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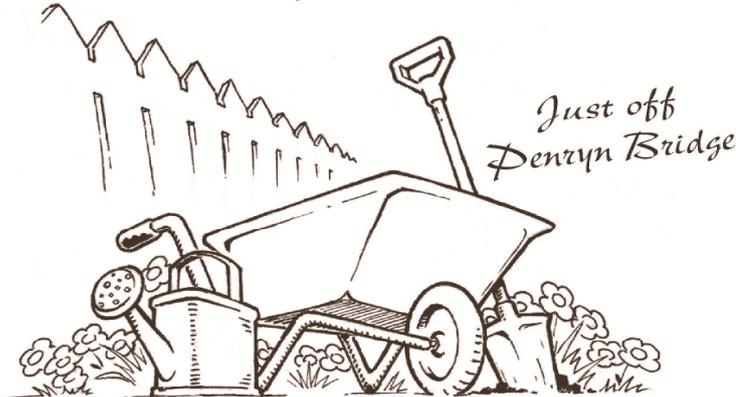
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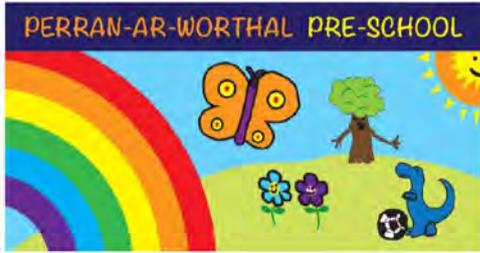
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EDITORIAL



I make no apology for making this edition of **Perran News** very Big Village heavy. The front cover shows a number of the events which made Big Village 2015 such a success. Colin Bridges supplied these atmospheric pictures bringing back fond memories of 2015 and reminding us what we have to look forward to. Thanks, Colin.

There should be a number of drop out supplements in this magazine relating to Big Village 2017 events. These will give you a full guide to the fortnight. There are also articles which give a thumb nail guide to many of the events.

Big Village is a great opportunity to meet fellow villagers whom you may not have come across before, to find out about local businesses, to see parts of the village, up close, you may have only walked or driven past, but most of all to celebrate the great good fortune we have to live in Perranwell / Perranarworthal.

Look upon the programme as a menu; you can eat your way through the lot and gorge yourself over the fortnight, or you can select events which are of particular interest for the gourmet / weightwatchers experience. There is something for everyone, post June 8th, a great boost for all of us with post election fatigue.

The organising committee, and in particular Ian Halford and Christiana Hancox have put in a huge amount of work in pulling all this together. A very impressive piece of work team. Well done. The Parish Council have supported the weeks with a generous grant to cover the administrative costs. Thanks PC.

Finally I hope readers will pitch in and support the many and varied events, and most of all enjoy them. If anyone would like to write reports of their BV experiences **Perran News** will be pleased to publish them. Finally, let us hope for some sunshine.

We have a new look website which I would recommend you visit. Sarah Matthews our new webmistress, and also incidentally, our distribution organiser has done a splendid job. Thanks, Sarah. Sarah, will be taking part in the BV events with a session on social media, ideal for the mature smart-phone and tablet user a little bewildered by Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

The website comes up easily on a search for "**Perran News**" so please recommend it to all your friends, relatives and former neighbours who might have an interest, from Playing Place to Paraguay.

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Mark Gripper

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on April 2017 It was attended by Councillor Peter Williams (Cornwall Council) and various members of the public



This was the last meeting of the Parish Council in its current form. The new bus shelter down on the main road has still not yet been installed, but it is hoped that it will be in place shortly. Following complaints about slippery pavement surfaces due to moss, Cormac has been asked to quote to spray the affected areas and also to look at the path from the Norway up to the church to see if any improvements can be made.

The Parish Council also met for a planning meeting in April. Following some comments made by the public, it is worth reminding everyone again about the role of the Council in planning decisions. The decision to approve or refuse an application is not something that the Parish Council can make, it is only a **consultee** in the process. The applications come through electronically, all councillors look at the proposals in advance of the meeting and then each application is discussed and voted upon. The majority decision is used to inform Cornwall Council whether the parish council supports or objects to the application and why. Although the parish council's view will be taken into consideration, ultimately it is the Planning Office and the Ward Member (Councillor Peter Williams) who decide whether the application is passed or refused. In addition, whether it is the Parish or Cornwall Council looking, both can only object on very clearly laid down planning grounds. Anyone who wishes to comment on a specific application should, in addition to telling the Parish Council, submit that comment to the Cornwall Council planning portal so

that the Planning Officer dealing with it is aware of the public's opinion.

It was agreed that the Clerk should enquire into hiring a project manager to get the Neighbourhood Development Plan back on track. Hopefully the meetings will commence again shortly.

Although no election was required in the Parish, Councillor Hugh Kneebone and Councillor Chris Hatch decided not to stand again. Councillor Kneebone has given 54 years of service to the Parish Council, so it is hardly surprising that he felt he had done his share. However as he is a walking encyclopaedia on all matters of parish history, he is still likely to be much in demand. Councillor Hatch, although not as long serving, will always be known as the main man for dog bins, street signs and bus shelters. He will still be involved in other organisations within the parish. Councillor Graham Brown, Chairman of the Parish Council thanked both of them for their invaluable service and acknowledged that their expertise would be missed.

The Parish Council will not be without a Kneebone however, as Scott Kneebone is one of the two new Councillors. The other is John Burn.

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 28th June at 7.30pm, with public participation between 7.15 and 7.30pm.

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PERRANWELL STATION - WEATHER REPORT FOR APRIL 2017

Average daily maximum temperature:	13.8C	
Maximum temperature for the month:	17C on 23rd	
Average daily minimum temperature:	5.6C	
Minimum temperature for the month:	-0.4 on 27th	
Rainfall:	0.87 inches	
Sunshine:	211 hours	
Wind direction:	Northerly quarter predominant	

April was a dry month, with plenty of sunshine. Temperatures were about 1C above the long-term average, despite the predominantly light, northerly winds. The month was virtually dry, with only 5 “rain days”, and most of the rain falling on the 30th.

From a climate point of view, where is the best place to live? Many people, given the chance, would probably opt for somewhere sunnier and warmer than the UK. Of course, most people have family ties and work commitments that limit their choice. These considerations aside, and limiting the choice to the UK, it is largely a question of tastes and leisure pursuits.

Given its relatively dry climate with pleasant, warm summers, the south-east of England has many devotees. It has higher sunshine totals than most parts, and average wind speeds are lower than on the west coast. However, for those that prefer the most equable climates, these are found in the west and south-west, in Cornwall, Wales, and parts of west Scotland. The frequency of rain is greater than in the south-east, but winters are milder and frosts are few.

For the active, healthy person, a moderately bracing climate may be best. On the other hand, a person who wants to potter, and laze in the sunshine, will probably choose a more relaxing place, the south coast of England being most favoured.

All in all, our own climate here in Perranwell Station has much to commend it. Mild in winter, with well above average annual sunshine totals, we are also shielded from the worst of the weather to which the north coast is sometimes exposed. And having both south and north coasts relatively close at hand, we can opt for days out on either, depending on whether we want bracing or relaxing conditions.

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St. Piran's Church is a beautiful and sacred place. It is consecrated ground. It is a central part of our community and many people work hard and spend long hours keeping it as it should be. It serves the whole community and we are rightly proud of it.

Much has previously been written in *Perran News* about owners not being responsible for their dogs and what they produce. Sadly, our church has become afflicted with this curse. Our churchyards are being soiled by dogs whose owners allow them to run free.

If you walk your dog, please make sure it is on a lead if you find it necessary for it to be in the churchyard. And, please pick up after it! Imagine visiting the grave of a loved one and finding the evidence of unrestrained dogs. Would you tolerate it?

It is an offence under "The Dog (Fouling of Land) Act, 1996 to allow a dog, which you are responsible for, to foul and not clear it up immediately when in a public place such as cemeteries and war memorials.

There are plenty of examples of people who have been legally prosecuted for not keeping a dog on a lead in a churchyard and not picking up after it. They are separate offences. One man, in another part of the country, was fined for not keeping his dogs on a lead and letting them defecate in the churchyard. It cost him a total of £1,153. That was in 2012.

There are signs at the entrance to both of our churchyards. Please help us to eradicate this menace. It only takes one irresponsible owner to cause the problem. It is unsightly and a health hazard wherever it happens, but in a churchyard, which is a sacred place, it causes visitors and grieving relatives huge distress.

We would like to believe that this article hits home and the problem stops. Please help us to make sure we don't have to take this any further. If you wish to contact us, our details are in Perran News and on our website www.stpiranstruro.org.uk

Paul Stuart and Heather McCombie, Church Wardens

St Piran's Church with Perranwell
Methodists, June 2017

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REMEMBERING THE FALLEN

Following last month's article where we started to look at the Roll of Honour, we have carried out some further research on some of the names listed or linked with the one in the Parish Church not related to the detailed account of the names of the fallen.

The first snippet relates to Captain Tremayne who was noted in the West Briton as having donated the wood for the panel itself. Tremayne came from a military family and was the son of Colonel Arthur Tremayne, who took part in the famous Charge of the Light Brigade in the Crimea. He doesn't appear to have served in WW1 but was a President of the Stithians Show and Mr Philp, who was involved in the construction of the Roll, is probably the same Philp listed on the same tablet serving as a Petty Officer in the Royal Navy.

As stated previously, the Roll lists 112 names in total.

The main rank represented is that of Private with 57 shown. The next most represented are Gunner (10) and Sapper (8). The highest rank is Colonel – The Honorable N A Hood, CMG, DSO (more of him to follow).

The most represented regiment is the DCLI (21) with the Royal Navy (14) and Royal Engineers (10) being next.

11 are listed as killed in action (RIP), 17 were wounded and one is marked as 'wounded and POW'. As well as Colonel Hood's awards, there is one other name who was awarded the Military Cross and the Order of St Anne.

From our research we have identified that 38 of those listed attended Perranarworthal School.

Surprisingly, and despite the release of records to various genealogy sites, details on these names is scant. However, some stories have been possible to extract which we would like to share with you.

Lieutenant Colonel Neville Albert Hood

Both the highest ranked and most decorated of our Roll of Honour list, Hood was resident as Coozevean, Perranarworthal, next to the turning for Visicks Yard on the main Truro-Falmouth road.

Hood was born in 1872, to the 4th Viscount Hood of Whitley. He married Eveline Broad in Falmouth in 1908 and had four children.

His brother was Rear Admiral Sir Horace Hood who died at the Battle of Jutland and his ancestor, Admiral Samuel Hood, 1st Viscount Hood, went on to have a battleship named after him – HMS Hood hitting the headlines when sunk by the Bismarck in WW2.

Hood fought in the Boer War between 1900 and 1902 and went on to serve in the First World War. He gained the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the service of the Royal Garrison Artillery and was decorated a Distinguished Service Order (DSO) in 1917.

In the New Years Honours List 1918, he was invested as a Companion, Order of St. Michael and St. George (CMG) for services rendered in connection with Military Operations in France and Flanders and went on to be Deputy Lieutenant (D.L.) of Cornwall before his death in 1948.

Lance Corporal Ernest John Dunstan

This name appears on the Roll of Honour in the church marked as "Wounded and POW". Our search shows that Ernest lived in Ponsanooth but his mother lived at Myrtle Villas, Perranwell Station.

Ernest served with the Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMLI) but was wounded and taken prisoner by the Germans in March 1918 at Bertincourt in France. From there he was transferred to Parchim, a POW camp, about 100 miles north of Berlin. The camp held 25,000 prisoners during WW1 and was one of nearly 170 camps across Germany.

The West Briton from June 1918 included a report that 'news has been received by Mrs A Dunstan of Perranwell, that her son Cpl E J Dunstan, RMLI, who had been reported missing since March 25, is a prisoner of war in Germany and is quite well. Prior to enlisting Crpl Dunstan was on the reporting staff of the West Briton.' A similar report in May added that Dunstan had been wounded and was in hospital. He had been in France for some time.

Squadron Leader Richard Michael Trevethan

This name is shown on the church list although for all but one West Briton article in August 1917 is shown as living in or near Perranporth.

Actually born in Park City, Utah, USA in 1895 the family had returned to Cornwall by 1901 and were living at St Kew. Trevethan attended Falmouth Grammar School and later on went to Portsmouth Grammar School and the Imperial College of Science, London.

On 22 September 1914, Trevethan was commissioned a temporary second lieutenant and served in the 6th Battalion, South Lancashire Regiment, seeing active service in France and in the Gallipoli Campaign in 1915. By May 1917, Trevethan was transferred onto the General List to serve in the Royal Flying Corps, and was posted to No. 20 Squadron RFC to fly a two-seater F.E.2.d fighter.

He became a flying ace credited with twelve aerial victories. The same West Briton article shows that "Trevethan, of Perranarworthal, has been awarded the Military Cross. Lieut Trevethan has seen active service in Egypt and France. He was in the battle of the Somme and, after being wounded, has sufficiently recovered to return to France".

The actual citation read: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when on offensive patrols. He has continuously displayed the greatest dash and determination in attacking enemy formations, regardless of their superiority in numbers, and has shot down at least four, driving others down out of control."

On 1 August 1919, Trevethan was granted a permanent commission as a flying officer in the Royal Air Force. On 22 December 1919, he received a mention in despatches while serving with the British "Syren Force" in Murmansk, northern Russia, during the Allied intervention in the Russian Civil War. He was also awarded the Order of St. Anna, 2nd class, by the Russians.

In 1920 Trevethan married Muriel Moon, daughter of Major Wilfred Moon, and granddaughter of Sir Edward Moon, but they were divorced in 1936. They had a son, Gerald Michael Trevethan, who seems to have died before his first birthday and which seems to have affected Trevethan who appears regularly in various papers for drink driving offences.

He continued in the RAF until 1935 after which he became Air Advisor to the Government in China. During the Second World War, he was attached to the Admiralty, serving as mate and second officer in Royal Navy small ships. Post-war he was made a Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society, a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, and was for many years Superintendent of the Falmouth Meteorological Observatory.

An interesting extract from the Cornishman in August 1933 refers to a tribute paid to Sqn Ldr Trevethan at a dinner held at the Savoy Hotel in honour of Angus Miller who at the time had broken a double cross-channel record in a speed boat. Mr Miller "said that much of the credit was due to the wonderful way in which Sqn Ldr Trevethan had laid the course [for] although the horizon from a speed boat is only about two miles, they were dead on ... there and back".

Trevethan died on 30 December 1971, at the Royal Cornwall Hospital, Treリスケ, Truro. The London Gazette showed his address at the time of death to be Greenbank, Falmouth.

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REMEMBERING THE FALLEN TALK IN BIG VILLAGE 2017

For those of you following the monthly articles, you may (or may not!) be interested in the Big Village Week programme.

We will be giving an illustrated talk about our project and telling you more about the men remembered on our village war memorial, how and why we started and maybe a hint of what is still to be published.



Our talk is on **MONDAY 19TH JUNE AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**. We hope to see many of you there and if you have any photos or details which may help us unpick their stories, please do bring them along.

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BIG VILLAGE 2017 ROUNDUP OF EVENTS

Planning for this year's Big Village programme began in June 2016 and since then, the steering group has met monthly in the village hall.

I should like to thank, most sincerely, the members of our group for all their assistance and in addition the many people who have offered to organise events. It would be invidious to single out any individuals but I should, however, like to mention Christiana Hancox, who agreed to be our secretary. Her assistance has been invaluable. How did we cope on previous occasions without a secretary?

At the time of writing this, I have not heard from anyone that any of the events in the programme will not take place. I have suggested that the organisers of our events might like to write a short article for this edition of Perran News to give readers more detail about their event.

We must now hope for fine weather during the two weeks, particularly for the days when events will take place out of doors.

Please support all those who have worked so hard to bring you this programme and to organise events for the whole village.

Ian Halford

Additional Programme Event

MONDAY 19TH JUNE 9.30 AM–11.30 AM

The Pre-School will be holding a Forest School session on the Playing Field

A Teddy Bears Picnic is being planned for lunchtime that day.



BIG VILLAGE ANNUAL CLEAN

ON FRIDAY, 16TH JUNE sees the traditional start of our Big Village Programme by adding a shine to all areas of the lovely area in which we live.

To help in the annual clean please all meet outside The Royal Oak at 6.00pm armed with gloves and black sacks. Our aim this year is to also make sure our local street signs are cleaned where accessible. Shirley and Ray Christophers will make sure you don't all go off in the same direction.

Children are welcome but please make sure they are safe at all times.

The Pub will gladly offer a reasonably priced supper on your return but you must let Tim or Lizzie know in advance.



BIG VILLAGE - BIG COMMUNITY LUNCH

Remember, remember, not the 5th November but the 17th June when the **BIG** Community Lunch will be happening at the Village Hall at 1pm. No dress code required, only a big smile and a plate of food to share. I am very partial to smoked salmon and caviar on blinis, but will happily munch on cheese and onion crisps as well! The last time we all got together was the Queen's Jubilee celebrations so let's try to surpass that. This is a great opportunity to show what a friendly community we are in Perranwell, to meet new people and catch up with those we haven't seen for far too long. If the weather is suitable we will be outside, if not then in the main hall. So don't forget to come along, even if you forget the food you can share my sandwiches.

Saturday June 17
Big Community Lunch
Village Hall
1.00p.m.

Any enquiries or offers of help, contact: *Chris Ryall 01872 864203*



ART SAFARI

Inside this issue of *Perran News* there should be a leaflet about the Art Safari taking place during the Big Village Event from 16th June to 2nd July. If you have ever been to Open Studios you will have some idea of the type of event. There are many talented craftspeople living in the village and I am very grateful to those who have been able to invite you to view their work. There are several opportunities for us to go along during the fortnight, but don't forget that this is often at the home of the artist so dates and times are given. At one venue, if you want to see the artist at work, you will need to telephone prior to your visit to enable a kiln to be fired up. You will be amazed at the variety and quality of what is on offer. Some may be for sale, others not but it is always worth talking to the artist. Please do go and see, it may inspire you to take up something yourself. Or just marvel at what others are able to achieve. We are so fortunate to have neighbours like this and these are just the ones that I know of living in Perranwell.

Chris Ryall



BIG VILLAGE EVENT INVITATION TO VISIT CORNWALL CONCRETE PRODUCTS

CORNWALL CONCRETE PRODUCTS are based just along the Bissoe Valley before Point Mills.

As part of our BV programme they are kindly hosting an Open Afternoon on **MONDAY, JUNE 26TH MEETING AT 2.00PM IN THEIR CAR PARK.**



The Company is involved in many major national projects and manufacture a vast range of products in important sectors throughout the UK economy.

To see first hand how and what is made within a stone throw of our village please register your interest by phoning *John Cardew 01872 865432.*

BIG VILLAGE EVENT BIKE MAINTENANCE & CYCLE RIDE

Many people may not have heard of Sustrans, the UK charity making it easier for people to walk and cycle. They have various routes throughout the country & you may well have spotted the small blue signposts that mark the network of off road & quiet road cycle routes.



Sustrans also train volunteers as ride leaders & in bike maintenance.

Three years ago, following his heart attack, my husband John & I joined a local Sustrans cycling group. I had never ridden a bike as a child & could barely do so but received great help & encouragement from the volunteers. We now cycle regularly on Saturday mornings with the group & usually on another day with friends or on our own. It is a very social affair, with 3 regular start points, Elm Farm Bike hire at Cambrose, Bike Chain Bike hire at Bissoe & Miss Mollys at Dolcoath Camborne. Elm Farm & Bissoe offer discounted bike hire to the Sustrans riders for a period of 10 weeks. The rides on the bike trails & quiet roads end with an optional coffee at the end! The rides are geared to those attending with the option of a shorter alternative route if necessary. Some riders, who would not otherwise do the ride, use electric bikes.

So what ever your experience come along & get your bike checked out on SATURDAY 17TH JUNE 2PM TO 2.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL, INSIDE IF WET.

Then join the bike ride at Dunstans Bridge car park on SATURDAY 1 JULY 10.30AM FOR A 10.45AM START for a ride to suit your ability. If you wish to hire a bike be at Bissoe Bike hire at 10.15 am to meet a Sustrans volunteer to organise discounted bike hire.

No unaccompanied children please.

More information on Sustrans in Cornwall at <https://www.facebook.com/sustranscornwall/> or phone *Carrie 01872 863825*



**AN INVITATION TO
“ THE RITZ “
----- TEA PARTY PERRANWELL STYLE-----
PERRANWELL VILLAGE HALL
TUESDAY, 27TH JUNE 2017 AT 2.15PM**



The Big Village invites all Perranwell Senior Citizens to join an afternoon of friendship, food and entertainment. An opportunity to meet and enjoy the company of your fellow villagers – the invitation is extended to everyone “senior” - those who deserve a little treat.

Forget the housework and the garden and join us – transport within the village can be arranged for those less mobile. Also there is no charge – so you have no excuse!!

The event is supported by The Big Village Committee, The WI, Our local School, Our Memory Cafe, The Parish Council and The Lions Club of Truro.

For catering purposes we need your names and addresses and would ask you to kindly complete this acceptance. Kindly return it to either -

John Cardew, 30 Arworthal Meadows (865432)

Ian Halford, 25 Arworthal Meadows (864554)

or Debbie at our Village Shop has kindly agreed to collect the acceptances for the event.

Please Join Us

Acceptance (please detach)

Please add my/our names to the guest list for The BV Tea Party

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Tel. no. _____

I /we are able to get to the Tea Party

a) under our own steam

or b) if required help with a lift ... please indicate.

CHURCH OPEN AFTERNOON SUNDAY JULY 2ND

2.00pm - 5pm St Pirans Church Open

Your splendid 19th century church will be open. Take the opportunity to visit and see the memorials that are housed in the church. Have you seen the King Charles letter? Hear the hand bells playing, place a posy in memory of a special person or event, and view the vestments on display.

Cream tea available and art work on display in the church hall.



BIG VILLAGE GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME - FRIDAY JUNE 23RD

Problems with Garden Pests, Baffled by your Plants, Think you've tried Everything?

Come and speak to the experts

Our own Pat Ward with Radio Cornwall's Nigel Pascoe and Liam Shoesmith

Also

Learn how to care for your Apple Trees - a short talk by Shane Kneebone

How to Attract Bees into your Garden - a short talk by Jacqueline Davey



THE PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL LOCAL HISTORY GROUP & THE BIG VILLAGE 2017

Perran-ar-worthal Local History group is a newly formed group that aims to research, study and record the archaeology and history of the local area. Members are investigating areas of particular interest which include archaeology, the railway, local pubs, oral history & many other aspects of the past. The group are placing display boards in the main hall of the Village Hall for the duration of the Big Village Event showing some of the work in progress. It is hoped villagers will be able to name people & put dates to some of the old photos that will be shown. An event will also be held in the Royal Oak on Friday 23rd June entitled "Discover our local History"



The group have already established a facebook page "Memories of Perranwell Station & Perranarworthal" https://www.facebook.com/groups/394198120967016/requests/?notif_t=group_r2j¬if_id=1494749287687499

On this page old photos can be posted & reminiscences shared. It is hoped the group will soon have a website that will provide a permanent archive for old photos.

The group also hopes, in the future, to provide a programme of relevant speakers that all are welcome to attend. Please come & see what the group has to offer in the Village Hall or at the Royal Oak event.

PERRAN NEWS PUZZLES

CONNECTIONS

Sort the following 16 random words into 4 groups of 4 connected words.

Puzzle 1.

JELLY	SAUCE	BATTER	CHAIR
TACKLE	BELT	DO	GARBANZO
BLACK	PUNCH	WALLOP	LICENCE
SMACK	BABA	MUNG	CLOUT

Puzzle 2.

HOUSE	GODFREY	GOLD	BUTTER
EDEN	FIRE	BALDWIN	JONES
MAINWARING	STIRRUP	HORSE	LOVING
WILSON	DRAGON	PIKE	MAY

ENDINGS & BEGINNINGS

Find a word that will go on to the end of the first word & the beginning of the second word to make a word or phrase. E.g. PUSH - LIFT the answer is chair.

- 1) SAFETY – POLE
- 2) PRECIOUS – GROUND
- 3) SLOW – HOOD
- 4) SPEAK – LIFE
- 5) RENT – WORM
- 6) GRAPE – FRUIT
- 7) SIDE – TOWEL
- 8) TRAM – DANCE

Anne & Malcolm

PERRANARWORTHAL CRICKET CLUB - Liquid sunshine...!

Well, who would have guessed! ...the opening month of the cricket season marred by two weeks of inclement weather! Not too much cricket played in the soggy conditions, but certainly a few promising signs of things to come. We have seen the first of our U13 squad make their senior debut and impress both the 3rd and 2nd team captains, and have enjoyed watching some of our seasoned 'seniors' notch up their first half centuries of the year.

Let's hope there's some sunshine coming and lots more highlights to follow throughout June!



Home dates for the Diary.

Monday	June 12 th	- U13's	v	Mt Hawke U13's	6.15 pm
Sunday	June 18 th	- 3 rd XI	v	Perranporth 2	2.00 pm
Saturday	June 24 th	- 1 st XI	v	Gulval	1.30 pm
Wednesday	June 28 th	- T20	v	Falmouth	6.15 pm
Saturday	July 1 st	- 1 st XI	v	Barripper	1.30 pm
Saturday	July 8 th	- 2 nd XI	v	Wendron 2	2.00 pm

U13s league.

Unfortunately our first match was a wash out, such a shame! The squad are overflowing with excitement and enthusiasm; I hope that the weather is kinder to us over the coming weeks as we look to enjoy our first taste of competition. All our juniors have worked really hard on their skills, we cannot wait to see all the dedication pay off.

Keep the dates in mind, and your eyes on the skies and hopefully we will see you at the ground!

CLUB BBQ AND PICNIC NIGHT, FRIDAY JUNE 30TH.



We would like to welcome you all to our picnic party.

We have a wonderful mix of members at the club, from those who take care of various duties on almost a daily basis, those who enjoy our recreational activities regularly and those who just like to join us for a glass of something cold every now and again. We hope that this evening will be one where we can all come together and enjoy getting to know each other a little better.

Bar open from 6pm, BBQ from 6.30pm onwards, please join us if you can!

BIG VILLAGE, ADULT 6-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT, SUNDAY JULY 2ND



Thank you so much to those who have been in touch and entered a team! We're very excited to welcome you and hope for a great days play. There is still room to accommodate more entries, no experience necessary, just some enthusiasm and a sense of humour! ☺

The games will be played with a wind ball as opposed to a leather ball, coaches will be available on the day to help with tips and advice and teams will have full support throughout their matches. 6-a-side is a really fun and versatile version of the game that offers a good taster of all disciplines.

It will be a 10am meet for team entry, competition rules, coaching and warm up (at a sedate Sunday morning pace of course!), with matches commencing from 11am. With a full quota of teams there will be cricket throughout the day allowing plenty of time to enjoy the bar, the atmosphere and hopefully, the sunshine.

All enquiries welcome, please feel free to give me a call on the number below; I would be happy to hear from you.

Club support.

As with any small village club, sporting or otherwise, it takes dedication from members and supporters to sustain it. Our current grounds team do a wonderful job in maintaining our pitch so beautifully (so much so we're highly ranked in the Cornish cricket leagues, and have an outfield of good enough quality to support croquet), but I'm sure they would be only too happy to have an extra pair of hands or two...especially if you're mechanically minded.

We welcome any level of support, be it ground work, match day catering, scoring, umpiring or otherwise, any assistance is so greatly appreciated. We understand how valuable your recreation time is and know that it is not always possible to make a regular, rigid commitment, but we would love to know if there's anyone in our community with a few hours to spare who could be called upon when we most need help.

If you think you would be interested in supporting our club and working with us, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Thank you so much,
Look forward to seeing you along the way...

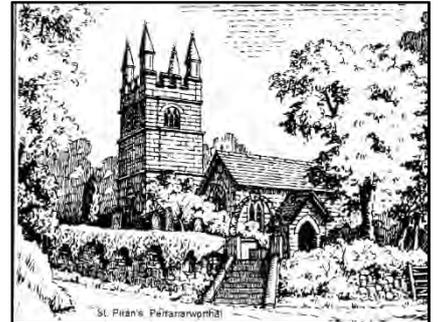
Ashley Bridges, 07816 388 474, Youth coach/Membership secretary, Perranarworthal Cricket Club

CHURCH LETTER

“So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, goodbye”, “Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye, cheerio, here I go on my way”.

These were the first two songs that popped into my head as I sat down to write my goodbye to you.

It's a funny word goodbye; it was first recorded in 1565-75; as a contraction of 'God be with ye' which I thought was rather fitting as we all enter this new phase in our lives. I do pray that God will be with you as you travel in whatever direction your life and that of the Cluster takes and I hope that you will pray the same for Hannah and me on our new journey.



As you'll already be aware this is my last letter for the magazine. On the 9th July my time here in the Eight Saints Cluster will come to an end as Hannah and I move to Hampshire, where I take on the role of Lead Chaplain for Hampshire Police. To have been serving God alongside you, here in your parishes for the last two years, has been an immense honour and a pleasure and I have so enjoyed meeting with and learning from each and every one of you.

I have taken many different services, moved hundreds of chairs, eaten a few thousand pasties, sung a lot of silly songs, and presided at many weddings. Sadly, many goodbyes have been said to wonderful people as together we have thanked God for their lives and commended them back to His love. I feel hugely privileged to have been allowed to be of support to some of you as you have experienced such painful times in your lives and to have rejoiced with others during the some of the loveliest moments.

Well, you could never describe serving God together in this cluster as mundane!

So, my prayer that 'God be with ye' over the next chapter of Cluster-life also includes that you will be held in God's love as you courageously open yourselves to moving in different directions, and boldly prepare for fresh encounters of God in things old and new and in all that you do.

As Hannah and I begin to pack up here in Devoran, we experience the sadness that accompanies all endings, the anticipation of new beginnings, but also the delight of having such fond memories of you all. To each of you who has played a part in making our time in this Cluster so special – a huge thank you!

Goodbye - for now, and God be with ye!

Dom & Hannah

Rev'd Dom Jones is a Priest serving the Eight Saints Cluster of Churches which includes Carharrack, Chacewater, Devoran, Feock, Gwennap, Perran-ar-Worthal, St Day and Stithians. More information can be found at www.eightsaints.org.uk



We are very much looking forward to our Community Drama Event on Saturday July 1st. As I reported in last month's Perran News we will be commencing and finishing at the Royal Oak. Start time is 2.00pm and then we will be strolling to the School, Cricket Club, PVH I'm sure the weather will be kind to us, after all this is Cornwall what could possibly go wrong! The only extra date is Sunday 25th June when we will have some kind of rehearsal at the Village Hall starting at 2.00pm just to get in the swing of things! So if you would like to be involved please put that date in your diary.



We are also looking forward to putting up a team for the cricket competition on Sunday 2nd July. So don't be surprised if you see a panto themed team trying to hit a cricket ball at that event!

I must just add that I'm really amazed at all the events that the Big Village has put together for that fortnight. Perranarworthal is a vibrant and creative village and we are thrilled to be taking part this year.

In other Drama News our enthusiastic youth group will be staging a variety style show on Saturday 3rd June 7.00pm start at the Village Hall. They will be performing a selection of songs from shows along with play extracts, a scene from Shakespeare and a couple of extra surprises. The hall will be laid out with tables for you to sit at, so bring along a picnic and something to drink and enjoy the show.

We are also looking forward to our October Show 'Amy's View' (5th to 7th October) by David Hare. The Panto which this year will be 'Robin Hood' (25th to 27th January).

Perhaps we are most excited to be beginning preparations to stage 'Henry IV Part One' at the Minack in April 2018. It is quite a privilege to be asked to perform at Cornwall's unique theatre and we are thrilled at the challenge.

This is a very full programme and we would welcome anyone who is reading this and thinking 'I wouldn't mind giving that a go' to get in touch. Amateur Drama is a very inclusive hobby and we welcome everyone regardless of age, gender or disability. It is also an area where the skills you have can be really put to a practical challenge of staging the best possible productions. It is more than acting though we welcome actors whether they have performed before or not, as with anything there is always time to start.

I will be giving more detail on all these productions in future editions.

John Frankland (j-frankland@hotmail.co.uk)

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL PRE-SCHOOL - CALL FOR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We are urgently looking for new volunteers to join the Pre-School committee. Some of our members will be stepping down shortly, leaving places on the committee that must be filled in order for the Pre-School to continue to run.

Activities include a monthly meeting and various fundraising events throughout the year. 60% of the committee must comprise parents or grandparents of enrolled children but the remaining 40% can be from any member of the community.

If you have some time to spare and would like to contribute, please contact us!



In other news this month, as part of the Pre-School's fund raising campaign, the committee ran a book sale at Sainsburys Falmouth store this month, which raised funds to cover the purchase of new toys and equipment.

With summer on its way, the Pre-School staff are planning two outings with the children before the end of term – a beach trip to Gyllanvase and a trip to Dairyland. We look forward to sharing the photos of the children enjoying themselves!

FOR ENROLLMENT ENQUIRIES, OR DETAILS ABOUT JOINING THE COMMITTEE, PLEASE: TEL: 01872 857220 or EMAIL: perranarworthal@yahoo.o.uk

Perranarworthal Pre-School

Forest School Workshop

19th June - 9.30-11.30

On the Playing Field

Come along and see what the children enjoy at Forest School

Refreshments available from the campfire

Followed by

Teddy Bears Picnic from 12.00 noon

Bring along your picnic and your teddy Bears for a picnic at the park



SCHOOL OPEN AFTERNOON ON 29TH JUNE, 4PM TO 6PM

Perran-ar-Worthal School invites you to an open afternoon as part of the Big Village Week 2017.

So what can you expect on your visit to our school?



LET'S ENTERTAIN YOU!

During your visit to the school you will get the opportunity to be entertained by the children's choir and instrumentalists who have all enjoyed great successes at local competitions. You will also get the opportunity to hear the Perran-ar-Worthal Community Choir and can find out how to become involved if you enjoy singing. There will be a coffee shop with lots of yummy cake to choose from whilst you enjoy the music. All we ask for is a donation for your tea, cake and entertainment. The school is, at present, trying to raise funds to purchase ipads for the children to use as part of their learning. All donations on the day will go towards this fund raising target.

SPORTING TALENT

Our PE coordinator, Mr Teasdale, will provide a PE demonstration, with some of our KS2 pupils, on the outdoor play court, weather permitting! If you feel up for it, there may also be an opportunity for you to join in with a game – so don't forget your trainers!

COMPETITION TIME!

As part of the Big Village Week, the school will be running a competition, to include artwork, cake making, photography, flower displays and more. All entries will be on display during the open afternoon. Not to be missed!

FUN WITH TECHNOLOGY

Our ICT coordinator, Mrs Pallot, will be working with several of our pupils who will be more than happy to talk to you about how they use technology to develop their skills in animation. If you want to be shown how to make a mini movie, then come along and have a go!

SOMETHING TO MAKE YOU THINK!

To ensure you visit every classroom and admire the children's work on display, there will be a treasure hunt that will take you around the school where you will need to find clues that will lead you onto the next part of your journey. A lovely activity to enjoy with your children!

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW?

Our friendly staff and pupil ambassadors will be positioned around the school for you to ask any questions – as long as they know the answers!

We look forward to sharing our lovely facilities with you!

NB: For safeguarding reasons, we politely ask that, during your visit, all children must be accompanied by an adult and will need to remain with that adult during your visit to our school. Thank you.



What's On at The Royal Oak

Big village Fortnight

Friday 16th June – Sunday 2nd July



We will be opening all weekdays from 9am onwards for anyone to pop in for refreshments whilst out and about.

Friday 16th June

Meet at The Royal Oak at 6pm for the Big Village Annual Clean Up followed by 'Special Supper' for all those who take part –please book in advance

Tuesday 20th June 10am to 11.30am

Knitting Circle – come and see what goes on and get clicking if you fancy!

Friday 23rd June 9.30 -11am

Discover your local history at Friday Coffee Morning– meet members of the Local History Group and find out more about who's researching what. Maybe you want to get involved?

Saturday 24th June

Come and enjoy a lovely day with us!

We will be running a Beer Festival in the Beer Garden from 11am to run over the whole weekend for all those who like to try different ales. For those looking for something different, there will be freshly made Pimms and Mead Coolers...lovely!

BBQ from 3.30pm to 5.30pm accompanied by Stuart Douglas on the accordion.

Raffle in aid of Cornwall Beekeepers Association.

6pm – Stay and listen to live music from The Doras to complete a lovely day.

Tuesday 27th June

Knitting Circle 10-11.30am

7pm – The Royal Oak Big Village Quiz.

Let's get as many teams as possible in and raise some funds for the Playing Field

Centenary Tea Treat at Mellingey Sunday 18th June 2017



Around 100 years ago the annual Tea Treat was a regular village feature on the terraces at Mellingey, on the corner of Keeble Park and Tarrandean Lane.

The Tea Treat will be recreated on Sunday 18th June from 2.00 pm with tea, coffee, cakes, photographic displays and sideshows including Splat the Rat, Quoits, "Coconut" Shy and many others plus an opportunity to explore some of the extensive gardens and pathways of the old estate.

Please come along and support this unique event which is being hosted by the residents of Keeble Park and join in the fun.

All proceeds will be for the Cornwall Air Ambulance.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

ANSWERS CONNECTIONS

Puzzle 1. BEAN – jelly, garbanzo, mung, black. RUM – sauce, baba, punch, do.
HIT – belt, wallop, batter, clout. FISHING – smack, tackle, chair, licence.

Puzzle 2. DADS ARMY CHARACTERS – mainwaring, pike, jones, godfrey.
PRIME MINISTERS – eden, wilson baldwin, may.
FLY – fire, horse, dragon, house. CUP – gold, stirrup, loving, butter

ANSWERS ENDINGS & BEGINNINGS

1) Curtain 2) Stone 3) Cooker 4) Easy 5) Book 6) Vine 7) Bar 8) Line

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"At 20 we worry about what others think of us.
At 40 we don't care what others think of us.
At 60 we discover they haven't been thinking of us at all"

US Columnist Ann Landers, quoted in The Times

Sent in by Clive Buckingham. Perhaps other readers might send in quotes they have enjoyed .MBG

BOOK REVIEW "SERENADE TO THE BIG BIRD" AUTHOR - BERT STILES

This is not a new publication, but copies are still available. Paper copies are offered at 'silly' prices on Amazon, but a Kindle version can be downloaded for 0.99p. It is a gem for anyone of philosophical mind who wonders about the horror and futility of war. This highly recommended read has earned 'classic' status, and is now accepted as one of the masterpieces of WW2 writing.



Bert Stiles was a young American man, one of thousands that gave their lives in WW2. Unlike the vast majority of servicemen of all nationalities that served without question, the author had a deep and wide reaching view of the world, basically one of sympathy and understanding. He was not a dreamer that only saw the good and the beauty, although there is plenty of that in his writing, but it was an all embracing, warts and all view. One that still met with his full wonder and approval. He ached to survive the war and contribute in some way to peace and a tolerant world.

The narrative throughout is a matter of fact account of the brutality and horror in the Flying Fortresses of the U.S. airforce flying from British airfields; the day to day minutia; the sudden, unpredictable death or worse, the gory mutilation of the young men that had been full of life a few minutes earlier, and the brief moments of pleasure in London and elsewhere.

The horror was common in many theatres of war, but what makes this account special is the torment borne by the young author as he constantly questions the meaning of it all. He liked nothing better than to lay quietly on his back in a field of grass, looking up, and trying to make sense of the war, and reflecting on what should be. Blessed with a gift of insight, and the ability to express his doubts powerfully in his writing, he penned a book that has stood the test of time, and which was later published by his Mother. All of the young participants were aware that death could come at any time, and still they threw themselves into the task they had been allotted.

After reading this fascinating account, it is clear that Bert Stiles gave all he had to the service, and he flew the maximum number of 35 sorties in the B-17 heavy bombers, whilst at the same time sparing more than a thought for the unfortunate people down below. In this he was perhaps different. It made it more difficult as his mind struggled to accept the horror and absurdity of it all. Of course, too many questioning service personnel would have been a nightmare for warmongering governments. All their efforts are aimed at having an unquestioning band of automatons, whether on land, sea, or air.

The author died at the young age of 23, flying P/51 Mustangs fighters over Germany, after successfully transferring from bombers. He left this tender and sensitive portrayal of life and war as a thoughtful postscript to posterity.

AAR

READERS WRITE

Having recently returned from a protracted visit to members of our extended family in Peru, my wife, Mildred, and I were distraught, yes sir, distraught, to discover that there is a plethora of Planning Applications under consideration by Cornwall Council relating to the inappropriately located residential development of what appears to be large swathes of the parish of Perranarworthal! These applications are seemingly on the pretext of contributing towards solving the Country's apparent housing needs, which Mildred and I very much suspect they will not. Having looked into the matter during the last month, what is also disturbing is that rumour has it that if any, or all, of these applications should succeed there are other landowners who are poised ready to jump on the bandwagon; presumably this is to bolster their bank balances - or is it just altruism to resolve the aforementioned housing problem? If such persons exist, may we just ask these dear folk before proceeding, to consider whether in order to sustain what are probably their already comfortable life-styles, do they really need to *irretrievably* destroy yet more of our valuable diminishing landscape, an amenity which has no doubt provided nurture and pleasure to them over many years, and has done likewise for their fellow parishioners. Should these applications succeed, all we can say is, if anyone is concerned about being a 'Country Bumpkin' have no fear, prepare yourself to become a 'City Slicker'! Doubtless there are those persons well qualified within the parish to conduct 'conversion courses' on our psyches in the West Room of the Village Hall – tea and biscuits provided? Where will it all end?

Yours very concerned

Victor Emm (Local Resident)

AH THE JOYS OF COUNTRY LIFE.

Getting up early before the hubbub of the day begins. What is about the morning smell? So fresh....so whatever the farmer has spread in his field the day before. You don't get that in towns. Oh no.



Walking around the garden, listening to the birds who must surely be nesting now. Even the rat, which one wishes wasn't quite so close but there it is, nibbling yesterdays' bird seed under the table, dropped carelessly by the wood pigeons. Suddenly a loud bang. What was that? The thought creeps quickly to mind that Mrs next door.....cannot quite remember her name...always looked so depressed.

Another bang. Not the noise of a gun after all, but the farmer in the next field with his gas appliance. Scaring off the pigeons from eating his crops. He needn't worry, they seem to feed at our bird table. Perhaps a scarecrow would help? Evening brings its' own country delights. Sleeping with the windows open during the warm spell coincides with the farmer using his tractor ; tilling the ground well into the darkness. Using headlights.....a wonderful invention. Poor man surely cannot get enough sleep ,because again the next morning at five or half past he has to start again.

In the old days it must have been so awkward having to harness the horses every few hours.....and no headlights either. The cow having recently had her calf removed at such an early age....mooring into the night as any good mother would , wondering where her newborn offspring is.

Probably better to shut the window and try to forget.

But still the owl can be heard, toowit too-wit. Searching diligently for a place to nest, and wondering where all the barns have gone. They don't stay long, but every year they come and try....hopeful that some kind person has left a hole for them to squeeze though , high in the roof of their barn conversion.

Surely in the past, when we were young, we found field after field with pigs, cows, horses and sheep. Surely that isn't a memory conjured up in our fantasy box?

All gone. All quiet...Only the giant turbine makes a swishing noise as it gathers electricity for the grid.

Ah the countryside. Where else would we find such peace.

T.Lewis



PERRANWELL GARAGE

New proprietors of Peranwell Garage, Anthony and Louise Scrivener, are now well into their second month of running the garage having taken it over at the start of April.

The garage will continue to be a Morgan specialist, and as you may have noticed when passing by, in addition will be retailing a wider variety of classic cars. The technicians and administrative staff remain the same and the garage will continue to service all makes and models of vehicles - modern and classic. In addition to service and MOTs the garage will also undertake general repairs and body work requirements. Selling a vehicle on your behalf or sourcing a particular type of vehicle you might be looking for is also a possibility.

The Morgan hire operation will also continue and adding to the range of vehicles for hire is a possibility being considered for the future.

Anthony has an extensive automotive background and intends to enhance what the garage offers whilst maintaining the charm and character expected of a specialist classic car operation. And what better place to do it that Perranwell! The garage is intending to contribute to the big village event and Anthony and Louise are hoping to meet more locals then- do call in to say hello and have a chat!

Anthony intends to advertise each month in the **Perran News** ensuring the local villagers are kept aware of the current deals and offers. Looking after the locals as valued customers is definitely a priority in terms of customer service and offering value for money. Local customers can currently get £10 off the price of an MOT.

Anthony and Louise have a daughter Isabel and a chocolate Labrador called Beamer, who is already very popular with customers. Please feel free to call in and discuss your motoring needs making it known you are a local! We are always happy to help and advise.

PURDAH?

Has the Parish council been in purdah pending the election of a new Council?

Perhaps this has delayed them taking a firm line on a Neighbourhood Development Plan. This is of vital importance for the best development of the village of which we are all so proud, and the matter should not be allowed to drift on leaderless, particularly as neighbouring villages are pressing ahead with their own plans, leaving Perranwell as a tempting prospect for an ambitious outside developer.



The late Ted Moir devoted much time and skill in setting out a framework for action, and it would be a great shame were this to go to waste. Grants are currently available to help the process but this position will not last forever - use it or lose it!

None of this is meant to be a reflection on the two retiring members, Hugh Kneebone and Chris Hatch. Each one of them in different ways has done a great deal for the Parish and their regrettable retirement has been well earned.

Roff Rayner

DOG BLOG

Dear Chums (and Tinkerbell)

Wow, fancy having a campaign to bring back me!!

It's quite true, Bertie. From humble beginnings in the *Perran News* I am now a reporter for Horse and Hound. Apparently a reader in the village was so impressed with my literary skills that they recommended me to the Editor and following a test piece for the magazine, I was taken on as the first ever canine writer. Naturally I have been SO busy meeting deadlines that even 'walkies' with you Bertie have been curtailed.



However, I realise that friendships are far more important than fame and fortune, so I have handed in my resignation to H and H and as from June, I will be back extolling the virtues of living in such a lovely village with my mates Bertie and Scruffy (and Tinkerbell).

It goes without saying that I will have lots to say about the Big Village. Can't wait for it to all happen and am expecting our respective owners and the rest of the villagers to turn out in force. Great fun!

So don't go to any trouble making banners chums because I'M BACK!!

Charly (without the 'e')

DAWN

Taste the woods at early dawn,
The stillness thunders loud.
The magic of a waking day,
so noble and so proud.

Subtle shades of brown and green,
the light shows all the hues.
God's gift to all of us,
the stunning, silent, views.

A feeling deep within the soul,
A moment oh, so rare.
The Earth in all it's flaming glory,
Commanding man, to be aware!

AAR

CANCELLATION OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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The annual general meeting (AGM) of the village hall charity, including the election of the committee, is normally held in May each year.

However, the village hall charity is in the process of changing from an unincorporated trust to a charitable incorporated organization (CIO). We hope to accomplish this in the very near future. When the change is complete, the old charity will be closed down and the new charity will take over.

In order to simplify matters, the village hall committee has decided to cancel this year's AGM for the old charity and to continue with the existing committee until the change to a CIO has been completed.

Once this has been done, the new CIO will arrange its first AGM. Public notices will display the details.

We anticipate a smooth transition and users of the hall should not experience any disruption to their enjoyment of the hall.

Juliet Hollingsworth

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MRS DALE'S DIARY



"There ought to be gardens for all months in the year, in which, severally, things of beauty may be then in season."
Sir Francis Bacon



"Gardeners World" is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, and the contributors are advocating different plants that they feel have had special effect on our gardens during this time. Viewers will be able to vote for their favourite later in the series.

Leslie and I have definitely been influenced by the Japanese Acers both in our garden, and in years gone by in our nursery. They, as a group of plants, have been favourites here giving such delight, both in relief, and as bare shrubs in winter. The smaller growing varieties may be grown in large containers in a soil-based compost with added grit. The fine leaves need shelter from cold winds and full sun.

There are many varieties that have been raised from the species **ACER PALMATUM**. The majority grow into small bushes, or occasionally a small tree, and give lovely rich autumn colours of red, orange or yellow. They have a wide range of leaf shape and growth habit. In the garden the stronger growing forms will tolerate chalk soils, but Japanese maples are at their best in a moist, but well-drained loam. Shelter from strong sunlight as well as cold winds sees them as ideal subjects for light woodland or in the shade of a tree. Those grown in containers can be moved if needed to a different place in the garden.

The two following varieties of Japanese Maples are new to us, and relatively new to cultivation. The first is **ACER PALMATUM "SKEETERS BROOM"** which grows in an upright habit making a medium-sized shrub. The leaves are palmate and maroon to red in spring and summer turning to bright red in autumn. This is grown in a large tub where it is sheltered from most winds, and not in the hottest sun.

Nearby is **ACER PALMATUM "UENO YAMA"** which has intense orange new growth. This now six weeks on has leaves of a warm yellow enhanced by red petioles. As the summer advances the palmate leaves will become more green before turning yellow in autumn.

In complete contrast is **ACER PALMATUM DISSECTUM "SEIRY U"** which makes a large shrub of upright habit. The leaves are bright green and tinged with red when young with all the lobes finely cut giving a very dainty appearance. In autumn the green turns to orange yellow with some crimson splashes. This variety was first introduced in 1882 and received an Award of Garden Merit in 2002.

When growing Japanese Acers in containers a good soak once a week when the shrub is in leaf is a good idea especially where the leaves cover the pot. Young shrubs in the ground definitely benefit from watering well once a week in dry times.

There are many more varieties from which to choose and Acer Palmatum make ideal subjects for smaller gardens, particularly where there is little sun. Choose from the smaller growing varieties if you are using containers. As they grow more slowly they can remain in the same pot for several years with careful watering, and a little liquid feed.

"The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies."
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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—Trebah Gardens
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The staff knew Saturday 22 April would be car park chaos as several hundred people from the local community gathered to wish Dr Edward ffrench-Constant a fond farewell at his retirement party held at Carnon Downs Village Hall.



Staff, patients, family and friends all came together to say goodbye and wish him well. Speeches were made by Dr Maling, then Geoff Aver, the Chairman of our Patient Participation Group, Dr Simpson and finally Dr ffrench-Constant. He was also presented with cards, gifts and donations from the patients along with his brass plaque from the surgery. Sally Rickard our Practice Manager had also made a fantastic cake featuring a spring garden laden with bees - his new hobby!

Dr ffrench-Constant who became senior partner following the recent retirement of Dr David Maling, has looked after many of the surgery's 5,350 patients since he joined in 1988 when Dr Wilfred Jackson retired. He is a highly-regarded and respected GP, always prepared to make time for his patients and to listen with patience and understanding. News of his leaving was met with sadness, by staff and patients alike. He plans to spend his new-found leisure time gardening, keeping bees, walking, taking photographs, cooking, travelling, and, he says, continuing to enjoy and study the natural world.

Born in Southern Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, in 1958, he attended Falcon College in Rhodesia, coming to England aged 18, to study medicine at St John's College, Oxford, and the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford. He came to the Royal Cornwall Hospital at Trerule in 1982, working under the late Dr Brian Prout, taking part in many specialties there, then doing a GP training year at the upper Lemon Street practice.



Dr Simpson adds "Edward ffrench-Constant is an exceptional GP. In addition to being much respected by his patients, he has been instrumental in developing the practice at Carnon Downs and in contributing to the work of the local NHS. We have been very fortunate to have him as a colleague and his patients have been very fortunate to have him as their GP. We wish him a very happy retirement".

We will be welcoming two new doctors to the practice from 1st 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'.

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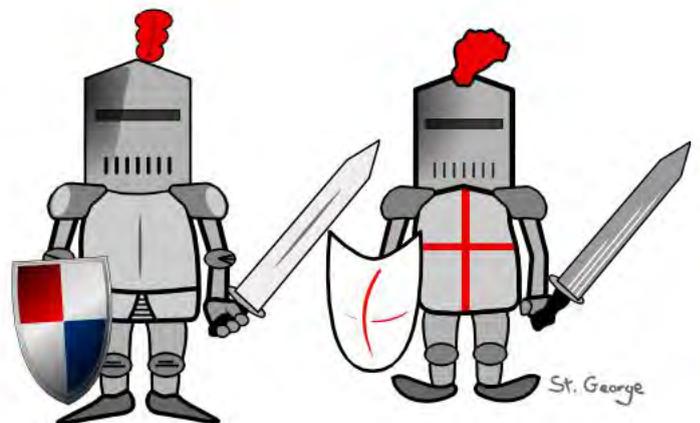
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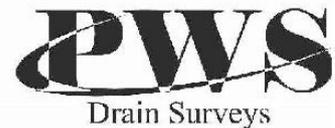
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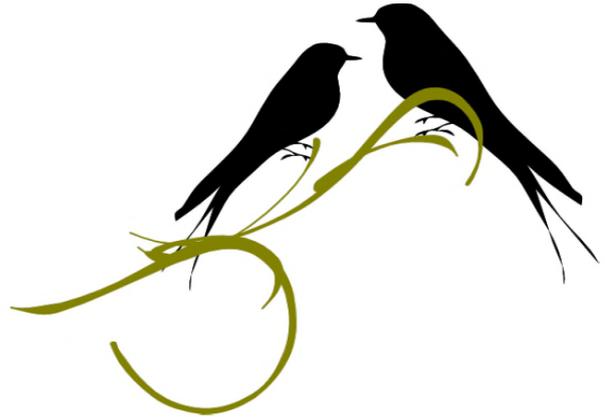
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