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We are really looking forward to producing our first issue of Trio which will be on sale in all the usual outlets, plus 'Secrets', on Friday, May 7th 1999. The copy deadline will be Monday April 26th but that does not mean that you have to wait until then to let us have your articles for inclusion. The earlier we receive things, the easier life will be, and the easier life is, the happier we will be, and so it goes on.

Sam and Dee.

Mrs. Bradley not Coming...

The BBC was hoping to film during May in Port Isaac and other locations including Doyden Castle, but The National Trust has not been able to grant permission for the use of the latter. Night scenes were to be involved and would be too disruptive to holidaymakers in residence, so the location will now be elsewhere - possible Trevoise Head lighthouse. If the BBC contacts me about this I'll let you all know.

Meanwhile, the BBC would very much like to thank everybody who sent in suggestions and offers of help.

...but Grace may be

An independent production unit hopes to film 'Saving Grace' in Port Isaac for four days around mid May. It is a comedy film based on the lives of four people living in a Cornish fishing village. It is for release to cinemas and features Brenda Blethyn who starred in 'Secrets and Lies'. The Location Manager is John Bamford who can be contacted on 0370 915 418

The Quiet Corner

Humour is a reminder that no matter how high the throne one sits on, one sits on one's bottom.

Taki in 'Esquire'.

P.I.D.T.A.

PORT ISAAC AND DISTRICT TOURISM ASSOCIATION

Overdue Payments for 1999 Guide

There is still a sum of £210 outstanding. The subscribers concerned will get statements.

Copies of the Guide have been distributed to all the important Tourist Information Centres. The Camelford T. I. C. has asked for some Guides in stamped wrappers that can be sent out in response to enquiries.

Notice Board at the Platt

The board is in poor condition and would need replacing. It also seems to attract commercial notices. P.I.D.T.A. is not going to accept the offer from the Parish Council.

Notice Board at Car Park

The offer of this board will be accepted and it will be repainted as soon as the opportunity arises.

Annual General Meeting

Card invitations will be sent to all paid-up members and posters will be displayed around the village. The meeting will include the election of the committee for 1999/2000 also, suggestions for the next Guide cover will be asked for. There will be breaks for a coffee tasting of the Tchibo range of coffees and other beverages, and Edward Fishlock of Wadebridge (importer of French wines) will introduce regional wines.

Port Isaac Web Site Page

An offer by Bob Savage to prepare a Port Isaac district web site 'page' was accepted. The committee is to select a suitable picture and to supply the text on a floppy disk.

Guide 2000

The cost of printing 10,000 copies of next year's Guide is to be obtained. At the same time the cost of re-printing the A4 Colour Guides is to be discovered.

North Cornwall District Council 'Off-Season Brochure'

Steve Kessell of North Cornwall Publicity is studying the possibility of an 'off-season' brochure. It was felt, though, that P.I.D.T.A. would not have sufficient funds for an advertisement and that in any case many Port Isaac businesses close in the winter.

Robin Penna.

HAROLD RESUGGAN BROWN

The funeral service for Harold Brown, of 31 Fore Street, who died very suddenly at home on Monday, 22nd. February, aged 73, took place at St. Peter's Church on Tuesday, 2nd. March. The church was overflowing. The service was conducted by Father Michael Bartlett, the organist was Janet Townsend.

Joanna and her family would like to thank everyone who sent cards, letters, and flowers. The response has been overwhelming. Donations for Derriford Renal Unit, in lieu of flowers, amounted to £1,500. The Unit requests that this money goes towards a Dialysis Chair inscribed in Harold's memory.

PUBLIC MEETING

An Opportunity for All to Discuss Policing Issues

Devon and Cornwall Police Authority hold 'Liaison Meetings' to give you a chance to hear and talk about policing matters. All are welcome as the Police want and need your support in tackling crime.

The next meeting is at The Council Chamber, College Road, Camelford, on Thursday 29th April at 7.30pm.

GOLDEN CIRCLE

The last meeting of the 1998/99 session will be at the Cornish Cafe, Thursday 15th. April at 2.30pm. at which the future of the Golden Circle will be discussed.

Sheila Jarvis, Hon. Secretary.

PARENT & TODDLERS

As you all may or may not know, Port Isaac is at the moment without a Playgroup. However, we are holding a Parent & Toddlers Group every Thursday from 10.00am. to 12.00pm. (except for school holidays). This is open to all children of pre-school age. We are at the moment charging £1.00 (although costs will have to be assessed again at Easter).

N.B. All parents and carers must stay and supervise their children.

At our session on Thursday 18th. March the old Playgroup committee formally resigned and a new committee was voted in. The Chair is Amanda Aldridge - 880414.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the outgoing committee for their unstinting efforts and time given over their term, especially: Linda Collings (Chair), Deb Tidey (Treasurer), Lin Rowe (Secretary), and Tracy Greenhalgh. Many thanks also for all your help in getting our P & T Group going again, and for leaving the Playgroup affairs in such good order.

Do please come and support our group; it is beneficial to all in our community to keep it going. We hope that we can get a recognised Playgroup back in the near future.

Many thanks to all the mums and dads for all their help.

The New Committee.

ST. ENDELLION PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

Church Rooms, Port Isaac,
7.30pm. Thursday 15th. April

The Guest Speakers will be -

Simon Ford

North Cornwall Manager for The National Trust

Tim Dingle

North Cornwall Heritage Coast and Countryside Service

Chief Inspector Andrew Denton

Police District Commander,

and

Asst. Divsnl. Officer, Kevin Marshall

Area 7 Commander, North Cornwall District Council Fire Brigade

There will be ample opportunity for members of the public to speak and ask questions at this meeting.

THE TRIO FREE DIARY

Regular Fixtures in Port Isaac:

BABY/TODDLER CLINIC: First Tuesday every month, 1.30-3.30pm. at the surgery.
CHILD HEALTH CLINIC: 1.30-3.30pm. on first Wednesday in the month at the surgery.
CONFIRMATION CLASSES: 10.00am every Saturday morning in St. Endellion Rectory.
CUBS/SCOUTS: 6.00-8.00pm. Tuesdays at the village hall?
LOCAL HISTORY STUDY GROUP: 7.30pm. on the first Friday in the month in the Penhaligon room.
METHODIST CHURCH: 6.00pm. at Trelights chapel.
PLAYGROUP/UNDER 5's GROUP: Monday and Thursday 9.30-11.45am. at the village hall.
PORT ISAAC CHORALE: Tuesday evenings at 8.00pm. (term times) at St. Endellion church hall.
SUNDAY SCHOOL: St. Peter's church rooms, every Sunday at 9.50am.
WELL WOMAN CLINIC: 3.00-4.00pm. Tuesdays at the surgery by appointment.
YOUTH CLUB 7.00-10.00pm Friday evenings at the Village Hall.

Good Friday 2nd April (today):

10.00am: Procession with Cross from the Church Rooms followed by service in St. Peter's Church.

Easter Eve:

8.30pm: Service of Light at St. Endellion.

Sunday 4th. April, Easter Day:

10.00am: Sung Eucharist at St. Peter's Church, Port Isaac

11.00am: Festival Sung Eucharist at St. Endellion Church

4.30pm: Choral Evensong at St. Endellion Church.

Sunday 4th. - Sunday 11th. April:

St. Endellion Easter Music Festival. See posters for details.

Wednesday 7th. April:

10.00pm: Mini Market at the Church Rooms.

Thursday 8th. April:

Grand Auction in the Church Hall. A vast array of goods is to be sold. In aid of 'Port Isaac 2000'.

Monday 12th. April:

7.30pm: Parish Council meeting at the Church Rooms, Port Isaac.

Tuesday 13th. April:

7.00pm: St. Peter's Church Annual Meeting.

Thursday 15th. April:

7.30pm: ANNUAL PARISH MEETING in the Church Rooms, Port Isaac.

7.30pm: St. Endellion Annual Church Meeting in the church hall, St. Endellion.

Friday 16th. April:

7.30pm: St. Kew Annual Church Meeting in the Parish Hall.

Tuesday 20th. April:

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

Wednesday 21st. April:

8.00pm: Penhaligon Rooms, 'Port Isaac 2000' meeting - everyone welcome.

Saturday 23rd. April:

7.30pm: R.N.L.I. Annual General Meeting at the Church Rooms. Special Guest Speaker to be announced. All welcome.

Thursday 29th. April:

7.30pm: Port Isaac and District Tourism Association Annual General Meeting with demonstrations (see posters for details) at St. Andrews Hotel, by kind permission of Joy and Phil Slack.

Saturday 1st. May:

11.00am: Feast Day at St. Endellion Church, with the Bishop of St. Germans.

Monday 10th. May:

7.30pm: Parish Council meeting at the Church Rooms, Port Isaac.

Tuesday 18th. May:

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

Friday 21st. May:

7.00pm. - 2.00pm: R.N.L.I. '175th. Anniversary' Ball at Trewetha Farm. Licensed bar and dancing till 2.00pm.

Sunday 23rd. May:

1.00pm onwards: Table Top Sale Extravaganza at the Marquee, Trewetha Farm, £3.00 per table. In aid of 'Port Isaac 2000'. All welcome. Contact Annie Philp 880262 or Tracey Greenhalgh 880215.

Saturday 29th. May:

10.30am: Installation of the Revd. Brian Anderson as a Prebendary of St. Endellion

Monday 14th. June:

7.30pm: Parish Council meeting at the Chapel Rooms, Trelights.

Tuesday 15th. June:

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

Sunday 20th. June:

12.45pm: R.N.L.I. Lifeboat Sunday on the Platt, Port Isaac.

Monday 12th. July:

7.30pm: Parish Council meeting at the Church Rooms, Port Isaac.

Sunday 18th. July:

12.00pm: Port Isaac Platt, St. Breward Silver Band, 100th. Anniversary Concert.

Tuesday 20 July:

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

Monday 12th. August:

7.30pm: Parish Council meeting at the Church Rooms, Port Isaac.

Tuesday 17 August:

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

Sunday 22nd. August:

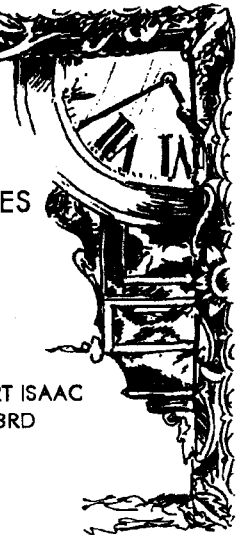
12.00pm: R.N.L.I. Lifeboat Larks on Port Isaac beach.

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CHURCH NEWS

ST. ENDELLION

Prebendaries Visit Church

During Lent the Prebendaries of the church have made their annual pilgrimage to the Collegiate Church of St. Endellienta at St. Endellion to preach at the sung Eucharist on Sunday mornings. They have included the Revd. Preb. Jim Vincent, Prebendary Emeritus, the Revd. Preb. Robert Strange, the Revd. Preb. David Wills and the Revd. Preb. Tim Gouldstone. The Rector, who is also a Prebendary, preached at the Mothering Sunday service.

New Bellropes

Six splendid new bellropes in the Cornish colours of gold and black were dedicated by the Revd. Preb. Michael Bartlett, Rector, before the Sung Eucharist in the church on the First Sunday in Lent. The ropes have been purchased in time for the Millennium when churches all over the country, including St. Endellion, will ring a special peal to mark the occasion.

Mothering Sunday

Posies of flowers made by Mrs. Pam Richards and Mrs. Sandra Warne were blessed by the Rector and distributed to members of the congregation during the Sung Eucharist in the church on Mothering Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

Whist Drive

The March whist drive was held in the church hall with Mr. F. Milton as MC. Raffle winners were Mrs. R. Flint, Mrs. F. Reynolds, Mr. C. Reynolds and Mr. W. Dawe. Whist winners were: Ladies – Mesdames S. Peacock, H. Percy, P. Haynes and E. Matthews. Gents – Messrs. P. Richards, C. Reynolds, B. Armstrong, and W. Dawe.

Feast of St. Joseph

The Feast of St. Joseph of Nazareth was celebrated in the church on Friday evening with a Said Eucharist. The Revd. Judith Pollinger, Curate, presided. Mrs. Sandra Warne read the New Testament lesson and was server.

UNITED BENEFICE

Lent Course Begins

Anglicans and Methodists joined together in St. Kew Highway Community Hall for the first session of a United Benefice Lent Course on the subject of King David, led by the Rector. The well-attended meetings have also been held in St. Kew Church, St. Peter's, Port Isaac, and St. Endellion Church.

Healing Eucharists

A United Benefice Healing Eucharist was held recently at 'Cropstone', Pityme, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kent. The Curate presided and the service was led by Mrs. Pamela Nash. A very well-attended Eucharist for Healing was held at Bodanar Farm, Trewetha, home of Mr. Roger and Mrs. Pam Richards on Wednesday, 17th. March. The Rector presided and the Curate led the service.

Women's World Day of Prayer

A very well-attended Women's World Day of Prayer service was held in Trelights Methodist Chapel on Friday 5th. March. The service was organised by Mrs. Liz Barber and led by Mrs. Maida Davy. Speaker was Mrs. Penny Manders and tea was provided by members of Trelights Chapel.

Evening Worship

Methodists and Anglicans joined together for evening worship on the Third Sunday of Lent in a service of praise at St. Kew Highway Community Hall. The Curate arranged and led the service and readers were Mr. Paul Harris, the Rector and Mr. Robert Manders. Mrs. Veronica Bradley was Organist.

Julian Meeting

The March meeting of the United Benefice Julian Group was held at Trefreock Barn, home of Mr. Michael and Mrs. Diana Maberly. The meeting was led by Mrs. Pam Richards.

Evening Worship With Taizé Music

Illuminated by the light of many candles, the Collegiate Church of St. Endellienta was a lovely setting for the March evening service of worship with music from Taizé. Bells were rung by ringers from St. Minver and St. Endellion for an hour before the service which was arranged and led by the Rector who presented a meditation for Mothering Sunday.

PORT ISAAC

Sung Eucharist

The Revd. Alan Wainwright presided at the Sung Eucharist in St. Peter's Church on the Second Sunday of Lent. Mr. Peter Coster Reader preached, led intercessions and assisted with the administration of the chalice. Francis Larkin was server and the New Testament lesson was read by Mrs. Tania Bengier.

Celtic Evening Worship

A service of Celtic Evening Worship based on the life of St. David, Patron Saint of Wales, was arranged and led by Rear Admiral A.

Andrew Davis



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Fair. Diocesan Warden of Readers and a Lay Canon of Truro cathedral on Sunday evening. Mr. Charlie Honey was organist. Readers were Ms. Patsy Etherington, Mrs. Julia Mitchell, and Mr. Bill Norris.

Mothering Sunday Service

Children from the Sunday School read aloud the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand and, with their teacher Mrs. Rosemary Williams, involved the congregation in a dramatised version of it during the well-attended Family Service in the church on Mothering Sunday. They were assisted by the 1st. Port Isaac Sea Urchins who were also welcomed to the service by the Curate. Posies of spring flowers made by members of the congregation were blessed by the Curate and distributed. Mrs. Janet Townsend was organist and Francis Larkin was sidesperson. The service was preceded by a Said Eucharist at which the Curate presided and led prayers of intercession. The new Testament lesson was read by Mrs. Marion Larkin, who also assisted with the administration of the chalice. Francis Larkin was server.

Judith Pollinger.

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

For the David Welton Trophy

Twelve teams of four took part in the Quiz Night at the Golden Lion on Wednesday 10th. March. The atmosphere was electric as the questions (compiled as usual by Bess Coates and sent under strict secrecy) unfolded. The tension grew at the end of fifty questions as the scores were announced. 'Bride o' Lion' - 39 points (should have had an extra point for neat writing!). St. Kew 'B' (boasting a renegade Port Isaac player) - 42 points. Tying on 42 points - Eric Stokes' and Mark Rowe's teams! After three reserve questions Mark's team of Steve Appleby, Paul Chigwell, and Graham Powell came out the winners by just one point.

A total of £80 was raised which will be divided between the British Heart Foundation and Port Isaac Christmas/Millennium Celebrations.

Many thanks to everyone who came along to support the evening.

Pat Sweett.

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

There will be a guest speaker at our meeting on Friday, 9th. April (7.30pm. At the Pen-Elgon Rooms). Tony Wright, ex headmaster of Port Isaac Old School, will be giving us a talk. Come along and hear him. Bring along your reminiscences also. All welcome.

George Steer 880754

COFFEE MORNING

Thank you everyone who helped in any way to make the Coffee Morning on Saturday, 19th. March such a success. The amount raised was £333.82 which starts the fund-raising for the Millennium Commemoration and celebrations.

Dear Mrs. Hicks, On behalf of all the residents and staff at Gladys Holman House may I thank you for the magnificent sum of £1,300. This money will be placed towards a special bed for the unit. Once again thank you for your continued support. Sue Pegler, Service Manager.

To whoever stole our terracotta cherub-faced planter from the wall of our car park at Valencia House: we hope you get as much pleasure from it as we did!!

Andy and Lesley Walton.

MOUNT EDGCUMBE HOSPICE

Saturday February 27th dawned bright and sunny - it seemed a good omen after days of rain and wind. And a good omen it was, because by the end of the day we had raised £1202.35 for the Mount Edgcombe Hospice.

When I took over the organising of the Sale my first worry was, would enough people come forward to help? They did. The next worry was, would we be able to get enough stuff to sell? We did. Then the final worry - would anybody come. They did - in their droves. Half an hour before we opened the doors a huge queue was forming.

At times you could hardly move in the church hall as everybody clamoured to snap up a bargain (of which there were many). It was a bit crowded to really have time to sit and enjoy a cup of coffee but by lunchtime there was enough space for those who were staying to sit down and enjoy a really delicious three course lunch and a glass of wine.

The specially painted watercolour by Frank McNichol was won by Sheila Jarvis - it couldn't have gone to a better winner! The other raffle seemed to take forever as so many prizes had been donated but it did mean that there were a lot of lucky people.

So many thanks are due. Thank you to everyone who helped, not just on the day but in the run-up and afterwards with the clearing up. Thank you to everyone who donated items to sell. Thank you to the businesses that supported us. The success belongs to everyone of you.

As I breathe a sigh of relief that it's over, someone rings up with something for next year's sale, so here's to Hospice Day 2000.

Dee.

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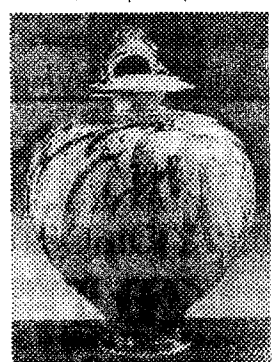
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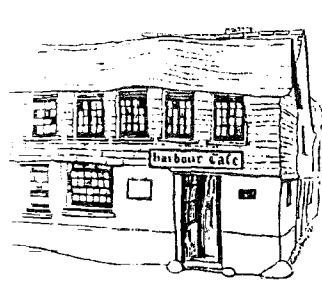
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PORT ISAAC SCHOOL

RADICAL

Three children, two members of staff and one computer spent the day at County Hall on Thursday, 24th. March, along with children and staff from the other schools in the RADICAL group to show members of the Education Committee the skills the children have learnt through the RADICAL project.

Literacy Evening

Mrs Lee ran a Literacy Evening which gave Governors and parents an insight into the Government's new Literacy Strategy. Everyone attending had the opportunity to 'go back to school' and join in a lesson for the evening.

Concert

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the concert on Thursday, 18th. March, especially the Fisherman's Friends and the Friends of the School. Tickets were sold out within a few days, so sorry to anyone who could not get one. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part and have already been asking when the next concert will be!

MY VIEW OF PORT ISAAC SCHOOL

David (Y5)

My name is David. I am 10 years old, and I live at Trelligon. From my point of view, Port Isaac School is a very nice school. It's a small school, with not many pupils, but that doesn't matter as that is all the better, because it makes it easier to remember everything's name. I was transferred from another school last July (98) and joined Port Isaac in September (98) year 5. I think Port Isaac is the better school because the teachers are very nice. Since being at Port Isaac we have done two concerts, and I have been in both of them, 'clowning around'. Also at Christmas, I had a big part in the school nativity. We went to the beach and saw some seals being released back into the sea, which was 'cool'. The school has an excellent library with a huge selection of books. So, all in all Port Isaac School is RAD!!!

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When Jesus died
Everyone cried
Some still felt him
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But on Easter day
The king was risen
From his gloomy,
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And as he rose
From the ground
He brought new life
All around.

Jack (Y6)

EASTER

Easter is so great
Easter is such fun
Jesus gave his life
For me and everyone.

Lucy (Y5)

CRUELTY

Easter isn't just fun and games
When you think of all the pains
Our sad and lonely saviour lost
When he was put upon the cross
And if you stop to count the cost
For all of us - What a loss!
But out of sorrow and the pain
He rose up high to live again.

Charlotte (Y5)

GIRL GUIDE TO ROMANIAN ORPHANAGE

A group of eighteen Guides and Leaders from North Cornwall is planning to go to an orphanage in Bracta, Romania to work with children alongside the White Cross Mission for ten-twelve days in July/August.

I have been a member of the St. Breward-Guides for the last seven years and have volunteered to be one of the eighteen. We are each required to hold a fund-raising event to help with travel expenses. To this end Mum and Gran have agreed to have a homemade curry and sweet evening at home, 24 Hartland Road, on Saturday 24th. April from 7.30pm. If you would be kind enough to support me I have tickets at £3.50 each. Telephone 880725

Liz Dingle.

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PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of Monday 8th. March at Port Isaac.

During the 'Public Discussion', Sam Littlechild spoke to the Parish Council of plans by the village Millennium Committee to install a commemorative clock at Port Isaac fish cellars.

Alex Roads explained trouble taken to retain the old well at his property, Calenick, Trelights, while not jeopardising public safety. David Goodbourn produced photographs of the damage done by large lorries to the bank in Trewetha Lane, at the rear of his premises.

Planning

Plans for an extension to 2 Mayfield Road for Mr. and Mrs. Pattenden, were recommended for approval.

Standing Down

Malcolm Lee announced his resignation as Treasurer and stated that he did not intend to stand for re-election.

Dog Bins for Trelights

Harold Barriball announced on behalf of Bill Dawe that two dog bins will be installed at Trelights.

Seats Maintenance

Bryan Richards reported that it had not yet been possible to have a walk-round with Dave Dingle so the item was deferred until next month.

South West Coast Path

A letter from Transportation and Estates was read stating that their responsibilities were confined to the footpath. Malcolm Lee said that if it is not a public highway then the Parish Council cannot spend public money on re-surfacing work. To this another member retorted that he 'would be glad to see the back of Malcolm Lee!' Next month the clerk will be asked to write to all property owners with frontages to the road and suggest that theirs is the responsibility for any re-surfacing.

Verge Near Chapel, Trelights

In a letter, Transportation and Estates said that they did not consider the verge requires

maintenance and that large boulders suggested by the Parish Council as a protection are now considered a potential danger to road users; those around the old stone at Longcross are well established and not considered to cause a hazard.

Bank in Trewetha Lane

Cornwall County Council Transportation and Estates says that the banks are the responsibility of private landowners but that 'top dressing' scheduled for April will strengthen the carriageway edges.

Memorial Seat For John Riddex.

It was proposed to accept the family's offer of a seat, with engraved plaque, which could be placed at an empty site on the coast path.

Progress of Plans for New Playing Field

A letter was received from Port Isaac Recreation Committee saying that plans are being made for changing rooms and for the removing and re-siting of hedges, and that funds are being sought.

Old Well At Calenick, Trelights

It was proposed that public access to the well be reclaimed but after discussion of whether there is public ownership of the well, and safety problems, the proposal was withdrawn.

New Attempt to Have Business Rates Reduced, Port Gaverne Toilets

The letter received last month from The National Trust was read again and Malcolm Lee offered to liaise with the clerk in drawing up a convincing argument.

B.3314, Western Junction - Trelights

The clerk has replied to suggestions, by Mr. J. Prouse of Trelights, that an alteration to the alignment of the road could eliminate a blind spot at the junction. The Parish Council feels that the idea is good in principle but that straightening the road would cause faster driving. A copy of Mr. Prouse's letter has been sent to Transportation and Estates.

Clerk's Correspondence and Report

A letter from Cornhill Insurance was mistakenly thought to be an advance warning of a claim arising from an alleged injury to a child on the see-saw but it is now realised that it was indeed a claim and the necessary form has duly been filled in and returned to Cornhill.

North Cornwall Design Guide

The final version of the North Cornwall District Council's Design Guide has been published. Free copies have been circulated

to all Parish and Town Councils, regional and local organisations, and local architects, agents, and planning advisers. Builders and developers active in the district will also be notified of its availability. In addition, copies will be available to be viewed at all North Cornwall District Council offices and local libraries. A copy

If you would like to book, or for more information, please phone the organiser Sally Major, at Padstow - (01841) 540797. If anyone is interested, Sally also runs 3-2 Intermediate Food Hygiene Certificate Courses at a cost of £55 + VAT (subsidised by 'Prosper'). can be seen at the Clerk to the Parish Council's office (9 Dolphin Street, PL33 880292) during normal office hours or by arrangement.

The complete Guide can be purchased at a cost of £10 (plus package and postage) or the reduced rate for local residents, from the Department of Planning and Development at 3-5 Barn Lane, Bodmin, Cornwall. PL11 1LZ. Telephone (01208) 265621

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm. in Port Isaac church rooms on Monday 12th. April. The Annual Public meeting will also be at the church rooms on Thursday 15th. April. (See the advertisement on the front page.)

HYGIENE COURSE

Get Cleaned-Up for the Coming Season by ensuring that your staff have the Basic Food Hygiene Certificate.

At Headlands Hotel they are always keen to ensure that all their kitchen and waiting staff have a basic training in food hygiene. It is however, difficult and expensive to arrange transport to St. Austell or Camborne where appropriate classes are usually held.

Chris and Anna Harris are very pleased therefore, to have managed to arrange a one-day course at Headlands and hope for good support. The course is to be held on Monday 19th. April, starting at 9.30am and finishing at 4.30pm.

The very reasonable cost is £12 per person which includes The Institute of Environmental Health Basic Food Hygiene Certificate to successful candidates, morning tea, fee, and afternoon tea. They will be offering a buffet lunch at £5.00 which can be booked on arrival.

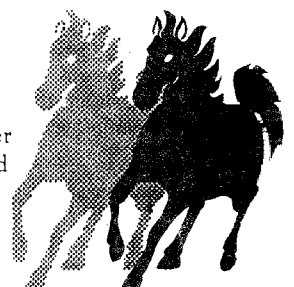
When they last arranged a course at Headlands a few years ago it was vastly over-subscribed, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

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PARISH COUNCILLOR 1995-1999

At the March meeting of the Parish Council I announced that I would not stand for re-election in the May elections. I thank Bryan Richards, and Bill Dawe, also Henry Symons, former chairman, for their kind words on hearing this. I also have to thank Bryan Nicholls whose offensive remark [see 'Parish Council'] won me a £10 bet.

You may be interested in my observation of the Council over the last four years, seen from the inside. It reveals the failure of louder members to (a) listen to anyone who does not share their views, (b) to listen to the views of the electorate, or (c) to do any work. They just talk and leave the work to others.

It is easy to listen to those who agree with you; far more difficult to listen to those who do not. Examples of these failures reached a peak in the disgraceful display which finally forced the resignation of our hard-working chairman, Henry Symons. I must, though, thank Henry Symons, David Philp, and Mark Provis, while they were members, and Harold Barriball, Bill Dawe, David Morgan, Andy Penny, Bryan Richards, and Peggy Richards, for showing they could do the difficult bit.

The reaction to the 1995 proposals for a Parish Survey is the most damning evidence of failure to listen to community views. I was shocked to hear of the pre-Parish Council meeting in the Cornish Cafe, where apoplectic councillors ranted that the survey had to be stopped. At the following Parish Council meeting this contingent voted against it en bloc - demonstrating their true contempt for your views.

The survey, nevertheless, went ahead in 1997. At the Annual Parish Meeting, John Brown asked what priority would the Parish Council give to views expressed in the survey. The infamous reply by Bryan Nicholls was 'none whatsoever'. Somewhere in the sixty-page survey even the loud members could have found public support. Since publication, no action has been taken on your concerns; your views have been ignored.

The worst failure is doing no work. One member said that he is not on the Council to work! Talk is the easiest thing in the world. Taking action is the difficult part. No work means no achievement. Talk is not work, and in itself achieves nothing.

The playing field project is the single biggest failure. In May 1995, I was appointed secretary to the Council field-purchase committee; our paid clerk had 'many other commitments'. After lengthy meetings, it was obvious that no one wanted to help with the work. I devised a

test. I claimed 'many other commitments' and need of assistance to prepare the grant applications. Reassuring murmurs of help were heard, and the grant forms were distributed for completion. At the next meeting I pointed out that delay might result in loss of the field, and suggested a loan. They said 'we will be getting grants, interest free loans, donations, raising funds ... but just to be on the safe side please look into the possibility of a Public Works Loan'. By January 1996, I was assured that the committee would know how much had been raised, and the Parish Council would know how much to borrow. Those forms remain uncompleted to this day. Not one penny was raised. It was just talk, and the ratepayers ended up funding a loan for 100% of the field cost. Why had it taken around 100 man hours of committee time to end up in this position?

After the purchase of the field, another six months inactivity then yet another committee was proposed, to look into what could be done. I claimed 'many other commitments' and kept out of it. After several more meetings, Mrs Everett was asked to do the work. The committee had one function: to report on what could be done, not to decide what to do. Its failure led me to produce a financial feasibility study. Unknown to me, Mrs Everett was also producing her own study. Both of these showed a significant shortfall in the income needed to meet annual running costs (business rates, water rates, electricity, insurance, cleaning, repairs and re-decoration, grass cutting, statutory safety inspections, etc.). Even if the building cost could be obtained by grants, and other costs were reduced by voluntary work, most would have to be met from revenue income. Use by the Football Club and possibly the Cricket Club might raise a maximum of £400 per annum to meet the bills, but could not be guaranteed. The study set out the problems, and the work needed to overcome them. If those to benefit from the facilities were prepared to start this work, progress might be possible. A further burden on the ratepayers could not be acceptable.

After another month of waffle and no work, the Parish Council passed the proposal 'at this time nothing can be done'. Of course, anyone could still put together a feasible project for later consideration but it is easier to say 'we were stopped', or 'they are against it', than face the work to be done. When Henry Symons tried to explain the essential work needed, he was shouted down by those who wanted neither to listen, nor to do the work. It was clear that to move forward the project had to get off the Parish Council and in autumn 1997, it did, but I was saddened by 3½ years talk and inactivity.

If you are thinking of standing in next month's elections, do you expect to simply turn up for

90 minutes a month to say 'we should do this' but actually mean 'someone else should do this'? If you are prepared to work, are you prepared to be constantly shouted down by lazy people when you do not concur with their views? If you are the latter, you may be what the Parish Council needs.

When I stood for election four years ago, I promised that I would undertake a survey of your views. This was achieved, despite noisy opposition. I promised that what needs to be said on behalf of the community would be said, regardless of the vested interests of a few. This too was done, despite offensive remarks from members with those vested interests who did not like me pointing it out. I believe these achievements are honourable, and, though small, I hope they are significant. It has been a privilege to serve the community.

Malcolm Lee.

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KEEP TRIO GOING!

Some of the correspondents below had written to Trio before it had been announced that Trio is to continue.

Best wishes on your retirement from Trio. You've done a great job! It's wonderful to be kept in touch with Port Isaac when I'm not there and I'm glad Dee and Sam will be carrying on the tradition. *Allison Rees, Romford, Essex.*

I would like to join the many who are thanking yourself and Fred for the dedication to Trio's production over the years. All of us, some born in Port Isaac and some adopted, have been able to maintain that feeling of still belonging, knowing intimately of the people and events. Without Trio the wonderful ambience of the village and harbour would be lost. We wish them well and success to Dee and Sam. *Trevan Hambly, Seaview, Isle of Wight.*

We love Port Isaac and Trio helps us to keep in touch. Keep up the good work! *Mr. And Mrs. Doggett, Taunton, Somerset.*

Many thanks for organising and producing Trio. We are always interested to receive it and so to keep up with Port Isaac news. *Peter*

Thanks to Robin and Fred for all their hard work in producing the Trio. Over the years it has kept the people informed of events going on in the village. We wish you both well for the future, and success to the new editor. *Jack and Jan Rowe.*

I was so sorry to hear that Trio might be discontinued, I would have missed it a lot. *Jean Rashleigh, Bournemouth.*

Thank you for your continuing good work on Trio. *Patricia Scott, Rustington, Sussex.*

I still look forward to reading all the news about Port Isaac. *Peter Gomme, Brentford, Middlesex.*

Thank you for sending me Trio all these years and for all your work; all the family have enjoyed it very much. *Eleanor Hawken.*

We were all very sorry that Trio might have been discontinued. It has been a marvellous way to keep in touch with all the events and happenings in Port Isaac. Congratulations on its great success and many thanks. *Hilary Moore, Ealing, London.*

We have so much appreciated your kindness in sending Trio and in producing it, may I say, at the risk of waxing lyrical, what a great fund of pleasure you have provided the Port Isaac community and so much helped to bind it together. *Tim and Brenda Coode-Bate, Wickham Bishops, Essex.*

Just a line to thank you for the pleasure that Trio has given us over the years. Your hard

work has been much appreciated and the magazine has been so informative and has become irreplaceable. I understand that it will, after all, continue and this is a tribute to you since no one wants to be without it. Best wishes, *Sue and Dave Hurley, London.*

We have read the Trio with great interest for many years and have greatly valued the opportunity to keep in the picture concerning all the news of Port Isaac. It has been such a neat and inexpensive production and we are so grateful for all the work you have both put into it. Thank you. We do hope that the new publishers will carry on the good work. *Peter and Molly Larkin, Plymouth.*

I look forward to Trio greatly; it keeps me in touch with my 'other world'. *Patrick Williams, Wallingford, Oxford.*

We want to let you know how much we have appreciated the editorship of Trio. To see it coming through the letterbox always gave an extra lift to the day – it will be a very hard act to follow. Four us 'outlanders' it is vital! Just how essential a magazine like Trio is in village life was brought home to us in a village not far from here where lack of knowledge of local developments has caused much friction because there is just no means of communication where it matters. We hope Robin will continue with the Council notes. *Terry and Ena Moreton, Merthyr Tydfil.*

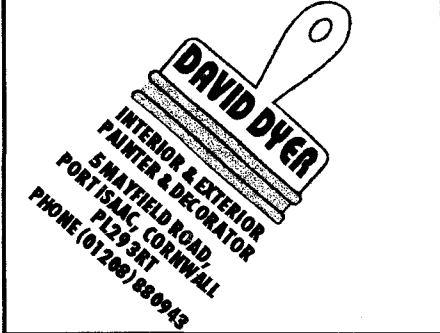
I would like to thank Robin and Fred for all their years of hard work in producing Trio and I am sad that they are no longer going to be at the helm. It is a really great newsletter – full of interesting items – covering such a wide field of activities and events – and it has been good to be able to read factual reports written without slant or bias – a rare occurrence these days! Thanks to Fred for his prompt delivery and posting! *Diana Walsh, Edenbridge, Kent.*

How pleased I was to receive a request for £4.75 and not the £2 – something asked for before as it means Trio is continuing. Hoorah! I'm so glad all the hard work and effort to get it off the ground and to gather information is not going to waste. It's a truly great little magazine and one we love reading. It keeps us in touch with the village, makes us still feel we're part of it despite living in London, and it is a good source of useful advertisements for maintaining our house. So we thank you enormously for Trio and wish you both a long and happy 'retirement'. *Helen and Robert Goodsell, London.*

We were sad for the village when we first learned that publication of Trio was to end and we would like to take this opportunity

to say thank you to Fred and Robin, especially for Trio, but also for their support of the many charities that Fred has cooked for and organised over the years. He introduced charity lunches to Port Isaac and has been responsible for many thousands of pounds raised. We realise time and change of circumstance take their toll, so wish them good luck in retirement. However, we now know that Sam and Denise are to keep Trio going, so good luck to them also. *Fred's 'A' Team.*

We have been overwhelmed by the kind comments we have received. We readily accept that producing Trio has been hard work but the contents which are so highly praised are the result of the contributions received from all of you who write and send articles in to Trio; seldom have either of us needed to write articles ourselves. So it is 'Thank you to everyone – the contributors readers, subscribers, also the many folk who have sent donations – and not forgetting Ted Childs who 'marks' our proofs every month – we got 8/10 this time! We know that Dee and Sam are going to make every effort to provide a Trio that is as good – or better! *Robin Penna and Fred Thompson.*



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