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Girl Guide's trip of a lifetime

On July 25th we left Camelford for Heathrow on the first leg of our journey to Romania. We flew to Budapest and then continued with a four-hour journey by road to Bratca.

The countryside was very picturesque and the villagers welcomed us. One lady came out of her house clutching a photograph to show us and, to my great surprise, it was of a friend from St Austell College who had been out four years before to help the children.

The orphanage was close to the village and there are also houses that have been built with foreign aid. The more able children live in these houses and the aim is to become self sufficient in food by keeping a cow, chickens, pigs and growing their own fruit and vegetables.

The children from House Two, where we were to stay, came running down the hill to meet us. Each child chose one of us to have on a one-to-one basis during our stay. They all loved to be cuddled and the little girl who chose me was a pretty, cheeky, spirited gypsy child. There was a lot of fun and laughter during the time we spent with them.

One day we decorated a room in the spital (orphanage). First we scrubbed all the walls and then painted them in magnolia. Then, in bright colours, we stencilled sea creatures.

Seeing the children in the orphanage made us realise how far

those who now live in the houses have developed. It was a sight I will never forget!

All too soon it was time to leave and, had it not been for my hairdressing career, I would still be out there. It is surprising that one person can give so much to these children. I hope to go back.

Thanks to everyone's very generous support at the Curry Evening back in April, I have been able to have a very humbling and memorable experience. Also, our group was able to leave enough money with the White Cross Mission to furnish House Four that has only just been bought.

Thank you for the trip of my life.

Elizabeth Dingle

Barn Dance tickets now on sale

Grab your partner by the hand and get on down to the Village Hall on Saturday September 18th for a Barn Dance. Everyone gets the caller's steps wrong so it's bound to be a good laugh!

We have booked the very popular 'Cavaliers' Barn Dance band from Bude. Come along and support Port Isaac 2000 and have a good night out.

Included in the £5 entrance fee will be a 'get up and dance' cocktail on arrival (to eliminate nerves!), plus a barbecued burger or sausage in a bun. Additional refreshments will be on sale.

Tickets are available from Secrets or on the door (if not sold out beforehand).

Sandie B

Ask
Teddy
by
Corinna
Taylor
aged 5



When I ask Daddy
Daddy says ask Mummy
When I ask Mummy
Mummy says ask Daddy
I don't know which to pick
Better ask Teddy
He never says no

Ed: This was given to us by Corinna in such lovely handwriting. Thank you very very much Corinna.

The eclipse of our lives

It was billed as a 'once in a lifetime experience' and that's just what it was - and more!

The predicted cloud was here in Port Isaac but the fact that we didn't actually see the moon eclipse the sun didn't really matter. The extraordinary light, the darkness, the cold - it was something most of us will never encounter again and will never ever forget.

'Extraordinary', 'amazing', 'the experience of a lifetime', 'I wouldn't have missed it for the world', 'wondrous', 'pagan', 'humbling', 'world-beating', 'spiritual' - just some of the descriptions heard. It's easy to understand how, in days gone by, people thought the end of the world had come.

See the poems in this issue written about the eclipse.

Donations flood in for Lights Fund

Even more donations have been received for the Christmas/Millennium Lights Fund so it's a big thank you to the following people:

- Chris Gadman who's Head Shave in the Golden Lion raised £76.60 to be divided between the Lights Fund and FLEET.
- Paula & Jeremy Lawford of Vine Cottage on Rose Hill - a donation of £25.
- Jill Mably of St Minver - a donation of £20 in appreciation of the loan of our old lights to light up her 40th birthday celebrations.
- Chris & Damien Bolton - £254 with more to collect raised from their sponsored swim. Congratulations to them and the other swimmers. I think this might become an annual fundraiser!
- David Bissett-Powell of Church Hill for his donation of a bottle of 21 year old Royal Salut whisky which was raffled, together with other prizes, in the Lion on the night of the sponsored swim. Thanks to Elaine and Amy of the Rowing Club who struggled around the packed bars selling tickets the sum of £85 was raised.



Damien Bolton on the sponsored swim

Photo courtesy of Neil Lindsay

According to my calculations this brings the total in hand to £3558.05 that means we have raised 50% to match the PESCA grant and pay their administration fee. **BRILLIANT!**

We must not forget however that we will have an electricity bill to pay in the New Year and maintenance

costs so please keep the donations coming in!!!

Also, is there anyone with the time and the room to brew a substantial amount of red wine for the 'Switch On' night? Please contact me on 880130 or 880336. Thanks again.

Pat Sweet

The Total Eclipse of the Sun

by Bonnie Masters

The total eclipse of the sun
Is a wonderfully magical thing,
When I felt it go cold and dark
My heart began to sing!

I don't care I didn't see it
Because of the cloud,
The people made it all worthwhile
When the clapped and cheered out
loud.

I'd like to have seen it happen
But I just didn't care,
It still went dark around me
And I'm glad that I was there.

I'd heard about it for ages
And I thought 'it won't be that
great',
But now that I have witnessed it,
I think, 'yes, it was worth the wait'.

I sat up on top of Lobber
Watching Port Isaac turn dark,
And saw the lights of cameras
In my mind an everlasting mark.

I'm just thankful I could see it,
Although just for a short time,
I felt my heart thumping
And it inspired me with this rhyme.

So I put pen to paper
Wrote all my thoughts right here,
To remind us of this special time
The eclipse of the sun this year.

All that I set out to see
Was the village in mid morn
Go dark and have the street lights
on
As if a new day was being born.

That is what I saw
And in my heart it will remain
Because I know in my lifetime
I will never see it again.

Some say it is a science thing
Some say it's emotional too,
I felt something special
When I saw that beautiful view.

To know everyone had gathered
To see this phenomenon
I wish the whole world could be like
this
United under the sun.

The way animals reacted
All huddled in the cold,
Birds all flew home to roost
Was true, like we'd been told

All I can say now
To bring this to a close,
Is that the sky's amazing
To give us this free light show.

So thank you all you scientists
Who got the date just right,
You told us the best place to be
For a once-in-a-lifetime sight!

Cream Teas raise £225

The Port Isaac 2000 fund continues to grow with a further £225 being added from the Cream Tea afternoon on August 17th.

Things looked a bit doubtful in the morning with wind and rain but it cleared in time for the first customers.

It was good to welcome visitors from both Helsinki and the USA. The gentleman from America will have lots of tales to tell when he gets back home of his cream tea in Port Isaac!

The next meeting of the Port Isaac 2000 committee takes place on Wednesday September 8th at 8.00pm at 3 Trewetha Lane. Come along and get involved with our millennium celebration plans.

Trelights to Ben Nevis in twenty-four hours!

Jude Page will be climbing Ben Nevis to raise vital funds for the Home Farm Trust (HFT) on Saturday October 9th. The HFT is a registered charity that provides high quality residential care and develops opportunities for people with learning disabilities.

Jude had pledged to raise a minimum of £300 from sponsorship

and any donations for the cause will be very gratefully received.

Please sign the donation card in Port Isaac Post Office - if she hasn't already nabbed you!

If all goes according to plan, Jude will be back, hopefully in one piece, by the following day to report and collect the dosh!

The May Ball Committee are very pleased to announce that the total sum raised for the RNLI from the May Ball is £12,377.57

Louise wins first prize

Louise Grummett, aged 11, of Port Isaac has won first prize in the children's competition that appeared in NCDC's community newspaper, North Cornwall Matters.

The competition asked for children to write a letter telling councillors what NCDC could do for young people.

Louise would like to see: something done about vandalism and graffiti; children being more involved in the Council's work; speed bumps or a zebra crossing on the road leading into Port Isaac; a bike lane through the town for holidaymakers and locals.

Louise won a soft backpack donated by Gul International. Said Louise, 'I'm really pleased with the backpack. I'm starting at St James Smith School, Camelford in September so it will come in handy for carrying round all my books'.

Do you remember Les Mitchell?

Some forty years ago Les Mitchell lived in Cartway, Port Gaverne. He now lives in Christchurch, New Zealand but will be in Port Isaac from October 6th - 16th.

Les would really like to see as many of his old friends as possible and says that you will recognise him - he will be the one with the white hair (what there is of it)!

Keep your eyes open or alternatively give Malcolm Lee a call on 880106 and he will put you in touch with Les during his stay.

George's ramblings

Those of you who take the Western Morning News may have seen an article that described the unveiling of a granite memorial to A L Rowse on the coast path at Black Head near St Austell. It was, and I quote, 'unveiled by the County's Lord Lieutenant Lady Mary Holborow, together with a who's who of Cornwall's leading public and literary figures'. Ann and I were invited and went. What a perceptive person that reporter must be! Obviously a reader of Trio.

The Local History Group had an extremely successful weekend exhibition. Yvonne Cleave's display was much admired and photographed; Henry Symons again brought a stack of information from the 'Trevathan Archive'; and the Trevan manuscript was enthused over, reported on and photographed. The food, as anticipated, disappeared at an alarming rate. Many visitors found the home cooking much to their liking - and some locals didn't do a bad job either.

We are hoping to produce a book and put on a bumper display for 2000 - more about that as the project unfolds.

The Chorale starts its next season's rehearsals in St Endellion Church Hall at 8.00pm on September 14th. If you are interested in singing then contact Janet Townsend and give it a try. On a sliding scale she can integrate good voices, maybe not so good voices and mine into a nice sound and it's really enjoyable. I'm

even beginning to like one or two pieces of John Rutter's music - well one actually!

On the subject of singing - many organisations are indebted to the Fishermen's Friends and their minder Byron Buse. Not only have they entertained us throughout the summer, they have also helped the funds of various local groups. Thanks chaps, it is appreciated.

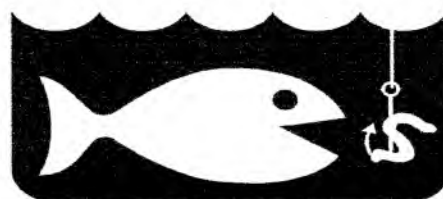
Finally, I can categorically deny that it was the prayers of a well-known local potter that caused the seas to rise and the Big Fish Competition to be cancelled in case his big fish stories were found out!

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Big Fish

We kept our fingers crossed for good weather but we didn't get a good sea and so 'Big Fish' had to be cancelled. Great disappointment all round but the good news is that 'Big Fish' has provisionally been rescheduled for September 12th. Look out for the posters around the village. There are, according to The Sun, some very big fish out there just waiting to be caught!

All you keen fishermen look out because Sam Brown, aged 7½, has recently caught his own big fish in the harbour - a 5lb6oz Bass.



99 Eclipse Blues

On the day the earth went dark,
I said, so blow this eclipse lark,
I'm going to a place where no-one's been,
Along the cliffs I'll plod, far from the madding mob,
To Lyonesse, the land beyond Port Quin.

It gave me quite a fright,
When a pulsing, blinding light,
And a flying saucer landed by some gates.
Out popped a little gnome, from this mobile mni dome
Followed by a score of greenish mates.

They were baldy little creatures
With snouts and Star Trek features
One hair, a question mark held on by suction.
This wacky little horde, carried me aboard
A victim of this alien abduction.

They all recoiled in fright
Said, "wot a gruesome sight,
Is there more of what you call mankind?"
The Chief said, "Don't you touch or look at him too much,
My mum said it would only make you blind."

"If you gaze at that humanity,
It will slowly sap your sanity,
Make a pin-hole in a little square of cardboard."
They told me, "Now that you have seen us,
we all come from Venus,
This board is what we call starboard."

"We turn the sun off at eleven,
They climb up here, and point to heaven
All these ugly womenkind and men
They think it's astral magic, but it's really rather tragic,
In seventy years we'll do it all again."

"Let's get off this chunk of granite
And get back to our planet
Before the pubs call time back up in space."
They told me, "You have been a sport, 'ave a bottle of port,
You need it to forget that ugly face."

They zoomed off in their rig
And I took a little swig
Then another and I got a little squiffy
My lonesome little ramble, ended up with a brain that's scrambled
Until I woke, and jumped up in a jiffy.

Although I'm rather tempted
To think I only dreamt it
I know the day had been a trifle wearing,
Then in my eye I caught, the starboard and the port,
At least I knew, I hadn't lost my bearing.

So if you're up around Port Quin
And I've got a sappy grin
Lying back and basking in my glory,
That abduction weren't too bad, I think I'm ET's Dad
But that dear folks will be another story.

Eric Stokes, August 1999

Sunday School drama at the Family Service

On Sunday August 15th during the Family Service at St Peter's Church, the Sunday School presented a dramatic sketch of David and Goliath. Kathryn McDonnell was a powerful and confident Goliath, her voice carrying well to an enthusiastic audience, some 70 strong. Natalie Andrews was a delightful David, the young untried character winning the fight against all odds (but with God on her side!).

The congregation sang some stirring hymns including 'Fight the Good Fight', accompanied by Charlie Honey on the organ, and the Sunday School led two lively unaccompanied choruses.

The next Family Service, on September 12th at 10.15am, is the Harvest Thanksgiving. Our rector, Rev Preb Michael Bartlett will take the service and the Sunday School will help with readings, songs and drama.

Sunday School begins on September 5th at 9.50am in the Church Rooms.

Rosemary Williams

A September Codebreaker by Eza Blithe

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'a refuge for all rag tag and bobtail from all quarters'

Trio has been fortunate to obtain the following extract from a local 1890 newsheet:

"A manuscript of unusual interest has recently come into your correspondent's hands through the kindness of Mrs Trevan. Entitled *Summary Memoirs of the Parish of Endellion, prior to the year 1834*, it records the life and times of the inhabitants of that quarter of our locality in some intimate detail. Although no name is associated with the text in the capacity of author, certain internal references, together with its provenance, lead to the belief that it is the work of one of the sons of the late John Archer Trevan of Her Majesty's Customs Service in these parts.

Much of interest is revealed regarding the state of the fishery in North Cornwall during the earlier part of our century, notably the changes brought by the failure of the pilchard. The riches of the sea are fully described with whales, shark, porpoises, seals and eel eels all to be found in great quantities hereabouts.

The list of wrecks off the coast in the first thirty years of the century makes for salutary reading being a source of some local profit.

Although the hazards of the sea have not diminished in our own time, it is to be hoped that the manners of the natives, who were not formerly, according to our author, above robbing the survivors of shipwreck, have ameliorated.

Indeed Mr Trevan (if it be he) is very hard upon his fellow parishioners, charging Port Isaac with being 'as mean, dirty tumultuous place as can well be conceived' and 'a refuge for all rag tag and bobtail from all quarters'.

The gazetteer of the inhabitants which follows, though of interest, is of decidedly questionable a character from the point of view of the descendants and acquaintance of those described.

We learn that a generation ago an inhabitant of Port Isaac, Mary Burt, was reputed a witch. Mrs Elizabeth Cornish was supposed to spend all her income of £40 a year on drink. William Hacker had emigrated to America with his three sons, leaving his wife and five more children behind 'for want of the money to take them out'. We learn with amazement that the schoolmaster was once transported for seven years for robbing a bank. Thomas Phillips' wife Catherine, a Salter from Boscastle, was a woman 'universally detested'. The Town Crier, John Prideaux, lived with a woman, Annis Old, to whom he was not married, albeit that they had a family and William Strout was known for a good merry old toper.

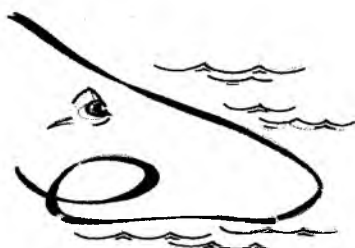
After this it is good to be able to record that our author can see some good in the people amongst whom he dwelt. For instance, a Miss Elizabeth Sibly, dressmaker, is described as 'very beautiful and what is more rare, being seldom found together in female excellence and fascinations, clever, possessing every virtue and goodness of heart that adorn the female character'.

Our author was no respecter of the cloth, regarding the imposition of tithes for the benefit of 'so many nests of spiritual and lay leeches' as a pernicious drag upon the prosperity of the country and he was particularly incensed against the activities of the local methodists and other, non-conformist, preachers.

For buildings, both ecclesiastical and secular he seems to have had a warmer regard than for his fellow men.

As well as most useful descriptions of residences of the locality, some no longer in being at the time of his writing, he furnishes his manuscript with some very fine and detailed sketches in watercolour from which succeeding generations may derive great benefit in reviewing the past.

It is to be hoped that a publisher will be found for a matter of such deep local interest though it is greatly to be feared that the injudicious and nigh-libellous contents, only a sample of which have been given here, may inhibit its more widespread circulation."



Lobber's Point

You may all have certain nominations you would wish to make for the title of 'Biggest Mouth in St Endellion Parish'. If any of you saw The

The great moment passed by so suddenly it almost seems foolish to attach too much significance to it. The light, that had for an hour or more darkened with increasing menace from the west, began to go out as if on a celestial dimmer switch. Towards Tintagel we could see dawn, towards the Rumps night-time. Then the crowds on Lobber cheered as the moon passed directly in front of the sun and we shared our little bit of the great shadow that had run from Nova Scotia and was heading towards Islamabad. One felt uneasy for there was nothing that could be done to stop this thing. But we knew that it was an eclipse and had been told what to expect and we thrilled at the wonder and our children ran off across the field like bullocks with the whap. The seagulls headed back to roost then flew off confused towards the dim light at Tintagel. We cracked open the bubbly and felt the cold and smiled at one another. Thank God we knew what it was, for when we glibly pronounce that people used to be terrified and think that it was the end of the world, I think we can all now understand why.

Then the cockerel crowed in Trelights and it was back to normality, most of us feeling a little more humble than before.

Sun - August 26th - I'm sure that you have by now changed your minds. Not content with scaring visitors away with PESS (paranoid eclipse scare-syndrome), we now have a severe outbreak of jaws mania which should serve to keep a few more punters away from our lovely village! I'm a little worried about what we can do to keep them away next year though. Perhaps a plague of adders? Or some more of those kamikaze seagulls that spend the winter watching Hitchcock's 'The Birds' on video? Or man-eating lobsters? Perhaps an outbreak of bubonic plagueoh no, we've had that one already - can anyone remember the skeletons that were uncovered opposite St Endellion Church twenty odd years ago and some professor type thought it might have been a plague pit?

Anyway, if it does turn out to be a great white, try and capture it alive and just pop it into the big tank in John's aquarium when you get it back. Apparently they need a lot of feeding though - any nominations?

So, until next month, barring unforeseen natural disasters, don't forget - let 'em get on with it.

Your roving correspondent,
Lobber

Parish Council Meeting

Extracts from notes taken at the Parish Council Meeting held on August 12th, kindly taken and supplied to us by Robin Penna.

Bryan Richards Chaired the meeting at which new members Barry Goodright and Harvey Landers were present.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

- Peggy Richards reported on sightings of rats at the rear of Mayfield Close and by the refuse collection bins at the Platt. She will liaise with Bill Dawe and the Department of the Health & Safety Executive about this.
- Malcolm Lee asked the Council to seriously re-consider displaying the minutes on notice boards

PLANNING

The Parish Council recommended approval of the following planning applications:

- A listed building consent application for the removal of a section of existing stone wall and re-building to the original height with salvaged natural stone, and to replace some roofing slate coping at Roscarrock.
- An application for the installation of windows in existing bedroom and utility room at Unit 1 The Barn, Trelights.
- An application for the change of use and extension of a workshop to holiday unit/annexe at the rear of Penderry, The Terrace.

Notice was given of refusals of the applications for demolition of utility and porch area and erection of car deck and additional living accommodation, Halwyn House, Roscarrock Hill, and works to a tree at Cats Crossing, Trelights.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

Bill Dawe reported on the state of the notice board at the Platt; the problem with plastic refuse sacks being ripped open by seagulls; overflowing bottle and can bins and the need for extra containers.

Harvey Lander said the NCDC regulation should be re-enforced which required refuse to be put out in bins with lids. This to be discussed next month.

Helen Richards said more responsible driving was needed rather than straightening road bends and asked whether the PC had asked for a blanket speed limit across the parish.

SEATS

All the seats were now painted. The clerk has a plan showing the number for each seat position.

The PC is to purchase two further seats that are being donated by the families of Annie Price, Port Isaac and of Mr Harriss of Taunton.

PLAYING FIELDS

The seesaw to be dismantled immediately.

FOOTPATH CLEARING

The Clerk to check on the standard of the clearing of footpaths.

UNDERGROUNDING OF ELECTRICITY CABLES

SWEB has met the PC to discuss the possibilities and the matter of 'sensitive areas'. A detailed survey of the existing layout to be carried out.

SWEB is to be informed that the pole at the corner of Hartland Road and Tintagel Terrace does not leave room on the pavement for a pram and also cables run through the Horse Chestnut tree at Trelights.

UNSATISFACTORY RE-SURFACING OF STREETS

The PC has asked Transportation and Estates to come and clean up and put right the disgraceful state they recently left our streets in. Also they have been informed that the Council has voted in favour of asking for this type of surfacing not to be used in the village in future.

CLERK'S REPORT

- The builders' rubble has been removed from 'Shuggie's Ope'.
- Robin Hancock has repaired the vandalised light switch at Port Gaverne toilets.
- Byron Buse has checked on the threat of some falling rock at Teague's Pit and the matter should be put on next month's agenda.
- The new, large notice board has been installed on the Co-op forecourt and is in use. The clerk will designate this board the 'Principal' board where all notices will be displayed. The other three boards would be used for agendas, hospital car lists etc as space allowed.
- The clerk is considering an 'inter-clerk newsletter' for the exchange of information between Parish Council clerks in North Cornwall.
- Joanne Oke, the Warden of Polzeath Marine Wildlife Centre, will give a short talk at the Church Rooms on Monday September 27th. Posters will be put up to advertise that the general public will be welcome to attend.
- The coastal wall work for this year has been completed and Andy Penny will make a detailed inspection of the work to enable payment to be approved next month. Inspection of the condition of the rest of the wall is also to be carried out and will be discussed next month.
- A bill just been received from 'Plumbline Maintenance 93' for work carried out at Port Gaverne toilets in 1998. Authorisation for payment to be sought at next month's meeting.
- The item 'Keeping Minepit Corner Clean and Tidy' is to be placed on

an agenda in the New Year.

- A copy of the Cornwall Rural Community Council Community Enterprise Directory was placed on the table. The clerk will ask Trio to publish the details.
- MOBI facilities (mobile collection service of recycled materials) to be withdrawn and the siting of permanent containers is to be discussed next month.

District Councillor Bill Dawe and his wife Antonietta attended a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on July 21st.

Carn Awn Singers have a busy time

The Carn Awn Singers have had a busy summer taking part in the St Peter's Church Flower Festival Concert in Port Isaac and the Delabole Village Concert. We were also invited by the Wadebridge Male Voice Choir to return as their guests for a concert in St Teath. Our successful concerts were well attended by very appreciative audiences.



We are going from strength to strength with the guidance of Mary Hooper and the accompaniment provided by Robert Whatty and we are indebted to them for their continued help and support. We are looking forward to extending our repertoire during the forthcoming months.

Several future concerts have already been arranged and further information can be obtained from Joan Murray on 880548 or Barbara Richards on 880575.

Jane Sadler

Bungee Jump for National Kidney Research Fund

On Sunday August 15th I did a Bungee Jump off a 600foot high crane at the Camels Rugby Club in Wadebridge.

I raised a total of £121.50 for the National Kidney Research Fund. A big thankyou to everybody who gave me sponsorship.

Andrew Dingle

RNLI station news

Firstly, my apologies for no 'Lifeboat' news in your last edition of Trio. My article somehow failed to reach the publishers so of course was never printed!

I reported then on our last service call on Sunday June 27th when we launched at 5.30am to Trebarwith Strand where three people were swimming in the sea; two reached the shore unaided, the third being rescued by a helicopter crew and air-lifted to hospital. Since then there have been no call-outs in spite of the eclipse crowds and some high tides.



The first spots of rain heralded the start of Lifeboat Larks – what a surprise! However, despite the Rain God giving us his best it did not deter from the fun and enjoyment. Once you're wet and cannot get any wetter there's no problem – just carry on regardless. And that's what we did.

Highlights of the day included a rescue exercise organised by the Coastguard and including our inshore lifeboat and a Search and Rescue Helicopter from RNAS Coldrose. Before leaving the helicopter flew in very low and nodded a salute to the delighted crowd on the beach before disappearing off up the valley, only to return and repeat the performance again.

The Royal Marines Unarmed Combat Display team attracted a large crowd as did the canoe racing and rowing tuition in the gig. Other events included the barbecue, bouncy castle, raffle, tombola, wheel of fortune, cake and plant sales and the ever-popular egg throwing.

By the time the afternoon was over the sun had come out and in excess of £700 had been raised for the

On Sunday September 5th there will be a ceremony on the Platt at 5.30pm during which our new lifeboat – D546 – will be formally dedicated and handed over to our Station. Many people have been sent formal invitations but I hope many others will be able to come along and watch the ceremony at which the St Breward Silver Band will be playing. Let us hope for a fine and warm evening.

On Monday August 23rd, Westcountry TV screened a

reconstruction of the Bossiney incident in a series called 'Moments of Fear'. I was able to record the programme and am happy to offer the tape on loan if anyone wants to borrow it.

Finally, an appeal for the missing table from the crew room in the boathouse. Someone must know where it is. Please let me know and I will arrange for its collection.

Ted Childs
Station Honorary Secretary

The St Endellion Festival *by one who was there*

The forty-first St Endellion Festival took place in St Endellion Church from July 27th to August 6th under the direction of Richard Hickox.

The main work, the opera *The Rake's Progress* was given two performances with Mark Padmore in the title role supported by Roderick Williams as Nick Shadow and Gail Pearson as Anne. Pamela Helen Stephen gave an excellent cameo performance as the bearded lady, Baba the Turk and lesser roles were played by Festival regulars Daniel Norman, Alan Ewing and Catherine Pierard.

Later in the week two performances were given to a packed church of a concert dedicated to the memory of Dr John Holden combining Mozart's unfinished *Mass in C minor* and *Jupiter Symphony* with the Walton *Violin Concerto* in which orchestra leader Thomas Bowes was soloist.

Two chamber concerts took the Eclipse as their theme, an evening of songs included Handel's famous aria 'Total eclipse' from *Samson* and a late night concert combined the Haydn *'Sunrise' Quartet* with a stupendous performance of Beethoven's *Moonlight Sonata* by pianist Fali Pavri.

A very special performance was that of Walton's entertainment *Façade* consisting of music interspersed with readings of poems by Edith Sitwell. Richard Baker paid his first visit to St Endellion to read these together with Lady Walton, the composer's widow who introduced the evening.

Other concert highlights included the astounding *Concertino for Percussion* by Panufnik,

Beethoven's *'Archduke' Piano Trio* and the *Sacred Songs* for unaccompanied chorus by Wolf conducted by Jamie Burton.

The Festival chorus sang at two Eucharist services and at the opening Evensong of the festival when they were accompanied by members of the orchestra. This maintains a link with the origins of the Festival in a small group of singers staying in the Rectory and singing liturgically and otherwise in church.

The arrival of over one hundred performers in the vicinity, staying in Trelights Farmhouse, the Festival base, and in other accommodation around brings its problems of noise and disruption. The days of the festival are fairly busy as most come without having seen the music beforehand and rehearsals have to compete with opportunities for bathing, surfing and walking, as well as refreshment in the pub.

The opportunity to take part in performances of a high calibre under the direction of a conductor of international standing is one much appreciated by those who come from far and near to participate.

Andrew Lewis

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I have a delicious recipe for Stuffed Mushrooms. Yes, I know that Shirley Conran famously said that, 'life is too short to stuff a mushroom', but I consider this recipe well worth the effort. Ideally the mushroom should be about the size of the palm of your hand but obviously you can use smaller ones and serve two or more per person, either as a starter or as a vegetable to accompany fish or meat. You can also prepare this dish the night before and cook and serve for breakfast – it is a stunner!

Stuffed Mushrooms

Remove stalks (don't throw them away) and brush each mushroom with oil.

For each mushroom mix the following ingredients together:

1 tsp chopped and lightly fried onion together with the chopped mushroom stalks
1 tsp breadcrumbs
1 tsp chopped ham or fried bacon
chopped parsley
chopped garlic to taste
black pepper
1 tsp melted butter to bind

Spread this mixture over the mushroom and dot with butter. Place in a suitable dish, cover with foil and bake for 20-25mins at 350° F, 180° C or Reg 4.

NB - Vegetarians can replace the ham with nuts.

THANKS

Sylvia and Mike (Daly) would like to thank all their friends for their support and kindness upon hearing of the loss of Kit, a much loved mother and very popular character.

The following recipe will, I hope, eliminate all memories of school fruit crumble where

there was too small an amount of fruit topped by an over generous amount of somewhat dry crumble.

Blackberry & Apple Crumble

450g/1lb cooking apples
225g/8oz blackberries
50g/2oz caster sugar
4tblsp water

Topping:

6 rounded tblsp rolled oats
1 rounded tblsp plain flour
1 rounded tblsp desiccated coconut
1 rounded tblsp chopped almonds
1 rounded tblsp softened butter
1 rounded tblsp runny honey

First, peel and slice the apples and cook in a saucepan with the washed blackberries and water over a low heat. When soft, add the sugar and allow to cool in a suitable ovenproof dish.

Meanwhile, gently rub the butter into the oats and flour. Fold in the remaining ingredients. Spoon this mixture over the fruit and cook in a preheated oven – 180 °C/350° F/ Reg 4 for 10-15 mins or until golden brown. Serve warm with custard or cream



Obituaries

Kate Rowe

Mrs Kate Rowe, aged 96 years, died peacefully on Friday August 20th at the White House Residential Home in Bodmin. She had been there for 3 years and was treated during that time with great care and kindness.

Mrs Rowe was extremely well known in Port Isaac having the newsagents and sweet shop on the corner for 52 years. She was the widow of Frank, a local fisherman, and eventually they retired to Middle Street where she lived for another 20 years.

The funeral service and cremation was held at Glynn Valley and was very well attended by her family and friends.

We express our deepest sympathy to her family.

The arrangements for the funeral were carried out by Mr Ian C Honey, Funeral Director, Port Isaac.

EP

News from Trelights

Thanks to everyone who supported the fund raising afternoon at Mill House, Trelights on Tuesday August 10th. Thanks also to those who made generous donations.

The sum of £425 was raised and, including the results from a car boot sale, I was able to give £504.60 to the Mount Edgcumbe Hospice.

Thank you Alice

It is very pleasing to know that young people are recognised and appreciated by the older visitors to our village.

My granddaughter, Alice Pring, helped me make refreshments for

Kit Daly

Mrs Kit Daly passed away suddenly in hospital on Saturday August 14th. A much loved mother and very popular character, she moved to the village just two years ago and lived in 'Kits Cottage'.

Her funeral and cremation took place at Glynn Valley on August 19th.

We express our deepest sympathy to her family.

Sylvia and Mike would like to thank everyone for all the flowers and donations which were greatly appreciated

the Local History Group Exhibition. She was thrilled when a visitor was so taken with the taste of Alice's Chocolate Slices that she came back for the recipe.

Well done and thank you Alice.

Joan Murray

Gig Club news

Since our home event we have been busy every weekend attending at Carbis Bay, Par, Wavagissey, Gorran and Fowey. Our placings have gradually improved though are still nothing to boast about! It's very noticeable that those clubs who have lower, lighter gigs fare much better overall - not that I'm being a bad workman or anything! Older gigs are heavier in construction as well as being weighted with water and paint. I think the pressure may be on us to strip Corsair to the wood this winter and give her a chance to thoroughly dry out.

We are also in the process of competing, over four events with Padstow, for the Richard Bobeck

THANKS

Thank you very much to our families and friends for all the beautiful flowers, boxes of fruit, Get Well cards, delicious cooking, all transport and any help given to us following our recent accident. Also thank you to the Doctors, Nurses, Ambulance and Fire crews.

We are still nursing a few cuts and bruises but generally getting better every day. We are most grateful to you all.

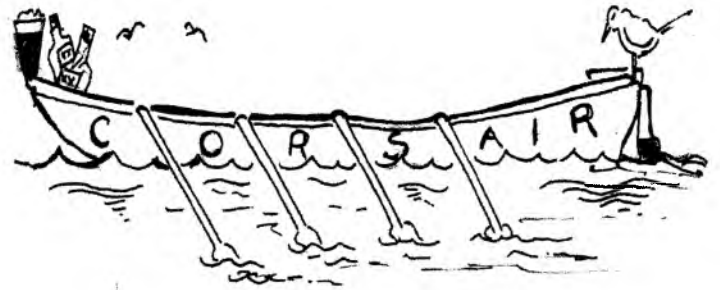
Sincere thanks.

Micky and Win

Apparently, 'bad clutch control and power steering have caused the problems to the new road surface in Port Isaac'.



We must remember to exercise good foot control, doesn't we?!!!



Cup. At the time of writing the second evenings rowing is due to take place tonight. It's good to have closer contact with another local club, especially as, on occasions, we need to borrow rowers. The pressures of the summer season (and children) make it especially difficult for the women to attend every event and training session.

Any women out there who have been dithering about coming along - it's not too late in the season to start. We hope to continue training through the winter, launching from Rock. Call me on 880834 for details.

Nicola

Wild about Port Isaac

As we move into September the air takes on a distinct autumnal feel. Those birds we have watched throughout the summer will have taken the hint and started their flights back to warmer climes. The Swallows and House Martins will be moving back to southern Africa, as will the Whitethroats and Willow Warblers. It is not just the summer migrants that will be leaving in September. The Fulmars move out to sea during this month for their annual moult. They will not return to our cliff ledges until late November.

Autumn is the time to look out for the rarer passage migrants. Many migrant birds use the coastlines for navigation, so we get a chance to see some unusual birds skirting our coast, perhaps feeding here for just a day or so. Arctic Skuas and Sandwich Terns are regular migrants during September, and fairly easy to identify. Firecrests are much rarer, looking similar to our Goldcrests, but with a distinctive white eye stripe.

Whilst we may lose a few species, there are others who find our shores ideal as a winter home. Small flocks of Turnstones regularly spend the autumn and winter on Port Isaac and Port Gaverne beach, as well as Grey Wagtails. Black Redstarts, a rare UK bird, will often be seen in the village or on the beach in winter.

Many UK resident species can move to the southwest for the winter, where our frost-free climate can be a real lifesaver. Blackbirds and thrushes are often more numerous

in winter, as these wanderers mix with the local birds. Some spend the whole winter here, but others may just move in for a few weeks when conditions up country get really harsh.

Although we get migrant butterflies in the spring, their offspring are rarely observed returning south. Most probably die here, with fresh insects arriving next year.

One exceptionally rare migrant arrives in the autumn, and that is the Monarch or Milkweed Butterfly. In the last five years they have been seen annually in Cornwall, a few years ago nearly a hundred were recorded. They are the largest butterfly ever seen in the UK, and are bright orange with thick black borders and veins, and have a sprinkling of white dots around the wing edges - unmistakable. Believe it or not, they have flown all the way from the USA! Their normal migration route is from north east USA and southern Canada down to Mexico, where they spend the winter hibernating in vast roosts in Fir trees on a small volcanic slope in northern Mexico. The usual time of migration coincides with the hurricane season in the Caribbean, and insects get caught up in these storms as they make their way across the Atlantic. They arrive in Europe in just a few days, sometimes accompanied by American migrant birds. They have not previously been recorded in Port Isaac, but one was seen at Boscastle in 1981, so keep looking.

Malcolm Lee



Schoolchat



News and views from the children of Port Isaac School

Even more sports



Josie Harbron says she enjoyed the Inter School Sports held at the end of last term.

She says: "I loved it. It was hard work doing the beanbag race, but it all paid off in the end...we tried our best."

Port Isaac battled it out with St Teath, St Tudy, Delabole, Camelford and St Kew.

Josh Grills says it was a very

hard fought event. "The most competitive race was the bean bag," says Josh who came second in the Year Four sprint and third in the Year Four/Year Three 200 metres.

There were 25 races in total and the conditions were good.

In the end Port Isaac grabbed third spot in the competition - but well done to all the competitors.

Open learning

A big thank you to all those who returned the survey about the Open Learning Centre.

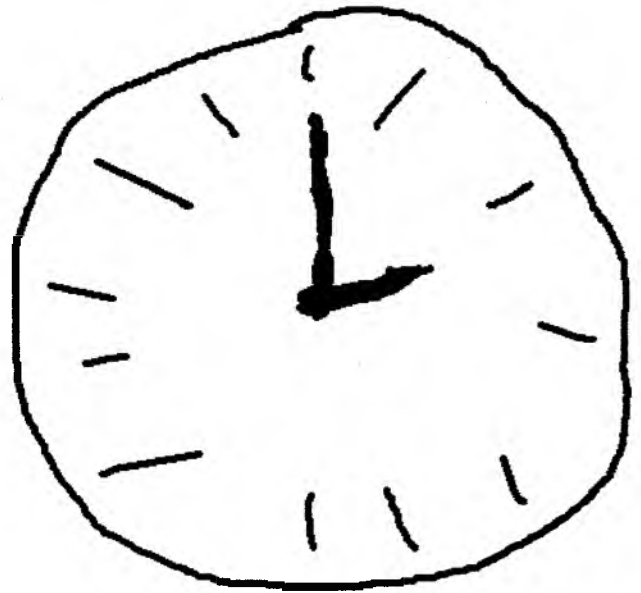
As a result of this the school is holding a meeting at 6-30pm on Monday, September 13th which will be held in the library.

Do not worry if you have not returned a survey, there

is still time. Copies are available from the school and you can return them to Secrets, the Post Office or the Co-Op as well as our office.

The purpose of the survey is to find out if Port Isaac still wants an Internet café where everyone can spend a few hours surfing the world wide web.

Back to the Future



Well, the Eclipse came and went for those few spooky moments. And now Port Isaac CP School is looking forward to the next major milestone - the Millennium.

Our school topic has been specially set to mark the clock ticking over to 2000.

Back to the future will see pupils looking back over the past one thousand years - they've been quite eventful after all.

We hope to be taking an active part in the community's upcoming Millennium celebrations, so watch this space.

It's question time

We've started so we'll finish. If you have not entered your team for the Quiz night run by our Friends of the School.

The event is being held on Saturday, October 9th at the school.

We have got teams from the Coastguard who have already entered so let's have some local pubs and organisations represented.

As well as being a good fun night out it will be raising a lot of cash for the school. And don't worry if you've never been good at quizzes, it'll be a great laugh just taking part.

A reminder that there is a Garden Show at the Village hall on Saturday, September 4th.

There will be a lot of classes for children and some of their artwork will also be on show. So please come along whether you are green fingered or not

Porto make perfect start to the season

Duchy Division One - August 24th
St Teath 1, Port Isaac 1

Porto made the perfect start to their quest in Division One with a goal after only seven minutes. A corner from the right was met perfectly by Martin Thomas to score with a fine header.

With the pace frenetic in this local derby, the tackles were flying in. Add to that the greasy surface and a referee barely keeping control. It made for an excellent spectacle.

Chances were few but Porto dominated the first half with young Mark Hubbard unlucky not to score with a superb volley that was well saved by the keeper. The St Teath keeper was fortunate to stay on the field after he brought down Hubbard. The referee decided a yellow card was enough.

Just as Porto were beginning to look comfortable, a mistake in defence let in the opposition to score, a delay in clearing the ball allowing the St Teath striker in to leave the Porto keeper with no chance.

Air Ambulance

July has been a very good month for the Delabole Air Ambulance Charity Shop with takings totalling £608.60.

Following our recent sale we should now have room to display our Autumn stock.

Our Teddy Bear has at last gone to his new home - his name, William, was correctly guessed by Mike Greenaway. William raised £27.60 for the Air Ambulance single-pawed!

As always, many thanks to all our customers and supporters.

We look forward to seeing you in the shop where we have lots of new books, records and puzzles - something for the dark evenings ahead.

Jane Sadler

The second half continued much the same as the first with both teams pushing forward to win and the referee putting more names in his book than the England cricket team score runs.

With time running out, Porto made two late substitutions but could not force the breakthrough and in the end had to settle for the draw.

Manager Mick Guard seemed fairly pleased with the point but felt the referee helped St Teath with some of his decisions.

With two or three top players soon to be fit and available, Porto can



look forward with confidence to the months ahead.

Team: P Dingle, P Hornsey, M Rowe, N Evans, J Glynn-Jones, M Thomas, S Eddy, I Johnstone, J Vernon, M Hubbard, K Daly.

Subs: P Jeffs, M Eddy, K Grills, T Woodward.

Kevin Grills

Magical Managers - Poyet points the way

All divisional leaders have found plenty of points from midfield with Chelsea's Gustavo Poyet leading the way. With the majority of strikers firing blanks, it is midfielders who have benefited most.

In Division One, last season's champions have carried on from where they left off, closely followed by the chasing pack.

Division One - top three

1. FLYING FOREST - K Honey - 85
2. NO'F'IN MANCHESTER - C Lanyon - 77
3. MAGIC MEG - Di Jones - 75

Highest Climber

MOTS FLYERS - T Cleave, up ten places to eleventh

In Division Two, perennial strugglers Kernow Utd find themselves taking an early lead from one of last season's relegated sides.

Division Two - top three

1. KERNOW UTD - A Jones - 72
2. CENTRAL SPORTS - M Roskilly - 64
3. MAGIC MEN - T Lobb - 61

Highest Climber

MAGIC MEN - T Lobb, up nine places to third

In Division Three, newly formed Bob's Babes have shot to the top holding off experienced challengers.

Division Three - top three

1. BOB'S BABES - B Irons - 68
2. WHITEGATES UTD - D Jones - 67
3. FALLDOWNERS - B Bissett - 64

Highest Climber

SARAH'S HOTSHOTS - S Taylor, up four places to eleventh

PLAYER OF THE MONTH - ROY KEANE, Man Utd

Kevin & Paul

In the garden

At this time of year one could be forgiven for losing a bit of enthusiasm in the garden, especially after the recent rain that has battered the plants. The wind has blown the taller things over and at first glance everything looks straggly and tatty.

Take heart - this is the time of year to begin tidying up and even planning for next year. Autumn days can be lovely and warm and the enthusiasm will rekindle when you start cutting the overgrown bushes and the hedges and it all looks nice and tidy again.

If you are thinking of planting new bulbs then get them in as soon as

possible so that they have a chance to establish before the ground cools and there will be the bonus of early spring flowers.

It will stop raining and the sun will shine again!

Happy gardening -
Green Fingered Lil

To many people, locals and visitors alike, Micky Hunt and the St Breward Band are one and the same. There is much sadness that Micky is no longer conductor.

On behalf of everyone, a very big thank you to Micky for the hours of pleasure he has brought to us over the years. We will miss you.

Quiet Corner

The day returns and brings us the petty round of irritating concerns and duties. Help us to play the man, help us to perform them with laughter and kind faces, let cheerfulness abound with industry. Give us to go blithely on our business all this day, bring us to our resting beds weary and content

and undishonoured, and grant us in the end the gift of sleep.

Robert Louis Stevenson

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Due to unforeseen circumstances I have to cancel the McMillan Coffee Morning planned for October 1st as advertised last month. Janet Chadband

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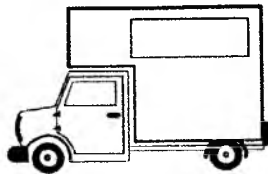
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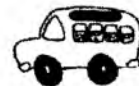


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Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm

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Saturday September 4th
Port Isaac Garden Society
Show in the Church Hall -
2.00pm

RNLI Coffee Morning at
Mermaid Cottage, Rose Hill
- 10.30am

Sunday September 5th
Official Handover of the new Port
Isaac Inshore Lifeboat on the Platt -
5.30pm

Sunday September 12th
Harvest Thanksgiving Service in St
Peters Church - 10.00am
Songs of Praise in St Peters Church
- 6.00pm followed by Harvest
Supper

Friday September 17th
RNLI Harvest Festival & Auction at
the Cornish Arms, Pendoggett -
8.00pm

Saturday September 18th
North Cornwall Conservative
Association Buffet Lunch at the Mill,
Port Isaac (by kind permission of Mr
& Mrs J Watson)

Barn Dance in the Village Hall -
raising funds for Port Isaac 2000 .
Tickets, priced £5.00, available
from Secrets

Tuesday September 21st
Port Isaac Chorale in Concert for
Port Isaac 2000

Whist Drive in St Endellion Church
Hall - 7.30pm

Saturday September 25th
Cider & Pasty Evening at Roscarrock
Farm - 7.30pm. Tickets £5.00
available from Katrina Gill (880465).
In aid of St Endellion Church Funds

Thursday October 14th
Golden Circle - First meeting of the
1999-2000 session - in the Cornish
Café - 2.30pm. All welcome

Tuesday October 19th
Whist Drive in St Endellion Church
Hall - 7.30pm

Tuesday October 26th
Jumble Sale in St Endellion Church
Hall - 2.00pm. In aid of Church
Funds. All welcome. Admission
free

Thursday November 11th
Golden Circle meeting - Talk with
slides by the North Cornwall
Heritage Coast Service - in the
Cornish Café - 2.30pm. All
welcome to what promises to be an
interesting afternoon

diary dates

Saturday November 13th
Curry Evening and Sing-a-long at
Port Isaac Pottery for Port Isaac
2000 (including the draw of the Port
Isaac 2000 Grand Raffle) - 7.30pm

Sunday November 14th
Remembrance Sunday Service in St
Peters Church - 10.45am

Tuesday November 16th
Whist Drive in St Endellion Church
Hall - 7.30pm

Saturday November 20th
Silent Auction at Bodannon Farm -
7.30pm. Tickets £6.00 to include
hot supper - available from Katrina
Gill (880465) or Pam Richards
(880381). In aid of St Endellion
Church Funds

Saturday November 27th
Christmas Mini Market in St Peters
Church Hall

Sunday November 28th
United Benefice Advent Carol
Service in St Peters Church -
6.00pm

Friday December 3rd
North Cornwall Conservative
Association Turkey Supper at St
Endellion Church Hall

Saturday December 4th
Peter Turner's Cajun Jump-up in the
Village Hall - raising funds for Port
Isaac 2000

Tuesday December 7th
Annual Bingo in aid of the mentally
handicapped in the Church Rooms,
Port Isaac - 7.30pm

Tuesday December 21st
Whist Drive with Christmas prizes in
St Endellion Church Hall - 7.30pm

Friday December 24th
Christingle Service in St Peters
Church - 3.00pm

Midnight Communion in St Peters
Church - 11.30pm

SATURDAY JANUARY 1st 2000
A short service and presentation of
mugs to the children of St Endellion
Parish in St Peters Church - 12noon

Tuesday January 18th
Whist Drive in St Endellion Church
Hall - 7.30pm

Tuesday February 15th
Whist Drive in St Endellion
Church Hall - 7.30pm

Tuesday March 21st
Whist Drive in St Endellion
Church Hall - 7.30pm

REGULAR MEETINGS

Parents & Toddlers - every
Thursday (not during school
holidays) from 10.00am to 12noon
in the Village Hall. Contact Amanda
Aldridge on 01208 880414

Cubs - Every Tuesday from 6.30pm
- 8.00pm in the Village Hall. All 8-
10 year olds welcome. Contact
Sharron on 01208 880305

Youth Club - Every Friday evening
from 7.00pm-10.00pm in the
Village Hall. Contact Jill McDonnell
on 01208 880031

Sunday School - Every Sunday
during term time at 9.50am in the
Church Rooms. Contact Rosemary
Williams on 01208 880063

Port Isaac Chorale - Every Tuesday
from 8.00pm-10.00pm in St
Endellion Church Hall (third Tuesday
in every month at Trelights Chapel).
Contact Janet Townsend on 01208
880505

Local History Group - The first
Friday in the month in the Pen-
haligon Room. Contact George
Steer on 01208 880754

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES

Every Sunday Morning:

St Peter's Church, Port Isaac -
10.00am
(times vary when Family Services are
held - see the Church Notice Board)

St Endellion Church - 11.00am

Port Isaac AFC Fixture List

League

September 11th - Pensilva - Away -
3.00pm kick off

September 18th - Fowey Town -
3.00pm kick off

Duchy KO Cup

September 24th - Bere Alston - Away

