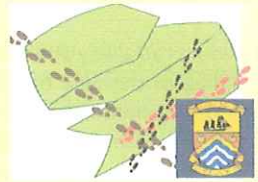


Feock Parish Council

Roundwalk number 2: "Views to Die For"



Route: Carnon Downs Village Centre, Tresithick, Tregoose, Higher Devoran, Village Centre.

An undulating walk with open field sections and some stiles, short sections can be muddy after heavy rain, however the walk provides some of the best long views of Restronguet Creek and the Carrick Roads.

Approx time 1.5 to 2 hrs.

There is currently one Geocache along the route, check your app for details.

Compiled by Phil Allen



The walk starts at the Carnon Downs Village Hall, in the area that was the centre of the village in past centuries. Within a sparse scattering of cottages on the Downs, this provided a distinctive broad crossroad (7 road cross) bounded only by a few cottages; Broadway (previously Gateshead), the Kiddleywink (formerly a store, Post Office and water delivery service), Algarnick Farm Cottage and Victoria Cottage next to the Chapel which was built in 1825.



The crossroads is also reflected in the occupations of Carnon Downs people, taken from the first modern census in 1841; of the 130 working people 33% were miners, 20% farm workers, 20% servants and 10% dock workers or seamen.



The village hall has been recently refurbished with grant aid from the National Lottery (pic 1)

The main road through the village leads down the old turnpike road which followed Old Carnon Hill over the Carnon Bridge and through Perranwell. The new turnpike road was constructed in 1828 taking the current route over the new





Devoran causeway and following the creek edge to the Norway Inn and Perran Foundry. The building of the new turnpike was overseen by William McAdam, son of the famous road engineer John McAdam. It formed part of the "Packet" route linking Falmouth with London for the lifetime of the service between 1688 to 1850. Possibly the most famous journey was that of Lieutenant Lapentoire of HMS Pickle who made the trip by Post Chaise in 37 hours on the 4th Nov 1805, in order to deliver the news from Trafalgar of Nelson's glorious victory and tragic death.

The alternative railway route over the Carnon Valley viaduct, built in 1863, was designed and laid out by I K Brunel and no doubt both he and also James Watt the father of modern power engineering, who lived at Cusgarne from 1781 to 1800, passed this way in their time. Such was the importance of Cornwall in the days of the Industrial Revolution that these world famous and iconic engineers were about the byways of Carnon Downs in the course of their work.

The route starts from the village hall and you may either take the Tregye road up to the bypass bridge or take the narrow nip between the village hall and Broadway cottage to join with Park View Close. This avoids the narrow part of Tregye road which has no footway (pic 2 on first page).

... and then turn left at Park View Close (pic 3), then just over the bypass bridge turn right along the foot-path (pic 4)



and through the gate into the field (pic 5)





From the view looking back along track you can appreciate that this was once the broadest road on the Feock Parish tithe map, linking Carnon Downs with the important routes at Tresithick and used as a muletrack taking goods from the mines at Gwennap to and from the Penpol quays before the creekside tramroad was built (pic 6).



Follow the lane for Tresithick along a dog-leg to the left at Tregoose Barton. At the brow of the hill you get the first of many far reaching views of the Carrick Roads and on to the St Anthony (Fraggle Rock) light-house in the distance (pic 8).



The path continues through the cottages of Tresithick, the name of which pre-dates those of Carnon Downs and Devoran villages. Tresithick was an important crossroad of tracks and paths linking Tregye, Penpol, Tregoose and Carnon Downs. A path leads left down the hill past the "Happy Valley" Tregye water gardens, which were planted by the Boscawen family in the early 1900s, and links with the route to Come to Good in the valley below.

However, for the current route, bear right and pass in front of the derelict barn on your right (pic 9).

The footpaths on to Penpol and particularly Tregoose provide magnificent views of Restronguet Creek and beyond.

At the gateway, cross the main Point Road and take the footpath opposite which is adjacent to the Cats Protection League property. Follow this lane and join the main Tresithick road bearing right (pic 7)





Immediately past the derelict barn turn right into the field. The path leading straight on down the hill passes through Tresithick wood and on to Penpol (pic 10) Take the path at the right-hand field edge (pic 11)

The path enters the tree planting at the head of the field (pic 12) and continues as a fine woodland path at the head of the field (pic 13).



In autumn you may be lucky enough to find the many fine examples of fungi (pic 14).

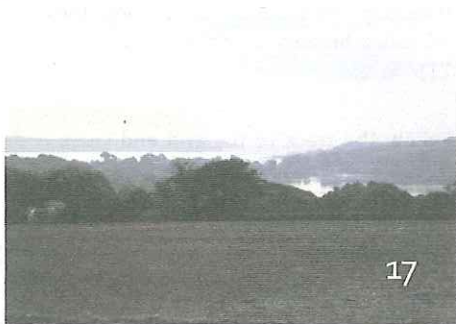
Cross over the stile into the open field beyond (pic 15)



The route is well marked and passes between fenced paddocks, a further hedge/stile is situated at the brow of the hill (pic 16).



From this stile you may take advantage of one of the finest long views within the Parish of Restronguet Creek and the Carrick Roads (pic 17).



Again follow the right hand boundary of the field to join the Point Road again at Tregoose. Turn right on Point Road and pass in front of Tregoose Farmhouse.

See below the view looking back at the field gate and footpath sign on Point Road (pic 18)



Take the immediate left, the road leading down to Chycoose (pic 19).



Half way down the hill take the track to the right at the sign to "Silent Water" (pic20).



i

On the left are again fine views down to Restronguet Creek over a field usually containing Dexter cattle. These cattle are the smallest of European cattle breeds, originally from Southwest Ireland they were first brought to England in 1882 (pic 21).

Follow the track to the end and cross over the stile at the right of the gate (pic 22).



and again at the stile on the field boundary (pic 24).



The footpath bisects this field in line with the overhead power cables. Pass through the electric fence using the insulated black hook (pic 23)



Follow the path through the wood. The stile on the right would take you through the field back up to Point Road. For this route however bear left towards the stream and follow around the field hedge (pic 25).



**** The path is narrow and uneven at this point **** The path comes out at the field gate, turn left over (pic 26)



Cross the hedge/stile on the opposite bank (pic 28).



Pass through the field gate onto the road



The path comes out at the field gate, turn left over the stream (pic 27)



Pass through the gate at the top of the field and turn right. The left turn would take you down to the Point Tramroad at Tallacks Creek (pic 29).



Pass Higher Devoran Farm and cross the bridge over Carnon Downs Bypass (pic 31).




At the far end of the bypass take the footpath on the right, follow this main path (pic 32) ...



Back to the starting point at the Village centre (pic 33)



 The footpath on the right before the bridge was called Deadman's Lane, apparently recalling the murder of a traveller by a highwayman in the 18th century. It was said that there was a rock at the side of the path forever stained red by the man's blood.

**** You have now reached the end of the walk, we hope you enjoyed it ****

