

# TRIO

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### NEXT TRIO

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### PROPOSED 1997 DATES

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## ST. ENDELLION CONSERVATIVES

Please note that the Supper Quiz at the Green Door, Port Gaverne, advertised in last months Trio is on Saturday, October 4th, not Tuesday 14th.

## PLYMOUTH BUS

H. G. Kinsman and Son Ltd. ran a bus from Port Isaac to Plymouth every Thursday during the summer but it was very poorly supported and they have now withdrawn it. It is still possible to get the bus, however, from Polzeath at 9.30am. or Wadebridge at 10.00am. It arrives at Plymouth at 11.25am. The return journey leaves Plymouth at 5.00pm. and gets to Wadebridge at 6.25pm. and Polzeath at 6.55pm. The return fare from Polzeath is £4.30 for adults and £2.85 for children. For full details telephone Kinsman's on (01208) 72669.

Trio, unfortunately, knew nothing about the bus and would otherwise have gladly given it publicity. We suggested that the bus from Port Isaac could be reinstated next summer with Trio publicity but the operators are not very keen to take a chance as changes to a route have to be registered which involves a lot of work and the result can be more expenditure than income.

## The Quiet Corner

Take time to give - any day of the year is too short for selfishness.

## LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

### Summer Trip and Exhibition

We have had two events during the summer - a trip to Rosemoor Gardens and Barnstaple, in May, and our Exhibition in August. This time we had many more visitors than locals to the Exhibition which is probably relevant but I can't think why. It took the form of comparing photographs from the present with those taken 70 to 100+ years ago. Some views have changed little in that time and some show tremendous differences. One 'local' didn't recognise that the building stuck up on the edge of the village was Valencia House.

### Guest Speaker

We are having a number of guests speakers during the next six months, the first being Stuart B. Smith. He has been Curator of Technology at Sunderland Museum, Curator and Director at Ironbridge over 20 years, and, since 1992, Chief Executive of the Trevithick Trust, managing projects at Geevor, Cornish Engines, Pendeen Lighthouse, and Tolgus Tin among others. He is also a Board Member on national and international bodies. He is a busy man and we are lucky to get him to come to speak to us at 7.30pm. On Friday 3rd. October in the Penhaligon Room. By the way - I've heard him speak (twice) and he is good! Be there!

George Steer



## To Llewellyn

Port Isaac has a pussy cat  
His coat is very shiny  
Should be really 'cos each day  
He eats fresh fish from the briny.

The RNLI know him well as he  
Watches all their launches.  
Silently watching saying nought  
Resting on his haunches.

A black cat there will always be.  
Port Isaac's guiding moggy.  
Stretched out flat under midsummer sun  
Or unable to walk 'gainst a winter's  
Force Ten  
When even cat's wellies get soggy.

The Traveller

### RENEE MCNICHOL

I cannot find the words to thank all my friends, neighbours, and the various associations to which Renee and I belong to for the wonderful response in the form of donations to the MacMillan Nursing Service. The sum collected to date totals £560. Ian Honey has co-ordinated this for me and I am extremely indebted to him for his care in this matter.

Frank McNichol

## Joyce Collins

80TH. BIRTHDAY  
27TH. SEPTEMBER

To our dear Mum and Nan  
we wish you a  
Very Happy Birthday

With fondest love from  
Barry and Anne, Joy, and Tom.

Grandchildren:  
Andrew and Maureen, Julie and Peter,  
John and Nicola, Ross,  
Angela and Nicholas.  
Great grandchildren:  
Tom, Kerrie, and Ronnie John.

## SHANTY WEEKEND

'Forebitter' from Seaport Mystic, USA - the home of shanties - are world renowned and presently on a concert tour of Europe prior to their forthcoming visit. They enjoyed Port Isaac so much, the warm reception, and the friends they made last time they were here, that they have agreed to visit us and sing for us again. We are really excited at the prospect - it's going to be great!

Billy and Barbara have kindly offered their Pottery for a Saturday night venue and on Sunday we thought it would be fun to have 'Forebitter' with a few different shanty singers and groups singing at different venues around the harbour. So - from midday onwards, we'll have a great 'Shanty Stormalong' with everybody very welcome to join in and have an amazing afternoon.

Mrs. B.

*Stormalong Weekend*  
Saturday 18th October, 8.00pm  
**'Forebitter'**  
*from Seaport Mystic USA*  
at 'The Pottery'  
Limited tickets available £5.50  
from the Post Office or at the door  
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Sunday 19th October  
midday onwards - at various venues  
around the harbour.  
**'A Shanty Stormalong'**  
featuring 'Forebitter' Hanging Johney  
Joe Stead Drop of Meths  
and many surprise guests.  
All very welcome to join in.

## PARISH COUNCIL

A Council of seven members attended the meeting on Monday 8th. September.

Chairman David Phelps asked Parish Councillors not to speak during the public discussion. They have ample time during the meetings and were only robbing the public of their time to speak.

### Public Discussion

Before the meeting Mark Provis apologised for not attending for six months and accepted his disqualification from the Council. He also apologised to all those who had voted for him but explained that personal problems had made it impossible for him to attend meetings. He added that it was a awful hearing strong criticisms of the Council from the public and hoped the renewed Council would get its act together and achieve a better image. He noted that only two candidates had come forward to fill the vacancies caused by the previous resignation of two councillors and thought that those who had strong complaints should have stepped in. Perhaps having failed to do something positive they will now keep quiet, he said. The vacancy caused will now be advertised.

Mark also put forward a suggestion that some land above the village to the west could be used as a peak period car park. he had already spoken to the land owner farmer about this but he had not appeared very keen on the idea. There is room for 2,000 cars up there, there is vehicular access from opposite Homer Park and a footpath could be created down to the top of Roscarrock Hill.

Henry Synons expressed concern that the meeting convened at St. Endellion to discuss the speeding traffic along the B3314 had been called too early in the morning giving the inspector the idea that not much traffic used the road. He also despaired that many of those immediately concerned with the problem had not been notified about the meeting.

Peggy Richards said she had received complaints about the overgrowth in Back Lane where brambles were making it impossible to get through and a business man had said that Port Isaac could get a prize for the dirtiest and untkliest village in Cornwall. All the hedges are overgrown and the drains are blocked. Could something be put in Trio to remind landowners that theirs is the responsibility for cutting hedges adjoining the public highways - which includes footways. The handrail on the steps at Mayfield Drive is overgrown and covered in brambles, and Mayfield Close is getting dangerous to walk in due to the uneven concrete blocks.

She mentioned that Councillor Dawe has started a Book of Condolence for Princess Diana, killed in a car crash in Paris on Sunday 31st. August. He will leave it at Mayfield Close and it can then be passed from street to street.

Regarding a comment last month that the Playing Field is being used by sheep farmers 'for peanuts', she pointed out that the field had not been dressed, weeded, nor was water provided and the occupier had to provide his own fencing. She would not pay

half what the present user is paying. Perhaps if the field was properly looked after the Parish Council could earn some real money from it. She also asked whether plans for the new section of the Playing Field took into account the cost of diverting water pipes and overhead electricity cables, the costs of levelling the ground and whether any grants had been sought or fund-raising done. Unless someone gets off their backsides and does something about it, nothing will happen, she ended.

### Approval of Accounts

Treasurer Malcolm Lee received approval for the transfer of £1,200 from the high interest account to be added to the £169.96 already in the treasurer account to cover monthly expenditure of £1,259.89. Balances after this are £110.07 in the treasurer account and £3,571.51 in the high interest account.

### Donation for Fireworks

£100 is to be donated again this year to the fund for the display of fireworks at Port Gaverne in November.

### Report of a Vacancy

Mark Provis is off the Council by default having missed six consecutive meetings. He can be co-opted back on to the Council or he could stand for re-election. He will be missed as he worked hard for the lower part of the village especially in getting improvements made to the refuse collection services. The vacancy will now be advertised as required by law.

### Port Gaverne Quay

A meeting had been held at Port Gaverne on Monday 18th. August and a recommendation was made that a sign 'Beware of falling rocks, and Take care uneven surface' be placed at the beginning of the quay and another sign 'Take care uneven surface' be attached to the life belt post. However Cornhill Insurance, who are the Parish Council's insurers, have pointed out that whereas it would be prudent to erect the signs, owners should take all steps necessary to ensure safety and therefore repair work to the quay should be undertaken. It was mentioned last month that the costs would be astronomical and it was thought best to invite a representative from the insurers to come and see what was involved. Meanwhile no signs would be put up.

### Seats at Port Gaverne

A very successful meeting had been held with the National Trust who own the piece of land where the two seats are at Port Gaverne. The Trust says the Parish Council has every right to have the seats there but they should always be of the traditional style with concrete ends and to be seats not benches. All wood seats are not acceptable. Dedication plaques are not approved of. The site will have to be licensed. The Trust is also prepared to take over the maintenance of the seats and would guarantee that they will be retained. This possibility will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

### Dangerous Roads

A meeting was held at St. Endellion and, even though there was only a handful of people in attendance, some parish coun-

cillors began to wonder if they had done a sensible thing in walking along the narrow road where fast traffic constantly passes through. The inspector decided that the scheme needed top priority and indicated that work was already in hand which now needed to be looked at further. A suggestion was made that 'No Footway' signs could be put up. The meeting actually took place at midday, not early in the morning as had originally been intended. The inspector is also to report back regarding the problems at Trewetha. New Road, from Daisy Hick's corner to the Co-op will be a long struggle. Half of the road is in the Conservation Area but the parking restriction would need to apply to both sides.

### Fire Fighting in the Old Village

[Two letters, one from Henry Stickland and one from the Chief Fire Officer, are printed at the end of this report.]

Henry Stickland's suggestion of a ladder was discussed and the idea will be passed on to the Fire Officer for his comments. It was thought, however, that a person trying to rescue somebody from a burning building would be risking his own life especially in the event of a 'blow back' when flames could possibly shoot out of any window.

The depth of the village results in great pressure on the main and there are regulating valves at Hartland Road. It was thought that perhaps one member of the fire crew could regulate these valves when attending a fire in the village. It was pointed out that sea water would not always be available and that in the event of stormy conditions a further hazard could be sea weed in the water which would block the inlet of the pipe to the pump. In the event of a strong swell the sea would not be an option and if there had been a north-westerly blowing the flames would quickly have been spread over a larger area.

It was also pointed out that the crew had mobile telephones but these did not work in the old village and that it was marvellous the way Henry Stickland stayed at his premises directly opposite the fire so that the firemen could use his telephone.

The normal criterion for the description of 'high density housing' is 30-40 units per acre. In the old village there are 40-50 units per acre! The access to Victoria House is



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good compared with the problems that would be encountered in other parts of the old village.

The Parish Council is to suggest to the Fire Brigade that an exercise could be set up or that they should come and look at the problems in the old village.

#### Grass Cutting

The Chairman said he had used his prerogative to organise some grass cutting in time for the bank holiday to ensure that the village was looking presentable. The County Council workmen did the rest of the work two weeks later.

#### Clerk's Correspondence

1. The two new Parish Councillors, who will start at the next meeting, will be David Christopher Morgan and Andrew James Penny. There were no other candidates so they will be co-opted without an election.

2. Henry Stickland is being asked if his wall can be used for the street light at Temple Bar which is temporarily without a fixing point.

3. It is now necessary to notify the Highways department if Christmas lights are to be suspended above a highway so they will need to be notified about Port Isaac's lights.

4. In June 1998, There will be a celebration of the 1973 opening of the Cornwall Coastal Path. Anybody who would like to conduct a walk along any section of the path should contact Miss Mary Weston of the South West Way Association.

5. The new section of Furze Park, Trelights, is to be called 'Brenton's Park'.

6. The Revd. Michael Bartlett, Rector of St. Endellion Church, sent thanks for the Parish Council cheque in support of the upkeep of the churchyard.

7. Suitable deserving cases are sought for nomination for architectural awards.

8. It is to be suggested to County Councillor Mrs. Helen Richards that a surgery could be held at the church rooms in Port Isaac. Hire of the school could be too expensive.

#### Next Meeting

The next monthly meeting of St. Endellion Parish Council will be on Monday 13th. October at 7.30pm. In the Chapel Room, Trelights.

#### Letter from Area 7 Commander, Cornwall Fire Brigade

Replying to Malcolm Lee, the Commander was pleased to pass on compliments to all personnel who attended the tragic fire, then went on to say that he had discussed the question of water supply for firefighting with the initial officer in charge of the incident and the Area Manager (Water Distri-

bution) of South West Water. The officer, faced with a rapidly developing fire, instructed the crew to locate the nearest fire hydrant and establish a supply to the pumping appliance. The scale of the fire required a large number of firefighting jets and an alternative supply of water was sought and obtained by using a light portable pump on the beach. These two actions provided a sufficient supply of water for the fire to be brought under control and subsequently extinguished.

As to the performance of the fire hydrant, it has to be recognised that the pressure of water within the main is regulated by the use of valves. Higher pressure could have been obtained but to do so would have taken some time and would have required water engineers to regulate the pressure back down again as the demand for firefighting water reduced to obviate a risk of bursting the main due to over pressure.

The availability of water from the fire hydrant, therefore, was reasonable in the circumstances. Had it been safe for the personnel to do so they might well have utilised a hydrant on the other side of the fire to supplement their supply instead of using sea water.

South West Water advise that the Port Isaac main has undergone refurbishment work and is considered to be of good condition.'

A. D. O. Renals

#### Dedicated Hydrant at the Platt?

I suggested at the August meeting of the Parish Council that a dedicated fire hydrant, providing water at full pressure, could be installed possibly somewhere near the lifeboat station but this idea does not seem to have been taken up for discussion.

Robin Penna

#### Letter to the Parish Council

With reference to the tragic fire of 28th. July, we have all expressed our feelings and concerns over what happened and the loss of a young life.

As a village we must now try and make certain this never happens again, whatever the cost to us or the district. Our situation is unique compared with other towns and villages in Cornwall.

This is no criticism of the Fire Brigade, just points that could be improved.

**Point 1:** This has already been discussed - the lack of water pressure.

**Point 2:** What about availability of ladders at the bottom of the village? We all know that ladders can't just be left around these days for obvious reasons. We have a lot of

tall buildings in the village and in any rescue the first five minutes are vital. Holiday makers in Stanley house were watching the fire from their windows until we told them to get out quickly because they were at risk.

**Solution:** Maybe the Fire Brigade could supply the village with a ladder like the one eventually produced. This could be kept at the Lifeboat House for emergency use.

**Point 3:** Many electricity cables are very exposed, especially around Stanley House. Flames from Victoria House were coming out very close to these and had they burned through the building could have been severely damaged.

**Point 4:** As a village we see many exercises being carried out by our lifeboat crews and coastguards. Maybe they would be willing to add an extra job and man ladders to get people out of high buildings. We don't want another fire but there are harder places to get at than Victoria House.

Henry Stickland (The Harbour Shop).

As owner of 'Wave's End' in Fore Street, I write to beseech that the overhead cables in the village be run underground

C. J. Dear

#### St. Endellion Parish Council

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#### VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR

There is a vacancy on the Council due to non-attendance at meetings for six months by Mark Provis. A bye-election to fill this vacancy will be held if before 3rd. October ten electors claim an election, in writing, to the Returning Officer, David Brown, N.C.D.C. Higher Trenant Road, Wadebridge PL27 6TW. If no such notice is given the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

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## ST. ENDELLION CHURCH

### Successful Retiring Collections

The magnificent sum of over £1,500 was contributed in retiring collections to the church by members of the audience during this year's Summer Music Festival.

### Friends' Day

Members of the association of the Friends of St. Endellion, many of whom travelled long distances to be present, gathered in large numbers for the Annual Friends' Festival held on the Sunday which was also the Feast of St. Bartholomew. The Revd. Preb. Michael Bartlett, Rector, extended a particular welcome to them before the sung eucharist, at which he presided, preached, and led intercessions. A committee meeting of the Friends was held in the Rectory in the afternoon and the annual meeting, lecture, and supper was preceded by choral evensong where the singing was led by a choir specially formed for the occasion. The Rector, vested in the St. Endellion cope, sang the office.

An interesting and informative lecture on proposed changes in Anglican liturgy was given after the annual meeting by the Revd. Canon Perran Gay, Canon Chancellor of Truro Cathedral. He was warmly thanked by Mr. Laurence Grand.

The Rector expressed his appreciation, and that of the churchwarden and parochial church council, for all that the Friends had done, and continue to do, to beautify the church. He explained that instead of outreach through organising an Alpha course in the United Benefice it had been decided to launch an Emmaus course in the autumn. Based on the journey of Jesus and his disciples along the Emmaus Road after the resurrection, the course was designed to encourage Christians and non-Christians to explore together their understanding of God and journey of faith. Another exciting new project was a proposed new organ for the church. It was hoped that the combined efforts of the parish, the Friends and the Music Festival might see this realised.

### Ancient Ceremony

The ancient ceremony of 'Crying the Neck', to celebrate the end of the corn harvest, was held in a field belonging to Mr. Bill Dawe, Pennant Farm. After a prayer of thanksgiving to God had been spoken in Cornish by Miss Garland, President of the Wadebridge branch of the Old Cornwall Society, and repeated in English by the Revd. Preb. Michael Bartlett, Rector of St. Endellion, Port Isaac and St. Kew, Mr. Dawe cut the remaining area of standing corn with a scythe, made it into a sheaf and 'cried the

neck' by facing East, West and South shouting 'I have'n, I have'n, I have'n.' Those present responded, 'What have'ee? What have'ee? What have'ee?' Mr. Dawe replied, 'A neck, a neck, 'a neck,' whereupon everyone cried, 'Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!' After this a short service was held in the church conducted by the Rector. A short address was given by the Revd. Judith Pollinger, Curate, who also led prayers, and harvest hymns were sung.

### Celebrations for Wedding

The marriage of Miss Anna Constance Bartlett, only daughter of the Revd. Preb. Michael and Mrs. Liz Bartlett, to Mr. Oliver John Minton, took place in the church on Saturday 30th. August. The Rector married the happy couple, and bells rang out as they left the church. Celebrations continued the next day when a well-attended combined United Benefice sung eucharist was held in the church and, afterwards, regular members of the three congregations were invited to a marquee to greet the newly-married couple and to have a glass of wine and a piece of wedding cake. Bells rang out as the Rector welcomed the congregation to the service to celebrate the joyful occasion of the marriage. He also spoke of the sadness people were feeling at the tragic death of Diana, Princess of Wales. During the service prayers were offered for her, her companion, the driver of the car, and also for members of the Royal Family.

### Cream Tea Raises Funds

The magnificent sum of £241.13 was raised for the church at a very pleasant Cornish Cream Tea held at Bodannon Farm, Trewetha, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Richards. Helpers included Miss Violet Baker, Mrs. Kaye Strout, Mrs. Suzanne Barriball, Mr. Ernest Tucker, Mrs. Margaret Tucker, Mrs. Katrina Gill, Mr. Tom Warne, Mrs. Sandra Warne, and Mrs. Pam Richards. Raffle winners were Lowenna Barriball, Mrs. M. Garvin, Mrs. J. Blake, Mrs. Byfield, Mrs. M. Tucker, Mrs. S. Barriball, and Mr. E. Tucker.

### Hospice Chaplain Speaks

The Revd. Peggy Rowett, part-time Church of England Chaplain at Mount Edgecumbe Hospice, spoke about the work of the hospice and its deep care for people, when she spoke to United Benefice healing group and others in the church on Wednesday last. She was introduced and warmly thanked by the Curate. The Rector presided at the eucharist and shared in the laying on of hands for healing with the Chaplain. Readings from the service for the dying in the Alternative Services Book were given by Mrs. Malda Davy and Mr. Peter Coster, Reader. Afterwards coffee was served at the

back of the church by Mrs. Pam Richards, who was also sacristan.

### Evening Worship with Taizé Music

Many people were drawn to the beauty and tranquillity of the church on Sunday evening for a meditative service of worship accompanied by the singing of chants from Taizé. The Rector led the service, presented a meditation and was cantor for the psalm. Singing was accompanied by Julia Buckley, violin.

*Judith Pollinger*

On the birth of our son Ronnie John Tyler, Saturday 16th. August, Nick and I would love to thank our family and friends for all the kind cards and gifts we received for our son. We counted over 100 cards - it has been lovely to read all your loving messages.

Mum and Dad, thank you for being a wonderful help - when I came home from the hospital I really appreciated it. Nick and I both know it's great to have such loving parents and, now, grandparents.

My husband, Nicholas - thank you for being there for me; you have been such a wonderful help all the way; I am so proud that our son looks like you, it's lovely. But, most of all, I feel so lucky to know that Ronnie has such a loving and caring daddy. We love you lots; your wife and son.

*Angela Tyler*

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## PORT ISAAC LIFEBOAT

### Cut off By Tide

There have been two service calls in the past month. On Saturday 16th. August five people were reported to be cut off by the incoming tide at Hole Beach, just north of Trebarwith Strand. The lifeboat arrived in time to pick them up and take them to safety at Trebarwith Strand.

### Surfers Rescued

On Monday 1st. September three surfers were reported to be in difficulty at Tregar-dock Beach. They had failed to realise that the incoming tide would cover the sands and so, when they wished to land, they found a rocky shore awaiting them! Two abandoned their boards and made it safely to the shore. The lifeboat rescued the third surfer and landed him, somewhat cold and shaken, at Port Isaac. The three surfboards were also brought back and retrieved by their grateful owners.

Both the above services were carried out with exemplary speed and efficiency by our crew. 'Well done' to all concerned.

### ARRIVAL OF NEW D CLASS LIFEBOAT

This took place at the Platt at 5.30pm. on Saturday 13th. September in fine weather, but with a biting cold northerly wind. Our Branch Chairman, Annie Price, welcomed our many visiting guests, including our M.P. Mr. Paul Tyler and his wife. Annie's speech was followed by Brigadier Mike Browne, C.B.E., of the Royal Logistics Corps, who handed over the new boat to the RNLI. The boat was then formally accepted into the lifeboat fleet by Lt. Commander Jeremy Tetly, D.L., a member of the Committee of Management who in turn delivered her to the care of our station.

### Service of Dedication

There then followed a service of dedication, conducted for us by our Honorary Station Chaplain, Revd. Prebendary Michael Bartlett. The music was provided by the St. Breward Silver Band and singing led by members of the Port Isaac Chorale directed by Mrs. Janet Townsend. After hymns and prayers and a lesson read by Richard Hambly, there was a short fly-past by a helicopter, from R.N.A.S. Culdrose, which flew over the harbour carrying the RNLI flag.

### Speech of Thanks and Naming Ceremony

A speech of thanks by Mr. Les Vipond, District Inspector of Lifeboats, was then followed by the official naming of the boat by Captain Debbie Jones of the Royal Logistics Corps. She successfully opened the

champagne and poured a small quantity over the bows of the boat as she named her 'Spirit of the P.C.S., R.E.' (Spirit of the Postal and Courier Services, Royal Engineers). The boat was then launched down the beach and into a choppy sea, in a short demonstration to show her speed and manoeuvrability.

### Buffet

After the ceremony the crowd moved into the boathouse to enjoy a marvellous buffet with beer and wine, and so we were able to give hospitality to thank those of the Royal Logistics Corps who had not only raised the money through their wonderful efforts, but had come to join us to celebrate her official arrival in Port Isaac.

### Thanks

I would like to thank the crew, committee members and others who worked so hard to make the afternoon such a success and to thank the Harbour Commissioners and Byron Buse, who made it possible for us to use the Platt and the beach car park.

*Ted Childs, Station Hon Secretary*

### PORT ISAAC CREW FUND

All at Port Isaac Lifeboat Station would like to thank everyone for giving so generously to the Crew Fund in memory of Spike. The present total stands at an amazing £750.65, which shows the depth of feeling in the village and beyond at this tragic loss. The funds will be used to purchase a permanent memorial, to be installed in the Lifeboat House, in the form of an anemometer with wind force and direction indicators plus a suitably engraved plaque. Once again, many thanks.

### To my friends in Port Isaac

I was unable to say goodbye to several of you before I left at the end of August, and would like to take the opportunity to do so now.

I had twenty very happy years in the village, met a lot of lovely people, and received wonderful support when Bill died. However, after being on my own for two years, I decided that I would move back 'up country' to be near my family.

It was a wrench to leave Cornwall after so long but I knew it was right for me. So, to all those who made us so welcome, and to the many who were so supportive when my world fell apart, goodbye and God Bless.

I certainly don't intend to sever my ties with Port Isaac, and hope to visit in the not too distant future. Hope to see some of you then.

*Bess Coates.*

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## UNITED BENEFICE

### Events

Members of the Mothers' Union branch of the United Benefice met in St. Peter's Church for a service of corporate communion followed by the annual 'Wave of Prayer' when the work of the Mothers' Union in the Truro diocese and the dioceses with which it is linked in Shaba, Zaire, Nelson, New Zealand, and Barbados, are remembered. The Curate presided at the eucharist and led intercessions. Mrs. Margaret Cann, churchwarden, served and assisted with the administration of the chalice. The New Testament lesson was read by Mrs. Celinwen Greenwood, Mothers' Union branch secretary. The 'Wave of Prayer' service was conducted by the Curate, and Mr. Charlie Honey was organist. Passages of scripture were read by Mrs. Pam Richards, branch leader, Mrs. Julia Mitchell, and Mrs. Margaret Cann. Afterwards a short business meeting was held chaired by the branch leader.

### Role Play Entertains

An amusing role play set in a doctor's waiting room was much enjoyed by members of the United Benefice branch of the Mothers' Union who watched or took part, in the church Hall. A memorable performance was given by the Rector, who, suitable attired, played the part of Gladys the cleaner. Others taking part were Rosemary Castle as Mrs. Jones - an elderly Mothers' Union member, Malda Davy as Ms Vera Smith - a feminist, Margaret Cann as Janet - the receptionist, Celinwen Greenwood as Jane - a harassed mother, Gwen Hambly as the doctor, and Judith Pollinger as Tracy - a sexy young woman. The play was preceded by a short service led by the Rector and followed by a business meeting and discussion on issues raised by the role-play. Mrs. Pam Richards, Branch Leader welcomed everyone and thanked those who took part.

*Judith Pollinger*

## 1st. PORT ISAAC CUB SCOUTS

### (SEA URCHINS)

Well, here we are again with your monthly update on your Cubs.

### Scratch Cards

We recently spent a day at Soumerfields promoting the Community Scratch Card from the sale of which, over six months, we shall receive 80% of the takings for the benefit of the Pack. The day was great fun for everyone. Many thanks to all who attended and *special thanks* to Malcolm Rouse

of Port Isaac who is a great supporter of the Pack, helping out at all events and also at a number of the Pack meetings.

### Lottery Funding

We have just received confirmation from the Lottery (not Camelot - details next month) that we shall receive £4,979 to buy tents, etc. for the Pack. This would not have come about if it were not for the persistence of Dianne Webster who, with the help of Jane Byfield, managed to achieve this. On the same note I would personally like, on behalf of everybody involved with the Cubs, to thank Dianne for all the extremely hard work she does both on Pack nights and also behind the scenes. Without her work Cubs would struggle to survive. Dianne is also trying to start up Scouts after Cubs, from 7.30 - 9.00pm. so any potential Scouts out there, aged 11 - 14 years, please come along.

### New Time

Cubs still runs on Tuesday nights from the Village Hall but at the new time of 6.00 - 7.30pm. Cubs are aged 8 - 11 years. Please come along and enjoy the fun - parents and Cubs alike. If any could give up 1½ hours per week, we could use some parent help.

*Dean and Wendy.*

## CHORALE

Port Isaac Choral took part in the Musical Fete at Thome House in early August. It was a lovely sunny afternoon and the whole event was very successful. We would like to thank John and Caroline for such an excellent fund raising effort for all the local organisations in the village.

Unfortunately, poor weather prevented us from singing on the Platt this August - both occasions had to be cancelled due to wind and rain. We will have to hope for better luck next year.

On Sunday 28th. September at 7.00pm., the choir will give a concert in St. Kew Church, with a Harvest Supper, followed by an auction.

The Choral will be holding an 'Open Evening' on Tuesday 7th. October at the Green Door, Port Gaverne from 8.00pm. We welcome anyone who would like to come along and listen, or join in a practice to see if they would like to join the choir. Everyone is welcome, and the bar will be open in the Green Door for refreshments.

*Ltz Roue.*

### THANKS

I would like to thank all those kind people that have helped with selling RNLI souvenirs this summer. Much appreciated.

*Mrs. B.*

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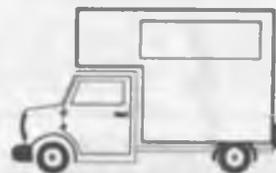
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## ST. PETER'S CHURCH

### Service of Remembrance

Many members of the community attended a Special Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for Diana Princess of Wales which was held at the church on Friday 5th. September. Included in the prayers, were two written by pupils of Port Isaac Primary School. A retiring collection was made and £180 was sent to the Princess Diana Charities Fund. Messages of condolence written in the book in church will be sent to the family.

### Common Fund

At a meeting of the Church Council, it was learned that the Common Fund for 1998 was £4,512. The Common Fund is money we have to pay to the diocese which goes towards expenses incurred, among them salaries paid to the officers and clergy within the diocese. Unfortunately the money does not help to pay for the upkeep of the church, here, in Port Isaac.

### Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 14th. September was a very happy occasion. The church was tastefully decorated with flowers and produce for the Harvest Thanksgiving. The congregation filled the church for Songs of Praise which was followed by the Harvest Supper. The enthusiasm of Father Michael as auctioneer raised £87.85. Thank you for your help and support on this occasion.

### Baptism

We welcome into St. Peter's Church, Lisa and Jordanna Hunt, on their baptism. It was good to see so many of their family and friends giving them their support.

### Further Education

Our thoughts are with those students who are going on to Further Education at this time. Among them is Gavin Bengier who leaves Port Isaac for Bristol where, for the next three years, he will be studying for a degree in theology.

### Emmaus Course

Please do not forget the Launch Party for the Emmaus Course, Thursday 2nd. October in the church hall at 7.30pm. Everyone is invited so why not come along, bring a friend, and find out more about it.

*Margaret Cann.*

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## FIREWORK DISPLAY

This year the Fireworks will be on Saturday 8th. November on Port Gaverne Beach. The Bonfire will be lit at 6.00pm and the fireworks will start at 6.15pm, followed by a Family Disco in the Green Door which includes the Childrens Fancy Dress Competition. The 'Gallon of Whisky' raffle tickets are available from the Port Gaverne Hotel and Trethoway.

*Ron Holmes*

## VILLAGE HALL

### Cleaning

There are always problems connected with running a hall like ours and the management committee spend much of their time trying to solve them. The main difficulty is keeping the hall clean. There are people who appear to think there is a team of workers to keep the place up to standard but, sadly, there isn't. In villages where everybody isn't involved with looking after holiday visitors, there are volunteers to take care of their halls - twenty years ago even Port Isaac had people prepared to spend Saturday afternoons cleaning the place but now we rely on hall users to clean up when they have finished. This is, of course, after the function and everybody is tired and, it often doesn't get done properly. We therefore beg users to see the hall is clean and tidy after use.

### Finance

There is sufficient money in the bank but at present levels the expenditure is likely to exceed income and the charges will have to go up. See below.

### Charges

The committee, faced with continually increasing running costs, will therefore have to make slight increases to the charges. If people want the facility of a village hall this will have to be. Is £6 per session too much? Or ten or more sessions booked and paid for in advance £5 per session? This is what it will cost for adult groups from now on but there will be special concessions for regular daytime activities involving children.

### Maintenance

Most of the electrical work is done but the stage lighting was postponed until after the summer concerts and will be done as soon as possible. There are a few problems in the toilets; the stack pipe for the ladies' is out of order, resulting in bad ventilation, and a tap is needed in the gents' to allow the urinal flush to be turned on or off as required.

### Improvements

A lot of the present problems are due to lack of storage space for the chairs, equipment belonging to the youth groups, drama club, etc. and this will be a major item in our plans to improve the hall. Much thought is also being given to the provision of a better, lighter kitchen, and to easier access to the hall from the road. An architect, who specialises in work along traditional Cornish lines, has agreed to produce plans and costings for extensions to the hall. This exercise is to be funded with the grant from the National Lottery Charities Board.

*Robin Penna pp. the Management Committee*

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My comments on 'Vandalism' produced one result - a visitor from the heights of Port Isaac, a young man who was disturbed that I had branded him a moron. He also pointed out that I had maligned the lady in question as a 'siren' and sirens lured men to their deaths. I had meant a lady who had charmed someone, albeit unknown to her, who perpetrated the deed. I explained that if he or his friends had not done this thing, he had no occasion to feel accused. He still wanted an apology. For what? I had merely reprimanded a person unknown. So? 'Who dunnit?' Obviously an unknown admirer of the lady with knowledge of her birthday.

Perhaps you will add, dear Trio, that this correspondence is now closed.

*Frank McNicol*

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**CHILD HEALTH CLINIC:** 1.30-3.30pm. on first Wednesday in the month at the surgery.

**CUB SCOUTS:** 6.00-7.30pm. Tuesdays at the Village Hall.

**GOLDEN CIRCLE:** 2.30pm. every Wednesday at the Cornish Cafe.

**METHODIST CHURCH:** 6.00pm. at Treights 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.

**PORT ISAAC CHORALE:** Practice - Tuesday evenings 8.00pm. (term time) at the Green Door, Port Gaverne.

**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.

*We have included some items in this list that we are not sure about, will those concerned please advise us if they have been left out or included when they should not have been!*

### Sunday 28th. September:

7.00pm: Port Isaac Chorale Concert at St. Kew Church with Harvest Supper and auction.

### Wednesday 1st. October:

7.30pm: Launch Party ST. ENDELLION for Emmaus Course, at St. Kew Highway Community Hall.

### Thursday 2nd. October:

7.30pm: Launch Party PORT ISAAC for Emmaus Course, at Port Isaac Church Rooms.

### Friday 3rd. October:

7.30pm: Launch Party ST. KEW for Emmaus Course, at St. Endellion Church Hall.

### Saturday 4th. October:

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

### Tuesday 7th. October:

8.00pm onwards: Port Isaac Chorale 'Open Evening' at the Green Door, Port Gaverne.

### Sunday 12th. October:

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

### Monday 13th. October:

8.00pm: Julian Group at St. Endellion Church.

### Monday 13th. October:

7.30pm: Parish Council monthly meeting. *This month at Treights.*

### Wednesday 15th. October:

4.00pm: TRIO DEADLINE

7.30pm: Healing Eucharist at St. Peter's Church.

## PORT ISAAC SCHOOL

### September 1997

We are pleased to welcome back all children and staff, refreshed after the Summer Holiday, and to welcome all the new children to our school this term and wish them a happy time.

### External Murals

At the end of last term, children from Sir James Smith's School painted external murals on two walls of the school. 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 external building and playground.

### This Term's Project

This term the project is 'My House'. If anyone has time, information, or articles which would help in any way, we would appreciate your assistance.

### Voluntary Short Term Classes

We are looking for members of the community who would be willing to run short activity classes for the children during an after-school club. It would involve giving up about an hour a week for 4 - 6 weeks for children who chose to attend the club. Anything in creative arts, gardening, sports, etc. - the possibilities are endless.

### RADICAL

Port Isaac School is very fortunate to be involved in an extremely exciting project called Rural Action for the Development of Information, Communication, Advice, and Learning (RADICAL). It involves the children in using new computers, and learning about the Internet, e-mail, and other aspects of technology which aid communications and learning. Linked with this is the development of entrepreneurial skills, along with meeting businesses locally, and learning about the way technology supports rural businesses. If there is anyone in business, locally, who would like to be involved in this project, we would love to hear from them (880494). Significant funding has been obtained from a successful SRB (Single Regeneration Bid).

### 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). September: Sarah Drew (10), Kaley Old (9), Mark Grinnett (7), Jacob Pattenden, Emily Thomas, and Megan Greenhalgh (6).

### Saturday 18th. October:

10.00am-12.30pm: Coffee Morning, Raffle and Bring and Buy, at Mermaid Cottage, Rose Hill. By kind permission of Susie Hurley. Proceeds in aid of R.N.L.I. funds.

### Saturday 18th. and

### Sunday 19th. October:

Stornalong Weekend (see article).

### Thursday 23rd. October:

7.30pm: Parochial Church Council Meeting at St. Endellion Church Hall.

### Friday 24th. October:

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