



## The Port Isaac, Port Gaverne and Trelights newsletter No: 197 • April 2000 • Price 25p

### School and village to use new computers

Port Isaac Community Primary School has been given funding to purchase a bank of twelve new computers plus all the software, printers and ancillary equipment needed to set up a fully equipped resources centre.

Sited in the school library, the computers will be used by the School during the day

and for the local community out of school hours.

Evening classes, including 'Computing for the Terrified' and 'Computing for the Not So Terrified' as well as an 'Internet' course will be provided by Adult Education. These will commence in the Autumn Term.

However, the computers should be installed in school next term ready for the children to use.

### RNLI Clay Pigeon Day

Port Isaac RNLI's Clay Pigeon Shoot takes place on Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup> on the Colquite Estate.

The day starts at 10 o'clock, finishing at 5.30pm. If you don't want to shoot, it will still be a great day out for all the family with lots of good food and drink in beautiful surroundings. There will be the chance to win a fantastic prize in the raffle and sweep-stake.

To find out more contact Lynda von Lintzgy on 01208 880397.

### Local opinion sought in The Main debate

No decision will be taken regarding The Main at Port Gaverne before full consultation has taken place with the electorate of St Endellion Parish.

Mr Andrew Davey of the National Trust attended the Parish Council Meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup>. He explained that the National Trust would be prepared, in principle, to take over the Main if it came as a gift but it would not be prepared to buy it.

The NT would hope to be able to replace the foot-bridge which crosses the gully on the headland, repair handrails and undertake general maintenance. However, when the Quay, which currently provides access to the headland, was washed away or became totally unsafe to use, it would not be economically viable to replace it.

The Parish Council, which has owned The Main since it was bought by its predecessors in the 1920s on behalf of the local community, is

concerned at the mounting cost of maintenance, hence its approach to the National Trust.

### Easter Bingo will set the wheels in motion

Planning for my 500-mile cycle ride to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care is now well underway. I will be cycling from San Francisco to Los Angeles in, hopefully, just eight days!

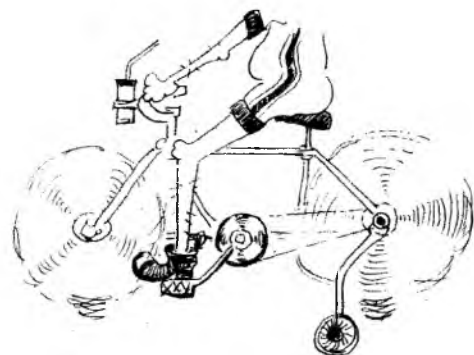
#### Easter Bingo

As part of my fund-raising I have organised an Easter Bingo session for Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be lots of prizes including Easter eggs, roast dinners, bottles of wine etc. Put the date in your diary and come along to the Church Rooms at 7.30pm. It will be an evening not to be missed.

The next event planned to help me raise money for Marie Curie Cancer

Care is a trip to Europe's top theme park; home of the 'Nemesis' and the world's first vertical drop roller coaster 'Oblivion'. If you are interested then contact me on 880093.

*Kevin Grills*





area of great natural beauty and value to the community. I have never been able to understand local antipathy to the

buildings that were in keeping with the place. Furthermore, any development within the conservation area has to be publicised and approved.

Dear Trio

I enjoyed the write-up in Lobber's Point about the Liberal Club. As a young man I spent many hours there with Harry May and Jess Steer and my father, Leslie Keat, who later became a member.

I remember well the day when Harry May made the dent in the wall, for I was playing against him and watched it happen. In the same match, another of his shots just missed Edgar Bates' head as he ducked out of the line of fire. As I watch modern snooker on the television I think back and my children chant, 'We know, Harry May wouldn't have missed that!'

There was also a keen group of draughts players. The two champions to spring to mind as I think back are Dick Rowe and Bill Oliver.

At that time no ladies were allowed in the Club and the phrase 'sex discrimination' had no place in our vocabulary. Should it be necessary to reach one of us, someone would knock on the door and wait outside for one of the men to answer and pass on the message.

*John Tinney Keat  
Telford*

Dear Trio

*The following letter was sent to the Parish Council regarding the Main at Port Gaverne and the National Trust:-*

'Although I should never presume to call myself a 'local', I have lived in Port Gaverne for 35 years. Does this allow me an opinion about the parish Council/The Main/the National Trust?

Some years ago when I was Chairman of the PC, the idea that the NT might one day take over The Main was discussed informally but no action was taken. It seemed to me then, as it does now, that for the PC to sell, or even give, The Main to the Trust would be the best action it could take.

If the Trust is willing to take over the Main it would at once relieve the Parish of an on-going financial burden and, above all, it would ensure that our successors would ever be able to enjoy an unspoilt

National Trust.

Of course they have made mistakes - who hasn't - but much good work has been done unseen in Port Gaverne. Repairs to cob walls, repairs/renewals of slate roofs are just a small part of its endeavours here. I know that it does not allow parking on the beach but is that such a bad thing? As for charging to keep a boat on the beach or to launch from the beach - who can tell me of anywhere on either coast where this is not exactly the same? Unless of course you have wealthy friends with private frontage.

Finally, I should like to congratulate the Council with regard to the new railings on the quay and at Teague's Pit - excellent. But in view of the extortionate rise in community charge for this Parish I would have thought that they could at least have been gold plated!!

*David Bolton  
Port Gaverne*

Dear Trio

Forty years or so ago, when I first came to Port Isaac, I was quite captivated by its charm and uniqueness (in the same way that many visitors are). The village still looks very much the same as it did then with relatively few changes to the buildings. This is partly due to the fact that the old part of the village was designated a Conservation Area and the majority of the houses in the bottom part of the village were listed as being of historical interest.

In the early eighties, a booklet was issued by the council detailing the architectural features of the village and recommending changes to

Unfortunately, there is still no legislation in place to enforce the good practice that will ensure that the historical features of the village are maintained. Over the years it has been quite a battle to prevent development that would have radically altered the place. Most householders care enough about the village to make changes and repairs that are in keeping with Port Isaac. Unfortunately, there are a number who make alterations - that are not always appropriate - and then apply for retrospective planning permission. The council rarely forces householders to restore the buildings to their original form and so, gradually, the village is changing.

Port Isaac is increasingly dependent on its historic interest for economic survival. Apart from our tourist industry, look at the filming that has taken place here over the years. It is vitally important that we do not spoil the very things that make the village special. Even more importantly, I believe we hold the place in trust for our descendants and have a responsibility to look after it for the future.

Many towns and villages where the buildings are of historic interest are protected from radical change by an Article IV restriction. This I believe means that any alterations **must** have planning permission. This was refused here some years ago but I feel the time has come for it to be seriously discussed again in the interests of protecting the features that make Port Isaac so special.

*Janet Townsen  
Port Isaac*

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# Friends of Port Isaac School '100 Club'

## An open letter to Port Isaac

It is astonishing that anyone would wish to stop the school raising much-needed funds. Yet this is what someone has tried to do by complaining, anonymously, to North Cornwall District Council about the '100 Club'.

The local primary school is desperately important to the village and the village children are the school. All schools need local support and fund-raising to pay for everything from playground equipment to school trips. In a small village such as ours, where half of the houses are holiday homes, the task of fundraising is even harder.

The '100 Club' is a great idea. It spreads the load far wider beyond the few parents who always dig deep into their pockets. Friends and relatives are all welcome to join. Their money is gratefully received.

### So how can anyone be so miserly as to complain about it to the Council?

To do so without putting their name on it makes one wonder about how that person can call themselves part of any community.

The good news is that we did our homework in the first place and followed Local Authority guidelines. Thus, the Friends of Port Isaac School '100 Club' will continue and thrive.

So, without advertising at all, just let us remind you that £10 pays for six months membership, with the chance to win a £250 cash prize. For more information see Linda Collins at school or Barbara in the pottery.

Nuff said!

*Linda Collins, Chair of Friends of Port Isaac School  
and Promotor of the '100 Club'  
& Barbara Hawkins, Co-Promoter*

## Port Isaac 2000

Although things seem a bit quiet on the Port Isaac 2000 front, there is lots going on behind the scenes.

We are still liaising with the Parish Council about a village bus shelter as, although we plan to fund the project, any application to the Highways Department does have to come from the Parish Council. In the meantime, we would like to hear your views. In fact, do you think we need a bus shelter? Do you think our proposed site near to the top of Hartland Road and Trewetha Lane is right? If you do have an opinion then send us a letter c/o Secrets or come along to our next meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 3 Trewetha Lane.

Following the Music Festival at the end of May our fund raising will go into top gear again with 'Big Fish' (a bit different from last year because the contest will span several days), a sponsored swim and cream teas on the agenda. There will be a repeat of our Grand Auction in September. We are also planning

another Village Christmas Party for December 9<sup>th</sup> so it's

worth putting the date in your diary now so you don't miss out. Watch this space!

*Port Isaac 2000 committee*

## Port Isaac Chorale JUMBLE SALE

Saturday April 8th in  
St Peter's Church Rooms  
at 10.30am

## FIND THE EASTER BUNNY COMPETITION

*for under 11s only*

In one of the adverts in this Trio the Easter Bunny is hiding. There is an Easter Egg for the first correct answer picked out of the hat on Good Friday. Put your answer and your name, age and telephone number on a postcard and hand in at Secrets (or put through the letterbox) by no later than April 20th. Happy hunting.



First things first - we must apologise to all of you who spent ages trying to find this month's copy dates in the last issue. (My fault entirely - I forgot to put that bit in. Dee). We've now got really organised and the copy and publication dates for the rest of the year will be printed each month!

This Trio completes our first year as publishers. Life does now seem to revolve around Trio copy dates and no sooner has one gone that it's time to get the next one ready - but we've really enjoyed it and hope you do too.

This month, and at least until the end of the summer, Trio has crept up to twenty pages. The cover price will remain the same and the only people it will affect are the subscribers. In order to cover the postage all new and re-subscription rates have now increased to £7.50 in the UK and £15 overseas. If you already subscribe these new rates will not take effect until your renewal time.

So, don't forget to keep sending in your contributions and letters to Trio. Have a happy Easter.

*Sam & Dee*

## THANKS

Bob Monk would like to thank all the people who sent cards, visited and phoned during his recent stay in hospital, especially Byron and Maggie, who looked after the dog, and Joan.

## 32nd LOCAL ARTISTS EXHIBITION

Port Gaverne Inn

To be opened on  
Friday April 14th at 8.00pm  
by David Morrish  
plus Buffet Supper - £2.50

Closes Friday June 2nd  
with a draw at 8.30pm

*in aid of SW Children's Hospice*

# Parish Council

Some Parish Council items taken from its recent meetings and kindly supplied to us by Robin Penna.

## RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLORS

By the time this edition of Trio appears, Andy Penny will have been co-opted back onto the PC as no bye-election was requested. This follows his resignation and subsequent decision to return.

The Council has, however, now received David Morgan's notice of resignation and the same rules will now apply, ie if ten electors have not requested a bye-election before the date given on the notices on the PC notice boards then another member of the Parish will be asked to accept co-optation.

## PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Sam Littlechild asked if there was any news about the development of the new playing field and the future of the playground equipment. He also asked why the PC used the Church Rooms and not the Village Hall for meetings.

## PLANNING

The PC has objected strongly to an application for listed building consent, involving work which is already completed, at The Brick House, 5 Rose Hill, involving the removal of the existing, defective, roof and its replacement with dark slates. The PC feels that there is very little point in the consultation process if applicants, particularly those who are the owners of listed buildings, are continually allowed to ask for development permissions after the work has been completed and sometimes, as in this case, unsympathetically.

David Phelps spoke of a problem where another development had taken place at a listed building, Boskensa (or Graemar), Back Hill, without an application for planning consent.

## PORT GAVERNE TOILETS

The annual business rates for 2000/2001 will be £392.35. An appeal against the rate is to be lodged.

## PORT ISAAC 2000 PROJECTS

Port Isaac 2000 is not seeking funding from the PC but wants it to be involved with the possible erection of a bus shelter in the Hartland Road area and the placing of mosaic slabs along the cliff path.

The meeting indicated support for the projects but the problems that were experienced when attempts were made to provide a bus shelter in 1979/81 were mentioned.

## PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Bryan Richards is seeking possible sources of grant funding but with no success so far. The insurance company would like any defective equipment to be removed immediately.

The money needed for the play equipment to conform with the Mogford report is approximately £10,250 plus VAT. The PC is not in a position to do all this work immediately but can spend between £3000 and £3500. The Amenity Committee proposes that the work required at Trelights Playing Field be completed; the swings at Port Isaac be brought up to standard and resited; the existing maintenance on the Maribou at Port Isaac be carried out; and the Assault Course at Port Isaac be removed from service and replaced when the money is available.

## THE MAIN, PORT GAVERNE

The National Trust is basically in favour of taking over the Main at Port Gaverne but it would have to be in the form of a gift and not a purchase and with a clear understanding that if the quay becomes impossible to repair it will not be replaced. No decision will be made without full consultation with the electors of the Parish.

## VENUE OF MEETINGS

It was proposed that alternative, larger, premises should be sought for PC monthly meetings and it was suggested that the PC should try using the main Church Hall for twelve months.

## FIRST AND LAST

The building is registered by NCDC Building Control as a Dangerous Building and is subject to regular inspection but the condition at present is said to pose no danger to the public.

## TENDERS

The press and public were excluded from the meeting for these items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the identified Paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Tenders had been received for the following:

## Footpath Minor Maintenance

**Work** (Bill Dawe declared an interest and left the room.)

Graham Tiplady Fencing,  
Wadebridge - £10,229.24

Max Simpson, Wadebridge -  
£865.00

Portreath Countryside Services,  
Redruth - £1,150.00

Cut & Go, Bodmin - £5,800.00

*The tender from Max Simpson was accepted.*

## Grass Cutting on the Main, Port Gaverne.

Graham Tiplady Fencing - £408.00

Cut & Go, Bodmin - £800.00

Max Simpson, Wadebridge - £80.00

Mr A Salton, Wadebridge - £300.00

Portreath Countryside Services -  
£120.00

*The tender from Max Simpson was accepted.*

## Caretaker for Port Gaverne Toilets.

Mr RS Ford - £650.00

*The tender from Mr Ford was accepted.*

## Rent of Grass Keep at the Parish Field.

Anne Collins, Port Isaac £250.00

*The tender from Mrs Collins was accepted.*

## Repairs to Wall alongside the Cliff Path at Port Isaac.

Graham Tiplady Fencing £4,750.00

Cut & Go £4,411.00

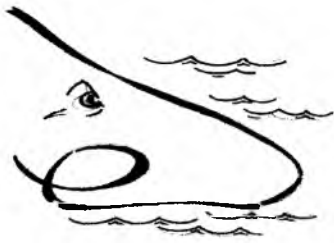
These prices were thought to be too high and new tenders will be sought.

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The St Endellion Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Church Rooms, Port Isaac on Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. There will be speakers from The National Trust and North Cornwall District Council Fire Brigade. County Councillor Helen Richards and District Councillor Bill Dawe will also speak. There will be ample opportunity for members of the public to speak and ask questions.

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

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## Lobber's Point

the wall and overlooks the beach and the Platt.

What is best about Little Hill

is that it is invariably sheltered from the wind and gets the sun from first thing in the morning. This seems to create its own micro-climate and is eminently suitable for old ladies and men and stray cats (or indeed, stray old men). It is a wonder that a coconut palm has not sprouted there yet.

For more of an outlook try the top field, next to Lobber field (where the landrover dropped down from). This is the best spot from which to observe the village. From this spot it is possible to see how many plums someone may be buying from the Peapod or who's queuing for the Surgery. From here it is possible to eavesdrop whispered gossip from along the Terrace. In the information age, this field is king.

And there are many other spots. The Main at Port Gaverne, especially in May

and June when the natural flower garden is so beautiful that you wouldn't even notice Charlie Dimmock if she was there. Then there's Lobber Point, Kellan Head and the coconut scent of the gorse, Port Gaverne beach on a low Spring tide or Port Quin on a high spring. So many, so close.

So don't let 'em get on with it - go there yourself!

*Lobber*

Get on. Now this month I thought it would be of interest to think about something which, from time to time, affects us all. Spots.

Not pimples or boils, or blackheads or whiteheads. No, silly, I mean spots like where we like to be. Little places where we can bide a while and be happy.

Now, take probably the finest spot in Port Isaac - Little Hill. For the uninitiated, it is just outside the entrance to the Old School car park, on the benches behind

## A Ghost in my House

I know he's there  
Oh, but where  
The bathroom creaked,  
Perhaps he's there  
Or was he on the landing?  
It may have only  
been the wind  
No, there it goes again  
It's in the bathroom  
I'll just have to go and see  
Dammit, it was only the cat!

*Molly Farmer*

## Swings to stay

The good news is that the swings at Port Isaac are to be brought up to the required safety standards and resited. However, the Assault Course is to be removed and replaced at some time in the future when funds or grant aid allows. Work on the Trelights Playing Field is also to be completed.

The Parish Council, following the receipt of revised estimates for the cost of vital repairs to the children's play equipment in the Parish, made these decisions at its recent meeting. The work required totalled £10250 plus VAT. With only £3500 currently available to spend

## Monster Music Quiz

A huge thank you to everyone who turned up and supported the Music Quiz. An amazing £750 was raised which will more than cover the cost of a new kiln at Port Isaac School.

We hope everyone had a good time even if they didn't recognise the 'Shakespearean' rendition of 'Bat Out of Hell' from Ted Childs!

*Sam, Dee, Roy, Elaine, Bill & Barbara*

Just for information the top five teams (from a total entry of 23 teams) in the quiz were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Amy's Army
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - The Organ Grinders
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Old Spice
- 4<sup>th</sup> - 'And the Winner is'
- 5<sup>th</sup> - The Mincers

decisions had to be made.

However, Bryan Richards, Chairman of the Amenities Committee, is still trying to obtain grants and funding to enable all the work to be undertaken.

## Successful FOS lunch

A very successful 'Friends of Port Isaac School' lunch raised the amazing sum of £232 which will be used towards the school's forthcoming National Aquarium Trip.

Everyone enjoyed the chance to be 'ladies who lunch' and Helen Brown and her helpers served over 35 lunches and take-aways.

Said Helen, 'A lot more people turned up than we expected so we were really pleased. Thank you everyone for coming along and spending your money'.

## Youth Club thanks

Lots of 'thank yous' this month: Roy & Elaine Brown for the microwave; Rosemary & Peter Williams for the television; Sharon (Shipwrights) for the pool balls; Thursa for the paint; Johns Brown and McDonnell for getting the pool table from Loswithiel and putting it together again with Gary Pattenden.

A special thank you to Angela Walsh who is leaving the village. Angela has been helping and supporting, as well as being our Treasurer, since we started back in November '98.

Unfortunately I will be very busy working from Easter onwards and unless someone steps into the breach, the Youth Club may have to be put on hold until the winter. Any volunteers contact me on 880031.

*Jill Mc*

# Backalong

## Looking back at Port Isaac signs

At the top of Church Hill at the junction of the St Endellion to Longcross road was a signpost which read, 'PORT ISAAC - Impractical for Motors'. It's a pity it's not there now as it would help to ease the traffic chaos at the bottom of Church Hill.

In the 1930s and 40s, at the top of Back Hill (opposite the bus shelter), was a cast iron direction sign which indicated 'TINTAGEL' on one side and 'TINTAGLE' on the reverse. It would appear that the Highways Department could not make up their minds even in those days!

When Leslie Hore Belisha introduced traffic signs in the mid 1930s, the speed limit signs at the top of Port Gaverne hill and in Church Hill were duly installed without cementing them in. The young lads of the day (me included) very soon found out that the signs could be moved round so that they read opposite to that intended.

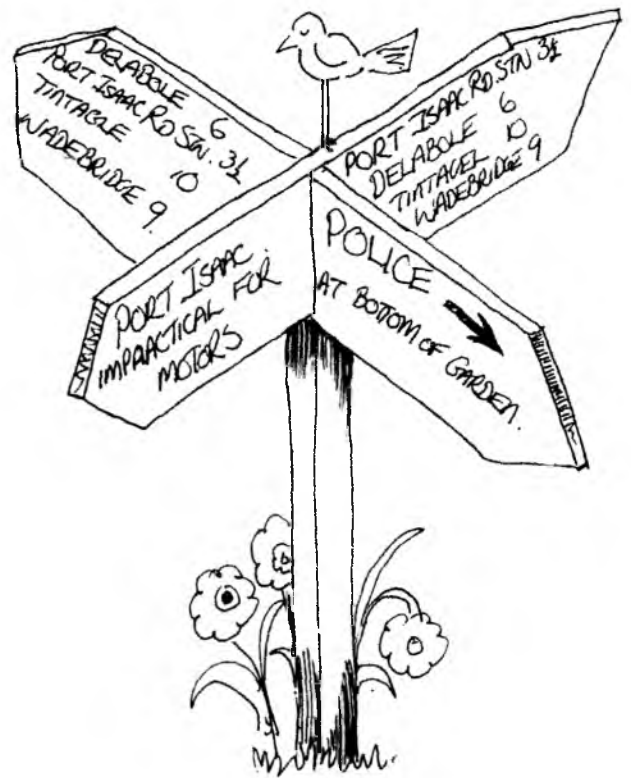
Port Isaac had a resident policeman until the early 1970s and his Station House was 16 Tintagel Terrace. A small office (the outhouse) was used at the back of the house. To refrain people from

calling at the front door the Police Authority had a sign installed in New Road that said 'POLICE AT THE BOTTOM OF GARDEN'.

When George Thomas had an antique shop (which is now Sandie May's Orcades), he had a sign which said, 'CLOSED - if required, playing dominoes in the Golden Lion'.

Clive Hester put a sign in the old Lifeboat House - which is now in the new Lifeboat House - which is very apt, 'RUSH SLOWLY'.

A sign spotted in Buckfastleigh, which would be very suitable if placed on the Cliff Path - 'Dogs are welcome as long



as they only leave their footprints'.

From our man in Fuerteventura,  
David Castle

## Trio copy dates

The Trio copy and publication dates for the remainder of this year are detailed below:

PUBLICATION DATE	COPY DATE
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	May 1 <sup>st</sup>
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	May 29 <sup>th</sup>
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	June 26 <sup>th</sup>
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	July 24 <sup>th</sup>
September 8 <sup>th</sup>	August 28 <sup>th</sup>
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	September 25 <sup>th</sup>
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	October 30 <sup>th</sup>
December 15 <sup>th</sup>	December 4 <sup>th</sup>

### THANKS

My thanks to everyone for their good wishes on my 90th birthday. It was a very happy occasion.

My thanks also to whoever left me a lovely fruit cake topped with marzipan.

*Elizabeth F W May (Aunt Bet)*

## Nicki B left speechless!

Just a few words to say a big thank you to the people who helped me with this year's Dinner & Dance. I hope everyone had as good a night as I did.

Thanks to everyone for the lovely flowers - I think it was the first time in my life I became absolutely speechless!

Thanks to Carol and Richard for doing the shopping, to Nigel for the disco contact, to Linda and Paul for their computer expertise and patience and to

Beth for the mad dash to Bowood on the day and for helping with the horrendous task of table planning!

Maybe we'll do it again.

*Nicki B*

*PS: Damien - what was the naked cabaret all about?!*

## MAGICAL MANAGERS 99/00

### Division One:

1. MAYBEES - Tom Bishop - 488 pts
2. FLYING FOREST - Kevin Honey - 460 pts
3. THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE - Paul Honey - 455 pts

### Division Two:

1. FLY NAVY - Les Honey - 462 pts
2. THE AMBASSADORS OF QUAN - Kevin Grills - 447 pts
3. CHOCOHOLICS - Karen Grills - 436 pts

### Division Three:

1. FALLDOWNERS - Bill Bissett - 500 pts
2. THE TELETUBBIES - Margaret Honey - 489 pts
3. SILLY BILLY WANDERERS - Duane Cock - 470 pts

**PLAYER OF THE MONTH - DWIGHT YORKE - MAN UTD**

Matches up to March 22nd 2000

*Paul & Kev*



# Port Isaac Music Festival

The programme for the Music Festival is really taking shape. The Dulally Tappers (jazz band) have offered their services for our Sunday lunchtime stint on the Platt - weather permitting! Port Isaac Chorale and guests will be performing in the Church in the evening. Then down to the Golden Lion where John (previously of the Dambusters) and Cheryl will lead everyone in a bit of pub singing.

Just to keep you updated, the Festival opens on Thursday night, May 25<sup>th</sup>, with the St Breward Band beginning their summer season of playing on the Platt. Liz Rowe will be playing her harp in the Pottery at various times throughout the weekend. The St Minver Handbell Ringers start the proceedings on the Friday evening on the Platt and they will be followed by Fishermen's Friends. Then into the Golden Lion where a sax and guitar duo are going to perform.

## New name, new faces

We have been looking for the ideal pub for nearly two years and at last found the Shipwright Inn at Port Isaac. Our first change is the name to The Crows Nest.

After closing for a fortnight for refurbishment, we hope that you will appreciate the hard work involved in creating a pleasant environment in which both young and old alike can enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Pool and darts teams will be supported and we will encourage any other community activities. Also the kitchens will re-open, serving a wide range of bar snacks and meals.

We would like to thank you all for making us feel welcome in Port Isaac and a special thank you to those who have helped us achieve our goal of opening on Friday April 7<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 7.00pm. We look forward to seeing you all.

*Mike & Michelle,  
The Crows Nest*

### CLEANER REQUIRED

FOR HOLIDAY COTTAGE AT TREWETHA  
SATURDAY AM

Contact Richard or Carol on 01208 881001

A full programme for Saturday culminates with Steve & Maggie Appleby's Déjà Blues and rock'n'roll guests who will be performing on the Platt (everything crossed for good weather). During the daytime the Wadebridge School Steel Band will perform followed by the St Minver Band.

Monday is still a bit of an unknown quantity but hopefully during the day we will be joining in with the nation-wide 'drum beat' - more to follow when we know more. If you would like to perform during the day then do let us know. Then, the grand finale of the festival will be our Variety Concert in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.



The full programme for the Music Festival will be printed in the May Trio. In the meantime, if you want to know more, or you want to take part or you have any suggestions for acts then telephone Janet Townsend on 01208 880505 or Dee on 01208 880905/880862.

## Seals and dolphins

Two more young seals have been released back into the sea at Port Gaverne by local BDMLR members in conjunction with the Gweek Seal Sanctuary. This pair had tracking caps fitted which made them look a bit like circus seals! In addition to Port Isaac school children, classes from St Kew and Delabole watched the releases.

BDMLR members were also called out to a stranded dolphin at Godrevy Sands on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Local coastguard members guided the BDMLR to the stranding but unfortunately the dolphin died before help could be given.

Dozens of dead dolphins have been washed up on Cornish beaches recently and Dr Nick Tregenza, Cornwall Wildlife Trust Marine Expert thinks that the true number of dead dolphins on our coastline could run into hundreds. He said, 'It happens every winter and the numbers we have seen in Cornwall are just the tip of the ice berg as only about one per cent of the carcasses end up on the beach. Hundreds of common dolphins are being caught up in the huge mid-water trawler nets around the west coasts of Europe.' He stressed that it was not local South Western fishermen who were at fault.

'Common dolphins have a brain as big as ours and great personalities' he added. 'Why should we say goodbye to this beautiful animal just because of commercial self-

interest?' He called on the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the European Commission to do more.

If you see a stranded dolphin, whale or seal locally then contact the BDMLR group on 01208 880765 (Bob Bulgin), 880862 or 880905 (Sam Littlechild) or the RSPCA on 0870 5555999. Keep children and dogs away from the mammal and don't get too close.

### St Endellion Parish Council ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thursday April 13th at 7.30pm  
St Peter's Church Rooms, Port Isaac

Speakers from The National Trust,  
NCDC Fire Brigade  
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# CHURCH NEWS

## United Benefice News

### **Congratulations**

Many congratulations and warm good wishes were expressed by members of all three congregations to Father Michael and Mrs Liz Bartlett on the birth of their first grand child, Zoe Olivia on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Birthday Donations**

Mrs Tren Rush's 80th birthday party at the end of February resulted in the magnificent sum of £500 being donated for equipment at Port Isaac Surgery. Mrs Rush, who lives at Pendoggett, had asked her guests not to give presents but to give a donation to the Surgery.

### **Women's world Day of Prayer**

There was an attendance of nearly 50 at the annual Women's World Day of Prayer held this year in the Church of St James the Great, St Kew. The service, which had been prepared by the women of Indonesia, was conducted by Mrs Penny Manders and an address was given by Mrs Maida Davy.

### **Mothers Union Deanery Meeting**

A Mothers' Union Deanery service and meeting was held at St Tudy recently. The Revd Ronald Howard, Vicar of St Tudy presided at the eucharist and Mr Peter Coster, Reader served and assisted with the administration of the chalice. Mrs Pam Richards, Deanery MU Chairman chaired the meeting and coffee was served by members of St Tudy branch.

### **Julian Group**

The March meeting of the Julian Group which meets for silent prayer and meditation was held in the Rectory, St Endellion and led by Mrs Pam Richards.

### **Healing Eucharists**

A very well-attended United Benefice Eucharist for healing was held at Trefreock Mill, home of Mr & Mrs Maberly. The Revd Judith Pollinger, Curate presided and the service was led by Mrs Maida Davy. They shared in the laying on of hands for healing with Mrs Maberly. Scripture readings were by Mrs Ceinwen Greenwood and Mr Peter Coster, Reader.

The home of Mr & Mrs Barlow was the venue for a healing group eucharist on the second Wednesday in March. The Rector presided and

led the service. Reader was Mrs Frances Kent and Mr & Mrs Barlow shared with Father Michael in the laying on of hands for healing.

### **Study Day**

A study day for clergy and ordinands in training who are also teachers was held at the South West Ministry Training Head-quarters at North Petherwin at the beginning of March. The Revd Judith Pollinger, Assistant Curate attended.

## Port Isaac

### **Christians Together in Port Isaac**

Methodists and Anglicans in Port Isaac and district are planning to continue praying and studying together following a successful first course of worship and Bible study. The six week course was prepared and led by the Revd Carol Holmes, Methodist Minister, the Revd Preb Michael Bartlett, Rector and the Revd Judith Pollinger, Curate.

Now, under the heading of 'Hymns, Prayers & Holy People' three Friday evenings in May will be devoted to talking about the growth of Christian faith through people's favourite hymns, prayers and the influence of other Christians - ordinary or famous, alive or dead - on our lives.

Another new initiative will be joining together for evening worship on one Sunday evening each month in St Peters Church beginning on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00 pm.**

### **First Sunday in Lent**

Children from Sunday School, joined the congregation during the sung eucharist in the church on the First Sunday of Lent. The Revd Judith Pollinger, Curate presided and preached. Prayers of intercession were offered by Mrs Tammy Benger. Mrs Margaret Cann, churchwarden assisted with



by Robin Penna

the administration of the chalice and was sidesperson. The New Testament lesson was read by Mrs Rosemary Castle and server was Mr Francis Larkin. The offertory procession included Mrs Marion Larkin, Mrs Joanna Brown and Mrs Pat Gaunt. Mr Charlie Honey was organist.

### **Ash Wednesday**

The beginning of Lent was marked with a mid-week eucharist which included the placing of a cross in ash on each communicant's forehead. The Revd Preb Michael Bartlett, Rector presided.

## St Endellion

### **Archdeacon's Farewell Visit**

The Venerable Rodney Whiteman,



much-loved Archdeacon of Bodmin made his farewell visit to the Collegiate Church of St Endellion on the Second Sunday Before Lent when he preached at the Sung Eucharist. He was warmly welcomed by the Revd Preb Michael Bartlett, Rector, who presided at the service. The Archdeacon will be moving to Truro to become Archdeacon of Cornwall. A deanery farewell party for the Archdeacon and Christine, his wife, will be held at Pencarrow House on Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup>, when a presentation will be made to them.

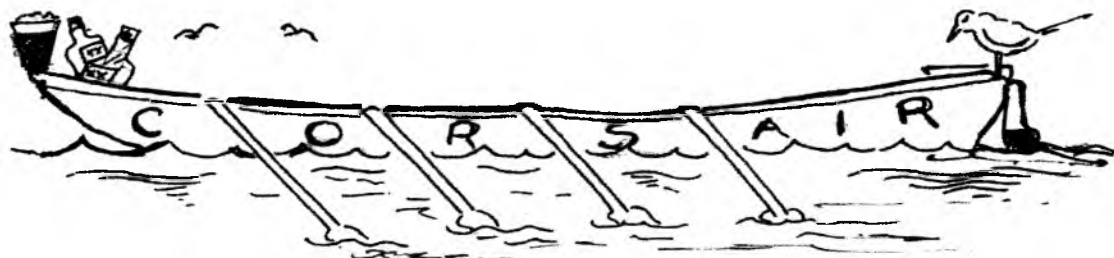
### **Ash Wednesday Service**

The solemn season of Lent began with a sung Eucharist on Ash Wednesday evening. Over 30 people from St Endellion and St Kew congregations attended the service during which each was marked on the forehead with a cross in ash made from the burning of the previous year's palm crosses. The Revd Preb Michael Bartlett, Rector presided, assisted by the Revd Judith Pollinger, Curate. There was a gospel procession which included the Rector, who read the gospel, Mrs Frances Kent, who was thurifer, churchwarden Mr Roger Richards, who was crucifer, Mrs Sandra Warne and Mrs Katrina Gill, acolytes and servers and Mr Russell Pollinger,

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# Gig news



Last Saturday we finally turned Corsair over ready to give her innards a quick lick of paint to spruce her up ready for the water. Lifting her, which is usually no mean task considering her water-logged state, was on this occasion a bit like those silly levitation games we all played at school. We all took a deep breath in preparation of the effort required, girded our loins and whoosh, up she went in the air, as light as feather. What a weird sensation! So given a little more fair painting weather she should be back in the water in the next week or so.

Saturday just gone is the reason that until now I've kept Dee waiting for this missive.

Had you passed the Village Hall you would have heard us having a rollicking (appropriate, don't you think) good time. Exactly how the sums for the night pan out I am not yet aware, but we certainly had a damn fine evening courtesy of Déjà Blues. Thanks to all who donated food (not forgetting kind donations of cash from people who were

unable to make the night), the evening's entertainment cost us little. I think we might expect a profit of about £150. Its good to know that we can have a cracking night out and still make a profit!!

Our application for funding under the Awards for All scheme is now in the post. Our sports advisor for the area has said that we stand a very good chance of benefiting from an award.

Interestingly, he also said that, as we have now decided to make an effort to fund raise for a new boat (as we have been unable to locate a second hand one for sale), should we be successful in our application for an award on this occasion our success will not preclude us from applying for Sport England Funding as well. An application for funding from this source stands only a 20% chance of success however. It's a far more difficult application to shape as it relies on our being able to establish a need rather than a want. So lets keep our finger crossed that our initial application is received favourably. We should

hear within the next twelve weeks one way or another.

Following a fundraising meeting last week we have lots of events in the pipeline. Details later. The first I should mention though is to be duck racing in the leat on Easter Sunday! A soggy but fun affair undoubtedly!

If you do fancy coming down to try a row, now is the time to get in touch. We are especially keen to hear from any youngsters who would like to have a go; we seem to have plenty of keen girls but where are the boys? Come on you lot, you can't let the girls get the better of you on this one! Come down and try it out, if you hate it there's nothing lost, but you won't know until you've tried it out will you? Give me a call on 880834, I shall be delighted to hear from you.

A final word of thanks to all those who lent their support last Saturday, long live Déjà Blues, we love you !!!

*Nicola*  
telephone 01208 880834

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gospel-bearer. The New Testament lesson was read by Mrs Katrina Gill. Organist was Mrs Helen Bennett and sacristan was Mrs Pam Richards.

## **Vespers for the Dead**

After the Ash Wednesday sung eucharist, the body of the late Miss Honor Barlow was received into church and a service of Vespers for the dead was conducted by the Rector.

## **Jumble Sale**

Another successful jumble sale, held in St Endellion Church Hall, raised £107.65 for church funds. The event was organised by the church's fund-raising committee.

## **Family Peal**

A peal on the bells was rung by the members of one family. It was practice night and, unusually, the ringers in the family were all present in the tower at the same time. They were Mr Tom Warne, churchwarden and his wife Mrs

Sandra Warne, along with their son Mr James Warne and their daughter-in-law, Mrs Penny Warne and their daughter and son-in-law, Mrs Katrina & Mr Stephen Gill.

## **Ringers Service and Meeting**

Over 80 ringers, members of their families and friends, came to St Endellion Church for the annual service and meeting of the Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers. Bells rang out from a number of towers in the North Cornwall. The Revd Preb Michael Bartlett, Rector welcomed the group and conducted the service at which he also gave a short sermon.

## **Prebendaries' Visit**

Each Lent, the Prebendaries of the Collegiate Church of St Endellion are invited to the church to preside and preach at the morning sung eucharist.

On the First Sunday in Lent it was the turn of the Revd Preb David Wills who was welcomed by the

Rector, Prebendary Michael Bartlett. Bells were rung before the service

On the Second Sunday of Lent, Preb Robert Strange, Vicar of Newlyn presided and preached at the sung eucharist in the church.

## **Worship By Candlelight**

The beauty of St Endellion Church was enhanced by the light of many candles for a service of evening worship with chants from the community of Taizé on the First Sunday in Lent. The Revd Preb Michael Bartlett, Rector arranged and led the service and presented a meditation on Christ's temptations in the wilderness. The rector was also cantor for the psalm. Readers were Mr Ian Barlow and the Revd Judith Pollinger, Curate. Prayers were offered by Mrs Sue Barlow, Mrs Ceinwen Greenwood and Mrs Diana Maberly. Bells rang out for an hour before the well-attended service.

*Judith Pollinger*  
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# Easter treats

Roast lamb is traditionally served on Easter Sunday and, with new potatoes and spring vegetables, what could be more delicious? To start the meal, I suggest a little smoked salmon, served with crème fraiche and spring onion drop scones. Chocolate and rum mousse would make the perfect dessert.

## Spring Onion Drop Scones

100g/4oz plain flour  
pinch salt  
1 level tsp bicarbonate soda  
1½ level tsp cream of tartar  
1 egg  
150ml/¼pt milk  
4 spring onions finely sliced  
corn or sunflower oil to fry

### Method

Sieve all of the dry ingredients into a mixing bowl. Break the egg into the middle and with a wooden spoon mix in the milk. When well incorporated use a whisk and beat well until your batter is smooth. This process can be done in a food processor. Add the sliced onions. Allow to stand a while. Stir well before use.

Heat a solid frying pan well and wipe the surface with a small amount of oil. Drop a tablespoon of the mixture onto the hot pan, four or five at a time

ensuring there is space between each spoonful of batter. Cook until the mixture forms little bubbles and then turn the scone over with a spatula. Cook for about a minute on the other side then remove and keep warm in a tea towel. Repeat the process until all the mixture has been used.

It is important that the next recipe is made with a good quality chocolate such as Bournville or similar. Chocolate substitutes will not give a good result.

## Chocolate Mousse

200g/8oz plain chocolate  
4 large eggs  
25g/1oz castor sugar  
150ml/¼pt double cream  
3tsp rum or brandy

### Method

Break chocolate into a bowl over a saucepan of hot water (not boiling) and melt. Separate the whites from the egg yolks into separate bowls. Beat the yolks into the melted chocolate together with the sugar and half the cream. Beat over the hot water until thick. Remove from heat and fold in the remaining cream mixed with the rum. Whisk the egg whites until stiff. Fold a tablespoon of the egg white into the chocolate mixture with a metal spoon and when well incorporated fold in the rest using figure of eight movements with your spoon. Pour into a glass bowl and refrigerate for at least an hour before decorating by grating some extra chocolate over the top. Orange juice may be used instead of rum.

NB When whisking egg whites, there must be no trace of yolk in the white and the bowl must be scrupulously clean. If there is any trace of fat, the whites will not whisk to stiff peaks. The tiniest trace of yolk in the whites may be counteracted by adding a small pinch of salt.

## North Cornwall Conservative Association

At the recently held AGM of the St Endellion Branch of the North Cornwall Conservative Association, held at the Castle Rock Hotel, the following officers were appointed:

**President** - Mr J Cunningham  
**Chairman/Secretary** - Mr J Watson  
**Vice Chairman** - Mr David Bolton  
**Treasurer** - Mrs B M Watson

**Committee:** Mrs P Richards, Mrs Z Fry, Mr I Honey

The following events were arranged:

**Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup>** - Salmon Lunch at the Mill, Port Isaac (by kind permission of Mr & Mrs J Watson)

**Tuesday August 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Coffee Morning at the Badgers, Trelights (by kind permission of Mr & Mrs G Kay)

**Friday November 10<sup>th</sup>** - Supper & Musical Evening at the Castle Rock Hotel

## Air Ambulance News

By the time you read this most of our winter stock will have been sold in the sale and lots of spring and summer wear will be on display.

The Easter Draw will take place shortly so come and buy your tickets - there are some really good prizes kindly donated by private individuals and businesses.

Takings for February totalled £401.35 and this included lots of items at half price or less in the sale. Many thanks again to our supporters and especially the two very young ladies who donated £2 each out of their pocket money - we are very grateful.

We wish all our customers a very happy Easter and look forward to seeing you all in the shop. Opening times are on the door and we are hoping to remain open on Saturday mornings from now on - subject to the availability of our volunteers.

**STOP PRESS:** Many thanks to the local lady who recently made a donation of £15. It was much appreciated.

Jane Sadler

# Three opinions and a Village Hall *and associated matters*

## ***The Village Hall and the Playing Fields - a personal view from George Steer***

There were fourteen of us in the Village Hall for its AGM. The Chairman (Steve Appleby) was delighted that, for once, non-committee members outnumbered committee members. The discussion was wide-ranging but eventually came down to the fact that the Hall barely pays its way and could be running at a loss if even minor structural alterations have to be made.

For the prices that are charged, the Hall is subsidising the organisations using it. This may be a laudable aim but I would suggest that it should not apply across the board. Youth activities could be differentiated from adult ones and non-profit making from profit making. In my view these would only be short-term remedies.

The Hall is over 100 years old. It is not architecturally very beautiful and I think that its shelf life is long gone. If nostalgia is set aside then the Hall could be sold (Charity Commissioners being agreeable) and the proceeds put towards building an up-to-date community hall on the playing fields with changing rooms, a kitchen which is hygienic and a moderate sized hall/room which is comfortable and warm.

In one fell swoop it would deal with the problems experienced by the Village Hall and the Playing Fields Committees, the major problem being apathy.

The Playing Fields Committee has met with the same problem as the Parish Council. We have a quote for removing part of the hedge between the two fields and separating an area at the bottom of the field for looking over Port Gaverne. We have plans drawn up for changing rooms although they would have to be altered to incorporate a hall. There would be easy access and parking and a fenced play area. Think about it!

Shortly there will be two public meetings, one for the Playing Fields and the other for the Village Hall. Please, please come to these

meetings - the Hall and the Playing Fields belong to us.

I should add a rider - constructive criticism can be useful but destructive criticism and negative attitudes only undermine the efforts of those who try.

See you there - whether you agree with my sentiments or not!

## ***The Village Hall - a personal view from Dee Randell***

As I see it there are two options for the Village Hall. One is that it is sold and the money is put into a static fund to be invested in a community charity project in the future. The second is that we realise just what an asset we've got and make the most of it.

Built in 1895 as the Temperance Hall, the Village Hall is situated probably just about central for everyone. It could not be described as a beautiful building but it has its charm and a view to die for. It is the only venue in the village with an entertainments licence and is the ideal, and well used, venue for dances, discos, parties, concerts etc. It is also the home for the village Youth Club and the 'Mums and Monsters' group.

A new hall as part of the proposed playing fields complex at the top of the village sounds wonderful. But what happens while the money is raised to build it? Do the village children and young people just get put on hold - by the time it all gets done they could have children of their own.

Another major grouse about the Village Hall is the lack of parking - but it is on a par with most of Port Isaac. At the very most the Hall is just ten minutes walk from anywhere in the village.

The steps are treacherous - I agree. But with some money and a lot of goodwill they could be changed. Let's face it, adequate lighting and rails would help as an interim measure.

The kitchen - it's been condemned. But again, a few fundraising events to raise the money to buy units and materials etc and some willing

volunteers and in a weekend there could be a new kitchen. A new and useable kitchen would also encourage more usage of the Hall. A review of the rental rates and it could be well on the way to being a viable proposition, well used and part of village life again.

If that could happen the plans drawn up some time ago for the complete refurbishment of the hall - involving the small sum of £50,000 - could be brought out again, dusted down, tweaked where necessary and matched funding sought to put them into action.

If you are interested then go along to the Public Extraordinary General Meeting on May 18th. Make your views heard.

## ***The Village Hall or a Hall for all - a personal view from Jon Cleave***

Reading the Cornish Guardian on March 30<sup>th</sup> was very distressing for anyone with any regard for Port Isaac. Three news stories had been published about the village. Without exception they alluded to the closure, proposed closure or otherwise dispensing of facets of our communities amenities, i.e. the Main at Port Gaverne, the Village Hall and the playing field equipment.

Whilst I fully appreciate that there are sound reasons as to why these situations have developed, anyone reading those articles would be put under the immediate impression that we are a community in terminal decline.

You and I know that this is far from the case. We have a vibrant, caring community that is forever engaged in activities involving all age groups. I can tell you from my own experience that many visitors are quite astonished at the level of community based activities that happen here and who bemoan the lack of similar opportunities in their home towns. Far from being in decline, I would contend that as far as these things are concerned we are in the ascendancy.

Let me list some of the activities and organisations currently active in

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I'm sure all of you have had pot plants affected by vine weevil - holes in the leaves and nasty, fat, white grubs in the compost. I saw an advert for a new product by Bio called Provadox. You just water it in - well worth a try.

Recently I have been repotting a lot of my container plants that have been existing for many years in the same compost which obviously gets stale or non-existent as the root ball enlarges. Some have gone into bigger pots and some, after a good shake and removal of the old compost, have been happily returned to their original containers surrounded by nice fresh compost.

The temptation in the lovely warm days we have been enjoying is to sow annuals straight into the garden but wait a while. The ground is still cold. Instead, take advantage of the dry days and do some maintenance. Paint the shed - after tidying it out! Sweep out the greenhouse. Paint any wrought iron with rust resistant paint. When I next write I am sure spring really will be here!

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this village (population around 1000!): the lifeboat, football club, cricket club, gig club, Golden Circle, Sunday School, Historical Society, Mums & Monsters, Youth Club, Port Isaac 2000, Port Isaac Chorale, Carn Awn Singers, Déjà Blues Band and the fabulous Fisherman's Friends. Add to those the many I've probably forgotten and the ones we used to have that may one day be resurrected (the PIP's?) and any others that one of you out there has a mind to start. Then add all the quizzes, concerts and other one-off occurrences in which we indulge. See what I mean?

Thus, we seem to have a great disparity. On the one hand, all these marvellous community based things. Yet, on the other hand, nowhere quite suitable in the community to provide a focal point for them when the need arises.

I know that for many of you the Village Hall holds a great sentimental and often nostalgic attraction. The Cornish Guardian printed the opinion that with four other halls and commercial premises available it was underused. The basic premise of this argument is false. The Village Hall is underused because it is:  
 \* in disrepair. Anyone who has the responsibility for the maintenance of an old building knows the costs of keeping them in good repair, internally and externally. The Village Hall committee can only effect repairs if they have the finance available. If it is not used there is no finance. No finance, no repairs. And just remember, we are talking repairs, not refurbishment which is an entirely different matter.

\* dangerous. Apart from the

obvious problem with the steps, there are numerous examples within the Hall itself of accidents waiting to happen. It is lethal, certainly to children and old people. \* inflexible. A committee meeting requires a small, intimate space. A concert requires a much larger one. Playgroups or Sunday Schools need smaller more confined areas. There is no scope whatsoever to adapt the interior of the Hall to suit whatever function is being undertaken.

I hope the present Village Hall committee does not take offence at these remarks as they are in no way aimed at you. I have no doubt that without your efforts it would have folded long ago.

Sadly, I feel that the evidence suggests that the usability of this Hall and others like it has passed us by but happily there is enough 'going on' here to justify renewed efforts for a multifunctional building which would cater for the broad range of activities going on in the village.

Now, I recall from several issues of Trio ago that the Church seems to be in a similar position to the Village Hall, ie pivotal in the community and possessing real estate, but underused and underfunded. Is it impertinent of me to wonder whether the twain can meet? I don't think it is. I would suggest that a purpose built hall, funded by the sale of the current Village Hall (in today's sky high market) and built (dare I say it? Yes, I dare) on the site of St Peter's Church Rooms. It would be a joint venture of Church and community and usable by everyone and I'm sure satisfy many, many more than the current set up. There, I've said it and I'm sure it's going to annoy a lot of you. But it's not meant to

## Obituaries

### Sylvia May Townsend

A number of neighbours and friends attended the funeral service of Mrs Townsend at the Glynn Valley Crematorium. Mrs Townsend, of 9 Silvershell View, died at the Mount Edgcombe Hospice on March 2<sup>nd</sup> aged 69 years. We express our condolences to her close relatives.

### Emily May Hadfield

Mrs Hadfield, aged 95 years, died on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the St Breock Nursing Home. She was one of the eldest residents of the village and lived at 23 New Road. Her cremation was at Glynn Valley and her funeral service was conducted by the Rector, Revd Preb Michael Bartlett. We express our sympathy to her family in their bereavement.

### Harold Warmby

The funeral service and interment has taken place at the Collegiate Parish Church of St Endellion for Mr Harold Warmby, aged 82. Mr Warmby of Newquay, passed away on March 24<sup>th</sup> in Treliske Hospital, Truro. We express our sympathy especially to Thelma and other close relatives in their sad loss.

### Memorial Service for Doreen Aldridge

Relatives and friends of Dolly Aldridge attended a special Thanksgiving and Memorial Service in St Peter's Church on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. This was conducted by Rev Judith Pollinger, Curate. Dolly passed away at her home, 6 Silvershell Road, on Christmas Day, and her funeral service was held in London.

*Charlie Honey*

annoy, it's meant to provoke positive thoughts. Good luck to those of you who give your time to running both of these old halls. Sadly I cannot help but feel that you shouldn't have to for much longer.

Please, if you feel that you would like to reply to this, do so in a constructive way which offers us a way forward to providing a suitable facility for our community.

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# George's ramblings

What a marvellous evening the Monster Music Quiz turned out to be! Our team didn't do too well, even though we had Annie Philp and Andrew Dingle given to us on free transfers.

When the next one comes around, as surely it must, I reckon it should be on a handicap basis, eg each team starts with a number of points equal to the total ages of the team members. If most of the ladies decide to be 21 again, so be it.

Our team was handicapped from the start. He was called Terry Gifford. He only answered ten questions all evening and seven of them were wrong, net result minus seven. I answered one correctly (Albinoni) but I didn't recognise my own voice nor did I know where the lyrics came from (something to do with some insects, an army NCO and a condiment - or that's what it sounded like to me when the answers were given out in a foreign accent). *Ed: Just to put the record straight, the lyrics were from Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds by the Beatles!* It surprised me that I know so much music that they didn't ask questions about. Handsome evening, none the less.

## Port Isaac Chorale

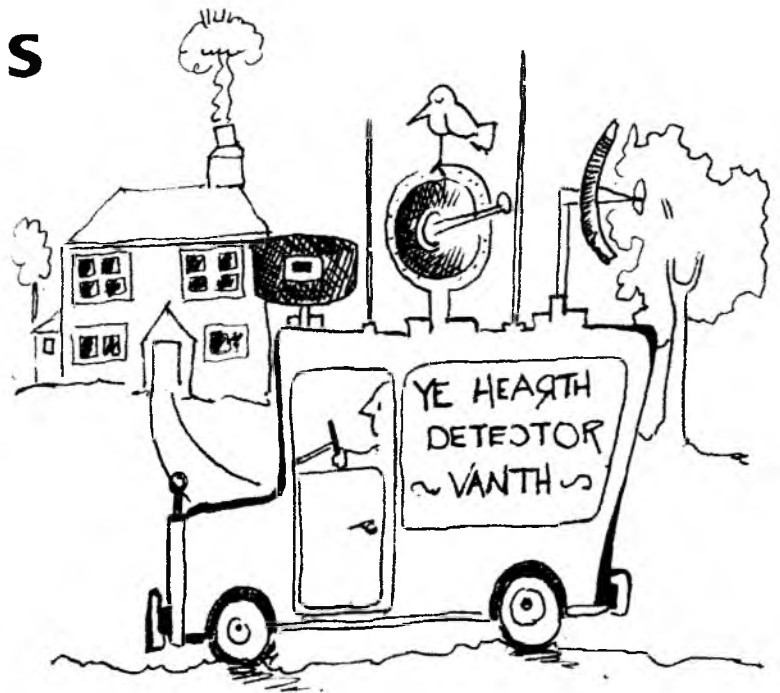
Rambling on about music, the Port Isaac Chorale took part in two music festivals recently. We won the Mixed Choir Class at Wadebridge, even though we didn't sing well according to our standards. It just happened that we were the only choir in that Class - but we did participate.

At Truro, in the County Championships for Intermediate Choirs and Mixed Choirs with less than thirty voices, we came second in both classes to the Goonvrea Singers. They are good! Intermediate class they are not. In fact, they were in the Advanced Class the next evening. We have some good singers in our choir, and one or two who aren't so good, and the Goonvrea have to audition for places. Janet takes people such as me and gets a reasonable sound in spite of! Amazing!

We're going to Camelford School soon to be on a CD with a school's singing group and then with a wind band - about 50 youngsters creating a gale. Good fun!

## History Group

The History Group is really going to town this year with its Annual Exhibition. Keep the dates free - July 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in the Church Rooms. It should be a humdinger and we'll be launching our first book of photographs at the same time.



## Looking Back

In the last Trio I mentioned the Roscarrocks and I was intrigued to see that they were not signatories to the Cornwall Protestation Returns of 1641.

You will recall that all males over 18 who signed had to "promise, vow and protest to maintain and defend the true Reformed Protestant Church against all Popery and Popish things within this realm". Just one piece of the fight between Parliamentarians (Roundheads) and Charles I (Royalists).

Thomas Roscarrock was a Royalist through and through and was one of Sir Richard Grenville's trusted aides in the Civil War.

In Elizabeth I's reign, Nicholas was a Catholic Recusant - that is he refused to attend the Church of England when it was legally compulsory. He was accused of this dastardly deed in 1577 at Launceston Assizes, imprisoned in the Tower from 1580-1586 and racked in 1581.

I think I would have gone to church and kept my fingers crossed behind my back!

## Back to Kilmarth

When I mentioned in the last edition of Trio that Henry Symons didn't know where Kilmarth (mentioned in the Doomsday Book) was, I was doing him an injustice. He is not certain as to its whereabouts. There is a difference. He'll come up with the goods dreckly, I'm sure.

## Taxes

Finally, after Gordon Brown's budget, I was thinking of taxes and how to avoid them. Taxes have been with us for yonks and even income tax has been around for 200 years. It was temporary - to help us beat Napoleon. Politicians were always weasly with words. One of the old taxes was the Hearth Tax of 1662. You were exempt if you were on poor relief, if you didn't pay Parish rates or if your house was worth less than £1 per annum. The tax was 2/- (10p) per hearth, payable in two instalments at Lady Day and Michaelmas. People were blocking up their fireplaces in droves to escape the tax. An interesting point was that, in St Endellion parish, Dorothy Grenville had a house (manor, mansion) with 22 hearths. There were only a dozen places in the whole of Cornwall with more and they were owned by people who were seriously rich. I haven't seen Richard Sloman since I read about the tax, but I wouldn't mind betting (10p) that Roscarrock was owned by said Dorothy Grenville.

My head's aching with all this thinking and it's nearly time for the Boat Race. Cheers!

*Zzz.pi./gsnore*

## ROAD SAFETY

As the season approaches and with more traffic and parked cars around the village, remind your children to take care when out playing, especially on their bikes. In a recent incident a young lad was knocked off his bike. Luckily it was not too serious. This might not be the case next time.

# schoolchat



from the pupils of Port Isaac School

## Talking of Babies

We are all very pleased that Mrs Pitt is going to have a baby. But we are extremely sad that she is going to leave our school.

Talking of babies, Jan, our school secretary

has had her baby. She is a little girl called Cheyanne Nicole.

Yet another baby is Mrs Berrington's, our old junior teacher. She has a boy who is called Samuel Isaac.

So we are used to hearing about babies now!

*Rebecca Rowe*

**THIS MONTH'S REPORTERS WERE**  
**EMMA LANYON (11),**  
**REBECCA ROWE (11)**  
**and KALEY OLD (11).**

## Netball news

A lot of fans came to watch a very well played home match between Port Isaac School and Delabole School. Sadly Port Isaac lost 14-8.

The team was Ben Andrews, Natalie Andrews, Jessica Bishop, Andrew Grills, Ellen Rowe, Penny Stewardson and Charlotte Wells.

*Emma Lanyon*

## Football team news

On 28<sup>th</sup> of March Port Isaac went to St Tudy to play their first ever away match.

For Port Isaac we had Andrew Grills, Josh Grills, Chris Dawe, newcomer Penny Stewardson, Lucy Cotton, Matthew Cotton, Jack Brewer, Jacob Pattenden, William Rowe, Mark Grimmitt, James Strout, Daniel Grills, Charlie Guard and Leo Witcomb.

They all put great effort into the game but sadly we lost 1-0 to St Tudy. Dale Beasley scored the goal in the first half. We had a Barbie Footballer Penny Stewardson who played an excellent first match. She was also girl of the match.

*Kaley Old*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Easter Service in the School Hall at 2.30pm on Wednesday April 12th.

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School closes for the Easter Holidays at 2.30pm on Friday April 14th

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First day of the Summer Term on Tuesday May 2nd

## Hunting by Jessica Bishop

I graze in the field but something catches my eye,  
20 odd hounds jump over the sty.  
Men on horseback follow close behind,  
Not knowing the meaning of being kind.  
Then a flash of red runs across the field,  
He has nothing not even a shield.  
The poor old fox jumps over a stream,  
Then behind him he hears a loud scream.  
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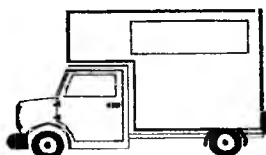
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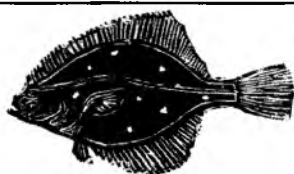
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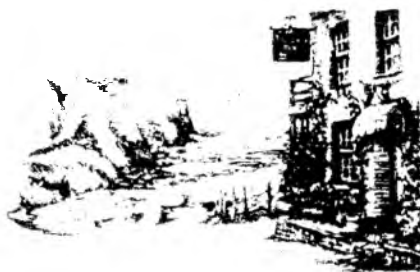
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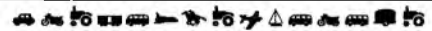
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# diary dates

**Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Jumble Sale in the Church Rooms for Port Isaac Chorale - 10.30am

**Monday April 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Parish Council Meeting in the Church Rooms, Port Isaac - 7.30pm

**Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Annual Parish Meeting in the Church Rooms, Port Isaac - 7.30pm

**Friday April 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>**  
32<sup>nd</sup> Local Artists Exhibition at the Port Gaverne Inn

**Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Show of Hands in Concert at Port Isaac Pottery - 8.00pm

**Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup> - Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
St Endellion Easter Festival

**Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Spring Mini-Market in St Peter's Church Rooms - 10.30am

**Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup>**  
RNLI Clay Pigeon Shoot on the Colquite Estate - 10.30am-5.30pm

**Monday May 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Parish Council Meeting in the Church Rooms - 7.30pm

**Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Farmhouse Carvery at Poltreworgye, Trelill - 7.30pm. Tickets £6 from church wardens or 01208 850465. Raising funds for St Endellion Church

**Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Village Hall Public Meeting in the Hall - 7.30pm

**Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup> - Monday May 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Port Isaac 2000 Music Festival

**Wednesday May 31<sup>st</sup>**  
RNLI Coffee Morning at Mermaid Cottage, Rose Hill - 10.30am

**Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Garden Party at 'Cropstone', Pityme - 12.30pm. Tickets £6 from church wardens or 01208 850465. Raising funds for St Endellion Church

**Monday June 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Parish Council Meeting at Trelights - 7.30pm

**Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Friends of Port Isaac School Summer Fayre

**Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>**  
RNLI Lifeboat Sunday on the Platt - 12.45pm  
RNLI Open Day

**Thursday June 29<sup>th</sup>**  
St Peter's Day. Strawberry Cream Tea in St Peter's Church Rooms

**Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup>**  
'Free Spirit' Coffee Morning (children's cancer charity) - time and venue to follow

**Wednesday July 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Coffee Morning & Plant Sale at Vyvian & Katie Griffiths. Raising funds for St Endellion Church

**Friday July 7<sup>th</sup> - July 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Local Historical Group

Exhibition in the Church Rooms - with refreshments

**Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Salmon Lunch at the Mill, Port Isaac for the North Cornwall Conservative Association

**Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Friends of Port Isaac School Scavenger Hunt, BBQ and Disco - 3.00pm start

**Wednesday July 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Summer Mini-Market in St Peter's Church Rooms - 10.30am

**Thursday July 27<sup>th</sup>**  
RNLI Coffee Morning at 'The Signal Post', New Road - 10.30am

**Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday August 11<sup>th</sup>**  
42<sup>nd</sup> St Endellion Summer Festival

**Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Mums & Monsters Summer Fete on the Playing Fields - 12 noon onwards

**Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup>**  
BBQ in St Endellion Rectory Garden. Raising funds for St Endellion Church

RNLI Flag Day

**Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup>**  
RNLI Coffee Morning in the Boathouse - 10.30am

**Tuesday August 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Coffee Morning at Badgers, Trelights for the North Cornwall Conservative Association

**Wednesday August 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
RNLI Cream Teas at Trewetha Farm - 3.00pm-5.00pm

**Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup>**  
RNLI Lifeboat Larks on the Platt - 11.00am onwards

**Friday September 1<sup>st</sup> - Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
St Endellion Church Flower Festival - '*Cornish Places and their History*'. Raising funds for St Endellion Church

**Friday September 15<sup>th</sup>**  
RNLI Harvest Festival & Auction at the Cornish Arms. Pendoggett - 8.00pm

**Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>**  
St Peter's Church Harvest Thanksgiving

**Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup>**  
RNLI Cajun Evening in the Village Hall - 7.30pm

**Friday November 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Supper & Musical Evening at the Castle Rock Hotel for the North Cornwall Conservative Association

**Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Silent Auction at Bodannon Farm, Trewetha. Raising funds for St Endellion Church

**Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup>**  
RNLI Christmas Coffee Morning at the Castle Rock Hotel - 10.30am

**Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Annual Bingo in aid of the mentally handicapped in St Peter's Church Rooms, Port Isaac - 7.30pm

**Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Village Christmas Party organised by Port Isaac 2000

## CHURCH SERVICES & MEETINGS

**St Peter's Church, Port Isaac** - Every Sunday at 10.00am

(times vary when Family Services are held - see Notice Board)

**St Endellion Church** - Every Sunday at 11.00am

**Trelights Methodist Church** - Sunday Service - 6.00pm;

Fellowship Service - last Thursday in the month at 7.00pm

**Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>** - Evening Worship with Taizé music -

Preacher the Rt Revd Michael Ball, former Bishop of Truro, in St

Endellion Church at 7.00 pm

**Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Eucharist for Healing at St Peter's

Church, Port Isaac - 7.30 pm

**Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>** - 'Christians Together: Hymns, Prayers & Holy

People, Session One - Hymns' in Port Isaac Primary School -

7.00 pm

**Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>** - 'Christians Together: Hymns, Prayers & Holy

People, Session Two - Prayers' in Port Isaac Primary School -

7.00 pm

**Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup>** - Evening Worship with Taizé Music in St

Endellion Church - 7.00 pm

## REGULAR MEETINGS

**Mums & Monsters** - every Thursday (not during school

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**Sunday School** - Every Sunday during term time at 9.50am in

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**Youth Club** - Every Thursday or Friday evening from

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**Golden Circle** - The second Thursday of every month in the

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**Local History Group** - The first Friday in the month in the

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**Port Isaac Chorale** - Every Tuesday from 8.00pm-10.00pm in

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**Carn Awn Singers** - Every Monday at 8.00pm in Trelights

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