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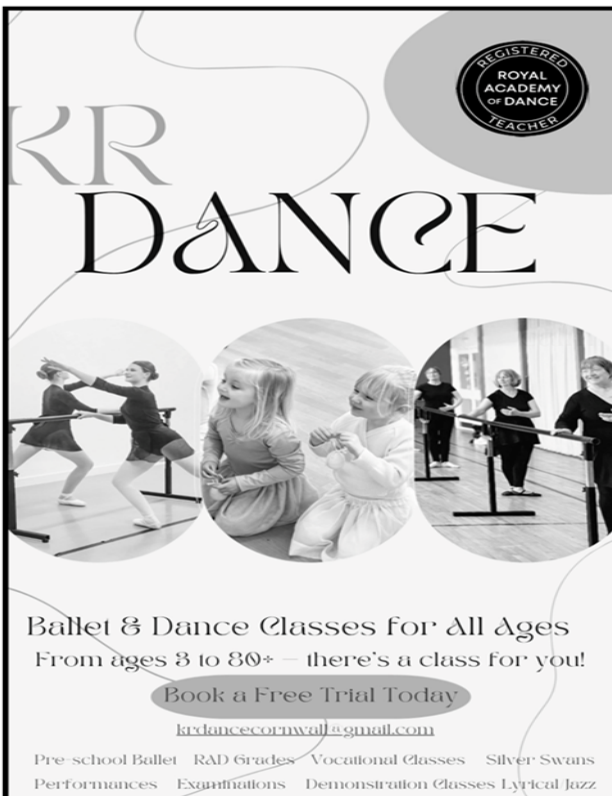
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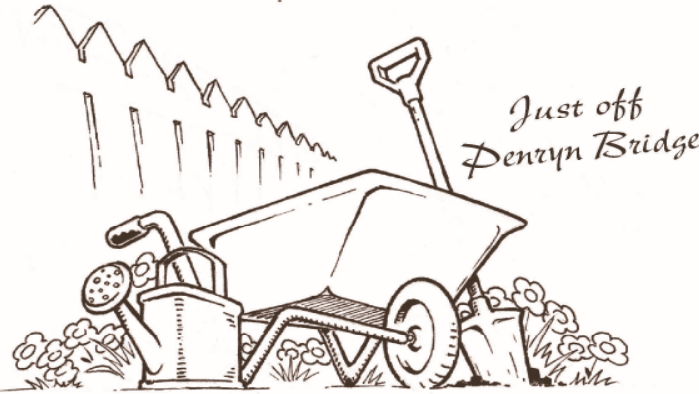
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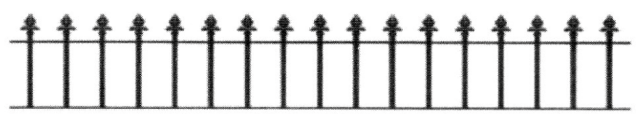
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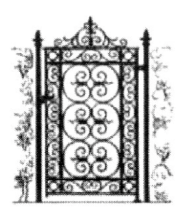
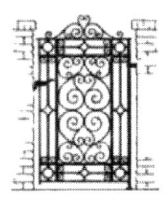


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At last spring is appearing after a long, grey, wet, windy winter. Thank goodness. I always forget how colourful April and early May is with Rhododendrons, Azaleas, Magnolias, and Camelias looking their finest, heralding the coming of summer in the most beautiful months of Cornish gardens.

This issue advertises many village events and carries details of **BIG VILLAGE 2026** for all of us to enjoy throughout the year, hopefully in sunshine. The school invites you to celebrate the completion of a new classroom in early May. Congratulations to all the children and staff for living with the builders whilst it has been built.

The colour centre pages and the relocation of the Parish council news looked good in last month's Perran News and is here again, hopefully as a regular feature. This has resulted in a slight reconfiguration of the order of pages, but it is good to have change. I didn't have any feedback about the Supa Grun Wellbeing centre and wonder how many readers will be interested in a free day pass.

An unwelcome change: most of the advert pages and notice board, which have been easy to manage, have been produced for thirty five years with a program called Microsoft Publisher, part of the widely used Microsoft Office Suite. Much to my considerable annoyance, Publisher is being withdrawn in October so the advertising pages will be configured using a different tool. It seems to be an irritating feature of modern life that the maxim, "If it ain't broke don't fix it" no longer seems to apply.

Thank you to the advertisers who pay for your free copy of the magazine every month so please support them. It is very gratifying that **Perran**

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

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**Mark Gripper**

## PERRANWELL STATION - WEATHER REPORT MARCH 2026

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Average daily maximum temperature:	12.3C
Maximum temperature for the month:	16.0C on 31st
Average daily minimum temperature:	6.2C
Minimum temperature for the month:	0C on 7th and 15th
Rainfall:	2.84 inches
Sunshine:	132 hours
Predominant Wind direction:	South/south west & North west



### Quite Average

March was mild and changeable, with periods of settled and unsettled weather. The main feature, if you could call it a feature, was the much lower rainfall than in recent months, being just slightly below the March average. The second week was wet, but otherwise the month was reasonably dry. There were no extremes of temperature, the daytime maxima a degree or so above normal for March, with night-time temperatures near what we would expect. Sunshine hours too were near average for the month.

### I didn't know that

- 1) Snow is not white. It is translucent. It looks white to us, because light entering a snowflake is scattered into the seven colours of the rainbow, which combine to make the white light reflected back to our eyes.
- 2) In calm conditions, snowflakes falling at 2-4mph (3.2-6.4km/h) can take about one hour to reach the ground.
- 3) The largest single snowflake ever measured was 38cm (15 inches) wide, and was found in Montana USA in 1887 (Guinness World Records).

### April Update

We had a dry, warm and sunny few days from Easter Sunday onwards, but April showers are predominating towards the middle of the month. Time to get out in the garden.

**Mike Hands**

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## THE UNINVITED.

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Last night there was a scuffling on the stair,  
And when I went to see,  
-Though there was by that time nothing there,  
I guessed what it might be.

I peered into the attic with a light.  
A cot-mat chewed to pieces!  
And then I knew that I was right,  
I had a nest of mee-ses.

I set my humane mousetraps out,  
Baited with peanut butter,

Hoping that any mouse about,  
Would go in and trip the shutter.

This morning, triumph! One, two, three  
Each trap had caught a mouse,  
So, I just had to let them free  
A long way from the house.

I drove them in my motorcar  
To the far end of the lane.  
It must have been at least an hour  
Till they were back again!

**Rosemary Aitken.**

**Services at St Piran's Church Perranarworthal,**  
**May 2026.**

Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	10.00 am	Service of the Word.
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am	Service of the Word.
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am	Service of the Word.
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am	Holy Communion and Baptism.
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> May	10.00 am	Service of the Word.

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See the website for up-to-date information.

The church is normally open for private prayer between  
10 am and 11 am on Wednesday mornings.

You are always very welcome at St Piran's.



**We are now holding  
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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

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**

### **DAVE WARD**

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It is with profound sadness we received the news that Dave Ward passed away the night of the 19<sup>th</sup> April. As a founder member of the original shop committee Dave will be sorely missed both as a colleague and friend. His courage in facing a devastating illness was inspiring and humbling.

Our condolences to his wife Ruth and their two daughters.

**Annie Hewitt**

# From 1878 to 2026

## The changing face of our much loved Perran-ar-Worthal CP School



A lot has been happening at your local primary school in recent months and we are now at a stage where we want you to join us in celebrating the final stage of its growth and expansion. From a school of 4 classes with 108 pupils in 2013 to what is now a 7-class school of 200 pupils, we are delighted to be finally moving our Yr5 pupils from the school hall to their new learning space. Having seen our beautiful building evolve into an extended version of itself, we are keen for all those who may have been connected to this special place over the years, to come and see how it has evolved.

On **Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026** we are planning to hold the official opening of the final piece to our growing jigsaw. Please do feel free to pop in for some refreshments, have a tour of the building, enjoy some photos of the school from the past and present and see some of our pupils perform.

**The school will open its gates to the public on this day between 1pm and 5pm (weather permitting!) with the grand opening taking place at 1.15pm.** If you have any Perran-ar-Worthal School photographs from 'days gone by' then we would love to add them to our archive display, which will be on show in our school hall. Please do feel free to pop these into the school office over the next couple of weeks where we will, with your permission, take a photocopy to add to our collection. We have allowed a four-hour opening to provide time for visitors to arrive at various times to suit your day, to move around the school at leisure, visit the various classrooms, see our displays and enjoy a walk down memory lane.

**We look forward to sharing this exciting day with you!**

## WE NEED YOU!

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As we look forward to a busy programme of fundraising events in the coming months, we need your help.

We're on the lookout for volunteers to help at the fabulous events we have coming up, either on the day or with planning and preparation.

As a reminder, upcoming events include:-



- **May - date TBC - Cornish Bottle Archive talk**
- **June 19th/20th - The Big Village Weekend – our very own festival of music and entertainment**
- **July - date TBC - Open house and cream tea party**
- **August 8th - Summer Concert featuring St Stythians Band and other guests, with a cream tea before the concert**
- **September - date TBC - Outdoor film screening**
- **October 17th - Games Night including Black Jack, Poker and more, in collaboration with FOPS**
- **October 31st - Halloween party for all ages, with the hugely popular haunted house experience back by popular demand**
- **December 19th - Christmas Concert**
- **March 5th 2027 - St Piran's Day Celebration**



These are just some events in addition to other fundraising events being run under the umbrella of the Big Village Campaign. The campaign, supported and coordinated by the Parish Council, aims to encourage everyone in the parish to get involved in fundraising for a new village hall.

All of these events can only take place with the support of volunteers to help run them, so we're looking for people who might want to get involved - no matter how much or how little - whether it's planning and promoting, setting up the hall and clearing away, or roles at the event like welcoming people and selling tickets, raffle tickets, also serving food and drinks.

People who would like to get involved can contact community fundraising trustee Jenie on [jeniep@yahoo.com](mailto:jeniep@yahoo.com) or chair of trustees John on [j19frankland@icloud.com](mailto:j19frankland@icloud.com), or come along to our next events team meeting, which will be **at the village hall on Tuesday 12th May at 7pm**. You can meet the other members of the events team and hear a bit more about our fundraising plans for this year. We'd love to meet you!

You can also find out more about upcoming events and the Big Village campaign on <https://www.perranwellbigvillage.co.uk/>





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## COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

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Isn't spring such a wonderful time of year?! I hope you've been enjoying the better weather and the sights, sounds and smells of spring as much as I have. There really is no better place to be than Cornwall at this time of year.



Spring also means I've served a whole year as your Cornwall Councillor, and I really do feel privileged to be representing you. I'll be attending the annual parish meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> April to report back on the year.

I've been really pleased to support local groups through my Community Chest fund. This is a pot of money that allows councillors to award small grants to organisations that benefit residents living in the division. This year I provided grants to the memory café and Santa's Christmas visit, among other good causes across the division.

Cornwall Council will have met as a full council again by the time **Perran News** is published. I have put in a motion about deprivation in Cornwall – which can often be overlooked and ignored because of the way the government measures it and allocates funding, which tends to favour more urban areas. Most recently, the government's 'Pride in Place' programme of regeneration funding has allocated £5.8bn to 379 areas across the UK. Not a single one of these 379 areas is in Cornwall, despite longstanding issues of deprivation in Cornish communities.

Within the council I'm also involved in discussions about research into the wider determinants of health. This project is a partnership between Cornwall Council and our local universities, funded by the National Institute for Health and Care Research. Health inequalities are something I'm passionate about – even just within Cornwall, there can be a gap of nearly 10 years in life expectancy between areas only a few miles apart. These wider determinants – things like housing, transport, income and employment – can have a big impact on people's health, and they are areas where the council has an important role to play.

#Finally, I've been pleased to be involved in conversations about Cornwall becoming an 'age-friendly community'. I'm delighted to say we have been successful and Cornwall recently joined the UK network. These are communities across the UK working to support healthy ageing, for example through improvements to public spaces, so joining the network is just the beginning.

As ever, please do get in touch with your questions, comments and ideas, or if there is anything I can help with.

Ruth

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## HENRY WITH THE LUSH SPRING DAWN

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The train squealed up to the Perranwell Station platform just as it had done for the past 163 years. Nobody disembarked, save for the conductor, a pasty-faced man with the ticket machine perched on his paunch, a stalwart of an ancient ritual. The scene gave pantomime vibes and Henry had to laugh. A military jet shrieked overhead. Imagine Chuck Yeager, full throttle, turbulent, bustling against the sound barrier... then bursting through into high speed serenity.

Bargus-Trewedna-Bissoe-Coldwind Cross

A beautiful spring dawn. Henry had leashed the German dog and headed out, the birdsong folding into recognisable pop melody, notes scurrying merrily through his brains corridors and ousting bad vibes. Charred neurons relished the sight of spring, a world brand new, as if straight off the showroom floor. Ahhh, the days soft and infant sunlight, sending glittering flares of dopamine, throwing winter-weary souls straight in the wash.

Sometimes he called his dog Sasquatch.

As Henry and the German strolled through Bargus, the colours and light were an optical symphony. Flowers invited awe with flawless geometry. A snowflake under a microscope was perhaps the blueprint of creations beyond the

human hand. Whether the work of a God or a result of cosmic chaos was totally inconsequential to Henry. He laughed aloud at the thought of questions and ideas, the way humanity would stack observations up and stand aloof from other animals. The Bargus stream rippled with iridescent colours which settled on his retina, everywhere he looked images were like shimmering photographic negatives.

Daffodil-Primrose-Bluebell-Celandine

The footpath sank under the railway and meandered toward the village. As children they had built dams, rope swings and thrown stones at each other down here. Tried catching fish. Through the field, trees and grass had the pastel hues of a pleasant dream. He had courted his beautiful wife here. They had found a rabbits foot on their first visit. He had been re-reading some Stephen King recently, an author he seriously revered. However, here in this field, he giggled at the fact Stephen King had even bothered to write. Henrys father had got off a motorcycle once and said he was "just putting it on the Stephen King". Henry smiled. The Earth hurtling through space like a blue flame, racing toward its destiny to become a blazing star. Passing through Chyvogue...

He paced across the King George playing field and up to the pavilion which looked just like an ugly toothless mouth, dilapidated gums beyond wish of repair. He reckoned him and his uncle Ted could get a cheap microlight aircraft and tow it onto the football pitch at around 4am in midsummer to take a flight.

"If you need anything, I'm down here" Ted would say. Henry would taxi toward the pine trees, turn and accelerate toward the rising sun... vibration, anticipation, then into flight... daydreams of transcendence. Seagulls flew over, their trajectory looking like a slow paced flip book. He would have to tell the Perran News about this.

Thrush-Warbler-Wagtail-Blue Tit-Blackbird-Brambling

At the village centre Henry stood on the bridge. He checked the time on his phone. 7.25am. The numbers were like a spinning compass, the time in this space had no fixtures, a number shuffling about with nowhere to hang its coat. He laughed at way car number plates gave each vehicle a persona. Looking at the array of vehicles, the fact somebody had bothered to design and build them seemed so hilarious he struggled for composure. The pompous nature of advertising- "This is the vehicle for you" - cars stepping over each other for attention. He wondered if this is what led to an individual buying a BMW motorcycle in the 1990s. He walked up past the Methodist church and saw a small blue car pulling out of the Mellingey Valley estate, looking like a squat bug heading out to feed. He called the dog Pennywise.

Quite the Zen moment. No ego... perhaps this was being in the scene, as opposed to merrily observing it, subject-object metaphysics or some such nonsense that had as much relevance to his everyday life as the existence of black holes. A Navy helicopter passed overhead and Henry laughed at the fact somebody was bothering to fly it.

The keen Jumbled dog led Henry up that initial incline of Silver Hill, where he leant on his favoured gate overlooking the village. Some chimneys cheerfully exhausted domesticity, a pretty spring dreamscape, a fresh production of an aged view. The idea of ideas made him laugh. To avoid hilarity he must avoid thought and thus, on this beautiful morning in Perranwell Station, he found a very bright space. Nirvana. Home.

He heard the train pull back up at the station. A foghorn sent sound waves barrelling up from the estuary in the clear morning air. A supersonic flight was landing on this home of elegantly congealed stardust.

Sometimes he called his dog Bones.

Indiana Bones.

"Let's go Kyza" - grass to cut, a pilot jet to clean, a motorcycle to race. All while awaiting a wildflower bloom.

**JM**



**AGM**  
**Tues 5<sup>th</sup> May**  
**7.30pm at the Perranwell Centre**

After the brief main business this will be a social event with drinks and nibbles provided.



We will also be showing a kaleidoscope of pictures of Perranwell, past and present.



Please do feel free to bring along an item or story of historic interest to tell us about if you wish.

We are always interested to hear your ideas for future events.

There will be an opportunity to renew your annual membership which is still only £6.



## Parish council report April 2026

This month's report highlights the recent Wellbeing Fair and reports on the parish council's budget for the 2026-27 financial year.

**This four-page insert has been designed with three key advantages in mind:** (1) news items of high interest can be reported in detail, (2) coloured photos and publicity can be included, (3) easy pull-out format to enable information sharing. The parish council has agreed with the editor of Perran News that this new format can be trialled for three months, and we are grateful to Mark Gripper for his cooperation with this new approach. If it proves satisfactory and is liked by parishioners, we will continue with it. Please let us know your views.

### The Wellbeing Fair

The parish council organised a Wellbeing Fair on Saturday 14 March to publicise the work of the various groups and services available to local residents. The following is a list of the participants.

#### SUPPORT GROUPS

Memory Cafe  
Coffee Stop  
Carrick U3A

#### FITNESS GROUPS

Cathy Whitmore's Dance Group  
Fitness Cornwall  
Zest for Life  
Kelly Bennett's Fitness Group

#### HEALTH PROVIDERS

Sarah's Foot Care  
Carnon Ear Care  
Defibrillators and defibrillator training  
Spine Hub (Chiropractor)

#### CARE AGENCIES

Loyal Bee  
Blossom  
Community Gateway

After initial invitations were distributed, several service providers asked directly if they could attend.

While the attendance by members of the public was disappointingly low, those who did attend felt that the event had been worthwhile in demonstrating the range of services available to residents of the parish.

Every exhibitor was pleased to have been invited and thought it had been valuable, if only for the opportunity to (excuse the jargon) network with all the other service providers.

We'll try to learn lessons from the low public attendance and will seek to improve advertising next time as it seems likely that the event will probably be repeated annually.

Examples of feedback from participants is included below.

"Thank you. It was a very good couple of hours in a lovely space. I got a booking from it! Feock Parish Council are looking to do a similar event so we will take advertising seriously. There's no sure bet for getting people interested- but it was valuable to meet people who may be interested in our event." Cathy Whitmore (Fitness Dance Group)

"Thank you. I really enjoyed being part of the Wellbeing fair. I agree that it was great to network with others. I got to speak to a few visitors too. I supposed the advertising side of things needed to be a little wider. Many people do not rely on the Facebook community do they? Flyers in shops and supermarkets, like Sainsbury's are suggestions to reach a wider audience." Sarah Smith

"Grace and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to have Blossom Homecare participate in your Wellbeing Fair over the weekend. We truly appreciated being a part of the event." Kim Smith (Blossom Home Care)



## **The parish council's budget**

This is the time of year when council tax bills will have dropped through letterboxes. The total bill includes the precept for the parish council, which is set independently from the tax imposed by Cornwall Council. Questions have rightly been asked about the 48% increase in parish council precept, so set out below are some of the reasons for this. The parish council's total receipts for 2026-27 are £217,513, including the brought forward balance of £92,396. The brought forward balance includes restricted funds of £21,802, which must be spent on the playing field. The projected total expenditure is £189,302.

### **1. Staff costs and administration**

Staff costs and administration account for approximately one-quarter of total expenditure, which is a relatively modest proportion. Administration covers bank, payroll, audit and legal fees, insurance, subscriptions, training, room hire and equipment.

Last year's expenditure on these items was £39,275. This year's budget is £45,000 to allow for modest cost increases.

Additional costs are expected for subscriptions, training, equipment and the Clerk's pay award.

### **2. External relations**

This covers expenditure on the website, IT support and publicity.

Last year's expenditure was £1,470. This year's budget is £4,500. The parish council anticipates purchasing one new noticeboard that will cost approximately £3,000. In addition, the parish council has started to produce a new four-page insert in Perran News which is expected to cost approximately £1,500 per year.

### **3. Highways & public rights of way**

Although the parish council is not the highways authority, it is able to request and fund improvements to highway safety in conjunction with Cormac (the highways authority).

Last year's expenditure on highway safety was £3,043, mainly on maintenance work. This year's budget for highway safety is £19,000, which includes the installation of new anti-speeding gateway signage at the four main entrances to Perranwell. Measures to reduce speeding remain one of the top priorities for local residents.

Last year's expenditure on public rights of way (that is footpaths, bridleways and byways) amounted to £1,607. This year's budget is £9,000 because a considerable amount of extra maintenance work is necessary, such as the clearance of accumulated vegetation on some footpaths.

### **4. Environment**

The environment budget includes the maintenance of open spaces, asset maintenance, cleaning and waste disposal and maintenance of the cemetery.

Last year's expenditure was £4,137. This year's budget has risen to £32,500. The increase is largely due to the necessary cost of fencing and clearance should the parish council acquire a significant additional area of land for the benefit of the community.

### **5. Community Support**

Last year, the parish council awarded grants totalling £2,050 to support various groups in the community. This year, that is expected to increase to £4,000, including support for the Big Village programme.

In addition, the parish council gave £4,853 to help the Perranwell Centre maintain the playing field. This year, the parish council expects that to rise to £10,000, particularly as a new tree survey is required which may entail further remedial work.

A further £50,000 has been allocated as a contribution towards the cost of levelling the playing field. The outcome of the recent planning application is awaited.

## Next Tidy-Up Day!

**Date: Saturday  
2 May 2026**

**Time:**  
10.00am -12.00pm

**Location:** Meet at the village hall

Free pasty lunch.

**Wear:**  
Sturdy footwear  
Clothes suitable for gardening and the weather

**Bring with you:**  
Containers if you wish to take useful waste home.

All equipment and refreshments provided

**Contact:**

Cllr Ashley Bridges  
Environment working group chair  
Cllr.abridges@perranarworthalpc.org.uk  
07816 388474



**Let's keep our village beautiful together**

## Tidy-up News

During the previous Tidy-up on 4 April, the overhanging bush by the bus shelter in the centre of the village was tackled as it was taking up more than half the width of the footway. The property owner was delighted that the parish council was able to help as the bush had become too large for her to manage.

If you know of any area that might benefit from a tidy-up, please let one of the parish councillors know.



## What's in a Bottle?

You are invited to a sociable evening of drinks and nibbles, plus a presentation by Andy Matthews, the creator of the Cornish Bottle Archive, now housed in Kresen Kernow. Everyday objects like bottles and flagons, previously discarded as worthless, now tell important stories about the lives of ordinary folk who preceded us. Handle history!

**Thursday 21 May**, 6.30 onwards. Waterloo Place, Old Carnon Hill (opposite Penvale Cattery). Donations will be invited for the village hall redevelopment fund.

## Parish council meetings in May

all at 7.00 pm in the village hall

**Wed 6 May:** Planning Committee, followed by a full council meeting

**Wed 20 May:** Highways & Public Rights of Way Working Group

As always, you are welcome to join meetings of the council and its various working groups.

Agendas are normally published in advance on the noticeboards and website. If you have any views or comments on the work of the council, the Clerk or any councillor would be pleased to receive them.

## FANCY A CHAT?

As you can see, the next Tidy-up Day will be held on **Saturday 2 May**. On that morning, I will be having a coffee in the Community Store between 10.30 and 11.30, returning to the Village Hall for a pasty lunch at 12.30. Please do come and find me if you would like to discuss any item of parish council business or raise an issue with which the parish council may be able to help.

Cllr Colin Bridges



## News in brief

**Trewedna development:** discussions are continuing regarding the street lamps along the footpath (see photo below). Some possibilities have been identified.

**Speedwatch is active:** new volunteers have been recruited, and a new monitoring point will be established near Tanners Lane.

**Bissoe Bridge:** Local MPs (Jayne Kirkham and Perran Moon) due to visit on 17 April to discuss situation with local residents. Further response from the Mining Remediation Authority expected soon.

**Carnon Valley:** new tree planting by the Environment Agency (see photo below).



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## Perranarworthal Cricket Club 2026 Fixtures

### 1st XI DIVISION 3 WEST

SAT 2 MAY (A) PERRANPORTH 2  
 SAT 9 MAY (H) TRURO 2  
 SAT 16 MAY (A) VERYAN  
 SAT 23 MAY (H) FALMOUTH 2  
 SAT 30 MAY (A) HELSTON 2  
 SAT 6 JUNE (A) MOUNT AMBROSE  
 SAT 13 JUNE (H) WENDRON  
 SAT 20 JUNE (A) ROSUDGEON  
 SAT 27 JUNE (H) GULVAL  
 SAT 4 JULY (A) FALMOUTH 2  
 SAT 11 JULY (A) TRURO 2  
 SAT 18 JULY (H) VERYAN  
 SAT 25 JULY (A) FALMOUTH 2  
 SAT 1 AUG (H) HELSTON 2  
 SAT 8 AUG (H) MOUNT AMBROSE  
 SAT 15 AUG (A) WENDRON  
 SAT 22 AUG (H) ROSUDGEON  
 SAT 29 AUG (A) GULVAL



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## Perranarworthal Cricket Club 2026 Fixtures

### 2nd XI DIVISION 5 WEST

SAT 2 MAY (H) LEEDSTOWN  
 SAT 9 MAY (A) PAUL 2  
 SAT 16 MAY (H) STITHIANS 2  
 SAT 23 MAY (A) BEACON 2  
 SAT 30 MAY (H) LUDGVAN 2  
 SAT 6 JUNE (H) HELSTON 3  
 SAT 13 JUNE (A) ST JUST 3  
 SAT 20 JUNE (H) MT AMBROSE 2  
 SAT 27 JUNE (A) ST NEWLYN EAST  
 SAT 4 JULY (A) LEEDSTOWN  
 SAT 11 JULY (H) PAUL 2  
 SAT 18 JULY (A) STITHIANS 2  
 SAT 25 JULY (H) BEACON 2  
 SAT 1 AUG (A) LUDGVAN 2  
 SAT 8 AUG (A) HELSTON 3  
 SAT 15 AUG (H) ST JUST 3  
 SAT 22 AUG (A) MT AMBROSE 2  
 SAT 29 AUG (H) ST NEWLYN EAST



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## Perranarworthal Cricket Club 2026 Fixtures

### 3rd XI DIVISION 7 CENTRAL

SAT 2 MAY (A) WENDRON 2  
 SAT 9 MAY (H) ST ERME 3\*  
 SAT 16 MAY (A) LADOCK 2  
 SAT 23 MAY (H) ST GLUVIAS 2\*\*  
 SAT 30 MAY (A) REDRUTH 4  
 SAT 6 JUNE (A) FALMOUTH 4  
 SUN 14 JUNE (H) NEWQUAY 4  
 SAT 20 JUNE (A) MAWNAN 2  
 SAT 27 JUNE (H) TRURO 4\*  
 SAT 4 JULY (H) WENDRON 2\*\*  
 SAT 11 JULY (A) ST ERME 3  
 SAT 18 JULY (H) LADOCK\*\*  
 SAT 25 JULY (A) ST GLUVIAS 2  
 SAT 1 AUG (H) REDRUTH 4\*  
 SUN 9 AUG (H) FALMOUTH 4  
 SAT 15 AUG (A) NEWQUAY 4  
 SUN 23 AUG (H) MAWNAN 2  
 SAT 29 AUG (A) TRURO 4

\*PLAY AT TRURO SCHOOL

\*\*PLAYED AT VERYAN CC



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**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

**BIG Village**

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

**BIG Village FESTIVAL PERRANWELL STATION**

Funded by  **CLIVEPEARCE**

**• LIVE MUSIC • FOOD & DRINK • TREAT STALLS**

**PERRANWELL STATION**

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

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**Still Dizzy**  
 (9 Piece Soul Band)

**ANDY THE CROONER**

**SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE.**  
**Andy the Crooner**  
 followed by  
**The Phoenix 5**  
 (Pop & Rock Band)

**Phoenix 5**  
 FUNCTION BAND CORNWALL

- Residents can collect their free ticket from the Community Store or the Royal Oak from the 1<sup>st</sup> April onwards.
- Proof of Address will be required upon ticket collection.
- Adults/over 18s will require a ticket, children don't.
- Tickets must be collected prior to the event; **free tickets will not be available on the gate.**
- £3 entry fee for non-residents and non-ticket holders on the gate

# Steve Marshall (1947–2026) - musician

## Tribute from Bert Biscoe

**A subway is just a tunnel.  
Curious then that in hard-rock  
Kernow we have only two,  
both in Truro, both burrowed  
beneath the A39.**

The Garras Wharf subway ferries you from car park to Primark, clock ticking, mind elsewhere. You're in a hurry, so you barely register the saxophone unspooling a familiar Watermelon Man into something exploratory and alive. The player - scruffy, hunched, utterly absorbed - seems less a man than a shadow married to his instrument, swaying and keeping time.

A fumble in the pocket. Fifty pence.  
A quid. Flicked into the cap. Charity  
for desperation, you think.

And there's the illusion.

When you passed the late Steve Marshall in the Garras Wharf subway, or by the High Cross in Stret Pydar, you weren't passing a sorrowful soul scraping by. You were passing a musician whose lifelong affair with flute and sax stretched from a Californian adolescence to a rich, prolific adulthood in Cornwall - rooted in Perranwell. For Steve, the Garras



subway was his Fillmore East. And as you hurried through, you were crossing a life devoted to philosophical freedom within the structures and beauty of music. You never heard the same thing twice.

He was highly intelligent, instinctively curious - a composer and interpreter whose journey appeared to shuttle between Perranwell and Truro, but in truth wandered purposefully through the mythic places from which music is said to arise. He may not have been rich in money - perhaps living on next to nothing - but he was truly wealthy: witty, travelled, deeply connected to family and nature, and driven to uncover the essence of the music he carried within him.

He leaves no recordings. Only a silent saxophone, fleeting memories, and a vibrant, creative family of children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends. And an enduring reminder: pause, listen, look again. That ragged busker blowing jazz into the ether may be far more than he appears.

Thanks, Steve. Up and away.

This obituary appeared in Truro and Falmouth Community News. A shy unobtrusive, but familiar figure in the Perranwell landscape, Steve Marshall was often to be seen on his cycle with his old-fashioned saxophone case or his flute pedalling for Truro to play his music, often in the tunnel by M&S.

Steve lived in Perranwell in a bungalow near the railway bridge in Trewedna Lane for forty years. His children now grown up went to Perranwell Primary School with mine.

Bert Biscoe sent me this beautifully written tribute to his friend, and phoned me wondering if it would be of interest to **Perran News** readers. A little known Perranwell troubadour is to be seen and heard no more. Sad news. **MBG**

PERRANWELL COMMUNITY STORES



# Wine and Cheese Tasting Evening

Thursday 21st May 7–8:30pm

**TICKETS £5**  
LIMITED SPACES

Includes wine, cheese and 15% off  
all wine purchased on the night.

Get your ticket and reserve your space now

## **Perranwell Community Stores**

Home Delivery Service

Please don't forget that we offer this service . There is no charge just a minimum of 10 items. Call Annie Hewitt on 07799311153 for further information.

## **Wine and Cheese Tasting Evening**

Tickets are selling fast so do pop in for yours to avoid disappointment.

## **Big Village Festival**



# Coffee Morning

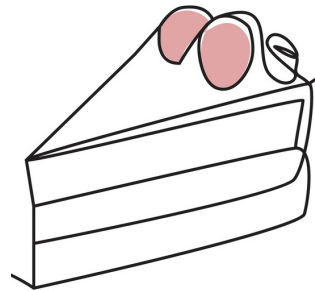
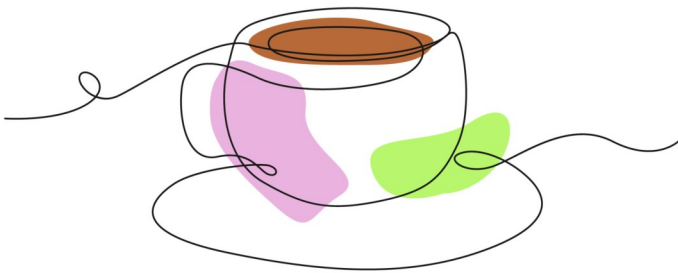
At the Perranwell Centre

**Cake Stall - Gifts/Crafts**

**Raffle**

**Saturday 30th May**

10 am until 12 noon



Fundraiser for

Perranarworthal Community Choir

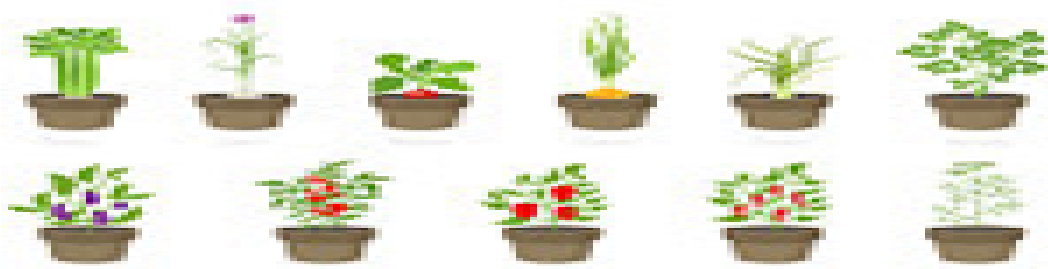
**ST. PIRAN'S CHURCH  
SPRING TREAT  
COFFEE AND CAKE MORNING**



**PERRANWELL CENTRE  
SATURDAY MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>  
10 -12 NOON**

**ALSO**

**PERENNIALS, PLANTS  
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**CAKE STALL + BOOKSTALL  
+ GOODIES+ RAFFLE**

**All proceeds for St Piran's Church**

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**36** St Keverne - Truro via Helston | Porkellis | Stithians  
**36A** Penryn ASDA - Frogpool - Truro via Devoran | Carnon Downs  
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Monday to Saturday except for bank holidays

Service No	36S SD	36 SD	36A SSH	36 SSH	36 SD	36 SSH	36A	36	36A	36	36A	36	36A	36S SD	36 SD	36 SSH	36A	36	36
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Frogpool Cornish Arms	0732													1552					
Perranwell Railway Station	0737	0744	0748	0749	0913	0913	1010	1050	1110	1220	1240	1350	1440	1440	1559	1615	1620	1741	1800
Devoran Church	0745		0753				1015		1115		1245		1445	1445					1746
Carnon Downs Bissoe Road			0759				1021		1121		1251		1451	1451	1606				1755
Carnon Downs Bus Shelter	0750	0749	0802	0754	0918	0918	1024	1055	1124	1225	1254	1355	1454	1454	1608	1620	1625	1758	1805
Playing Place Bus Shelter	0752	0753	0804	0758	0920	0920	1026	1057	1126	1227	1256	1357	1456	1456	1611	1622	1627	1800	1807
Truro Green Lane			0810				1032		1132		1302			1502					1806
Truro Railway Station			0815				1037		1137		1307			1507					1811
Truro Bus Station E	0805	0804	0821	0809	0930	0930	1043	1107	1143	1237	1313	1407		1513	1624	1632	1637	1817	1817
Truro Penair School	0816	0816											1510						

SD Schooldays only  
 SSH Saturdays and School Holidays only

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**Truro Railway Station - RNAS Culdrose**  
 via Stithians | Helston



Sunday and bank holidays

buses towards RNAS Culdrose

buses towards Truro

Service No	36	36	36	Service No	36	36	36
Truro Railway Station	1028	1328	1628	Culdrose RNAS Main Entrance	1201	1501	
Truro Bus Station E	1033	1333	1633	Helston Cottage Hospital A3083	1205	1505	
Playing Place Bus Shelter	1043	1343	1643	Helston Sainsbury's	0908	1208	1508
Carnon Downs Village Hall	1045	1345	1645	Helston Seven Stars	0915	1215	1515
Devoran Church	1052	1352	1652	Helston Tesco	0920	1220	1520
Perranwell Railway Station	1059	1359	1659	Rame Post Office	0932	1232	1532
Perranwell Royal Oak	1102	1402	1702	Stithians Crelow Lane	0938	1238	1538
Stithians Crelow 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
Culdrose RNAS Main Entrance	1145	1445		Truro Railway Station	1022	1322	1622

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Truro Green Lane					0845		0940		1130		1330						1630			1830	
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Carnon Downs Village Hall	0718	0722	0727	0752	0852	0859	0947	1032	1137	1232	1337		1432	1432	1534	1534	1637	1722	1724	1837	1842
Carnon Downs Bissoe Road	0721	0725			0855		0950		1140		1340						1640			1840	
Devoran Church	0727	0731			0901		0956		1146		1346				1539		1646			1846	
Perranwell Railway Station	0732	0736	0734	0757	0906	0905	1001	1037	1151	1237	1351		1437	1437	1544	1543	1651	1727	1729	1851	1847
Perranwell Royal Oak		0738	0736	0759		0907		1039		1239			1439	1439		1545		1729	1731		1849
Perranwell Chapel	0734				0908		1003		1153		1353				1546		1653				1853

Now First Bus have finished in Cornwall, this is the latest bus timetable for Perranwell, extracted by Jan Moore. Thanks, Jan.

**PERRAN NEWS DIRECTORY: May 2026**

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Coffee Stop	Ian Halford 07742 622033 Meets every Thursday morning, 9.30-11.30 in the village hall
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Michelle's Fitness & Wellbeing	Michelle 07546 239032 <a href="mailto:michellesfitnesscornwall@gmail.com">michellesfitnesscornwall@gmail.com</a> Exercise class for independently active older people, Mondays 1.30-2.30, village hall
Wellbeing Club	Sue Sutherland-Clark 07817 303112 <a href="mailto:sutherlandclarksue@gmail.com">sutherlandclarksue@gmail.com</a> 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month, 11.00-1.00, village hall
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<b>CLUBS, GROUPS &amp; SOCIETIES</b>	
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Organisation	Contact & Details
Bridge Club Perranwell	Malcolm Parker 07927 197937
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Cornwall Dog Training	Frankie Bond 01872 864844 <a href="mailto:enquiries@cornwalldogtrainingclub.com">enquiries@cornwalldogtrainingclub.com</a>
Cornwall South Textile Artists	
Cricket Club	Glenn Wilkes (Secretary) <a href="mailto:glenn.paw.cricket@gmail.com">glenn.paw.cricket@gmail.com</a>
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Kawagishi Dojo	David Collins 07789 441062 <a href="mailto:dwcollins33@gmail.com">dwcollins33@gmail.com</a> Sundays, 9.00-12.00, village hall
Kenwyn Valley Flower & Garden Club	Glennis Beard 01872 560609 <a href="http://www.kenwynvalleyflowerclub.btck.co.uk/">www.kenwynvalleyflowerclub.btck.co.uk/</a>
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Methodist Chapel	Ann Towsey 01872 864300 <a href="mailto:anntowsey@hotmail.co.uk">anntowsey@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Local History Group	Ruth Ward, 078877 68957 <a href="mailto:ruthward@btinternet.com">ruthward@btinternet.com</a> Usually meets 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7.30 pm in village hall
Perranarworthal Community Choir	Trisha Budd 07727 209111 <a href="mailto:trishabudd@gmail.com">trishabudd@gmail.com</a> New members, of all voices and abilities, are welcome - we meet on Wednesdays 6-7 pm at the Village Hall.
Perran & District Poultry & Pigeon Soc.	Shane Kneebone 01872 864409 <a href="mailto:perranpoultry@hotmail.co.uk">perranpoultry@hotmail.co.uk</a>
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St Piran's Church Hall Bookings	Patricia Wilcocks 01872 864550
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Women's Institute	Sue Short 07437 019190 <a href="mailto:ackee123@outlook.com">ackee123@outlook.com</a> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7.15 in the village hall
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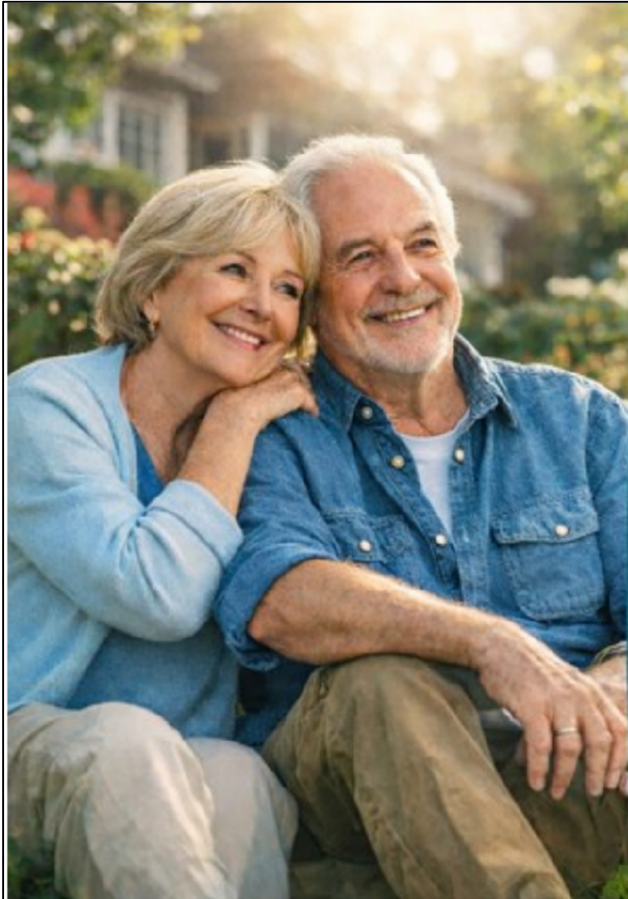
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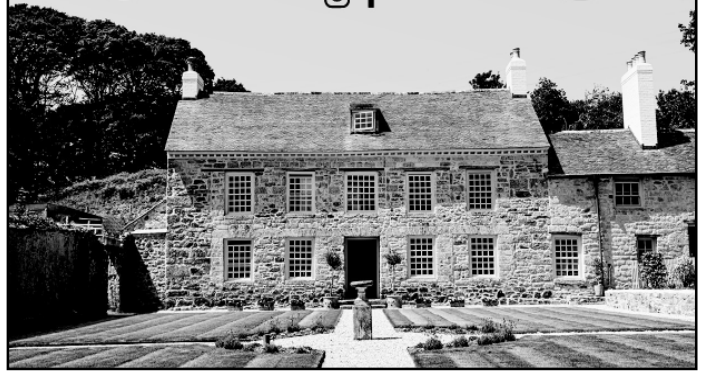
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