# TRIO AVAILABILITY

The newsletter is available at The Harbour Shop and the Pea Pod in Port Isaac, and the Post Office in Trelights. If anybody has difficulty in getting it, they should contact Fred or me at 18 New Road. Tel: 880292

#### **Annual Holiday**

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We are in Bude for the Jazz Festival again this year so the shop is closed until Thursday 9th. September (not Wednesday 8th. as given previously in the 'Diary'!). *Robin.* 

# LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Did you see our exhibition this year at the Wadebridge Wine Circle Craft Show in the Church Room? I'm biased, but I thought it was O.K. – thanks to those who lent, photographed, and arranged the exhibits.

Next year ... who knows! If you have any photographs that you could lend the group to have prints taken off or documents or articles from say, newspapers that would be of interest that we could photocopy, can you please contact me or one of the group – soon before you forget! Better still, come to our next meeting in the Penhaligon Room at 7.30pm, Friday 3rd. September.

George Steer (880754)

# WINE CIRCLE ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW

May I, on behalf of the committee and members of the Wadebridge Wine Circle thank the residents and visitors of Port Isaac and district for their support at the above show which was held on Tuesday 3rd. August. A sum exceeding £250 was raised for Circle funds. This money is vital for the running of our Circle as our membership costs are kept as low as possible. We only charge £2.00 a year for membership and this is usually passed back to members in the form of subsidised trips and lunches and parties. So you can see that the money raised from the Craft Show, our one big moneymaker for the year, is so necessary. I am sorry if you were one of the people who came to the Hall between the times of 12 noon and 2.00 pm when we had to close the Local History Group picture display on the stage to enable us to serve lunches. It is primarily the lunches, teas and coffees that make our money for us, and the Local History Group were a non-paying organisation. If anyone is interested in joining our happy throng, then meetings are normally held on the second Friday of the month at the Betty Fisher WYPAC Hall in Wadebridge at 8.00 pm, so come along and you will be made most welcome. For any further details please contact me on 880379.

Margaret Couch. Hon Secretary.

### The Quiet Corner

Happiness is sparing from this day's needs something for those who have not.

# PORT ISAAC & DISTRICT TOURISM ASSOCIATION

Following our complaint to North Cornwall District Council last year that the contractor was not performing the street cleaning schedule specified for Port Isaac, we are pleased that Contract Services have taken on an extra person to clean our streets. We are even more pleased to see the grand job being done each day by Geoff Morrell in keeping Port Isaac clean. Many of our members, residents and visitors have commented on how tidy our streets are looking this year. Well done Geoff!

Malcolm Lee, Secretary PIDTA

# THANKS

I would like to thank friends, neighbours and relations for their kindness, cards, and offers of transport to myself and Dorothy during my recent stay in Derriford. Hospital. It was all very much appreciated. I am now on the mend.

Colin Gifford.

## **P.I.P.S**

Any potential Thespians out there? The Port Isaac Players intend to stage a Pantomime this year. There will be a meeting at the Golden Lion on Wednesday 8th. September at 8.00pm. Anyone willing to go on stage or help backstage are welcome to attend. Our epic productions in the past have included 'Cinderella', 'Jack and the Beanstalk', 'The Alternative Christmas Carol', and 'Santa in Space', which won a string of awards in the Calor Gas Village Panto Competition!! If you can't make it on the 8th, but would like to be involved, contact Pat Sweett on 880130. It's a lot of hard. work, but tremendous fun.

Pat Sweett.

# ANY INFORMATION?

Actor and poet, Keith Kraushaar, is preparing notes for a book about Port Isaac. He has been associated with the village for over 60 years. If any local residents are able to supply information to be included, he will be pleased to receive it (send it to him c/o The Blackthorn Press). He hopes to meet residents towards the end of this year or in the early part of 1994.

# **MOLLY'S JUMBLE SALE**

I wish to thank all who contributed to my Jumble Sale for the RNLI. I made £165, and more to come in. Once again, thank you all very much.

Molly Farmer.

# LONG CROSS NEWS

Take advantage of our special 'Happy Hour' prices – selected beers at £1 a pint and selected spirits at £1 a double – every evening between 8.30 and 9.30pm. at Long Cross Hotel. For a real family outing there are barbecues every Friday evening and Sunday lunchtime, and in the gardens there is now a Pets Comer. Our telephone number is 880243.

David and Dorothy Crawford.



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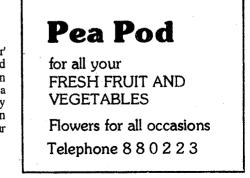
# THE DONKEY DERBY

Despite the forecast the Derby went ahead on Friday 13th. August on what was one of the best evenings in the summer. The charity stalls and car boots all did exceptionally well, as did the ever popular 3F Leisure (bouncy castle, roundabout, etc.) who gave us a generous donation. The only thing a bit thin on the ground were the people this year. Perhaps superstition, or the fact that there had been so many events lately, had something to do with it. Nonetheless over £250 was raised for Sir James Smith School. I would like to thank everyone who sponsored donkeys and donated raffle prizes. Special thanks to Julie, Mel, Ann, Di and Michaela, and Dave for manning stalls. Also to Steve, Ken, Dave, and Kristofer for clearing up. Last, but not least, thank you Liam and Paul for all their help before and after, and to Claire Hooper who once again volunteered to clear up the field. Julie and I have decided this is the last Derby we have organised, but if anyone is interested we will give them all the information required - it really is a good fund-raiser.

Carol Richards.

# THANKS

I wish to thank all those kind people who were so good to me during my long stay in hospital. David Cox, Trewetha Lane.



# PARISH COUNCIL

An unofficial report compiled from notes taken by a member of the public during the meeting held at the Church Rooms, Port Isaac, on Monday 9th. August. Please refer to the Parish Council minutes for authoritative information.

#### **Public Discussion**

Robin Penna said all paths in the parish are in parlous condition, not only because of the bad weather but also because of neglect. He asked what had happened since the intense local footpath survey and its recom-mendations nearly three years ago. As the Parish Council has specific powers under acts of parliament and the County Highway Authority has a duty to act on representations by parish councils regarding footpaths. Perhaps the council could take a more active part in protecting our paths. Monthly reports are received on seats, playing field, etc., maybe a committee could be formed to deal with footpath problems as well. David Bolton (chairman) said thank you, and that the idea will be discussed next month.

#### Finance

To cover the cost of expenditure this month,  $\pounds 1,500$  is to be transferred from the deposit to the current account.

#### **Port Gaverne Valley Path**

David Bolton reported that the path is in an absolutely shocking condition and expressed sympathy with people trying to walk it who in the past have been able to enjoy walking along it. He pointed out, however, that the devastation is nothing to do with the Parish Council but due entirely to the exceptionally heavy rain, and cattle walking on the path.

#### Replace Sign on Steps of the Main

The sign 'No Motorcycles' 'No Camping', etc. has been stolen and a new one will now have to be tendered for.

#### **Rates on Port Gaverne Toilets**

After discussions with the District Valuer, David Bolton has succeeded in achieving a reduction in the rate, which will be backdated, for the disabled cubicle which should not have been rated in the first place. He learned that if the toilets had been in the playing fields they would have been exempt from rates. The National Trust, who are allowed 85% charity relief on their rates, have now been consulted and will change their agreement with the Parish Council so the Trust will pay the rates and include them in the rent for the premises.

#### **Entrance to Playing Fields**

During the meeting about the pedestrian crossing near the school, it was suggested that visibility at the playing fields could be improved by trimming the hedge in front of the car park and setting back the barriers at the pedestrian entrance with a short length of chain link fencing alongside replacing the hedge. David Phelps was not in favour of removing the hedge but said it would be better to slow the traffic down. A site meeting was arranged.

#### Visibility outside St. Endellion Church

It was feared that there will be an accident

on the B.3314 due to cars trying to use the lay-by and turning out on to the road at a dangerous place. The idea of removable chains was put forward, which could be removed for funerals, etc. Meanwhile people should be encouraged to use the very convenient car park. The Parochial Church Council will be asked for their views and the matter may then be passed to County Highways for their suggestions.

#### **Trelights Village Green Barbecue**

Mr. Barriball was granted permission to use the green at any date when the weather might be suitable.

#### **Reports from Committees**

Mr. Barriball spoke of a problem concerning water flooding in from adjacent properties at Trelights Village Green which was beginning to affect it, and he thought the Parish Council should be involved. The County Council is now to be asked if they can send a surveyor to look at the problem, in conjunction with all parties.

Mark Provis 'Chippings and Tarmac' said that Port Isaac is drastically lagging behind other places in the matter of car parking. The District Council should be pushed into buying a field somewhere and perhaps tenders could be invited for transport into the village - the life of the village is at stake. David Philp said the question would be 'For how long is the car park full?' Eric Stokes agreed with the need for more parking in view of the number of cars parking along the cliff path and in New Road. He asked about signs directing people to the harbour and was told that Port Isaac and District Tourism Association had put signs up only to have them stolen overnight. He went on to say that there were many complaints that the path was difficult for people in wheel chairs and with push chairs and suggested that any new sign should say the path is unsuitable for them. David Phelps said he was disgusted that in this day and age the path could not be made suitable for such people.

Speaking for the Playing Field Committee, David Phelps said that he had discovered a workman replacing bolts on the swings with very expensive, tailor-made. stainless steel ones but that the Committee had not been consulted about this. David Bolton said that after he and Henry Symons had examined the swings he had immediately authorised the work as he considered the seats to be very dangerous and that the Committee should have reported this. David Phelps said in that case he wanted nothing more to do with the Committee. The Treasurer, David Welton, said as public money is involved, the seat should have been removed and the repair work not authorised until the expenditure had been agreed by the Council.

Mark Provis asked about the goal posts and the Clerk reported there had been no reply to the requests for tenders for the necessary work in returfing the goal mouths. It was considered to be too late now to take any action. Henry Symons suggested the matter be discussed again in December, or January at the latest, in good time for next year.

Eric Stokes asked where the Archie Thomas memorial seat from the Platt was and Mark Provis was asked to investigate.

#### **Parish Path Partnership**

This is a Countryside Commission scheme to apply funds to the improvement of local path networks. Previously the Council had not applied for membership of the scheme due to difficulties with finding local people to employ to do the work, but will now ask to be included. David Welton said that it should be pointed out that this is a 'highprofile' area where the paths are used by holidaymakers visiting the Parish.

David Philp raised the question of the terrible condition of paths damaged by cattle and said surely there is something that can be done about it. David Phelps explained that footpath 'poaching' caused by cattle walking over wet ground ocurred in the course of normal agricultural activity. The County Highways Authority Footpath Officer is to be asked for advice.

#### **CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE**

a. A letter from Mr. Melhuish, Trelights, said if the Council had money to waste on 'no parking' signs then perhaps they could spend some dealing with the weeds in Marshall's Way, which also needs sweeping. Mr. Barriball will talk to him about it.

**b.** David Bolton said a letter received from Paul Tyler MP about the rates on the toilets at Port Gaverne was no longer relevant to the meeting. He pointed out that any government agreement to lift rates in the case of Port Gaverne would mean they would have to be lifted everywhere else in the country.

c. A letter from Julie Griffin seeking support for a campaign to oppose the recommendations of the Sheehy Report into the police. This will be discussed at the next meeting and a letter sent to Paul Tyler.

#### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. Conservation area consent sought to demolish 3 metres of garden wall at Higher Barn, Rose Hill, to provide access to Trewetha Lane: the application, which had been opposed previously, was still strongly opposed by the Parish Council.

**b.** No observations were made regarding the amendment to plans for two farmworkers' cottages at Treore which involved raising a floor by 400mm.

#### Next Meeting

The next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 13th. September at 7.30pm. in the Church Rooms, Port Isaac.



# **ST. ENDELLION CHURCH**

#### **Music Festival**

Music and worship combined to create an exhilarating 35th. annual Summer Festival in St. Endellion church during the first two weeks of August. Internationally known conductor Richard Hickox arranged a varied programme which included the popular and well-loved classics as well as works less well-known. Large audiences packed the church each evening and the opening service of choral evensong, conducted by the rector, the Revd. Prebendary Michael Bartlett, was particularly well attended. The preacher was the Revd. Canon Robin Osborne, treasurer of Truro cathedral. The Sunday sung eucharist was sung to Fauré's 'Messe Basse' and the rector was the preacher. The final sung eucharist welcomed the Very Revd. Benedict Ramsden of the Russian Orthodox Church as preacher. Russian composers were a strong feature in this year's Festival.

#### **Roof Fund**

Dr. Robert Gilchrist presented the rector with a substantial cheque for the church roof fund following a successful concert in London in June. The farmhouse at Trelights also benefitted from this event.

#### Home again

Mr. Peter Inns and his daughter Vicky have returned home safely after spending several weeks working among orphan children in Romania.

#### Julian Group

The August meeting of the Julian Group was held at 'Sunset', New Polzeath, home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mulley, and led by Mrs. Judith Pollinger.

Judith Pollinger.

# LIFEBOAT

#### Launches

On Thursday 5th. August the boat was launched to rescue a 13 year old boy trapped by the tide in a cave at Hole Beach. When found he was suffering from severe hypothermia and barely conscious. The crew of M. Daly, S. Hudspith and R. Hambly took the casualty into Port William where an ambulance was waiting. The boy, who was a visitor from St. Leonards on Sea, Sussex, has made a full recovery.

On the 7th. August the boat was launched to aid a windsurfer but was recalled when he was helped to shore by a fellow windsurfer.

#### **Fund Raising**

Fund-raising for the RNLI during Port Isaac Week is estimated to be in excess of £1500. Sponsor money has still to be collected, from the Four-legged Race, and therefore further details will be in the next Trio.

#### Four-legged Race Winners:

St. Teath – Men, Port Isaac Gig – Ladies. The prize for best Fancy Dress was won by the Port Gaverne team.

The Press Gang, 880677 and 880130.

# WALK OF 1000 MEN

#### 4th. September - 16th. October 1993

#### The Start:

Longstone Park, Saltash. 2.45pm. Saturday 4th. September 1993.

#### Here:

Sat. 25th. – Wed. 29th. September 1993 A team of ten men will be arriving here Saturday afternoon, you can meet the Walkers at the following times and places:

#### Saturday Evening 8.00pm.

The Shipwright Inn and The Golden Lion.

Sunday Morning 10.00am: Harvest Festival, St. Peter's Church.

#### Afternoon: 3.30pm:

Open Air Entertainment, Port Isaac Platt.

#### Evening 8.00pm:

Long Cross Hotel and Port Gaverne Hotel.

## Monday & Tuesday Daytime:

Door to door survey of the village.

#### Monday Evening 6.00pm. - 8.00pm:

Barbecue in Castle Rock Hotel garden plus live entertainment. Tickets £2.00 per per-

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#### **Tuesday Evening:**

Celebration - details to be announced later.

#### Wednesday Morning:

'Send Off' - Walkers leave for their next destination.

#### We Need Your Help:

1. Can you please offer Bed/Breakfast for one or two Walkers on Monday 27th. and Tuesday 28th. September. Please contact Marion Larkin (0208) 880492.

2. Any offers of hot meals for the Walkers. Please contact Hilary Mulley (0208) 863354.

#### **Information Point**

A caravan will be sited in the car park for the duration of the Walkers' stay where you may collect literature and information.

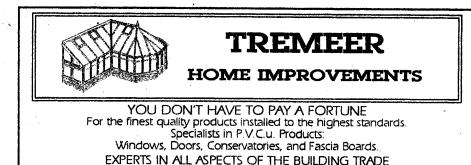
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# SHOW ME THE WAY TO GO HOME

At the entrance to Roscarrock Farm stands an old cross shaft which often attracts the attention of the passer-by. However, I wonder how many of you have paid any attention to its less attractive neighbour which stands at a similar height but without the enigmatic engraving of its Celtic brother. Those that have will notice that despite its former bland appearance the latter now displays an engraved headstone which was removed in 1939 prior to an expected German invasion. Thankfully the need never occurred and now, nearly 54 years on, the two parts of this jigsaw have been reunited to once again direct the traveller passing through this rural part of Cornwall. Of course I am referring to a fine example of an old road post which used to mark the main routes across the county in the 17th, and 18th, centuries,

#### **Arterial Routes**

The history of these features is a little unclear but we know they probably marked the three or four main East to West routes that crossed the county in the mid 1700's. Preceding this date was a certain amount of activity relating to the Turnpike Acts which empowered landowners to charge for the use of sections of roads they maintained. The intention of this legislation was to improve the quality of the roads throughout the country and to develop a number of arterial routes. It is unlikely at this stage that the Roscarrock form of guide post ex-isted. However we know that in 1677 a new Turnpike was being constructed across Bodmin Moor and that in 1759 an Act of Parliament made for the repairing and making of a road from Launceston to Camelford, Wadebridge, St. Columb and Truro'. Undoubtedly all this activity would eventually lead to a method of signing or marking but it is not until 1752 that we have any record of this. Once again it would appear that this related to a route between Launceston and Camelford. The then Rector of Camelford Reverend William Phillips (1752) is said to have carved out the granite milestones with his own hands in order to 'hasten the opening of the road'.

#### Directions

The Roscarrock guide post is probably situated on one of the oldest routes through North Cornwall. This is broadly based on the A39 from Red Post forking at Tichborough near Davidstow and forming the Ridge road to Rock and the Ferry. It is likely that this route was established considerably before the 1700's, based on the evidence of Roman occupation within the vicinity, particularly around Bray Hill. However what is interesting about the post head is the names that have been included. As one would expect there is mention of Roscarrock which was recorded in the Domesday Book and is therefore of some significance. However in addition to the local ports of Quin and Isaac there is Padstow which is favoured over Wadebridge. The reasons for this may be varied from the greater importance of Padstow as a trading port to the avoidance of heavy of on the roads leading to the Town. Unfortunately there are a scarcity of records relating to this and it would seem that the direction of the route was foremost in the mind of the stone mason. Another interesting feature of the stone is the spelling of Port Isaac using a double 'a' but omitting the 'c'. This may have been because the stone mason was running short of space or felt that the quality of the granite was poor and that the 'c' would fall dangerously near to the edge. Who knows, anyone's guess is as good as mine, it may simply have been that the spelling of the craftsman failed to match his craft!

#### Signpost Types

The height of the post was a deliberate design intended to make the job of the coachman easier by allowing him to read the road direction without leaving his seat. The actual design of the head was usually a four-sided affair with a place name on each face, usually pointing towards the settlement. However there are variations of this style within the District of North Cornwall and a good example of this is the three sided head just outside the village of Polyphant. Other more familiar variations on the theme may be seen in and around Bodmin Moor where often a granite post supports a metal frame with wooden direction fingers.



**Skilled Repair** 

The Roscarrock post was repaired as a joint venture between the Wadebridge Old Cornwall Society and the North Cornwall Heritage Coast and Countryside Service following the discovery of the headstone by Mr. Sloman of Roscarrock Farm. In order to carry out an effective and simple repair Mr. Noel Hill a retired stone mason from St. Breward was engaged and completed the task top a very high standard. This was complicated by the need to repair the shaft which had been damaged in the past presumably when the head had originally been removed. Mr. Hill matched a piece of moorland surface stone with the colour and texture of the existing post and carefully shaped it to provide a flat surface on which to fix the headstone. In addition to this he lightly cleaned the lettering to highlight the place names which should hopefully once more guide the passer by.

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# MAGIC SQUARES

The properties of 'Magic Squares' are always fascinating. This one we discovered some years ago and have always marvelled at its mysterious qualities. We wanted to include it in Trio before but we rarely have any space. This month, there is actually insufficient material to fill the pages so we are taking the opportunity now.

It is attributed to a Swiss mathematician of the eighteenth century.

If you add up the figures in the horizontal rows, all the rows come to 260. Again, adding up the figures in the vertical columns, they all come to 260 as well.

But we think the most interesting thing of all is that if you start from 1 and make a series of moves like a knight in chess, you can move from 1 - 64 in numerical order!

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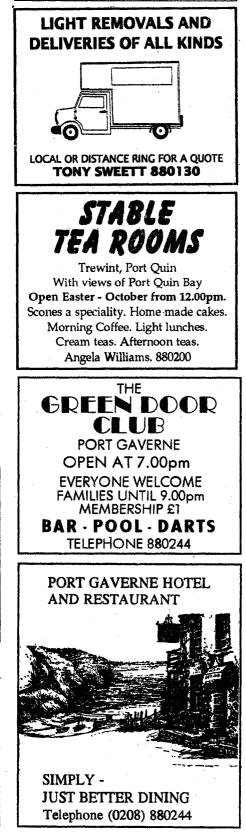
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BABY/TODDLER CLINIC: First Tuesday every month, 1.30 - 3.30pm, at the surgery. BADMINTON: 8.00 Thursday evenings in the

Village Hall.

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

MOTHER AND TODDLERS: 9.30 - 12 noon in the Village Hall.

PORT ISAAC METHODIST CHURCH: Sunday Evening Worship is now being held in the Penhaligon Room at 6.00pm. LOCAL HISTORY STUDY GROUP: 1st. Friday

in month, Penhaligon Room, 7.30pm. PLAYGROUP: 9.30am. - 12.00, at the Village Hall

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

WELL WOMAN CLINIC: Tuesdays, with the Practice Nurse, 3.00 - 4.00pm. at Port Isaac Surgery, by appointment.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE: 2nd. Thursday in the month, 2.30pm. at the Castle Rock Hotel. YOGA CLASS: Penhaligon Rooms, Tuesday

evenings, 7.00 - 9.00. Will everybody please advise Trio when there

are any changes to these regular fixtures.

#### Saturday 28th. August:

Bude Jazz Festival until Saturday 5th. September.

Sunday 29th. August: Port Isaac Rowing Club at Hayle.

Monday 30th. August:

Bank holiday.

#### Wednesday 1st. September:

10.30am: R.N.L.I. Coffee Morning at Copper Beeches, St. Kew.

#### Friday 3rd. September:

7.30pm: Local History Group meeting in the Penhaligon Room.

St. Endellion Conservatives' Supper Party and Quiz at the Green Door Club, Port Gaverne.

#### Saturday 4th. September:

2.00pm: Port Isaac and District Garden Society Show at the Village Hall, Trewetha Lane. 8.00pm: 'Walk of 1000 Men' arrives in Port Isaac (see article).

#### Sunday 5th. September:

10.00am. Harvest Festival at St. Peter's church.

1.15pm: Meet at Pea Pod for Port Isaac Cricket Club away v Colan (friendly).

#### Monday 6th. September:

6.00 - 8.00pm: 'Walk of 1000 Men' Barbecue in Castle Rock garden plus Live Entertainment. Tickets £2.00 each from Gavin Benger (880629).

#### Wednesday 8th. September:

Coach Trip to Rame Head, Whitesand Bay, etc. Details later. 8.00pm: Port Isaac Players Meeting in the Golden Lion.

Friday 10th. September: 7.30pm: R.N.L.I. Harvest Festival at the Golden Lion.

Monday 13th. September: Mobile Library day.

**Tuesday 14th. September:** 9.15am: W.I. trip to Brixham. Cost £3.50, members £3.00, children £2.00. Please book with Mark Prout, 880208.

Wednesday 22nd. September: Coach Trip to The Lizard and Cadgwith. Details later.

Wednesday 15th. September: Deadline Day for Trio Issue no. 126

**Tuesday 21st. September:** 7.30pm: Whist Drive at St. Endellion Church Hall.

Friday 24th. September: Trio Issue No. 126

Monday 27th. September: Mobile Library day.

Monday 11th. October: Mobile Library day.

#### Wednesday 13th. October:

9.30am: W.I. trip to Tavistock Goose Fair. Cost £3.50, members £3.00, children £2.00. Please book early with Mark Prout, 880208

Tuesday 19th. October: 7.30pm: Whist Drive at St. Endellion Church Hall.

## Wednesday 20th. October:

Deadline Day for Trio Issue no. 127 10.30am: R.N.L.I. Coffee Morning at Melbourne House, Boscastle.

Monday 25th. October: Mobile Library day.

Friday 29th. October: Trio Issue No. 127

#### Monday 8th. November:

Mobile Library day.

Tuesday 16th. November: 7.30pm: Whist Drive at St. Endellion Church Hall.

#### Wednesday 17th. November:

R.N.L.I. Christmas Sale at Valencia House, Trewetha Lane. Time to be advised.

Monday 22nd. November: Mobile Library day.

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