

## PORT ISAAC SCHOOL

### Children's Variety Show

We are giving advance notice of this fund-raising event to be held towards the end of this term. Children can show the world what talent they possess in eg. singing and music-making, dancing, recitations, comedy, etc. Full details will be arranged shortly but now is the time to start looking for talent in your child!

### Clothing

This seems a good time to remind everyone that what children wear to school is for the family to decide ... in really cold weather warm trousers are a good idea.

### Shoes!

There is a current fashion for children, mainly older boys, to wear bulky 'trainer' type shoes with the laces left untied and the shoe worn quite loose. This causes the wearers to shuffle around in a rather alien fashion. In a few instances it has proved to be quite dangerous. We would appreciate your co-operation in encouraging children to attend school wearing shoes that are adequately attached to the feet!

### Smoking

Cigarette ends have been found on the path from the steps to the playground. PLEASE may we remind all visitors to the school to extinguish cigarettes before coming onto the premises. Jane Scown.

### LYNN and SIMON

Congratulations from Mum, Nan, and Grandad Edmondson on the birth of your son. Love'ly job.

### FOR BEGINNERS

On Mondays there are weekly bridge lessons, held by Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Jones, at Green Door starting at 7.00pm. The charge for the evening will be £2.50 per person and anyone who is interested is invited to come - it should be a fun evening.

### EDITH MITCHELL

The daughters and son and their families of the late Mrs. E. Mitchell, until recently of 33 New Road, would like to thank those who attended the funeral service at St. Endellion on January 21st. Also thanks to the Revd. M. Bartlett, the bearers, and to Mr. Ian Honey for making the arrangements for our mother's funeral.

### The Quiet Corner

Without wood, a fire goes out;  
Without gossip, quarrelling stops.

*Proverbs 26, v20.*

### P. I. D. T. A.

The Annual General Meeting of Port Isaac and District Tourism Association will be held on Thursday 26th. March at the Green Door, Port Gaverne, starting at 7.30pm. Stuart Hunkin from North Cornwall District Council will be our guest speaker. He has guided the proposals for a North Cornwall Tourist Board through all the stages and will be able to give us a unique insight into the aims and objectives of the board. Whether you are a P.I.D.T.A. member or not, you will be most welcome to come and hear the latest news.

We shall be promoting another 'Seafood Week' this year from 5th. to 11th. July. We shall be providing the posters and will be arranging the publicity. It should be another successful week.

Has anyone seen the 'Phantom Street Cleaner'? At a meeting with N.C.D.C. on 13th. January, it was claimed that Roscarrock Hill, Middle Street, Dolphin Street, Rose Hill, Margaret's Lane, Back Hill, Fore Street, and New Road are swept every day from April to the end of September. That is over 180 visits to our village last year, but why has no one seen them? We shall be monitoring our street cleaning this year, so if you see a street cleaner in Port Isaac please let me know on 880106. *Malcolm Lee, Secretary*

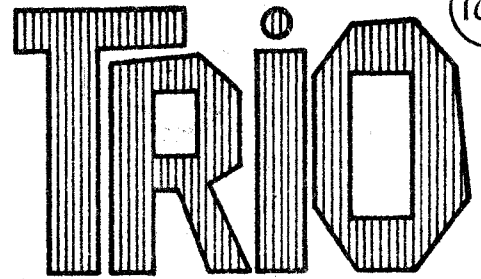
### P.I.D.T.A. Annual General Meeting

Thursday 26th. March 7.30pm.  
Green Door Club Port Gaverne.  
Guest Speaker: Stuart Hunkin  
North Cornwall District Council

### DORA STEER

Residents were saddened to hear of the death of Mrs. D. Steer, aged 81, of 'Trevarrob', 9 Tintagel Terrace. Dora was born in Port Isaac and had lived in the village all of her life. She was the wife of the late Jess Steer who died just over two years ago. The funeral service on 1st. February was held at St. Endellion Church and was attended by the family and friends. The service was conducted by the Revd. Michael Bartlett. We express our deepest sympathy to the family in the loss of a much loved one.

The family of the late Mrs. Dora Steer would like to thank all who attended the funeral service, to those who visited her at home, and for the donations received in lieu of flowers for the Coronary Care Unit at Treリス Hospital, Truro. Also thanks to the chosen bearers, the Revd. M. Bartlett and Mr. Ian Honey, Funeral Director.



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For the next few issues we shall be experimenting with the appearance of Trio, taking advantage of the new computer typesetting service available from The Blackthorn Press. We shall be delighted to have your comments.

### NORTHCLIFFE

Before people write things in Trio, they should make sure of their facts. Incorrect information can create bad feeling. The 'new owner' of Northcliffe, referred to last month, is in fact the new owner of the lower flat; my friend Jane McCulloch is still the freehold owner. *Fred Thompson.*

### PORT ISAAC ILLUMINATIONS

There will be a meeting in the Golden Lion on March 10th at 8.00pm. to form a committee for the above, for general administration and fund raising. The more the merrier. Let's get lit up. *Eric.*

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## PARISH COUNCIL

A report compiled from notes taken during the meeting held at the Church Rooms, Port Isaac, on Monday 11th. February. For official information refer to the Parish Council minutes not this report.

### Procedure and Venue

Mr. Provis proposed that in future the councillors should stand while speaking and that the Vice-Chairman should sit next to the Chairman. These propositions were carried. Mr. Provis also requested that minutes of the meetings should record how items were carried i.e. the number of votes cast, or 'unanimous'. He then raised the possibility of using the Village Hall as a venue for the monthly meetings. He was under the impression that there would be no charge as the Parish Council were the 'custodians' of and made grants to the Hall. As there were no benefits in moving from the present premises the idea was not accepted.

### Street Cleaning and Litter

The Parish Council expressed concern at learning that the litter collection point to be constructed over the leat beside the fish cellars was to be a small building but were assured this would have to go through the usual planning procedures, especially as it would be adjoining a listed building.

### Poop-Scoop Pilot Scheme

The Parish Council has not yet received official confirmation that Port Isaac will be used for a pilot 'poop-scoop' scheme but Mr. Bolton said it would be a good thing. Mr. Phelps asked for Mr. Lee to be thanked for the excellent job he has done getting all the facts together. He was afraid, however, that too much publicity over the scheme could be a bad thing.

### Dog Warden

Mr. Philp asked why nothing seemed to have been done about arranging a public meeting with the Dog Warden present where details of the new regulations about dog control could be presented. Mrs. Powell replied that she had tried many times to contact the warden but without success. She had also been advised that it might be better to wait until the 'poop-scoop' scheme started so that the two things could be combined. Mr. Phelps pointed out that they were two quite

different aspects of the situation and perhaps the Dog Warden could be invited to speak at the Annual Public Meeting in April.

### Paper Bank

A suggestion from a member of the public that a paper collection point should be considered, in the car park near the existing bottle bank perhaps, in the light of keeping the streets clean and conservation generally. It was pointed out, however, that one person in the village is already collecting paper and that this needs a great deal of storage space which would not be available in the car park, also it could cause a lot of loose paper to blow around.

### Information for Tourists

Mr. Philp presented an idea from a member of the public that notices could be displayed on the parish boards giving details of refuse collection arrangements, etc. The idea was accepted and four notices are to be prepared.

### Fish Cellars Roof

The renovation of a flat roof inside the cellars is apparently a matter of concern as the cellars are a listed building. Mr. Provis said that the roof has been finished in resin mixed with Delabole slate powder, however, and is 'a good job' and can probably only be seen from Roscarrock Hill anyway. He suggested that it would be a good thing to write to the owners, North Cornwall District Council and ask them to tidy up the outside, remove weeds, etc. 'It is the worst looking building down there'. Mr. Norris wanted to know if the inside of the building was listed and was told that this seemed likely as the tenants were required to do maintenance work. Mr. Symons said that he didn't consider it a good idea to start writing to owners of listed buildings, this was a matter for the District Council and that to do so would be setting a precedent. It was the pointed out that the shed which was considered for conversion into a lifeboat house was in a bad state of dilapidation and that the cellars under the Pentus wall were also getting very shabby. This will be discussed next month.

### Port Gaverne Toilets

Mr. Perry is prepared to carry on again with the cleaning this year and as his price was pretty near to one tendered by Taylor Plan Ltd. it was decided to give him the contract, especially as he was in the village and would be able to open and close the toilets at the times required.

### Coastal Path - Wheelchair Access

Mr. Bolton pointed out that the possibility of providing a ramp beside the steps had been discussed before and rejected as impracticable and possibly dangerous. Mr. Symons stressed that this is not just a coastal path but the path from the car park to the village and used by nearly all visitors. Mr. Provis suggested that an alternative route passing up near to the Coast Guard lookout could be signposted. Mr. Phelps said that he had been there and made measurements, the path was steep and very narrow in places but that there was room to move the steps to one side and provide a wide enough ramp alongside them. There is a magnificent view from this

path, he said, and it should be available to all visitors. There is plenty of width, it is a Class 1 footpath, and it is not so dangerous. The Clerk was asked to write to Mrs. Doney the Footpath Officer to ask her to investigate the possibility of a ramp. Mrs. Doney is currently looking into the possibility of a directional sign indicating the route to the village from the car park requested by the Parish Council.

### Heritage Coast Guided Walks

Mr. Penna has accepted the request to lead some walks and this offer will be passed on to the Heritage Coast Service.

### Footpath Public Enquiry

Mr. Phelps said that to hold a full-blown enquiry over a footpath diversion seemed a waste of public money but he urged as many councillors as possible to attend to give their support to the application.

### Seat at Castle Rock

The seat on the Main, opposite Castle Rock, is in need of repair. Mr. Bolton asked whether anyone knew anything about a small plate bearing the words 'John's Seat' that had been neatly screwed to the seat. The Seat Committee would arrange repairs and inspect the plate at the same time.

### Yellow Lines - New Road

The regulations don't allow yellow lines within a 'zone' area so it is not possible to reinstate the yellow lines along New Road where cars park and make the road virtually a single carriage way. Mr. Phelps said, 'We can't have the same situation as last year, why not revise the zone? The corner especially is very dangerous.' The dangerous parking was, however, considered a matter for the police.

### Coldstanton Corner

The County Landscape Officer has expressed dissatisfaction with the new section of the road which will now be landscaped with trees, etc. There are no plans for the future redevelopment of this road.

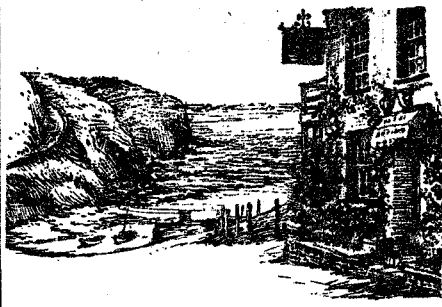
### Hydrant Marker Posts

Single posts with specially manufactured plates will replace some of the groups of markers, but the fire hydrant markers have, of course, to remain. There are still too many posts at the top of Back Hill (in front of the dairy), by the Slipway Hotel, and at Homer Park corner at the top of Church Hill.

### Water Main Relining

The only part of the village not to have received this service is Dolphin Street due to

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difficult access. New mains will be laid, however, at a future date. The Parish Council expressed thanks to T. J. Brent and their good and helpful workers for the efficient way the work had been done and especially the 'making good' afterwards.

#### Annual Public Meeting

This will take place on Wednesday 8th April at 7.30pm. in St. Peter's Church Hall. Various officials are to be invited to speak at the meeting as usual.

#### Clerk's Report and Correspondence

a: The District Commissioner says the Guides need £3,000 to replace tents that have seen fifteen years service. Unfortunately the Parish Council is not in a position to make donations and have had to refuse other requests already.

b: The Council is invited to nominate a Councillor with long service or outstanding service to the Parish for inclusion in a ballot for two invitations to the Royal Garden Party in July. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

c: The First Air Ambulance will be celebrating its fifth anniversary on Sunday 29th. March at Wadebridge.

d: A draft planning proposal for gypsies was presented but not discussed as it does not apply to St. Endellion Parish.

e: Mr. Stokes and Mr. Philp offered to attend a meeting, on Tuesday 10th. March at the Golden Lion, to discuss this year's Port Isaac Week. Mr. Phelps said that last year's Week was 'a very good job'.

f: A request for a donation to the Council for the Preservation of Rural England was not considered.

g: The Association of Town and Parish Councils complained of poor attendances at their meetings. Mr. Symons, however, does attend regularly on behalf of St. Endellion.

h: The direction sign for the doctors' surgery has been obscured by a new fence and Mr. Symons offered to discuss with the doctors the possibility of putting a sign on the Playing Field hedge.

#### Planning Applications

a: Mr. Browning - erection of extension of dwellinghouse to provide link to existing building - Morwenna Cottage, Fore Street. Mr. Provis pointed out that the house was in the heart of the Conservation Area and the roof alteration would make a big impact and should be stopped. The old wash room is still as it was when it was built and is

important to Port Isaac. The application should not only be turned down but the Parish Council should get the building listed as of historic or architectural importance.. 'It is what heritage is all about', he said. The idea of holding a site meeting was abandoned as the owners are not present and their permission could not be sought. The Clerk was asked to obtain full details and submit an application for listing to English Heritage. Mr. Symons said he felt that there were too many listed buildings already and that by listing a building you are condemning the owners to running a museum.

b: Trehaverock Cottage, St. Endellion: Mr. Phelps voiced his opinion that at the last monthly meeting the Council had requested that an application be turned down if no outline permission had already been granted. Then at an interim meeting the plans had been approved. It was explained, however, that this was a misunderstanding, the clerk had only been asked to discover the status of the previous application.

#### Public Discussion

Mr. Penna mentioned a possibly dangerous broken stop cock cover in Doctor's Meadow. He also asked for the area by the bottle bank to be kept free of broken glass. He ended by hoping there would be as much discussion about the Pentus as about Morwenna Cottage, 'It is right at the core of the Conservation Area, and already listed as of historic and architectural interest.

Mr. Lee advised the Parish Council that although he did not consider Port Isaac any worse than anywhere else, his survey of our streets and paths revealed 1,400 deposits of dog-mess. The Coast Path, Trewetha Lane, and the Lower Village were the worst areas.

The Secretary of Port Isaac and District Tourism Association asked what action had been taken to elicit a response from County Highways to the Parish Council's request some 13 months earlier, in January 1991, regarding signing in the village. He reminded the Council that this had been raised two months previously and the Parish Council were still being ignored by County Highways. He also reiterated P.I.D.T.A.'s concern regarding the proposed litter store by the fish cellars. Rubbish should be collected, not stored, particularly in the heart of the Conservation Area.

#### Next Meeting

The next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 9th. March at 7.30pm. in the Chapel Room, Trelights.

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Clifford Gaunt has kindly agreed to take on the position of Treasurer, and has duly been elected by the Branch Committee.

*John Scott.*

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## BURNS UNIT

Sorry I missed last month's deadline. I must say a big thank you to David Phelps, Lil Thomas, and the staff in the Cornish Cafe who helped me arrange a Coffee Morning for the Burns Unit, Derriford. Also thank you to Fred thompson, Lesley Grills, Liz brown, Olive Strout, Lesley Walton, and my parents for helping on the day and donated prizes and cakes, and the village who supported the event so well. With a Christmas Hamper raffle, run through the shop in December, and the Coffee Morning, we presented the Burns unit with a cheque for £449. They have in turn bought a sewing machine to make 'pressure garments' which are needed after skin-grafting. Michael will need three garments every three months for the next two years - wearing it for 23 hours a day. The unit staff were overwhelmed at the amount raised in a small village over such a short period of time.

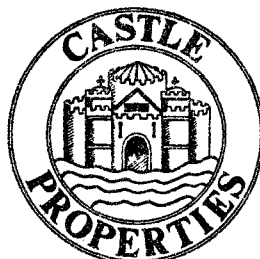
All I would like to say is Please be very careful when using a kettle or running very hot bath water. I would not like to think any other child will have to go through such pain and agony (almost torture at times) that Michael had to endure. I shall never forget just how quickly these accidents happen, those two weeks in Derriford, and the treatment involved in dealing with the burns. Thanks again for such wonderful support.  
*Carole Provis.*

## MEALS ON WHEELS

The Port Isaac and Trelights Team are in need of drivers to spend **one and a half hours** on one day each month delivering meals in this area. If anyone is interested in helping to maintain this very worthwhile service and would like more details please telephone 880451. *Doris Hambly, Organiser.*

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The monthly Meeting and AGM of Port Isaac Women's Institute was held on February 13th at Peneglos, Tintagel Terrace. We welcomed Mrs Bancroft, V.C.O., who had come to assist in conducting the AGM. The Treasurer, Mrs. P. Rex gave a report of our finances, followed by the Secretary, Mrs. E. Morris who gave a report of the activities and fund-raising events and trips we had made during the year. Both reports were accepted and adopted by the members. The President thanked Mrs. Bancroft and all the members who had helped during the year.

The new officers are : President, Mrs. M. Hoskin, Secretary, Mrs., E. Morris, Treasurer, Mrs. P. Rex, Outing Organizer, Mrs. Z. Fry.

Mrs Bancroft gave us an informal talk and many ideas on fund-raising. The presentation of the Cup for the winner with the highest points in the competitions was won by Mrs. N. Oliver, who also won the 1st prize. Mrs. P. Rex won the second and Mrs. E. Morris the third. Flower of the month competition was: 1st, Mrs. N. Oliver, 2nd, Mrs. M. Hoskin.

A Spring Outing was agreed upon, and to boost funds we will hold Coffee Mornings in members' homes, the first to be held on April 14th by Mrs. Morris, 12 Silvershell View at 10.30am.

The raffle was won by Mrs. Hoskin, and the competition by Mrs. Rex. Tea and cakes were served by Mrs. N. Oliver and Mrs. A. Steer. The meeting ended by singing the National Anthem. *M. Hoskin.*

*Dear Sir,*

May I take this opportunity to mention the very modest report put in Trio about the Trelights Christmas Lights. They did not mention the very splendid stable and crib displayed in Coronation Park. On the bus two Dutch people commented that it was the first display of Christmas they had seen in England. It reminded me of the years I lived on the Continent where these displays were very common. Is this not what Christmas is all about? Congratulations to all at Trelights. *Fred Thompson.*

## ST. ENDELLION CHURCH

### Holy Baptism.

The sacrament of the baptism of Melissa Tammi Harris during sung Eucharist in Church on Sunday 26th January was administered by Fr. Michael Bartlett who was celebrant at the Eucharist. A posy of flowers was presented to the baby's mother on behalf of the congregation by Mrs. P. Richards, Churchwarden.

### 'The Church Times'

Diarist, R. Twisk, and his wife, worshipped at the Church early in January. He reflected on the experience in a diary entry in this national church newspaper. He wrote 'In the winter months St. Endellion is a quiet contemplative shadow of her bustling summer self when she plays host to the world famous Music Festival. The hymns are familiar and sung in no-nonsense Cornish voices. Light envelops this beautiful 15th century Church from every direction and seems to enter into the very faces of the congregation.'

### A Eucharist Healing

was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. R. Pollinger in January was well attended. Celebrant was Fr. M. Bartlett and the service was led by Mrs. P. Rex.

### A Healing Eucharist

when many people crowded into the home of Mrs. Joanna Brown in Port Isaac in February, was celebrated by Fr. Michael and led by Joanna.

### A Whist Drive

was held in the Church Hall in January.

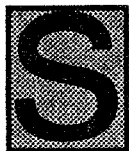
### A Jumble Sale

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## The Julian Group

for contemplative prayer was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Hardman at New Polzeath and was led by Fr. Michael.

## Lent Broadcast

The Radio Cornwall Lent Course will conclude with a service broadcast live from the Church on Tuesday 7th April, 7.15pm.

## Spring Fayre

Preparations are well in hand for a major fund-raising day for the roof appeal of the Church. The event, a Spring Fayre, will be held at Roscarrock Manor by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. R. Sloman on Wednesday 17th May from 11.00am. to 5.00pm. *Judith Pollinger.*

## GARDEN SOCIETY

A Port Isaac and District Garden Society meeting was held at the Cornish Cafe on the 12th. February at which Mr. Trevor Wiltshire spoke on 'Alpines'. Several members and friends were present to enjoy his interesting talk which was illustrated with beautiful slides of alpine flowers, gardens, and scenery. It is hoped that Mr. Wiltshire will agree to talk to the Society again next year. The next meeting of the Society will be held at the Cornish cafe on Wednesday 11th. March, 7.30pm. when Mr. Alden of Trebarwith Valley Nursery, Tintagel, will speak on the subject of 'Garden Ponds'. *Doris Hamblv.*

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**PORT ISAAC SINGERS:** Practices Thursday evenings, 8.00pm. at P. I. Primary School.

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

**WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:** 2nd. Thursday in month, 2.30pm., Church Hall.

**YOGA CLASS:** Tuesday evenings, 7.00 - 9.00, Penhaligon Rooms

*Would everybody please check the 'Regular Fixtures' above and let me know if anything should be changed. Robin.*

#### Saturday 29th. February:

11.30am: St. Endellion Branch Conservatives, A.G.M. at Castle Rock Hotel, followed by lunch - 12.30 for 1.00pm. Speaker Sir Gerry Neale MP.

#### Tuesday 3rd. March:

10am: Mini Market in the Church Rooms. Doors open 7.00pm, eyes down 7.30: Football Club Bingo, Church Rooms.

#### Thursday 5th. March:

7.30pm: RNLI Wine & Cheese, St. Kew Inn.

#### Tuesday 10th. March:

8.00pm: Port Isaac Illuminations meeting at the Golden Lion.

#### Wednesday 11th. March:

7.30pm: Garden Society Meeting at the Cornish Cafe.

#### Tuesday 17th. March:

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

#### Thursday 19th. March:

9.00am: Trio Deadline.

#### Thursday 26th. March:

7.30pm: P.I.D.T.A. Annual General Meeting at the Green Door Club.

#### Friday 27th. March:

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#### Tuesday 7th. April:

7.00pm: Live Radio Cornwall broadcast of the Lent Service from St. Endellion Church.

#### Wednesday 8th. April:

7.30pm: St. Endellion Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting, at the Church Rooms, Port Isaac. Guest Speakers.

#### Thursday 9th. April:

10.30am: RNLI Coffee Morning, Golden Lion Inn.

#### Friday 10th. April:

8.30pm: RNLI Art Show opens, Port Gaverne Hotel.

#### Sunday 12th. April:

10.30am: RNLI Car Boot Sale, White Hart, St. Teath.

#### Tuesday 14th. April:

10.30am: First of monthly W.I. Coffee Mornings and Bring & Buy. This month at 12 Silvershell View. Please support us and bring a friend.

Doors open 7.00pm, eyes down 7.30: Football Club Bingo, Church Rooms.

#### Thursday 16th. April:

School Easter Holiday begins.

#### Wednesday 18th. April:

12.15 onwards: Home Farm Trust Lunch. Janet Chadband's, 1 Silvershell Road.

#### Tuesday 21st. April:

9.00am: W.I. Outing to Penzance and Land's End. Coach fare £3.50 plus reduced entrance fee (£2.25) at Land's End. Return for 6.30pm. Raffle!

### PORT ISAAC VILLAGE HALL

The AGM will take place on Thursday 13th March at 7.30 p.m.

The groups currently using the hall are : Playgroup, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, PIP's, Aerobics, Badminton and the Christian Youth Group. In accordance with the Charity Commissioners rules, the Committee shall consist of a representative of each of the organizations using the hall and six members of the public. Please make sure your organisation is represented. The present Committee Officers have decided not to stand for re-election.

*Lynn.*

### 'POOP SCOOP' FOR PORT ISAAC

As many of you will be aware, I have been campaigning for some months to persuade Cornish District Councils to clear up the dog-mess in our streets and public places. On 28th. January, North Cornwall District Council agreed to carry out a pilot scheme and has chosen Port Isaac as the first area to receive the benefits of a cleaner environment. Port Isaac is unlikely to be any worse for dog-mess than any other part of the Duchy, but our narrow streets and paths make it more visible and less avoidable.

Under the scheme, dog owners will be required to clear up after their pets. Most responsible owners already do so. N.C.D.C. will be providing special bins which will be cleared daily for the safe disposal of the dog-mess.

On 31st. January I surveyed every street and footpath in Port Isaac and found almost 1,400 deposits of dog-mess. Some people believe it is just the visitors' dogs, but we have had precious few of those in the last three months. It will come as no surprise that the worst areas are the Coast Path, Trewetha Lane from New Road to the School and Playing Field, and the streets and paths of the lower village. There will shortly be a penalty for not clearing up your dog's mess. But the worst penalty for such a failing is inflicted on us all as we have the unpleasant task of cleaning it off our shoes, clothes, pushchairs, etc.

To any dog owner not currently clearing up, please think again. If you do not like dog-mess in your own back yard, why should you allow it to be left in somebody else's? *Malcolm Lee.*

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