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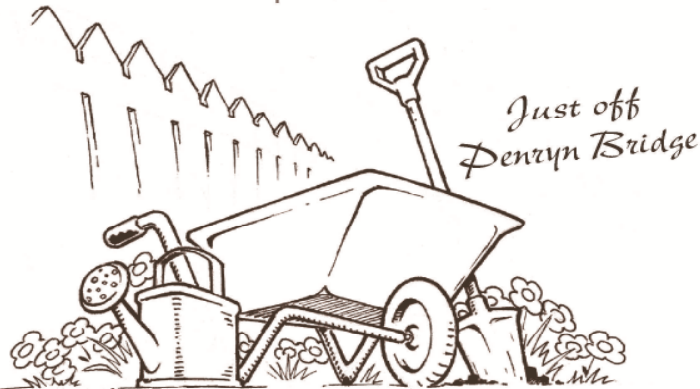
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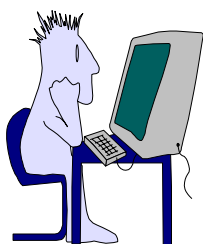


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# EDITORIAL

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Alan and Ann Ireland have sold the garage and are at last able to enjoy their richly deserved retirement. Congratulations both and best wishes to their successors who plan to continue the business much as it is, retaining the present staff. Alan and Ann have made a huge contribution to village life during their time at the garage looking after many resident's cars as well as becoming a prestigious Morgan Dealership which attracts customers from all over the UK and Europe. The photos on the front cover show Ann and Alan, and the garage, before and after their arrival. I am sure I can speak for many readers in saying they will be much missed.

Also on the front cover is a photo of the junior cricketers bursting with exuberance, with their redoubtable coach Ashley Bridges. Looks like they can't wait for the cricket season to start. Good luck to them, I feel sure there is a future England Captain, or two, amongst them. Great stuff, coach and players. ( See article in this issue)

Some readers letters have been sent in response to the correspondence in the March issue. A number of other readers have told me they are enjoying the "edge" in recent issues. Thank you to those who have taken the trouble to write in this month. Keep it up.

Rob and Clare Holmes conclude their splendid series of articles researching the names from World War One on the village memorial. They tell me they will be doing some further research so despite completing the list of names there is more to look forward to. Thank you both.

I would commend all readers to read Ian Halford's perceptive article " *A Plea*." on the benefits of living in our village and his observations on the importance of harmony and cooperation in a small community like ours.

Finally news of an interesting new modern business that is coming to the village, discounts offered to *Perran News* readers.

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**Mark Gripper**

## PARISH COUNCIL

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The Parish Council met on February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017. It was attended by Councillor Peter Williams (Cornwall Council) and 14 members of the public.



During the time for public participation, it was mentioned that Truro City Council had very kindly donated bedding and other plants for use by the Friends of Perranwell Station. There were sufficient plants for use in other parts of the parish. Thanks were given to the Council for this kind gesture.

The Parish Council are meeting with Highways to see if the various issues through the parish can be remedied, especially with regard to footpath maintenance. They are looking to see what measures could be taken to reduce the risk of flooding and also to lobby for a better drain clearance scheme.

There should shortly be an additional bus shelter down on the A39, this will cost the parish nothing as it is paid for through advertising.

The Parish Council gave a grant of £600 to the Perranarworthal Parochial Church Council, this will

be used towards maintenance of the cemetery. Altogether the Parish Council has given £3000 in grants to local organisations this year. A new round of funding starts from 1<sup>st</sup> April, so if your not for profit organisation would like to apply, please contact the Parish Clerk for details.

Another reminder that there are local elections in May. The deadline for applying is the 4<sup>th</sup> April, so by the time you read this it may be too late to stand as a parish councillor. However voting takes place on the 4<sup>th</sup> May, so you still have time to play a part in who forms the next unitary and parish councils.

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

The next parish council meeting is on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>.April at 7.30pm, with public participation between 7.15 and 7.30pm.

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## A PLEA

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I have owned my house in the village for the past 26 years. When I retired, my wife and I considered moving away to be closer to family, but we soon realised that Perranwell has so much more to offer than anywhere else and we decided that this is where we wished to live. We have never regretted our decision.



The village has so many amenities – a shop, a pub, the school, the church, a village hall, reasonable transport links for non drivers, and two sports clubs with playing fields. Few other villages can boast such facilities. There is a thriving WI and now a thriving community choir. In addition, it is the hub of the local U3A, that has nearly 1000 members in the Truro area.

No successful community can function without its many volunteers, who willingly give of their time and effort and work for the good of the village. The magazine that you are reading has been produced by volunteers for the past 32 years. I am also thinking of the Governors at the School, the members of St. Piran's PCC and those who help maintain the churchyard each week, the members of the Parish Council and Playing Field committees, those who help run the weekly Coffee Stop, now in its 8<sup>th</sup> year, the Speed Watch volunteers, the people trying to find a happy solution for the gift left to the village by Ruth Collins, and the members of the Village Hall committee, helping to maintain this valuable and much used facility that attracts people from all over the area. I am sure that I have probably forgotten other groups too and apologise to them, if I have.

In addition, we are about to have the 3<sup>rd</sup> Big Village event, bringing together residents of all ages in community activities.

All of the organisations mentioned are run by volunteers, and the village would be poorer without their efforts, participation and enthusiasm.

There have been a number of changes in Perranwell, since we came here 26 years ago. The shop and the pub have new owners, the school has expanded and will probably expand further, as it is so popular, and the Millennium footpath has proved to be invaluable.

In Millennium year, the village was enhanced by the planting of daffodils at all its entrances, there have been several new housing developments around the village, a number of young families with children have moved into my road in recent years, giving a different demographic mix. Great efforts have been made by the Parish Council to overcome the risk of flooding in the village, and the Friends of Perranwell Station have worked hard to enhance the whole area around and on the station. Again, I apologise if I have left out other changes.

There will be further changes in the next 26 years, although I shall not be here to see them. The school is very likely to expand, bringing further traffic problems, the number of cars **will** increase everywhere, new houses **will** need to be built and people **will** live longer, with all the implications of these situations.

We must be realistic. What has upset and saddened me in recent months is the way that bitterness and bad feeling have seeped into any discussion about where we are going in the village. Things have been said that should not have been said, anger, entrenched views and a refusal to acknowledge that other people might have valid arguments have prevailed. Shouting more loudly than others does not help. This must stop.

We all need, urgently, to adopt a positive and co-operative attitude, to face the challenges ahead and have a clear vision for the future. We must work hard to achieve a consensus of opinions and face the concerns of all the groups in the village to help improve and develop our facilities. We now need calm, logical discussion. There is so much that is good in this village. We must not spoil things.

***Ian Halford***

## PERRANWELL GARAGE

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Alan and Ann Ireland moved to Perranwell Station in 1980. They both had good jobs working locally, but Alan had a dream of one day being able to own and run his own garage.

Each time Alan drove past the old garage in the village he would often reflect on its potential and what a great location it would make for a Morgan dealership. At that time there were only a few Morgan Cars in Cornwall. Alan started a dialogue with the owners (Mr and Mrs Piper) in 1983 and they eventually agreed to sell the garage to Alan and Ann in the following year. When they took the Garage over in 1984 it was essentially an old barn building with garage facade at the front and a long nissen hut attached to the rear. At the time the Garage had very little business.

After building up the business they set about a major rebuilding programme in 1989 which involved creating a new purpose built workshop and showroom which holds six cars. Once completed the first car to go in the showroom was their coffee and cream 4 seater Morgan which was bought in 1986.

From this point on they set about building up the Morgan side of the business and were appointed a Factory Service Agent in 1996. Main dealer status followed in December 1998.

In addition to the working on Morgans and modern cars they have also built up over the past 20 years an excellent reputation for maintaining and repairing historic and classic cars.

There has been a wide diversity in the cars and vehicles that the garage has worked on in the past 33 years. The oldest car was a 1904 Dedion Bouton, the longest a 1956 Lincoln Continental, the narrowest a 1967 Fiat 500, the highest mileage a BMW 5 series with 520,000 miles on the clock, the most powerful a V12 Bentley and the noisiest a 1967 Fastback Mustang 302.

So 33 years after buying the Garage Alan and Ann are taking a well earned rest and retiring. In that time they have sold over 800 cars and had over 1,500 different customers.

They would like to say a big thank you to all their customers, especially those in the parish, some of whom have been loyal customers for over 30 years.

The new owners of Perranwell Garage are Anthony and Louise Scrivener who take over from the beginning of April. The existing team of technicians and administration / sales support will remain. You will also see Alan around occasionally as he will be helping out the new owners. If you would like to pop in and meet Anthony and Louise they will be delighted to see you.

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## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION NEWS

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Welcome Everyone and hopefully thank you for reading the RBL articles. I must say that it will be in a slightly less political (small p) vein than some of the recent PN items, although I must say I have tried over the years to add a little contention to my missives, to stir response, unfortunately to no avail. May the freedom of opinion and speech be of paramount importance in our society, I believe it is one of the things our service personnel died for over the years. For those of you old enough, or studied history, there appears to be a great sense of “déjà vu” at present.

After my last item on the future of The Branch, I would like to thank those who responded in a positive way. I have had a volunteer for the post of treasurer, should we be told that electronic accounting is to be our only method and three members of the same family have joined us. We can always do with more support in any way, so please don't be afraid of coming forward. The membership fee is £21 a year (that's not many cups of coffee) and if you don't like “confrontation” you can join on line via the RBL website (<http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/membership/become-a-member/>), stating which Branch you wish to affiliate to. Thank you.



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Average daily minimum temperature:	5.0C
Minimum temperature for the month:	-1.5C on 11th
Rainfall:	4.20 inches
Sunshine:	64 hours
Wind direction:	South/South West/West quarter



Temperatures for February were generally a degree or so above the long-term average. The month started mild and unsettled, and then became colder and quieter. It was again mild from the 14th onwards, but remained mainly dry until the last few days of the month. However, monthly rainfall was 4.20 inches, slightly above average, while sunshine hours were below average at 64 hours.

April can bring some very pleasant spring weather to Cornwall, with the first real warmth of the sun. Occasionally, we can be lucky enough for the temperature in the shade to reach 20C; this has happened five times in the last 30 years - 1990, 1997, 1999, 2003 and 2011. But to forecast April's weather is almost impossible. This is well illustrated by the following Q & A from the TripAdvisor website (Cornwall forum):

Q: "I am heading out your way in April and wanted to know what to expect weather-wise so I know what to pack. Thanks for your help and can't wait to see your wonderful part of the world!"

A: "Truth is, it's a complete guess. April can be quite showery, Cornwall can also be quite a bit warmer than the rest of the country. Temperatures can vary between 6C-18C and it is also possible it can snow (!). Unlikely, but possible. The best thing to do is bring layers and be prepared for all types of weather."

**Mike Hands**

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## PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL PRE SCHOOL - TUMBLE AT THE JUMBLE

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The Pre School hosted a jumble sale this month to raise funds to replace the garden fence. Held at the village hall, there were many tables of toys, bric-a-brac, clothing, as well as a tea room serving homemade cakes and bacon rolls.



Many thanks to all of those who donated items, and attended the event. Any unsold items of clothing were included in the blue bags collection, the proceeds of which will also be added to the fundraising collection.

The children are looking forward to taking part in an Easter Fayre at the end of term, at which we hope to raise enough money to complete the fence replacement project.

We will update you next month!

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## KERNOW FLIGHT COMMERCIAL DRONE SERVICES AND TRAINING

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As many readers will have noticed drones are being increasingly used for survey and photographic work. Several local estate agents feature drone photos of properties for sale and many tourist site brochures now feature aerial views photographed from drones. Drones are increasingly used in the building trade for inspection of roofs and chimneys, even for simple things such as leaf blockage of gutters. They are also invaluable in the farming world. There is a massive expansion in the number of uses for these versatile unmanned aircraft.



Perranwell has been selected by a newly formed company, Kernow Flight, as an ideal location for a drone flight training facility. The good view over the village from the Greenwith / Silver Hill area offers ideal line of sight control, and an ability to easily observe the drone flights through binoculars over all parts of the village bowl. This makes it ideal for training.

The CAA ( Civil Aviation Authority) has introduced new rules to regulate drone flying and there has been particular concern about adequate flight training. **Perran News** is assured that the flying training activities over the village will meet these regulations and that noise pollution will not be intrusive, similar to the distant buzzing of bees on a summer day.

Kernow Flight will also be pioneering an additional feature in Google Earth along the lines of Street View from the air. They also hope to win a lucrative contract from the CCC Highways department for a pilot project monitoring traffic on the A39, and over Falmouth. They will have outreach vans based at the Perranwell site for these projects. It may well be that they can employ hovering drones to take over the Community Speedwatch in the village.

Another possible option is for internet video streaming of cricket and football matches from a stationary overhead drone, and both village clubs have already received preliminary approaches for this.

**Perran News** is hoping to acquire some interesting photos of the village for future front pages. Who knows, your house and garden could be on a future cover of our village magazine? It is also proposed that any local residents who wish to learn to fly a drone will be eligible for 15% discount in training fees on presentation of your copy of **Perran News**.

This is a very exciting project and hopefully some early pictures maybe available for the Big Village 2017 exhibition.

A small word of warning, if you have a private garden and a penchant for sunbathing with your kit off, it might be worth having a blanket handy if you hear the sound of distant bees. It might also be a good idea to draw your bedroom curtains if you don't want to appear on You Tube during the tea interval.

Interesting times.

## PERRANARWORTHAL MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL - AN APOLOGY

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The management committee wishes to apologise to residents in the village for the disturbances that occurred on the evening of Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March. The village hall had been hired for a private party. Unfortunately the people using the hall allowed the event to get out of control without respect for local residents.

As a result of this incident, the committee has met and introduced additional conditions for people wishing to hire the hall for private social events.

We anticipate that these conditions should prevent a re-occurrence of this situation.

## REMEMBERING THE FALLEN

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The last of the Perranwell boys listed on the war memorial is 72914 Private William Baynard Williams. Son of Mr. John Michael and Mrs Harriet J Williams, of Leskinnick Green, Perranwell, William, born in 1897, he had an interesting life – more of that to follow.

The father, John, was a farmer who was born in Gwennap 1861. Mother, Harriet, was born Feock in 1862. We haven't been able to identify where Leskinnick Green is but one of the census records shows the family listed as Greenwith Common. We believe his farm may well have been off Greenwith Hill. William had an older sister, Florence Anne, who was born in 1896. In 1902, Harriet unfortunately died and John remarried in 1903 to Mabel Johns. Mabel is shown as being 27 in the 1911 census.

No further children are listed but both William and Florence attended Perranwell School. William's admission number was 932 and he entered school on 22 July 1902. In December 1910 he leaves school and is listed as 'gone to New Zealand'. We have found shipping records which show that William and his sister departed from Plymouth to Wellington, New Zealand on 7 January 1911 on the SS Corinthic.

There are no details as to the reason for the two children to emigrate to New Zealand but they moved further up North Island and settled in Te Aroha where William earned his trade as a carpenter with a firm called A C Collins.

William is shown on our war memorial as serving with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. More precisely he enlisted with the 1<sup>st</sup> Otago Regiment in October 1917 and embarked for Europe in May 1918. This is where the New Zealand war records department has all sorts of useful information. As well as a copy of his history sheet, copies of his full service record, attestation, casualty form and ultimate record of death in service are available on line.



William sailed from Ellington in New Zealand on the transport ship Ionicall arriving in London in July 1918. He left for France from Larkhill Barracks in September 1918 and landed at Etaples, that huge Great War receiving and embarkation point that is now the site of one of the biggest WW1 cemeteries. On 23 September William joined the regiment serving with D Company but was killed in action only two weeks later.

An extract from the Otago Regiment official history states:

Plans were being prepared for the development of important operations against the enemy on the 8th. Simultaneously the artillery commenced a bombardment of the Masnieres trench line and wire, but the damage affected was reported to be inconsiderable. At 4.30pm on October 7<sup>th</sup> the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of Otago commenced an approach march to relieve the right Company of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion fronting the Masnieres-Beaurevoir defence line, and take up other forward positions. There was an absence of shell fire during the crossing of the Canal, and the relief was completed by 9pm. The 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of Otago was now organised in the following order from front to rear: 14<sup>th</sup> Company in the front line; 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Companies in the sunken roads in rear; and 8<sup>th</sup> Company in dug-outs to the north of Cheneaux Wood. In the same connection, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of Otago took up positions in trenches in front of Le Quennette Farm.

The operations planned for October 8<sup>th</sup> involved an attack over a wide front by the Third and Fourth Armies. The New Zealand Division, in conjunction with the 37<sup>th</sup> Division on the right, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division on the left, was to attack and establish itself on the line represented by the sunken road south-west of Esnes, Le Grand Pont, Esnes Mill, and the Esnes - La Targette Road. If opportunity offered, success was to be exploited in the direction of securing Esnes and a line extending approximately 1,000 yards east of and parallel to the Esnes - La Targette Road. On the north the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division was similarly to exploit success in the direction of Wambaix village.

The New Zealand Division's share in the attack was entrusted to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade on the right, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> (Rifle) Brigade on the left. The operation was to be supported by artillery barrages of considerable weight and by large numbers of tanks, and one forward section of artillery was, as hitherto, to be attached to each attacking battalion. Across the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade front, the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of Otago, on the right, was to lead the advance in conjunction with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of Canterbury....1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of Otago was assigned the capture .... of Esnes, and .... to exploit success south of that village. The night preceding the attack was wet and intensely dark, and the enemy, apparently anticipating a resumption of operations, intermittently shelled the area of assembly.

At zero hour, 4.30am on October 8<sup>th</sup>, troops .... moved forward behind a splendid artillery barrage. Fairly heavy artillery and machine gun fire was encountered almost from the outset, and when the formidable Masnieres-Beaurevoir defence line was reached, the wire was found to be uncut in places and very deep. The advance in consequence became temporarily checked. The resistance of the German infantry, however, lacked determination, and by means of Lewis gun fire and bombing the enemy was finally driven from his trenches. Troops of the right Division were not yet in line, and a post on the right flank of Otago's advance caused considerable trouble until surrounded and broken up by two platoons of 14<sup>th</sup> Company under 2nd-Lieut. W. McKean, D.C.M., M.M. This post contained four machine guns and about 40 of the enemy.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Company now advanced through the foremost troops, and following in the wake of the artillery barrage, proceeded to the capture of the second objective. Passing to the north of Pelu Wood, comparatively slight resistance was met with, nor did the wire in front of the German trenches to the south-west of Esnes present any serious opposition. The 4<sup>th</sup> Company consolidated on the hedge line south of Le Grand Pont, and 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Companies moved up in rear in readiness to continue the advance at 9.30am, the scheduled time. During this operation Captain J. P. Hewat, whose connection with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the Regiment extended over a very long period, was killed by shell fire, and the Rev. R. S. Watson, M.C., Presbyterian Chaplain attached to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, was wounded while directing and assisting casualties to the Regimental Aid Post.

At an earlier stage it had been observed that the enemy was evacuating the village of Esnes in front, but that when the advance had temporarily halted parties had commenced to filter back. At 9.30am 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Companies passed through 4<sup>th</sup> Company and continued the advance under cover of the artillery barrage. Rifle fire was encountered from the southern edge of Esnes, also from the high ground near the Esnes-Walincourt Road, and it was found necessary in consequence of the situation on the right to refuse that flank to the enemy. The 10th Company advanced and effected the clearance of the village of Esnes and established the line on the eastern and northern sides of it. In order to secure the right flank 14<sup>th</sup> Company was escheloned south of Esnes, and machine guns posted to command the valley still further to the south, and to deal with enemy machine gun fire from that flank. On the left, heavy fire was being encountered from the factory on the road between Esnes and Haucourt, and from the high ground south-east of Longsart. The established line now encircled the village of Esnes from its eastern side, and the attack had proved entirely successful.

By 1pm five out of the six Artillery Brigades concerned in the attack and working under the direction of the New Zealand Division, were in action on the eastern side of the Canal de l'Escaut. The captures in material and prisoners of war during the morning had been very heavy, and included many field and machine guns. The contribution made to the total by the Otago Regiment amounted to 100 prisoners, one 77 mm. field gun, and eight machine guns; our casualties numbered five officers and 139 other ranks. Esnes village had been heavily mined by the enemy; while during the night abandoned dumps in the railway circuit adjoining the village were persistently shelled.

It can be assumed that William Baynard Williams, originally of Perranwell, died – one of these 'other ranks'. His casualty record shows him as 'reported missing' on 10<sup>th</sup> October and 'classed as killed in action' on 25 November 1918, exactly two weeks after the Armistice.

William is buried in a small cemetery, Marcoing British Cemetery, about 4 miles south west of Cambrai. Marcoing was created after the Armistice, by the concentration of graves from Rumilly German Cemetery and from the local battlefields. There are now nearly 400 war casualties commemorated in this site.



Of these, over half are unidentified and special memorials are erected to 19 soldiers from the United Kingdom, four from Canada and one from New Zealand, known or believed to be buried among them.



William is also remembered on the Te Aroha War Memorial, New Zealand (World War One - Panel C). This is the final panel of the War Memorial in Te Aroha. He left his possessions to his sister Florence who at this time lived in Cambridge, New Zealand, over 11,000 miles from his final resting place.

By a quirk of fate we discovered that that we know members of his family – still living in Cornwall, at St Agnes; but unfortunately they do not know what happened to Florence.

**Rob and Clare Holmes** - [rch67@outlook.com](mailto:rch67@outlook.com)

## THE MELINGEY FARM PLANNING APPLICATION

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Firstly I am writing to congratulate Mrs Sue Kneebone on her excellent letter published in the March 2017 edition of the Perran News in her support of the farming family into which she has married, and for explaining the past, present and future relationships (as far as the latter can be ascertained) of both the family and Melingey Farm with the village of Perranwell and the parish of Perran Arworthal in general. I have known the Kneebone family for the past 50 years, having emigrated at that time from my ancestral roots two parishes away, and I find the content of the letter faultless and agree with every issue Sue has raised. During the fracas, which have arisen from the threats of residential development attacking us from all directions, it has saddened me to hear the head of the family referred to as 'Kneebone' without the courteous prefix of 'Mr'. To those of us who know him better he is 'Hugh' or, if you had the good fortune of helping with the arduous potato harvest, '-Ughie!' – not just plain 'Kneebone'. Particularly in view of Hugh and family's immeasurable contributions to our community over the past 75 years, hopefully my tender ears will not be offended by this impolite form of address again! (Even naughty-boy Ex-directors of National Retail Companies are still addressed as 'Sir' – when perhaps they should have been stripped of their title for their misdeeds)(Sorry if this is too political for the sensitive stomachs of some PN readers)



My second reason for writing concerns the Kneebone family's application for Residential Development at the top of Station Road. In my letter of objection (one of many written by other parishioners) to Cornwall Council concerning the alternative development at Lower Trewedna Farm I stated that *in my opinion* any residential development inflicted upon us by the Government should relate to the village and, *where possible*, be located within the old, now defunct, village boundary established at astronomical public expense over the last 70 years since the enactment of the Town & Country Planning in 1947. At the well attended public meeting in the village hall on the 9th February when the Melingey Farm Application was put to the Parish Council, several objections were raised by those present, many of them smoke screens for nimby-ism of which, if we are honest with ourselves, we are all guilty; however I did have sympathy for a some of the points put forward. In the March issue of PN HH states that - it's the planning application that's got me all militant' – is she (and maybe other readers) unaware that we have two coexisting planning applications for residential development under consideration simultaneously - Lower Trewedna Farm to the west and Melingey Farm to the east? We were informed by our Parish Clerk at a public meeting in 2016 that owing to successive government('s) *incompetence over the past few decades* (italics are mine) not having successfully stimulated house building in the UK, through our County Council every parish has to accept its own housing quota whether we like it or not – and that includes the parish of Perran Arworthal. We either take a positive pro-active approach or it will be imposed upon us. David Cameron (no doubt in panic and as a hoped-for vote catcher) made the disquieting edict that virtually 'you can build anywhere unless there is an overriding reason not to do so'; - a total reversal of Planning principles since 1947 and a Developer's Paradise. This non-negotiable obligation suggests that citing pressures on infrastructure by objectors is groundless (ie: school-capacity, foul and stormwater drainage, roads and traffic etc etc) as these issues will have to be addressed in any case - again whether we like it or not!

As Sue Kneebone has clearly stated the agricultural viability of farms the size of Melingey has decreased owing to the demise of small shops and the often unreasonable pressures (some of which border on the criminal) from supermarkets. Whether the outcome of Brexit will be advantageous or otherwise to British agriculture has yet to be seen! Nevertheless in order to sustain these smaller agricultural enterprises capital may have to be raised in various ways. Diversification has its limitations – though I was attracted to Sue's allusion to the possibility of a camp site (complete with screaming children) with barking dog-kennelling facilities all enveloped in a quad bike track (go on Hugh - go for it!). Another solution is to hive off some of the land that is agriculturally of lower productivity for development, which is the route the Kneebones have chosen to take, and maybe the only reasonable one they can take.

Those of you who may have read my letter of objection to Cornwall Council regarding the Lower Trewedna Farm Development will note that I supported the Melingey Farm Application. Nevertheless since listening to the objections at the Parish meeting, although I still believe that residential development should relate to the village and be located on the lower side of Station Road between the road and the river (as there appears to be insufficient land within the old village boundary for the number of houses suggested), I believe that an alternative solution can be arrived at which could be less obtrusive, minimise the fears of those with justified concerns, involve less viable agricultural land while at the same time generating positive advantages for the public in general. I have made Hugh aware of my reservations regarding the existing proposals so it should be of no surprise to him. To fulfil the proposal to completion it would, however, involve other landowners and the whole idea would have to be looked at in more detail to ascertain its practicability and viability.

Perranwell is probably one of a very few villages which has the good fortune of having open agricultural land as its centre, and maybe unique, at least in Cornwall, in this respect. I presume this is one of the reasons for the zealous resistance to any development. Unfortunately those folk who have never been in business on their own account often assume that

owners of land and property are 'rolling in it'. However, no matter what assets one has, if those assets do not earn their keep not only do they not generate money to sustain themselves but actually go into reverse mode and suck cash into a vortex eventually necessitating those assets to be cast off. If the character of our village means anything to us in the form it now exists, then Melingey Farm needs the support of the local inhabitants and not its opposition – we should not expect hard working people to 'slog their guts out' as if they are a public charity for the sole benefit of the rest of us.

Putting my nimby-hat to one side, the reason I support the limited development of the Station Road site rather than the Lower Trewedna Development is that the former, as well as relating well to the existing village, is that it is the best way of sustaining Melingey Farm in the foreseeable future as a viable agricultural unit (in the capable hands of Sue's husband Philip and their son Scott) and thus protecting the basic character of our village. The development of Lower Trewedna Farm on the other hand is a different kettle of fish. Firstly the latter 40 acre farm has been purchased by an out-of-county speculative developer with the current proposal for the construction of 20 dwellings on the triangular 4 acres of land between School Hill Road and Trewedna Lane. There is evidence, nevertheless, that a larger area was originally intended and no doubt will be further pursued if and when the initial application has been approved. It is *very unlikely* that the developer/owner intends the remaining 36 acres to remain agricultural! At the currently proposed housing density (and there is nothing to say, once Planning Consent is granted, that this could not be increased) this has the potential for a total of 200 dwellings; and a village population explosion of 600 persons - even at an average conservative estimate of three persons per household. Secondly, and maybe more disturbing, this development unnecessarily intrudes into the open countryside on grade 2 agricultural land, consuming our cherished and ever-diminishing unspoiled Cornish rural landscape. Whether we live in the east or west of the village a development of this type will affect all of us - BIG TIME!

If Melingey Farm becomes untenable as an agricultural unit it will not entice another benevolent farmer to take it over. There is only one way it will go, a direction which the Kneebone family have already managed to stave off. If this should occur there will be much wailing and gnashing of teeth and none of us will be in a position to do anything about it. Although the Parish Council recommended refusal of the Melingey Farm Application, (an outcome which is not without question), all we can do is await the definitive decision of Cornwall Council on both applications. My fear is that we may already be too late and could end up with the worst of both worlds.

**Clive Buckingham**

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Well done Sue! My wife and I came to Perranwell fifty years ago and from the very first day were supported and welcomed by the wider Kneebone family. In the early 1970s, with a growing family, we needed to extend our home and Hugh Kneebone immediately offered me the loan of a tractor and trailer to enable me to deposit the spoil on his land. This continued for eighteen consecutive Saturdays.

Having been associated with agriculture all my life I fully appreciate the problems that small farms face today and the Villagers should support a family that has done so much over the years for the Community.

Wearing a selfish hat none of us wants to see housing development in Perranwell but we must accept you cannot turn the clock back and some must take place. We are so lucky that Hugh Kneebone owns much of the land within the confines of the Village and can be trusted to take a responsible attitude. In many ways I think Hugh should have been christened "Mr. Perranwell"!!!

**JT**

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Sue Kneebone deserves great credit for writing what clearly must have been a very difficult letter.

In order for this small well established family farm to survive some of the land must be sold. Not an easy decision, but I am sure one we would all make given the same situation.

The family have tried to make the proposed low density development (4 acre sites would normally have 48+ houses) a housing mix to accommodate the needs of present and prospective parishioners. They should certainly be given credit for this approach and not as I have heard expressed be subject to some very unpleasant personal comments.

It would come as no surprise if the family decide that rather than be subject to verbal abuse and worse they simply sell this prime building land to a major house builder. Leaving the builders expert planning staff to deal with the complaining NIMBYS.

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## MRS DALE'S DIARY

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***"Shade is one of the most common conditions in gardens-  
virtually every garden has some-but it should be seen as an  
opportunity rather than a disadvantage."***

***Jane Taylor***



Some of the most beautiful of spring and early summer flowers are at their best in part, or dappled shade in cool humus-rich soil. These plants, smaller perennials and bulbs, are often described as woodlanders, but a true wood is not really necessary, at least not on a small scale. A moist border on the sunless side of a house or wall, or a bed shaded by an old fruit tree will serve very well. Soil that has been enriched with leaf mould or compost is necessary, and if possible shelter from drying winds.

Last autumn I replanted some NARCISSUS "THALIA". They had been overcrowded, and were not flowering so well. I spread them in drifts in our old nursery ground planting them five or six inches deep, and at least that distance apart. I have been rewarded with some flowers this spring. I'm particularly fond of NARCISSUS "THALIA" because she shows up from a distance. This is because she is a pale beauty having a white perianth, and white trumpet. There are between two and four blooms on each stem.

Avon Bulbs right NARCISSUS "THALIA" thus: "raised in 1916, a national treasure, refined and elegant, greeny white, multi-flowered and scented. A well-known classy favourite" she is a long flowering variety, March through April, and a shorter narcissus, so stands well if it is windy.

Another narcissus that I commend to you is NARCISSUS "W. P. Milner". This is a pale yellow flower with both perianth and trumpet of the same colour. The perianth is swept forward.. This narcissus is good for naturalising as it flowers for a long time-March\April-and is smaller in stature, usually about nine inches high.

N. "W.P. Milner" is a pre-1869 daffodil breed by Henry Backhouse, a nurseryman in Yorkshire. He named this lovely Narcissus for his brother-in-law WILLIAM PASHLEY MILNER. I have grown it for some years, and found it to be very reliable. This year I have planted a container of 10 bulbs for us to enjoy near the house. When they fade I will plant them in the old nursery ground. Not scented but the paler colour shows up at a distance.

Anna Pavord writes of Fritillarias: "Some of us welcome the restrained palette of colours at a time when we are being assaulted by hyacinths that are too pink, and daffodils that are too yellow." I planted some bulbs of FRITILLARIA MELEAGRIS - snakes head fritillary - several years ago among snowdrops. I forget how many I planted, but patience has been rewarded as they are beginning to spread. As I write there are a handful of flowers open, but hopefully there will be another month's enjoyment to come.

FRITILLARIA MELEAGRIS likes damp, heaviest soil, and is used to growing in grass. This is an enchanting plant with wide, chunky, square shouldered bells held singly, and as broad as they are long. The petals are a quiet purple chequered all over with lighter and darker colour to make tiny squares all over the surface. Occasionally there will be a white flower. They are also known as the Ginny Hen Flower or Guinea Flower because of their resemblance to a guinea fowl.

This is a rare English native flower which is well established in a few sites, such as the Meadows of Magdalen College Oxford. Anna Pavord writes about the white form that it is "a fine white selection, particularly effective in grass as the pale colour shows up more clearly than the purple." An April flower that is fully hardy growing to about a foot high. It is easy to grow, and plant four inches deep and the same distance apart. They increase by seed so if planted in grass mowing must be left until the plants have died down naturally. Seedlings are "grass-like" so do not be too tidy if you are growing FRITILLARIA MELEAGRIS in a border. I was so pleased to see plants that had seeded from original planting. Part of the charm of fritillary's lies in the way they are made - the hanging bell suggesting a kind of bashfulness which is very appealing.



## DOG AND CAT BLOG

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Hello everyone

I am fed up with this dull and wet weather, although there was a little sunshine with Crufts, there were a few little crackers amongst the entries I thought! Best loved human is still hobbling around, if he gets any worse I will have to carry him up St Pirans Hill. He is off to the human vets soon so hopefully they will sort out his paws. The worst scenario is that I will have to be walked by She Who Must Be Obeyed and that would be a complete nightmare. If she doesn't stop chuntering on about neighbourhood development plans I am very tempted to leave a copy of Local Council administration where she will trip over it, perhaps that will shut her up.



Happy Easter, leave the chocolate eggs alone, take it from me, it is not worth the trip to the vet afterwards.

Toodle pip

**Scruffy XXX**

#El divo Scruffy

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Dear Scruffy,

I am sorry that you missed my grand departure note in the December edition of the "News". If SWMBO hasn't already recycled that copy, I suggest that you go and find your specs and have a sniff at it. All will be explained.

But your remarks about the Trum-pet cat skin adornment cannot be allowed to go free with no objection (the in word at the moment). To start with, that hat-like thing has no visible tail. But if it is the remains of some unfortunate friend perched up there, it was of a most exotic breed. Not like us Perranwell moggies with our more subdued and sensible country wear.

Poor Scruffy, missing two toes! I wish I could help you out there. I have far too many! When a vet first saw me (after I had been found trying to keep warm in a covered compost heap in winter - a tear-jerker specially for you, dear Scruff) he said "she is a little polydactyl!" ! A bit of a shock. Sounds like some sort of dinosaur. But seriously, it is a problem because I have far more toes, and claws, than are good for me, and I would love to donate one or two, or more, to you, my dear old friend.

The view from the top of the gatepost has not been very exciting recently, and it is a little draughty up there at the moment. So this is just a note from a more sheltered, indeed cosy, place in MY chair, nearest to the fireside. To send you the little words of affection that you requested. Well, what could be more affectionate than to offer you one or two of my spare toes? I, too, sincerely hope that Bertie isn't stuck down some mineshaft, or maybe a rabbit hole. And that he will join you again very soon.



**Tinkerbelle.**

## 'TECHY' VOLUNTEER/S NEEDED!

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The Local History Group would really like someone with an interest in IT and Communications to build and maintain a website as a resource for all.

If anybody is keen to take part in and support this developing lively group, please get in touch with Lizzie on 01872 863175 (lizziercher@btinternet.com) or attend one of our regular meetings.

Still inviting anyone with old photos of the village (and people in it!) to bring their photos to us. We will scan them and return.

The group is open to all so do please get involved if interested. We will soon be starting our Facebook Page so keep a look out to see what's happening.

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## CHURCH LETTER

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Have you ever tried typing your own name in to Google? You may be surprised what comes up! And if you think your name would draw a blank - don't be so sure. You might be surprised at what someone else has written about you.....and you may never even have met them!



So why do people put information about others on to the web? Is it because so many people these days live their lives very publicly with photographs of themselves, their homes, their children, uploaded on to social media sites; accompanied by personal information - a lot of it trivia, pointless things being shared with the rest of the world.

It seems to me that trust between people is a very rare thing these days, although listen to news programmes and open a national newspaper, and there are numerous reports on the widespread concerns about the erosion of privacy in our society.

So it amazes me that millions of people around the world twitter their every movement, emotion and thought - countless times a day, uploading embarrassing or revealing photographs of themselves to all and sundry and then becoming distressed when they are cyber bullied, or their indiscreet photographs or personal information is abused by manipulative and unkind people.

So this has set me thinking this Easter time, about the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

Here was a man, who loved his privacy, a man who would retreat into the wilderness, rest in gardens or in the sanctuary of a fishing boat off the shores of Lake Galilee.

But then when his ministry began in earnest he found his teachings so popular that he was continually surrounded by crowds of eager people, hanging on to his every word. They followed him to mountain tops, gathered on the beaches to hear him speak; lined the road to Jerusalem with palm leaves as he rode by and packed the synagogues and temples when he worshipped amongst them.

But then everything changed. His words were twisted; his character and personality were discredited and destroyed, and he was bullied, rejected and eventually tortured and put to death. And there were many people - his disciples, ordinary followers, local historians and early church leaders, who soon started writing about Jesus' life and ministry; recording his teachings, parables and sayings.

But the greatest writings that have come down to us through the ages to the present day, are the stories of His resurrection from the dead - that First Easter when he appeared to those women and men closest to him, and then to many more people who testified and wrote down their experiences of the risen Lord.

Easter, which of course always falls in the Spring, is an exciting time of year. Everything is coming back to life, everything is being reborn and flourishing to its full potential. Nature itself is celebrating this great Christian festival.

And just as the tiniest seed has the potential to bring colour in to a garden, so Easter tells us that no one is excluded from God's love and everyone is important.

God bless,

Fr. Steve Fletcher.

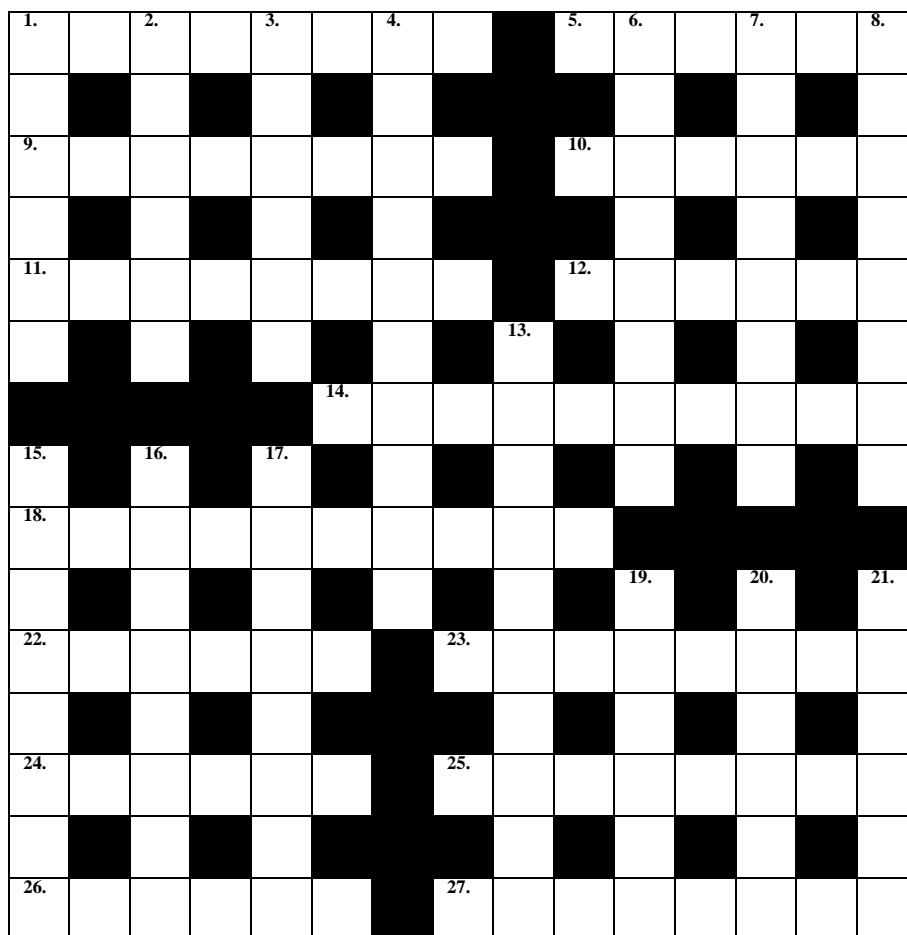
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## A READER WRITES:

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***Does anyone know where the magnificent lectern that I remember as being in Perranarworthal Church has gone? I was only 5 years old, and I could well be wrong, but I believe Mr Attlee used to read the lesson (in the early 1950s) from a lectern in the form of an eagle with outspread wings. The Bible he read from was equally grand. Am I mistaken?***

***Chris Ricardo***



### ACROSS

1. Give out pies (send out) (8)
5. Mr Spock is a fiery god (6)
9. Will Lapp toys finish the cricket (4,4)
10. Verse for laurel before last & first (6)
11. Like 13 for Abba? (8)
12. Another use? Not like 13 (6)
14. Huge blackberries can amplify sound (10)
18. Laurel before the beginning of December placed in cards for acrobatics (10)
22. Travel partly in best Rolls Royce or just walk (6)
23. Rude in the river (8)
24. Titled men heard when dark (6)
25. Bird looking around 50 (8)
26. Finish in attempt to be fashionable (6)
27. Possibly renews ad if it is replied to (8)

### DOWN

1. Disregard what belongs to the Princess(6)
2. Some crisp or Tyrolean spice (6)
3. Guru was previously attractive (6)
4. The queen & two oaps around for the street etc (4,6)
6. Hurt, stun & make up lies (8)
7. Against laurel, model is unchanging (8)
8. Proximity close to the loch (8)
13. Bear station (10)
15. Front & top of horse (8)
16. Untie. Change about outfit for mystery(8)
17. Abandoned ideals to be alone (8)
19. Take back & argue. Take & return later (6)
20. Older Spanish man holds me (6)
21. Deer newspaper man put on (6)

## DRAMA GROUP NEWS

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Our next production is 'The Woman who cooked her Husband' I asked the director Mark Breach for some thoughts on this play.



*'The Woman Who Cooked Her Husband' by Debbie Isitt is a tragi-comic tale of deceit, envy, lust, jealousy, revenge and interesting recipes. Fast-paced and full of savage wit, this story of self-destructive relationships will take the audience on a wild emotional journey through the conflicting needs and desires of Hilary, Kenneth and Laura; the wife, her husband and his lover.*

*Following our success in collaboration with the Royal Shakespeare Company in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at the Hall for Cornwall last year Carnon Downs Drama Group are taking our latest production, 'The Woman who Cooked her Husband' on tour to several selected venues in mid-Cornwall including: Perran-ar-worthal Village Hall on Friday 14th & Saturday 15th April.*

You can get tickets online at [ticketsource.co.uk/cddg](http://ticketsource.co.uk/cddg) or call the box office at 03454 500296.

*There is Hilary, the deserted wife seeking revenge in the only way she knows how, Kenneth who needs good food and a good woman but can't find them under the same roof and Laura, who might satisfy both of Kenneth's needs, if only she could be bothered. But then, who would want Kenneth for a husband ...*

*OK, so the title is a bit of a giveaway as to what is going to happen but the story is really about how we get there. Hilary has held her marriage to Kenneth together through her culinary skills but has lost Kenneth's interest in the bedroom. So when the younger Laura turns Kenneth's head, Kenneth thinks he can have it all; Hilary's kitchen and Laura's bed, but the only way he can hold this together is by a stream of increasingly desperate and blatant lies. So when he is forced to, Kenneth leaves Hilary and marries Laura. But he soon discovers that although Hilary was boring in the bedroom, Laura is a catastrophe in the kitchen, if she boiled an egg it would come out burnt, and Kenneth is a man with big, but simple appetites.*

*When Hilary invites Kenneth and Laura for dinner, Kenneth is delighted at the prospect of a gourmet meal instead of another of Laura's pathetic messes. But we soon discover that Hilary's real intention is to humiliate Laura, and as for Kenneth, well, hell hath no fury like that of a woman scorned...*

As Mark says we are taking this show on the road after we have performed at Perranwell which is a new departure for the Group. Excuse the pun!

Not much more for me to add this month but don't forget the our community drama will be taking to the streets of Perranwell on the 24<sup>th</sup> June Please let me know if you would like to be involved.

John Frankland ([j-frankland@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:j-frankland@hotmail.co.uk) 07974 799774)

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### BRANCH COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May

The Village Hall

FROM 10am

Coffee and a chat - Book Stall

Cake Stall Bric-a-brac

AND A GREAT RAFFLE

All proceeds to "The Poppy Appeal"



# PERRANARWORTHAL CRICKET CLUB

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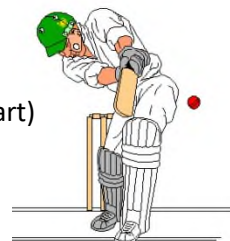
Welcome to a bright, new season!

Yes, it's that time of year again! ...Spring has sprung and in just a few weeks our beloved cricket ground at Tredrea will once again echo to the familiar sound of leather on willow! As players young and old gear up for another competitive season renewing old friendships and rivalries, so we, too, would like to extend a very warm welcome to both our many regular supporters and newcomers to the area. Come along, support your local cricket club and enjoy the fun - we would love to see you!



## Dates for the Diary.

- Saturday April 22nd - Perranarworthal 1st XI v Helston 2nd XI (1.30pm start)  
Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> - Perranarworthal 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Camborne 3<sup>rd</sup> XI (1.30pm start)  
Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup> - Perranarworthal v Mount Ambrose - Andrew cup T20 (6.15pm start)  
Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> - Perranarworthal 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Crofty Holman 2<sup>nd</sup> XI (1.30pm start)  
Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup> - Perranarworthal v Methigion - Evening league T20 (6.15pm start)
- Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> - **Junior Registration Night** from 6pm. Coach talk and Q+A at 7pm.  
Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> - First **U13's** coaching night, 6pm-8pm.  
Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> - First Friday night coaching sessions. **U8's** 6pm-7pm. **U11's** 7.15-8.30pm



## Junior Cricket News - U13s league.

We are delighted to announce that, in addition to our 3 senior and T20 teams, this season the club will be fielding an Under 13 team in the local junior league.

The reintroduction of competitive junior cricket represents a real milestone for us, the culmination of a ten-year programme that we hope will continue to develop well over the next few years and really strengthen the foundations of the club. We eagerly await league and fixture details!

Of course, none of this would have been achieved were it not for the priceless support that has so inspired our young players to take up cricket and commit to starting their careers here. To those dedicated club members, coaches, bar and ground-staff, parent helpers and those in the wider community who have so generously offered sponsorship to allow us to extend our club kit to all our juniors, a huge "Thank You" to you all. Our youth coaches will take great pride in handing out first caps to those juniors who are chomping at the bit to get started!

## Big Village 2017

With the blessings of such a close-knit community in mind, Perranarworthal CC look forward to being involved in the events coming up in June and July...

## BBQ/Picnic night on Friday June 30<sup>th</sup>

As I'm sure our current social members will tell you, we really know how to throw together a picnic party! We are so lucky to have such a beautiful venue, and the addition of sunshine, great company and good food make it a widely favoured spot to start the weekend. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet all the cross-sections of our club - from our families and volunteers to all ages of senior players and other users and supporters. We do hope that you'll join us (and that the sun shines!).

Do you think you would enjoy getting active, working off the BBQ and having a right good laugh all at the same time...?? Then we invite you to enter a team in our first ever...

## Adult 6-a-side Tournament! on SUNDAY July 2<sup>nd</sup>

We would love to get as many people involved as possible, especially new faces. Whether you know the game well or not particularly, if you enjoy a bit of a run around and fancy trying your hand in a more fast paced, short format of the game, then please round up a few buddies and let us know you're keen!

The exact format of the day will be determined by the levels of interest but, whatever happens, we

guarantee a good laugh, a great club atmosphere and an open bar...!

Further details on these events will be published in subsequent editions of the Perran News; keep an eye out for them.

If you would like to know more about anything in this article, please feel free to give me a call on the number below; I would be happy to hear from you.

On behalf of myself and the club,

Ashley Bridges.

07816 388 474.

Youth coach/Membership secretary at Perranarworthal Cricket Club

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**Extra Thank You!**

**On a personal note, I would also like to take this opportunity to respond to an article in a previous edition (November I believe), in which myself and my wonderful team of volunteers were thanked for a thoroughly enjoyable summer...**

**You are So Welcome!! We are all very happy to be part of the Friday night fun and look forward to another crazy summer!**

I read that article during a time of huge personal turmoil and the sentiment in those kind words touched me deeply. Thank you to those who made that gesture.

I have been truly blessed over the last ten years, to have welcomed so many young players and their families and friends to the club, to have spent so many energy filled, fun packed hours on the field with literally hundreds of children, and to be in a position now where so many of you have become great friends and team mates.

To those of you who have approached me over the years and actively supported my coaching, "thank you!" from the bottom of my heart. I have been overwhelmed on many occasions by the gestures of support and never imagined the success we currently enjoy. I'm very grateful.

It is the biggest privilege to coach so many wonderful children, and to be so well received by the families, it makes me proud to be who I am within my community and do what I do.

Thank you! From me and the happy faces...!

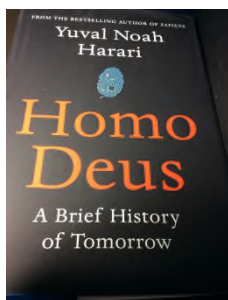
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## BOOK REVIEW - HOMO DEUS

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This is a popular thought provoking book for the curious and introspective reader. Not everyone's cup of tea maybe, but for those who like to explore their existence on earth, rather than simply be entertained, the book is up there with the best. The author, Israeli, Yuval Noah Harari wrote the highly successful 'Sapiens' which had phenomenal success in 40 languages, and graced the Sunday Times best seller list for 6 months. This volume dealt with the past and where we came from in a very incisive and entertaining manner. It is one of those books destined to be a classic.

In this latest volume, provocative questions are asked about where mankind is going, and the author has the knack of posing some tantalising scenarios whilst at the same time suggesting some of the possible and imaginative answers. This reader didn't always accept the explanation, but reading up all the creative possibilities put forward by the author was challenging and entertaining.

The book also states some obvious facts that most of us have overlooked, i.e. In the modern world the risk of dying from obesity is greater than that of starvation. This is a statistical fact, but not necessarily much comfort to the hard pressed areas of the globe. There is also a section dealing with longevity and how this will be extended in the future to unimaginable periods by today's standards. Once again, this is tremendously thought provoking but not necessarily welcome universally. The author is aware of this, so that as soon as a thought enters ones head, a paragraph relays these inner thoughts in print!

The volume is big at 440 pages, but definitely recommended for the curious reader with a serious bent.

AAR.

## ODE TO DONALD J TRUMP.

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He's one of us, a real live dude,  
He tweets his every thought,  
and now he's leader of the whole free world,  
With battles to be fought.

He's brash and bold - he goes for gold!  
He loves his golden tresses,  
But look out dudes, and baddies too,  
You're the problem he addresses!

The greasy pole was so easy  
He climbed it to the top  
Now protests ring in both his ears,  
He wants it all to stop.

He's not a despot or dictator,  
Just a simple showman.  
A human being like you and me,  
But armoured like a Roman.

Respect the title and the man,  
for he made it all the way,  
and hear the words, and see the deeds,  
As he guides them every day.

Alan Rawlinson  
Author of "Any Budding Sailors?"



## St Piran's Church Annual Plant Sale

Saturday 11th May 10 - 12  
Perranarworthal Village Hall

Annuals - Perennials - Vegetables  
Cakes - Jams - Raffle

Contact Heather McCombie 864050



## WITH GOD ON OUR SIDE

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Oh my name it is nothin'  
 My age it means less  
 The country I come from  
 Is called the Midwest  
 I's taught and brought up there  
 The laws to abide  
 And that the land that I live in  
 Has God on its side

Oh the history books tell it  
 They tell it so well  
 The cavalries charged  
 The Indians fell  
 The cavalries charged  
 The Indians died  
 Oh the country was young  
 With God on its side

Oh the Spanish-American  
 War had its day  
 And the Civil War too  
 Was soon laid away  
 And the names of the heroes  
 I's made to memorize  
 With guns in their hands  
 And God on their side

Oh the First World War, boys  
 It closed out its fate  
 The reason for fighting  
 I never got straight  
 But I learned to accept it  
 Accept it with pride  
 For you don't count the dead  
 When God's on your side

When the Second World War  
 Came to an end  
 We forgave the Germans  
 And we were friends  
 Though they murdered six million  
 In the ovens they fried  
 The Germans now too  
 Have God on their side

I've learned to hate Russians  
 All through my whole life  
 If another war starts  
 It's them we must fight  
 To hate them and fear them  
 To run and to hide  
 And accept it all bravely  
 With God on my side

But now we got weapons  
 Of the chemical dust  
 If fire them we're forced to  
 Then fire them we must  
 One push of the button  
 And a shot the world wide  
 And you never ask questions  
 When God's on your side

Through many dark hour  
 I've been thinkin' about this  
 That Jesus Christ  
 Was betrayed by a kiss  
 But I can't think for you  
 You'll have to decide  
 Whether Judas Iscariot  
 Had God on his side

So now as I'm leavin'  
 I'm weary as Hell  
 The confusion I'm feelin'  
 Ain't no tongue can tell  
 The words fill my head  
 And fall to the floor  
 If God's on our side  
 He'll stop the next war

### **Bob Dylan 1963 ( Nobel Poetry Laureate 2016)**

This song came to mind after reading the Perranwell Outrage Letter in Perran News last month.  
 The words as relevant today as they were 50 years ago when it was written. Sad nothing has changed.

## TOWNS AND CITIES IN CORNWALL - TOP TEN BY SIZE.

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Many readers will have seen this in the West Briton. They are alleged to be from the ONS ( Office for National Statistics)

Although Redruth-Pool-Camborne combined is the biggest conurbation I was surprised to see Falmouth is the largest town.

What does the total of the Redruth- Pool - Camborne combo add up to, I wonder ?

If Falmouth and Penryn are combined that would possibly be second.

How big is the greater St Austell area including the contiguous places such as Holmbush, Carlyon Bay, St Blazey, Par and Tywardreath ?

One also presumes these are winter populations not August. Maybe Newquay is top of the pops in August?

Fascinating.

1. Falmouth	22,455	6. Penzance	16,488
2. Camborne	21,480	7. Bodmin	15,524
3. Newquay	20,343	8. Redruth	14,710
4. Truro	19,387	9. Launceston	13,457
5. St Austell	18,639	10. St Ives	12,436



## PERRANARWORTHAL MUSICIANS SUCCESS

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Last week, Perran-ar-Worthal School Children and the Perran-ar-Worthal Community Choir gained great success in the County Music Festival held in the Truro Methodist Church. A large number of pupils performed as members of the school choir, year 3 choral speaking group, recorder groups and several pupils also competed as individuals, as a duet and in trios. Saffphire Bennett, Isla McCandless, Edie King, Jack Matthews, Megan Laval all performed to a very high standard in the individual poetry recital class.

Ruby Woon gained 1<sup>st</sup> place with 84 marks in the guitar solo. Isla Cameron gained 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 87 marks in the piano solo Stanley Cameron gained 1<sup>st</sup> place with 88 marking in the cello solo.

Our Year 3 Choral Speaking Group gained 1<sup>st</sup> Place. A big thank you to Mr Peter Collett (Higher Level Teaching Assistant at Perran-ar-Worthal School) who helped to prepare the children for their group poetry recital which gained them not only 1<sup>st</sup> place but an invite to perform in the Gala Concert as one of the outstanding performances seen during the week.



This year, Mrs Whomersly has worked with a large number of pupils to prepare them for group, duet, trio and solo performances on the recorder. They enjoyed a terrifically successful week with the following results:

Stanley Cameron gained 1<sup>st</sup> place in the solo recorder class with 86 marks. Eleanor Bray gained 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the solo recorder class with 84 marks. Stanley Cameron and Isla Cameron gained 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the recorder duet class with 85 marks. Eleanor Bray and Ruby Woon gained 1<sup>st</sup> place in the recorder duet class with 87 marks. Madlen Wilson, Stanley Cameron and Eleanor Bray gained 1<sup>st</sup> place in the recorder trio class with 86 marks. And our large group recorders also gained a 1<sup>st</sup> place with 86 marks.



The children's choir gained 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 87 marks only missing 2<sup>nd</sup> place by 1 mark.



The adult community choir came 1<sup>st</sup> place with 87 marks. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year they have been placed first and were invited to perform at the Gala concert as the finale act on the Saturday evening.

Carnon Downs Drama Group *presents*



**by Debbie Isitt**

<b>Perranarworthal Village Hall</b>	<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Apr 7:30pm</b>
<b>Chacewater Village Hall</b>	<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Apr 7:30pm</b>
<b>Mabe Community Hall</b>	<b>Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr 7:30pm</b>
<b>St Austell Arts Centre</b>	<b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Apr 7:30pm</b>
<b>Illogan Village Hall</b>	<b>Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Apr 7:30pm</b>

tickets £9 (£8 60+) from

**03454 500296 & [ticketsource.co.uk/cddg](https://ticketsource.co.uk/cddg)**

The show addresses adult themes with occasional strong language.

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Josef Weinberger Ltd.

# Perranwell Memory Café



A gateway to Help, Support  
and Friendship

We meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday  
of the month from 2 to 4 pm  
at

Perranarworthal Village Memorial  
Hall  
School Hill  
Perranwell Station  
TR3 7NJ

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For further information call:  
Sue Short on 01872 864726  
Bev Horton on 01872 862115

Or e.mail:  
[perranwellmemorycafe@gmail.com](mailto:perranwellmemorycafe@gmail.com)

## 2017

10th Jan:	Theme—"Back to Work"
24th Jan:	Theme—"Winter"
26th Jan:	OUTING—Panto
14th Feb:	Theme-"Valentines" & Just Jeff (Guitar)
28th Feb:	Theme—"Shrove Tuesday" & Chi Kung
14th March:	OUTING—Trelissick Gardens
28th March:	Theme—"Saints Days"
11th April:	Theme- "Flowers"
25th April:	Theme—"Queens Birthday/Royalty"
9th May:	OUTING—Trebar Gardens
17th May:	OUTING—Hall For Cornwall (Joseph)
23rd May:	Theme— Traditions/Nursery Rhymes
13th June:	Theme "Dogs"
27th June:	Big Village Tea Party

**Join us for a couple of hours; a relaxed friendly atmosphere to  
meet up with friends and enjoy the activities, a chat and of  
course tea and homemade cakes.**

## CARNON DOWNS SURGERY NEWS

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### Dr ffrench-Constant's Retirement

Dr Edward ffrench-Constant will be retiring at the end of March 2017. We will all be terribly sad to see him leave the practice after 30 years of dedicated service to the community. If you would like to write a message for Dr ffrench-Constant, please complete one of the blue or yellow cards provided in the waiting room and post into the box. There is a collection being made for a leaving present and, if you wish to contribute, donations can be left with the reception team.

**We would like to invite everyone to a gathering which will be held at the Carnon Downs Village Hall on the morning of Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 from 10.00am to 12.00 when patients will be able to bid Dr ffrench-Constant farewell. We would be delighted if you were able to join us at this event.**

We will be welcoming two new doctors to the practice from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017. Dr Matthew Cuff will be working on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Dr Cuff is coming to us from Fowey Surgery and is from a long line of Cornish GP's.

Dr Shereen de Barr will be working on Mondays and is returning to general practice after spending some time at home with her family. Both doctors will also be helping out with extra sessions covering holidays. We hope that they will be both quickly become part of the 'Carnon Downs Surgery Team'.

### Workplace Health Awards 2017 – Winners!

The workplace is a setting where many people spend the largest proportion of their time and therefore can play a key role in contributing to the health of employees and in turn the health of the organisation. The Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Workplace Health Award is a local standard of good practice and a quality mark of health and wellbeing in the workplace. The aim of the award is to act as a toolkit to encourage employers to think about ways to improve the health and wellbeing of their employees.

So it is great to announce that Carnon Downs Surgery is still flying the flag for Cornish surgeries by being awarded the Gold Award for 2017 at the Royal Cornwall Showground in February. There are three levels to the Award - Bronze, Silver and Gold so people can be rewarded for progress. It encourages people to celebrate each of their achievements.

The new Mentor Award recognises businesses who are willing, or already helping other businesses on their journey to improving the health and wellbeing of their staff and it was with great surprise and delight that Sally Rickard and Alison Hunt received the Mentor Award for 2017 on behalf of the team from Dame Carol Black at this year's ceremony. Carnon Downs Surgery is still the only practice nationally to have been awarded this accolade and both Alison and Sally actively encourage other practices throughout the county and indeed other businesses to join this excellent scheme.

If you are interested and want to improve the health and wellbeing of your staff and for more information go to <https://www.behealthyatwork.org> where Rachel Faulkner the lead for Cornwall will be delighted to hear from you.



For more information contact the surgery on 01872 863221 or if you need urgent medical assistance when the surgery is closed dial 111 and speak with NHS 111 who will direct your call to an appropriate service.

Find us at [www.carnondownssurgery.co.uk](http://www.carnondownssurgery.co.uk)  
The Surgery, Bissoe Road, Carnon Downs TR3 6JD



## **CARNON DOWNS FILM CLUB**

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Meets in the Village Hall on Friday the 21st April.

The film is the Bridge of Spies starring Tom Hanks and Mark Rylance.

Doors open at 6.30 with complimentary refreshments and the film commences at 7.30.

A very warm welcome is extended to all.



## **MY CORNISH WALL**

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We live in Cornwall, don't you know,  
Where the world can seem unreal.  
Across the Tamar things get weird,  
Or is it how I feel?

Black and white, and shades of brown,  
The people, gay and bright.  
What world is this that spins around?  
It gives me quite a fright.

Take a trip and see the mix,  
Of people passing by.  
A feeling comes that home is best,  
But maybe I should try.

It can hit you hard, with shock and awe,  
Walking in a Mall.  
But maybe it's me that's odd,  
or just my Cornish wall!

**Alan Arthur Rawlinson.**

## **LOOKING FOR A PROPERTY TO BUY IN ARWORTHAL MEADOWS.**

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**If you are thinking of selling please call me on:  
862115 - Beverlie**

**Perran News Directory**  
**April 2017**

Organisation	Contact	Telephone	Email
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Art Group (Thurs)	Tony Irving	01872 862115	<a href="mailto:wild.wing@virgin.net">wild.wing@virgin.net</a>
Badminton - Tuesdays	Andy Goodman	01326 373530	<a href="mailto:andy@hh-bs.com">andy@hh-bs.com</a>
Royal British Legion	Mr John Marven	01326 211627	<a href="mailto:johnmarven@btinternet.com">johnmarven@btinternet.com</a>
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	Bev Horton	01872 862115	
Carnon Downs Drama Group	Anne Lejeune	01872 865780	
Carpet Bowls Club	Jane Blackburn	01872 862082	
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Cornwall Dog Training	Frankie Bond	01872 864844	<a href="mailto:enquiries@cornwalldogtrainingclub.com">enquiries@cornwalldogtrainingclub.com</a>
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Cricket Club Pavillion		07779 895771	
Cub Scouts	Ross Geach	01872 862117	
Defibrillator Training	Mark Gripper	07770 997778	<a href="mailto:markgripper@gmail.com">markgripper@gmail.com</a>
Dental Practice	Mr N. Jones	01872 863399	
Doctors Devoran		01872 562200	<a href="http://www.chacewatersurgery.co.uk">www.chacewatersurgery.co.uk</a>
Doctors Carnon Downs		01872 863221	
Fitness & Pilates	Rhiannon Parsons	01326 354625	<a href="mailto:welcomingfitness@gmail.com">welcomingfitness@gmail.com</a>
Football Clubhouse		01872 870202	
Friends of Perranarworthal School	Tanya Holmes	01872 865952	
Keep Fit	Cathy Whitmore	01872 862040	
Les Carrek Lace & Needlecraft Group	Janet Dale	01872 863033	
Memory Café	Bev Horton	<b>01872 862115</b>	
Methodist Chapel	Beverlie Horton	01872 862115	
Neighbourhood Watch	PCSO Chris Braddon	101	
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Parish Tree Wardens	Mr & Mrs Graham Brown	01872 862936	
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Perranarworthal Pre-school Playgroup		07974 484841	
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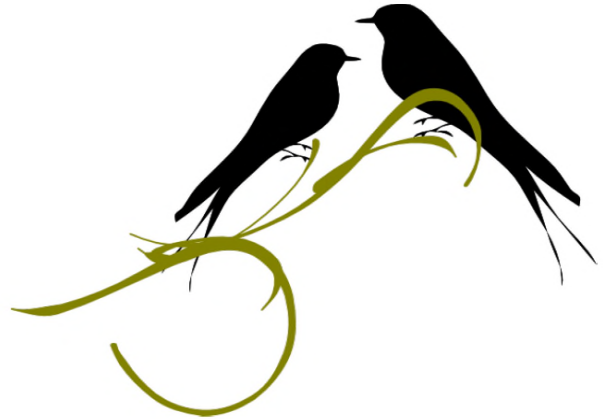
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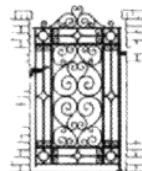


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