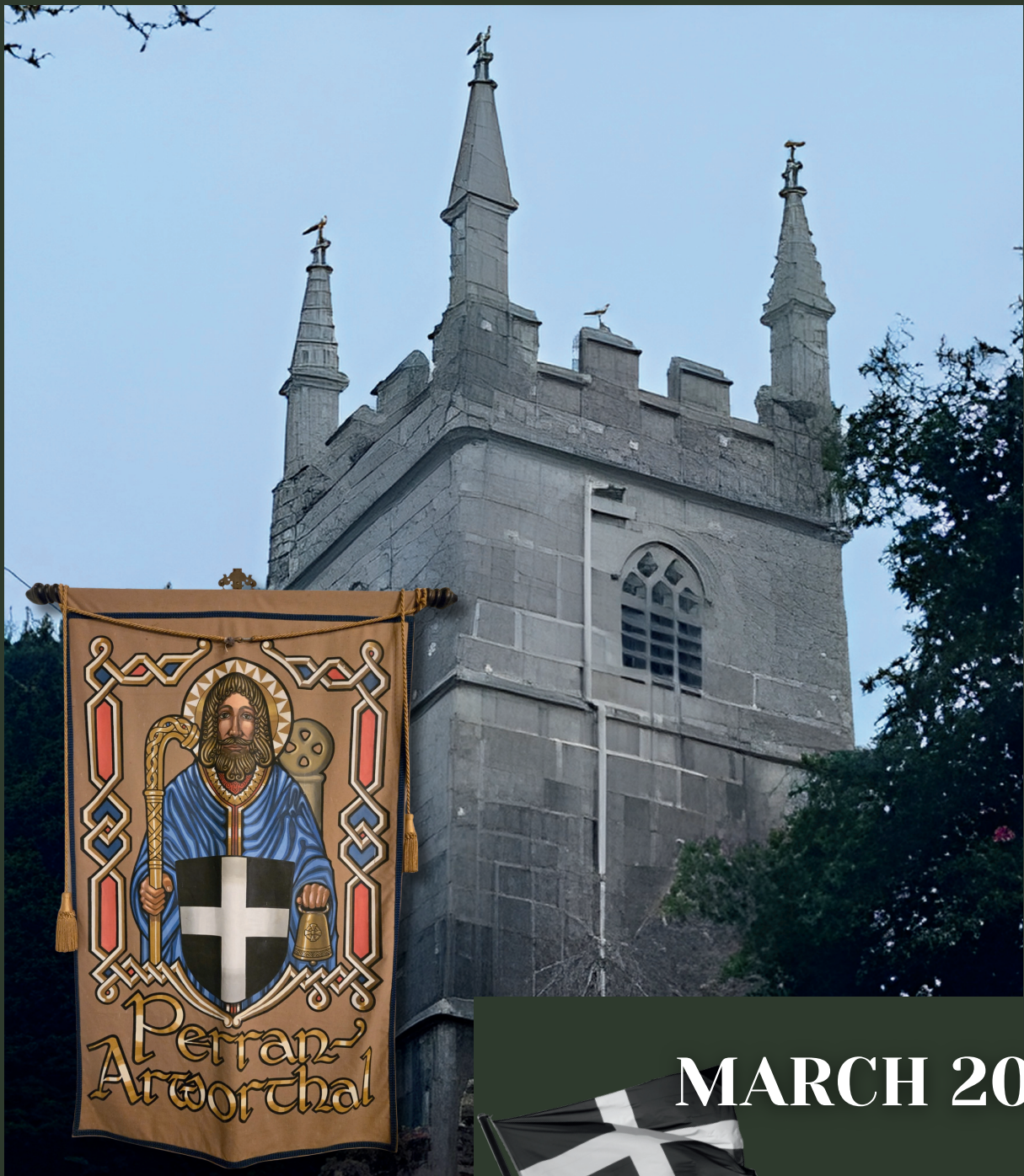


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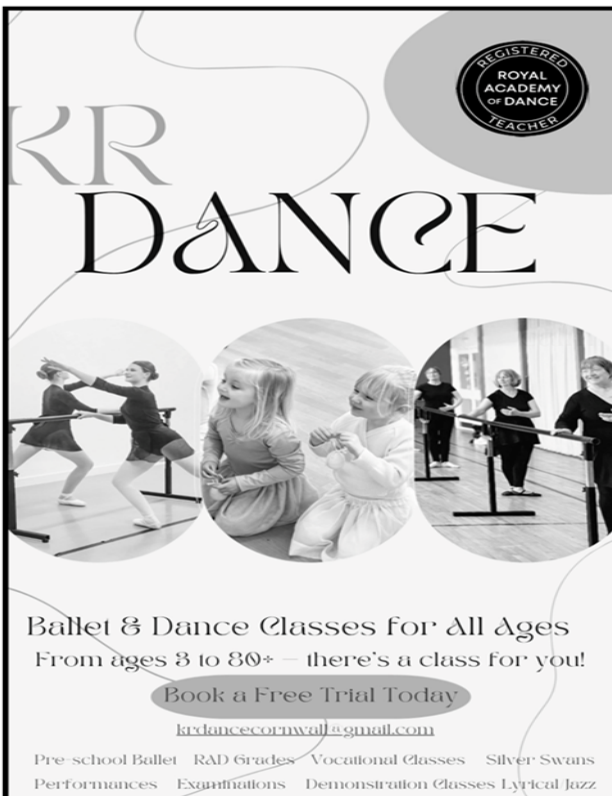
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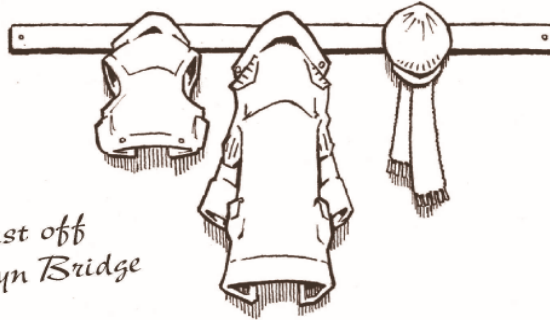
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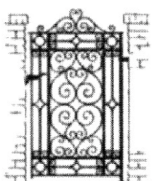


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Also looking ahead to hopefully drier and warmer days, notice of a big village year, with a number of events arranged already. If you are a newcomer Big Village offers plenty of opportunities to join in and meet your neighbours.

As the Titanic anniversary approaches in April Bob Richards relates a story of a Perranwell man Frank Thomas Andrew, who was a passenger.

At this time of year Chris Lea, advertising manager and treasurer, is rounding up advertisers for the coming year. As you will see a few of our long-term advertisers have discontinued their slots so there are some spaces that could be filled. If you know of any local businesses who may be interested in using the pages of **Perran News** do direct them to Chris, as below. Many readers use Perran News as a directory for local services not unlike Thompsons Directories of old.

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## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT: FEBRUARY 2026

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The two key themes this month are storms and development.

Let's start with storms. As I mentioned last month, 2026 got off to a terrible start with Storm Goretti. One elderly resident described it as the worst storm of his lifetime – and I bet it was for many others. Of course, Goretti was quickly followed by others. As bad as the storms were, the good news was that so many local people rallied round to provide support, offering help in many ways. The shop played a vital role, too, as did the pub. We are lucky to have them. However, one notable aspect was the variable impact around the parish; some households lost power and telecommunications for days, others were hardly affected. By the time this report is published, the parish council will have held a special public meeting on 17 February to gather information on the impact of the storm and to identify any preventative measures that might be put in place so that the parish is better prepared next time – and there surely will be a next time. Events that were once predicted to occur once in a hundred or a thousand years are now, thanks to climate change, becoming more frequent. It would be foolish to ignore this and leave everything to chance, and it is certain that we can take measures now to increase resilience.

Next, the playing field and village hall. A further public consultation was held on Thursday 29 January, with a good attendance of over 30 people. Most of the comments could be grouped into five key areas: visualisation, proximity, the junior pitch, supervision and budget. Let's look at each in turn.

First, visualisation. The drawings for both hall and field had been available to examine during the week, but some people genuinely find technical drawings hard to interpret and visualise. At its maximum, the grass bank in the north-east corner of the field would be 2.3m high (roughly the height of a room in a house) and the slope would be spread over approximately 15m, although this sloping bank would be largely obscured by existing trees and bushes from the view of residents in Westmoor Crescent. The height of the bank will gradually reduce in height westwards along the length of the field toward the pine trees. On the other side of the pitch, the bank sloping away from the basketball hoop and far play equipment will be about 1.5m high, reducing in the opposite direction towards the car park. One comment was that they "may be the perfect 'roly-poly' banks for youngsters..." but some concerns remained. Some

ideas were discussed to provide the best 3D



interpretation and these will be followed up.

Second, the discussion of proximities helped make some sense of the drawings and seemed to alleviate some concerns. The start of the slope will be 17m from the northern boundary and 6m from the fencing of the children's play area, providing ample safety margins. Safety netting to protect vehicles in the car park will be fully considered with the final design.

Next, the so-called junior pitch. The current planning application deals strictly with relocating and levelling the ground for the main pitch. Moving the main pitch eastwards will make space available at the western end. It's important to get this stage of the overall project moving forward, based on advice received from the planning department. No attempt is being made to design every aspect of the playing field at this stage; some people have mistakenly expected a single application to address every proposed change. In short, circumstances change, and while we may have a long-term vision, we have to be tactically nimble to negotiate a way forward to achieve the overall goal. The western end falls outside the current planning application, but further decisions about this end can be made later. That's the reason for deferring any application for a Muga. Initially, the ground will not be levelled and the western end will remain a grass slope because of the problems with trees (but see below). The two junior goalposts would be located there. It's basically a kick-about area, with cones or jumpers used to indicate boundaries. When the main pitch has been levelled, proper junior matches would generally take place sideways on the main pitch so that players of all ages will benefit from the improved playing surface.

Further detailed thought will need to be given to the western end, especially because decisions will need to be made about the Monterey pines. More branches are falling with each new storm, increasing the risk to users of the field. We know that the pines are coming to the end of their lives and urgent consideration will have to be given to replacing them with native species. Perhaps this will now happen sooner than previously anticipated (the public meeting planned for 17 February to review the impact of recent storms will probably begin to

address this). Removing the pines and replanting with shorter trees might influence the nature and content of future planning applications. This stage-by-stage approach, while not dealing with every query, enables us to remain flexible. Further consultation on the future use of the western end will be desirable in due course, but that seems unlikely within the next three to five years until after the new village hall has been completed, as all financial resources will initially be going into that redevelopment.

Next, concern had been expressed about the supervision of small children, relayed particularly by parent governors from the school. It had been claimed that parents sitting at one of the picnic benches by the entrance gates could currently see every corner of the playing field. While that is an advantageous spot from which to watch children play, it was noted that there are currently points of the field that could not be seen from that position, most importantly the kissing gate in the far south-west corner and behind the football club's shipping container in the north-east corner. One of the aspects yet to be fully designed is the peripheral space around the football pitch. An accessible, circular walking path is planned, supplemented with seating areas, thoughtful planting, activity points and other features. These facilities will alter the use of the field, enabling more of the field to fulfil its purpose for the rest of the community, and may eventually provide better points from which parents could supervise children.

Lastly, budget. Specific quotations can only be obtained following planning approval, but it is believed that the cost of levelling will be in the region £100,000. Currently, the parish council is holding approximately £20,000 of Community Infrastructure Levy funds that must be spent on the playing field, and a further £50,000 earmarked for the project. The football club are expected to be able to secure another £25,000 of grant funding from the Football Foundation. This makes the expected cost achievable. One question from the consultation was, "What percentage of the increase in the precept is to cover the cost of this project?" However, there is no simple

linkage because increases in parish council expenditure are expected in many areas, such as refuse collection from litter bins, footpath maintenance, highway and safety improvements, the community Christmas decorations, etc. The parish council is trying to keep our community safe, clean and connected, as well as improving it's capacity to support all the activities that go on.

We are now making significant progress and it will be important to maintain momentum. Whether you've grown up here, or you're raising your family here, or you hope to see out your days here, it is worth emphasising that the changes to the playing field and the village hall will be a once-in-a-lifetime event, so now's the time to get creative, get involved and work for the things we would all like to see.

Several local residents have expressed concern about the construction site for new housing on Trewedna Lane, including the need to reduce flooding and improve communication with neighbouring properties. By the time this report appears, it is expected that we will have had a site meeting with the main contractor to seek solutions.

Please note that forthcoming events include:

1. the St Piran's Day Celebration planned for Thursday 5 March (see posters for details), which will be one of the events raising funds for the new village hall
2. The Wellbeing Fair on Saturday 14 March (2.00 pm in the village hall) to showcase the various groups offering health and wellbeing services
3. Not forgetting the WI Spring Fayre on Saturday 21 March (10.00 in the village hall).

As usual, please feel free to attend meetings of the council and its various working groups. Agendas are normally published in advance on the noticeboards and website. Meetings of the full parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 4 March and the Highways & Public Rights of Way Working Group on 18 March, both starting at 7.00 pm in the village hall.

If you have any views or comments on the work of the council, the Clerk would be pleased to receive them.

**Colin Bridges Chairman**

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If you have any questions about the work of the parish council that you would like raised at the meeting, please send them to Tomas Hill, the Clerk. Thank you.



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## PERRANWELL STATION - WEATHER REPORT FOR JANUARY 2026

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Average daily maximum temperature:	9.2C	
Maximum temperature for the month:	12.5C on 12th	
Average daily minimum temperature:	3.4C	
Minimum temperature for the month:	-2.1C on 6th	
Rainfall:	12.69 inches	
Sunshine:	41 hours	
Wind direction:	South and South West	

### The Rain it Raineth Every Day

This is the title of an 1889 painting, perhaps his best-known, by Newlyn School artist Norman Garstin, depicting a rainy and windy scene of Penzance's seafront with waves crashing on to the promenade. The phrase was originally used in two of Shakespeare's plays - *Twelfth Night* and *King Lear*. With 27 "rain days" in a month of record rainfall, I couldn't think of a more apt heading for my January report.

Not surprisingly, the weather systems over Cornwall were dominated by depressions and fronts, bringing wet and unsettled conditions for most of the month.

Although Storm Goretti was the stand-out event, the persistent rain was the recurrent theme for the month. The month total of 12.69 inches was the highest that I have recorded in any month over the last 20 years, beating the previous highest of 10.53 inches in November 2022. In fact the Met Office reported that Cornwall had its wettest January ever recorded. No fewer than four 24 hour periods had in excess of one inch of rain, with the 2.03 inches recorded in the 24 hours over 26th/27th the highest daily total in my records.

After a cold start, temperatures rose a little bit, but stayed below average overall, with several cold nights. Even so, the highest temperature nationally was recorded at Bude, 13.6C on the 11th.

Sunshine hours were down for the time of year.

### Storm Goretti

The Met Office has confirmed that Storm Goretti was one of the worst storms to hit Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly in the last 35 years. Countless trees were brought down, roofs lifted and homes and schools were left without power and water. The storm hit Cornwall on the evening/night of January 8th/9th, with a government alert on everyone's mobile phone, quite unsettling in itself. Wind speeds rose dramatically, reaching 99mph on the Isles of Scilly. Tragically, a man died when a tree fell on his caravan near Helston. Parts of Helston itself were left without water or power for several days.

The tree devastation across Cornwall has been compared to the infamous Great Storm of 1987 which ravaged large parts of the south of England. Over 100 trees were lost at St Michael's Mount, where winds reaching 111mph were recorded at one point. Many other well-known gardens were badly affected, and several roads very locally to Perranwell Station were temporarily impassable. Even where passable, the roads were typically strewn with tree twigs and general tree detritus in the aftermath.

### February Update

The rain has continued! Nearly four inches of rain up to the middle of the month, with 14 "rain days" out of a possible 15.

**Mike Hands**

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# COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

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Hello,  
Starting this month's update with a perennial topic:



## Potholes

You've probably noticed many of our roads are looking rather the worse for wear after such a wet start to the year – Cornwall's wettest January since records began, with three named storms as well repairing over 340 potholes a day. The very wet weather makes it tricky to do proper fixes, so you'll notice more patches for a while as teams work to clear the backlog and the weather (hopefully!) improves.

Please do keep reporting any issues you see via the Report Something page on the Cornwall Council website – they can only fix the things they know about. Many other common issues (such as flooding, blocked drains and problem parking) can also be reported in this way: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something/>

## Bus timetable changes

New bus timetables have come into effect after First pulled out of Cornwall. What used to be the U1 running between Falmouth and Truro along the main road is now the 32, running hourly (every two hours on Sundays). Most journeys on the 32A will continue on to Treliske Hospital. The 36 and 36A will continue to run through the village.

## Housing

It was good to see so many people attend the drop-in session with Coastline to comment on proposals for a new housing development on Greenwith Hill. Concerns about the scale of what is being proposed, the impact on road safety and water infrastructure were the main concerns I heard raised. If you couldn't make the event, the plans can be viewed on the council's planning portal (PA25/01016/PREAPP). This is a 'pre-application' only – any development will need to go through the full planning process. I've asked Coastline to come back and talk to residents as their plans develop.

Building at Trewedna continues. This has brought a lot of disruption for the residents on Trewedna Lane, and there have been some issues with poor communication about road closures. I've raised these with Coastline and have got a site meeting coming up with them this week.

## Water

Our water infrastructure continues to be a major concern, with sewage dumping continuing and a lack of capacity affecting local companies like Pellows, who are transporting waste hundreds of miles for disposal. South West Water will be on the panel at the upcoming 'Healthy Rivers and Seas' summit convened by Cornwall Council on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February. This follows from my motion to full council back in September, and will consider the current state of water in Cornwall, looking at trends and challenges including sewage discharges, land management, and urban runoff.

## Reasons to be cheerful

If that all sounded a bit doom and gloom, here's something to look forward to: the St Piran's Day celebration on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. I feel very honoured to have been invited to raise the flag, and am greatly looking forward to joining the Trelawney shout in the pub. Thank you to all involved in making this celebration happen, and I hope to see you there!

**Best wishes,**  
**Ruth**

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Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026



## Perranarworthal's first St Piran's Day Festival

Cornish flags and bunting will be flying all week from Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March; if you have any of your own stashed away, please get them out and help make our village a joy to behold. This is not just a Cornish saint's festival, it's a community venture for all of us, and we hope it will become an annual event. There will be a 'donation' of £6 (cash or card accepted) for the evening's entertainment, and this will include a pasty. Tea, coffee, squash and saffron buns will be available, and you can bring your own bottles. All proceeds will go towards the New Village Hall Redevelopment Fund. Below is our **Festival Programme** (all timings are very approximate). Feel free to drop in, or out, at any point during the proceedings.

**3.20** The festival will begin with a muster in front of the school when our piper will arrive to start the celebrations.

**3.30** The Piper will lead a group of school children in a procession down to the Village Hall where, around **3.45** they will entertain us with singing and dancing. Afterwards, they will enjoy a well-earned saffron bun at a traditional tea treat.

**4.30** Entries for the pasty competition should be submitted. They could be beef, cheese and onion, or vegetable. You don't have to be Cornish to enter - go on, have a go!

**5.00** St Piran's flag will be run up the flagpole outside the village hall by our County Councillor, Ruth Gripper, to accompaniment from our piper.

**5.15** We will begin serving the hot pasties in the hall. A slide show and an exhibition about the parish and it's history will be set up by the Perranarworthal Local History Group to keep you entertained while you enjoy your supper, and the winners of the pasty competition will be announced.

**6.00** Perranwell Community Choir will then sing some Cornish songs.

**6.30** The Cornish quiz; this will reveal how much, or how little, you know about your parish and Cornwall in general. Don't forget to bring a pen or pencil!

**7.00** The Devil's Hat Band will play us out with their particular brand of musical mayhem.

**8.00** Procession from the **Village Hall** down to the **Royal Oak** where the music and merriment will continue.

**9.00** The Trelawney Shout in the Royal Oak. We will join the rest of Cornwall in a rendition of the unofficial Cornish anthem 'Trelawny' to celebrate community, heritage, and the joys of being in Cornwall. Let's sing our hearts out, knowing that down the road, across the moor or even in some distant lands, this celebration of community will be echoed.



PERRANWELL STATION PRESENTS.....

*Gool Perran Lowen*

# HAPPY ST PIRAN'S DAY

**THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**



**15:30**

PIPED PROCESSION WILL LEAVE FROM PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL SCHOOL

**16:00**

SCHOOL CHILDREN'S PERFORMANCE AND TEA TREAT  
PASTIES AVAILABLE AT  
PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL VILLAGE HALL

**17:00**



RAISING OF THE FLAG



**18:00**

ENTERTAINMENT STARTS!  
QUIZ, CHILDREN SINGING AND DANCING, A PIPER,  
THE DEVILS HAT BAND AND THE COMMUNITY CHOIR.

**20:00**

PROCESSION TO THE ROYAL OAK FOR THE  
TRELAWNY SHOUT.

**£6 ADULTS  
INCLUDES A PASTY**

**CHILDREN GO FREE  
JUST PAY £2  
FOR A PASTY**

SCAN QR CODE FOR TICKETS



**REFRESHMENTS**

TEA/COFFEE/SQUASH  
SAFFRON BUNS  
BRING YOUR OWN ALCOHOL.

PROCEEDS TO THE VILLAGE HALL REDEVELOPMENT FUND

## ROLL UP, ROLL UP, HOW CAN YOU BE PART OF THE BIG VILLAGE?

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In last month's *Perran News*, the village hall trustees shared information on the fundraising strategy created to help us achieve our plans to redevelop the village hall for the community. The strategy includes the re-introduction of the Big Village campaign, supported and coordinated by the Parish Council, and which will enable every person within the parish to take an active role in fundraising for their new village hall.

The Big Village campaign has got off to a great start, and we are so encouraged by the events that have been planned and delivered so far. From the hugely ambitious, to the exceedingly simple, these events all have the common theme of celebrating our fantastic community whilst raising funds for the new hall.



Here are some of the things members of the community are organising over the next few months:

- St Piran's Day Celebration (5<sup>th</sup> March)
- Games Night with live music (7<sup>th</sup> March)
- Twystery production (10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> April)
- Perran-ar-worthal School new building community opening (April)
- Cornish Bottle Archive talk (May)
- The Big Village Weekend – our very own festival of music and entertainment (19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> June)
- Open house and cream tea party (July)
- Summer Concert (8<sup>th</sup> August)
- Farm visit (date tbc)

You can find out more about these and other events on the Big Village website

<https://www.perranwellbigvillage.co.uk/>

So how can you help?

1. Attend these and other Big Village events, bring others with you!
2. Volunteer to help at a Big Village event – contact the organiser of each event directly when advertised
3. Host your own event or create your own fundraising challenge – get in touch with the Big Village Planning Group
4. The Village Hall Trustees are specifically looking for a volunteer to look after our JustGiving campaign so if you have some experience or would like to learn about crowdfunding then please contact the Chairman of the Village Hall Trustees John Frankland [j19frankland@icloud.com](mailto:j19frankland@icloud.com). Just a few hours a week could make a big difference.
5. We are also considering launching an easy fundraising campaign and need a volunteer to make that happen.

We'd love to see the calendar fill up with more Big Village events throughout the year, so please do consider what you could do, perhaps with a group of friends, neighbours or family. The Big Village

Planning Group can help you develop your idea, and some small grant funding is also available to help fundraising events take place. Please send expressions of interest to the chair of the group, Colin Bridges [cllr.cbridges@perranarworthal-pc.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.cbridges@perranarworthal-pc.gov.uk) , or alternatively contact Jenie Macindoe, village hall trustee [jeniep@yahoo.com](mailto:jeniep@yahoo.com)

And if events are not quite your thing, but you have other skills you might be able to lend to our fundraising campaign, then please do think about volunteering a little time to help with other areas: applying for grants and trusts, securing corporate donations and sponsorship, encouraging philanthropy. All the information about our fundraiser is available on our website where you can also see the latest designs for the proposed hall. <https://perranwellcentre.org/fundraiser-updates/>  
**The Perranwell Centre Trustees**



<b>Friday 19th June</b> <b>Still Dizzy</b> - 9-piece soul band	<b>Saturday 20th June 2026</b> <b>Andy the Crooner</b> followed by <i>Phoenix 5</i>
	



 **Perranwell Station**  
 6pm - 10.30pm at the Royal Oak Pub

FUNDED BY

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**BIG Village FESTIVAL**  
**PERRANWELL STATION**

**FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
**&**  
**SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
**6PM-10:30PM**

Funded by  
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**PERRANWELL STATION**

- LIVE MUSIC
- FOOD & DRINK
- TREAT STALLS

Tickets available from the Community Store & The Royal Oak.  
 Free tickets for Perranwell residents. £3 non-residents.



THE ROYAL OAK  
PERRANWELL STATION

Donate Here



Raising Funds for the new Village

## THE PERRANWELL MEMORY CAFÉ

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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.

### 2026

10 March	Cober Band
24 March	Outing – Destination TBA
14 April	Terry Broad brings Singing for Fun
28 April	Perranarworthal Handbell Ringers
12 May	Bob Seymour with Singing for Well Being
26 May	Nikki Bovis Coulter with Creative Art
9 June	Nikki Ridgemont brings us Chair Tai Chi
23 June	Outing – Destination TBA
14 July	Sing for the Soul with Melanie Garside
28 July	In house
11 August	Still to be arranged
25 August	Jonny Inder – Sing along with Jonny
8 September	Chair Pilates with Nancy Althea
22 September	Outing – Destination TBA
13 October	In house
27 October	Caroline Schanke with Singing for Well Being
10 November	Nikki Ridgemont guides us in Chair Tai Chi
24 November	Nikkie Bovis Coulter with Creative Art
8 December	Outing – Destination TBA
22 December	Christmas Extravaganza



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

### Perranarworthal Memory Café

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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CB**

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

## Perranarworthal Women's Institute News

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As usual we've had a variety of speakers at our WI meetings. Recently, the lovely Darren and Liam from the charity "Man Down" came to speak to us about their work. The charity is dedicated to providing a safe, judgement free space for men over the age of 18 to talk together, offering non-clinical talking therapy. So, providing a way for men to share their mental health struggles and connect with others who understand. The motivation behind the charity is to break the stigma surrounding mental health challenges and help in the prevention of suicide amongst men. The group in Cornwall has been in action for eight years and there are now 26 peer-to-peer support groups across the county, with even more across the UK. The reasons for suicide amongst men are complex, anything from trauma in childhood, neurodiversity, money worries and issues like drug and alcohol addiction, marriage problems and access to children. Darren explained that it can take courage to join a group but tea, coffee, biscuits and a supportive atmosphere afford a place where men can feel safe to open up and talk – something that perhaps us women find a little easier to do! We all have partners, sons, uncles, nephews that we love and so we were enormously moved by the work of this local charity, supported in our fund-raising efforts last year. Please do check out them out online - [Man Down UK](#)

Elizabeth Reeves also came to talk to us about the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. It's a global organisation that cares for War Graves commemorating men and women from the Commonwealth who gave their lives during the two World Wars. Her interesting talk was very detailed with plenty of photos showing the Commission's work and how her family were involved as gardeners. The war grave sites are lovingly looked after by gardeners and stonemasons and fittingly are visited and remembered by us all. I'm sure many of you have visited them maybe in France or Belgium and been

very moved. Elizabeth described how the Imperial War Graves Commission was first set up in response to



the terrible loss of life during World War One, and the need to provide an egalitarian resting place where those that gave their lives could be commemorated with dignity and care. Headstones in these cemeteries are uniform and constructed from Portland limestone, this makes them clearly identifiable as Commonwealth War Graves. The Rose "Remembrance" was specifically bred for the Commission to be planted around the headstones. At each place there is a Commission register where it is possible to see a site plan and information, allowing you to be able to find a specific grave; very important if you are searching for a lovingly remembered relative. At each site you will find the following inscription on a Cross of Sacrifice, "Their name liveth for evermore". Poignantly, at the end of the First World War Elizabeth told us that the king and queen visited Belgium and France, and the queen laid a bunch of forget-me-nots on a soldier's grave. This small act of remembrance was requested by the mother of the soldier who had no means of travelling so far to see her son's final resting place. Elizabeth's talk was both sobering and fascinating - food for thought for all of us.

Come and join us for friendship, activities and in the above cases plenty of learning! We meet every second Tuesday evening of the month in the village hall. There are always tea and cake and friendly faces. CB

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**STORM DETRITUS** : As a follow up to the articles in the last issue about storm Geretti and its aftermath, I would like to ask if the owners of a red two-man tent that appeared wrapped around my car the morning after the storm would like it back.

Initially I was concerned that they might still be in it, but having brought out a pot of tea and some toast with no response from within, I can only presume they landed in someone else's garden. The tent is still stuck behind my front gate where it blew after I dislodged it from my car.



If anyone is missing a tent, or knows of two newly homeless people in the Parish, it is there for them to retrieve.  
**BM Chyogue House**

## PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm at the Perranwell Centre

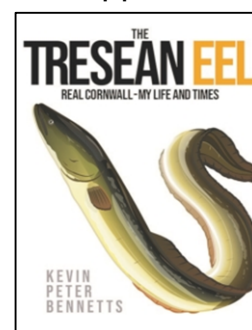
### "A Cornish Life"

Speaker: Kevin Bennetts



Kevin Bennetts is the founder and former owner of Consols Oils and a former Newlyn Harbour Commissioner. Kevin will share his reminiscences and stories of a real Cornish childhood, and a remarkable life full of adventure at the heart of Cornish industry and business, beginning with fishing and mining and then building up a well-respected oil distribution company. He has been a great supporter of Cornish communities, for example chairing the Newlyn Fish Festival. Kevin's talk will, like his recently published book, 'The Tresean Eel' give great insights into Cornish business and some of the big characters involved. He is a very entertaining speaker and his book will be available for sale at the meeting.

Do come and join us to find out more



Members £1 non members £4 (annual membership £6)  
Perran-ar-worthal Local History Group

### The Chasewater Railway: 200 years.

#### Speaker: Bob Richards

Bob came to speak to the group about his research into the Chasewater railway which is celebrating its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

Cornwall had many small copper mines but there were problems with flooding, and a lot had to close. The County Adit was developed to remove the water from a large number of mines but it was difficult to keep the water level down. In the late 18<sup>th</sup> century copper became important for coppering the bottoms of the ships. Much of the copper at this time came from Parys Mountain on Anglesey as the ore was nearer the surface and therefore easier and cheaper to mine. With increased demand for copper some of the Cornish mines re-opened with improved drainage a priority. John Taylor (who lived at Mellingey in Perranwell) managed to get a lease on Consolidated Mines and used high pressure steam power to improve the drainage.

Smelting copper needed a lot of coal so copper ore was taken to the coast so that it could be shipped to South Wales where there was plenty of coal. Ore was carried by waggon and horses, but a more efficient system was needed. After a 'fight' over which port was to be developed; Devoran, Restronguet or Carclew, including dams being built to divert the deep water channel to favour one port or another and then being demolished by a competitor. Devoran finally won the battle and a whole new town was built around the docks. John Taylor managed to finance a tramway to Twelve Heads and on to Redruth. A track was built for horse pulled waggons to take the ore from the mine to the new port at Devoran. It was a 4 foot gauge track and the first to use wrought iron rails which were more expensive but lasted better than the more brittle cast iron rails which were always breaking and being used for instance at Portreath. The waggons also ran on flanged wheels so they stayed on the tracks. It was not until 30 January 1826 that the line was considered substantially complete, although the Chasewater branch had not been started, and in fact was never built.

A paddleboat steam tug was ordered from Middlesborough to tow boats up to Devoran. It unfortunately sank in Falmouth harbour but was recovered and eventually put to work as planned and the port of Devoran thrived. The tug was also used for pleasure boating trips on the Fal.

Richard Thomas Hall, manager of the port in Devoran ordered 2 steam locomotives from Glasgow to manage heavier loads along the railway, named Miner and Smelter. Devoran had an engine repair shed and lots of sidings and hoppers where the ore was sorted and loaded. The track out to Point was still horse drawn and the sidings used horses to

manoeuvre the waggons as well. A larger stronger locomotive named Spitfire was ordered later.

By the 1870s the line was running at a loss, but they kept it going in an attempt to pay back investors. Cheaper ore was now available from Australia, and many Cornish mines had shut. Other cargoes had replaced the copper, such as roadstone and supplies for the potteries and brickworks near St Day. The last train ran in 1915, and it pulled up the track behind it which found its way to form military railways in Flanders during World War 1. It is now a well-used cycleway and footpath.

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## PERRANWELL COMMUNITY CHOIR

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The choir now has availability for new members of all voices and abilities. There are no auditions, you will never have to sing on your own, and reading music is not necessary as you will be guided by our excellent musical director, Shirley Tyack and the lovely Liz Heywood, our accompanist. We meet on Wednesdays 6-7 pm in the Village Hall

The benefits of singing for pleasure are well documented and proven to improve general wellbeing, mental health and happiness. Oxford University recently published a report which states that - *'singing in a choir is beneficial in a number of different ways. Music making exercises the brain as well as the body, but singing is particularly beneficial for improving breathing, posture and muscle tension, and can even help pain control'*

So, what are you waiting for? – come along and sing!

For more information, please contact...

Fiona Fleming 07855 832623 or email [fi.fleming@btinternet.com](mailto:fi.fleming@btinternet.com)

Or Trisha Budd on 07727209111 or [trishabudd@gmail.com](mailto:trishabudd@gmail.com)

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## The story of Frank Thomas Andrew

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April 15<sup>th</sup> sees the anniversary of what has become probably the most famous shipwreck in history, the sinking of the Titanic. We all know the story from films, books, TV programmes and so on about the apparently "unsinkable" Titanic leaving Southampton with over 2,000 passengers and crew, bound for America and the events which took place just a few days later in the vast, cold darkness of the Atlantic Ocean, hundreds of miles from land.

What is perhaps less well known is the connection between the sinking and Perranwell. One of the passengers aboard on that fateful night was Frank Thomas Andrew and this is his story.

On the census of 1891 there is a family living at Gilly Tresamble Farm, Trewedna on the edge of Perranarworthal parish, who are listed as James and

Johannah Andrew with seven children ranging from Laura aged 15 down to Robert aged 4. There is an interesting tale here to tell even before we reach the events of April 1912, because, in fact, James and Johanna were not, as the census suggests, "husband and wife". Johanna (Eslick) had married a man by the name of Tobias Gribble in the middle of 1869 in Redruth. Tobias was a miner from Creegbrowse near Chacewater and the following year, Johanna gave birth to their first child, a son, William Henry. Within another few months, Tobias Gribble had followed many hundreds of mining men from the local area and emigrated to find work. He had gone to the Cape of Good Hope, South Africa, where mining work was more plentiful than in his native Cornwall.

Johanna was left at home in Cornwall to bring up her young son and nothing further is heard of Tobias

Gribble until late in 1877 when the *Falmouth Packet* has the headline: "A worthless wife and her Paramour." It goes on: "At Falmouth County Court on Thursday before Mr. Bere QC, Tobias Gribble, miner sued a butcher named James Andrews for £39:17/6 under the following circumstances: In 1870, the plaintiff, who was living at Twelveheads, Gwennap, went abroad leaving his wife in a comfortably furnished home. He continued regularly to send her £3 a month until the middle of 1873 when upon learning that she had been cohabiting with Andrews and was about to be confined, he ceased. On his return he found her living in defendant's house as his wife, she having at this time three children, while defendant himself had possession of the furniture which he had left when he went away. His wife refused to have anything to do with him or to deliver up the articles he had left in her charge and defendant, on being applied to for restoration was equally impractical. Hence the proceedings."

We are told that Johanna Gribble had told James Andrews that her husband had been sending her no money since he left Cornwall and also that she had heard that he had been hanged in Australia, although she seems to have offered nothing by way of evidence to back her claims. The outcome was that judgment was given in favour of Tobias Gribble in the sum of £20 for loss of his furniture.

Johanna Gribble and James Andrew continued to live together at Gilly Tresamble farm and, as we have seen above, within a few years, had a family of seven children. Johanna died in October 1893 and lies buried at Perranarworthal under the name of Johanna Andrew, although she and James, as we have seen, never actually married. She may have died in childbirth or soon thereafter as her youngest son, William John was born around the same time.

It is now to their son, Frank Thomas Andrew, as he was known, that we now turn to continue the story. To add another small complication, his 1886 birth certificate actually names him as Thomas Francis Gribble, but we will call him Frank Thomas Andrew, as that is what he always went by. The census of 1901 shows him still at home at Gilly Tresamble farm at the age of 15 with his parents, three brothers and three sisters. He is shown as working on the farm.

On 4<sup>th</sup> July 1908, Frank Thomas Andrew married Rhoda Tripp, daughter of a widow, Elizabeth Tripp who lived nearby in Lanner. The couple settled at Forest Gate, Four Lanes where the 1911 census shows them with a

daughter, Lucy aged two. Frank's occupation on this census is miner.

In April 1912, Frank Thomas Andrew took passage aboard the ill-fated Titanic as a second class passenger, bound for a new life in America, the intension being, like many at the time, to settle, find work and then send for his wife and family. Records show that he was bound for the town of Houghton, a favoured location for emigrating Cornish miners in the Upper Peninsula, Michigan.

Within a week or so local newspapers tells us of "Mr. Frank Andrew, a young married man from Pencoys, Four Lanes left Redruth en route to America to seek his fortune, his first trip across the seas, on the ill-fated Titanic. Mr. Andrew has a wife and one child aged two." Further reports tell that he had worked for a number of years at South Wheal Francis mine, between Four Lanes and Carn Brea, and that he was a regular member of the congregation of Forest Wesleyan Church, Four Lanes. Following the tragic sinking of the *Titanic*, his body, if it was ever found, was never identified.

Rhoda was expecting their second child when he died and gave birth to a daughter, Clara in October 1912.

The Cornubian newspaper on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1912 says "The late Mr. Frank Andrew. On Sunday evening at St. Andrews Church, the vicar (Rev. R. Pryor) preached an impressive and appropriate sermon to a large congregation. Taking as his text Psalm cvii verses 23 and 24, he made special reference to the Titanic disaster. The service seemed more impressive as Mr. Frank Andrew, a highly respected inhabitant of Pencoys lost his life aboard the ill-fated ship. He leaves a widow and one child to mourn his loss for whom the greatest sympathy is felt. The offering next Sunday will be for those suffering from the Titanic disaster. Two sermons will be preached by the Rev. W.J. Wyon, Rector of Ufford, Suffolk."

*Psalm 107, v.23 & 24....*

23. They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters.

24. These see the works of the Lord and His wonders in the deep.

Just over a year later on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1913, Rhoda, remarried. Her second husband was a widower, Thomas Penaluna, a miner and the couple continued to live in Four Lanes with their children for many years. Thomas died in 1955 and Rhoda died in 1967.

And Tobias Gribble?

He left the area again soon after the court case and pursued his mining career abroad. He died on 6<sup>th</sup> November 1891 at the Caylloma Silver Mine, Peru. He was 45. Tobias Gribble had four brothers, Cyrus, Edwin, Albert and Frederick, all of whom left Cornwall for mining jobs abroad and three of the four died abroad,

Edwin and Albert in South Africa and Cyrus in Arizona, America. Descendants of the Gribble family are still to be found in and around the Chacewater area.

**Bob Richards**

## Book Review: A God in Ruins, by Kate Atkinson

"The whole edifice of civilisation turned out to be constructed from an unstable mix of quicksand and imagination"



So, well, winter storms subside to the sweet slumbers of spring... it's amateur hour, addled and raucous, raw and wriggling, with an ambitious review of a book I absolutely adore.

The main character of this novel is Edward Todd, or "Teddy" as the reader will chiefly hear him called. A pilot of Halifax bombers during the Second World War, this book is a beautiful tapestry of aviation history with heart wrenching fictional characters.

It's pretty incredible that at the turn of the 20th century the aeroplane was the realm of rich eccentrics who, aided by the evolving internal combustion engine, felt they could soar into the sky in the manner of a bird. Then just 40 years later the aeroplane was definitive in mapping the geographical and political landscape we now inhabit.

This book puts the reader in the scene as prototype behemoths such as the Halifax are put into combat. Heading to Turin -

"They had flown over the snowy peaks of the Alps by the light of a brightly full moon 'not many people have seen that, eh, skipper' Kenny Nielsen piped up on the intercom... the depthless inky-black skies, pricked by thousands upon thousands of stars - bright seed broadcast by some generous God"

They fly back through a terrifying storm, ditching in the North Sea, this is where the Atkinson characters render the scene so perfectly, heartbreakingly.

"Well, good luck to you then"

Hamburg, Nuremberg, bombing raids are detailed and put the reader in the scene. Atkinsons brilliant research and knowledge of the mechanics and evolution of Second World War bombers makes for

great reading but... a whole other plethora of characters cascade through the novel as Teddy grows from a hero pilot to a being a Father, a Grandfather, he's a patient, quiet man struggling to understand the generations that follow. His daughter growing up in a hippy commune, a great nod to Sigmund Freud - in the generations that follow Teddy, suddenly "nurture" is responsible for adult emotions and his daughter is imbued with the soul searching cataclysm of a different world... perhaps, and here the novel becomes laugh out loud funny, like when Teddy's Son in Law, practicing abstract art, chucks some paint at the canvas and proclaims he's "doing some really brilliant s\*\*\*\*"

Teddy reminds me of my own Grandfather. His well mannered patience with us as Grandchildren, after a generational clash with my father, Stephen. In the Carnon Valley in 1967, Stephen was aged 18 and put on the live television "Our World" broadcast of "All You Need is Love". Lennon live and chewing some gum.

"And you really like this, do you, Stephen?" My Grandfather had asked, his face absent of emotion, 23 years on from narrowly avoiding kamikaze Japanese... Stephen had said yes, he did like it. When I was a teenager playing explicit Eminem songs in 1999, Stephen just sat there all cool.

"Perhaps Eminem is the John Keats of his generation" he had said.

And overall the book is funny, warm and heart wrenching.. beautifully layered, will cause butterflies and chest constrictions.. I'm not a massive fan of many other Kate Atkinson novels but this is one of the most beautiful books I've ever read.

Three times.

A young lady called Ann Schofield gives an elderly Teddy a tour of his nursing home - "Call me Ann, Ted" Call me Mr Todd, Teddy thought.

**JM**

# Perranarworthal Cricket Club



## Thinking of joining?

Heading into the 2026 season we will be fielding 3 senior teams on weekends, a midweek team, Under 15s, 13s and 11s, along with All Stars and Dynamos cricket on a Friday night.

Captains:

1<sup>st</sup> XI: Dean Fletcher

2<sup>nd</sup> XI: Adrian Moore

3<sup>rd</sup> XI: Neil Howe

Midweek XI: Greg Wallis

Come and meet the team at our winter nets!

## Come to Support

From the beginning of May until the end of August we have home games every Saturday (plus the occasional Sunday) starting at 1-1:30pm.

Spectators are very welcome to stop by, watch the game, and make use of the bar.

Scan the QR code for:

- Latest updates via social media
- Joining the club / Contact Us
- Junior cricket / All Stars and Dynamos
- Club information, fixtures & results
- Club kit and more

## Winter nets - Amended dates

Winter nets have started up again and we have added some dates. These will be open to adults and Colts (ages 11-15).

**New players are very welcome**, feel free to get in touch via the website/social media or just show up! These can all be accessed via the QR code at the bottom of the page.

**Winter net dates:**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April\***

**17:45-19:30 at Penryn College**

\*18:00-20:00 for 7<sup>th</sup> April

Each session is **£5 per person**.



## FITZROY SQUARE: 54 YEARS ON

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Recently I attended a reunion of fellow medical students at the British Association of Dermatologists in Fitzroy Square. This was hosted by a friend, now an illustrious dermatologist, from mine and beloved's time as medical students at the Middlesex Hospital, a few hundred yards away, fifty-four years ago. BAD, as they are known by some, have their HQ in a fine Adam Terrace house in this beautiful square. A perfect venue, in a now traffic free exclusive W1 acre. A nostalgic occasion. I couldn't help being reminded of my last visit there.

A callow youth of twenty years in summer of 1972, I had just passed my preclinical exams and was taking an introductory course preparing for "clinical", coming into direct contact with real live patients. Very exciting, the start of the real thing. One part of the course was nursing shifts on a ward in the Middlesex Hospital, the medical school where we trained. The Middlesex, sadly no more, was in the throbbing centre of the West End, five minutes' walk from Oxford Street. An unbeatable location to be a student. What times we had.

The nursing week, an excellent, newly introduced feature was to give us future doctors an understanding of the hard work and skill required to be the nurses who would be future colleagues, encouraging us to respect and treat them kindly. I was lucky to be assigned to the small geriatric ward in the main hospital. The nurses were supportive, and kind, delighted to have the opportunity to set my compass for the future. With no previous clinical experience, it was a challenge for the ward nurses to find useful things for me to do.

One patient on the ward was a small frail very arthritic little cockney gentleman, full of chat, whom I vaguely recall was named Alfred. My given task was to take him in a wheelchair to nearby Fitzroy Square for an outing to enjoy the summer sunshine and see if he could walk a few steps with his walking frame (Zimmer), a little informal physiotherapy. It was June and a perfect day for a wheel-chair ride/walk.

Winding through the narrow traffic-filled streets between the medical school buildings, behind the main hospital, it was only a ten-minute push to Fitzroy with its fine Edwardian terraced houses, and immaculate sward of meticulously tended grass

overlooked by the gentry of Fitzrovia. I locked the brakes of the wheelchair and helped him rise to as near vertical as he could manage, which was very bent. I then gave him the Zimmer, off we set. We started taking a few steps, him tottering unsteadily chatting away, with me firmly holding his elbow to stop him falling.

Alfred was not a snappy dresser, trousers held up with a pyjama cord and a dysfunctional, or even non-functional zip. Nor was his personal hygiene up to much. In addition, he was fitted with a bladder catheter and leg bag around his ankle, modestly concealed by the dodgy trousers. He was enjoying the fresh air after his long stay on the ward and seemed up for taking more steps leaving the wheelchair some distance behind. It was all going well. After about a dozen more steps his trousers gracefully descended to the ground. With his plumbing arrangements now on show, underpants missing. Trousers tying his ankles together and still requiring an arm to stop him falling, we were stranded. A first lesson in clinical problem solving, can I remain holding him up with one hand, so he doesn't fall over, and raise the trousers from round his ankles with the other. Hmm. Easier said than done.

I imagined the curtains twitching and an imminent ugly crowd of enraged toffs coming to scrag us for abusing their grass. Alfred was not the least bothered about his modesty, and blissfully unaware of my dilemma, enjoying the warm caress of the sun on his nether regions. I suspect he would have been quite happy to return to the ward undressed. With considerable difficulty I half raised his trousers with a single hand whilst holding him up with the other. We then slowly, slowly turned around and shuffled to the wheelchair. Finally, without dropping him or his trousers again he was turned and sat in the wheelchair rather disappointed to be no longer topping up his tan. No irate overlookers appeared and all was once more restored to style and tranquillity in this exclusive W1 square.

We returned to the ward without further excitement.

Alfred had had a great trip out and I had an unforgettable clinical experience which I recall with fondness to this day. How special to be in Fitzroy Square again after 54 years. **MBG**

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Perranwell Railway Station	1059	1359	1659	Rame Post Office	0932	1232	1532
Perranwell Royal Oak	1102	1402	1702	Stithians Crellow Lane	0938	1238	1538
Stithians Crellow Lane	1112	1412	1712	Perranwell Railway Station	0951	1251	1551
Rame Post Office	1117	1417	1717	Devoran Church	0958	1258	1558
Helston Tesco	1130	1430	1730	Carnon Downs Bus shelter	1005	1305	1605
Helston Blue Anchor	1135	1435	1735	Playing Place Bus Shelter	1007	1307	1607
Helston Sainsbury's	1140	1440	1740	Truro Bus Station E	1017	1317	1617
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Now First Bus have finished in Cornwall, this is the latest bus timetable for Perranwell, extracted by Jan Moore. Thanks, Jan.

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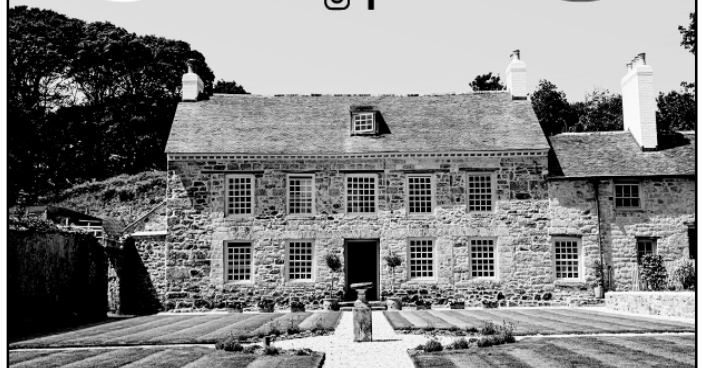
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Burger and Fish & Chip takeaway \*  
Food satisfaction Guaranteed



## Diary Dates Booking Open

### MARCH

5th - St Piran's Day  
15th - Mother's day

### APRIL

5th - Easter Sunday

### JUNE

6th - Tapas night  
19th/20th - Big Village Weekend

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