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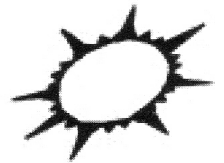
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Happy Christmas and a healthy new year to all readers and advertisers. You will note that this issue is number 370 completing 37 years of **Perran News**. Publication.

We are now on our 9th Prime minister since publication began. One up on last month. Three since June! Not quite as many as Her Late Majesty the Queen, but we are well past half her score of 15.

In this issue several interesting reports on the activities of the parish council and its various sub-groups. Thank you, councillors for your hard work. Lots going on. The PLHG seems to be well under way again after Covid interruptions of previous years.

Another year gone by, and another 7500 magazines distributed by Shirley and delivered by our stalwart team of post-people. Yselkla has steered us through the year with the finances and the advertising and Sarah has recently updated the website. Thank you, team, one and all. Great stuff

Thanks also to our regular contributors, turning up trumps every month. I have not seen any other village magazine with a monthly weather report. Thanks, Mike Hands, shame you can't control it as well as you report it. Loyal advertisers continue to support us despite the difficult times for many small businesses. Thanks to you too.

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT: OCTOBER 2022

The Planning Committee met on 5 October. The detail and outcome of all planning applications can be found on Cornwall Council's website. Typically, about half the applications at planning committee meetings concern works to trees that are covered by tree protection orders. Normally, these are simple matters such as pruning or removing excessive growth. Occasionally, requests are received to fell dead or diseased trees, but the council usually requests that these be replaced with a suitable indigenous species. The aim is always to retain and enhance the natural environment of the parish.



The Staffing Committee also met on 5 October. The main items of business were the recent job evaluation carried out in relation to the clerk's role, resulting in a regrading of the post, and the process for the appointment of an assistant to the clerk.

A Playing Field Meeting was held on 12 October, primarily to consider the response from the Charity Commission regarding complaints made last year. Last autumn, the council had sent its initial response to the Commission and the Commission had replied in March this year; the council was now responding to the Commission's further concerns.

A special parish council meeting was held on 19 October for an initial look at Cornwall Council's Shared Prosperity Fund; more information about this important opportunity will be published later. Councillors also considered some training opportunities and the selection process for the casual councillor vacancies.

The Emergency Planning Working Group met on 20 October. The Warm Hub in the village hall would start on 7 November, initially for a trial period, but possibly more extensively. Lots of voluntary help had been offered so far and it will be interesting to see the use that's made of the facility. As explained in the previous report, the Hub will provide a warm space and refreshments, opening for a trial over the whole of November on two weekday mornings per week and Sunday afternoons. The NHS Wellbeing Hub, which is held on the last Wednesday of the month, will provide an additional day of Warm Hub, as well as health advice. November's attendance figures will be used to assess the level of demand.

The working group discussed the possibility of becoming the parent body for Neighbourhood Watch in the parish. This will be considered further at the next meeting.

The new water-level monitoring system at the bridge in the centre of Perranwell is now fully operational. Some training is being prepared for the voluntary emergency wardens.

Finally, **the parish council** held its normal monthly meeting on 26 October.

During the time for public participation, the council was asked to ensure that the broken-up tarmac in West Park was repaired and that the triangle of land was properly maintained. A member of the public hoped that the new councillors would bring back some integrity and honesty to the parish council. Of course, all councillors are obliged to conduct themselves in accordance with the Nolan principles for public life, which include honesty and integrity.

The two applicants for the casual vacancies introduced themselves to the council and it was unanimously agreed that Mrs Diane Hirst and Ms Ashley Bridges be co-opted on to the parish council.

Councillor Williams, our local ward councillor on Cornwall Council, began by congratulating the new councillors on their appointment, The virtual pavement over the bridge was due to be completed between

24th and 30th November. Chuckles' car park would also be resurfaced. Maintenance work was being carried out on the A39 between Arch Hill and Treluswell and this would continue through to the end of November. Cllr Williams had given a community grant to the church towards the cost of repainting the church hall. It was confirmed that the entrance to Mellingey Valley was due to be completed in April 2023, after which time Cormac would instal the virtual pavement. New road signs would be bi-lingual.

It was reported that all the footpaths had been repaired, apart from Carnon Valley. Volunteers would be needed for the placement of gravel from the 14th November onwards. When funding became available, further work would be undertaken to repair damaged duckboards.

The clerk reported that properties with overgrown hedges had been asked to cut them back. The council is becoming more proactive to ensure that pavements and footpaths are not blocked by vegetation on adjoining properties.

The council had been invited to purchase 'hedgehog highway surrounds' that would enable safe passage through garden fences for hedgehogs. It was agreed to purchase a pack of surrounds and offer it to the school for placement.

The council considered a half-yearly review of its priorities.

It was formally agreed that an amendment to standing orders would require the draft minutes of all council meetings and working groups to be published within 14 days of each meeting. It was also agreed that the council's data protection policies needed updating, and this would taken forward in the External Relations Working Group.

The agenda concluded with a confidential item regarding staffing.

Details of council meetings will continue to be published on the council's three noticeboards, which are located opposite the Royal Oak, in the bus shelter opposite the train station, and outside the main entrance to the playing field. Information may also be posted on the Perranwell group's Facebook page. It is anticipated that the new parish council website will have been launched by the time this report is published.

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PARISH COUNCIL PRIORITIES 2022 -23: HALF-YEAR REVIEW

Progress in relation to the priorities for the parish council for 2022-23 was reviewed at the parish council meeting on 26 October 2022.

1. Overall approach

The parish council will aim to become more active and promote its responsibility for community leadership.

- Some progress

2. Governance & administration

The parish council will aim to publish notices of council meetings in good time, improve the availability of agenda and reports and make minutes of meetings available as quickly as possible after meetings have been held.

- New website imminent
- Better management of noticeboards – forthcoming appointment of assistant clerk
- Minutes of meetings to be published within 14 days
- Still to do: publish reports with agenda
- Overall: good progress

The council will improve the display of council information on its noticeboards and website.

- Continuing

The council will identify policies and procedures that it should have, and aim to have them approved as soon as possible. These will include a grievance procedure, a disciplinary procedure, a complaints procedure and a policy on conflicts of interest.

- No progress on these items

The parish council will be assisted by the establishment of an external relations working group.

- Recently established – had useful first meeting

The parish council will aim to achieve 'Quality Council' status and gain the 'power of competence'.

- No progress – deferred until after the appointment of a new clerk in 2023

The General Power of Competence (GPC) is an important legislative statement that councils have the power to do anything an individual may do, unless specifically prohibited. Just about anything is possible (unless specifically prohibited) and not constrained by the need to ensure that it is permitted by specific legislation.

3. Transport (Highways & Footpaths)

The parish council will aim for our highways and footpaths to be greener, safer, healthier and more accessible to our communities, especially where we expect to see vulnerable road users.

- Considerable progress

The parish council will be assisted by a Highways & Footpaths Working Group, comprising councillors and local residents.

- Working group established – doing excellent work under the chairmanship of Cllr Snodgrass

Specific areas for improvement will be the quality and regular maintenance of footpaths, and pedestrian safety, especially at night.

- Good progress on quality and maintenance
- No progress on safety at night

The parish council will aim to improve traffic management throughout the parish, but especially in the centre of Perranwell and during closures of the A39.

- Installation of new Virtual footbridge
- Introduction of 20mph limit
- Little progress in relation to improving the management of traffic flow during A39 closures (to be referred to the Emergency Planning Working Group for further consideration)

The parish council will promote cycling, and the safety of cycling, throughout the parish.

- Concern about the tramway crossing on Old Carnon Hill
- Interest in developing “quiet lanes”

4. Environment & climate change

The parish council’s aim will be to improve the appearance of the parish by improving the maintenance of the parish’s infrastructure, improving the management of road-side verges, improving weed control (especially on pavements, kerbs and cycleways) and reducing litter.

- Little progress in the last six months, but may be taken forward as part of bid for Shared Prosperity Fund

More attention will be given to the maintenance of street furniture and memorials.

- No overall progress
- Conservation and repair work will be undertaken to the war memorial

Local groups and organisations will be encouraged to ‘Go green’ whenever possible.

- No action so far

5. Emergency planning

The aim will be to ensure that the parish, and especially the parish council, are as well prepared as possible to deal with an emergency, should one arise.

The council will establish an Emergency Planning Working Group, comprising parish councillors and local residents, to handle matters relating to emergency planning in the parish.

- Working group established – excellent progress being made under the chairmanship of Cllr Holman

The working group will prepare an Emergency Plan for the parish and see that it is implemented.

- Started, but not yet completed

The main focus will be on the prevention of flooding, but other types of emergency will also be addressed.

- In hand, e.g. including Neighbourhood Watch within its brief

6. Community support & community assets

The aim will be to identify and support groups, organisations and assets in the parish which are vital for the well-being of the community.

- Passive rather than active, that is, waiting for grant applications

The parish council will advertise the availability of grants for existing groups and starter projects.

- Not done
- New website will help
- Greater publicity about the availability of grants will be given in Perran News
- Council will consider instituting an annual or bi-annual round of bids for grants – refer to Finance Committee

The parish council will seek to identify, nominate and register ‘assets of community value’ under the Localism Act 2011.

- To be tackled after the referendum on the Neighbourhood Development Plan, which will be held on 10 November 2022

The parish council will seek to purchase the phone kiosk opposite the Royal Oak and preserve it as a community asset.

- The phone kiosk is still in use and is not yet available to be purchased

Colin Bridges
Chairman

HIGHWAYS

The recent congestion in the village as a result of the closure of the A39 has been a timely reminder that we still have plenty to do. At present funds are not available to deliver a long-term solution, however next year we plan to start a Parish wide consultation to identify ways we can improve the road structure. In October the main road through the village was partially resurfaced and a big thank you to Cllr Williams who sponsored the work and for Cormac who delivered the project. At the end of November, the virtual footpath over the bridge is scheduled to be installed, to improve the safety of pedestrians especially the school children walking between Chuckles and the School. The work involves limited access through the village for 3 days and while we appreciate this is inconvenient, we ask for your continued support.

FOOTPATHS

During November we will have upgraded a number of footpaths to make them useable throughout the year, including removing leaf mould built up over many years and laying new surfaces, plus digging out the ditch beside Mill cottage to improve drainage and laying more duckboards on the far side of the river. Thank you to all the landowners for their support and we plan to complete the work next year once more funds are available. If you know a footpath which needs maintenance or vegetation cut-back, please advise the Clerk. We have cut-back the vegetation on the footpath to the Church and now hopefully we can all walk to church without needing a pair of wellies.

Thank you to everyone who cuts their hedges alongside the footpaths and highways. Please note it is the responsibility of parishioners to keep the footpath-side and road-side boundaries clear of vegetation. In other words, the parish and county councils take care of "ground up" and property owners are responsible for "side out".

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Peter Snodgrass
Parish Councillor



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We are, as I have mentioned before, very fortunate to be living in this village! We have so many facilities and opportunities to access and perhaps like many people who live in the village did not recognise the range and possibilities.

Having attended just one of the External Relations Working Group (ERWG) I am now concerned that if we do not make use of what we have then we may possibly lose out in the future.

The Parish Council provide access to important detail following their Council meetings. I was amazed that in this time when finances are particularly difficult there is a considerable sum of money that is held by the County Council. It is my understanding that the funds are only accessible to Parish Councils if there is a successful bid made.

An enormous amount of compiling and completing of information about our village has been undertaken by Helen Pettett and her team leading to the November referendum following the consultation display. I would hope that our village could build on all this good work.

To this end I would encourage people to attend the next ERWG meeting very early in January. The prospect of missing out on funding of activities, services and infrastructure for the young families and children in our village seems to be unforgivable, especially if there are public funds that could be accessed.

Chris Lea

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Readers of *Perran News* will recall that I wrote an article for the October edition of *Perran News* and reported on the first meeting of the External Relations Working Group, set up by the Parish Council.

We heard that the Parish Council is to have a new website by Christmas. Until this happens, it is hoped that draft Minutes of Council meetings will be displayed on the three notice boards in the village. This is to enable all parishioners to know what is being enacted on our behalf.

This was encouraging and welcome news.

At the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 28th September, as reported in the Parish Council report in November's edition of *Perran News*, a proposal was put by the Chairman that these Minutes should be published within 14 days of a meeting. A vote was taken, and the proposal was carried by 5 votes to 4.

What I find most surprising is that there were 4 votes against the proposal, the purpose of which is to inform us all about what takes place at meetings. I do not know how each Councillor voted, and I do not wish to know, but surely such a proposal and time frame are not unreasonable.

I am sure that many people in the village will welcome this positive move by the Parish Council and are looking forward to once again being able to read the Minutes of meetings, a situation that has not existed for far too long.

Ian Halford

PERRANWELL STATION - WEATHER REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2022

Average daily maximum temperature:	16.5C
Maximum temperature for the month:	19.8C on the 1st
Average daily minimum temperature:	10.5C
Minimum temperature for the month:	2.5C on the 12th
Rainfall:	4.53 inches
Sunshine:	105 hours
Main Wind direction:	South & South West



Very Mild

October was dominated by South and South Westerly winds, bringing mild conditions throughout the month. The average daily maximum temperature was the highest for October that I have recorded in 36 years, and nationally was the 7th warmest October in the series from 1884.

The month started wet and the last two weeks experienced consistent rain, however rainfall overall was only average for October, as were the sunshine hours.

Water Shortage

News that Stithians reservoir was only some 15% full in October prompted me to review this year's rainfall to date. Up until the end of October we have had 29.28 inches which is about three and a half inches less than we could normally expect. In other words, not that much of a deficit. However, both July and August were not only warm and sunny, thus increasing evaporation, but also particularly dry months, just at the time of year when visitor numbers were at their highest.

South West Water are saying that we need a very wet autumn, winter and spring to get reservoir levels back to normal. We have made a start in the first half of November, with over five inches up to the 16th.

Mike Hands
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11th December at 10am: Christingle Service

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21st December at 7pm: 'Blue Christmas' Service. A quiet, reflective service for those who find celebrating Christmas difficult.

24th December at 5pm: Crib Service

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Cornwall Advanced Drivers have teamed up with the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner to launch a road accident reduction project called Vision Zero South-West. Cornwall Advanced Drivers has received funding to train up to 20 young Cornish-resident car drivers under the age of 25 up to the IAM Advanced Driver test standard. Sadly, it is this age group that regularly features amongst the highest in road casualties and therefore who would benefit most from further training to teach responsible and safe driving but whilst still getting the most out of their driving enjoyment.

The project works as follows: you pay for the Advanced Driver Course direct with the IAM via their website www.iamroadsmart.com currently costing £175.00. For this you get one year's membership of both IAM and Cornwall Advanced Drivers, a course manual, one to one training in your own car with one of our highly qualified observers to reach the standard (a maximum of 10 sessions applies but 5-7 are normally enough). Finally the test fee is also included so all in all a very good deal. If the candidate passes then the £175 is refunded. This could make an ideal Christmas present from parents as Gift Vouchers are available via the same website.

If you are over the age of 25 and are interested in becoming an Advanced Driver we offer free evaluation sessions with a qualified Advanced Driving Tutor who will watch the way you drive and offer any suggestions and tips for improvement. Over the years, we all pick up bad habits in our driving so the Advanced Driving course is an excellent way of ironing these out to make us better drivers on roads but particularly in our Cornwall that has some very challenging roads and conditions at times.

But hurry to book a place on our young driver project as places are strictly limited. If you are interested in the above and want to discuss it, please contact John Simpson on:

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TEN YEARS OF PERRAN NEWS: A READER WRITES

I have been doing a clear out and find I have virtually every copy of PN dating back to 2012.

Do you ever have any requests for back copies?

If so, I am very happy to provide. Otherwise, they may have to be recycled.

Ian Halford

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PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Recent News

Dr Lesley Trotter, a historian and genealogist gave a talk entitled the Married Widows of Cornwall on Tues 25rd Oct. Whilst this may sound a contradiction in terms, she explained how after tin mining declined in Cornwall from the 1870s many miners left to find work elsewhere in the World leaving their wives and families behind for long periods of time, hence the term 'Married Widows'. The miners worked all over the world including Mexico, Chile, Bolivia and New Zealand. Many intended to return once they had made their fortunes or to send for their families to join them, but in the meantime the women were left to manage the household often with long gaps between any wages arriving home. Sometimes they would get bank notes in foreign currency which were difficult to cash and often they would wait long periods with no money or news of their husbands. The women were resourceful and often ended up working as seamstresses or house maids and others took in lodgers or moved in with relatives to save money.



Some women clearly travelled several times to meet up with their husbands and using records of the Atlantic Steamers, Dr Trotter found several women who had travelled regularly across the Atlantic, including one woman and her children who appeared to have completed 5 return trips to the USA in the 1890s. Others travelled long distances with small children to join their husbands and start a new life in countries like Australia. Clearly world travel was not as unusual as we might think it was in those days when most people did not travel far from their own village. Clearly some of the men did not return and separations became permanent, but there were very supportive communities which grew up in the former mining areas.

January meeting

Tues 17th Jan 7.30 pm at the Perranwell Centre

Speaker Dave Ward

A Cornish Brewing History

Dave will give an illustrated talk about the history of brewing with a look at Cornish breweries and some of the well-known Cornish pubs.

If you want to learn more about hops, sparging, mash tuns, winks and smuggling, or just a little of the stories behind the pubs their communities and the beer do come along and join us.

DAVID GOLDING

My brother David Golding, who lived at Tullimaar for many years (but since 2016 was a resident at Kenwyn), has very sadly died early on the morning of 23rd October. Would it be possible to put a brief note in the Perran News to that effect? I am of course very happy to pay whatever fee is appropriate.

He died very peacefully and was I think very contented at Kenwyn, but his faculties had begun to diminish. We are hoping to have his funeral at the church but I have yet to arrange that.

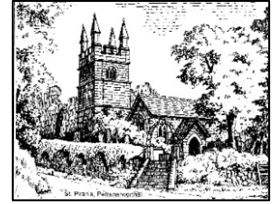
(And I still owe you a note about information re Tullimaar – to see if anyone has any interesting anecdotes. I will put something together in the next few weeks, but that has rather taken a back seat recently.)

Many thanks for your work on the Perran News. We very much enjoy reading it.

Judy Carver

NEWS FROM ST PIRAN'S CHURCH

At St Piran's we are extending you a Great Invitation! This is no little invitation card, tucked away on the mantelpiece along with the others to Christmas drinks or family get togethers. Oh no, this is THE GREAT Invitation!



The Church of England's Christmas campaign is about getting together again in church after a few very difficult Christmases. The pandemic stopped us from offering all of our usual Advent and Christmas services but not this year! It is all about being together to come together and to celebrate Christmas as a community.

We are not known for shying away from a good celebration at St Piran's and there will be plenty of opportunities for you to join us as we count down the weeks in Advent and celebrate Christmas. Please do check the services and events that will be held in your parish church in December. They will be advertised in the magazine and on our website www.thewatersidechurches.com. If you would like any further information then please do contact me on 01872 276 357 or 07590 240 640.

Advent begins on 27th November and we will be lighting the first of our Advent candles on our wreath. The word Advent simply means 'coming' – it's the season when Christians remember that God came to earth to be born as the Christ child, Jesus.

God also promised that Jesus will come again at the end of time to heal all the world's hurts and divisions. Advent remembers this amazing promise, so it's a time of hope, of getting ready, and expectation. Waiting is hard, but Christmas is worth waiting for – it's a special time, and at its heart is a gift of love from God to the world. Talk about which things about Christmas are hard to wait for and which are worth saving until the day.

One of the highlights of Advent is our Christingle service. This year it will be held on 11th December at 10am and is great fun for all of the family. We use a special symbol, a decorated orange, to explore the story of God's love for the world at Christmas. The orange represents the world. The fruits or sweets represent God's creation and the blessings of the seasons. The candle represents Jesus, the light of the world bringing hope to those in darkness. The red ribbon round the orange represents the love of God and the blood of Jesus. There will be a collection in aid of the Children's Society during the service.

If you enjoy the tradition of singing carols, then we have just the service for you! Join us as we sing lots of favourite Christmas Carols together on Sunday 18th December at 10am. This is always a favourite service and who can resist "Ding Dong Merrily" or 'Silent Night'?

For those of you for whom Christmas is a difficult time of year we have a quiet and reflective 'Blue Christmas' service on 21st December at 7pm. This service gives those who want a more gentle and meditative service an opportunity to mark the season.

Before the 'Big day' we have our Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 5pm. This is a wonderful and joyful service for all of the family. The beautiful handmade Crib is lit up and blessed as we sing Carols before the little ones head off to bed (I avoided saying 'sleep' because there isn't usually much sleep to be had on Christmas Eve, it's all too exciting!). On Christmas morning I will be leading the service of Holy Communion at 10am. We celebrate the birth of Christ together and remind ourselves of the amazing gift of the new born child into the world.

I love Christmas (which is a good thing in my job!) and Christmas morning starts early in the vicarage. I am up at 6am, prepping the vegetables and laying the table ready for our own Christmas lunch after the service. If we have time Chris and I will exchange our presents. A few years ago I thought that it was a good idea to make homemade gravy from the giblets of the turkey at 6am on Christmas morning. Well, by 6.30am the giblets were bubbling away on the stove and the house was filled with the smell of cooking offal and the Vicar had turned green....

May I take this opportunity to wish you all the peace and joy of the Christmas Season from all of us at St Piran's Church, your parish church. We look forward to your RSVP to our GREAT INVITATION!

Every Blessing, *Revd Karen*

MEMORY CAFE

On 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month a group of volunteers run the Memory Cafe at the Village Hall. This 'Cafe' is there to facilitate people from the village and beyond with memory problems both minor or more advanced. It also provides respite for those who are carers. Word searches, jigsaws, spot the difference, and simple table games often greet those attending. We play bingo, throwing the ball whilst saying a name beginning with, chat about various activities and subjects that happened in by-gone years and offer simple yesteryear quizzes. Then of course there is ALWAYS tea and homemade cake. The icing on the cake though is the entertainment, carefully picked for the MC which delights us each session. There are singers, musicians, music and movement, hand bell ringers, music workshops, keep fit, drums for fun, art and regular outings to local places for afternoon tea. Above all we have so much FUN!



Our Cafe last Tuesday was no exception. Jeanni Grant-Nelson gave us a 2-hour art workshop. Everyone was given a 'rain cape', paint brushes, a canvas block and acrylic paints. Following an in-depth explanation of why and how we can paint, Jeanie began to create a picture showing various unusual techniques and asking us to copy her - from a blank canvas to a tree in a field of buttercups. What a treat! The results were amazing, and the MC clients proudly took their paintings home.

If anyone knows of someone who would benefit from the Café, please feel free to just turn up. There's always a great welcome.

The Memory Cafe volunteers

Details of workshops can be found at: www.artatthebeach.co.uk
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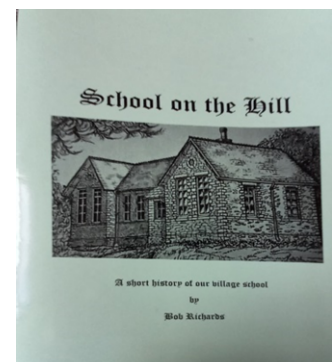
NEW BOOK BY LOCAL AUTHOR.....

Did you know that it will be our village school's 144th birthday in January 2023?

An advertisement appeared in the Royal Cornwall Gazette of 2nd November 1877 inviting tenders for: *"erection and completion, with classrooms and offices at Perranwell to accommodate 230 children."*

The contract for building was awarded to Mr. Blight of Redruth at a cost of just £985.00 !! The school opened its doors in January 1879 and by the end of that year, there were as many as 225 children on the school register, although *"poor attendance"* is a common theme.

Many children were often out of school working, particularly at harvest time or in other ways earning a few pennies to add to a meagre family budget. In those early years, there was a fee of a penny or two a week for each child attending and *"Extreme poverty"* as well as *"children unable to attend having no boots or shoes to wear"* are among the reasons noted for their absence.



The history of our village school is a social history of the village it serves and is full of fascination, including a Headmaster threatened with a move to another school following disagreement with his staff and managers, women teachers who were forced, by law, to give up their teaching jobs on marriage, closure because of epidemics of illness such as measles, chicken pox, diphtheria, impetigo and influenza.

There is also the ever-ongoing saga of the school water supply and well. Classes on how to milk a cow, make butter, shoe a horse, or keep bees or poultry are also available and so much more. The book has been researched and written by former Perranarworthal pupil and local resident, Bob Richards and tells the story from the opening-up to the more modern times of the 1960's.

Copies can be obtained direct from the author at a cost of just £5.00. Half the cost of each book will go to the school, who are currently raising money for a new minibus. Copies can be posted to any UK mainland address at an additional £2.00 to cover basic postage cost.

To place your order please:

Phone: 01872 864567

Email: bob8150richards@uwclub.net

PERRANWELL TO TUSCANY IN A SMALL ELECTRIC CAR - DAY 5- 6

Saturday 16th July Ibis Style Hotel Brignoles: (902 Miles): Left fully charged continuing South coast autoroute A8 replacing the old Corniche passing north of legendary Riviera names, Frejus, Antibes, Cannes, Nice, Monaco. Midday stopped at the Aire de Beau Soleil services. (translation; good sunshine) Sadly not today, only day of gloom and fog in three weeks. Elevated position above Monte Carlo. Can look down on the Mediterranean and streets of the Monaco Grand Prix just visible in the murk.

1245: Crossed into Italy passing San Remo **(999 miles)**

1400: (1058 miles) Lunch stop at Savona Ceriale Sud services for lunch and charge. 30 degrees, but still disappointingly grey, sandwich lunch chatting to fellow electric refuellers at charging station. Italian family, elderly parents with thirty plus year old daughter with mild learning difficulties. Their English better than our non-existent Italian. The international fellowship of the electric highway breaking down language barriers. More autostrada for the next section of the journey.

Continued along coastal autoroute towards Genoa. Sun came out, traffic got heavier and around Genoa the road goes through numerous tunnels, long and short, and over tall suspension bridges crossing valleys between small coastal mountains and hills. Spectacular. The sea and the Italian Riviera passing by on our right as we continue south on the Italian autoroute.

1700: Rapallo (1129 miles) Time to stop and find a bed for the night. Come off the autostrada at a bustling small resort town Rapallo. Full holiday season but managed to find a hotel room. Adequate, but maybe not for a week's holiday. No air con but not too hot and sticky. Rapallo buzzing with people, energetic vibe. Several portions of beach fenced off for private use by guests in large seafront hotels. A small section set aside as a public beach and opened today. About a hundred yard strip of grey sand fenced on either side. Newquay it ain't. No charger tonight but still 150 miles range left so should be able to stop at charging station in about 50 miles before leaving Autostrada north of Pisa. Last night road stop before Volterra, our destination. Not far to go now.

Sunday 17th July Rapallo 0800: Another blue-sky day. Walk round sea front to harbour. Large statue of Christopher Columbus on a plinth. He came from Genoa, just up the road. Discovered America in October 1492. Much later directed Home Alone, Home Alone 2 and Mrs Doubtfire, great family favourite films from the eighties which will doubtless be on air again this Christmas. Must have been a different Christopher Columbus, I suppose. Nice statue, very green.



Marina full of flash motorboats and flash young bronzed Italian men. Beloved spots a brown wood and turquoise leather Riva speedboat, a millionaire's plaything. Looks just the same as in the fifties films with Marcello Mastroianni and Sophia Loren living the dolce vita on the Italian Riviera. Birthday with a nought at the end next year. Says she would like one for a present. I think she hopes it comes complete with bronzed young Italian gent like the one polishing the boat and trying to talk her into a ride round the harbour for a large number of euros. Tell her

I will look into it and move swiftly on. I explain to her you can't get one with an electric motor. Time to be hitting the road.

0930: On the way. West coast autostrada. Satnav set for Services charging station. Passing the Apuan Mountains to our east. These appear covered in dirty snow even in July. No snow, they are in fact the source of most of the world's white marble and alabaster. Beside the autostrada are hundreds of acres of yards full of marble some cut some awaiting processing. Beloved is giving me an excellent commentary about marble mountains from the guidebook as we drive along. 15 km from the charger, according to the sat nav, I see the service area with chargers pass by on the right. Blast I seem to have set the sat nav wrong. Not able to turn back. Perhaps we can come off the motorway and retrace. Pull off to pay station, beloved has credit card ready to pay toll. Get to front of line. Try pressing credit card on various parts of automatic booth. No joy. Slotted coin bin descends which requires 25 euros in coins. We have notes and about 4 euros in small change. Oh dear. Italians behind us in queue hooting, swearing, and turning round to join another line. Beloved presses help button, reached by leaning out of the window. Grumpy rapid speaking Italian lady with no English fails to help the English visitors with no Italian. After five minutes of increasing verbal tension a long ribbon of paper resembling a supermarket Christmas shopping list appears from a slot in the machine. The barrier goes up. We've escaped, but at the bottom of the long screed of Italian it says we must pay the toll on-line within seven days or there will be serial increases in the cost. Today's travelling is not going quite to plan.

MYLOR BRIDGE BOWLING CLUB

As one season ends another begins and we are now enjoying the indoor bowling. Several league games have already been played, by both the Short Mat and Carpet bowlers, with promising results.

We were delighted to entertain U3A with a carpet bowls match recently. What a great morning was had, fun and laughter mixed with a natural competitive spirit. U3A won the day and were rewarded with tea and homemade cake. It is hoped they will return for another match in the new year.

At the same time several of our ladies attended a luncheon at Tehidy Golf Club for the annual Bowls Group 4 prize giving. Two of our members received awards: Jan Barnard was the Champion of Champions and Liz Maunder winner of the Secretaries Cup and runner up in the 4-wood singles. The club has had a very successful season and we look forward to even more triumphs next year.

Should you wish to join us, or just find out more, please visit the website www.mylorbridgebowlingclub.co.uk for details. A warm welcome awaits. **Elaine Beckton**

“Body paint, on your arms and on your face”

Some hocus bogus bargus on this digital gadget. The pen to paper scrawl just “waved across the years”. I can’t put it better than that, as I’m reading Cormac McCarthys new book, I don’t know what higher plane that bloke is on when he writes but anyways there’s no need to further that matter here. 20mph.

The nights he used to return from Truro on his motorcycle, Bissoe valley, up the hill toward our station, air intake howling, maximum fuel flow with carburettors perfectly synchronised, a glance at the speedometer would have been dangerous, late on the brakes at the junction by the hairdressers, blip of the throttle, down two gears for the right hand turn, run wide so as the rear wheel spins rewardingly on the exit dirt, a mere throttle blip surges, a bridge, toward that next slick left hander. That was many years ago, may be called “another life”. He guessed it was. Perspective dependant. It was an ecstasy, for sure. Pure Zen, no thought, all instinct, like he’s left the self behind. Higher plane.

Running can do it as well. 5k/10k events I just try to outrun myself. Ultramarathons destroy me. It leads to a kind of bliss. These states of being are well documented of course.

I have clusters of love for the parish. I do feel, however, that resurfacing our village roads while the residents of my stepdaughters estate in Illogan have to park on a muddy verge is rather socially unjust. At 20mph we may as just have an old lane, probably be good fun. The Blaw-Knox advanced. Arm waving gestures of “slow down!” are usually counterproductive.

Footpath maintenance, 14th November, (!)pray to god (strong Methodist roots) that we are not having tarmac chucked down. Thomas Hardy and the rural life he saw fast disappearing. He’s in the garden, he just actually laughed, shrugged, “whatever”, he chuckled. Another author so brilliant it catches in the throat. Chest. I smile back. We both dispense of cares.

The motorcyclist sits reflecting, as if in that moment senses were pinging at such an altitude that starlight blazed. Gods preparations, perhaps.

Sitting here now like I’m picking fluff off a bedraggled blazer.

“On your hands and on your face, body paint”

From the Dog *JM*

RABBIT RUN

I’m Stylus, duly referred to as Captain Stylus. I share a hutch and pen with my brother Clover. He eats most of the cabbage while my preference is our dried pellets and hay, Timothy hay. I have just called Clover fat.

I stand on a camphor chest and watch sunset, a winter sunset setting the sky aflame. I remember how it’s so easy to be alone in a crowded room. A packed bar or nightclub, speaking only to order drinks and then leaving to roam the streets until sunrise, questioning my solitude, it’s quite obvious I just loved it. Road trips and bars, pubs clubs, cathedrals up and down the country. Venturing across the channel to foreign tarmac occasionally. Bliss. Height.

Once, feeling particularly lost, I visited our parish church, Sunday congregation, eyes glazed during the preaching. Afterward the vicar asked if was new to the parish. No mate, I’ve lived here all my life. Just about. Spiritually at least. He invited me for the post-preach coffee/cake. Na, thanks anyways.

Father says he can look into my eye and see the entire universe. I don’t know as I hold with this. Try to find answers when a question hasn’t been posed.

Relax. I settle, kick out my hind legs, ears back, embers of daylight upon me

From the Rabbit *JM*

CHRISTMAS PAST.

The elderly lady sat and stared, remembering
times gone by,
She wondered where Christmas had gone, then
got up with a sigh.
She struggled to the window, instead of snow
there's rain.
Someone had put loud music on. Nothing
seemed the same.

A nurse came in to ask if she would like the TV
on.
She shook her head, and wanted peace, with
thoughts of times long
gone.
When folk sang Christmas carols, and went from
door to door,
But those inside too busy now to hear them
anymore.

A tear fell down onto her hand ,was there no
one else but she,
Who knew the reason for the time, the real
Nativity.?
Suddenly she heard a knock,a young boy
bounded in,
"Hello Gran, I need your help" he uttered with a
grin.

"We want to do a Christmas play, but our
teacher doesn't know
What happened that first Christmas time It was
too long ago.
So I suggested you could come to tell it to my
class,
You must have been around then ,You're the
obvious one to ask."

His Grandma laughed and nodded! He'd
lightened up her mood
She once again felt useful,so why would she
refuse.?
It was arranged, and the whole school filed in at
two pm,
Enthralled to hear the story of this birth at
Bethlehem

A hand shot up. A question asked , a girl wanted
to know
Why Was He so important, two thousand years
ago?
"Well that's another story "said the Grandma
with a smile
"If I am asked another time , I'll tell you that as
well."

Tam Lewis

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If some of these entries are out of date please could updates or deletions please be sent to markgripper@gmail.com so that appropriate amendments can be made.
Thank you.


The new bus timetable is not easy to read, so here is a chart of the buses that go through the village - which may make things clearer

(From experience, the drivers on the old 46 route were happy to stop anywhere safe on their route)

Buses going towards TRURO												
Route 36	from Stithians											
	Royal Oak	7.36	07.41	09.08	10.33	11.48	13.43	15.33	16.05	17.00	17.48	
	P'well Rly Station +2 min	(term)	(hols)					(hols)	(term)			
	Truro bus station + 19 min											
Route 36A	from Frogpool						36S	36				
	Perranwell Rly Station	07.48	09.35	11.35	12.35	14.25	15.34	15.35				
	Truro Bus station + 26 min											
Buses leaving TRURO												
Route 36	Truro	07.15	07.25	08.35	10.3	12.15	14.15	14.25	15.20	17.05	18.05	18.30
	+19 min to Royal Oak	(term)	(hols)				(term)	(hols)	(term)			
	route then goes up Schoold Hill towards Stithians											
Route 36A	Truro	07.15	07.10	08.55	10.55	11.30	13.15	15.20	16.05	18.05		
	+ 26 min to Chapel	(term)	(hols)									
	route then goes up Greenwith Hill towards Frogpool											

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**PERRANWELL
SELF-GUIDED WALK**



Chris Burton

PERRANWELL SELF-GUIDED WALK by Chris Burton The walk describes the history of the village as it is revealed along the route which starts at the Perranwell Centre following through the centre of the village up to Tarrandean, along the Bissoe Trail, back above Silver Hill and across the Trewedna Stream to Chyvogve.



The complete walk is about 5 miles, but it can easily be split into shorter more manageable sections if you wish, and we think will provide an interesting read in itself for walkers and non-walkers alike.

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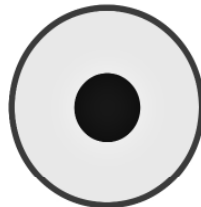
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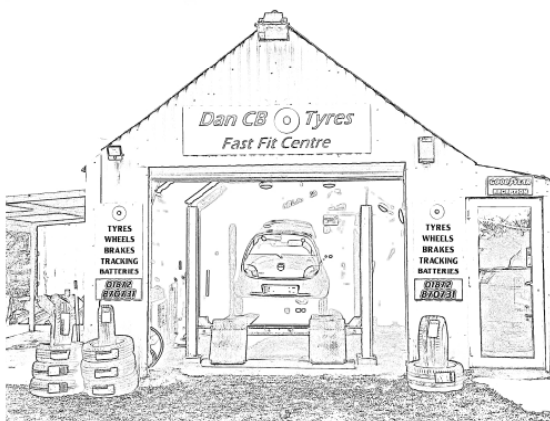


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