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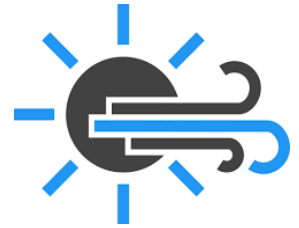


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## PERRANWELL STATION - WEATHER REPORT FOR APRIL 2021

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Average daily maximum temperature:	12.8C
Maximum temperature for the month:	16.5C on 1st
Average daily minimum temperature:	4.3C
Minimum temperature for the month:	-0.3C on 16th
Rainfall:	0.18 inch
Sunshine:	266 hours
Wind direction:	Easterly quarter



### **Dry, sunny, but feeling cool**

A record-breaking month - see below. Although day-time temperatures were near the long-term average for April, night-time temperatures were as much as 1.5C lower than normal. Looking back to 2020, both maximum and minimum temperatures this April were around three degrees below those in April last year.

Despite this, the month's maximum temperature across the UK was recorded in that "hot spot" Cornish hamlet of Treknow, near Tintagel, reaching 21.4C on the 1st.

Across the country, air frosts were a notable feature, and overall, it was a colder month than March for the first time since 2012.

It was a very dry month with a rain total of only 0.18 inch, a record monthly low for me, and the UK's 4th driest April since 1862.

It was also the sunniest April nationwide in the series from 1919, the previous record having only been set last year, and easily the highest April figure that I have recorded at Perranwell Station.

### **Holiday Considerations**

Where to go on holiday in these Covid times? A book published prior to Covid included a selection of suggested holiday destinations, from a weather perspective, for the month of June. The list included the following:

New York	Moscow
Canada	Leningrad
North Western USA	Mediterranean Islands
Northern Europe	Rio de Janeiro
Scandinavia	

Readers will have spotted the problem with this list - at the time of writing, these destinations are on the government's travel "amber list" (*extra costs for tests and lengthy quarantining*), with Rio on the "red list" (*basically don't go there*).

In the book, one further destination was listed for June: the British Isles. In the UK, June has the longest daylight hours in the year and probably the best chance of good sunshine. With no quarantining required, there is a lot to recommend a "staycation" at the moment.

**Mike Hands**  
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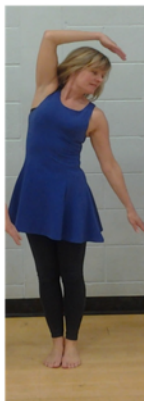
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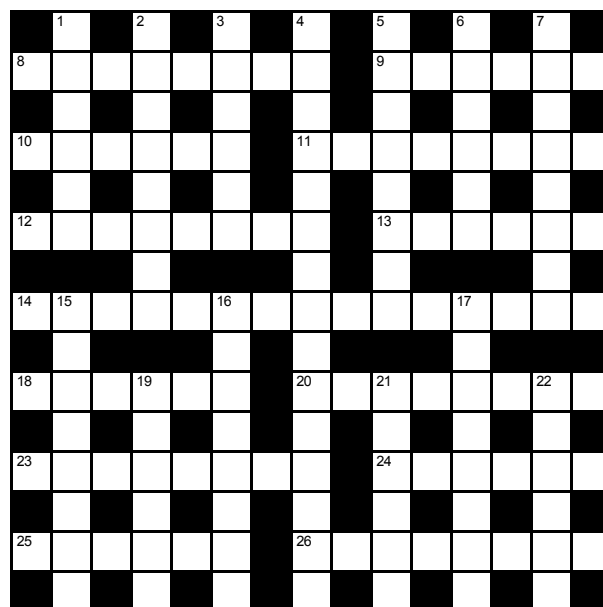
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## Across

- 8 Don't accept that soda will mix well (8)  
 9 Return deduction to first son to give vitamin (6)  
 10 A quiet producer of minerals from the sea (6)  
 11 Reminder for conmen I'm fooling with (8)  
 12 Alternate transport for skater travellin in Wisconsin (5,3)  
 13 Writer has no right yet features me in style of writing (6)  
 14 Second season includes a right to return of musical hit (8,7)  
 18 Sounds like drinks not eanted after a fight (6)  
 20 Engrossed with garment (size I find in book of words) (8)  
 23 In blood river encounters hindrance (8)  
 24 Artist returning for prize (6)  
 25 Requesting silver-coated exterior (6)  
 26 Military equipment mother might lie about (8)

## Down

- 1 In Miami a small tip provides a large stink (6)  
 2 One who damages and destroys our beast (8)  
 3 Tools to remove first (and second) responders (6)  
 4 Bathers spinning cheap jewellery (8,7)  
 5 Cedilla's location sounds very wet (8)  
 6 Photographic display of city for most of the young people (3,3)  
 7 Fine metalwork for Spooner's attendant on fishing expedition without charge (8)  
 15 A replay's ordered for complete stoppage (8)  
 16 In video log you find a system of ideas (8)  
 17 Mop water affecting parasite (8)  
 19 Reason that Eskimo is holding twenty first (6)  
 21 One with an egg consumed by a dog (6)



- 22 Worker cuts off student's head (6)

## THE MELLINGEY STREAM

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These newspaper cuttings come from The West Briton 1896-7. They were published in Bob Acton's book "In and Around Perranwell" in 2000

### A WATER-RIGHT DISPUTE AT PERRANWELL.

Exciting Proceedings.

Perranwell seems destined to become notorious in connection with its water questions, and the proceedings described below will fully sustain the reputation it has already earned in cases of this character. The Perranwell river, which runs under a two-arched stone bridge in the centre of the village, has hitherto supplied water to the Mellingey estate, and to the inhabitants of Tarrandean, and at the same time a portion of the river has been diverted into a leat, which supplies the water required to work the water-wheel at Basset Iron Works (W. Visick and Sons).

Owing to the drought the water of the river is low, and Mr. Visick recently made complaint to Mr. Goddard, steward to Mr. A. Basset, of Tehidy, the owner of the Basset Works, and requested Mr. W. R. Cannon steward to Mrs. Jose (Mellingey), to allow the water to be diverted for the purpose required by Mr. Visick. This Mr. Cannon declined to agree to, pointing out that this would prove a source of great inconvenience to Mellingey and the inhabitants at Tarrandean generally, and contending that Mrs. Jose had a legal claim to the waters supplying the estate, on the ground that the water which ran through it was the natural bed of the river, and had run in the same direction from time immemorial.

On the other hand, Mr. Goddard claims a right to divert the water, so it is understood, on the ground that its source and that portion of it where it enters the leat are on the Basset property. Thereupon Mr. Goddard engaged some men to dam the river, so as to divert the water into the leat, the consequence being that the Mellingey supply was entirely cut off. A few days since the employees of Mellingey, acting under instruction, proceeded to the spot and destroyed the dam, but they met with opposition from Mr. Visick and his sons, who were unable to cope with the superior force arrayed against them, consequently some of them came in for a ducking.

Determined not to be baulked Mr. Goddard caused a substantial dam to be erected of three large granite stones, which were firmly embedded in the bed of the river. Acting under the advice of Mr. W. Terrill, solicitor, of Penryn, Mrs. Jose determined to remove the obstruction by force if necessary. The Mellingey party commenced operations on Friday afternoon in the presence or upwards of two or three hundred of the inhabitants of the village, and among the spectators were Messrs. W. E. Cannon, W. Terrill (solicitor), and W. Jose, nephew to Mrs. Jose. There were also present Superintendent Harris and P.C.'s Landrey (Perranwell) and Jennings (Penryn), of the Cornwall County Constabulary. To accomplish the work a gang of a dozen strong labouring men from Penryn were engaged, and these arrived in a two-horse waggon at 6.30 p.m., armed with crowbars, jumping drills, lifting jacks, pickaxes, shovels, and other tools necessary for the work on hand. After two hours' labour, the work was successfully accomplished; and was rewarded by the rousing cheers of the spectators. Popular sympathy is strongly in favour of the Mellingey people, and, whether rightly or wrongly, the intended diversion of the water is universally regarded as an invasion of the popular rights. However, it is almost certain that the matter will now be tested in the law courts, unless a compromise should be effected in the meantime, which, however may be regarded as an utter improbability. Mr. W. L. Cannon, in conversation with our representative expressed his sorrow that such strong proceedings had been deemed necessary, but he averred that Mrs. Jose could not do otherwise, for the diversion of the water was a most serious matter for the Mellingey Estate and certain of the inhabitants at Tarrandean, in fact it would render Mellingey entirely useless as a residence. He was willing for the original state of things to continue, for the water supply was amply sufficient for both parties concerned, and was only inconvenient during a period of extraordinary drought like the present. It is a general subject of congratulation that the work was carried out peaceably, and that the services of the police were rendered unnecessary.

## THE PERRANWELL WATER CASE POPULAR REJOICINGS.

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A correspondent writes :—The receipt of telegrams at Perranwell last Friday evening announcing the victory gained by Mrs. Jose, of Mellingey, in her litigation with Mr. Basset, of Tehidy, soon caused the welcome news to spread like wildfire through the village, and quite a large crowd of villagers wended their way to the railway station and awaited the arrival of the train which brought home Mrs. Jose and the large number of witnesses engaged by the opposing litigants: The approach of the train to the station was heralded by the loud reports of a large number of detonators placed along the line for a considerable distance, and as soon as the train was brought to a standstill a remarkable demonstration of joyous welcome was witnessed. Mrs. Jose was literally besieged by those who were anxious to give her a congratulatory handshake. She was afterwards escorted to her home amidst the loud and continuous cheering of the assembled spectators. Mr. W. R. Cannon (trustee and steward of the Mellingey estate) did not arrive by this train, to the keen disappointment of the assembled parishioners; but he met with an equally effusive demonstration of welcome on his arrival home the following evening. On all sides great praise is awarded to Mr. Cannon for the able manner he has conducted the case for Mrs. Jose.

On Saturday evening Perranwell and the surrounding district was illuminated for miles around by the huge bonfires lit on the highland, near the station, and the firing of guns and the cheering in honour of the victory quite enlivened this otherwise quiet and peaceful village. The verdict of the jury is certainly a most popular one, not only in Perranwell, but also throughout the surrounding district, testimony to which is borne by the large number of congratulatory telegrams and letters received by Mrs. Jose and Mr. Cannon. Too much cannot be said in praise of Mr. W. J. Terrill, of Penryn, solicitor to Mrs. Jose, for the manner in which he has conducted this intricate case from beginning to end. The costs to be borne by Mr. Basset are estimated at £2,500. **West Briton.**

***Thank you to the reader who directed me to this account of the Damming of Mellingey Stream. Mrs Jose sounds to have been a force to be reckoned with. A great party with guns and detonators on her return to the village from her triumph in court. Great stuff. I still have not had any suggestions for a tune for the song. MBG***

## A READER WRITES

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Please find enclosed the newspaper cutting forwarded to me by Brad Colley from Australia who, whilst researching his family history, found that his cousin's 4x great grandfather had built Primrose Cottage, School Hill. During his research my Facebook page of PC popped up & he messaged me.

By the way, I mentioned that we don't let the cottage much anymore but if you know of anyone wishing to holiday in the village (& will leave it as they find it) I would consider it. **Lynne Maunder**

### **The Cornish Telegraph 28.4.1938**

Mrs. A.J. Kent, of Perranwell Station, Cornwall, gave a party on Tuesday April 19, in celebration of her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday. Mrs Kent herself cut the birthday cake. Her grandfather, Mr James Opie, of Stithians, attained the age of 100. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tristram Opie, died at advanced ages, and her two sisters, Mrs. G. Oats and Mrs. Susan Edwards, at the ages of 87, and 94 respectively. Her brothers, Messrs. Tristram and John Opie, and her cousins, Mrs Amelia Martin, Mrs T Eastlake, Messrs. James and J. Opie attained the ages of 97, 90, 92, 81, 80, and 88 respectively. Her father, Mr Tristram Opie, built Primrose Cottage where she was the first to be born.

Mrs Kent is an early riser, makes her own bed every day, and in fine weather takes a short walk. She still retains her faculties and is able to knit and sew.

In 1865 she went to London, where she lived until 1914, when she returned to Cornwall. She well recollects the old stage coach which ran from London to Falmouth, and remembers the changing of horses at The Royal Oak, Perranwell.

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**June 2021**

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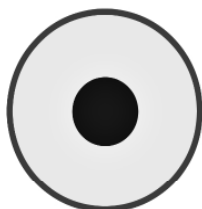
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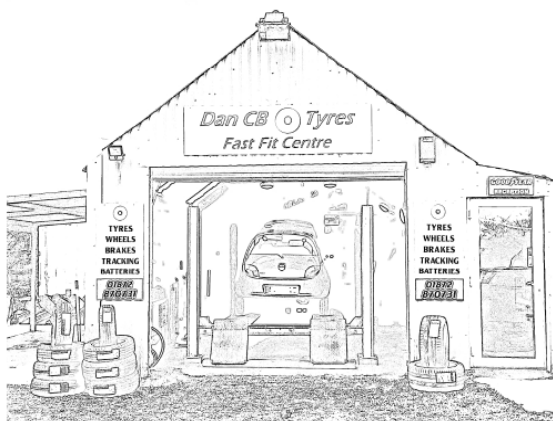


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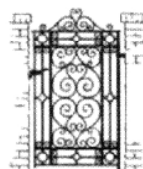


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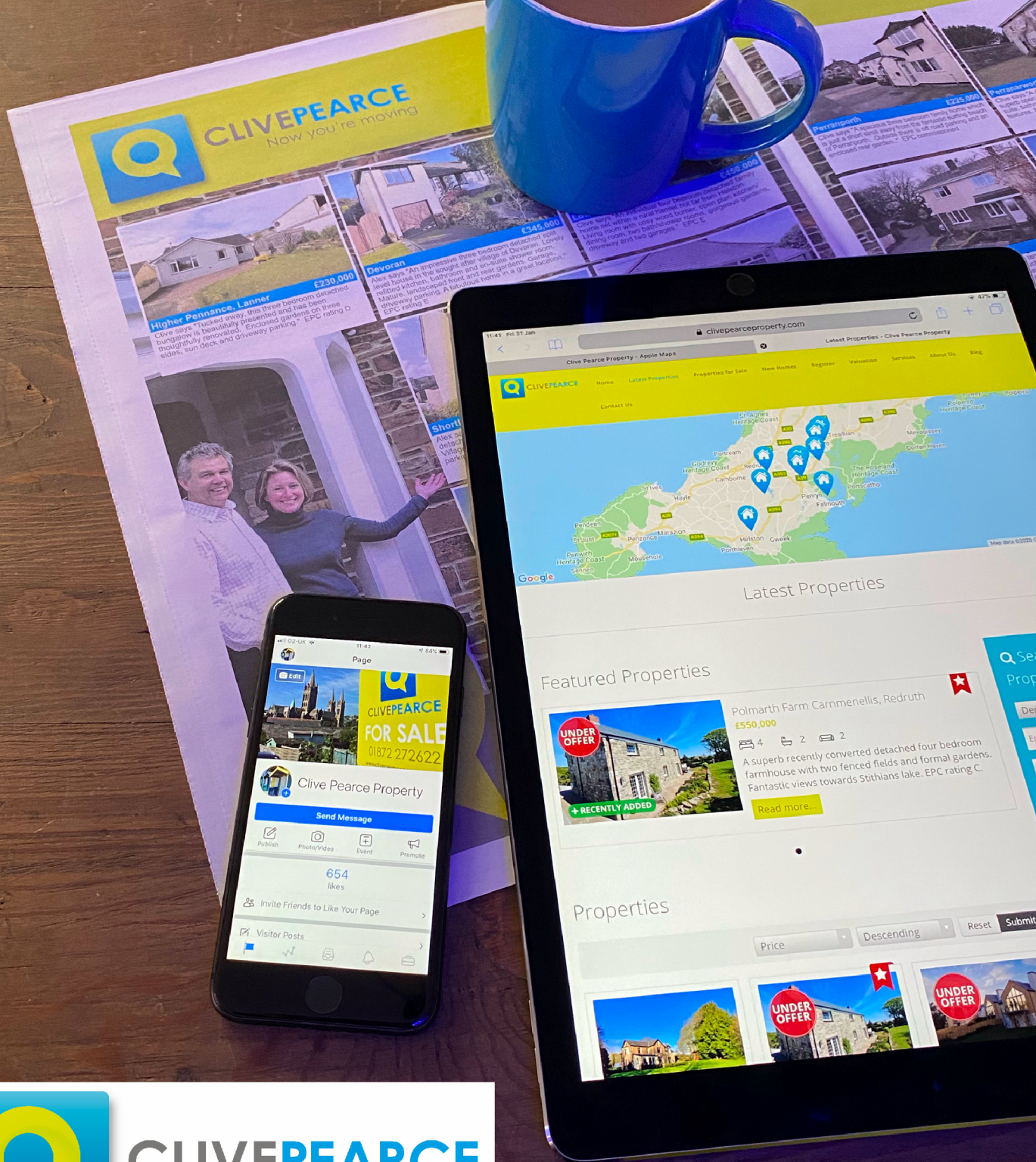
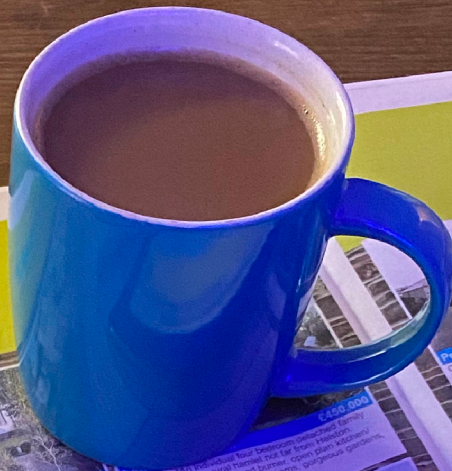
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