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christmas chat...

news and views from Port Isaac School



Merry Christmas

The School Council

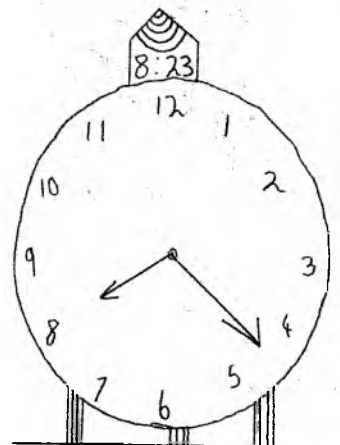
The children of the school have formed a School Council which is to meet six times a year with a School Governor, two teachers, one parent and six children who are the class representatives. They will talk about how the school could be better and all suggestions by anyone in the school will have to be discussed.

The senior class representatives are Josh Grills, Jessica Bishop, Lowenna Barriball and Josh Kernow. The junior class representatives are Ben Andrews (Year 3) and Ellen Rowe (Year 4).

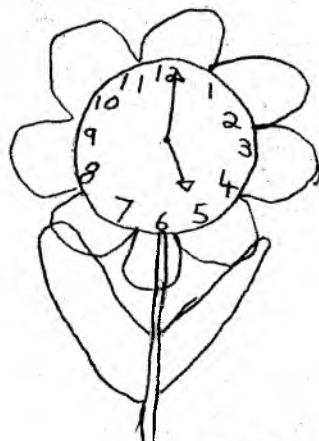
Sam's Christmas story

One day there was a boy called Josh and he was very excited for a special day but he didn't know what the special day was. His mum and dad did - it was Christmas.

by Sam Eaves



by Ben Andrews



by Ellen Rowe

Roman Feast Day

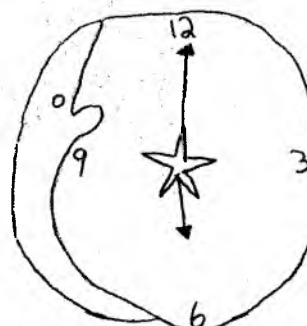
The junior class had a Roman Feast Day. We pretended to be Romans and we all dressed up as Romans in cloth sandals, head bands and sheets. We laid down to eat a Roman meal of peacock brains (jelly), fried pigs head (little sweets shaped like pigs heads), shellfish, bread and honey, ruit, honey cake (made by Kay Strout) and red wine disguised as Ribena. We had an entertainment ring and everyone went up and did something. Sam Eaves, Josh Brewer and Steven Coates made some Roman music with the magic drum and flutes. Aimee Eaves, Jess Powell, Ellen Rowe, Abigail Hazeldine and Megan Greenhalgh were miming goddesses.

BINGO

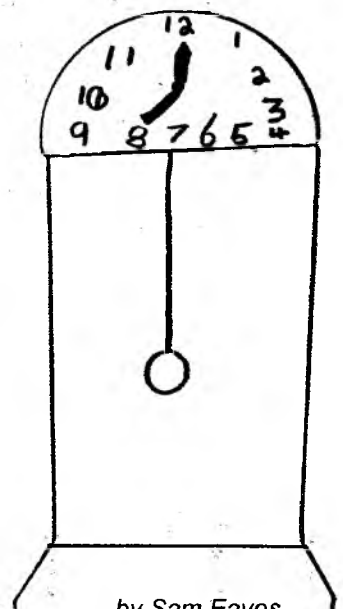
The Friends of the School organised a Bingo session. We raised £42 but all that money went towards prizes.

We are happy to be chosen to write the school Trio page. We wish everyone a merry christmas. From Aimee Eaves (9), Sam Eaves (8) and Abigail Hazeldine (8).

Some of our millennium clock designs



by Abigail Hazeldine



by Sam Eaves

the lights went on ...

that we are running out of space!!

The lights went on on Saturday December 11th – and what a celebration it was. Despite the weather earlier in the day it managed to stay fine for us and the bottom of the village was packed. The band played and the Fishermen's Friends led the carol singing. The lights look great and our Christmas tree, courtesy of SWEB, is outside the Post Office.

We also received a surprise donation of £250 from Port Isaac 2000 (in addition to the cheque already received). Everyone has been so generous and I am sure you will all agree that it has been worth it.

Since the last Trio donations have been received from: Michael & Marjorie Butler of Broadstairs and Port Isaac - £50; Anne & Paul Birch - £20; Andy & Lesley Walton - £40; Andrew & Kirsten Lewis of Hemel Hempstead and Drakes Cottage - £50; Professor & Janet Caldwell of Oxford and 'Riverside' - £10; Vivien & Cliff Budgen of 57 Fore Street - £30; Port Isaac 2000 - £500; Howard & Sharman Glanfield of Somerton and Fern Cottage - £50; Barry & Angela Smith of Pembrokeshire and ex Slipway - £10; Mike Scott of Cheshire and Church Hill - £50; John & Gill Harris of Middle Street - £30; Leanne Brown & Freddie Bourne of Hampshire and 70 Fore Street - £20; Maria Carreras of 'The Cobweb' on Middle Street - £25; Bernard & Lou Baker of Port Isaac - £10; an unknown couple who stopped me outside the Post Office on November 22nd - £10; Mark Henderson & family of Guildford and Church Hill - £50; Robin Maryon & Sheelagh O'Kelly of Tetbury and The Bakehouse - £20; Simon & Sue Gotch, the new owners of Halwyn House (definitely without car port!) - £30; an anonymous donation of £100; the collecting box in the Golden Lion - £56; the collecting box in the Port Gaverne Hotel - £11.70; 'Decca Dave' for the donation of another bottle of Royal Salut which was raffled in the 'Lion' and raised £38.50.

Thanks also to Katie for taking the time to write the names on the Appeals Board. There are so many

A big thank you also to Simon Pearce, Accountant of Market Street, St Austell, who has agreed to prepare the final figures required by PESCA on a 'no fee' basis.

Happy Christmas everyone and enjoy the lights.

Pat Sweett

Ed: On behalf of the village can we say a really big thank you to Pat and Bob Monk for all their hard work over the past year. We do appreciate it.

The village looks great.



Christians together in Port Isaac

The start of the new Millennium will see an exciting move towards unity being made by Christians in Port Isaac and district. Methodist and Anglican clergy have been meeting in recent weeks and the first shared event planned is a Covenant and Communion service to be held on the first Sunday evening of the Year 2000 – at 6.00pm on January 2nd.

The service will be held in St Peter's Church, Port Isaac with Revd Preb Michael Bartlett presiding and the Revd Carol Holmes leading the Covenant service and preaching.

We hope that many Christians in the area will take this opportunity, of the celebration of 2000 years since the birth of Christ, to attend the service to renew their commitment to Him.

GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH

On the six Fridays after the Covenant and Communion Service, meetings, led by Methodist and Anglican ministers, will be held in Port Isaac School hall. Hot drinks will be served at 7.00 pm and a united act of worship will take place at 7.15 pm followed by an hour when Christians from different traditions will have the chance to explore and discuss the scriptures.

Judith Pollinger



So, here we are then, nearly at the end of the twentieth century. Will things be different as we go into the year 2000?

One thing that might change in the village is our Church. If you read Father Michael's article in this issue of Trio you will see that, unless there is more financial support, we may lose both our Church and our Priest. The Church is something that a lot of us take for granted as being there for us in times of joy and times of sorrow. It is something solid and unfailing, giving us strength and support when needed. But on a day-to-day basis, do we give it any thought? Perhaps we should?

A big thank you to the Fishermen's Friends. Their generous donation has made this bumper Christmas/New Year issue of Trio possible. We hope you enjoy it and if it does encourage some of you to put pen to paper for your Parish newsletter then so much the better.

Which only leaves us to say have a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year. Let's raise a glass to absent friends and loved ones.

Sam & Dee

BINGO

The annual bingo, held in aid of the mentally handicapped on Tuesday December 7th, raised a fantastic record sum of £512, every penny of which is spent on the clients at the Priory Centre, Bodmin.

Thank you for your loyal and very generous support, either by turning out on the night or by giving donations or prizes.

Thanks as well to Dave Philp for calling each year and to all the 'backroom' help so necessary for a successful evening.

Thank you everyone.

Janet Chadband



village community.
Graham Tayar
Port Isaac

Dear Trio

I felt I had to write to say how much my family and I enjoyed the fireworks and bonfire at Port Gaverne. The display was wonderful as was the atmosphere and I must congratulate those who organised the evening.

Mollie Farmer
Port Isaac

Dear Trio

What a great evening the Cajun Christmas Party was. It was wonderful to see everybody from the village having such a great time together.

How about an annual Christmas Party?

Barbara Hawkins
Port Isaac

Dear Trio

Nicholas Sproull assumes too much. Like Janet Caldwell, I've had a house in Port Isaac for nearly thirty years and spend much of the year in the village. I use local shops whenever I can and encourage others to do so when they hire my cottage in the summer.

Many of us involve ourselves in the life of the village. I contribute regularly to Trio, played some part in finding and bringing back the St Endellion book to Cornwall and provided and played in a charity jazz band for the RNLI May Ball. Two or three times I've even been to Parish and Parish Council meetings!

There undoubtedly are second homes which are not used very much and this is a pity. But there are also villagers who don't use local shops and do most of their shopping at supermarkets in Wadebridge or Bodmin. I don't blame them - there is a wider selection of products and they are probably cheaper. All I am asking is that those of us who can afford to, should support our local shops whenever they can.

Many of the second homes would have been derelict if outsiders had not bought them. My cottage never was an investment or a second home in that sense. It is where I live and after the first year or two I've never felt anything else but a fully committed member of this

Dear Trio
As we reach the end of the century, might I just take this opportunity to protest most strongly about everything.

The Postmaster General
Port Isaac

Tomorrow is Christmas

Tomorrow is Christmas and oh! what a fuss!

Have we got the holly and the mistletoe,

and do not forget the tree.

Must go to the village in the bus,

I forgot the tinsel for the tree and not to mention the mince pies

and a cake for tea.

Back from the village which looked liked Fairyland with all the

twinkle lights so very bright in the dark.

Tomorrow is Christmas Day

Must say goodnight to all,
Sleep tight, Happy Xmas.

Molly Farmer

Mums & Monsters

Mums and Monsters - previously called Mums and Toddlers - starts in the Village Hall on January 7th. Every Thursday morning, from 10am through till 12 noon, there will be drawing, trike riding, painting, making things, running and jumping, a slide and a climbing frame - and that's just for the mums! Apparently there will also be something for the 'little darlings' to do as well!

The group will be run by Kim Lanyon and Debbie Pattenden who have taken over from Amanda Aldridge. All the mums and children would like to say a big thank you to Amanda who has now retired from running the group.

So put the date in your diary and go along and have some fun.



Poppy Day

On behalf of the 1999 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, thank you to all the organisations in St Endellion Parish for purchasing wreaths, to everyone who collected house-to-house in their designated areas, to the local shops and hotels for accepting and displaying static boxes and poppies and to all who have home boxes.

As always St Peter's Church was well attended. Thank you to everyone who contributed to a very moving service and also for the coffee after the laying of the wreaths.

The Parish has donated a wonderful £1100.72 that will be used to continue the welfare and benevolent work of the British Legion. Thank you all very much. I hope you and perhaps your friends will be able to help us next year.

Allan Chadband
Local Honorary Organiser

St Peter's Church was almost full for the Royal British Legion Remembrance Service which was conducted by Mr Charlie Philp of Wadebridge. The address was given by the Rector, Rev Preb Michael Bartlett; the lesson was read by Mr Ian Honey; the organist was Mr Charlie Honey; the Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Mr Fred Angove; the Standard Bearer was Mr Peter Bower; the Roll of Honour was read by Mr David Phelps; the offertory for the Royal British Legion was taken by Dr G Barton and Mrs Janet Chadband.

Poppy wreaths were laid at the War Memorial by Mr Ted Childs - RNLI, Mr David Phelps - Parish Council, Mrs Margaret Cann - St Peter's Church, Mr Bill Dawe - the Golden Circle, Mr Bryan Richards - Port Isaac AFC, Mr Peter Rowe - Port Isaac Chorale, Miss R Culumb - Friends of Port Isaac School, Mr Julian Brown - Fishermen's Friends, Aimee Eaves - Port Isaac School, Miss P Stewardson - Port Isaac Cubs, Mr Ian Honey - Port Isaac History Group.

All arrangements for the event were in the capable hands of Mr Allan Chadband. After the service refreshments were served in the Church Rooms.

Charlie Honey

Port Isaac 2000

The turn of the century sees the culmination of a year's hard fund raising for the Port Isaac 2000 committee. Way back in the depths of January it all seemed so far away.

Cajun Christmas Party

Our Cajun Christmas Party got the festive season off to a great start. Everyone had a wonderful time dancing the night away to the Gumbo Flyers and resulted in excess of £800 profit going into the kitty. A big thank you to everyone who helped in any way and to the band of volunteers who helped with the clearing up.

Curry Evening and Singalong

For obvious reasons (a small matter of a landrover in the roof) we had to postpone the Curry Evening and Singalong in the Pottery. The good news is that it will now take place on February 12th. If you have hung on to your tickets then all well and good but if you need one then call in at the Pottery or Secrets - £5 each.

Port Isaac 2000 Grand Raffle

The Port Isaac 2000 Grand Raffle was drawn in the Golden Lion on November 13th. Special thanks to Mike and Nicky for their hospitality. For those who were particularly sad to be missing the Curry evening there was curry on the menu. Winners of the draw were: First Prize of the holiday at Gullrock, courtesy of Malcolm and Carole Lee, went to holiday visitor Peter Wilson; the vase from the Pottery was won by another visitor, Mr Lawson from Boscastle; an original Ken Burton watercolour donated by Secrets stays in the village with Bess Coates; Mrs Margaret Clarke of Port Isaac won the day's sailing from Fowey; and the final prize of a case of wine went to frequent Port Isaac visitor, Mrs Clifford.

Christmas Lights

We were very happy on the night of the raffle to be able to make a donation of £250 to the Christmas Lights Fund and we were even happier to be able to make a further £250 donation on 'Switch-on' night.

Commemorative Mugs

The Port Isaac commemorative mugs have now arrived and, if you have reserved any, you can collect them from Janet Chadband. All parish children under the age of 16,

whose names have been registered, will receive a free mug during a short service on New Year's Day in St Peter's Church. If you have not been in touch with us there is still time, if you act quickly. Give Tracey a call on 880215. Additional mugs can be purchased from Janet Chadband or from Secrets, priced £7.50 each.

Youth Club

A special Karaoke Night for the Youth Club and local youngsters will now take place early in the New Year. Look out for posters giving more information or contact Jill McDonnell on 880031.

New Years Eve

And finally on to the big night. From about 11.00pm onwards there will be music and mulled wine on the Town Platt. There will be some seats under cover in the Boathouse for those of us who are not so young. The Port Isaac Millennium Clock will be officially switched on at five to midnight and as we go into the twenty-first century a celebratory firework display will take place up on Lobber. A special thank you to Ron Holmes, Andy Penny and Brian Nicholls for giving up their evening to ensure we have a spectacular and safe display and thank you to Robert Sloman for letting us use his land. There will be a much better view of the display from the village, and the best vantage points will be on the Platt, along the cliff path, in the Old School Car Park, outside the Post Office and from the Pentus Wall. In the interests of safety we would deter people from actually trudging up onto Lobber.

New Years Day

To help clear your head 'the morning after' why not come on down to the Platt and help us with the clearing up?

At 12noon Father Michael will give a short service in St Peter's Church during which he will present the commemorative mugs to the children.

Where do we go from here?

It has been a lovely year full of support for the village and we have raised in excess of £6000 (this does not include the money raised by the Port Isaac Lights Committee). Port Isaac is a very special place to those who live here and to those who regularly visit. We have decided to keep the Port Isaac 2000 fund running - there are many ideas and

suggestions for village projects. The major event for next year will be the Port Isaac 2000 Music Festival and planning will move into top gear once the festivities are over.

Thank you everyone for your support during the year and best wishes to everyone for Christmas and the New Year.

The Port Isaac 2000 Committee

Tales from the beach

I have heard from various sources that the major criterion for belonging to the RNLI as crew, boathouse keeper or DLA is to be computer literate.

Apparently, since Billy 'Three Bass' Hawkins won first prize in the angling competition, he has become so proficient that he had to use Jim May's big boat rather than the Nimrod to hold his catch.

I hear that Jeremy Brown is taking dog-handling lessons. Just because all his family for generations have been able to scull, he expected the same from his dog - left him in the punt while he went to sea! The dog had it's own back, I believe. Jeremy was seen hurtling down to Pine Awn and back again, but a very poor second to the dog.

Finally, is it true that Byron has written to the Transport Minister asking if he can double his charges next season to pay for paving the slip?

"Beachcomber"



RSPCA awards for whale rescuers

Local BDMLR (British Divers Marine Life Rescue) members have been awarded Certificates of Merit by the RSPCA for the successful whale rescue they performed earlier this year at Penberth Cove. A special presentation ceremony was held on December 11th at the RSPCA Centre in St Columb and this was attended by Gerry King, Sam Littlechild and Paul Pollington.

A Christmas Afternoon Stroll

There is nothing like a nice afternoon stroll after Christmas lunch – and the afternoon can be very pleasant when it is dry and the sun casts its wintry yellow light. But take it easy to start with and get down to the bottom of the village first. Now start up Church Hill – the hard bit! – and take the Port Isaac valley path which leads off beyond the last cottages on your left. All the paths recommended in this walk are guaranteed to be public rights of way of St Endellion Civil Parish.

START ON THE LEVEL

This is a narrow lane with hedge growth on your right and hedges and fences on your left with gates leading to small plots of land beside the leat. After you go through a fairly new gate, there is an unfortunate place, if you happen to feel a bit bloated after your lunch, where the path runs past the sewage works. This writer has tried to persuade the Water Authority to plant some sort of dense hedge along there but as nobody else seems to have asked they don't do it!

Past this ordeal, you carry on through two more gates and reach the yard of Port Isaac Mill where there are often friendly animals and chickens pecking around. There was once even a sheep that danced along with you as you went through. But at this time of year don't be surprised if the yard is deserted!

THROUGH THE MILL

Don't go down into the lower area here! See the map – the path takes the track that climbs up beyond the mill. This part of the track is not a public right-of-way but, don't panic, there is a little gate on the left near the bottom which leads you down to a path running along the former mill-race! All dry now though. The path follows the depression until you come to some trees and the old mill pool – also all dry now.

People from 'the top' could come down the lane from Trewetha, cross the mill race, and join the walk here instead of starting from Port Isaac old village.

PAST THE OLD MILL POOL

Taking the path to the right of the old pool, try and ignore some fallen trees across it if you can – they are not too difficult to climb over and should be removed next year – go

to the far end of the old mill pool and look out for a path doubling back on your right and climbing gently up the hillside. This used to be a regular cart track and notice how the beginning is well supported by stone banking.

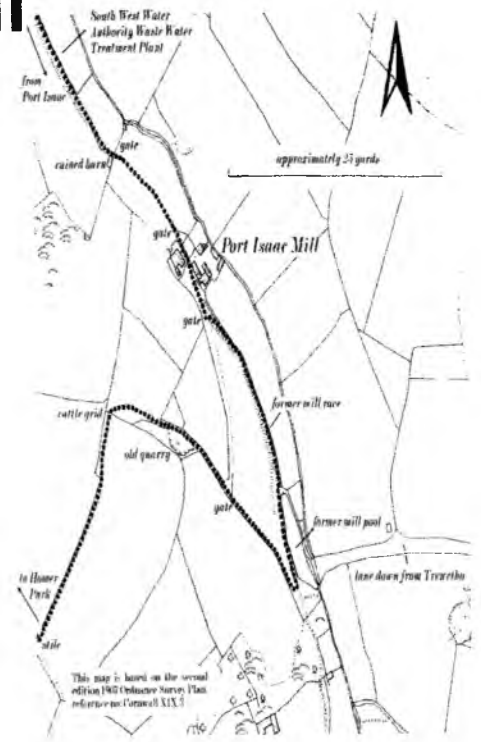
Through a metal gate at the top – via a metal gate, which is usually tied up with a bow to make it easier to undo – and the path, meets the track from the mill at a hairpin bend. The track becomes a public right-of-way here but turn left not right!

PORT ISAAC FROM AFAR

Further up the hillside you get some good views of distant Port Isaac. At the top, over a cattle grid, the now concreted track swings left, following the field hedge on its right. Where it makes another sharp left turn, there is a stile in the hedge on the right leading across the field to Homer Park. In the day of the tithe map there were two fields here which at that time were called 'Bramble Hill' and 'Barn Meadow' respectively. I wonder whether these names are still in use. Walk straight ahead from the stile, alongside the hedge on your left, then through a gate and on to a track leading you past the front of Homer Park itself. The path leads straight ahead and to the road near the top of Church Hill.

ON TO LOBBER

Cross the road and through the gate on the other side where a wide lane leads out on to Lobber. You may already know this is called 'Washing Pool Lane' but I still haven't found out why. It may have been to do with washing, or dipping, sheep; or something to do with washing mined metal ore



Map to show path through Port Isaac Mill

perhaps. The track is easy to follow and at the end a gate leads out into the field where the old post used for breeches buoy practice still stands – just – the cattle are slowly rubbing it away!

THE CHOICE IS YOURS

From here you can either go left down to Pine Awn valley, out to Pine Awn itself, and back to Port Isaac via the coast path; or carry straight on till you come to a slate stile in the hedge on your right. This leads to the narrow lane – it used to be known as 'Postman's Walk' when I was a boy – down to Roscarrock Hill and back to the Platt.

After all the exercise and fresh air, you may even have worked up enough appetito to manage a piece of Christmas cake! Spoil yourself.

Robin Penna.

In the garden with GFL

The unseasonable weather we have had lately must have got a lot of plants, seeds and bulbs very confused, especially those that have recently moved here from up-country. In their former home they would have long ago been cut down and put in their winter quarters.

Geraniums will stand a small amount of frost as will some pot fuschias, especially if the latter are cut down as soon as they have been

affected and then put in shelter. There is always tidying up to do though the ground is so wet at the moment it is wiser not to tread it more than absolutely necessary.

Hopefully, the mild weather will continue well into next year. Spring is really not so far away once the shortest day has gone! Happy Christmas and New Year to everyone.

Green Fingered Lil

Backalong

Looking back 20 years ...

What happened was -

On December 15th 1979, a Greek 3000-ton vessel, Skopelos Sky, was on passage from Rotterdam to Liverpool. T 0930 hours she sent out a 'Mayday' stating that she was in difficulty three miles north of Trevose Head. The weather conditions were frightening, a NW wind of storm force 10 with mountainous seas. There were 15 crew on board and the Captain's intentions were to make for the Bristol Channel to get some shelter. After ten minutes the situation deteriorated as the ship took on a dangerous list due to the shifting cargo.

Padstow Lifeboat was launched, helicopters from RAF Brawdy and Chivenor despatched and the Port Isaac Coastguard CRE Team were called out. There were communication difficulties with the vessel as she did not have VHF radio and all communications had to be on 2182khz. Padstow Lifeboat was standing by the vessel and also directing communications between

the ship and all the rescue services. The Coxswain, Trevor England stated later that 'he felt like an insect in a ploughed field'.

By 1030 hours the helicopter had lifted off ten of the crew and landed them at RAF St Mawgan. The Master intended to close the shore to drop the anchor and await the weather easing. In fact, by midday, it was NNW 10 gusting 12 which is hurricane force.

During this time the Port Isaac CRE Team, assisted by members of the Trebetherick CRE Team, waited on the cliffs between Doyden and Trevan Point taking as much shelter as possible behind the stone walls. It was nearly impossible to stand against the wind. The Sea King helicopter returned to the scene but had to go inland to St Endellion to get out of the salt spray which would affect its engines.

The Master realised that it would be too dangerous to send men forward along the deck to work the anchor winch and requested that four crew be airlifted and he would stay aboard. Within the hour the situation had gone from bad to worse and then hopeless. In the darkness the Master was airlifted at

1715 hours, just as the Skopelos Sky was smashed against the cliffs. During the night the ship broke in half.

The Spirit of Port Isaac came to the fore once again. Although the CRE Team were out in appalling conditions for over eight hours, there was an endless supply of hot drinks and food brought out from the village households and hotels to them.

*From our man in Fuerteventura,
David Castle*

*Next month: The loss of a Lifeboat
and Minelayer*

HMCG News

On Friday December 3rd, at the Cornish Café, Mike Larkin received his Valedictory Certificate for thirty years with Her Majesty's Coastguard (HMCG). The presentation was made by Dave Phelps a past IC of the Port Isaac Team. An excellent night was had by all and it was especially good to see members of the Polzeath Team present.

Over the past ten years there have been some considerable changes within HMCG and at present we carry out our duties with just twelve members. To give just a small example of the commitment required, there are always two members on duty, 24 hours a day, throughout the entire year. These members are expected to be on scene within our designated area in half an hour of Falmouth's instructions.

At present there is a vacancy and there will be a further one in April 2000. It would be good to see some young blood in the Team as they are the future.

Finally, it has been brought to my attention that many people in the village are very much in the dark with regards to what HMCG actually do. We have strict rules and regulations to abide by but if any of you would appreciate an evening's talk given by an Officer from Falmouth plus a little input from myself, then please contact Roy Speakman on 01208 880477.

*Ken Richards
Station Officer, Port Isaac*

RNLI Station news

By the time this appears in print Bob Monk will be Port Isaac Station's new Honorary Secretary, following my own decision to step down from the post.

Another move consequent on that is the appointment of Phil Tidey as a Deputy Launching Authority, a post that he will combine with his existing position of Station Honorary Press Officer.

I would like to wish Bob and Phil every good wish for the future. I am sure the Station is in very good hands.

At the same time I want to thank the many kind people who have assisted me in the past years and especially all who were involved in the wonderful farewell lunch and presentation which was arranged for Elisabeth and myself at the Cornish Café.



Bob's first job will be to attend a day conference to learn all about the new call-out system that will be introduced by the RNLI in the New Year. Another recent innovation is a computer - it's all change!

Finally, the new edition of the RNLI's magazine for children and young supporters has a whole page retelling the dramatic rescue at Tintagel on September 6th 1998. I hope to have plenty of copies available in case any local children would like one.

Ted Childs

Panic stations!

We have only a few days to go before Christmas. I wonder how many of us are ready? I have two recipes that I hope will ease the burden. The first is for a last minute Christmas pudding. It uses butter instead of suet and the result is as good as my Grandmother's!

Last Minute Christmas Pudding

110g/4oz flour
1 tsp mixed spice
½ tsp ground cinnamon
110g/4oz brown breadcrumbs
110g/4oz dark brown sugar
110g/4oz salted butter
225g/8oz sultanas
225g/8oz raisins
50g/2oz mixed peel
50g/2oz grated carrot
50g/2oz golden syrup (warmed)
50g/2oz whole almonds
grated rind and juice ½ lemon
2 eggs
4 tblsp brandy or milk

Method

Sieve flour and spices and mix with the breadcrumbs and sugar. Chop in butter. Add sultanas, raisins and mixed peel. Skin the almonds by soaking them in boiling water for about a minute and then slipping the skins off with your finger. Then chop the nuts and add with the grated carrot, golden syrup, lemon rind and juice. Add the beaten eggs and mix thoroughly. Lastly add the brandy or milk.

Turn into two greased pudding basins 16cm/6 ½" pudding basins. Cover with greased greaseproof paper, making a pleat on the top to allow for the pudding to rise. Steam for 4-4½ hours and then long enough on Christmas day for it to heat through. Serve with cream and/or brandy sauce.

The next recipe is an alternative to the rich Christmas food we are inclined to expect and endure over the festivities. It is a recipe for walnut & cheese rissoles. They make an excellent alternative to meat at Christmas and can be served as a main course or made into small balls the size of large marbles to serve as canapés with drinks. This recipe freezes well.

Walnut & Cheese Rissoles

175g/6oz shelled walnuts
1 egg
50g/2oz wholemeal breadcrumbs
110g/4oz grated cheese

1 onion, peeled & grated
salt & black pepper
1tblsp tomato puree

Method

Crush the nuts with a rolling pin and put into a mixing bowl. Add the breadcrumbs, cheese, onion and seasoning together with the egg and tomato puree. Combine well. Then with your hands divide the mixture into small rissoles shapes, about 5cm/2" across, and

place onto a greased baking tray, leaving a small space between each one. Cook in a pre heated oven 200°C/400°F/gas 6 for about 15 minutes or until golden. Leave for about 5 minutes before lifting them onto a serving dish. Garnish with watercress and perhaps some cherry tomatoes. Serve either warm or cold with a jacket potato and some salad, or indeed, if correctly shaped, with cocktails!

EP

'ONE DAY THEY'LL UNDERSTAND'

In memoriam, Emily Dickinson, Gerard Manley Hopkins, Enoch Soames

For most of us, this is our own true story,
a modest life, with precious little glory.
Would glory, though, be precious if it came?
One often pays a nasty price for fame,
or hopes of it thereafter, never knowing
which way - how hard - that wanton wind is blowing.
Composers, poets, generals versed in slaughter,
are their names carved in stone or writ on water?

If life's a one-time trip it doesn't much matter,
though you'll not know, your name might yet live on.
Be famous or content? Some choose the latter;
a safer place by far is staying anon.

But if you lust for praise and greatness till it hurts,
don't live too long, you might not like your just desserts.

*Graham Tayar
October 1999*

Magical Managers

Top Five at Christmas



Division One:

1. FLYING FOREST - Kevin Honey - 306 pts
2. NO 'F' IN MANCHESTER - Chris Lanyon - 297 pts
3. MAGIC MEG - Di Jones - 284 pts
4. MAYBEES - Tom Bishop - 279 pts
5. 11 HOPEFULS - K Richards - 276 pts

Division Two:

1. THE AMBASSADORS OF QUAN - Kevin Grills - 278 pts
2. CHOCACHOLICS - Ka Grills - 276 pts
3. FLY NAVY - Les Honey - 263 pts
4. DAVIDSTOW DREAMERS - John Clement - 238 pts
5. CENTRAL SPORTS - M Roskilly - 231 pts

Division Three:

1. SILLY BILLY WANDERERS - Duane Cock - 325 pts
2. THE TELETUBBIES - Margaret Honey - 315 pts
3. FALLDOWNERS - Bill Bissett - 302 pts
4. BE WE ? - B Cleave - 299 pts
5. PINEHAVEN ROVERS - F Grills - 276 pts

*** Transfer window is now open ***

BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE MILLENNIUM

Paul & Kevin

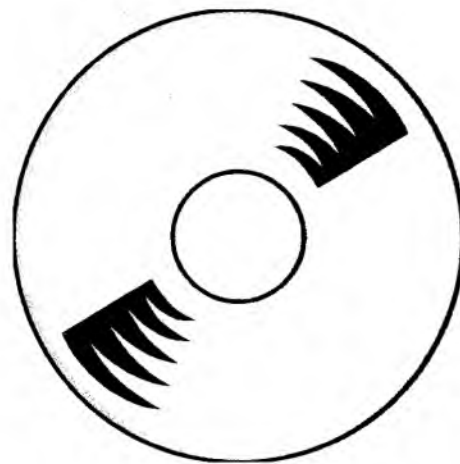
Monster Music Quiz

The Monster Music Quiz looks like being a great night full of fun and games and competitiveness with some spectacular prizes. The idea has been mulled over for ages and has now formalised into a special night at the Pottery on Saturday March 11th, with a bar and a Port Isaac supper. All proceeds from the event will go towards buying Port Isaac School their very own kiln.

The quiz will cover every type of music starting from around the 1930s and coming right up to the year 2000. With this in mind, you

will need to select your teams – of up to six members – with great care. There will be lots of prizes throughout the evening. The grand finale will see the two teams gaining the most points during the evening battling it out together on stage. It should be a great fun evening that will appeal to everyone. There will be the opportunity to show off either your musical knowledge or your musical ability or just to enjoy yourself.

It is definitely a case of getting your tickets in advance, as numbers are strictly limited. Entry is £5 per person and will include supper. Tickets can be obtained from either



the Pottery or Secrets. Start getting your teams together now and remember that each team needs a leader.

Don't miss out on what looks like being a great night.

George's ramblings

Dee – she who must be obeyed – has let me know that the Trio deadline is imminent. I haven't recovered yet from leaping up and down like a dervish about forty thousand and five times to this foot-stompin' Cajun music.

In the first place, I will never again boast about my prowess at draughts. In the last Trio I reported on how well I had done to get the runners-up cup at the St Neot Draughts Tournament. Well, the next cup we played for was the W Glasdon Cup (I think), won by Bill Oliver and I barely reached also-ran status. Since then I've been hammered unmercifully in the Liskeard and District League. All-in-all, sackcloth and ashes is de rigueur.

The Port Isaac Chorale are on show twice in the week before Christmas; helping out with the Carol Service at St Kew on the 19th (6.00pm) and then giving a concert on Wednesday 22nd (7.30pm) – with guest artists.

The Historical Group had a trip to Barnstaple for Christmas shopping. Everyone seemed to enjoy it, spent well and ate well. I was given fulsome praise for organising it, which is rich really, as all I do is collect the money. All the hard work is done by my 'secretary' which is how things should be! The

only thing was that we took Terry Gifford with us. I don't

know if we'll ever be allowed back into the Royal and Fortescue again. Terry ended up having his belly rubbed by the chief waitress. (*Ed: We demand to know why?*) How it got to that point I don't know – but Mark Prout and I were quite put out.

I read a book recently – true! It's called 'The Hard Rock Men' and it's written by John Rowe from Luxulyan – not to be confused with the Port Isaac John Rows who may, or may not, be able to read and write. Anyway, Terry read the book after me and reminded me of this story.

The miners who went to America in the last century tried to better their education by going to night school. One of the chaps asked Jan (who was trying this education business) what 'category' meant? "Well", says Jan, "at night school they tell us to scat the long words abroad. Now you know what a cat is, and you can tell 'e from she, and gory has to do with blood. So there you are, 'category' is a 'bloody tom cat." It's better when Terry tells it!

To the two people who read these ramblin's, have a lovely Christmas, get your voices well lubricated for singing the old carols and, if Christmas shopping is upsetting you, remember that today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday, and everything's OK!
xxx.pi./gfestivesnore

THANKYOU

May I say a big thank you to my family and friends who made my birthday party such a happy occasion. Again, special thanks to Dave and Lil and the girls who came up trumps (as always). And for my cards and presents which were overwhelming.

A special thanks to my granddaughter Alice who not only made my cake but also decorated it so lovely (and kept it a secret).

'A never to be forgotten birthday'.

Joan Murray

The words of the Millennium Moment

*Let there be
Respect for Earth
Peace for its
people
Love in our lives
Delight in the good
Forgiveness for past
wrongs
And from now on a
new start*

Parish Council Meeting

Extracts from notes taken from recent Parish Council meetings and kindly supplied to us by Robin Penna.

TAR DAMAGE

Compensation is at last being paid for the damage people suffered to their carpets etc from the tar trodden in during the horrific tar-and-chippings episode in the summer. The re-surfacing of Fore Street around the bottom of Back Hill is also being dealt with.

REFUSE BINS

Problems with the refuse bins at the Platt continue. One Sunday this was deliberately not reported as it is thought that collectors may be paid more for Sunday work. The following day, three trucks were needed to clear the rubbish. Before it was cleared an officer from NCDC took photographs.

TRELIGHTS CLIMBING FRAME

The rubber mats have not been laid under the climbing frame because the contractor, having been asked an atrocious price for them, is trying to get a lower quotation.

FIREWORKS

The Port Gaverne display was a great success as usual. The committee is to try and arrange for the bonfire to be further from the road in future.

FOOTPATHS

Cornwall County Council (CCC) has indicated that there is a need for a new kind of footpath trimming contract to embrace all the parish footpaths. Suitable contracts for footpath trimming will be prepared and tenders advertised for in February. The CCC Definitive footpath maps have been displayed on Parish Council (PC) notice boards.

FOOTPATH MODIFICATION ORDERS

The Ramblers Association has suggested the use of 'Modification Orders' to correct footpath deficiencies. With sufficient evidence from users, apparent faults in the Definitive Statements can be corrected. The PC has already tried to make some changes but it is impossible to get evidence of path use from the unknown visitors who are the main users of our paths.

COASTAL FOOTPATH WALL

A contract will be drawn up and

discussed at the January meeting for work to repair the wall. This could be done in two sections: from Atlantic House as far as the recent repair work; and beyond it to the end, near the steps. Tenders will be sought in the New Year.

RAILING AT TEAGUE'S PIT

The railings and steps are in a bad condition and are to be repaired. The railing on the steps up to the old quay will receive attention at the same time. A contract for the work will be drawn up and tenders advertised for in January.

RECYCLING BINS AT TRELIGHTS

Residents of Trelights have objected to the suggestion of bins in the car park at The Barton and the bins will need to be sited elsewhere in the village. The PC will be in further liaison with NCDC.

1999/2000 BUDGET PROPOSALS

Mr Brian White, PC consultant accountant, has presented suggested figures compared with last year's figures, and advised on various aspects of the PC finance. The final decision for next year's precept will be made this month. Mr White also spoke about 'double-charge grants' available in Restormel. In coastal parishes like ours, it costs a lot to provide facilities which are used more by people from inland parishes than our own residents. The matter will be discussed in December and Mr David Brown, Chief Executive of NCDC may possibly be asked about similar grants being made in North Cornwall.

PORT ISAAC COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL MILLENNIUM MAP

Mrs Kate Pitt, Head Teacher, described how the children will create an up-to-date street plan of Port Isaac village which could become the standard map. The PC is going to co-operate with the school on this project and the Clerk, who happens to be already involved with the scheme, will liaise with the school.

ST ENDELLION CHURCHYARD

The PC expressed concern to St Endellion Parochial Church Council that the churchyard is not being kept to the correct standard and questioning whether the PC contribution is being made best use of.

YELLOW LINES, NEW ROAD

The PC has written to the Department of Transportation and Estates (formerly known of as

'Highways'!) to express the very urgent need for double yellow lines from Daisy Hicks' Corner to Hartland Road. There is a long waiting list in the County but the situation is extremely dangerous - there were some nasty moments during the recent half-term week. County Councillor Mrs. Helen Richards has promised to support the request.

AMENITY COMMITTEE

There is to be just one committee - to be called the Amenity Committee - formed of the members of the existing Playing Field and Seats Committees, to take general responsibility for the Playing Fields, Playground Equipment at Port Isaac and Trelights, the Main, Seats Maintenance, Notice Boards and the supervision of Port Gaverne toilets.

Our District & Parish Councillor,
Bill Dawe, can be contacted on
01208 880253

Children in need appeal

On Thursday November 25th a fun night with quizzes and raffles was organised by Julie Smith, Manageress of the Old School Hotel, who also compered the evening. This was in conjunction with James Oxley of the Shipwrights Pub - the venue - in aid of the BBC Children in Need Appeal.

Donations flooded in and we wish to thank the following for their generosity: The Slipway Hotel, Secrets, Port Gaverne Hotel, Castle Rock Hotel, The Old Drug Store, The Wheelhouse, Dennis Knight, The Pea Pod, The Bettle & Chisel (Delabole), New Delabole Stores, Central Garage, The Golden Lion, Port Isaac Stores, Trelawney Garage, Linda Pomery, John Bray, Cornish Café, Post Office, The Old School Hotel, Headlands Hotel and Barry of Crisp Force. Thanks also to Ian Skinner and Dylan Pattenden who supplied a variety of lively music throughout the evening which kept everyone entertained.

The evening was well supported by locals and friends and we are pleased to announce that the total raised for the appeal was £133.53. A big thank you to everyone who attended.

Linda Taylor

Millennium Musings

So what will we be celebrating come January 1st? Millennia don't come round all that often so we have little experience to go on. Years' ends occur frequently enough - though January 1st has only been the generally accepted start date in England since the 1750s. Before that many people dated the new year from March 25th, Lady Day. Centuries are more difficult. On January 1st 1900, *The Times* carried a leader welcoming the last year of the nineteenth century and a year later, on January 1st 1901, the corresponding piece celebrated the first day of the new century. Of all years, the year 1900, nineteen-hundred, must have been part of the nineteenth century!

When asked how old we are we give (if we are honest) our age at our last birthday. We tend to forget that we are thereafter part-of-one-year older than our age that day. Our first birthday falls at the end of our first year and that day ends our first year. But even during that day, and for the ensuing year, we are in our second year of life.

The Christian time scheme is based upon a guess, made in the sixth century AD, as to the year in which Jesus was born. The guess was made by a monk calculating the date of Easter and what he actually needed to estimate was the date of the Resurrection, the first Easter. He placed this in the year we now call 30 AD. That Jesus was crucified in his thirtieth year is a common, though unprovable, assumption, which in turn places his birth at the

beginning of the year 1 AD. It was for this reason that some people used to calculate Christian years from December 25th, Our Lord's birthday, rather than March 25th or January 1st. AD is shorthand for the Latin phrase "in the year of Our Lord's birth" and so the Christian dating scheme works exactly like our own system of birthdays. Born on the first day of the year 1 AD, Jesus' first birthday would be celebrated on the day a year later that completed the year 1 AD and began the year 2 AD. Jesus was one year old in year 2 AD! It follows that first century or hundred years AD finished in the year 100 and the next century started in 101, and so on down to our own day. The twentieth century ends with the year 2000 and the second millennium AD likewise.

So why do we think that the third millennium AD will begin on next January 1st? There is the novelty of the new date. Year dates have been written starting with a one for a thousand years and starting with a two is quite a change. We will be writing dates with a two for the next thousand years and it makes a sort of sense to associate the change with the change of millennia. A second reason is that the year 2000 does mark the end of the millennium - it will be the last year of the millennium for a whole year and celebrating this certainly starts on January 1st. Coupled with this our very modern taste for anticipating everything (who will still be celebrating Christmas on Twelfth Night?) this is quite enough justification for a party.

Anybody for a real millennial celebration at the start of 2001? We will at least have some experience to go on!

Andrew Lewis

Fireworks thanks

Just a word of thanks to Ron Holmes and Simon Barker for the spectacular firework display they put on at Port Gaverne on November 6th. These chaps have been on special courses to gain their licences - without which we would have no display. This must be the best 'FREE' firework display in North Cornwall.

Thanks as well must go to the stewards who kept the public in the safe areas and to those who built the bonfire.

So, Ron, Simon, Lyn Holmes, Paul Dingle, Kerena Vague, the lads from up country who help each year and to all the others involved in making this year's firework night such a success, a very big thankyou. Buy them a drink when you see them!

Andy Penny & Brian Nicholls

Hospice Day 2000

Just a reminder that, when you open that dreadful christmas gift from Great Aunt Maud, the best thing you can do with it is to donate it to Hospice Day 2000. That and any other junk you come across in your cupboards.

The date of the sale is Saturday March 4th and as well as the stalls there will be Janet Chadband's home cooked lunch to enjoy.

All offers of help will be gratefully accepted. Just give me a call on 01208 880862 or 880905. Ringing the same numbers will also ensure the speedy collections of your donations!

Dee

* Dear Trio *
* Jon, Caroline and family would like to take this opportunity to wish Shirley a long and happy retirement. *
* After working for ten years in the Post Office with us, and being subjected to all the attendant ranting, raving and ribaldry, she is now entitled to put her feet up for a bit. *
* However, she assures us that she will be back for holiday and sick reliefs and to help out a little in the summer. *
* Thanks a million Shirl, for all you've done. You'll be sorely missed by us and all the customers. *

The Postmaster General

FOR SALE
Belling Triphite combination
microwave oven. £30
Tel: 01208 880705

A rambling view of St Endellion Parish between

At the beginning of the twentieth century, Queen Victoria was still on the throne as she had been since 1837. Curry might have been the cause as she was Empress of India.

Port Isaac had two chapels and the church - the church being for the bettermost folk, but many of the chapel people would not set foot in the rival chapel.

1895 was the year of two big events - the Temperance Hall was built and the London and South-Western Railway (LSWR) arrived at Port Isaac Road.



The population of the parish was the same then as it had been in each census return from 1821 and is still similar today - about 1100, give or take a few. The only difference being that Port Isaac's boundary was the First and Last, the Temperance Hall and Dr George's house next door, Deepy Hill and North Terrace. Only Valencia and The Rock had been built on the opposite side of Trewetha Lane from the Temperance Hall.

The LSWR (later Southern Railway) was 247 miles 13 chains from Waterloo Station with no changes necessary to get there. Port Isaac celebrated the opening of the railway with field and water sports. A Director of LSWR attended and was presented with an address by Henry Symons - I am absolutely amazed at how well he still looks! Mark Prout's family had the carrier

business stitched up. His great-grandfather had started the business in 1861 and his grandfather had the agency for the GWR from Wadebridge while his great-uncle Richard had the agency from Port Isaac Road. The railway was used to transport milk, rabbits and fish 'up country' as well as people. In October 1897, 150 tons of fish was sent - must have had a better market to Exeter, London and Birmingham than the fishermen have today.

The railway also enabled the embryo tourist industry to develop. It did, however, hasten the demise of the coastal trade. Until the railway came most bulk supplies had been brought to Port Isaac (pronounced Izyk by the elderly at that time) and Port Gaverne (called Curnawn by the same generation) in smacks and small schooners. Coal, lime and culm from Wales coming in and mainly slate going out. Culm is the slack from anthracite and was used to burn lime in the limekilns. It became cheaper and easier for Delabole Quarry to send slate by rail than by wagon and boat.

Warwick Richard Guy, who had dominated trade for some 50 years, died in 1905. As a mark of respect, the village school was closed on the day of his funeral. His Port Gaverne smack, Telegraph, was sold and later wrecked on December 27th 1907.

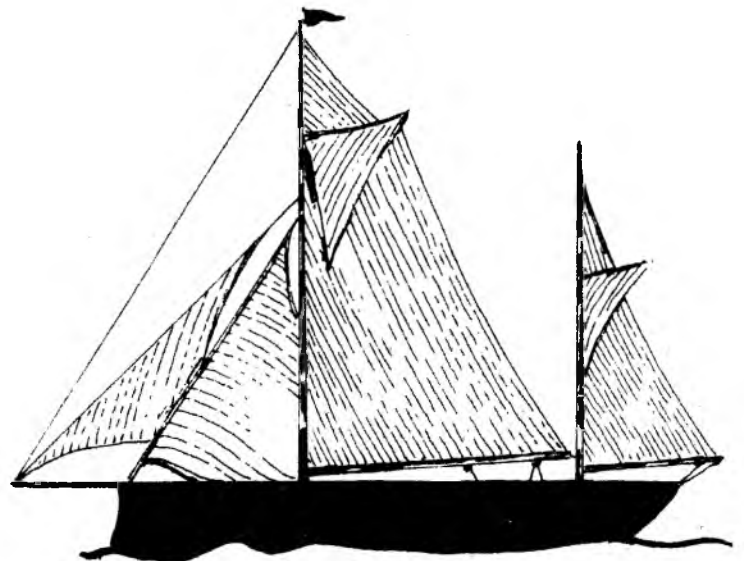
The major industry in Port Isaac, as it had been for centuries, was fishing. One source says that the value of fish landed in 1905 was £3356. It also suggests that there were

ninety boats at that time. I can't imagine where they put them all; they must have counted the boys' tin boats.

With no breakwaters, the harbour was wide open to rough weather. Just before Xmas 1900 there was a huge storm; the bottom of the village was flooded and many boats were smashed in. It must have been bad as Mr Fletcher Moulton MP, subscribed 20 guineas to the disaster fund.

Queen Victoria relinquished her throne on January 22nd 1901 and the whole parish mourned. The school logbook doesn't say if the children had a day off. I expect they did, but W R Guy's death four years later was obviously more important.

Fishing has always been a hard life and it became a tragic one for the village on December 1st 1903. The herring fishing had been poor but on that night some of the boats had hit the right place - the Valkyrie, the Daring and especially the Kindly Light. She had a crew of five, skipper William Callaway, Jack Oaten and John, Walter and Charlie Mitchell. The boat was loaded with fish and well down at the stern but the wind was freshening and the sea getting up. Before they could balance the boat she was swamped. Charlie was the only non-swimmer so he was lashed to a spar and the other four set off to swim to the shore. One of the crew of the Daring spotted Charlie in the moonlight. He was picked up more dead than alive and the skipper of the Daring, one William Harris Steer,



1895 and the First World War (or thereabouts)

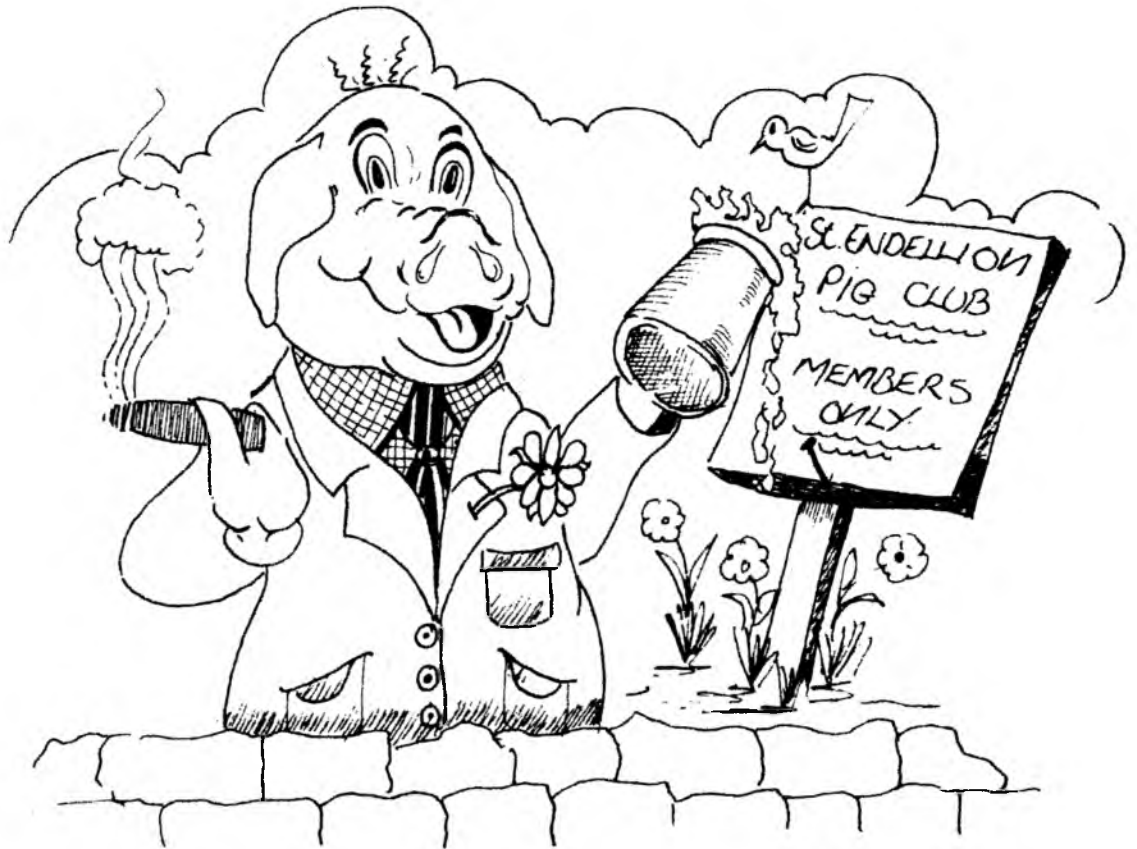
poured a drop of the rum, that he kept in his hip flask for medicinal purposes, down Charlie's throat. They sailed for home but couldn't see any of the swimmers. A search party found the body of William Callaway but the other three bodies were never found. Oh! and Charlie Mitchell never spoke to my grandfather again as he was a strict teetotaler!

The village overcame that tragedy as it has done others.

The early years of the century saw expansion. Many of the houses on Front Terrace (The Terrace) were built. One of them was Washington House, built together with Chicago House by William Henry (Yankee) Oaten. Guess where he had been to earn the money!

The coxswain of the lifeboat was Jack Haynes. He took over from his father, James, at the end of 1905. His father was then 71 and was presented with a silver medal by the RNLI for his services. They were tough old birds in those days. Jack retired in 1908 and ended his days at his son's house in Quincy, Massachusetts. James Haynes great great granddaughter arrived at our bungalow about three years ago and she had his silver medal with her.

It is difficult to imagine today how self-sufficient the parish was 100 years ago. There were umpteen shops, selling just about everything that was needed. There were clothes shops, milliners and a haberdasher. Port Isaac had three boot and shoe makers - Trelights had its own. The Saundry's were greengrocers and I often wonder how they would have taken to metrication as they sold apples and potatoes by the gallon. Joe's mother's family owned the Mill and



were probably the last ones to use it for its original purpose. Joe has enough information in his head to be able to fill a sizeable book.

There were three blacksmiths - Bunts at Trelights and Hamblys at Trewetha and Port Isaac. They would make shoes for fishing boats as well as the usual blacksmiths work. The farms and smallholdings would supply corn, vegetables and animals for the butchers - Hicks and Worden. Many of the animals ended their days in the killing house in Church Hill.

Many families kept one or more pigs to supplement their diet. The St Endellion Pig Club was formed in 1908. You don't know about the Pig Club? Shame on you! It started with about twenty members. Each paid an annual subscription and no one in the club was allowed to keep more than four pigs. It was a do-it-yourself insurance scheme. If a pig died, the club compensated the owner - if the panel of three elected members decided there was just cause. The club continued to run until 1936 and was eventually wound up in 1956 with the money left in the club being donated to Bodmin Hospital Physiotherapy Department.

The village continued to expand and, in 1911, one of the major landowners - Earl Fortescue - decided to sell his holdings. Trewetha, Treore and Tregaverne Farms were on offer together with the Main, Port Gaverne beach and foreshore and other property. Had all the sales gone through there would have been a road from Lundy Road through to Front Terrace and fourteen plots along Port Gaverne Valley from the Union Inn (Port Gaverne Hotel) and nine double plots from the Headlands Hotel towards Tregaverne Farm.

In 1911, Billing's Row was demolished and the Liberal Club built. At one stage the Conservative and Unionists had a club in Church Hill but it was not as easy to pop into, so all the Conservative men went to the Liberal Club instead. There weren't any old Labour people in the village for yonks.

At about this time formal approaches were made to get breakwaters built but the First World War loomed and the idea was shelved for the next 15 years or so. More next month.

Ramblin' George Steer

Will we still have a church this time next year?

Will the church survive in Port Isaac in the twenty-first century? St Peter's serves the community well – do you want it to continue to do so? The community needs the church; the church needs the community.

Over the years the church has managed to make ends meet through the generosity of the small congregation, support from well wishers, fund raising and by eating into reserves. The church now has very little in reserve, fewer supporters and the congregation can give no more.

	Expenditure 1999	2000
Running costs (insurance, heating etc)	£6000	£7000
Diocesan Quota (paid by all churches towards clergy stipend)	£5139	£6057
	£11139	£13057

The national average weekly giving is £4.52 per person. However, Cornwall's average is £3.42 per person.

To maintain your church and priest in Port Isaac we need fifty people to give £4 a week. Will you be one of the fifty?

If you can help to keep your church in Port Isaac then please contact the treasurer, Mr Clifford Gaunt, 5 Clease Road, Camelford PL32 9QX, telephone 01840 212411.

Father Michael

The Rector, Churchwardens and congregation wish everyone a very Happy Christmas

OBITUARY

Terry Thomas

Residents of Port Isaac and St Minver were shocked and saddened when it was known of the sudden death of Mr Terry Thomas, aged 62 years, of St Minver. Terry had lived in Port Isaac in the earlier years of his life and attended the Village School but for some years had resided in the St Minver area.

A very large congregation was present at his funeral service on November 25th at St Endellion Parish Church. The Rector, Rev Preb Michael Bartlett, conducted the service and interment in the churchyard.

Donations in lieu of flowers were for the Port Isaac Lifeboat Crew.

We express our deepest sympathy to his family in their sudden bereavement.

Charlie Honey

MOBILE LIBRARY - USE IT OR LOSE IT!

North Cornwall Mobile Library Services are operating a pilot scheme whereby they run on Saturdays to extend their use by families and children who cannot get to them during the week.

The Library Bus will call at the Peapod, Port Isaac from 11.00am-11.45am and then Port Gaverne from 11.55am-12.15pm. It will call Saturday fortnightly but due to Christmas and the New Year will be here next on Saturday January 10th 2000.

RUBBISH

The bin men will come as usual on Christmas Eve but then will not be here again until Friday January 11th 2000 - so don't put your rubbish out until then!

Happy 18th Birthday Ross on January 5th from Nan

Happy retirement Dave Phelps

We cannot let this event take place without saying a big thank you for the wonderful parties many of us have had over the years in the Cornish Café. Birthdays, wedding anniversaries, Christmas, New Year, the 'Last Nights' when the Café used to close for the winter, even the 'quiet' meals, that at times developed into something that lasted many hours – the list is endless and all with Dave in charge to make sure everyone enjoyed themselves.

Thank you Dave, your hospitality will be greatly missed.

Janet C & family and Joan M & family

Ed: Happy Retirement Dave, we will miss your Sunday Lunches.

and welcome to the new owners

A warm welcome to Julia and Berenice who have taken over the Cornish Café. They've jumped in at the deep end with the Christmas festivities already upon us but their extensive catering experience should see them through. They are both from Southampton although Julia has lived in Cornwall for some time and Berenice has now moved to Delabole.

Their intention is to be open throughout the year and they would like to extend a warm welcome to everybody. They will offer both haute cuisine and their regular menu and each Sunday they will be serving a traditional roast. The café will also be available for parties and buffets. Either call in or telephone 01208 880670 to make a booking.

CHURCH NEWS

United Benefice

Confirmation Service - The bells of St Endellion Church rang out for an hour before a well-attended United Benefice Confirmation Service held there on November 23rd. The Rt Revd William Ind, Bishop of Truro administered the sacrament of Confirmation, presided at the sung eucharist and preached. The Revd Preb Michael Bartlett, Rector, welcomed the Bishop and congregation and presented the six candidates to be confirmed. They were Ivy Lawrence, Peter Harris, Clare Mably, James Mably, Sarah Mably and Eileen Sambourne. The Revd Judith Pollinger, Curate, acted as Bishop's chaplain, read the gospel and, with the rector, assisted with the distribution of Holy Communion. The six churchwardens from the three churches within the United Benefice escorted the Bishop in procession from the Rectory. Also in the procession were clergy, a lay reader and servers. Rear-Admiral Alec Weir, Diocesan warden of Readers and a Lay Canon of Truro Cathedral read the New Testament lesson. Servers were Mrs Frances Kent, Mrs Sandra Warne, Mr Roger Richards, Mr Russell Pollinger, Miss Kathryn McDonnell, Miss Charlotte Collings and Lowenna Barriball. All the candidates were presented with Good News Bibles signed by the Bishop and also the Rector and Curate who had prepared them for Confirmation.

Healing Eucharist - A well-attended United Benefice eucharist for healing was held at the home of Mr & Mrs Maberly of Trefreok Mill. The Revd Preb Michael Bartlett, Rector presided and led the service, sharing in the laying of hands for healing with Mrs Maberly and Mrs Pam Richards.

Healing Service - The Church's ministry of healing within the United Benefice continues to grow. In November many attended a eucharist for healing, which included the laying on of hands, at the home of Mr & Mrs Davy. The Revd Judith Pollinger, Curate presided and the service was led by Mrs Ceinwen Greenwood.

Clergy Training Day - Clergy and Lay Canons from the Truro diocese, including the Rector and Curate, attended a clergy training day on new liturgies held in the Chapter house, Truro.

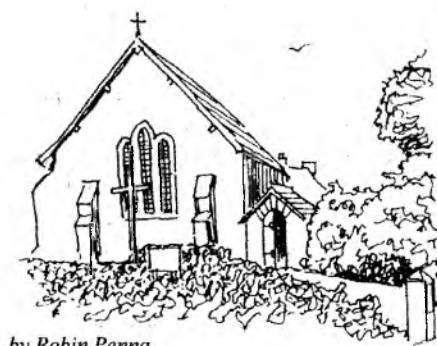
Celtic Evening Worship - The Revd Judith Pollinger, Curate arranged and led a service of Celtic Christian worship in St Peter's Church recently. Readers were Mrs Maida Davy (St Kew) and Mrs Margaret Cann, churchwarden (Port Isaac). Organist was Mr Charlie Honey.

Julian Meeting - The November Julian Meeting for contemplation and silent prayer was held at the home of Mr & Mrs Maberley. Miss Mavis Morgan led the well-attended meeting.

Mothers Union - Mrs Mary Carveth, Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union in Truro arranged and led a selection of Christmas readings and carols for the United Benefice branch in St Endellion Church Hall. The Revd Preb Michael Bartlett, Rector and Deanery and Diocesan Mothers' Union chaplain led opening and closing prayers.

Mothers' Union Council - Officers of the Mothers' Union from the Bodmin and Trigg Minor deanery, who are also members of the United Benefice branch, attended the Mothers' Union Council eucharist and meeting in Truro. The Revd Preb Michael Bartlett, Rector, read the gospel and assisted with the administration of Holy Communion. Mrs Tammy Bengier, Prayer and Spirituality representative led prayers of intercession.

Deanery Service & Meeting - Members of the Mothers' Union in the Deanery attended a eucharist in St Endellion Church on St Andrew's Day - November 30th. The Rector presided. Mrs Sandra Warne was server.



by Robin Penna

Port Isaac

Sung Eucharist - The Revd Alan Wainwright presided at the sung eucharist on the Third Sunday before Advent. Rear-Admiral Alec Weir, Diocesan Warden of Readers and a Lay Canon of Truro Cathedral was preacher and offered prayers of

intercession. Mr Francis Larkin was server and Mr Charlie Honey played the organ.

Family Service Sketch - Some of the difficulties of a new Christian learning to pray were effectively illustrated by father and daughter Mr John Mc Donnell and Miss Catherine Mc Donnell during the monthly family service held on the feast of Christ the King. Children from St Peter's Sunday School, with their leader Mrs Rosemary Williams, sang and offered prayers and singing of hymns was accompanied by Mrs Janet Townsend on the organ. The Revd Judith Pollinger, Curate, who had earlier presided at a said eucharist in the church, led the service. Mrs Margaret Cann, churchwarden read the New Testament lesson and assisted with the administration of the chalice. Mr Francis Larkin was server and sidesperson was Mrs Janet Chadband.

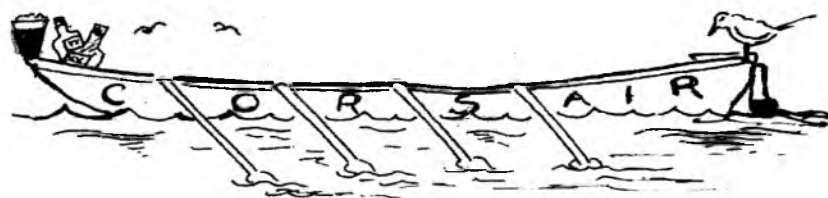
Christmas Market - Many people were attracted to the Church Rooms in Port Isaac on November 27th for the popular Christmas market and homemade lunches. The event was held to raise much-needed funds for St Peter's Church. Other village organisations and charities also had stalls. Thanks to much hard work and many helpers, the sum of £477.00 was raised.

Sung Eucharist - The Revd Preb Michael Bartlett, Rector presided and preached at the sung eucharist on Advent Sunday. The first candle was lit on the Advent wreath. Mrs Liz Bartlett read the New Testament lesson. Mrs Margaret Cann, churchwarden, who also assisted with the administration of the chalice, offered prayers of intercession. Server was Mr Francis Larkin and sidesperson was Mr Charlie Honey. Organist was Mrs Janet Townsend.

Advent Service - About 50 people attended a specially devised United Benefice Advent service of hymns, readings, prayers and a short drama sketch held on Advent Sunday evening. The Revd Preb Michael Bartlett, rector led the service assisted by the Revd Judith Pollinger, Curate and Rear-Admiral Alec Weir, Diocesan Warden of Readers. Mrs Janet Townsend was organist. 'Judge and Saviour', a poem by Richard Crashaw, was read by Mrs Katrina Gill and the John Betjemen poem 'Advent 1955' was read by Mrs Liz Bartlett. Mrs Margaret Cann, churchwarden, Mrs

continued opposite

Gig Club news



It's a little undignified for her when an old lady is turned upside down for the purpose of having her bottom scraped. But spare your blushes – Corsair is the old lady in question. Work proceeds apace up at Treligga Farm. We are taking the paint back to the wood on the hull and keel only. This gives the elm a chance to dry out – on each return we can see the dark waterlogged areas returning to a lighter, healthier colour. Seeing her 'naked' for the first time really makes us appreciate the art of Dasher, her builder – her lines are lovely. Give me a call if you'd like to see her in the 'buff'!

Many thanks to Jill, Karen et al for all their help in making our buffet and dance such a success. Great food and good music, two essential ingredients for an excellent night out. We used the occasion, with a large contingency from Padstow Gig Club present, to award the Richard Bobeck Cup, kindly donated – and presented – by Heather, his widow. Richard was a member of both clubs and this cup, named in his memory, is to be competed annually between ourselves and Padstow. Mostly due to the vagaries of the weather this year,

we were unable to compete all the qualifying events. Padstow however were far enough ahead for a decision to be made in their favour.

Next year this contest will include junior events as well. Speaking of juniors, please can all of you who have paid your memberships contact me with your addresses and phone numbers. We have lost the list and need to set the record straight.

Our first fundraiser of the new year will take place on New Year's Eve when we shall push Corsair (with a newly painted bottom!) up, via Poltreworgy to Pendoggett (well, the pub!) and back. So if someone flutters a sponsor form in your face, think kindly of us and add your name to it please! On the day we shall start serving mince pies, sausage rolls and mulled wine from 10.00am. Last year we were amazed that post Christmas anyone would want to look a mince pie in the eye again, let alone eat it at 10 o'clock in the morning. But eat

them they all did – in copious quantities. So come and have a liquid warm and cheer us on our way – let's hope its dry this year!

Despite a short delay, our AGM took place in November. A few enthusiastic volunteers saw no difficulty in the election of a new committee and Trudy was happily re-elected as Chairperson for another year. The new committee have already met to discuss the gig push. Welcome to the new members – fresh faces bring fresh ideas!

Seasons greetings to you all.

Nicola (880834)

Congratulations

Elizabeth Dingle on receiving the cup for the First Year Hairdressing Student of the Year at St Austell College. Well Done Liz. From All the Family

continued

Maida Davy, and Mr Ian Barlow read Scripture readings from the book of the prophet Isaiah. A short sketch, 'There is an Answer' was performed, during which different characters ask anxious questions about life and death and the future and are answered by the words of Jesus from the gospels. A collection was taken for St Petroc's Society for the Homeless. Sidespersons were Mrs Margaret Cann and Mr Bill Norris, churchwardens.

St Endellion



All Souls Eucharist - The United Benefice annual Commemoration of All Souls took place in St Endellion Church on November 2nd. Names of

those who had died were remembered and read aloud at the altar by the Revd Judith Pollinger, Curate, who presided, assisted by the Revd Preb Michael Bartlett, Rector.

St Andrew's Day - This was celebrated in St Endellion Church at 8.00 am and 7.00 pm on November 30th. The Rector presided at the early morning eucharist and the curate presided at the evening eucharist.

Remembrance Sunday at St Endellion - A brief act of remembrance including the observation of two minutes silence at 11.00 am preceded the sung eucharist on Remembrance Sunday. Bells rang out before the service. The Revd Judith Pollinger, Curate presided and preached and the Revd Preb Michael Bartlett, Rector offered closing prayers at the Shrine of St Endellion.

Evening Worship with Music from Taizé - Many candles lit the church on the second Sunday evening in November for the monthly

meditative service of worship with Taizé chants. The Revd Preb Michael Bartlett, Rector arranged and led the worship which included a meditation on mountain-top spiritual experiences in the Bible.

Successful Silent Auction - Much hard work and effort on the part of members of St Endellion Church fund-raising committee resulted in a most enjoyable and successful evening on Saturday November 20th. Over £746 was raised for the church from a silent auction and supper held at Bodannon Farm, Trewetha, by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Richards. Many lots were on view and excitement mounted as the time for the closing of bids drew near. Raffles were held and a delicious supper was served.

Judith Pollinger. tel: 880181

Wanted - A volunteer to act as Secretary of St Endellion Church Parochial Church Council. It is an onerous job - but it is only about four meetings a year. Write to Father Michael on 01042

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A very Happy Christmas to all Committee
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From Molly & Nick Farmer



Cornwall County Council news

The fortnightly surgeries I held in Polzeath were well used for District but not County matters so, following my resignation from North Cornwall District Council, they ceased. You are, of course, always welcome to contact me, direct or via the Parish Council, on issues for which the County Council is responsible. In the meantime, I hope that a periodic few lines of Council news will be of interest.

Momentous change is taking place - the winning of Objective 1, establishment of the SW Regional Development Agency, the government's drive for modernisation of local authorities, a change of Chief Executive. Meanwhile, business as usual!

Intense negotiations secured the highest level of European Union

funding, amounting to some

£310million, to facilitate projects to boost the Cornish infrastructure and economy, subject to the availability of matching funds. Applications are invited. Advice is available from the Cornwall Enterprise Company, the recently formed facilitating arm's length company of CCC, tel: 01872 322800. Programme implementation will commence next year and run until 2006. A vivid example of the successful use of Objective 1 funding is the information technology explosion in the Scottish Highlands, generating large scale employment in an area considered remote from the hub of business activity.

Central government plans to modernise local authorities require radical restructuring of how the Council works. Models proposed are: a directly elected mayor with a cabinet; a cabinet with a

leader; or a directly elected mayor and council manager. These changes are compulsory, although there has been some lobbying nationally for a fourth way, retaining much of the current system. The existing committee structure will change. There will be executive (decision making), scrutiny and standards committees. Departmental changes will follow. There will be a new constitution. The implications are huge.

Having steered the attainment of Objective 1, Chief Executive John Mills departed in September to take up a new post in Jersey. The appointment of Peter Davies, previously the CC's Director of Personnel, to take over the helm has met with universal approval. He is seen as an excellent person to guide the Council through the challenging times ahead.

Alongside the sea changes and preparations for a smooth transition from 31.12.99 to 01.01.00, day to day service operations naturally continue as normal. Unlike District Planning, the County role is strategic. Like District, applications are frequently controversial. Currently windfarms, sewage treatment works, domestic and commercial waste disposal sites - but more of that another time.

Helen Richards
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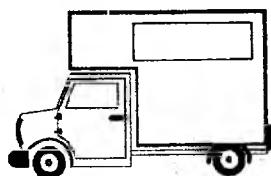
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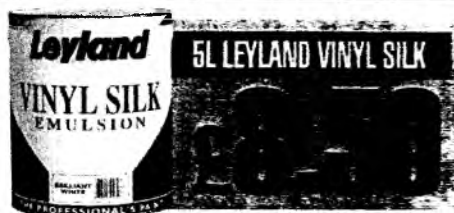
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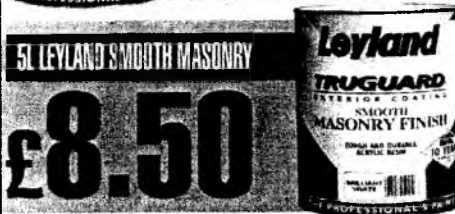
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diary dates

**Wednesday
December 15th**
Port Isaac School
Christmas Play in St
Peter's Church-7.00pm

Friday December 17th
Last day of school term

Switch on of Trelights Xmas
Lights followed by mince pies and
mulled wine in the Farmhouse

Saturday December 18th
Karaoke at the Shipwrights

Sunday December 19th
Carol Service in St Kew Church -
6.00pm

Monday December 20th
Carol singing around the village
with the Carn Awn Singers and
the Fishermen's Friends

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

Wednesday December 22nd
Carol Concert with Port Isaac
Chorale and friends in St
Endellion Church - 7.30pm

**Christmas Eve -
Friday December 24th**
Christingle Service with the Rector
in St Peter's Church - 3.00pm
Midnight Communion with the
Curate in St Peter's Church -
11.30pm

Christmas Day
Family Eucharist in St Endellion
Church -11.00am

New Years Eve
Annual Gig Push from Port Isaac
to Pendoggett (and back!). Mince
Pies and Mulled Wine on the Platt
from 10.00am onwards. The
'push' starts at 11.00am

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of mugs to the children of St
Endellion Parish in St Peters
Church - 12noon

Sunday January 2nd
Covenant & Communion Service
in St Peter's Church - 6.00pm

Tuesday January 4th
Back to school

Friday January 7th
Covenant & Communion Meeting in
Port Isaac School Hall - 7.00pm

Sunday January 9th
Evening Service with Taize Music in
St Endellion Church - 6.00pm

Friday January 14th
Covenant & Communion Meeting in
Port Isaac School Hall - 7.00pm

Sunday January 16th
Family Service in St Peter's Church -
10.15am

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

Friday January 21st
Covenant & Communion Meeting in
Port Isaac School Hall - 7.00pm

Friday January 28th
Covenant & Communion Meeting in
Port Isaac School Hall - 7.00pm

Friday February 4th
Covenant & Communion Meeting in
Port Isaac School Hall - 7.00pm

Friday February 11th
Covenant & Communion Meeting in
Port Isaac School Hall - 7.00pm

Saturday February 12th
Curry Evening and Singalong with
the Fishermen's Friends at Port
Isaac Pottery - 7.30pm

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

Saturday March 4th
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