at some later date? In fact, is there a plan that the village has already resigned too as more affordable, and otherwise unaffordable housing, is to be plonked into our village.

I just don't believe what has been done to our village.

*Glen Durgan*

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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**Across 1. Airtight 5. Novice 9. Thorough 10. Geodes 11. Mallorca 12. Stolen 14. Submariner 18. A tall story 22. Ordure 23. Escargot 24. Agnise 25. Military 26. Arrest 27. Redacted**

**Down 1. Autumn 2. Rootle 3. Isipod 4. High courts 6. Overture 7. Indolent 8. Elsinore 13. Impressive 15. Panorama 16. Gardener 17. Florists 19. Patina 20. Aghast 21. Stayed**

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Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wed	7.00pm
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> March	BCP	8.00am
	CW	9.30am
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> March	CW	9.30am
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> March	BCP	8.00am
	CW	9.30am
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Mothering Sunday	9.30am

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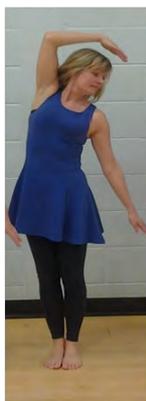
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## PERRANARWORTHAL PRE-SCHOOL

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This term we have been looking at Fairy Tales & Castles. The children have been reading stories and making our wall display depicting characters from various Fairy Tales. We have made crowns, masks and have been dressing up.

We had a Super Hero fundraising week to support the Children's charity Crackerjack. The children (and staff!!) came to pre-school wearing their favourite Super Hero costumes

We also enjoyed some Chinese food to celebrate Chinese New Year and finding out which animal was celebrated for our childrens' year of birth.



We are looking forward to our outing to Pendennis Castle at the end of the month

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## THANKS FOR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended the village hall Concert and hope that you all enjoyed it; a special thanks to Royal Oak, the Norway Inn, Perranwell Garage, Vanilla Hair Salon and the General stores/post office for providing the lovely raffle prizes and a big thank you for all who organised everything...thank you.

**Anne Brazier Trustee**

*This should have appeared in February edition, but overlooked by myopic editor. Sorry.MBG*

## A READER WRITES

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This week I have received 2 emails supposedly from TV Licensing, saying payment for my licence hadn't gone through and I should pay it again, via a link. I had heard of this scam on the radio, but in any case, there was a lot of incorrect detail on the email, including the date of renewal, so of course I junked it.



I hope other of your readers would do the same, but maybe a warning would be helpful? If in doubt go to the genuine website, [www.tvlicensing.co.uk](http://www.tvlicensing.co.uk), which gives advice on what to look for: a guide on how to spot a scam email.

**Mary Reynolds**

## MEETING REPORT

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Hi Perran News. just an update on our meeting. we had a better than expected turn out for our meeting with 18 people attending. People travelled from Tregony, Heamoor, Portreath and Illogan to get there. We had a lovely talk about the importance of Bees and that Cusgarne Organic Farm came out top for variety of species and habitat when Dr Grace Davies did her inspection last year. As a result of our talk we have now started an online petition to stop the 5G Trial on the Isles of Scilly and we have obtained 1300 signatures in only 2.5 days.

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## BIG VILLAGE 2019

If it's 2019, then it's time for Big Village again. You will know from a previous report in *Perran News* that a steering committee of volunteers has started to put together a programme of events. This year, instead of compressing everything into a short period of time, a more relaxed approach is being taken and events are being spread throughout the year.



Shown below is the outline programme that's been agreed so far. Many dates have yet to be confirmed, but it's already clear that it will be a full programme with lots of interesting items. Look out for confirmation of dates on posters or banners around the village or on the facebook page of Perran News. We'll try to keep you up to date as best we can.

If you would like to OFFER any items for the programme, don't be bashful. People always love to hear about what other people are doing, especially if it's being done with enthusiasm. And remember: the main point of Big Village is to get people talking to each other. If you would like to become involved, please contact either Christiana Hancox at [christianah@me.com](mailto:christianah@me.com) or me at [colingbridges@icloud.com](mailto:colingbridges@icloud.com)

And if you would like to come along to our steering group, either to volunteer to help or offer an event, the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30 in the village hall.

Date, time & venue	Event
Saturday 9 March 10:30am, village hall	The WI Big Coffee Morning
Friday 29 March Time to be confirmed, village hall	A Spring Concert Community choir – accordion band – other instrumentalists in the village
April – date to be confirmed	Community Cross-country Run Organized by the school
April – dates to be confirmed	Tour of Geo-thermal Unit, United Downs Two visits , one on a Saturday morning and the other on a weekday
Easter Monday, 22 April Playing field	Easter Egg Hunt Aimed at children – of all ages!
Saturday 27 April 10:30am, meet at village hall	Big Clean-Up 1 Help tidy up the village for about an hour and a half and finish with coffee and biscuits
Saturday 4 May Time to be decided 8 Westmoor Crescent	Bamboo Coffins - Open Workshop by Shelley and Owain Harris Probably this year's most unusual event!
One Wednesday in May – date to be confirmed 4:00pm at the school	Pilates Taster Event – open to all

<b>Date, time &amp; venue</b>	<b>Event</b>
Saturday 15 June The playing field (or village hall, if wet)	Open-Air Lunch Just bring your own food and enjoy the company
Sunday 16 June 10.00-4.00 On the playing field	Motor Show All sorts of vehicles old and new
Date to be confirmed	A Walk Around History Tour of historic sites around the village
Date(s) to be confirmed	Visit Colwyn Farm Philip Pryor's farm tours are always enjoyable and informative
Dates and times to be confirmed	Walks Around The Village Walk and chat at a leisurely pace – get to places you don't normally see
Saturday or Sunday in June	Open Day in Tarrandean Lane
Two sessions – dates to be confirmed Village hall	Garden Visitors – Welcome & Unwelcome An illustrated talk by Pat Ward
Thursday 4 July 2:00pm Meet at Cornwall Concrete Products, Bissoe	Tour of the Concrete Factory Repeat tour by popular demand. See what's made right on your doorstep.
July – date to be confirmed At the school	End of Year 6 Show Come and support our fantastic young people
Sat 20 July At the school	Perran Fest Music and Arts Festival Including children's choir, adult community choir, local bands, soloists, poetry etc.
To be confirmed	Village Shop Day Sample local produce
To be confirmed The Royal Oak	Various Pub Events Tim and Lizzie are always keen supporters of Big Village
July – dates to be confirmed	Art Installation Week An artist working with members of the community to create a permanent art installation

<b>Date, time &amp; venue</b>	<b>Event</b>
Dates to be confirmed	Open Studios/art week Visit artists in their homes – share their enthusiasm and skills
August - date to be confirmed during the school summer holidays	Gruffalo Trail A nature walk for young people and families
Evenings in August - dates to be confirmed Playing field	Rounders For All Not too competitive (who's kidding?)
August bank holiday weekend	Drama in the Open Air Another fracking good show
Sunday 25 August Cricket Club	Cricket six-a-side competition Great fun for all ages
September – date to be confirmed 10:30am, meet at village hall	Big Clean-Up 2 & Village Audit Clean-up plus an audit of items requiring maintenance
Late September/October On same day as Barn Dance	Old Meets Young Collecting oral histories
Late September or October Village hall	Big Village Barn Dance
Autumn – date to be confirmed	Tour of Wheal Jane Find out what's going at this old mining site
October or November –dates to be confirmed	Visit Hazelton Egg Farm See the new-born chicks!
October – date to be confirmed	Trafalgar Way Celebration
December	Village Lantern Parade
December The Royal Oak	Christmas Carols
Dates to be confirmed	Let There Be Lights (at Christmas) There will definitely be Christmas lights in the village this year

In addition to the above, we have another 16 possible items in the pipeline. Not all may come to fruition, but many will. As dates are confirmed, details will be added to the programme.

If you have any bright ideas for events that you would like to see added, please let us know. **Colin Bridges**



**PERRANWELL STATION BRANCH**  
**THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**



**SOCIAL EVENING WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 pm**  
**PERRANWELL FOOTBALL CLUBHOUSE**  
Next to Village Hall

We are coming out of a winter hibernation and you are all welcomed to come along and to have a chat and some light refreshments. We have a speaker on a topical subject most months.

**This month there will be an illustrated talk**  
**"The Silk Road" given by Chris Ryall.**

For further information contact:-

President Tony Walker 01872 863991

Chairman Gerald Chegwidden 01872 864741

**PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

**The History of the Cornish Language**

Dr Linnea Glynné – Rule gave a talk on the History of the Cornish Language to the PLHG on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019. She explained that Cornish is descended from the Celtic languages of continental Europe and has several forms and dialects, but that a lack of early records make it difficult to date. The major writings are the Passion Plays, “Pascon Agan Arluth” written at Glasney as part of the Cornish Ordinalia around 1390. The Beunans Meriasek, a play written in 1504 and the longest work in Cornish, is about St Meriasek ,  
, and is now their Patron Saint.



Is Cornish language dead? Dolly Pentreath was reported as being the last Cornish speaker and she died in 1771, but it is thought that it did continue, especially in the far South West amongst the fishermen who counted fish in Cornish. Henry Jenner, a Celtic scholar and Cornish cultural activist initiated the modern Cornish revival around 1875. Wladislaw Lach-Szyrma, Vicar of Newlyn, and Jenner visited older people, making notes of the Cornish language they knew. In 1876 a Cornwall Congress set up a society to collect together the remnants of the language. Now there are recognised accredited exams in Cornish (78 people passed exams in 2018) and some MPs swear their oath in Cornish. UNESCO have named Cornish as a critically endangered language.

We did try out a few words of Cornish...Merasta (Thank you), Myttinda (Good morning) Nos dha (Good night), but the legacy of the Cornish language is very much alive in the place names of Cornwall:

<u>Sowsnek (English)</u>	<u>Kernwewek (Cornish)</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
Hayle	Heyl	Estuary
Baldhu	Bal du	Black Mine
Gyllingvase	Gilan vase	The shallow Inlet
Gyllingdune	Gilan down	Deep inlet
Bissoe	Besow	Birch trees
Penryn	Penryn	Promontory

## The Adventure of the Golden Doodle by Watson Myers

In "The Adventure of the Golden Pince-Nez", by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Dr Watson describes how Holmes deduces from the eponymous item that the murderer was a woman of good breeding, refined, well-dressed with a thick nose, eyes close together, a puckered forehead, stooped posture, rounded shoulders and had recently visited the optician twice



The games afoot (a foot race in fact) and it is just 10 weeks to the Brighton Marathon. This month I have taken a more paws-on approach and accompanied my human on some runs.

Our first one was 4 miles around Trelissick. In the marathon there are water stations every mile. One of the skills to master is coping with the stop/start and pace change of these. To practice this, I arranged a poop stop every mile or so. It seemed to break the rhythm up nicely. I mixed this up with

a few meet-and-greets with passing dogs just to keep things varied. At one point we crossed a bridge over a stream. I may have wandered a little to the right and guess what! I can swim! I've got webbed feet and everything.

The long runs are still a bit far for a puppy but I see him off and count him back in again every Sunday. We're up to 15 miles now, increasing a little each week so on track for April.

On a recent Saturday I got to do Park Run with a whole pack of humans. It was like a 6-legged race as I had to stay tied to the human – presumably to keep him moving. We started a bit slow but then I spotted my friend Tegen and her 2 collies ahead so I picked up the pace a bit. Then we ran round a very muddy field. I saw Sarah, my other human, ahead and decided we should catch up but despite my vigorous encouragement, Jon chose that moment to say a loud word I didn't understand and lay down on his front in the mud. I got him on his feet and we caught up to finish the run as a family so it was all good in the end. At the finish humans kept asking for my Bark Ode. I am not a poet so I gave that a miss.

Please help us support the British Lung Foundation in helping humans with lung disease. For £2 you can enter the competition to win a carvery dinner for 2 at the winning Norway Inn. Just guess how long it will take for Jon to complete the Marathon in April. You can use the slip below and return it to the Norway Inn or Perranwell Village Stores with your £2. Or you can donate online at: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JonathanMyers2> .

We will keep you informed of our progress  
Watson

Bark Ode



Watson



Name:  
Contact email/number:  
My estimate for Jon's time to complete the Brighton Marathon:    h        m        s  
I enclose my donation of £2



# Perran-ar-worthal Local History Group

## Forthcoming events

Please do come along and join in.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm in the Perranwell Centre (Village Hall)

### **AGM**

followed by:

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Perranwell Centre (Village Hall)

### **100 Faces;100 Stories**

Joanna Mattingley is a history researcher, writer and teacher and the co-ordinator for this project. She will tell some unusual stories about the first world war focused on local people.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. at 7.30pm in the Perranwell Centre (Village Hall)

### **The Enys family of Penryn**

Local Historian, Terry Chapman will be talking about this local family who were among the most important families in Cornwall. Come and discover their fascinating story.

All meetings: members £1; non members £2.50

*If you would like to be more involved with the group and would be willing to join our committee please let us know. We are also looking for someone to take on the role of treasurer.*

## A PHISHERMAN'S TALE

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Getting internet banking on my mobile was a good idea, but despite repeated efforts I had been unable to start the HSBC app that was necessary. I had recently installed it on my phone. So it seemed like more than coincidence that, after these fruitless attempts, a text arrived shortly afterwards "from HSBC" saying my internet banking had been withdrawn and could I contact them on a given web address. Not really concentrating very hard whilst watching television I went to the website. It all looked pretty pukka and requested various security details to reset my login details. I proceeded to do this including my debit card details. What an idiot. I am well aware that you should never give, and will never be asked to give these details on request, but the planets had somehow aligned to make me disregard this oft repeated mantra of sound advice. This all started about 10 pm on a Saturday night.



After about half an hour, lying in the bath, at bedtime, the penny dropped and panic set in. What to do? In a cold sweat I immediately went to my computer and logged onto internet banking. Huge sigh of relief, it still worked. My login details had not been altered. No money had been taken from my account. First job was for me to spend half-an-hour to change all the security details I had so nonchalantly just given away.

Next job was to contact HSBC 24/7 line and cancel my debit card. It was now past midnight Sunday morning. On the end of a telephone a very kind Scotsman in Edinburgh, who made light of my stupidity, then sorted me out, cancelling the compromised card and ordering a replacement.

Having got this all under control it seemed like a good idea to destroy the cancelled debit card. I duly put it through the shredder. My credit card and debit card look very similar, but the credit card is helpfully given a red edge. To my horror I discovered I had shredded my credit card by mistake. Another phone call to the kindly Scottish gentleman to report this stupidity and order a replacement credit card in addition to the replacement debit card. Again, a model of politeness and understanding without a hint of "what a nitwit".

I was lucky, and fortunately thought to attend to the matter quickly. All this happened four days before a trip to London, so I was expecting to be cardless for the trip and rely on my beloved for regular cash bungs to fund my Oyster Card and other unavoidable London expenses. Further good fortune arrived in the post in the form of replacement cards the day before the trip. Lucky me again.

We all like to think we are internet savvy and not taken in by scammers. That's what I thought. Caught at the wrong moment it is easy to react quickly without thinking, as I did.

My beloved younger daughter, recognising my plight, procured two excellent free publications by Age UK entitled "*Internet Security: staying safe on line*" and "*Avoiding Scams: smart ways to protect yourself*". I would commend them to readers of all ages even if you don't yet have a bus pass, as I do.

**MORAL OF STORY: Beware of anything that looks like an official communication from a financial institution that requests security details. Don't give them.**

**Legitimate messages from banks will not ask for them.**

**Mark Gripper**



## PERRANARWORTHAL WI

Our group meets on the second Monday of each month (except August) at Perranwell Centre from 7.15-9pm.

Come and join us to hear our speakers. Enjoy tea or coffee with the delicious cakes the WI is famous for!

Meet and make new friends.

Outings, parties and fund-raising events are arranged as the year progresses. We have fun!

MARCH 11th: **Annual Meeting**

APRIL 8th: Colour Me Beautiful - Clare Greenwood

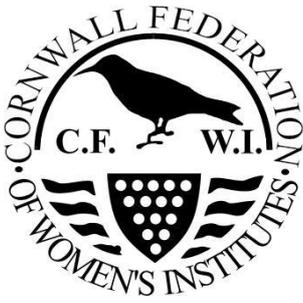
MAY 13th: NHS Sowenna Unit - Stephanie Pomeroy

**Annual Meeting** - A new Committee and President will be voted in. Members will be asked for suggestions for outings, speakers and fund-raising for the coming year.

**Colour Me Beautiful** - Let Clare help you choose the colours in makeup and clothes which will enhance your complexion and hair.

**Sowenna Appeal** - Stephanie will speak about the unit which is being set up to help young people with mental health disorders.

**\*\* WI Big Village Event on 9th March at Perranwell Centre** - coffee, cake, a Super Raffle and more. Funds raised will go to the Sowenna Appeal, Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, for the county's first child and adolescent mental health unit.



**PERRANARWORTHAL WI  
BIG VILLAGE  
COFFEE & CAKE MORNING  
AT THE PERRANWELL CENTRE**

**SATURDAY 9th MARCH  
10.30 - 12.30**



**SUPER RAFFLE  
GREAT CAKES  
BOOKS**



**PRE-LOVED CLOTHES & JEWELLERY**

**please come and join us  
and help support our chosen charity**

## MRS DALE'S DIARY

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*"Sometime in apple country you may see a ghostly orchard standing all in white, aisles of white trees, white branches, in the green, on some still day when the year hangs between winter and spring..."*



*An extract from "The Land" by Vita Sackville-West*

According to the calendar spring begins at Vernal Equinox around March 21st. In a climate as varied as ours such a rule of thumb will not do for the gardener in favoured Cornwall. Independent of the date we each receive our personal signal for the departure of winter. For some it may be Forsythia, Almond Blossom, or Crocus; for me it is the banks on the farm covered in primroses.

Today I walked out across the farm to find the primroses are already showing a few flowers. It is mid-February so too early for the full display, but as I walked along in one of the fields the clusters of leaves were in the grass some ten feet from the hedge. I look forward to seeing many flowers in a month or so. They can never be too many both creamy yellow, and pink.

A variety of primrose that looks well under shrubs and trees and in other cool places is the lilac pink PRIMULA SIBTHORPE. It flowers freely, and like its wild cousin will grow easily in grass. An ideal plant combination is primroses and snowdrops. The primroses take over when the snowdrops fade. It is not too late to plant either. Water well at planting, and when the weather is very dry. I do ask that you do not take primroses from the countryside, either flowers or plants. It is against the law to remove them, or any other plant. Grow them from seed or buy young plants from a nursery. They are usually reasonable in price, and you can increase them by division after flowering. They will seed about too, given time.

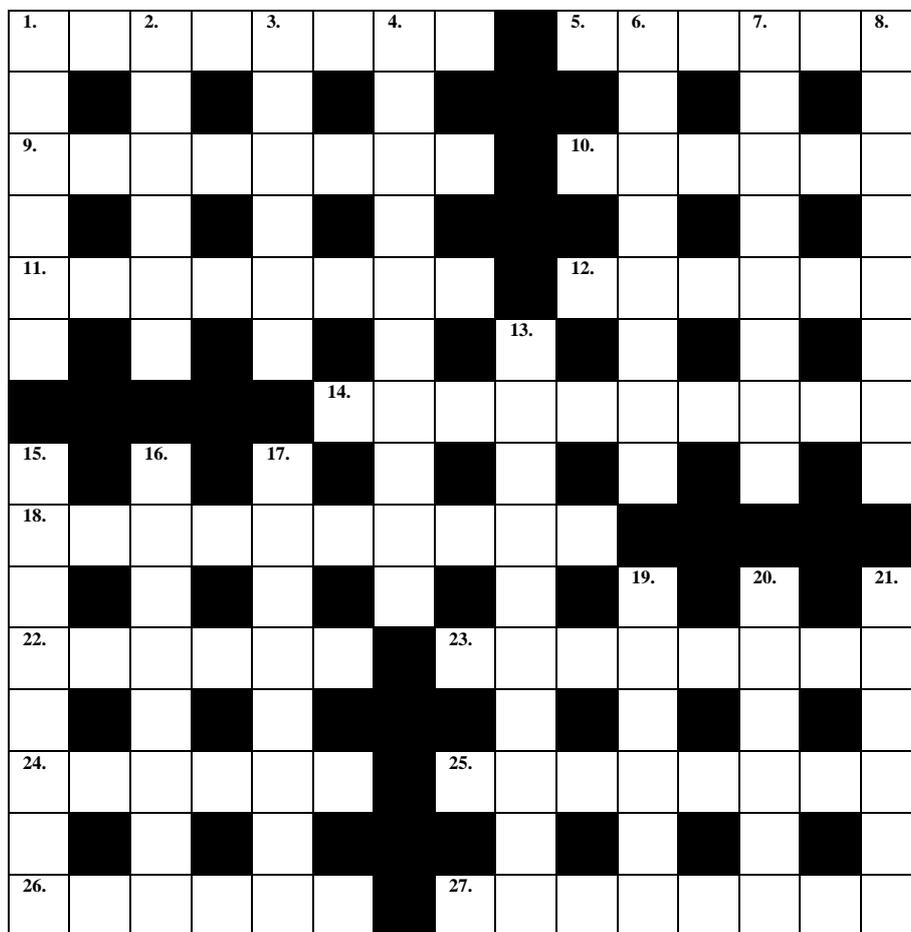
Snowdrops too may still be planted. The flowers will have faded on some varieties, but the later flowering snowdrops will still be looking good. If you wish to divide existing clumps do it this month. When snowdrops become congested, and flower less dividing is recommended. Lift the clump, tease the bulbs apart into smaller clumps, and replant carefully in a different position. Work quickly so that the roots do not dry out. I use some sharp sand around the bulb, and roots to encourage good root growth. A little blood, fish and bone may be sprinkled where the snowdrops are planted in early autumn. Root growth begins in July or August long before any leaves appear above ground.

I have snowdrops flowering from autumn through until late spring. One variety that gives us great pleasure through January and into February is GALANTHUS MRS BACKHOUSE'S SPECTACLES. It is taller than GALANTHUS NIVALIS and flowers early and with great abundance. I began our patch with a bulb in 1981 and now we have a large group near the garden gate, and many more bulbs happily growing and flowering in the farm lane.

Sarah Elizabeth Backhouse gardened with her husband, Robert, at Sutton Court in Herefordshire. The snowdrop was named because she regularly left her spectacles beside that clump, which became known as the "spectacles" snowdrop. Mrs Backhouse was particularly interested in bulbous plants, breeding NARCISSUS, COLCHICUM, CROCUS, HYACINTH and hardy AGAPANTHUS. Her greatest success was in breeding lilies.

The pace of the gardening year quickens in March and there is much to do. Let us hope that we are blessed with the weather to get outside, and get on with all our tasks.

*As the late Don Hoyle would say at the end of his broadcast "enjoy your gardening."*



**ACROSS**

**DOWN**

- 1. Sounds like the mean successor has a perfect alibi (8)
- 5. New boy is so well behaved (6)
- 9. Very precise despite holding the alternative (8)
- 10. Rock cavities found in huge Odessa fault (6)
- 11. Spanish shops for a whale (8)
- 12. Taken? Lost somehow with directions (6)
- 14. Goes deep with sandwich before the end of september (10)
- 18. Jack and the beanstalk? (1,4,5)
- 22. Rude or ... or highly unpleasant (6)
- 23. Estimated to contain freight on the menu (8)
- 24. Realise with nothing one can distress oneself (6)
- 25. Forces a type of cross (8)
- 26. Stop that starer somehow (6)
- 27. Russian performed and edited (8)

- 1. Fall for gold union in the merchant navy (6)
- 2. Looter possibly rummaging about (6)
- 3. Creature found initially in several other places outside Derby (6)
- 4. Excited? Walks out with justice providers (4,6)
- 6. Introduction to six balls. Not quite true (8)
- 7. Inactive but can precede china festival (8)
- 8. Some hotels in Oregon where prince could be found (8)
- 13. Spectacular missive rep sent out (10)
- 15. Criticise openings. Degree of a wide view (8)
- 16. Red range rearranged for capability perhaps (8)
- 17. Primate in the papers. Useful for arranging roses, etc (8)
- 19. Simple solution in a film (6)
- 20. A ratbag has taken some. I'm shocked (6)
- 21. Remained and sounded respectable (6)

**BUNGALOW FOR SALE IN CARNON DOWNS**

If you are interested in moving or downsizing to Carnon Downs, Pitcairn a three bedroom bungalow in Bissoe Road, three doors up from Knights Meadow, will shortly be coming on the market. If it might suit you, before it goes to an estate agent, give me a ring. It has a larger garden than most CD bungalows, but very manageable, with driveway parking for 4 cars and a single garage. It has a shower room with disabled access in addition to a bathroom and a south facing sun room/ conservatory attached to the living room. If you want to find out more contact **Mark on 07770 997778**

# Perranwell Memory Café



A gateway to Help, Support  
and Friendship

We meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday  
of the month from 2 to 4 pm  
at

Perranarworthal Village Memorial  
Hall  
School Hill  
Perranwell Station  
TR3 7NJ

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For further information call:

Bev Horton on 01872 275874

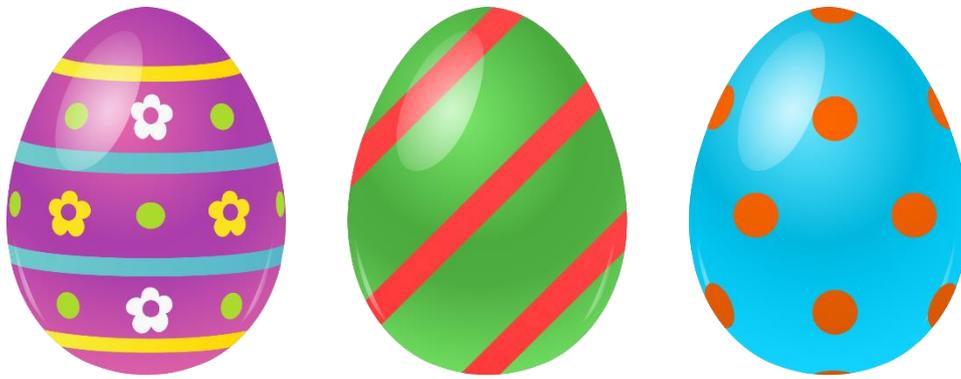
Or e.mail:

[perranwellmemorycafe@gmail.com](mailto:perranwellmemorycafe@gmail.com)

## 2019

8th Jan:	Theme—Christmas Past
22nd Jan:	Theme—Burns Night
12th Feb:	Entertainment—Michaela (Guitar & Singing)
26th Feb:	Theme “Pets” our book for 2019.
12th March:	Kempo Chi Kung—Chair based exercise
26th March:	Theme “Gardening and Flowers”
9th April:	Jonathan—”Experience Painting”
23rd April:	Clare—Exercise and Percussion
14th May:	OUTING-Royal Duchy Hotel Falmouth
28th May:	Cober Valley Accordion Band
11th June:	OUTING—Stithians Lake Cafe
25th June:	Theme “Stars, Moon and June”

**Join us for a couple of hours; a relaxed friendly atmosphere to meet up with friends and enjoy the activities, a chat and of course tea and homemade cakes.**



*Perran-ar-worthal Pre-school Easter Fayre*  
*Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2-4pm*  
*Perranwell Centre*

*A community event to raise funds for the pre-school*

*Pre-loved children's clothes, toys and books sale – grab a bargain!*

*Cakes and refreshments served all afternoon.*

*Teddy tombola, chocolate raffle, crafts – fun for all ages!*

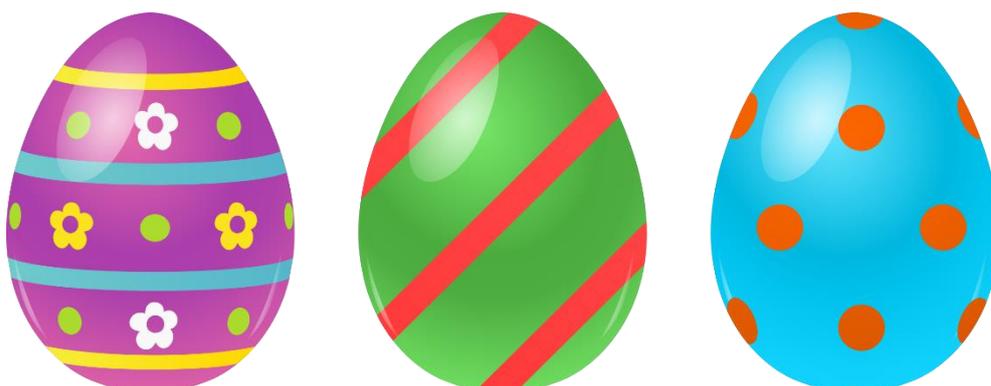
*In addition:*

*2.15 Children's Easter bonnet parade and prizes*

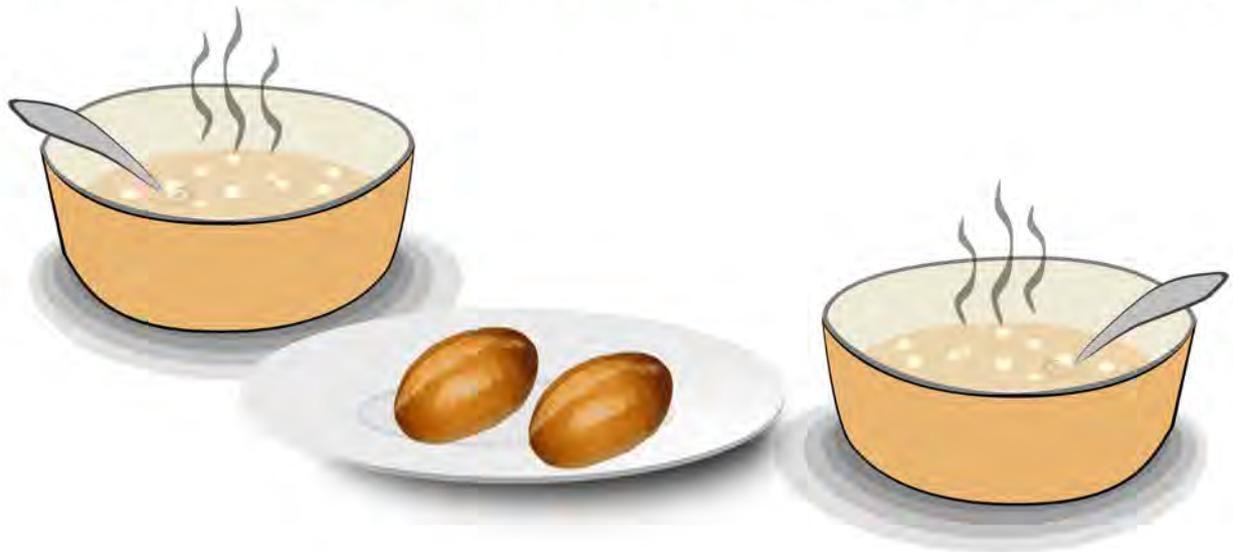
*2.30 Egg hunt (for children under 5)*

*3.30 Egg hunt (for children 5+)*

*3.55 Judging of decorated egg competition*



**WILL YOU HELP OTHERS  
THIS LENT AND JOIN US  
FOR A CHARITY LUNCH ?**



***St Piran's Church and  
Christian Fellowship warmly welcome you  
to the West Room of the Village Hall  
on Tuesdays March 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>  
and April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>  
from midday for a light lunch.***

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**All Donations will be for:-**



**DementiaUK**

**And**

**WaterAid**



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**Contact Telephone Number: 01872 862876.**

**Perran News Directory  
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Art Group (Thurs)	Tony Irving	01872 862115	wild.wing@virgin.net
Badminton - Tuesdays	Andy Goodman	01326 373530	andy@hh-bs.com
Royal British Legion	Wendy Frost	01326 210251	perranwellstation.secretary@rblcommunity
Bridge, Perranwell Village	Malcolm Parker	01872 863170	
	Trisha Wilcocks	01872 864550	
Perran Bridge	Mary Sawkins	01326 574893	
Carnon Downs Drama Group	Anne Lejeune	01872 865780	
Carpet Bowls Club	Jane Blackburn	01872 862082	
Community Liaison Officer (Police)	PCSO Ashley Fuller	101	
Cornwall Dog Training	Frankie Bond	01872 864844	enquiries@cornwalldogtrainingclub.com
Cricket Club	Bob Haine	01872 864029	http://www.perranarworthal.play-cricket.com/
Cricket Club Pavillion		07779 895771	
Cub Scouts	Ross Geach	01872 862117	
Defibrillator Training	Mark Gripper	07770 997778	markgripper@gmail.com
Dental Practice	Mr N. Jones	01872 863399	
Doctors Devoran		01872 562200	www.chacewatersurgery.co.uk
Doctors Carnon Downs		01872 863221	
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Keep Fit	Cathy Whitmore	01872 862040	
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Memory Café	Bev Horton	01872 275874	
Methodist Chapel	Beverlie Horton	01872 275874	
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St Piran's Church Warden	Mr D Simmons	01872 862066	
St Piran's Church Handbell Ringers	Janet Thomas	01872 862876	
St. Piran's Bellingringing	Alun Thomas	01872 862876	
Toddlers Group	Tracey Woodrow	01872 862602	
U3A	Mark Breach	01872 862063	mark.breach@yahoo.co.uk
West Country Embroiderers	Sue Short	01872 864726	
Women's Institute	Christine West	01872 863422	christinewest2@icloud.com
Yoga (Iyengar)	Carol Stephens	01872 870125	carol@tredrea.wanadoo.co.uk
Yoga for Relaxation	Deidre Mason	0209 613488	
Councillors Cornwall Council	Peter Williams	07833 439168	prgwilliams@cornwall.gov.uk
Member of Parliament	Sarah Newton	01872 274760	
Zest For Life Fitness	Zoe Crouse	07721 004122	www.zestforlifefitness.com

If you are aware that any of the above entries are out of date or no longer active please could you contact me on markgripper@gmail.com so the directory can be ammended and brought up to date. Thank you.

MBG



# TRURO LIONS CLUB

## SERVING THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY

As part of Lions International with 1.4 million members worldwide,  
we have served in Truro and District since 1971 and meet at  
7.30pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays  
at the Truro Conservative Club.

We have many projects to help the less fortunate for which  
we fundraise on a regular basis including:

**BOOK SALES** – are held monthly at Lemon Quay, Truro starting March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am.  
Quality paperbacks always welcome.  
Please ring 0845 833 5824 for arrangements to collect.

**CATERING VAN** – is regularly seen at Truro's Christmas Late Night shopping and  
throughout the year is used to support other charities at their events. For more details  
ring Ken Hart Tel. 01872 272021 or Steve Powell Tel 01726 882804.

**SPECTACLE COLLECTIONS** – for 30 years we have collected spectacles which are  
refurbished to be distributed world-wide by Medico France. Collection bins at Kenwyn  
Church, Truro; Truro Health Park Medical Practices; Doctor's Surgeries in Probus, St  
Agnes and Perranporth.

**MEMBERSHIP** – we welcome new members to join our 30 Ladies and Men, to carry out  
the many community projects, having fun at the same time! We have regular social  
occasions, open to family and friends.

For details ring **Ken Hart on Tel 01872 272021.**

[www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/trurolions](http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/trurolions) e-mail: [trurolions@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:trurolions@hotmail.co.uk)



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**Families for Children Trust is a Specialist Adoption Agency and charitable trust based in the South West.**

We place vulnerable children from all over the UK with new adoptive families in Devon, Dorset, Cornwall, Somerset and the Isles of Scilly. We currently have a real shortage of adopters coming forward and a growing number of children waiting for adoptive families.

You have previously kindly included dates for our upcoming information sessions in your publication where people can learn about becoming an adopter and how Families for Children can offer a lifetime of support. The meetings currently confirmed in **Cornwall** for 2019 are:

**February 2019**

Date: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Time: 10.00am to 12.00noon

Venue: Truro Library, Union Place, Truro, TR1 1EP (Upstairs Room)

To book please contact Families for Children on 01271612004 or email [devon@familiesforchildren.org.uk](mailto:devon@familiesforchildren.org.uk)

Website: [www.familiesforchildren.org.uk](http://www.familiesforchildren.org.uk)

**March 2019**

Date: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Time: 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Venue: Heartlands centre, Robinson's Shaft, Pool, Redruth, TR15 3QY

To book please contact Families for Children on 01271612004 or email [devon@familiesforchildren.org.uk](mailto:devon@familiesforchildren.org.uk)

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**May 2019**

Date: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Time: 10.00am to 12.00noon

Venue: Truro Library, Union Place, Truro, TR1 1EP (Upstairs Room)

To book please contact Families for Children on 01271612004 or email [devon@familiesforchildren.org.uk](mailto:devon@familiesforchildren.org.uk)

Website: [www.familiesforchildren.org.uk](http://www.familiesforchildren.org.uk)

**June 2019**

Date: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June

Time: 12.00noon to 2.00pm

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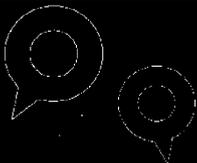
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