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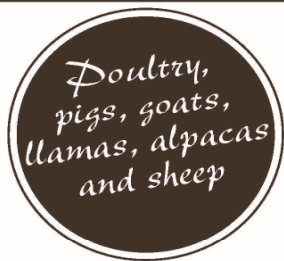
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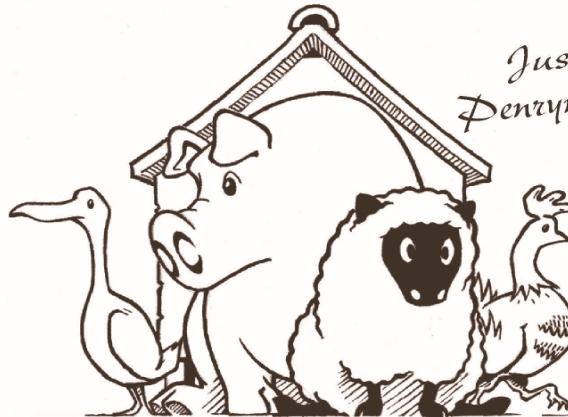
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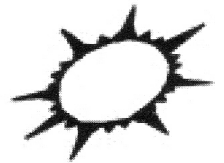
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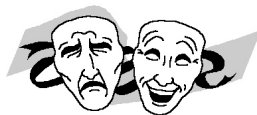
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Another corker of a picture for the front cover from Steve Hartgroves. Thanks, Steve. A number of readers have commented favourably on the last front cover. It is worth getting a magnifying glass out and having a close look to identify the village landmarks. I did have one complaint: "my house isn't in it". I am delighted to put that right this month.

**Steve writes:**

*Perranwell village in 2019; the original medieval focus of settlement in the parish would have been the Churchtown sited around St Piran's Church. Sometime during the medieval period this focus shifted northwards to where a road forded the Trewedna Water, or Perran Stream. If this photo had been taken just 70 years ago, in 1960, the village would have consisted of a ribbon development of houses following the S-shaped curve of the road up as far as the 'triangle' where St Piran's Hill diverges from School Hill, with an occasional cottage sited beyond. The areas occupied by the new housing estates would have been covered in small rectangular fields which were themselves created when Perran Downs was enclosed for smallholdings sometime between 1700 and 1800. (Photo: Steve Hartgroves; Serial No:SHAP40042; 04/*

In this issue is a loose survey form to harvest opinion about the future of the village hall. Please take time to read the article in this issue and then complete and return your form to the box in the shop. The prospect of a new modern hall is very exciting, although I know the current hall holds a warm place in the hearts of its many users. It is a building which is showing significant signs of wear and tear and its use is very much greater than anticipated when it was opened in 1970, now fifty years ago. It may also allow the Ruth Collins legacy to finally be spent as she wished for the benefit of the older members of the parish.

As I write this Storm Dennis is raging outside, hard on the heels of Storm Ciara. As an area fairly accustomed to wind and wet it has been particularly wild. I hope readers and their homes and gardens haven't suffered too much. The mornings are starting to get lighter and the daffodils although weather beaten are most welcome harbingers of spring.

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**Mark Gripper**



# PERRANARWORTHAL PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on January 22nd, and there was also a planning meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January. Apart from routine business, the Parish Council also agreed to keep funding replacement defibrillator pads as required. An update was given re the Neighbourhood Plan.

Since the January meeting, Mr Graham Brown, Chairman of the Council, has stepped down, both as Chairman and as a councillor. This unfortunate event was prompted by his having received extremely unpleasant remarks from certain parishioners in relation to the process of dealing with planning applications. Councillors are volunteers and Mr Brown gave a large amount of his free time to dealing with various aspects of parish council work, including planning. He had great support from Mrs Brown and they were both tree wardens for the parish. It goes without saying that his resignation leaves the parish council and the parish itself very much the poorer.

Planning matters are always the subject of divided opinion. However, it is important to remember the following: No one councillor makes decisions whether the council supports or objects to an application, this is something for the entire planning committee. All applications are forwarded to the committee in advance of the meeting, site meetings can be arranged if required. On the night of the meeting, which is advertised in advance, anyone can come along and speak about a particular application. Having heard from anyone doing so, the planning committee do not base their comments on whether they “like” or “dislike” an application, but whether there are any valid reasons for objecting. If there are none, then the default position would have to be to support it. Each application is dealt with by a vote by every councillor present. The majority decision is then notified to Cornwall Council. Any councillor who has an interest in a particular application, declares that interest, and leaves the room while it is being discussed. A lot of thought goes into the consideration of each and every application, even though the Parish Council does not have the final say on whether it is approved or refused. It is only a **consultee** in the process. The final decision rests with Cornwall Council Planning Department and the Cornwall Councillor for the Parish. Should the Planning Officer disagree with the Parish Council, there is only a very limited opportunity to change his or her decision, based on valid planning reasons. This Parish Council has, and no doubt will continue to do so, challenged the decision of the planning officer, with some success, but only on those valid planning reasons referred to already.

Therefore if you have something to say regarding a planning application, please don't subject any Parish Councillors or the Council to ill informed and unjustified criticism. Put in your objections to Cornwall Council, copy in the Parish Clerk or write separately/email or ring the Clerk. She will then always ensure that your views are made known to the whole Planning Committee. Contact your Cornwall Councillor about it, come to a planning meeting and put your views. Familiarise yourself with current planning policy and see if there are any planning reasons why it should be refused by the Planning Department.

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

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## BIG VILLAGE EVENTS 2020 and 2021

**The BV Steering Group** met in early January to review the events that took place in the village last year and to make plans for the future.

The idea for a BV programme of events started in 2013, and these have continued every other year since then. There has been a number of different formats, the first one lasted one week, the second one month, the third two weeks, and in 2019 events were spread across the whole year, with several events taking place each month. These were all publicised in Perran News and on notices round the village.

The steering group has assessed the success of the different events in 2019. Some were very well attended, others less so. As a result, it has been realised that there needs to be a greater emphasis on advance publicity for future events, and plans are already being made to increase this in the future.

The steering group has decided that it will concentrate its efforts on producing a programme for 2021, but it is keen to encourage organisers of village events in 2020 to use the logo of Big Village as publicity for them by attaching it to their adverts in Perran News and on their posters.

In addition, **Big Village banners** have been purchased, with a grant from the Parish Council. These can be displayed whenever and wherever an event is taking place. If you would like to borrow these **free of charge**, please email me with your request : [ian\\_halford@live.co.uk](mailto:ian_halford@live.co.uk)

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**We continue to seek new ideas for events and new members of our steering group.** If you have suggestion for events that you would like organised in the village and/or would be happy to join our steering group, please email me with this information. There isn't a major time commitment, as meetings only take place once a month, but without new ideas and new members, the programme will not develop and expand for the benefit of residents of all ages.

Thank you

**Ian Halford on behalf of the Steering Group**





## PERRANWELL STATION - WEATHER REPORT FOR JANUARY 2020

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Average daily maximum temperature:	10.2C
Maximum temperature for the month:	13C on 14th
Average daily minimum temperature:	5.6C
Minimum temperature for the month:	-2.6C on 20th
Rainfall:	4.73 inches
Sunshine:	65 hours
Wind direction:	South West and South



### Generally mild

January was generally mild, apart from a dry, very calm and settled spell lasting from the 18th to the 24th, when daytime temperatures only reached 7 or 8C. Temperatures were around 1C above the long-term average, and nationally it was the sixth warmest January in the series from 1884.

Rainfall was near average for the month, while our sunshine hours were slightly above average.

Winds were generally light, although there was a windy spell lasting from the 11th to the 16th.

### Wet Weather?

It looks like February is going to be another wet month, with over five inches of rain in the first 15 days. But when it comes to world records, we are not even close. In Mawsynram, India, 467 inches of rain has been recorded in a calendar year. The most rain in one day was 70 inches on the island of La Reunion in the Indian Ocean on 16 March 1952. And, quite amazingly, on Guadeloupe on 26 November 1970, one and a half inches fell in a single minute!

(with thanks to Campbell's Weather Companion)

And finally.....

As I write this, it's another very wet and windy weekend, this time Storm Dennis. Last week it was Storm Ciara. My very unscientific opinion is that these storms appear to have got worse since meteorologists started giving them names, like the (much more destructive) hurricanes affecting the Caribbean, Central and North America. They are certainly higher in the public consciousness.

Perhaps dropping the names is all it would take to calm the weather down?.....

**Mike Hands**

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## THE PERRANWELL CENTRE 2020: THE YEAR FOR DECISIONS and ACTION

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The costs of maintaining a village hall that will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year are considerable. As readers will know, the trustees have been considering whether it is better to have an expensive programme of refurbishment for an old building that requires new lighting, new heating, new floors, new sound insulation and many other desirable features, or whether we should seek grant funding and plan for a brand new village hall that has many more facilities and would be built to modern standards.

The trustees have decided that we should seek funding for a brand-new building that will have exciting new facilities, additional rooms and modern sports and performance areas. It will also be cheaper to run and easier to maintain.

Consultations with the drama group, pre-school and football club about the new build are ongoing, and it is thought likely that it may also be possible to incorporate either in or near the new building the long-awaited Ruth Collins Day Centre for the village.

2020 will be a very significant year when important decisions will be made about the village hall that will affect our lives for many years to come and we will be encouraging everyone in the village to put forward their ideas and to become involved in this exciting project. Further news will appear about this in the coming months.

In previous editions of *Perran News*, I have written about the need for additional trustees for the Perranwell Centre. There are currently 12 trustees, all volunteers, each with an individual responsibility for the smooth running of the village hall. However, many of them are well over 70 years old, and one person, who is approaching 90, has been a trustee for over 20 years. Age is not necessarily either a barrier or an impediment, but some of the older trustees feel that they have done their bit. Several may be standing down at the next AGM in May and some younger trustees would be welcome. We managed to recruit some estimable new trustees in 2019, but we need more.

We hope that you will wish to be part of this major village development and to this end we are asking you to complete the survey form and place it either in the box in the village shop or in the post box by the front entrance of the village hall. Thank you.

This survey is anonymous, unless people wish to add their contact details. However, as an incentive, if you complete the questionnaire with your name and contact details, you will be entered in our remarkable, not-to-be-missed special prize draw: the winner will receive two complimentary tickets from the Carnon Downs Drama Group and be able to choose either the performance at the Minack Theatre of 'Sisterly Feelings' or the 'unplugged version' that will be performed at the Perranwell Centre on Friday 15th May. Plus a decent bottle of wine!!

To be eligible for the draw, please return your questionnaire at the very latest by noon on Tuesday 31 March. Good luck!

*Ian Halford on behalf of the trustees*

## MUCH-LOVED VILLAGERS LEAVE US

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Sad news: The three donkeys, Buttercup, Teddy and Angelina who have lived the "life of Riley" in their field and luxury house on the corner of Silver Hill / Greenwith Road for the last few years have moved to the Cotswolds.

These three lovable characters have been good neighbours, and I am sure that the many villagers who incorporate Silver Hill in their regular perambulations will miss seeing these charming four-legged friends, as I will.

Good luck you three.

**MBG**

## WHEN IS A BUNGALOW NOT A BUNGALOW?

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The reading of the plans for land development is apparently very different from the reality of the structures proposed. I speak of the so called 'development' taking place off the top end of Greenwith Hill, parallel to Silver Hill.

The first real indication of the height of this 'development' came when scaffolding went up on Plot 3, (of five) which reached the same height of the long-standing and long-living trees to the north of the site. Within days of the scaffolding being erected the timber framing was lowered by a crane and our worst fears were realised - **the trees are now out of sight!** These so-called Dormer Bungalows – Dormer by definition of Chambers Dictionary reads 'dormitory or bedroom' so we have bedrooms on top of the first floor. This in my book is a house and the aforementioned trees have disappeared from the horizon. The height of the houses means the rooms facing south completely overlook the properties already existing along this stretch of Silver Hill.



Furthermore, as the distance between each plot is only a matter of a few metre, when the first four properties are completed the appearance will be of a terrace – a very big blot on the landscape.

The bungalows already existing along this area of Silver Hill, were built into the side of the hill, so they did not come above the horizon! Should this policy not also have been applied to this 'new development', reducing at least some of the visual intrusion into these long-standing properties?  
– I wonder what happened to those criteria – with this new development?

A public enquiry into possible development for this site was held in the late 1900's after the Council had three times refused planning permission. This enquiry also resulted in refusal largely on grounds of poor access it being near the brow of the hill. This refusal apparently held no surety (a waste of time and money) as it was ignored, or run slipshod over, when this new permission to build was sort. This was done so even though the traffic using Greenwith Hill, is now so much greater, moves much, much faster and takes little or no heed to the 30mph sign. The hill also has many more much larger lorries than in the 90's, plus continuous use by very large tractors with very heavy loads of potatoes, both lorries and tractors service the farm further up Greenwith Hill.

What a pity that some consideration could have been given to the residents in real Bungalows in the West end of Silver Hill, who now have these large houses (with 4 or 5 bedrooms), towering over them, invading their privacy, one resident will even have the gable end of a new build as the view from his lounge window! Even residents on the South side of Silver Hill have these 'houses' in their view from their lounge windows!

No idea of the total height of these 'houses' was given on the plans that I saw when this development was first proposed – which hoodwinked me into thinking a 'bungalow' is a one-story house, when a 'Dormer Bungalow' is, in reality a 'two-story House'.

Why also must the garages be almost as tall as the houses? Big enough for use as a holiday let? We really are boxed in by this development. The only offering from the planning officer was 'natural screening' – which needs to be least 12 to 15 feet high, will make our back rooms even darker – lets hope it is evergreen, but not conifers – perhaps some light green and cream coloured foliage such as Pittosporum Variegatum or even the pale green leaves of Griselinia.

What a pity our County Planners do not take into consideration the current residents (who virtually pay their wages via Council Taxes), as well as providing space for new homes of which this development is my no means 'affordable' (really meaning of the lower price range) – which these new builds are certainly not.

I am quite glad that my life span is nearer its end rather than its beginning!

**Pat F Ward**



## NEWS FROM THE POTTERY, PERRANWELL STATION

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A S Byatt, in her novel, *The Children's Book*, about the Arts & Crafts movement, writes about the daily drama in a pottery, especially when kilns are fired:

*"Failure with clay was more complete and more spectacular than with other forms of art. You are subject to the elements... Any one of the old four - earth, air, fire, water - can betray you and melt, or burst, or shatter - months of work into dust and ashes and spitting steam. You need to be a precise scientist, and you need to know how to play with what chance will do to your lovingly constructed surfaces in the heat of the kiln."*

At the pottery this month, we are preparing individual studio pieces for an exhibition at the Erwood Station Gallery, near Builth Wells in mid Wales, an arts centre sponsored by the Welsh Arts Council.

Karen Carlyon, formerly my apprentice, is now a ceramicist in her own right with skills in sculpture as well as pottery. We are working on a joint exhibition, *Two Potters, One Form*, exploring the limits of porcelain, the most demanding of clay bodies.

We are aiming for huge forms, some shaped like incoming waves, others ridged and richly textured, all as large as will fit into the kiln.

I'll be sending smaller pieces by carrier to the Erwood. Later we'll be off to Wales to deliver our exhibition work. Budleigh will come too.

**HUGH WEST**, the pottery, Tarrandean Lane, opposite Perranwell Station  
[www.hughwest.com](http://www.hughwest.com)

## A READER WRITES

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In response to Mr de Snoo's comments regarding the village 'gates'.

Certainly, they are not gates in the conventional sense but it seems the best short description, they are generally known as gateway signs. Their purpose is to indicate the entrance to a parish or village and highlight the change of speed limit when entering a residential area. Trials of gateway signs began in the early 90's and they have been shown to contribute to a reduction in vehicle speeds, though often combined with other more expensive and intrusive methods. The design of gateway signs can vary significantly according to local conditions and available funds, but they are a frequent feature of rural areas.



Many drivers subconsciously adjust their speed according to their surroundings, and anything acting as a distraction can enhance this response, that is why such traffic calming features are often described as mental speed bumps. I would not consider these gates to be dangerous, and if a driver were to approach something they perceived to be a danger would they not slow down?

The cost of such gates is not excessive compared to other speed calming measures, and they are low maintenance being composed of a mix of wood fibre and recycled materials that will not rot or require repainting. Their appearance is also more in keeping with the rural setting as compared with most street furniture and signage.

Time will tell as to their effectiveness, and additional speed reduction measures may be required, but I feel this is an innocuous low cost beginning.

**Mike Cowley**

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

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The Steering group has continued to meet to develop the documentation for Perranarworthal Neighbourhood Plan. After gathering information from surveys, working groups and interaction with parishioners, we have been formulating the policies needed for the plan. Some members have met with officers from Cornwall Council who have given helpful suggestions for us to evaluate the progress made. The policies are now in the process of completion so that a final review can be made. Once the Plan has been developed, parishioners will have the opportunity to view it and comment on the proposals.

Just to remind readers, the categories for policies are: -

- Housing
- Historic and Natural Environment
- Community Facilities and Amenities
- Traffic, Transport & Infrastructure
- Economy, Jobs and Business
- Sustainability and Renewable Energy

If you want to look in more detail at the requirements of a plan, information is available on the Cornwall Council website in the Planning section. Just search for “neighbourhood plan”, where there is a wealth of material from guides and templates to plans submitted by other areas.

As there is still a lot of work to be done, we would welcome anyone who would be willing to join the Steering group. We need help in organising the information we have into the format needed. Our webmaster and IT specialist has recently moved so we do need help in that area especially. If you can help please contact Helen Pettett (Chair) [h.pettett@btinternet.com](mailto:h.pettett@btinternet.com) or Chris Ryall (Vice Chair) [c5.ryall@btinternet.com](mailto:c5.ryall@btinternet.com).

One area where everyone can help is in compiling a list of historic assets. Cornwall Council holds several datasets which can be viewed online on the County’s mapping website at:

<https://map.cornwall.gov.uk/website/ccmap/>

This system holds a large amount of information on archaeological and historic sites and structures, but may not include the very thing that YOU think we should preserve.

### Contributing to the Local List of Interesting Things

What is missing from the lists compiled by the Cornwall Council are those features that have meaning for someone and it is these which we need to add so that they too can be protected. For example, the many water pumps and wells hidden in the lanes



near to the older parts of our parish, the churn-stands at farm gates, granite styles that cross old Cornish hedges, old cast-iron post boxes, drain covers cast at Visick’s foundry, and who knows what else?

These features, which may have personal significance, perhaps reminding parishioners of events in their childhood or the more recent past, are no less worthy of recording and protection. The local list will be incorporated into the neighbourhood plan and the listed sites will be safeguarded by plan policies.



If you know of something that you think is worth recording for posterity, then send details, with, ideally, a photo and a grid reference (or at least a good description of the location) to Steve Hartgroves at [steve.hartgroves@btinternet.com](mailto:steve.hartgroves@btinternet.com)



## PERRAN LAD'S WAR DIARY

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**14<sup>th</sup> February 1941**

**Friday**

Expect A. is wondering why no letter but the fact is I have the flu – sweeping the camp. I felt ill on Tuesday. On Wednesday I went sick only to be told by the MO to get back on duty. Thursday, I went on Sick Parade again then the old so-and-so put me in the Barracks Hospital where I still am. No hope of Sunday leave. Still it's in the offing. Afraid I shall miss my signals practice – just when I could do 6 a min. Had a reply from Col. Bartlett. He has written to the Adjutant on my behalf – really decent of him. Hope Jan has recovered.

**15<sup>th</sup> February**

**Saturday**

Still in bed. Curious how the daft streak in me helps me out even when I'm ill. The way this ward is run would make a nurse hold up her hands in horror at the daily routine. Of course no female ever puts foot inside. The room is quite airy and contains 13 beds which is a good start for anyone with superstitious tendencies. The "boss" is not the MO but his 2<sup>nd</sup>, a First Lt. Smith who visits us three times a day and is a really decent chap. Have had no wireless for almost an hour – must be a record. Three blokes lie in bed and the other "sick" men sit around the fire and read the papers and smoke. In this ward even the "sickest" smoke bar me who couldn't look a "fag in the eye". Seems to be a new cult here which believes in curing by music. The speaker starts at 7.30 and goes on till 9 at night with hardly a break. It's terrible but I get used to it. Meals are the usual cookhouse meals. I ate nothing on Wednesday or Thursday. Friday I managed a spot of cake. Today I tried some dinner and could not make it. The nurse RAMC orderly brings out meals and doses out the medicine each night (some iron rubbish). He uses the same glass all round the room, no washing!! Do I hold a record? Last night two "orderlies" came round with a thermometer. I did the necessary and he looked at it and said "\_\_\_\_\_ 110 degrees". It was really 101 degrees. I saw the funny side of it and said "then I'm dead". I believe 106 degrees is the limit a person has ever reached and lived.

**Sunday**

Temperature down today to normal. I'm okay except for a fuzziness in the head and cough. Bacon and egg and coffee this morning – CH meal. Just think - twice in a month for Sunday breakfast – sheer extravagance. Don't know how I can get this posted.

**pm 18th Feb. 41 Monday**

Can hardly believe three days of this cold and flu could make one so unsteady their feet. Waiting to get to town to have a meal. If it costs me three shillings I'm going to have some decent grub, decently served. Couldn't touch the rissoles this morning - just managed some porridge. Couldn't touch the dinner. How can they expect anyone to touch that muck when they're on the sick list. Anyhow I feel better today than I did on Wednesday. One chap went out today called Grenville from Calenick - said he has played football for Perranwell. Jim Stevens back at work at Mellingey. Quite an epidemic of flu going on - it's going right through the camp. Letter from Exeter today - waiting for me to get leave. Doc came round today, says my temperature is normal - guess I shall soon be on my feet again. Shall be a week behind on my Signal Course. Would love a decent meal now.

I have recently rediscovered a paper folder given to me 25 years ago by the late Wilfred Miners. Wilfred was a long serving member of the Parish Council and great local historian. This folder had been passed on to him by Arthur "Arty" Philp who was foreman at Edwards Mill (Perran Foundry) who collected local newspaper cuttings about the parish from the early 1900's.

As you will see from this local paper cutting from 120 years ago there was all sorts going on in the village. At that time apparently Perranwell had a brass band which was playing at the school concert. Mr Beard, the "witty rhymester", and vice president of the mutual self-improvement class was causing great fun and merriment reading humorous poems about his class-mates to hearty acclamation.

Mr Beard was clearly an accomplished local wag also entertaining at the school concert making the audience "roar with uncontrollable laughter".

### A GOOD READ

For those readers who use a Kindle rather than, or as well as, paper books. *Mentoring Mr Singleman* is a fun story about teachers, surfing and living in West Cornwall, by local author *Kim Sancreed*.

For £1.99 on Amazon it is an easy to read, feel good, make-me-smile book. Great for a journey or holiday, but I was doing neither whilst I read it and still enjoyed it.

Written from a teachers point of view in a West Cornwall school, lots of familiar locations and a background theme of why we like living in Cornwall.

MBG

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## PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL.

WEARNE'S for New Year Presents.

### THE LATE FIRE.

Mr. R. Matthews is desirous of expressing his warm thanks to Messrs. S. Bawden, J. Harris, Bishop. T. Tresidder, C. T. Beard, J. Sara, Pascoe, W. J. Collins, P.C. Barrett, and others, who worked so assiduously to subdue what otherwise might have proved a serious conflagration.

### THE CHEAPEST HOUSE

For watch, clock, and jewellery repairs is Smith's, High Street, Falmouth. All work personally attended to. Church, turret, and house clocks wound by the year. Engraving done on the premises; small jobs while you wait. —[Advt.]

### SHORTHAND EXAMINATION.

Four pupils of Perran-ar-Worthal shorthand class sat for their examination last week, and were successful in obtaining Pitman's certificates for progress, viz.: Messrs. E. J. Thomas (Ponsanooth), Leonard Darlington (Frogpool), and Arthur Jenkin (Perranwell), third grade; Mr. Ewart J. Millett (Trewedna), second grade.

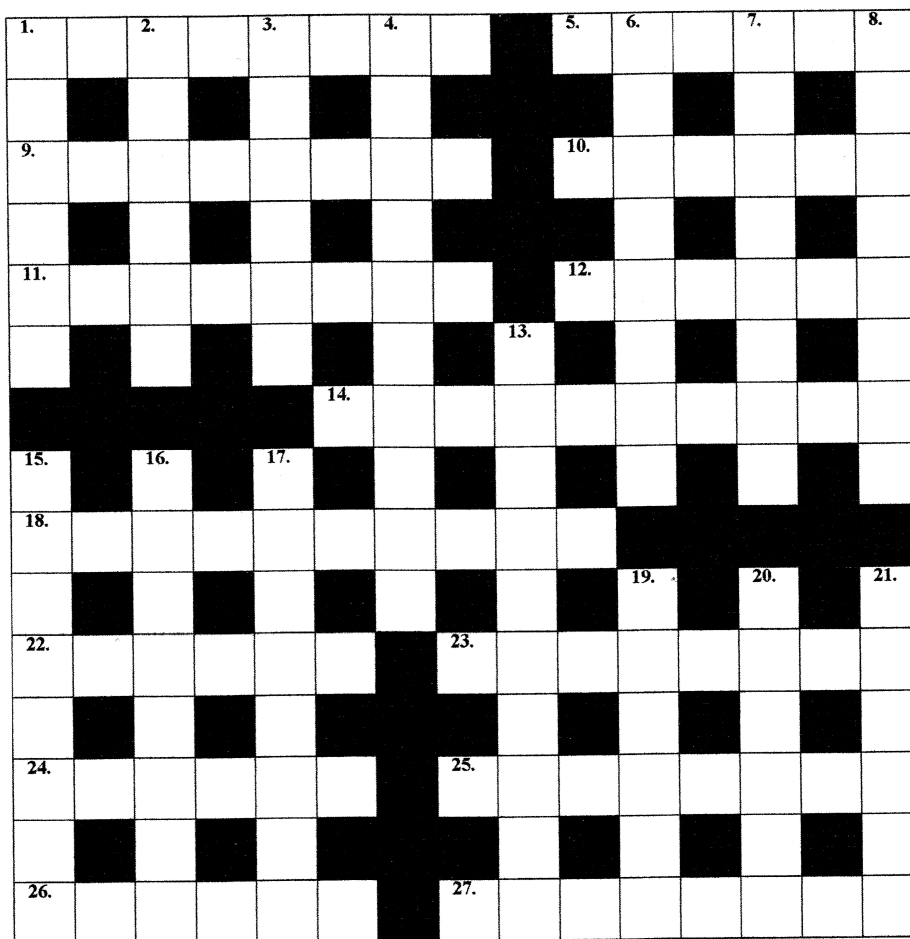
The teacher, Mr. C. James, Comfort, Lanner, is conducting a large class at the County School on Saturday evenings.

### MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT CLASS.

The winding-up meeting of the session was held on Tuesday evening, when Messrs. A. Pengelly (president), C. T. Beard, and C. V. Jenkins (vice-presidents), W. J. Evans (secretary), and F. J. Colman (treasurer) were unanimously re-elected. Mr. C. T. Beard then read a series of humorous verses of a topical character, which caused great fun and merriment. The verses were a review of the session, and "one and all" of the members came in for humorous praise from the witty rhymester. Needless to say, Mr. Beard came in for a hearty vote of thanks, which was carried with acclamation.

### CONCERT AT THE COUNCIL SCHOOL.

A concert, organised by Mr. W. J. Evans (secretary), in aid of the funds of the Perranwell brass band, was held on Thursday, but owing to the inclement weather the attendance was not so good as might have been expected under more favourable circumstances. The band, under the conductorship of Mr. T. Andrew (bandmaster), performed several selections in fine style, and instrumental music of a high-class character was ably executed by Mrs. Cornish (piano), Messrs. J. Webber (bassoon), F. Moyle (first violin), J. Moyle (second violin), J. Williams (cornet), and Mr. Will Thompson, a first-class baritone, sang his songs in capital style. Mr. C. T. Beard was in great form, and he well sustained his sobriquet, "the ever-welcome humorist," keeping the audience in roars of uncontrollable laughter.



## ACROSS

1. Petition twice needed for 8. (8)
5. Right in the crowd for late breakfast (6)
9. Gain sore fix. (8)
10. Left again torn. Skin torn. (6)
11. Gloating around the north makes the final touch. (8)
12. Craved then mended without a saint. (6)
14. A book of spells conjures up tonic in book of dates. (10)
18. Write about hammer-perhaps will be on time. (3,3,4)
22. Conscript-he is after the record. (6)
23. Idiot incorporating model river heard on the way. (8)
24. The Spanish fly comes back for seaweed (6)
25. Nun involved in swindle is so good looking. (8)
26. Withstand about swelling we hear. (6)
27. Note direction-throws around emotions. (8)

## DOWN

1. Frustrate score. (6)
2. 7 rows from the stage yet showing no outward signs of increase. (6)
3. Hound tin in East... (6)
4. ...but less bison move East which is quite right. (2,8)
6. Go back in cut for flower. (8)
7. Ark, for example, used on a chain. (8)
8. Solid hay mashed up for recreation. (8)
- 13 & 20 Condition of 7 without love sounds like country's in a mess. (5,2,3,6)
15. Stake consumed right for pangolin. (8)
16. Chin gets badly drawn. (8)
17. One hundred crazy bellows in the field. (8)
19. 17 perhaps keyed variously (6)
20. See 13.
21. Left in attendants fashionable for 8. (6)



## STITHIANS BOWLING CLUB

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- Are you or would you like to be a bowler?
- All ages and abilities very welcome at this friendly club.
- Taster Session – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 1 – 5 p.m.



Come along and give bowling a try. All you need will be provided but please wear flat footwear. Our experienced bowlers will be on hand to help you.

Experienced bowlers also very welcome, why not come and meet us?

The kettle will be on for light refreshments.

***Call Vyv Toms on 01209 860402 for further information or visit [bowls.stithians.org](http://bowls.stithians.org)***

## MYLOR BRIDGE BOWLING CLUB

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Many people are unaware that Mylor Bridge has a bowling club, an amazing asset for the community. It is situated on Passage Hill with one of the best greens in the county, a large clubhouse and ample car parking.

Members come from quite a distance to enjoy the facilities and we warmly welcome newcomers.

If you are looking for a new activity, we will be holding two-hour taster sessions on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10am and 2pm. Just pop along and give bowls a try!

Alternatively you can find details on our website: [www.mylorbridgebowlingclub.co.uk](http://www.mylorbridgebowlingclub.co.uk).

Bowling isn't just confined to the summer season. We also have short mat and carpet bowls throughout the winter months. Whist drives and quizzes etc also bring us together during the chilly period.

We look forward to welcoming you.

## A39 SLIP ROAD

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It was interesting to read the responses to my motoring question, thank you to the contributors.

However, I would like to add a cautionary comment.

The suggestion that there may be times when no signal is necessary causes alarm bells to ring in my cycle helmet.

In motoring accidents involving two wheeled road users, a frequent comment is "I did not see the cyclist/motorcycle".

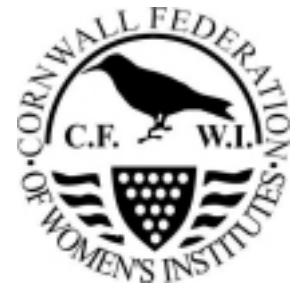
All vehicles have blind spots and it would be far safer to always give a signal, whatever the situation.

Anyway, if there WAS no one there, then there would be no one to notice or comment that you signalled when there was no one there.

***Mike Cowley***

## PERRANARWORTHAL WI

Our group meets on the second Monday of each month (except August) at the Perranwell Centre from 7.15-9pm. Come and join us to hear our speakers and enjoy tea or coffee with the delicious cakes the WI is famous for. Meet and make new friends..



March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee, cake and craft sale (Perranwell Centre)
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Meeting + origami
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Flower arranging</b> Angie Christophers
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Organ Donation</b> Paul Stewart

We plan outings, parties and fund-raising events throughout the year.  
If you would like more information, contact our president  
**Janet on 01872 864638.**

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# WI

## Cake Craft and Coffee



*Come and join us on  
Saturday 7th March  
In the Perranwell Centre (Village Hall)  
From 10.30 to 12.30.*

There will be tables full of  
Books      Toys      Jewellery      Scarves  
Cakes      Gifts      Good Quality Pre-loved Clothes  
Raffle      Refreshments

*We look forward to seeing you.*



## **PERRANARWORTHAL LOCAL HISTORY GROUP NEWS**

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Once again there was a full house for the PLHG January meeting. The speaker was Mark Camp, a local Blue badge Guide, whose topic was "Smuggling , Fact or Fiction"

Mark talked of his involvement with Tony Robinson of "The walking through History" TV programme. Through this Mark started investigating the smuggling history of Cornwall.

He mentioned many works of fiction that feature smuggling including the famous poem "The Smugglers Song" by Kipling. Like most of my generation I learnt this at school! Apparently this was written about the South East of England. Although we associate the SW with smuggling, Mark pointed out it was carried out in most coastal areas & the South East was nearer to France.

Other fictional works ranged from 19<sup>th</sup> century works like "Moonfleet" by J Meade Falkner, children's stories such as "Five go to Smugglers Top" by Enid Blyton, Kneehigh Theatres production of "The King of Prussia" about John Carter, the most famous Cornish smuggler & of course the popularity of the TV series "Poldark". Smuggling was generally seen as romantic!

Although smuggling is chiefly associated with bringing illegal contraband into the country, goods were also smuggled out, including Cornish tin. Smuggling was probably at its height during the times of the Napoleonic wars when the legal imports dried up and taxes were high, including on salt which was an essential for the Cornish fishing industry. All classes of people would be involved in the trade, from the local fishermen to the clergy & landed gentry who would buy the luxury goods.

Jamaica Inn gained fame following Daphne Du Maurier's book. This is a tale principally about wrecking, an activity often closely associated with Smuggling although Mark doubted this. Jamaica Inn was originally a Temperance Hotel. Mark thought the story of it being a Smuggler Inn was unlikely due to its inaccessible location far from the coast.

Smuggling was a clandestine occupation but in Polperro, Zephaniah Job who died in the early 1800s kept records and some survived. Mark told the story of "The Lottery" a smuggler's lugger. This was a large vessel with cannon and good sails to outrun the revenue men. The 1799 newspaper "The Sherbourne Mercury" has an account of the "The Lottery" being intercepted by the revenue men. The incident resulted in one of the revenue men being killed and "The Lottery" escaping. The lugger was eventually captured and a local man gave evidence against Roger Potter who shot the revenue man. After tales of escape & recapture Potter was eventually found guilty & executed. An account of the events written by Jonathon Couch at a much later date gives a different account adding to the Fact or Fiction question.

Mark finished his talk with a brief reference to drug & people smuggling that goes on today, definitely not a romantic affair.

### **Perranarworthal Local History Group Future Events**

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

#### **AGM**

Although the AGM itself is for members only, anyone wishing to become a member on the day is welcome to attend. After the quick business meeting you are invited to join us for free wine, soft drinks & nibbles. There will be lots of information about past and future projects and a display of some of our activities and research. Do come along and take part in a discussion about future activities.

The group would not run without its committee & volunteers. Please consider offering your help.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April April 7.30 at the Perranwell Centre

“The Ancient Buildings of Cornwall” with Eric Berry

A review of historic Buildings in Cornwall, their structure and significance, how they are dated and what can we learn from them.

All welcome

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***We meet the fourth Tuesday of the month,  
Carnon Downs Village Hall, 7pm for 7:30pm.  
Visitors very welcome (£5).***

***March 24<sup>th</sup> our very own Glennis Beard will be  
running a workshop on Leaf Manipulation.  
Come and join us with some leaves (phormium,  
fatsia, ivy etc), you will be amazed and  
delighted with Glennis’ idea’s for transforming  
a simple leaf! Please check website for details.***

***April 28<sup>th</sup> we are honoured to have the Devon &  
Cornwall Area of NAFAS Chairman, Pat Penno  
to give a demo, “Spring is all around”, Pat will  
create five beautiful Spring arrangements  
which all go into the raffle at the end of the  
evening.***

***Visit our website for more details.***

# Perranwell Memory Café



A gateway to Help, Support  
and Friendship

We meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday  
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at

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For further information call:

Bev Horton on 01872 275874

Or e.mail:

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

## 2020

14th Jan:	Theme—"Moon and Stars"
28th Jan:	Entertainment—Michaela(Guitar & Singing)
1st Feb:	<b>PANTO</b> —Village Hall
11th Feb:	Theme—"House and Home"
25th Feb:	Theme —"Old Photos and Postcards"
10th March:	Theme—"Flags." VISIT from Wiltshire Farm Foods
24th March:	Theme—"Question of Sport" & Nikki, Kempo Chi Kung
14th April:	Theme "Nursery Rhymes &Childrens Books"
28th April:	<b>OUTING</b> —Shelterbox and Coffee at Carnon Downs
12th May:	<b>OUTING</b> —Royal Duchy Hotel Falmouth
26th May:	Theme— "Race Day"
9th June:	<b>OUTING</b> —Penventon Nursery
25th June:	Theme "Food"

**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.**



## Walk Harbour to Harbour for Little Harbour

A fundraising group based in Truro are organising a sponsored walk called Harbour to Harbour to raise funds for Children's Hospice South West's (CHSW) Little Harbour in St Austell.

The walk is happening on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April with three different routes and distances making it something that everyone can get involved in. Routes include 12 miles from Devoran to Portreath, 9 miles from Bissoe to Portreath or 5 miles from Scorrier to Portreath.

Roger Clarke, Chairman of CHSW's Truro Friends Group which is organising the event said "We organised our first Harbour to Harbour walk in 2016 to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Children's Hospice South West and it raised over £10,000. Following on from the success in 2016 we are really looking forward to getting even more people walking and even more money raised this year."



Registration for the walk costs £10 per adult or £20 for a family of 2 adults with children. Included in your ticket price will be a free Prima Bakery pasty, a cream tea at Portreath School and transport back to your car. The walk is being supported by Perranzabuloe Rotary Club who will be assisting with the marshalling and cream teas.

This event is a fantastic opportunity to walk along the mineral tramway, join with friends, family and colleagues and dogs on leads are even welcome to join in too. Sponsorship raised by those taking part will help CHSW to continue offering care to children and families that visit Little Harbour for respite, end of life care and bereavement support.

Places on the walk are limited so please apply quickly by emailing [rogclarke1@btinternet.com](mailto:rogclarke1@btinternet.com) or calling Roger on 01209 481975

The Harbour to Harbour walk will be returning on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April and there is a route and distance for everyone!

### **Children's Hospice South West (CHSW)**

- Children's Hospice South West was first registered with the charity commission in 1991 and celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2016
- It is dedicated to making the most of short and precious lives, providing the best possible hospice care for life-limited children and their families
- There are three hospices in the South West: Little Bridge House in Barnstaple (opened 1995), Charlton Farm in Bristol (opened 2007) and Little Harbour in St Austell (opened 2011)
- CHSW is the only children's hospice in the South West. It costs around £10 million to run the 3 hospice sites each year and the charity relies almost entirely on voluntary contributions
- CHSW delivers a range of services including short breaks, specialist play, music therapy, activities for siblings, palliative and emergency care, end of life care, bereavement support and specialist medical care - all available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year
- The services are free for families. To find out more about our work, visit [www.chsw.org.uk](http://www.chsw.org.uk)

For further information please contact Caroline Swain, Media Officer, Children's Hospice South West, [caroline.swain@chsw.org.uk](mailto:caroline.swain@chsw.org.uk) or call 01726 871800



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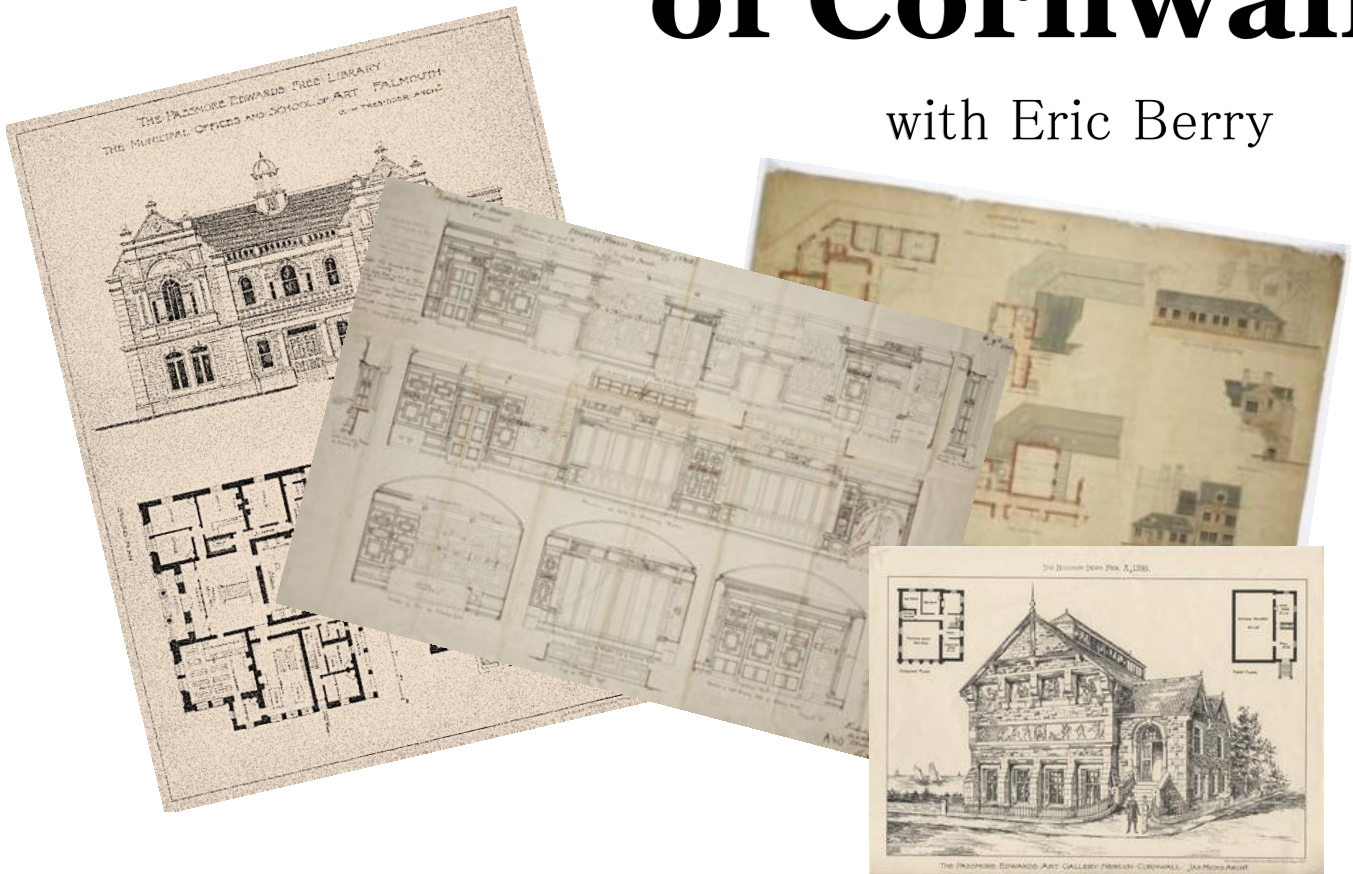




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by Eric Berry (Historic Buildings Consultant)

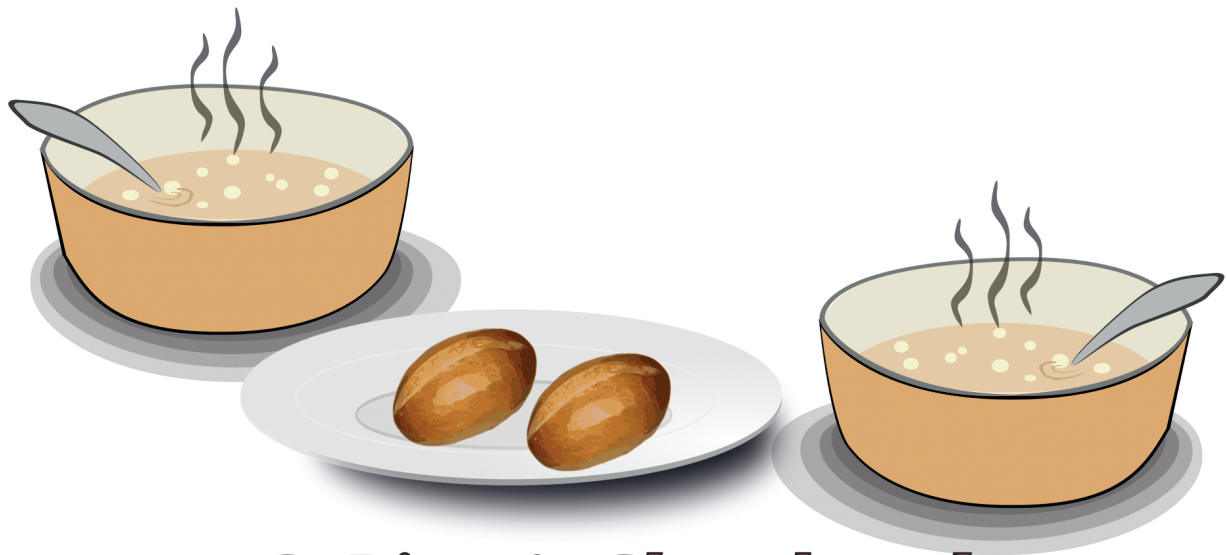
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**Perranwell Centre**

Members – £1.00      Non-Members – £2.50

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FOR A CHARITY LUNCH ?**



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Christian Fellowship warmly welcome you  
to the West Room of  
the Perranwell Centre  
on Tuesdays March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>,  
24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>  
from midday for a light lunch.*

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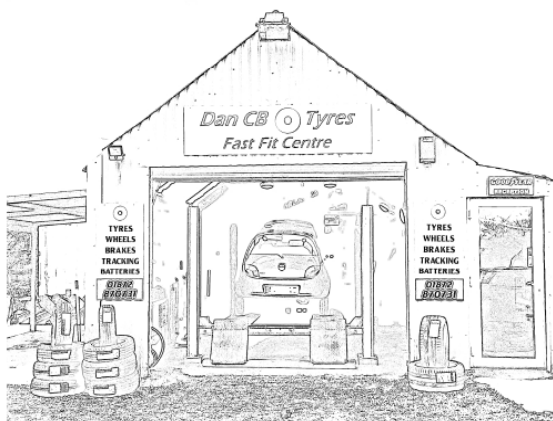
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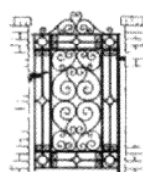


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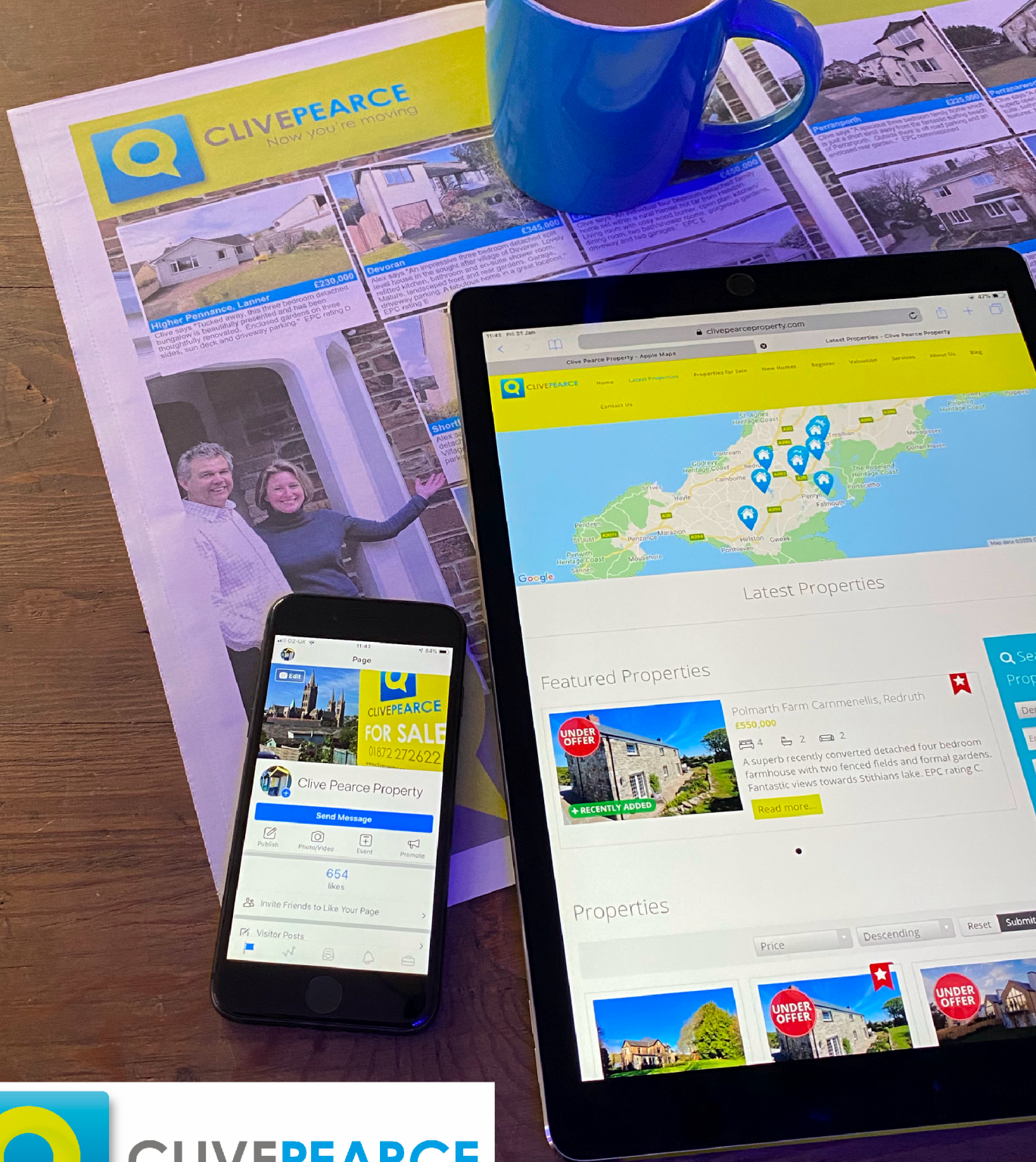
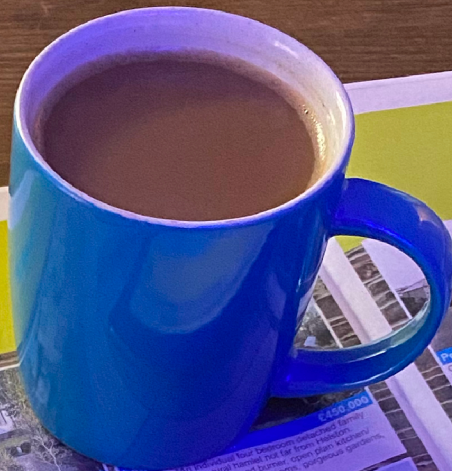
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