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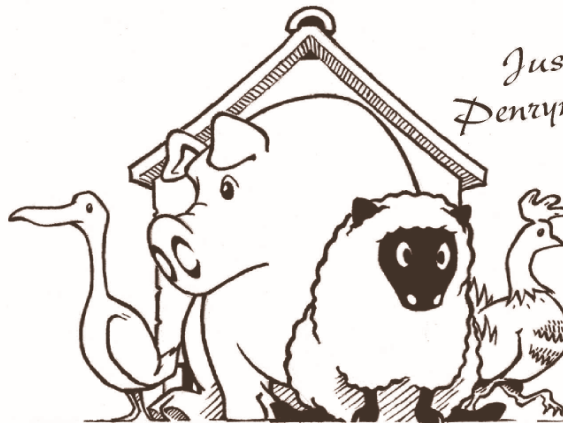
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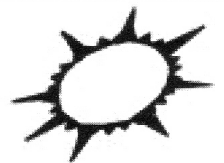
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Since I last wrote an editorial, we have been watching with horror the news pictures from Ukraine. Perranwell has a Ukrainian connection with visiting Ukrainian farm workers helping Mark and Philip Pryor at Colwyn. There is an article in this issue about that connection. It is difficult to comprehend that this is happening in modern Europe in 2022. I am sure all readers will be disturbed by the appalling invasion Putin has embarked on, the suppression of freedoms for ordinary Russians, and full of admiration for President Zelensky and the implacable determination of the Ukrainian people to endure this terror rather than surrender.

There are several traffic matters of interest in this issue, potholes, the proposed 20 mph zone in the village, and the Snap Scheme.

**Perran News** always welcomes new contributors, so do fire up your word processor and email an article for publication.

There is also an article about an interesting development in UK passport renewals illustrated by the picture of the Home Secretary promoting this initiative. (See article UK Passport Renewal).

Sadly, we have lost a few more advertisers this year. It is the advertisers who pay for your free copy of the magazine every month so please support them particularly during the crisis. It is very gratifying that **Perran News** is perceived as such an effective local directory for the village. Readers if you use an advertiser in **Perran News** please could you mention you saw the advert in our pages to give them encouragement to continue supporting your free village newspaper. Also, if you know of any tradesmen, businesses or other people who would gain from advertising in **Perran News** please recommend it to them. It is very inexpensive and has a very good local reach as our loyal advertisers of many years can confirm.

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**Mark Gripper**

## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT: FEBRUARY 2022

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The announcement by the clerk that she intended to resign her post at the end of April led to an extraordinary parish council meeting being called by councillors to ascertain why the clerk wished to resign and if there was anything that could be done to keep her. It was generally felt that her vast knowledge and experience would be a great loss to the Parish and the council if she was to leave. It was decided that the matter be allocated to the staffing committee, to take place after the next parish council meeting.

Following a meeting of the **Planning Committee**, the **Highways & Footpaths working group** met on 9 February. On highways, the main focus was on the possible revision of speed limits within the parish and the availability of funding for road safety improvements. Both of these aspects are being actively pursued. On footpaths, a new contractor has cut the footpaths in the parish and the contract for the remainder of this year will shortly go out to tender. Enquiries were also under way to begin improving the surface of many footpaths, some of which were in a very poor condition.

The **finance committee** met on 23 February. Councillors received a copy of the final detailed budget for 2022-23 and noted that inflation had worsened since the previous meeting, meaning that a substantial increase would probably be needed next year just to preserve the real value of the precept. A financial report was produced for the third quarter, which showed the remaining balances for the current financial year. Progress in relation to the Finance Action Plan was noted, and the plan will be updated for the committee's next meeting.

The committee approved several 'expressions of interest' in relation to road safety projects to be funded in 2022-23. These will now be submitted to Cornwall Council for further consideration. If approved, additional funding would become available for these projects.



Also, it was agreed the parish council should apply to rejoin the 'Local Management Partnership' with Cornwall Council, whereby funds are provided to local parishes to assist them if they take on a greater role in maintaining their byways, bridleways and footpaths.

Parishioners may have noticed that **new play equipment** for older children was installed on the playing field during the month. The council would like to thank Cllr Voyce and the other members of the friends of the playing field for the work that they put into getting it.

The council will be holding its **Annual Parish Meeting** on Wednesday 27 April at 7:00pm in the village hall. Any person on the electoral register of the parish is entitled to attend and speak at a parish meeting. For this meeting, councillors rank the same as other members of the electorate (with the exception of the chairman). An agenda will be published ahead of the meeting, but items can be added up to and even during the meeting. The parish council will be using the Annual Parish Meeting to report on its work during the preceding year and will be outlining its priorities for the future. In addition, local electors are welcome to raise any matter pertinent to the parish. If you would like to raise an item, it would be helpful to give the clerk advance notice, please, so that time can be allocated accordingly. As usual, please look out for details of council meetings which will be published on the website and 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.

**Colin Bridges**  
**Chairman**

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**Annual Parish Meeting**  
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## ANNA PENTECOST WRITES

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To misquote Mark Twain, rumours of my retirement have been grossly exaggerated!

I was never retiring as I am still Clerk for Mylor Parish Council and have no plans for that to change. The article caused some consternation with my Mylor councillors who read the **Perran News** and were dismayed to receive what they thought was true information but which they had not been informed about.



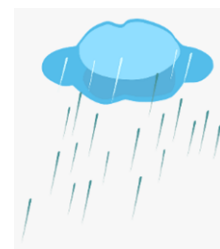
In addition, I have now agreed to stay on as Clerk to Perranarworthal Parish Council but will be reducing my hours and the Council will be taking someone else on to assist me with the aim of ultimately taking over when I do decide to leave. The Chairman was correct in as much as I would like to do some writing, but I am sure that I can find room for that as well as my other obligations. In fact working for the parish councils can count as research as I would like to write a series of books based around local councils and various mishaps that happen, including murder!

**Anna**

## PERRANWELL STATION - WEATHER REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2022

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Average daily maximum temperature:	11.7C
Maximum temperature for the month:	14.3C on 18th
Average daily minimum temperature:	6.5C
Minimum temperature for the month:	-0.4C on 11th
Rainfall:	4.59inches
Sunshine:	58 hours
Wind direction:	Westerly quarter



### A mostly mild month

February was mild for the time of year. It was noticeably windier than recent months, due in no small part to the passage of three storms during the period 14th to 21st, namely Dudley, Eunice and Franklin.

Temperatures generally were some 2C above the long-term average, the mercury reaching at least 12C on no fewer than 13 days in the month. Nationally, it was the 7th mildest February in the series from 1884.

Rainfall was quite evenly spread over the month, and slightly above average, while sunshine hours were below average, as reflected in western areas generally.

### Where in the world to visit..... in April

New Orleans

Average daily sunshine: 8 hours  
Average monthly rainfall: 4.5 inches  
Average maximum temperature: 25C

**Mike Hands**

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## PERRAN CARPET BOWLS

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Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, After missing a whole season of bowls we opened our doors once again on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021. Our seasons are short, and we finish at the end of March. This is to accommodate outdoor bowlers that play throughout the summer.

Resuming on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

We are in the process of arranging a few open afternoons during the summer for people to "come and have a go". Watch this space.



**Services at St Piran's Church**  
**Perranarworthal for April 2022.**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 10.00 am - Service of the Word.  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 8.30 am – BCP Communion.  
10.00 am – Communion.  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 7.00 pm - Maundy Thursday Supper.  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 9.15 am - Good Friday walk from outside  
The Royal Oak, followed by  
service in church at 10.00 am.  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 4.30 am, Easter Vigil and Service of Light.  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 9.30 am Easter Day Communion.  
(Please note earlier start time)  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 8.30 am BCP Communion.  
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The church is normally open for private prayer between  
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## POT-HOLE BEWARE

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Many local drivers will have found that a nasty pot-hole, several inches deep, has developed on Greenwith Road between the turning for Silver Hill and the over-rail bridge, on a narrow part of the road, which I found out the hard way!

Obviously, this has been reported to the Council as within days two Temporary Road Surface notices have been put up, one the far side of the over-rail bridge, the other some 2-300 yards from said pot-hole going westward on Greenwith Road, quite a way from the actual hole. No such warning has however been erected for those turning from Silver Hill, which is just a few yards from said 'pot-hole' - as I had found out.

What a pity the 'person', sent to put up the notices, could not instead have picked up a shovel and collected a small bag of cold asphalt from a local Builder's Merchant costing less than £25.00 to do filling in the job instead of having to use a small truck to take the notices, plus ladder and 'men-at-work' notices. The latter process being repeated in reverse after the repair has been completed. What false economy the Council is obliged to do by law!

Knowing how long it took to repair the 54 pot-holes on Silver Hill (well over three years) we could be in for a long wait before we have a pot-hole free road again!! I wonder if my letter to **Perran News** will work wonders again? I do hope so.

**PatFW**

***Perhaps we should give Rod Stewart and his DIY mates a call, Pat. They got the job done in Essex, but I think that got a photograph in all the national papers. Essex council sent someone round within a week, I believe. Not sure Perran News is quite as influential. MBG***

## OPERATION SNAP

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The previous issue of **Perran News** reminded me that traffic in and around the parish remains an issue of concern.

Operation Snap is a service provided by Devon & Cornwall Police which allows any road user to submit video evidence of driver behaviour if they believe a driving offence may have been committed.

As a cyclist I use a helmet mounted camera to record all my on or off road journeys, but only save those of particular interest.

Since December I've submitted 5 videos, and all have resulted in notices of intended prosecution.

The incidents mostly consist of dangerously close, overtaking, or overtaking on blind right-hand bends.

The worst offender so far was a van trying to get between me and the central bollards on the A39 by Cove Hill.

Any video must of course show the registration number of the offending vehicle, and this may only be one or two frames but that's all it takes, and if you're not sure if that's a zero or O you could always use the vehicle check at DVLA for any registration number.

So, whether you're a horse rider, cyclist, motorcyclist, or car driver, if you have a video camera, make use of it and help to report and reduce incidents of bad driving.

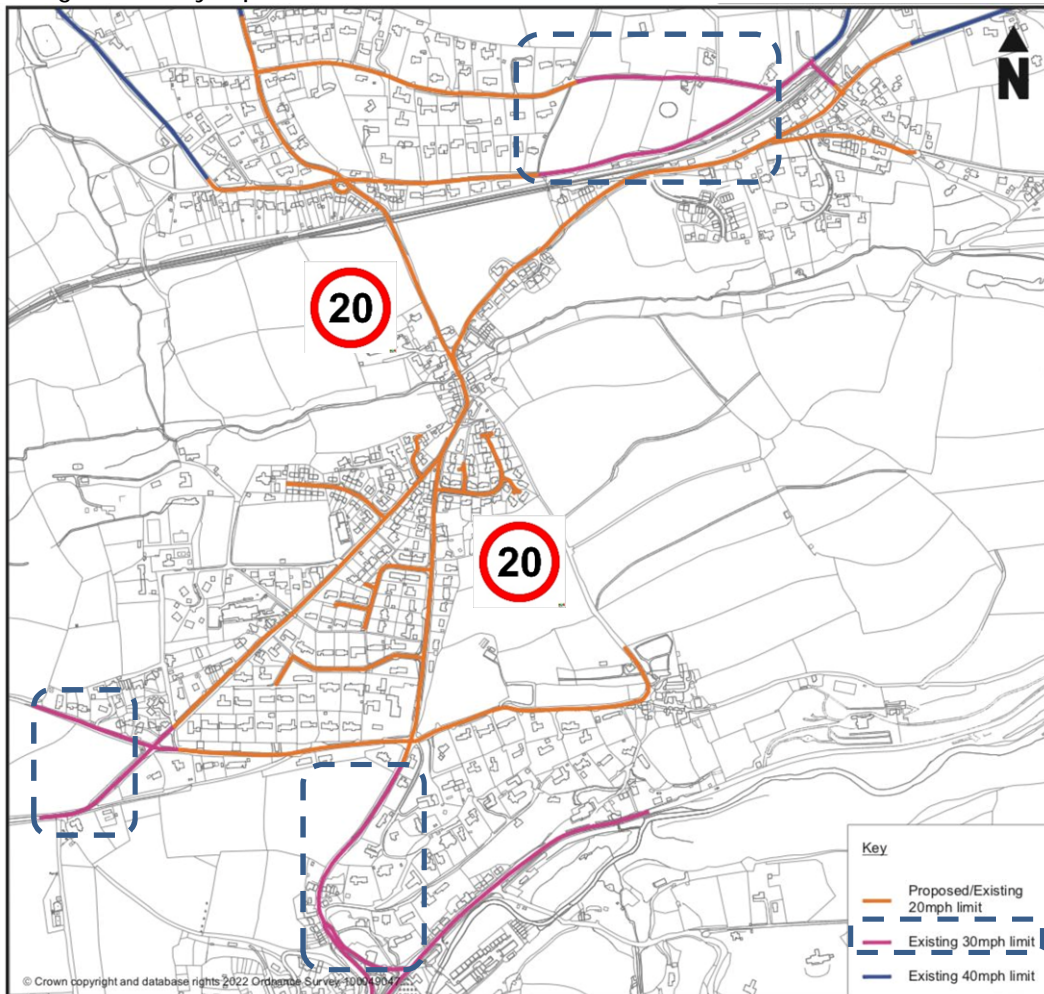
To see some examples of appalling driving, search YouTube for Devon and Cornwall Operation Snap.

Operation Snap can be found at [www.dc.police.uk/opsnap](http://www.dc.police.uk/opsnap)

**Mike Cowley**

## NEW SPEED LIMITS PLAN – Twenty is plenty

There was a well-attended meeting at the Village Centre on Wed 16<sup>th</sup> March to review the plans to make most of the village a twenty mph zone.



There is only a short period of consultation before the scheme is adopted. It appears the county council are reluctant to allow a decent amount of time for public consultation. Most parish councillors were present. Our county councillor, who has an interest in traffic speed matters, did not attend the meeting.

The proposal is that all the village centre will be a 20 mph limit with the exception of the areas shaded in the dotted rectangles. A good idea, which will no doubt reduce the hazards for pedestrians and cyclists on the village roads.

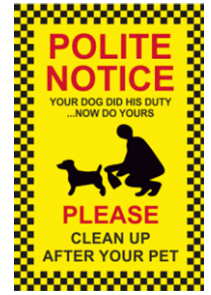
Absurdly, Cove Hill, the eastern parts of Greenwith Road and Silver Hill are excluded from the scheme because “the guidelines” say that roads with open land beside them are not eligible for reduced speed limits in 20mph schemes. These excluded parts of the village would greatly benefit from the scheme, and the limits of the 20mph restriction would be uncomplicated and simple to understand if they too were included. Unfortunately, the opportunity to give your views will have passed by the time you read this.

Since the meeting I have driven at the proposed 20 mph limit to see what it would be like. It was not at all irksome and in many parts of the village common sense currently means most motorists will only be doing around 20mph anyway.

## DOG MESS AGAIN

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A reader who is a regular user of the cycle path in the Bissoe Valley, much loved and used by walkers, runners, cyclists, dog owners and horse riders, writes with passion about the spoiling of this favourite spot by lazy dog owners who don't pick up their dogs' mess:



"We live in Grenna Lane and the cycle path has been a life line for us throughout the pandemic. We are both vulnerable and unvaccinated for health reasons and so really need that path for exercise. But one thing spoils it: the abundance of dog litter (and huge piles of horse droppings, but that is less of a problem). So, we have been wondering whether someone could write a little article about the fantastic history of the path and just nudge the dogwalkers' conscience a little by asking them to pick up their dog litter and take it home. I suppose asking the council for a dog litter bin would be too much?"

What do you think?

We would be so grateful as it is really getting out of hand."

I believe there are bins at some points along the path but given the heavy usage by dog walkers these are often full. How often does the council empty them?

The other common sight along the Bissoe Valley Trail is plastic bags of dog mess parked beside the path. Perhaps dog owners do this with the intention of picking the bags up on their return from the walk, but given the numbers of these unnatural fetid ornaments there seems to be widespread collective amnesia amongst some dog owners. Unwrapped dog mess will at least eventually be washed away by the rain if it doesn't get stuck to the bottom of someone's shoe. Hanging from a branch or a gorse bush in a plastic bag it will not.



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## PERRANWELL CENTRE – SEEKING TRUSTEES

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I'm writing as the new Chairman of the Perranwell Centre following the elevation of the outgoing Chair, Colin Bridges, to the Parish Council.

Our existing group of trustees has recently been reduced either on health or age concerns. Our latest retirement, Ann Degenheart, has been a trustee for 30 years which is more than understandable. We will miss her contribution and experience.

This does mean that we are actively seeking new trustees to contribute to the running of the Centre which is at the heart of the Perranwell community. A Trustee needs no special abilities. The commitment is to attend a monthly meeting and work with others in a friendly manner. You might be a local resident, an existing user of the hall, recently retired, a new arrival to the area or simply a person with a sense of humour.

Trustees can be from any background, from any career and with any experiences. They are simply people who are saying 'this is who I am, can I help.' You help by simply being there in the room with other people, sharing ideas.

Trustees for any charity are always valued but for the Perranwell Centre as we are looking to the future re-development of the hall this is a really important moment to get on board. If you read this and have any thoughts that it might be you then please get in touch with myself and let's have a chat.

John Frankland Chairman Perranwell Centre

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### Highways

The Highways and Footpaths working group are focused on the successful roll-out of the Cornwall Council 20mph speed reduction initiative. During March the working group and Cornwall Council have held a consultation process, with plans for go-live this June – details available on Cornwall Council web site. Meanwhile we are expecting the Virtual Footpath in the centre of the village to be installed by the end of April and later this year the average speed cameras on the A39 as it passes through Perranarworthal. These projects are sponsored by Cllr Williams and supported by the Parish Council.

### Footpaths

On 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm we are holding our Annual Parish Meeting and at this event we hope to launch a Footpaths Group, to help monitor and improve the Footpaths in the Parish. If you are interested to join the group, please contact the Clerk and if possible, attend the meeting.

## **POTTERY AND WHICHCRAFT – ANONYMOUS READER(S) WRITE(S) AGAIN**

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Pot v. Kettle. (The Who and Which hunt continued).

Taking up the gauntlet thrown down by the Editor on page 7 of the March edition of the **Perran News**, the writer(s) of the mysterious "Anon" letter wonder whether he knew that he was throwing the whole correspondence straight into the April Fool whirlpool?!(He probably did!)



A result of that letter was the emergence of a string of names from the capacious NDPSC Kettle which the Pot was accused of tarnishing. For all to see in black and white. Just shows what a few pot-shots can do.

But the cause of all this, the phantom door-knocker with no name, is still out there, haunting the streets and lanes of Perranwell. So, until that ghost is peacefully exorcised and his/her/its problems are addressed, Anon(s) will remain Anon(s) - making this whole episode more appropriate for Halloween than April Fools Day!

But at the same time paling into insignificance in the shadows of the tragic events unfolding in Ukraine.

***Am I mistaken, but I thought the controversy was in the March issue? This is the April one (see front cover).***

***Having forensically examined the above letter, received again printed on paper in the red box in the shop, I compared it with the original anonymised letter. It would appear to be from the same author rather than a mischievous interloper. It is encouraging to see that the pot's or pots' sense of humour failure is not complete.***

***Whilst this incident is generating admirable interest, readers will I am sure be pleased to hear I am not proposing to run it until Halloween!***

***I cannot but concur with the sentiments of the last line of the letter, pot (s). MBG***

## **PETER WRITES**

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I just wanted to congratulate you for the editorship of **Perranwell News** and in particular page 7 in the March edition (An Unnamed Reader Writes). Without really knowing what the issue is, it looks like you've been scrupulously fair during a rather silly argument. Let's see how anon responds although its difficult to see how they can sensibly respond (my money is on this person or persons running away from the challenge – but I'm sure I'll be entertained if I'm wrong!).

**Peter H**

***Thank you also from Peter for your appreciation of the difficulties of editing controversial material.***

## UK PASSPORT RENEWAL – REGIONAL OPTION

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Having recently had to renew my passport I noticed a small unobtrusive tick box on one of the pages of the gov.uk website which enables applicants to apply for a “regional” replacement passport on-line. This is a pilot project instituted by the government to make holders feel more British, after a lot of bruising criticism about passport changes following Brexit. It is hoped, if successful this scheme, will partly appease the ire of the many Brits who are brassed-off at not being able to fast-track the airport immigration queue on holidays in EU countries, now they no longer have a burgundy passport. Could Regional UK Passports be one of the Brexit bonuses we have so often been promised?



The scheme is not widely advertised and requires completion of a long questionnaire to determine eligibility. These passports will only be available on renewals, so residency for ten years or more, or a place of birth in Cornwall is a prerequisite. This scheme will not be available for applicants who have not had a UK passport before.

The survey has several searching questions which may deter some applicants. There are also some questions on regional knowledge, although there is nothing to stop you cribbing these answers from the internet. Once the questionnaire is complete you are given a password to enter in the application form sequence. Once the password is entered £75.50 secures a shiny blue, new UK (Cornwall) Passport as shown on the front cover by Ms Patel, Home Secretary. As you will see from the photograph, she has a well colour-coordinated outfit to go with the Cornish flag. Was this happenstance, good fashion sense, or skilful spin doctoring?

The information collected will be used by the ONS (Office of National Statistics) to collect information about the sense of affinity established residents have for their region. Cornwall was chosen for the pilot because of its proud sense of a distinctive identity. There are similar pilots in Lancashire, with a red rose logo, and in Kent, with a white horse. A daffodil for Wales will be phase two to be trialled in October. As you will see from the photo on the front cover of the Home Secretary with the Cornish version, there is a small St Piran's flag in place of the existing little emblem that looked like an antibiotic capsule. I am sure I have seen the Home Secretary in a bright yellow dress on the news, so that will be ideal for the Welsh Daffodil in the autumn.

There was some discussion about having a pasty logo for Cornwall instead of St Piran's flag, but, given the small size of the logo, it was felt this would be unsuitable. It was decided a tiny pasty could not be easily identified and could be mistaken for a snail, unlike the St Piran flag.

It will be interesting to see if this catches on, and similar emblems are introduced for all parts of the UK. If you are applying for a regional passport and don't wish to complete the survey, which took me an hour and a half to fill in, or struggle with the questions it is possible to cheat.

The password you will be given is: sidecrimpKernow104.

## UKRAINIANS IN PERRANWELL

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I am sure all readers have been watching with horror the Russian invasion of Ukraine. You may also have been admiring the resistance and resilience of the country and its charismatic President Zelensky against the appalling Russian incursion.

Ukrainian workers have been helping the Pryor brothers with their farming for a number of years. Some stay a short period for busy months, and some are permanent workers, all living on or near Colwyn. It is a familiar part of village life seeing the visitors, and sometimes their wives and children, in the village shop and catching the bus or train into Truro or Falmouth.



Philip tells me there are two Ukrainian men still working for him as I write this. There have been eight men, most of whom have returned home to Ukraine at the end of January. Now they may be fighting and dying in the Russian onslaught. I am sure our thoughts and prayers are that they and their families will stay safe. It must be very hard for the people still in Perranwell, being so far from home with this war happening. The two men still here went with Philip to the Ukrainian memorial at Mylor which appeared on local TV recently. A poignant Cornish connection to far away Ukraine.

Mark and Julie are still in touch with a couple of families who have worked here in the past. Some years ago, they visited one of the two families, who live about 90 miles west of Kyiv. They are still in touch by telephone and have spoken since the war started. The family has gone to Poland leaving the man behind to resist the Russians. An older daughter is training to be a doctor in Canada. It is hard to imagine the distress of having the possibility of your home being destroyed and your family split up by an invasion. I expect we will all be affected by this shameful event, and complain, maybe even struggle a bit with the price rises and possible food shortages, which are sure to follow this world upheaval.

However, when things get difficult think of the Ukrainians, and just remember how lucky we are to live here in Perranwell, 1700 miles from Russian artillery shells killing families, neighbours, and destroying homes.

**MBG**

## PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

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The Perran-ar-worthal Local History Group are re-starting with a 'soft' opening on **Sunday afternoon 24<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm**. We will base ourselves in the West Room at the Perranwell Centre, but the idea is to launch Chris Burton's new book entitled 'PERRANWELL SELF-GUIDED WALK' over a coffee and a chat, with an update on our work, followed by a short walk based on Chris's new book for those who would like to join us. Your ideas for future events are most welcome.



As this is the first meeting for over 2 years it will be free and open to all. If things go to plan we hope to revert to our usual weekday evening meetings starting with an AGM and a speaker at the end of May. Both Chris's books will be on sale at this event for those who wish to buy them.

NEW BOOK: Perranwell self-guided walk at £5

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## A VICTOR MELDREW DAY IN TRURO

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Despite having an appointment for a filling repair with the dentist at 0910 the day started well. The 0835 train was on time, not too busy and it wasn't raining. Thanks, GWR. Perfect timing to arrive at the dentist in Lemon Street. I was even started five minutes early. A fairly minor job, with only limited pain and suffering, so out of the door by 0925 £75 the poorer with more composite in my Rt Lower six. All good.

Fifty minutes left to buy a fresh granary loaf from one of the bakeries in Truro. Would it be Warrens or Rowes? Either would be equally tasty.

First stop Warrens in Duke Street, looking at empty shelves,

"Have you got any bread?"

"No". Thinking it might be the delivery was delayed I headed to Victoria Square. Into another branch of Warrens.

"Have you got a granary loaf?"

"No sir we don't do bread."

"You are a baker, aren't you?"

"Yes sir, we haven't done bread for sometime."



Surely Rowes opposite would have some. As I crossed the road at the bus layby outside Argos a bus was slowing down, as I reasonably supposed, to stop. So, with what I thought was plenty of time and space I stepped across the road towards Rowes opposite. As I crossed, the bus driver decided he didn't need to stop after all, and accelerated from almost stationary, towards me then applied his brakes sharply.

He found time to wind his window down to remonstrate. "What sort of idiot are you who steps in front of a moving bus, mate." Sadly, I was lost for an immediate pithy reply, but fortunately unscathed. Perhaps he has not read the updated Highway Code. Does it not apply to bus drivers?

Next stop Rowes, looking round the shop full of pasties, sandwiches, fizzy drinks, brownies and gingerbread men, no bread to be seen. Perhaps its round the back or under the counter.

Sadly not. They don't do loaves of bread either in any of their Truro Shops. I hoped a baker might sell bread. Didn't want a gingerbread man or a pasty.

Final stop, a fancy artisan bakery on the way to the station.

"Have you got a granary loaf? "

"Not sure, sir. What about this."

"This" was a discoid smallish loaf, probably brown inside, with a covering of blackened sunflower seeds atop, price £3.60. Not what I needed thanks, particularly at that price.

Back to the station in time. GWR did the business again, my senior railcard return ticket charging me a pound less than the charred sunflower special.

Moral of story:

- If you want to buy an ordinary granary loaf in Truro, you won't get it at the main bakers. They don't do bread.
- Watch out for bus drivers who don't stop at bus stops.

**MBG**

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## WHERE HAS TIME GONE....?

It has now been just over six months since I was licensed as Priest in Charge of the Waterside Churches (as they were then) I cannot believe where that time has gone....

I feel that now is a good time to have a look at what has been happening in the churches, your churches in the last six months. I use the word 'your' deliberately here. They are your churches, serving your community.

The churches in Feock, along with Devoran and Perranarworthal have been a part of the lives of their communities for hundreds of years. We still continue to do so and we would like to build upon our presence in each of these communities.

The Waterside Churches became the Waterside Benefice in October of last year.

The church of St Feock, along with St John and St Petroc and St Piran made the decision to join together and still maintain their own identities and PCC's.

This conscious decision by the churches joined them together to support one another, to share resources, to worship together, to mission together, to pray for one another, to serve their communities, to build the kingdom of God and to build relationships with each other.

My role, amongst others, is to draw the three churches together, to encourage them to build a benefice which serves the communities of Feock, Devoran, Carnon Downs and Perranarworthal, ensuring that we are both fruitful and sustainable for many years to come.

The three churches each have an equal role to play in the benefice, working and supporting one another.

Much has happened in the six months since I joined you and I wanted to take this opportunity to give you an overview of what is happening in your churches and community. I am aware that much of the work that is going on is 'background' work that may not be obvious to everyone but, led by the Spirit, is building a fruitful and sustainable benefice for future years.

We now have a JCC (Joint Church Council) made up of two volunteers from each church, along with a Church Warden from each, which is chaired by me. The JCC members have the overall responsibility for mission and outreach and this will be their focus when we meet.

Our Churchwardens also now meet with me every three months and this gives us an opportunity to pray together and to discuss their work. Churchwardens play a vital role in the life of the church and much of their hard work goes unseen.

The benefice also has a new Ministry Team, which meets every three months. The Ministry Team is made up of our PTO (Permission to Officiate), The Revd Canon Martin Boxall. Our LLM's; Jane Darlington and David Watson and our lay worship leaders Anne Ramsden, Jenny Kemp and Nina Davey. We are also joined by Revd Jeff James, who supports us and leads some of our Holy Communion Services. My husband Chris has recently started to lead services of worship, as he has done in the past and joins us on the team.

We also have a new Pastoral Care Team which is looking after the pastoral needs of our communities: making pastoral phone calls, visiting, following up on baptisms and funerals with support for families. The team has been put together to work towards inclusivity and to reflect the love of Christ to all of our community members.

We hold a quarterly 'Just As I Am' service which is aimed at those who find getting to regular church services difficult. It is a short, dementia friendly service followed by refreshments at The Linden Hey Tea Garden.

Anne Ramsden, our LLM Jane and Chris Ryall are very keen to start a Youth Church and will be working to build upon our work with young families. We will be meeting in the next week or so to see how we can move forward with this plan.

St John and St Petroc Church in Devoran hold a Worship For All service on the first Sunday of the month. The W4All team plan and lead this service for families. We are very keen to engage with our young families and young people.

Amongst the activities that we have hosted have been an outdoor Crib Service in Devoran churchyard in December, which was attended by many families. We walked around the churchyard hunting for the characters from the Nativity Story, singing Carols by candle and torch light. There was a wonderful atmosphere and we even heard the angels singing!

At Christmas we held a 'sheep trail' in Devoran as well as a Christmas Craft event, both were enjoyed by all who took part.

Chris Ryall is organising an Easter Trail in Perranwell in Holy Week, do keep an eye open for more details. There is also an Easter Craft Event in St Piran's Church Hall on 16th April at 2.30, all welcome.

My husband Chris and I have hosted two Men's Breakfast events in The Perranwell Centre. I cook a full English Breakfast with toast, tea and coffee. Newspapers are available to browse and there is always plenty of chat and laughter. There is no charge for this event and our next one will be on 30th April at 9am. Do contact me if you would like to book a place.

Today brought the Pancake Party! One of our young people brought along her chocolate fountain and opened our event for us. Many pancakes were eaten, personalised from the toppings bar. The children flipped pancakes and our Lent Challenge was launched.

These are a few of the activities that we have hosted in recent months. None of which would be possible without our fabulous team of volunteers. They give of their time and energy freely and I couldn't do without them. There is so much work that goes on 'behind the scenes' to make these events in our churches and halls a success. I am indebted to them all. We are always looking for more volunteers and if you have some time that you would like to give and would like to join these friendly, welcoming teams do let me know, it would be very much appreciated.

Since the Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted 'Coffee Stop' has been re-started in both Devoran (parish centre and Perranwell hall). These coffee mornings, run by volunteers are open for all to come along, to enjoy a coffee and to have a chat (donations for coffee and biscuits).

On Saturday 12th March Nina and Martin Davey launch 'Just coffee and cake' at their tea garden, Linden Hey, in Penelewey, raising funds for St Feock Church.

Paul Stuart runs our comprehensive website [www.thewatersidechurches.com](http://www.thewatersidechurches.com) which advertises all of our events and services and has a contact form if you would like to get in touch. Please do go and have a look and find out what is coming up.

We have a presence on social media site FaceBook for the Waterside Benefice which is hosted by our LLM Jane, another good way of finding out what is going on. I also host a Twitter feed, just search for Revd Karen Wilson.

I write an article in the St Feock Parish Magazine once every two months and write 'Karen's Corner' for our website each week.

Ecumenically, I coordinate the Churches Together Up The Creek team. This volunteer group are drawn from the Anglican, Methodist and Quaker churches in the area.

I am organising a Good Friday 'Walk of Witness' and our Lent Talks for this year as well an outdoor service to be held in the summer. Other events are planned for later in the year.

I have met with the Methodist circuit ministers to talk about ways that we can work together and support each other. Community breakfasts have taken place with superb speakers. Again, do look at our website for details.

Bex and Keith from the HAIRE project and I meet to discuss ways in which we can support each other and to offer help and support to our local communities.

More is planned and this quick overview is a snapshot of what has been going on in your churches and communities. This all aside from our regular services of worship, our Christenings, Weddings, Memorial Services, Funerals and special services.

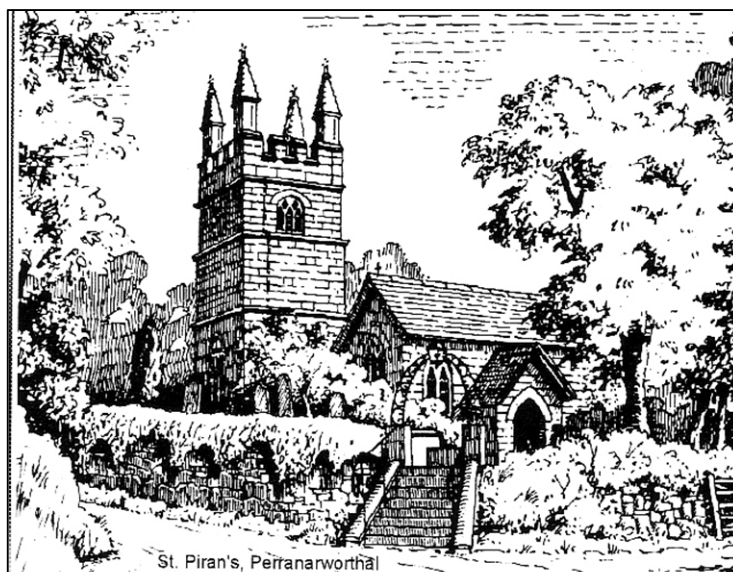
Your churches, your Vicar and our volunteers are here for you; to support you spiritually, emotionally and with practical help; to serve you. Jesus commissioned us to love each other and that is our prime mission.

Since I have been here I have been witness to our churches inclusivity, their friendliness, their welcoming nature, dedication, their faith and their love for their communities. Often there is much laughter too.

Please do go to our website for more details and to read further about our mission and events. Do get in touch if you would like to find out more.

Every Blessing

**Revd Karen**



Discover characters in the Easter story and get some chocolate eggs

# Easter Trail

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Collect a map from the shop - available from Thursday (14th April) to Easter Saturday so plenty of time to complete trail.

Get the names of characters from the clues in the places shown on the map.

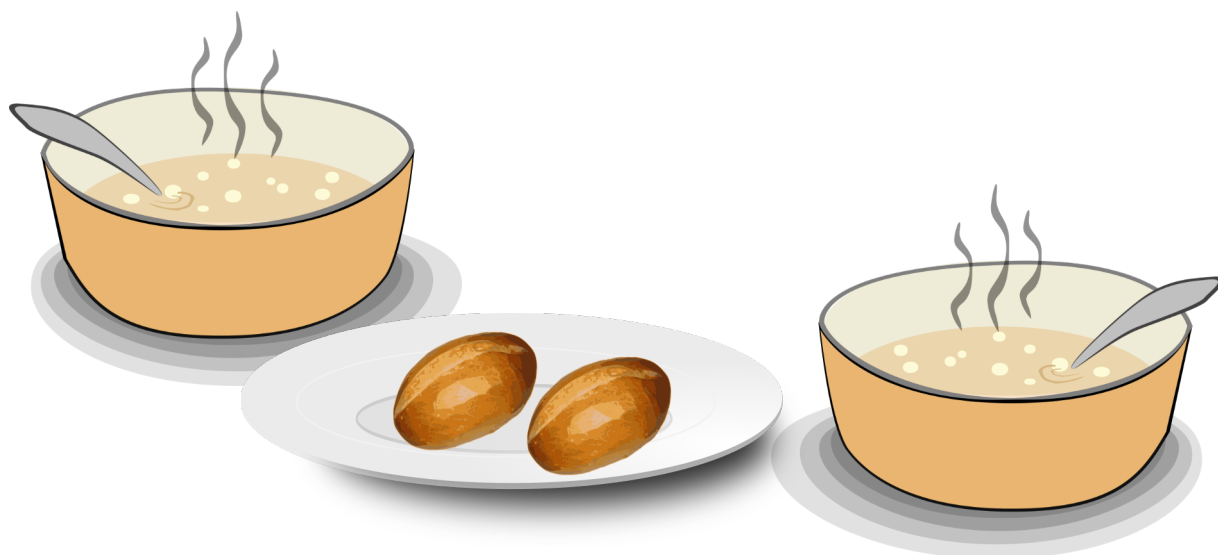
Bring the completed form to the St Piran's Church Hall at 2.30pm  
Easter Saturday (16th April).  
Swap correct answers for chocolate eggs.

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Thank you.

## NEWS FROM THE TOLL HOUSE POTTERY PERRANWELL STATION

It's April at last and winter is behind us. At the pottery, we have not been hibernating! In fact we have rarely been so busy following our meeting with Jude Kareamer at his restaurants Kota and Kota Kai in Porthleven.

Jude wants his beautiful food to look its most appetising and this is where we come in. We work to his brief, creating the shapes and colours he knows will enhance his dishes: from tiny bowls to deep plates.

Colours? No problem. This sounds as though the glaze materials for Jude's requirements can be taken from a ceramics supplier's shelves, but this is never the case at the Toll House Pottery. We have spent the winter creating and testing our own glazes to harmonise with Kota's inspiring interior: warm russet shades and colours resembling the sea on sunny days. Jude has approved our work with real enthusiasm. Our bowls and dishes have been in use since his winter break and more orders have followed.




All winter the lights could be seen on in the pottery from early morning until the evening. It has been a thrilling few months - and the work continues.

Only the Pottery Dogs have been a little disappointed this winter at not being included in our visits to Kota. *No Dogs Allowed in Restaurants.* Sorry, Budleigh and Oakley.

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# PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

**PERRANWELL  
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Chris Burton

The Local History Group would like to announce the publishing of a new book by Chris Burton entitled PERRANWELL SELF-GUIDED WALK. 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 Chyvogue.



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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The Group are making plans to re-start meetings again in the Spring.

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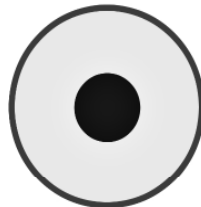
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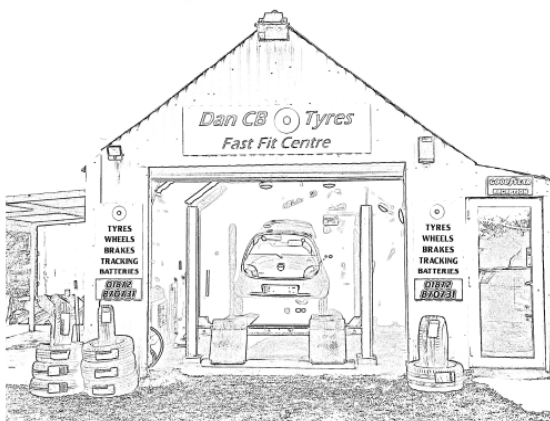


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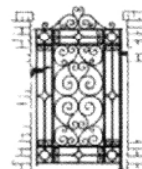


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