



Perran-ar-worthal

Local History Group

Time Walk around Perranwell

Please take care for your safety at all times and beware of traffic (and trains when crossing the railway). The notes in italics are from a walk taken in 1986. Intended STOPs are shown by a star on the map

site	directions	Historical information	Comments from 1986 walk	Now ...2019?
1	Turn right up School Hill	Village Hall orig: 1953 present:1971 School built in 1878 on the site of the parish poor house	<i>School</i>	
2	Stop at school Take footpath opposite school	Almost Opposite the school was the Perran Downs old tin mine mentioned in 1691	<i>West Park bungalows only relatively recently was fields for cattle</i>	Larger estate here
3	Left down West Park and left on St Piran's Hill	Medlar Cottage: Fred Davey botanist lived here. Published Flora of Cornwall in 1907	<i>Jesmond Once one of 8 shops*</i>	
4	Right along footpath then left onto Church Lane	St Piran's Hill	<i>Footpath to church was a main village route</i>	
5	Stop at shop Turn right at shop over bridge and continue up Station Road to Chapel.	Shop is early 19 th century Royal Oak originally called The Crown. On Trafalgar Way (see plaque) Set back on the right is Jessamine , a cob walled cottage 17 th century Bridge is 19 th century. Originally had a ford on the left hand side. Leat on the right hand side of the bridge diverted water to the Basset Iron works. Blacksmith was Jimmy Tiddy and son. Prince Regent aka the Plume of Feathers and the Prince of Wales coaching Inn 1704. Closed down 1860s Garage: during the preparation for D day US soldiers camped behind the carpenter's shop. In 1950 it became Thurlow's garage	<i>Post Office new location. Have been several around the village: near station and Wood's End Last house on left before bridge was Blacksmith's shop Prince Regent was a pub Chytroon on the left was an egg packing station Garage was a Carpenters Wheelwrights and undertakers</i>	Leat disused
6	Stop at Chapel Enter Millennium path	Chapel was finished in 1879 and replaced the smaller Wesleyan chapel The Institute was built by John Jose of Mellingey in 1887 as a reading room and library. It became a recreation room and then was the premises of a butcher and a dentist.	<i>Butcher's shop in what was the Village institute. The room upstairs was used by the Perranwell Silver Band.</i>	Chapel closed in 1998 now nursery. Institute now Residential. New housing Millennium footpath
7	Take footpath to the left across the road and then cross railway line TAKE CARE	LOOK and LISTEN FOR TRAINS	<i>Steppings Lane Area to right was extensive yard of pig and cattle pens.</i>	
8	Cross Greenwith Road and take footpath opposite		<i>Field to the right has 2 old mineshafts :silver /lead.</i>	
9	Turn right along Silver Hill	At back of Silverdale Park estate is the adit to a silver mine		Silverdale Park
10	Left onto Greenwith Road to junctions with Grenna lane	Bronze age barrow 2000-1500BCE cut through by the railway	<i>By the gate at the end of Grenna Lane was the barber's shop in a wooden hut ;Shankers Pengelly</i>	
11	Left over railway bridge	Railway came to Perranwell 24 th Aug 1863 as broad gauge single track		

		In 1889 became Great Western Railway & converted to standard gauge in 1892		
12	Straight across to Mellingey cottages	Mellingey Mellingey farm listed in 1691 but Mellingey house was mid 19 th century with a John Jose as owner	<i>Mellingey cottages... possibly stables for Mellingey midsummer's day parade through the village followed by a tea treat in the grounds Mellingey before it burnt down in 1940 and Keeble Park built on the site</i>	
13	Follow Tarrandean lane back towards the station	The Toll House was set up by the trustees of the Truro Falmouth toll road in about 1754 later became a shop selling sweets and cigarettes Bay tree Lodge Old Post Office	Station was a major centre for transporting livestock, flowers and early vegetables. Staff of 8, signal box and sidings in the areas now occupied by the builder's yard 2 tracks and 2 platforms Bay Tree Lodge was the lodge for Mellingey House.	Hugh West pottery
14	Millennium footpath	Early site of village in a bowl along a spring line where routes converge to cross Trewedna Water.	A water pipe supplied a public tap near the bridge. There was a water shute between the Post office and the telephone box.	View of village New housing
15	Pub	Pub (see earlier notes) Water meadows	Junction of St Piran's Hill and School Hill ...old cottages around a cobbled yard incl: Wheelwright's & Wood's End (old post office) ; A Bible Christian Chapel on the site of the flats behind which the Brewery Fields were used to keep the dray horses	

