

LETTER

Dear Sir, There is great concern world-wide about the destruction of the earth and the implications for the future. Also of importance, and perhaps of more immediate concern for us, is the regard we should show for protecting the lovely village we live in. In areas like the Cotswolds, conservation is a source of great pride for residents. Here the fact that Port Isaac is a conservation area would appear to be to many an irritation or a total irrelevance. I was amazed to find an Estate Agent in Wadebridge advertising several cottages in the old part of the village, who never feels the need to mention in its advertising literature, that Port Isaac is a conservation area or that some of the buildings are listed for historical interest! There is also a great desire to obtain planning permission for buildings often totally out of character with the surroundings. Surely this is showing as little regard for the future as destroying the ozone layer or burning tropical rain forests for short term gain at the expense of the environment. Unfortunately, the authorities can't check on every development. The District planning committees often have too little local knowledge to show great concern about details. The type of conservation area order we have has no legal effect. So it really is up to us to ensure that the village remains the beautiful place we have inherited. Without constant vigilance, Port Isaac will become like many South Coast villages where small alterations gradually destroyed the original character. The future for Port Isaac, as well as the present, lies in Tourism. Thousands come, and will come, to admire what there is here. Let us care enough about our village to pass on to the next generation a very special and unspoiled place. Janet Townsend

CORNWALL'S AIR AMBULANCE

Most sincere thanks to Alf Guard of the Lawns, Les Honey and all the regulars, for raising £1000 plus, for the Air Ambulance in 1988, by weekly raffles A great effort! We learned of this belatedly and would appreciate timely news of all such results, so proper appreciation may be shown rapidly. £1000 from one hotel is terrific! Thank you again, Alf. Phil Milton.

The Quiet Corner

When you get round to thinking 'There ought to be a better way of life', try Jesus.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our family and friends for the lovely cards and presents we received on the birth of the 'twins' William Francis and Rebecca Jane. A special thank you to everyone who arrived with meals, delicious cakes, and offers of help. Jane and Jon Rowe.

PLAY GROUP

As from Monday 10th April 1989 Playgroup will meet at the Village Hall, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 10 - 12 noon. We would like to thank St. Peters Church for their help and co-operation over the past few years. The Coffee Morning held at the Harbour Cafe made a profit of £58.42. Thanks to Judith Smith and all those who helped and supported.

MR. THOMAS SIDNEY SIMONS.

Our sympathy goes to the family of Mr. Simons at the Tre-Pol-Pen Hotel who died on February 27th. Coming to Port Isaac from Porthallow, near St. Kevern, in December 1988. Many friends from Porthallow attended the funeral service at St. Endellion Church on March 2nd.

MR. GEWYN GREGORY

News was briefly reported in the February Trio of the sudden death at his home, Trecreege Farm, Trelights, of Mr. Gwyn Gregory aged 66 years. Gwyn had lived in the area all his life. He attended the St. Teath Council School when living with his aunt at Trewethen, Trelill. In the early 1940s he moved to Trecreege with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Magor. Since 1972 after his aunt's death, Mrs. Gladys Magor, Gwyn had carried on at the farm alone. He loved all his animals, and carrying on and working the farm. The funeral on February 16th was held at St. Teath Methodist Church, was conducted by Revd. John Young, and also at Penmount. Many relatives, friends, and neighbours attended. We express our condolences to his family.

MARGARET DOROTHEA SELLON

Margaret Sellon died peacefully in a Nursing Home on 8th. March. A well known and much loved figure in this district for more than 60 years. Many have cause to remember her kindness and generosity - extended to all. For many years she was Secretary and Treasurer of the St. Endellion P.C.C. and maintained the work at a very high level. Margaret's many friends gathered at a Thanksgiving Eucharist at St. Endellion Church on Tuesday 14th. March, before the cremation at Truro. We shall miss her great enthusiasm and generosity; no one has ever been more deserving of her rest. May She Rest in Peace.



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The Blackthorn Press will be closed for one week's holiday after Easter.

CHRISTIAN AID.

Christian Aid week this year is 15th - 20th May when we are organising a House to House collection. If there is anyone who can spare a few hours that week to help please contact Tammy Benger, 880629.

PORT ISAAC YOUTH CLUB

February 3rd. saw the re-opening of the Youth Club in the Wesley Room, Roscarrock Hill. Attendance has been great with about 25 - 30 youngsters (ages 10 1/2 - 15) each week. The pool table is the main attraction, with a pool competition starting after Easter. Some of the activities on offer are table tennis, games, in-door football, chess, disco dancing. Five a side football and cricket will start when the evenings become lighter. For 'Comic Relief' we held a Talent Competition, with Michaela Benz winning first prize for her impersonation of Michael Jackson (She was better!) backed by Paul Dingle, Kristofer Richards, and Daniel Pavitt. We are fortunate in having the help of Chris Gibson plus Sarah Irons, Zoe Coshall, Karl Daly, and James Oxley. Doors open every Friday evening at 7.30 - 9.30. Subs 30p. Drinks, sweets, and crisps are on sale all evening. Jill O'Connor.

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PARISH COUNCIL

A report compiled from notes taken by a member of the public during the meeting held at the Chapel Rooms, Trelights, Monday 13th. March. There were many members of the public present.

Footpath Port Isaac Mill

A letter from a member of the public complained at the deterioration of the path and claimed that it was not now possible to walk through from Trewetha to Port Isaac. Mrs. Cann urged all parish councillors to go and have a look at the situation. A letter from the Dept. of the Environment said landowners must not carry out their operations without regard for public rights of way. Mr. Norris said he had discussed the problem with the owners who are considering a diversion to avoid the field where the pigs are kept. Mrs. Doney, County Footpath Officer, wants to try and find a solution without recourse to legal action and has arranged to meet the owners.

Port Gaverne Toilets

N.C.D.C. has offered to clean the toilets at an estimated cost of £1,500 for the year. This offer was met with astonishment since a much lower offer has been made by a private contractor. Other parishes in the district receive £300 towards such costs and Cllr. Symons is to ask for this for St. Endellion. St. Endellion Lane

The lane, especially alongside Glebe Field is in very bad condition but the Parish Council are still waiting for a reply to a letter sent to County Highways last September. Cllr. Symons explained that it would be a subject of planning approval for the end of the lane to be made up to 'adoption' standards when the Furze Park development starts.

Refuse Collection

Mr. Phelps has received many complaints from small guest houses who feel it unfair they will not be allowed free domestic refuse bins and will pay full trade collection rates all year even during the months they are closed. Cllr. Symons said there is opposition throughout the country to the new arrangements but the orders are issued by central government and can't be changed. (A ribald suggestion was made that everybody should take their refuse and dump it in Downing Street.) If a problem arises from 'unlabelled' refuse not being collected, it will become a matter for the Department of the Environment.

Bottle Bank

The Parish Council is to investigate the possibility of a bottle bank in the main car park.

Light at Springside

Delay is due to the site being on private land. N.C.D.C. will install a light without charge but maintenance will be the responsibility

of the Parish Council. This was agreed to. An application will be made to the County Council for the maintenance costs.

Caravan in Car Park

Mr. Phelps said that the fishermen had been refused permission to keep pots in the car park during the winter due to intended resurfacing work which had not yet taken place. Meanwhile N.C.D.C. have allowed a filthy caravan to be left there all winter. Cllr. Symons said the resurfacing work has been postponed till next autumn because of finance and the possibility that car parks may be 'privatised'.

Planning and Conservation Area

Mrs. Cann said Chief Planning and Development Officer, Mr. Philp, is still sympathetic towards Port Isaac but the government have lifted many restrictions. She reminded him that people in St. Endellion work hard to try and prevent unsuitable developments and have had some success in preventing the village looking like some places in other parts of Cornwall. A letter to M.P. Gerry Neale will invite him to walk around the village and then request him for re-application for an 'Article IV' order. Mr. Philp will speak at the Annual Parish Meeting on April 13th.

Coastguard Wall

The Parish Council have been invited to a site meeting with the Public Services Agency who want to replace the stone wall with concrete posts and wire. The wall is being damaged by unauthorised users of the path which is not a public right of way. There is no intention to replace the wall against the public wish.

Community Charge

Telephone queries about this can be made to Wadebridge 5151 (but by the time you read this you should have received a leaflet).

It seems the Parish Council will be asked for 'specific information' about persons who refuse to register on the electoral list.

Planning Application

Mr. Blake, Trelights change of use from workshop (carpenter's shop) to dwelling. No objections.

Public Discussion

A gentleman raised strong objections to the support given to Mrs. Hayne whose letter was read out last month. He detailed problems caused by the family since arriving in Trelights. The 11 year old boy had six times ridden a motorcycle on the road without helmet, licence, or insurance, until stopped by the police. The dogs were not kept under proper control and he pointed out that under the 1930 Control of Dogs Act a dog must not be allowed on the highway without a collar. Mrs. Cann said he had been allowed to reply publicly to the letter but that it is a domestic matter.

Parish Council resolution.

Mark Provis on phoning the Constituency Offices in Launceston found them surprised he is not to be allowed a free dustbin for domestic waste and suggested that he should write to M.P. Gerry Neale about it. Everybody affected should write individual letters as this will carry a lot of weight, said Mrs. Cann. Dennis Knight said places like Port Isaac may be a nightmare for the contractors but should people now pay bin charges when already paying high business rates? He had managed to negotiate his own yearly rate for his holiday cottage. Will the men take the trouble to sort through great piles of rubbish at sites like that at the bottom of Fore Street, Tuesday mornings, to see which had got labels on? he asked.

Mr. Knight also expressed concern that people were tipping rubbish over and wearing away the cliff below his house but nobody seemed to want to take the responsibility. Cllr. Symons promised to chase the matter up.

Finally he pointed out that the road from China Downs to Port Gaverne was getting seriously eroded.

Mrs. Pethick asked if the Parish Council could look into the possibility of signs advising long vehicles to take the route from St. Endellion into Trelights. 50ft. lorries have difficulty with narrow corners, damage the roadsides and drive over Pillar Box Green.

Mr. Rotherham asked if 'please drive slowly through the village' signs could be re-applied for Mrs. Brown said she didn't know what was meant by 'retirement village' but she hoped the young people would always stay and help the older ones.

Next Meeting

The next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 10th. April at 7.30pm. in the Church Rooms, Port Isaac.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place three days later, Thursday 13th, 7.30pm. at the Church Hall.

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TALKING NEWSPAPER

News and views from local papers for visually handicapped people are recorded on to standard 90 minute audiotapes by teams of volunteers. Any standard tape player can be used. Tapes are posted to users in special easy-to-use returnable packs with reversible labels, and can be kept for up to a week. There will usually be space on the tape for users to record their own comments and suggestions if they wish. There is no charge and tapes are sent and returned post free. Different editions will be produced for each locality in North Cornwall. If you are interested or know of others who might be please get in touch with us as soon as you can. Chairman Bill Allen, Bodmin Community School, Bodmin 72548. Any blind people wishing to get on our mailing list should contact: Mrs. L.M.Chilcott (Co-ordinator), Bodmin 73476, after one o'clock.

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ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

Bingo The P.C.C. would like to thank Carol, Dave, the team of helpers, and all who supported us. £179 was raised which will go to the fund for restoring the Church Rooms where so much money has been raised for various charities. The weather has taken its toll and the end wall now needs rebuilding.

Mothering Sunday

A very happy and lively family service at 10.30, after the said Eucharist at 9.45, was conducted by Father Hugh Fryer. There were lots of children, and lots of singing accompanied by lots of guitars! Members of the Brownie Pack read the prayers. The children presented posies of flowers to their mothers. After the service Simnel cake with coffee or orange squash was much appreciated. Jo Phillips

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Our first social event of the year, Wednesday 1st. March, was a Wine and Cheese evening at St. Kew Inn, which was well attended, and raised £222. Mr. Harry Pavitt, holder of the RNLI certificate for twenty years service as a member of crew, and Boathouse Keeper for the last two years, has resigned. His great dependability has been very much appreciated by Hon. Secretary David Castle, and crew members. Mr. Clive Hester has now been appointed Boathouse Keeper. By the time you read this, the lifeboat will be back 'on service' (from dawn on Saturday 18th. March), having been checked at the RNLI's Isle of Wight centre for inflatables during the winter. John Scott.

GOLDEN CIRCLE

A trip to Exeter is planned for Wednesday 12th. April. The coach will leave Prout's Garage at 9.30am. and there will be some seats available to non-members at a cost of £2.00. Please contact 880224, 880726, or the garage. On Wednesday 26th. April, members will be treated to an extra birthday celebration with tea at Newquay Hotel kindly organised by Mrs. Grace Coton who was a guest at the Birthday Luncheon on 22nd. February at the Cornish Cafe. Our thanks to David and his staff for an excellent lunch. Sheila Jarvis.

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Descriptive Signs

The signs 'Welcome to Port Isaac, Historic Fishing Village' are to be on the B3314 to the north side of the road, approximately 100 yards from the Port Isaac turning each way. At a recent T.A.N.C. meeting, Mr. Savile, County Highways, said he may supply Port Isaac with other nameplates asked for, also that we may get help with better information boards for the car park.

Accommodation Guide

To be produced as a 'Port Isaac and District Holiday Guide' with information on the front page in 'newspaper' format, for use until we can print the colour brochure. A 'Self-Catering' questionnaire is to be delivered by hand.

Subscriptions and 1989/90 Budget

At the A.G.M. on April 19th, we shall hear how money was spent this year, and the estimated costs for the coming year. This will help determine the level of subscription to be proposed. John Chapman, of Cornwall Tourism Development Action Programme, has agreed to be guest speaker at the A.G.M.

Water Problem

A letter has been sent to S.W.W.A. asking for help in mitigating the effects of bad publicity.

Footpaths

Letters are to be sent to local authorities, deploring the state of Port Isaac and Port Gaverne Valley footpaths, quite unusable by visitors due to depredation by pigs.

Enquiries

Letters continue to come in asking for information about accommodation.

Tregadillett By-pass

Fears that the increased speed of traffic at Kennards Cross could increase the danger at this notorious black spot will be expressed to the Department of Transport, and M.P. Gerry Neale.

Dear Readers, What a problem food has become for us all. It appears most of it is bad for us! Red meat, butter, chickens, eggs, soft cheese, cook-chill foods, water poisoned! and even fish (water pollution). I would like to suggest a diet which contains all vitamins and minerals necessary to sustain life. Milk, cabbage (very well washed - pesticides and insecticides) and bananas. This may sound rather boring so get a bottle of gin in to cheer it up! Alcohol bad for you? Yes it is, but why worry, so is everything else! Brenda.

ST. ENDELLION CHURCH NEWS.

Well attended Study Group

The second Lent study group of the parishes of St. Peter's, St. Kew and St. Endellion was held at "Tipton", St. Kew home of Admiral and Mrs. Alex Weir. The group listened to a tape recording of the Revd. Ian Pettit, with an introduction by Preb. Hugh Fryer, Rector.

Very Quiet Day

Snow and icy roads prevented several people from attending the Quiet Day held at St. Endellion Church. The conductor was the Venerable John Richards, Archdeacon of Exeter, who was celebrant at the Eucharist and also preacher at the Sung Eucharist on the Sunday. He was assisted by Preb. Hugh Fryer.

Chapter Meeting

Clergy from the Deanery held a Chapter meeting at St. Endellion. Celebrant at the Eucharist was Prebendary H. Miles Brown assisted by the Revd. R. Hayne, Rural Dean.



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Successful Jumble Sale.

A very successful jumble sale held at St. Endellion Church Hall raised £96 for Church funds.

Ringers' A.G.M.

Ringers from St. Endellion were among those who attended the annual meeting of the Guild of Ringers at St. Columb Major Parish Church.

Women's World Day of Prayer

About 60 women attended the annual Women's World Day of Prayer Service held this year at St. Endellion Church. Speaker on the subject of Prayer was Mrs. Gloria Helson, a Reader from Bude who is Head of Religious Education at Launceston College. The service was led by Mrs. Doreen Fryer. £42.00 was sent to the Women's World Day of Prayer organisation for distribution to various charities and £27-56 was raised for the Armenian disaster fund from a hunger lunch following the service.

A Successful Whist Drive

was held in the Church Hall on Tuesday 14th March. Mr. C. A'Court was the M.C. Judith Pollinger.



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Despite the bad weather a large number of garden enthusiasts gathered in the Cornish Cafe for the March meeting of Port Isaac & District Garden Society. Mr. David Pearce gave an interesting and helpful talk 'Creating a Garden in an Exposed Situation'. His pleasant, easy manner was much appreciated, and it is easy to understand why he is such a popular gardening broadcaster on B.B.C. Radio Cornwall. The talk was illustrated with many examples of shrubs which can be grown quite well in an area such as we enjoy. Refreshments were served, and Mr. Cunningham expressed thanks to the speaker and all the helpers. Our final session is on Wednesday April 12th, speaker: Mr. J. S. King, specialist on pot plants. Please see posters for details. Wesley Blake.

ST. ENDELLION CONSERVATIVES

Officers elected at the Annual General Meeting: Mr. Cunningham - Chairman, Mr. Milton - Treasurer, and Mrs. Jarvis - Secretary. Coming events planned: Annual Lunch, June 24th., Coffee Morning at Treights, July 19th., Bring and Buy and Social Morning, September 15th. (See Diary for details). Sheila Jarvis.

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GOLDEN CIRCLE: Wednesdays, 2.30pm in the Cornish Cafe.

PLAYGROUP: 10am - noon, Village Hall Monday, Tuesday, Thursday.

WELL WOMAN CLINIC: Mondays, with the Practice Nurse, 3-4pm, P.I. Surgery.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE: 2nd. Thursday in the month, 2.30pm, Cornish Cafe.

YOUTH CLUB: 7.30 - 9.30 Friday evenings, Wesley Room, Roscarrock Hill.

Saturday 25th. March (today):

7.30pm: Easter Eve Ceremonies at St Peter's.

Sunday 26th. March: Easter Sunday. British Summer Time begins.

8.00am: Eucharist. and 11.00am: Sung Eucharist at St. Endellion.

10.00am: Parish Comm. St. Peter's.

Port Isaac Methodist Church:

11.00am: Preacher Revd. G.F.Yeomans.

6.00pm: Preacher Revd. W.J.Young.

St. Endellion Easter Music Festival until Saturday 1st. April.

Monday 27th. March:

Easter Monday.

Tuesday 28th. March:

7.00pm: Bingo, in aid of Port Isaac Cricket Club, at the Church Rooms.

Thursday 6th. April:

School Summer Term begins.

Sunday 9th. April:

2.00pm: R.N.L.I. Port Isaac Branch at Tremee Gardens, St. Tudy.

7.30pm: P. I. Methodist Church, Wadebridge Male Voice Choir.

Tuesday 11th. April:

7.30pm: Whist Drive, St. Endellion Church Hall.

Wednesday 12th. April:

9.30am: Coach leaves Prout's Garage for Golden Circle trip to Exeter.

7.30pm: Garden Society Meeting.

Thursday 13th. April:

7.30pm: Annual Parish Meeting, St. Peter's Church Hall,

Wednesday 19th. April:

7.30pm: Annual General Meeting of Port Isaac and District Tourism Assoc., St. Peter's Church Hall.

Friday 21st. April:

R.N.L.I. Art Show closes.

Sunday 23rd. April:

St. George's day.

Tuesday 25th. April:

7.00pm: Bingo in aid of Sir James Smith School, at the Church Rooms.

Wednesday 26th. April:

Golden Circle Tea at Newquay.

Friday 28th. April:

6.30pm: Coach leaves Prout's Garage for Football Club Dinner Dance at Royal Cornwall Showground.

Sunday 30th. April:

10.30am: R.N.L.I. Port Isaac Branch Car Boot Sale at St. Kew Inn.

Monday 1st. May:

May Day Bank Holiday.

Thursday 4th. May:

Ascension Day.

Tuesday 9th. May:

7.30pm: Whist Drive, St. Endellion Church Hall.

Sunday 14th. May:

Whit Sunday.

Monday 15th. May:

Christian Aid Week until Saturday 20th.

Thursday 25th. May:

10.30am: R.N.L.I. Port Isaac Branch Coffee Morning, Melbourne House, Boscastle.

Monday 29th. May:

Spring Bank Holiday. School Half Term holiday until 2nd. June.

Thurs. 8th. - Sat. 10th June:

Royal Cornwall Show, Wadebridge.

Tuesday 13th. June:

10.30am: R.N.L.I. Port Isaac Branch Coffee Morning, Slipway Hotel.

Ya know wot I mean Harry!

Mum gave us a shout in the middle of night, Cos Dad and I wanted to hear the flight. Dad said 'Mum, go and make some tea, And sandwiches for Rob and me.'

Mum offered us some ham and cheese, But we said 'H.P. If you please! On Champion bread that's the stuff, It's what has made our Franky so tough!'

I said 'How about a satellite dish!' Mum said 'Dream on, you can but wish, Can you make one, Ian' she said. 'Use a dustbin lid and a piece of thread!' (Some children do 'ave em!)

Dad said 'I know I'a really neat, But a satellite dish has got me beat.' So the wireless we all sat around, Hoping to hear Tyson fall to the ground.

It wasn't to be, Frank didn't win. And now we all feel sorry for him. But the fight was great, you can't deny. Still, I wished I'd seen it live on 'Sky'.

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