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EDITORIAL

This is a very sad issue of Trio with much sorrowful news to report. Living here is like living in a large family and everybody feels affected when anything happens. Particularly sad is the loss of a young man so well liked in the community, whose departure leaves an empty space.

Change of Style

This month we are using a new typeface, more space between the lines, and less formal headings. Wakefields print on an A3 size press so we can use two A3 sheets folded to make an eight-page newsletter. We hope you will like the new look and will be interested to receive any comments.

Criticism

Trio prints all articles supplied, providing they are of a printable nature but *we do not necessarily hold the same views as those expressed by contributors.* We would welcome, however, some constructive criticism of the Parish Council so that it does not always see Trio in a bad light.

Finally a reminder that there is **no charge** for putting items in Trio, the advertising charges and proportion of the cover charge pay for the cost of production.

The Quiet Corner

Take time to laugh -
laughter is the music of the soul.

PORT ISAAC VILLAGE HALL

A public meeting was held on 1st. August at the Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to determine users' current views on improvements that would make the building more congenial and user-friendly. The Management Committee has obtained a grant from the National Lottery Charities Board to meet the cost of employing an architect who will develop such ideas and produce realistic costings for the work that is envisaged.

At the meeting the Management Committee presented some ideas for improving access to the hall, providing better toilets, a disabled toilet on a level with the floor of the main hall - not up steps as at present, lighter and better kitchen facilities, and more storage room. The architect we have consulted will be asked to work on these ideas. The aim is to modernise and improve the hall without spoiling the traditional appearance and nature of the building. Many people, official inspectors, visitors, and others have told us that we are lucky to own such a building. It would seem well worth updating it - but we shall need continuing support and interest from the present users - that means **all of you.**

Chris Everett, Secretary.

P.I.D.T.A.

The 1998 Port Isaac and District Tourism Association Guide is beginning to take shape. Many advertising application forms have been received already and as soon as I get back from my summer break, I shall start to typeset the advertisements and design the pages. If anyone has not received an application form, will they please contact Chris Harris at Headlands Hotel.

Robin Penna.

PARISH SURVEY

The analysis of the data, and the writing of the survey report is now taking place. It is hoped that the report will be published in September, and will be available for purchase then. A big 'thank you' to all those who completed their survey forms.

Malcolm Lee.

OVERHEAD WIRES

Dear Trio, I read with surprise that there has been little response to your invitation to write regarding the overhead electricity cables.

From my comparatively recent knowledge of Port Isaac I have the impression that the inhabitants are proud of their lovely old village - and rightly so. No wonder it is used as a film location; there can be few places that are more attractive and 'unspoilt', and without a doubt the old centre would be further enhanced if the ugly cables were to be buried. If Polzeath and Tintagel (neither of which are a patch on Port Isaac to my mind) can raise a good response, then surely we can do better!

Jenny Balfour-Paul.



The forlorn ruin of Victoria House after the fire - but see article below.

VICTORIA HOUSE

The old Grade 2 listed building was severely damaged by the fire (reported on page 5). The plaster walls, charred at the top, are still standing but the roof is completely missing and the top floor window frame is almost destroyed. The crude Palladian window on the first floor is still intact. Initial talk of pulling the structure down, on grounds of safety, was alarming - it would be impossible to rebuild a building that was interestingly askew after a couple of hundred years and one of the village landmarks.

A meeting of many officials was held on Wednesday 7th. August, and it was decided that it was worth spending a lot of money on restoring the building and every effort is going to be made to save as much of the old facade as possible. The very top storey will probably have to be rebuilt but detailed measurements have been taken, especially of the window frame. The remaining floor boards are also to be numbered before they are removed.



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PARISH COUNCIL

A report produced from notes taken at the meeting.

Eight councillors were present at the meeting on Monday 11th. August.

Election of Chairman

Vice-Chairman David Phelps was elected by a vote of five in favour and no opposition. The Vice-Chairman will be named at next month's meeting.

Public Discussion

District Councillor Bill Dawe left the table and, speaking as a member of the public, answered criticisms about not being present at the last meeting; he was at a full District Council meeting plus a planning meeting where if any member is absent planning matters are not voted on but passed to the full council for decision.

County Councillor Mrs. Helen Richards was present and invited to speak. She spoke of the problems that will have to be dealt with, and also proposed the idea of a local 'surgery' and invited suggestions as to time and venue.

Bryan Nichols, speaking as a member of the public, denied remarks it was alleged he made at the last meeting.

Richard Hambly said luckily parking restrictions were being observed in Fore Street on the night of the fire. Had cars been parked as usual, it would have been impossible for the fire engines to get near to the fire.

Robin Penna said that the iron gate, in Port Isaac Valley near the Waste water Treatment Plant, was off its hinges and difficult to open and shut. He also suggested a dedicated fire hydrant, with water at full pressure, could be installed somewhere near the lifeboat station.

Planning Applications

The Council recommended the following plans for acceptance by the District Council Planning Committee:

1. Change of use of stores at Lankerry, Trelights, to residential accommodation. (Mr. Barribal declared an interest and left the table while this item was discussed.)
2. Conservation Area consent and full planning permission for the removal of lean-to roof at The Folly, Roscarrock Hill, and erection of second floor bathroom.
3. The erection of three-bedroom bungalow with attached double garage at Furze Park, Trelights.

Finance

The Treasurer, Malcolm Lee, presented the monthly Financial Statement and requested approval for transfer of £2,200 from the high interest account to the treasurer account to enable accounts totalling £3,208.64 to be settled. The transfer was approved, also the payment of the monthly accounts.

He presented the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st. March 1997. They were in the new form required by County Auditors who need to have all accounts prepared the same way to facilitate fiscal comparisons between one parish and another. Total income for the year was £12,892 and expenditure was £14,423. This represented a deficit of £1,531.

The notes to the accounts listed certain items including assets owned by the Council, valued at historic cost (Trelights Green at nominal value), not current value:

The Main, Port Gaverne
(purchased 1/5/1921) £100

The Playing Field, Trewetha Lane
(purchased 12/1/1976) £1,250

Trelights Village Green
(registered as Common Land 15/6/1983) £1
Land adjacent to St. Endellion Church
(purchased 20/2/1995) £2,434

Field adjacent to existing playing field
(purchased 22/3/1996) £14,146

At the close of business on 31st March 1997 the following loan to the council was outstanding: Public Works Loan Board (last payment due 20th. March 2016) £15,683

Payments:

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables Parish Councils to spend up to the product of £3.5 per elector for the benefit of people in the parish. The limit for St. Endellion is £3,325 and £771 was spent on contributions as follows:

Port Isaac Playgroup (play equipment) £150
Port Isaac Village Hall (fire safety equipment) £300

Trio (parish magazine) £100

British Legion (Poppy Day Appeal) £96

Port Isaac Football Club (new strip) £100

Samaritans (fire safety equipment) £25

During the year the Council undertook footpath maintenance work and Parish Paths Partnership work totalling £990 for which reimbursement has been claimed.

Port Gaverne Quay

The erosion of the old quay is getting bad. This has been taking place for a long time and will no doubt continue. A solution would be to block up the eroded section and build a wall across it; concrete being the only material to withstand heavy seas. A short-term solution might be a timber footbridge. These suggestions were made in a letter from the County Surveyor.

Unfortunately St. Endellion Parish Council, which owns The Main does not have the scale of funds required for this kind of work and it was thought it might be possible to interest the National Trust in the work as part of Coastal Protection. The bill for a wall would be in the tens of thousands. It is difficult to get grants for 'repairs and maintenance' but the County Council is to be asked for advice on any possible funding. The alternative would be to close the footpath. A councillor who is a member of the Port Isaac Harbour Commissioners spoke of the difficulty experienced already in finding money to do essential work on the breakwaters - the old quay was only a footpath and hardly likely to attract any help.

The situation must be dealt with if possible by next spring, and it was thought that a handrail or chain fencing off the dangerous part could be a temporary solution. Councillors agreed to meet and have a look at the problem.

District Councillor's Report

Bill Dawe said that the land purchased by the council at St. Endellion should be cut

and tidied up. The words 'Happy Birthday' written up on Port Gaverne Hill will be removed. A problem with the sewer in Trewetha Lane is being chased up.

Chairman

David Phelps said that he was pleased and proud to be Chairman and hoped that his efforts would be worthwhile. He said that he intended to get a playing field for the parish council and not leave the ground for use by sheep farmers. He abhorred items in Trio, by personalities who attacked the parish council.

Seats

Two 'in memoriam' seats donated to the parish council may be placed at the top of the beach at Port Gaverne where one existing seat will be scrapped and the other repaired and placed on the coast path.

Playing Field

A quotation of £455 plus VAT was accepted from Taylor Made for removing the exposed rock under the parallel bars, fitting a 1 meter diameter rubber surface for the fireman's pole, replacing worn mats at the slide and at the see-saw, to apply filler and sand smooth three uprights on the parallel bars, re-align and secure monkey bar grips, and replace one balance beam.

Incident at Playing Field

Some young german hikers who had got soaking wet had made a temporary camp on the playing field and hung their clothes out to dry on the goalposts. They explained that it was just an emergency stop and left very soon after they were spoken to.

Clerk's Correspondence

As sufficient people have requested an election, to fill the two casual vacancies on

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the council, this will be held on Thursday 2nd. October 1997. The council decided that it was not necessary to have poll cards printed and distributed.

The situation at Trewetha is to be assessed in due course in connection with requests for a speed limit through the village.

Correspondence between Malcolm Lee and the Chief Fire Officer, concerning water pressure at fire hydrants in the village, will form the subject of an item on next month's agenda. The comment was made that it would have been a last resort decision to use sea water on the fire. It was lucky that there was no north-west gale and that the sea was calm and at half tide.

Mrs. Strout of Wentworth Cottage, St. Endellion, had written to say that the volume of vehicles and the speed they were being driven through the hamlet represented a major incident waiting to happen. She had had to grab her three year old out of the way of a van which had skidded into her drive. She was concerned that the primary school bus stopped there and also that her 12 year old was dropped at the church every day and had to walk along the road. The council decided to reiterate these remarks in a letter to County Councillor Mrs. Richards, looking at the same at Trewetha, and the need for yellow lines in New Road.

There is a copy of the replacement Cornwall County Structure Plan available on application to the clerk.

Next Meeting

The next monthly meeting of St. Endellion Parish Council will be on Monday 8th. September at 7.30pm. in the Church Rooms, Port Isaac.

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Please remember there will be no morning service on 31st. August – a combined united service will be held at St. Endellion at 11.00am.

Harvest Thanksgiving

The service at will be on September 14th. at 10.00am. Songs of Praise in the evening will be followed by a Harvest Supper and an Auction of Produce. Please come and help decorate the church with your gifts on Friday 12th. or Saturday 13th.

New Kneelers

We have forty new blue kneelers – a gift from St Matthews Church, Widcombe, Bath by Elizabeth and Charles Baines. We are very grateful, they certainly enhance the church.

Emmaus Course

In June I mentioned that this course will begin with a Social Evening on Friday 3rd. October. Please keep this date free *everyone* will be welcome.

Things to be Done

We have received the quinquennial report and there are a number of things to be done some of which are urgent. I shall list these in the next Trio and look to you for support.

Margaret Cann.

SURGERY CAR PARK

Dr. Sainsbury suggests that people waiting at the surgery should keep an eye on their cars. One afternoon, a car in the car park was scratched by vandals although, at the time, the waiting room was full of people.

BLACKTHORN PRESS

When started in 1975 this was the only printer in the village. Now, with the advent of photocopiers, and then personal computers, people do their own printing. The digital printer was written off by the launderette fire so customers had to find other sources for their work and it will be impossible to woo them back so the business has to change. I intend to concentrate more on graphic design work under my own name, offering my professional expertise as print designer with some drawing work perhaps while keeping the 'Blackthorn Press' title for published works.

Robin Penna

The Blackthorn Press must be congratulated on their achievement of producing Trio issue no. 167 after the fire. Hardly anything more traumatic could have happened, and personally devastating as witnessed. They coped, and produced an excellent Trio.

The resignation of Henry Symons and Eric STokes' damning report on the Parish Council's activities is rather disturbing. There must be many residents capable of undertaking satisfactory council work.

Overhead wires - Yes, please underground.

Trevan Hambly, Isle of Wight

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VILLAGE FIRE

One of the old buildings in Fore Street, 'Victoria House', went up in flames at 2.00am on Monday 28th. July.

Woken up by what, at first, I thought was somebody having a bonfire, I looked out of my window to see, to my horror, flames roaring out of the window of Victoria House, accompanied by loud crackling, and popping as the roof slates exploded. Then there were a series of bright flashes as the overhead electricity cables burned through. I could feel the heat of the blaze through my window. I quickly got dressed and rushed out to see if anything could be done. Until the fire brigade arrived, however, all we could do was stand and watch as the fire gradually got a better, and better hold of the old building. Daniel Brewer and his girl friend had managed to escape from the third floor flat but Daniel had burned his feet and hands badly trying to get to the fourth floor where he thought another flat mate was. They were first treated by a doctor, on holiday in the village, then taken away to hospital in Plymouth.

The fire engines from Delabole, Wadebridge, and St. Austell arrived incredibly quickly considering the distance they had to come and the nature of the local roads. The water pressure was too low at first and the fire hoses seemed scarcely more effective than garden hoses. Luckily the tide was only half way out so it was possible, eventually, to manhandle a pump on to the beach and run some hoses from there.

While we stood and watched the fire, a rumour began to circulate that a local lad, Spike Jones, might be up in the roof bedroom. This was by no means certain as he

was a regular late-nighter. It had also been his last day at the Port Gaverne Hotel and it was supposed he would have gone to celebrate somewhere and would eventually materialise. At this point we started running round the village waking people up and telephoning to see if he could be found anywhere. We drove from house to house looking for mates that might know where he was but by around 4.00am. we heard that he had last been seen at about 12.30am. on his way home. We were still hoping, though, that he had gone somewhere else as he rarely came home so early. The night went on and we stood there in a group trying not to think the worst.

At about 6.00am. the firemen were first able to enter the building, which was still burning quite a lot. The roof had completely collapsed, taking with it the two upper floors and all the debris was resting on the floor above the shop, making it a very hazardous exercise. They spent a long time trying to get through the mass of burnt timbers, etc. and eventually at about 7.30am. came the terrible news that they had found a body. Everyone howled in grief, not knowing how to cope with this terrible realisation. People held on to each other, just crying. He had been such a likeable lad, always smiling and pleasant, and very popular behind the bar at the hotel.

The horror of it is with me still and I am vividly reminded of that night every time I pass the burnt out building or even see it from the cottage windows.

Spike's friends have been devastated by the tragedy and they spent most of the next day sitting in the street - which was closed to traffic - talking about him, like a sort of funeral. It was heartening to see how they all came together as a group and sat there quietly, absolutely dazed. The only thing which gave us any consolation is that Spike was discovered in a 'sleeping' position, indicating that he was probably asphyxiated by the smoke and hopefully may not have known anything.

Daniel didn't know how many friends he has and wants to thank them all for their kindness towards him at this terrible time. He also wants to thank the doctor visitor for her first-aid treatment. He is at home now and expecting to be walking around again soon. With Beth, and both their families, he would also like to thank everyone for their support over the last few weeks. This is very much appreciated and it is nice for them to know that so many people are thinking of them.

Spike

You smiled as if life didn't matter
You laughed at an old man's idle chatter
Too busy to think of pain or sorrow
Sadly for you, there is no tomorrow.
You touched my life so briefly and yet
I'm left with a memory I shall never forget.
God bless you, son, I hope and pray
We'll meet and laugh, again, some day.

Eric Stokes

Song for Spike

Although you're no longer with us
You never really left.

- Your smile is still reflected
Back to us from the sun,
And the memories of you
Held closest to our hearts
Ride forever on its back
Whilst it tracks its endless journey
Through the heavens every day.
But when the sun is hidden
In the cold grey of the morning
The sky cries tears of ice
For a friend who left too soon.
If we go to the beach
When we want to be alone,
We can listen to the sea
Whispering your name
As it nudges up the shingle
And joins us in our grief.
But it is in the still of night
When we know that you're not gone
When we can look up to the sky
And see you shining with the stars.
Good bye my friend and Thank You.

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Alan Gordon Randell Jones (Spike)

A service of celebration and thanksgiving for the life of Spike (Alan Gordon Randell) Jones took place at St. Peter's Church, on Tuesday 5th. August, followed by cremation at Glynn Valley, Bodmin. Spike died tragically at Victoria House on July 28th. 1997, aged 20 years. He was very much loved and will never be forgotten by his family and many, many friends who attended the service which was led by the Rev. Preb. Michael Bartlett. Charlie Honey played the organ and funeral arrangements were carried out by Ian Honey. The Church was filled to capacity with many standing outside and there was a large attendance again at Glynn Valley. We all express our deepest sympathy to his relatives, and to his many friends.

Irene McNichol

The news was received with greatest regret of the death, after a very long illness, at her home 'Honey Cellars', Port Gaverne of Mrs. I. McNichol aged 84 years. Mrs. McNichol was well known and was much respected as was shown by the very large number who attended the funeral at Glynn Valley Crematorium on Friday 8th. August. Prebendary Revd. Michael Bartlett, in his address, paid a special tribute to Rene's life. We express our sympathy to the family, especially to Frank and Elsie, in the loss of one much loved.

Donations in lieu of flowers were for the funds of the MacMillan Nursing Services.

Dear Trio, I must thank so many good people for the wonderful response when my dear wife 'Rene' died on the 2nd. August. I have been amazed at the wave of sympathy and offers of help from all quarters. My good neighbours, my friends in many places, The Camel Art Society, The Golden Circle, and so many others.

I can't express properly my thanks to Rene's devoted sister Elsie Ferguson who has supported me so loyally these last trying months. Drs. Lunny and Sainsbury have attended her so often in her needs and they have been splendid. As have Treliske and Freedom Fields in her three stays in hospital! One MacMillan nurse has been wonderful and has given me great support.

It is difficult to think of words to thank our two district nurses Jan and Jo. They have been marvellous these last weeks.

The Social Services have been terrific in their practical help and the team of good ladies 'The Home Helps' have been so kind and gentle, arriving so punctually each morning and night for some weeks - make me feel that the world is truly filled with good people in spite of everything we hear. Lastly my most sincere thanks to Ian Honey, a tower of strength when the time came. He arranged everything so well and quietly and Father Michael conducted a lovely moving service at Glynn Valley. He provided great comfort in the end and during Rene's long and terrific fight.

Frank McNichol.

The family of the late Gladys Finnemore would like to thank all who gave donations for Trelil Chapel Cemetery and Port Isaac Surgery which totalled £500.

Dear Port Isaac

Your care, love, kindness and support has helped us to cope with our sorrow, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

For the hundreds of letters and cards we have received, some from people we do not even know, for all the flowers and gifts.

For the tributes outside Victoria House - I have been so proud to see and read your feelings for Spike.

To Spike's friends who have come and shared their memories of him with me, not only making me cry but making me laugh. So many cared about him and loved him.

Spike was happy here in Port Isaac - he said to me only a short time ago (when I was nagging him about his plans for when he got back from India) that he would always come back here because this was his home.

And everyone will remember Spike's smile - I know because you have all told me so. If it is possible, I know he will still be smiling, especially now his 'artistic' talents* have been found out!

Spike's ashes are to be buried alongside his grandad in St. Teath churchyard.

Denise and Sam.

SCHOOL End of Term Report

Year 6 Camp

Year 6 children from Port Isaac, Delabole, and St. Kew schools returned to the Outdoor Education Centre at Gunnislake for three very busy and enjoyable days and nights. They took part in canoeing, abseiling, rock climbing, orienteering, and kayaking exercises and experienced a 'night walk' at Cotehele. They all had a tremendous time and returned exhausted and a little damp!

The Jumble and Cake Sale organised by the Year 6 children raised £68.91 towards camp funds. Thanks to everyone for their support.

Year 2 Adventure Day

The class teachers and Year 2 children from Port Isaac and Delabole schools enjoyed a day at Lanow Farm. Amongst other activities they took part in a scavenger hunt, made natural sculptures, and had a barbecue. Great fun was had by all.

Years 4 and 5 visit Sir James Smith's

The Year 4 and 5 visited Sir James Smith's school on Monday 16th. June, and were able to take part in some classes. This was a great opportunity for the children to experience life in a secondary school.

Pirate FM

During the week of 23-27 June, the Senior children submitted daily weather and

temperature reports to Pirate FM which were then announced as part of their lunch time weather report.

Heather Mitchell

We welcomed Heather Mitchell back again this year. All children within the school took part in Maori Music workshops, sang songs, and listened to stories from New Zealand. Due to the weather, it was not possible this year to throw boomerangs but the children had the opportunity to play a Maori drum which Heather had brought with her. We are hoping to purchase one for the school so look out in future musical performances.

Junior Trip

The Junior class visited the Woolly Monkey Sanctuary at Looe on Monday 7th. July. They had the chance to see these wonderful animals close up, learn about aspects of their life, and understand the importance of returning these animals to their natural habitat.

Sports Day

This was on Wednesday 9th. July and, thankfully, the weather remained fine. All children took part in the activities for the day and it was a great success. We thank the Friends of the School for providing refreshments, parent volunteers who assisted, and everyone who came and gave their support.

External Murals

Children from Sir James Smith's school are in the process of painting the external murals. Children from our school assisted with the designs and they are very bright and colourful. Thank you to all who have been involved with this project, it enhances the outside of the building and the playground.

Birthdays

July: Samantha Webster (8), Abigail Hazeldine (6), Joshua Brewer (6), and Lewis Thomas (5). August: Amy Rowe (11), Joe Baker (10), Mark Grills (9), and Jack Brewer (8).

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ST. ENDELLION CHURCH

Sad Loss

Parishioners of the united benefice heard with sorrow of the death of Mrs Jean Wilson, Tinnars Way, New Polzeath. She had been in poor health for some time but had continued to take part in the life of the many organisations in which she was involved. She was a faithful member of St. Endellion Church, taking her turn in leading the Julian Group and Healing Group. She organised the catering for many church events for some time, arranged flowers, read lessons in church, was a sidesperson and both made and mended church linen. She was a member of the Mothers' Union in the united benefice and held office in the Mothers' Union at Egloshayle, Wadebridge as well as being Deanery Treasurer.

Deanery Pilgrimage

On a warm, sunny evening members of the congregations of the churches of St. Endellion, Port Isaac and St. Kew travelled to Boconnoc near Lostwithiel for a Deanery Pilgrimage. They were accompanied by Mrs Tammy Bengier, Lay Chair of the Deanery Synod, who read the Old Testament lesson, the Revd. Preb. Michael Bartlett, Rector, who read the New Testament lesson, and the Revd. Judith Pollinger, Curate.

Ringers Visit

Ringers from Paignton and Stoke Gabriel visited and rang the bells on Saturday. They were welcomed by Mr Roger Richards, churchwarden and tower captain. The group of 17 also rang at St. Kew and St. Minver.

Brighton Youth Ensemble

A most enjoyable concert was given by the Brighton Youth String Ensemble in the church on 15th. July. Sadly, only a small audience came to hear the young people whose playing was of a high standard. They were warmly thanked by the Rector.

Composer Present for Performance

Composer John Tavener was present in the church on Friday night for the British Premiere of his work 'Song of the Angel' and for a performance of his work 'Agraphon' a setting of a text by the Greek poet Angelos Sikelianos. The concert, the first late-night one of this year festival attracted, a large audience. This year's 39th. Summer Festival of Music began as always with Choral Evensong, sung by the Festival Chorus and accompanied by the Brass and Strings of the Festival Orchestra. The Rector, who officiated, welcomed everyone, in particular the Revd. Tim Russ, Priest-in-Charge of St. Dennis, who was the guest preacher.

The opening concert on Wednesday attracted large numbers of people, many of whom could be seen queuing phenomenally early, outside the church two hours before the doors were opened. Highlight of the evening was a rare performance of Schubert's dramatic cantata 'Lazarus' conducted by Richard Hickox. Each concert was preceded by prayer by the Revd. Preb. Michael Bartlett, Rector of St. Endellion, Port Isaac and St. Kew, who also led the singing of the late Evening office of Compline by candlelight on Wednesday and Thursday

evenings. Sunday was a day given to celebrate the 125th. anniversary of the birth of Vaughan Williams and over 200 people crowded into the church on Sunday morning for the Festival Sung Eucharist sung to the composer's Mass in G Minor, with Motets 'O Taste and see' and 'Valiant-for-Truth' as well as organ music and hymn tunes by him. The Revd. Preb. Michael Bartlett, Rector, vested in the St. Endellion cope, presided, read the gospel and preached.

The first of two performances of the rarely heard opera or 'morality' 'The Pilgrim's Progress' as the composer Vaughan Williams preferred to call it attracted large numbers to the church on Sunday evening. The moving and visionary work based on Bunyan's famous allegory was received with rapture by the audience, many of whom rose to their feet in appreciation. Directed by Richard Hickox, who is conducting it at the Barbican, London and Symphony Hall, Birmingham later this year, concert goers were privileged to hear some of the cream of Britain's young opera singers in a memorable performance repeated on Monday evening. Tuesday's chamber concert with works by Schubert and Brahms drew a large audience as did the light-hearted late night concert of music by Percy Grainger which followed it. The final concert of the festival was sold out days before but many took advantage of the opportunity of hearing the same programme in Truro Cathedral the previous evening. Highlights of the evening were Brahms's violin concerto with Thomas Bowes as soloist and the Faure Requiem. Conductor was Richard Hickox. Audience, choir and orchestra then combined to sing 'Jerusalem.'

The Festival sung eucharist on Friday 8th. August was sung to the Byrd Mass for Four Voices. The Rector presided and the Ven. Trevor McCabe, Archdeacon of Cornwall was preacher.

Julian Group

The July meeting of the Julian Group was held in the church and led by the Rector. Hot drinks were served by Mrs Pam Richards. There will be no Julian Group meeting in August.

Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

The Rector presided at a said eucharist held in the church to celebrate the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene. Server was Mr Roger Richards, churchwarden and intercessions were led by the Curate. Afterwards a meeting of the Emmaus Course steering committee was held in the Rectory.

Evening Worship with Taizé Music

The monthly candlelit evening service with music from the Community of Taizé in France took place in the tranquil setting of the church on the evening of the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost. The well-attended service was led by the Rector who welcomed everyone present and led a meditation based on Scripture. Singing was accompanied by Julia Buckley, violin. Readers were Mrs Helen Bennett and the Curate. Prayers were led by the Revd. Robin Thomas, Priest-in-Charge of Tintagel and Mrs Maida Davy. The August service, which was attended by over 40 people including many holidaymakers, was arranged and led by the

Curate and the singing of Taizé chants was accompanied by Andrew Lewis, Elizabeth Lewis (recorders) and Mairi Mowbray (flute). The Rector was cantor for the psalm and read the gospel. Mrs Pamela Nash read the Old Testament lesson. Helpers in preparing the church and providing hot drinks were Mr Roger Richards and Mr Tom Warne, churchwardens Mr Russell Pollinger, Mrs Pam Richards, Mrs Sandra Warne, the Rector and the Curate.

Mothers' Union Service and Tea

Members of Mothers' Union branches in the Deanery met at the church for a service of Choral Evensong followed by a cream tea in the church Hall. The Rector of the United Benefice and Deanery and Diocesan Chaplain, welcomed members and officiated at the service which was preceded by a business meeting chaired by Mrs Pam Richards, Branch Leader.

Visitors from Tavistock

Members and friends of Tavistock Mothers' Union branch travelled to St. Endellion for their summer outing. The visitors were welcomed by Mrs Pam Richards, Branch Leader of the United Benefice Mothers' Union branch and a splendid supper was enjoyed by members of both branches in the church hall. Afterwards a fascinating talk on the history of St. Endellion Church was given in the church by Mrs Liz Bartlett, who also answered questions. She was warmly thanked by Mrs Maida Davy. The evening concluded with the singing by candlelight of the late evening Office of Compline led by the Rector and Deanery and Diocesan Chaplain of the Mothers' Union.

Judith Pollinger.

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LIFEBOAT

After a very quiet month, we have had a little burst of action – three calls within a few days.

Thursday 31st. July

At 4.30pm., we responded to a call from Falmouth Coastguard: a surfboard was reported floating in the sea at Lye Rock, north of Tintagel. We later found an empty inflatable child's dinghy but, happily, no persons were missing.

Thursday 7th. August

We attended an incident at Port William, Trebarwith Strand. A man had fallen some 20ft. down a cliff and suffered a broken leg and other injuries. One crew member assisted a paramedic to stabilise the injured man and put him on a stretcher. Meanwhile another crew member cleared the public from an area of beach so as to provide a landing spot for a Royal Navy helicopter which later took the man to Treliske hospital.

Saturday 9th. August

We were asked to go to the aid of three people reportedly cut off by the rising tide at Bossiney, again north of Tintagel. The lifeboat was recalled when it was found that the three people were local fishermen who were in no danger.

Following the tragic events at Victoria House, Spike's family requested that in lieu of flowers at his funeral, money should be collected for Port Isaac crew fund. Everyone associated with our Section Branch joins me in expressing our sincerest sympathies and thanks to the family. To date some £340 has been received and will be used to buy a piece of equipment to provide a permanent memorial to Spike in our boathouse. We are currently investigating various suggestions.

Ted Childs, Station Hon. Secretary.

LIFEBOAT LARKS

...And it was.

The Port Isaac Lifeboat Crew and Committee would like to thank all who worked on, contributed to, and supported the Larks Sunday 10th. August.

Fun and Games

There was a great atmosphere of fun and good will as people took part in tug-of-war, egg throwing, human fruit machine, or getting soaked in the stocks.

Display

The stalls were all emptied of their multiplicity of goodies by your generous support and during the afternoon, the crew carried

out a realistic and effective rescue display to demonstrate the work that they do.

Success

At the end of the day after the final count it was reported that £1,200 will be going to lifeboat funds. A special thank you to all the people of Port Isaac plus those not from Port Isaac, and also the children, who, although not part of the crew or committee, came and generously gave of their time and efforts to help make the day such a success.

FLAG DAY

A total of £281 was collected on Lifeboat Flag Day and Port Isaac lifeboat would like to thank all who contributed and collected.

Mary Taylor.

VANDALISM

I thought that the village was having a rest from the graffiti idiots who displayed their addled means of expressing themselves (often obscenely) in the bus shelter by the church rooms. But we have an even more stupid brain-dead specimen at large again. Obviously not a young boy but an underdeveloped specimen of young manhood, if one could call him that. What possesses anybody to think that the village in general will thrill to his carefully planned effort on Port Gaverne Hill. Someone, or perhaps a clique, with paint which will not disappear quickly, a good brush evidently, and, unusually, the ability to spell – if not to abbreviate words properly.

I think the identity of 'Sue' has been accurately made in view of the fact that a certain house was decorated (not on the walls of course) but on a large sheet accompanied by the usual many balloons. Perhaps the siren Sue will think again to have a friend, or friends, who are complete morons ... and utterly stupid to do what they did. But then I don't suppose these particular cretins will even read this and they will think how very clever of us to desecrate our lovely village. Isn't there some way they could be prosecuted for such an act?

Frank McNicol.

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CHILD HEALTH CLINIC: 1.30-3.30pm. on first Wednesday in the month at the surgery.
CUB SCOUTS: 6.30-7.30pm. Tuesdays at the Village Hall.
METHODIST CHURCH: 6.00pm. at Trelights chapel.
LOCAL HISTORY STUDY GROUP: 7.30pm. on the first Friday in the month in the Penhaligon Room.
PLAYGROUP: Thursday 9.30am-12.00 at the Village Hall.
SUNDAY SCHOOL: St. Peter's Church Rooms, every Sunday at 9.50am.
UNDER 5's GROUP: Monday and Thursday 9.30-11.45am. at the Village Hall.
WELL WOMAN CLINIC: 3.00-4.00pm. Tuesdays at the surgery by appointment.
YOGA CLASS: 7.00-9.00pm. Tuesdays at the Penhaligon Room.

Will those concerned please notify Trio of any changes to the above regular fixtures.

Monday 25th. August:

Summer Bank Holiday.

Wednesday 27th. August:

10.30am. - 12.00: R.N.L.I. Coffee Morning at Thorn House, Middle Street, by kind permission of Mrs. Caroline Cleave.

Thursday 28th. August:

7.45pm: St. Breward Silver Band on the Platt.

Saturday 30th. August:

Port Isaac Rowing Club - Gig Day.

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Tuesday 2nd. September:

10.30am: St. Endellion Conservatives' Coffee Morning at Clematis Cottage, Trelights, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. W. Pethick. Bring and Buy and Raffle. Weather permitting in the garden. All welcome.
 3.00 - 5.00pm: Cream Tea Bodannon Farm, Trewetha (Roger and Pam Richards) Raffle, cakes, bring-and-buy. All welcome.

Wednesday 3rd. September:

10.30am: St. Endellion Conservatives Coffee Morning at 'The Mill, Port Isaac.
 7.30pm: St. Endellion Church Healing Eucharist with speaker the Revd. Peggy Rowett, Chaplain Mount Edgumbe Hospice. All welcome.

Sunday 7th. September:

6.00pm: St. Endellion Church Evening Worship with Taizé Music by candlelight.

Monday 8th. September:

7.00pm: St. Endellion Church Eucharist -The Blessed Virgin Mary
 8.00pm: Julian Group

Thursday 4th. September:

7.45pm: Last night of St. Breward Silver Band on the Platt.

Saturday 6th. September:

2.00pm: Port Isaac Garden Society Annual Open Show at the Church Hall.

Tuesday 16th. September:

7.30pm: Whist Drive in St. Endellion church hall.

Friday 19th. September:

8.00pm: R.N.L.I. Harvest Festival and Auction at The Cornish Arms, Pendoggett.

Friday 19th. - Sunday 21st. September:

St. Endellion Church Flower and Craft Fayre

Sunday 21st. September:

6.30pm: St. Endellion Church Songs of Praise and Auction

Wednesday 1st. October:

7.30pm: Launch Party St. Endellion for Emmaus Course (venue to be decided)

Thursday 2nd. October:

7.30pm: Launch Party Port Isaac for Emmaus Course (venue to be decided)

Friday 3rd. October:

7.30pm: Launch Party St. Kew for Emmaus Course (venue to be decided)

Tuesday 14th. October:

7.30pm: St. Endellion Conservatives Supper Quiz, 'Green Door', Port Gaverne.

Tuesday 28th. October:

2.00pm: Jumble Sale St. Endellion Church Hall

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