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diary dates



Friday December 15th
Switch-on of Trelights
Christmas Lights - 7.00pm

Saturday December 16th
Big Switch-on of Port
Isaac's Christmas Lights
with the St Breward Silver
Band. Carol singing led by
members of the
Fishermen's Friends, Port
Isaac Chorale and the Carn
Awn Singers. Mulled wine
and mince pies. Everybody
welcome - 6.30pm

Sunday December 17th
Christmas Carol Service in
St Peter's Church, Port
Isaac - 6.00pm



Monday December 18th
Carn Awn Singers and
Friends go carol singing
around the village
starting at Mayfield Road
at 7.00pm

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

**Wednesday December
20th**
Port Isaac Chorale
Christmas Carol Concert
in St Endellion Church -
7.30pm

**Thursday December
28th, Friday December
29th & Tuesday January
2nd 2001**
The Port Isaac Panto -
*Sleeping Beauty and the
Beast of Bodmin* -
presented by the Port
Isaac Players (PIPs) in the
Village Hall

**New Year's Eve - Sunday
December 31st 2000/
Monday January 1st 2001**
Celebrate the New Year
on the Platt with Port
Isaac 2000. Mulled wine
from 10.30pm onwards

Monday January 8th
Parish Council Meeting in
the Church Rooms, Port
Isaac - 7.30pm

Saturday February 3rd
General Knowledge Quiz
in the Village Hall

Saturday March 3rd
Port Isaac's Hospice Day
2001 for Mount
Edgumbe in St Peter's
Church Rooms - sale at

10.30am, Lunch from
12noon

Saturday March 31st
BIG SATURDAY in the
Village Hall. Men's Coffee
Morning followed by
Lunches followed by an
Afternoon Tea Dance
followed by an early
evening Kid's Disco and
concluding with another
Sixties Night - Can you
stand the pace?

Thursday April 19th
Village Hall Grand Auction
in the Village Hall

Sunday August 19th
RNLI Fun Day on the Platt -
fun for all the family

REGULAR MEETINGS

Mums & Monsters - every Tuesday and Thursday (not
during school holidays) from 10.00am to 12 noon in the
Village Hall. Contact Debbie Pattenden on 01208
880028

Sunday School - Every Sunday during term time at
9.50am in the Church Rooms. Contact Tracey
Greenhalgh on 01208 880215

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

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

Carn Awn Singers - Every Monday at 8.00pm in
Trelights Chapel. Contact Joan Murray on 01208
880548

Golden Circle - The second Thursday in the month from
October to April in the Cornish Café from 2.30pm -
4.00pm. Contact Penny Manders on 01208 880022

Yoga - Every Monday from 11.00am - 12.30pm in the
Village Hall. Contact Tracey Greenhalgh on 01208
880215

Badminton - Every Thursday from 8.00pm - 10.00pm in
the Village Hall. Contact Paul Worden on 01208 880397

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 month at 7.00pm

Christmas services

Christmas Eve - Sunday December 24th

9.30 am - Sung Eucharist at St Kew

10.00 am - Sung Eucharist at St Peter's, Port Isaac

11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Endellion

3.00 pm - Christingle Service at St Peter's, Port Isaac

4.00 pm - Christingle Service at St Kew

Midnight Mass - 11.30 pm - St Peter's, Port Isaac with
The Rector

Midnight Mass - 11.30 pm - St Endellion with Preb Jim
Vincent

Midnight Mass - 11.30 pm - St Kew with The Curate

Christmas Day

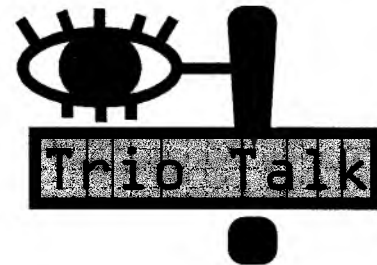
Christmas Family Communion - 11.00 am -
St Endellion Church

Tuesday December 26th - St Stephen's Day 8.00 am
Eucharist - St Endellion Church

Wednesday December 27th - St John the Evangelist
10.00 am Eucharist - St Peter's, Port Isaac

Thursday December 28th - Holy Innocents 8.00 am
Eucharist - St Endellion

See in the New Year with Port Isaac 2000



A big 'sorry' to those of you who were looking forward to the Barn Dance and Village Christmas Party. Unfortunately, we had to cancel it as a lot of people were attending other functions on the same night. The good news is that the Cavaliers (the band) were very understanding and hopefully will be able to come when we reset the date for sometime next year. More news in the February Trio.

New Year's Eve

What we will not be cancelling is New Year's Eve when we will be saying a thanks to everyone for their support throughout the year and serving mulled wine from the Boathouse (a big thank you to Bob

Monk for giving us permission to use the Boathouse again this year) from about 10.30pm onwards.

A very Happy Christmas and New Year. See you at the Village Clock on New Year's Eve.

The Port Isaac 2000 Committee



Are you ready for Big Saturday?

It's been quite a year for the Village Hall – one minute it's on it's last legs and the next it's going from strength to strength. Fundraising has gone really well and we now have enough money for our new kitchen although things are slightly delayed due to red tape – planning, health and safety, fire regulations etc.



BIG SATURDAY

However, we're still reasonably optimistic that it will be finished in time for our proposed **BIG SATURDAY** on Saturday March 31st. If by any chance things are really held up then we may have to put it off for a week or so but we can still amaze and astound you with what's going to be happening.

First of all the men are going to put on a repeat performance of their 'Men Only' Coffee Morning. Then, if you're still hungry after eating all those doughnuts, there will be the ever-popular Janet Chadband and co home-cooked lunches. Feeling full, then dance it all off at our Afternoon Tea Dance. Then you can have a bit of a breather as the village youngsters have a disco. Then what better a grand finale to our day than a Sixties Night. Can you stand the pace? More to the point, can we?

Thanks

Thank you to everyone for your support over the past six months and a special thank you to DF Fruits of Bodmin who so very generously donated to the Village Hall it's huge Christmas Tree. The lights will be switched on at the same time as the Village Christmas Lights on Saturday December 16th.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

The Village Hall Committee



So, the long awaited year 2000 is finally drawing to a close. The start of the new millennium will always be remembered by anyone who was down on the Platt on last New Year's Eve. Another very special moment was 'A Perfect Day' sang by everyone at the end of the finale concert of the Port Isaac Music Festival in May.

Like every year it's been one of ups and downs, laughter and tears, good and bad. One of the good things is the magnificent fund-raising that's taken place in the village. Where all the money comes from is amazing and one fact that was pointed out to us just today was that, since St Peter's Church Mini Market on November 25th, nearly £4000 has been raised in the village at various functions.

We hope you've enjoyed Trio throughout the year – and if you haven't you should let us know. We hope you enjoy this bumper issue and if it does encourage some of you to put pen to paper then so much the better.

Don't forget, there is no Trio in January so the next one is February 2001 - copy date January 22nd.

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

A big thank you to
**DF Fruits
of Bodmin**
for donating the
Village Hall
Christmas Tree



Dear Trio

I was delighted to see from the report in the Cornish Guardian that others are talking some sense about The Main. Jim May hit the nail on the head. Unless the National Trust undertakes to maintain the old slate quay, access from the beach will not be possible and the bridge will then become unnecessary. Without the old slate quay and the bridge, surely the maintenance of The Main would cost a nominal amount and there would be no need for the Parish Council to give away the most valuable asset owned by the parish. It is rather difficult to understand how the Parish Council can have decided to give it away without having the estimates of the cost of future maintenance (now proposed by Andy Penny).

Of course, we only have ourselves to blame for being so apathetic in not attending the public meeting. It would be interesting to know how many of those of us who were born and bred in Port Isaac actually

turned up! One of the traits of Port Isaac people is that they are not very good at attending meetings, whereas some of the 'here today and gone tomorrow' residents are far better at making themselves heard. Is the Parish Council really not going to be prepared to reconsider its stance just because 18 people voted to give The Main away?

The Port Isaac Harbour Commissioners are making very real progress towards obtaining substantial grant aid to assist with much needed repairs to the breakwaters. With Objective One funding now available and with the old slate quay being of such historic interest, surely it should be possible for the

Parish Council to obtain funding to maintain the quay. Once the Council has given it away that option will be lost and the National Trust will make all the decisions. Will they also ban Port Isaac boys from jumping off Tag's Pit as they have done for generations?

Dugald Sproull
Port Isaac

Dear Trio

As we are about to enter the first year of the 21st century, it is time to say a word of praise for the excellent work done by the Port Isaac 2000 Committee. A special thanks to Tracey Greenhalgh who called a meeting on February 8th 1999 for a community celebration and a few weeks later Port Isaac 2000 was born.

Well done.

Fred Thompson
Port Isaac

British Legion Poppy Appeal

On behalf of the British Legion Poppy Appeal 2000, I would like to thank and congratulate everyone in St Endellion Parish for the enormous success of this year's Poppy Appeal. We collected £1163.50.

There is no mystery about how this has been achieved. It was the hard work and dedication of our volunteer house-to-house collectors (certainly not in the best of weather conditions!); it was the people who hold year round collecting boxes in their homes; it was the displaying and selling of poppies in local shops and public houses; and it was the Church who gave us a lovely Remembrance Service.

A special thankyou to everyone - without your overwhelming generosity there would have been no money. I sincerely hope you will all be able to help again next year.

Allan Chadband
Local Honorary Organiser

PIPs and the Panto

A successful jumble sale was held on November 18th and raised £120.77 - a very good result given the extremely small attendance on a truly miserable morning.

The cash raised will be very useful in providing costumes for the forthcoming pantomime, 'Beauty and the Beast of Bodmin', rehearsals for which are well under way. If you want to know more about this give me ring on the number below.

Keyboard player wanted

If any keyboard player out there would be willing to help with the music for 'Beauty and the Beast of Bodmin' - we need you urgently! Please give me a ring.

Performance dates are December 28th and 29th and January 2nd.

Bess Coates, Tel: 01208 880877

St Peter's Church was almost full for the Royal British Legion Remembrance Service. The Rector, Rev Preb Michael Bartlett, conducted the service and Mr Charlie Phelp of Wadebridge gave the address. The organist was Mr Charlie Honey. George Steer read the lesson. Mr Bryan Richards read the Roll of Honour. The Standard Bearer was Mr Allan Chadband.

Poppy wreaths were laid at the War Memorial by the RNLI - Mr Bob Monk; St Peter's Church - Mrs Margaret Cann; the Golden Circle - Mr Bill Dawe; the Parish Council - Mr Bryan Richards; Port Isaac History Group - Mr Ian Honey; Port Isaac Chorale - Mrs Liz Rowe; Friends of the School - Mrs Linda Collings; Fishermen's Friends - Mr Peter Rowe; Port Isaac County Primary School - Emma Stewardson and Aimee Eaves; the Carn Awn Singers - Mrs Barbara Richards.

The offertory was taken up by Dr G Barron and Mr W Norris. All of the 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

An award, a Christmas Market and a visitor

December heralded a special honour for Port Isaac's Lifeboat station. It has been awarded a Centenary Vellum from the RNLI to mark its 100 years of saving lives at sea.

Established in Port Isaac in 1869, the station then closed in 1933 to be re-opened again in 1967. Lifeboats stationed in the village have launched 564 times and saved some 229 lives.

The station has a distinguished history. Three Silver Medals for bravery have been awarded; two of which were given to one man, Charles Mitchell in 1859 and 1870.

a surprise visitor

By an amazing coincidence, Marguerite Lang, the great-great-grand-daughter of Charles Mitchell turned up at the RNLI's Christmas Fair on December 3rd. Even more amazing was that she had with her the actual vellum which accompanied his first Silver Medal in 1859.

A Port Isaac girl, Mrs Lang now lives in Torrington in Devon. She came along to the Christmas Fair to see if anyone could tell her more about her great-great-grandfather. His second Silver Medal in 1870 came as a complete surprise to her. 'I was so proud to see his name there on the board and to hear about what he had done' she said.

The branch is now trying to find out more about Charles Mitchell and also for a photograph of him. George Steer has a photo of a group of lifeboatmen from the right era but no one knows who's who. Another well publicised picture (see the calendar and local history book) of the village's first lifeboat, The Richard and Sarah, is thought to include Charles's son amongst the crew. If anyone can help contact Bob Bulgin on 01208 880765.

a Port Isaac RNLI 'first'

Another visitor to the first ever Port Isaac RNLI Christmas Fair was Father Christmas with a present for all the children. These gifts were funded by a special raffle of a magnificent Christmas hamper put together by the RNLI committee.



Despite the forecast the weather stayed kind and over £1600 was taken on the day on various stalls and competitions. Hot



chestnuts and hot doughnuts were washed down with mulled wine. The Carn Awn Singers and the Fishermen's Friends provided the music.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a success and to the Slipway who kindly allowed us to put up the RNLI stands under their awning.

It looks like the Christmas Fair is going to become an annual event.

The Carn Awn Singers

The singers had a very successful concert at Tremail Chapel at the end of October. Despite the horrendous weather a very appreciative audience turned out. They thoroughly enjoyed the programme which included a mixture of items ranging from sacred pieces to songs from the shows. The concert was followed by a wonderful supper kindly provided by members of the Chapel.

December is a busy month and by the time you read this we will already have sang at Bude Central Methodist Chapel and for Port Isaac RNLI during their Christmas Market on the Platt. Our next concert is on Sunday December 17th in Trethosa Chapel followed by carol singing around Port Isaac on Monday December 18th.

For further information about the Carn Awn Singers contact either Joan Murray on 01208 880548 or Barbara Richards on 01208 880575.

Jane Sadler



SHOW OF HANDS

'Acoustic Tour'

Tuesday March 6th 2001

at

Port Isaac Pottery

AN 'IN THE ROUND' SHOW

8.00pm

TICKETS £8 each
available from The Pottery

The Main - should it go or should it stay?

The debate on the future of The Main continued at the November Parish Council meeting and, in the words of Malcolm Lee, 'it is sad that those who seem to be against the transfer of The Main to the National Trust did not attend the public meeting recently held to discuss the matter'.

Some nine members attended the Parish Council meeting on November 13th and 'Public Discussion' was almost entirely about The Main.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- Application 2000/1684 - Change of use from agricultural land to garden for Alex and Nicky Roads at Calenick, Trelights. Recommended for approval.
- Certificate of Lawfulness for continued use of garage as a separate unit of accommodation for residential use for Mr JG Hunter of 61a Fore Street. Recommended for acceptance.

NOTICES FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- Application 2000/1105 - Demolition of existing commercial garage and erection of new dwelling at 29 New Road for Mr & Mrs E Fletcher. Refused.
- Application 2000/1224 - Listed building consent for the installation of timber balustrading at Boskensa, Fore Street. Refused.
- Application 2000/1352 - Erection of 15m telecommunications monopole at Brooklands Farm. Withdrawn.

ROCK FALLS AT THE MAIN

Thanks were given to Andy Penny, Byron Buse and Robert Ford for clearing the quay footpath following recent rock falls.

RECYCLING BINS AT TRELIGHTS

A recent survey was in favour of recycling facilities in Trelights and it was agreed that the bins should be sited in the Longcross Hotel car park, the landlord having no objections.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BEACON

NCDC Beacon Millennium Ltd has invited the Parish Council to light a beacon on Sunday December 31st 2000 at 8.00pm. No decision was recorded so this will no doubt be decided at the meeting on December 11th.

NEXT MEETING

The first Parish Council meeting of 2001 takes place on Monday January 8th 2000 at 7.30pm in St Peter's Church Rooms, Port Isaac.

Note: The Parish Council has not approved this article.

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

This month in Trio in December 1991

Port Isaac School - A talk was given by Annie Price on her experiences and about wildlife in the Falklands and sub Antarctic. This was a marvellous programme with fantastic slides.

Rowing Club - A bingo evening in aid of the Rowing Club raised £246.

Lifeboat - The Lifeboat was withdrawn from service for the winter. The Hayes and Hingley Golf Tournament raised over £400 and a Beaujolais night at the Slipway raised £70.

Royal British Legion - A total of £581.12 was received from the Poppy Appeal. Thanks were expressed to Graham Woods for a display of wreaths in the Drug Store and to St Peter's PCC for the Remembrance Day Service.

St Peter's Church - £94.17 was raised for church funds at the mini-market on November 12th.

New Surgery - The new surgery in Hillson Close was opened on November 9th. The move from Tintagel Terrace had been necessary after roof repairs had revealed that a new roof would be needed before too long. It was then decided to find a new site. Mr St John Hattersley, Chief Executive of Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Family Health Service Authority unveiled the official plaque.

Bess Coates



Playing Field Draw

Early indications from our Christmas Playing Field Appeal Draw suggest that we will achieve our projected target to enable Phase 2 of the work required at the Playing Field to commence in early January.

I would like to mention the response I have received from the people who receive their copy of Trio in the post. It has been overwhelming. Thank you everyone who has returned tickets and donations to me - it is greatly appreciated. I will not divulge figures in this edition but will provide a complete breakdown next time.

I would also like to remind those of you have not yet bought your tickets - it is still not too late. The draw does not take place until January 2nd (during the village pantomime).

A Very Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year to everyone

Bryan Richards
Chairman of
St Endellion Parish Council

Fireworks

A huge thank you to everyone involved with the spectacular firework display at Port Gaverne on November 4th. This must be the best free

firework display in the whole of North Cornwall and we only get it because of the hard work put in by the fireworks 'unsung heroes' every year.

Thank you.



Lobbers Point

What is it with some people about Christmas? Have they lost the plot or did they never have it in the first place? Please note: Christmas is a day. That's why it's called 'Christmas Day'.

I deplore the fact that so many folk are taken in by the media and advertisers and start preparing as early as September. For goodness sake, that's still over three months away. What on earth are you preparing for? What possible eventuality can you foresee that requires you to start so early?

Two things stick in my mind. One was when my wife asked someone what they were worried about and they replied tremblingly, 'Twill soon be here!' She was quite taken aback for she evidently believed that the person was terrified at the imminent prospect of that other important date on the Christian calendar, Armageddon. Being the practical type, my wife immediately got herself a spade and started digging a shelter for us all, only to discover that the person was actually in a blind panic about Christmas – and it was still only mid May.

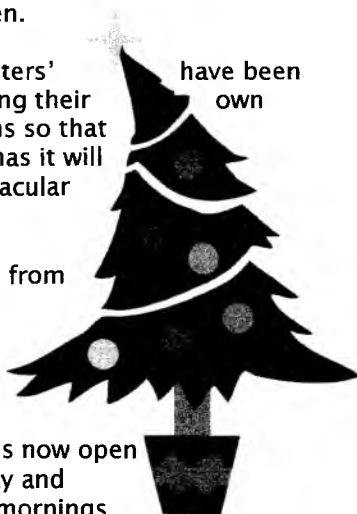
Mums and Monsters Christmas Tree

A huge thank you to Peter and Brenda of Mayfield Road for donating a lovely Christmas Tree to the children.

The 'monsters' have been busy making their own decorations so that by Christmas it will be a spectacular sight.

Thank you from us all.

Mums (and Dads) and Monsters is now open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.



Another individual (who shall remain nameless) was so damn organised that she proudly announced on November 23rd that she had written and sent off all her cards (there can't have been many ...

someone *that* organised can't possibly have many friends), had put up all her paper chains and tinsel and trimmings, put the tree up and switched on her rather annoying multi-coloured lights that flash rather than twinkle gently, *and* wrapped all the presents and arranged them around the foot of the tree. Presumably she posts cards to all her relatives in Australia a full twelve months early so that

Auntie Verucca in Sydney has just received her card for 2001!

Anyway, being a helpful sort of person with advice, I suggested that she go right home and eat turkey (which she had presumably already stuffed) and then she could forget all about it and actually enjoy Christmas when it came, without the worry of all the dreadful things that obviously spoil it for her.

So, a Happy Christmas to you all, even if you were sad enough to start preparing for it last Easter. And if you have to eat your sprouts, don't forget to leave the bedroom window open and staple down the duvet.

Until 2001, let 'em get on with it.....

Lobber

'Suck 'em and Sea'

This has been a great year for us and an extra exciting month just gone. Many of you have been asking when we were going to produce an album of our songs and back in the summer we recorded our first CD, '*Suck 'Em and Sea*'.

We were fortunate enough to have Gerard O'Farrell, who is the manager of the folk duo Show of Hands, to do the recording and the end result was released early in November. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have bought '*Suck 'Em and Sea*' and hope you enjoy the contents.

Late in August we appeared at the Cornwall Folk Festival in Wadebridge where we share a concert with The Johnson Girls, an American girl shanty group. They remarked on how tiring it was to record an album and said that it had taken them around two years. 'Oh yes,' says Lethbridge, 'it is tiring. It took we all bleddy afternoon!'

Anyway, our astonishing leap to global fame took another turn on November 4th when we appeared live on Gloria Hunniford's Open House on Channel 5 alongside Rick Stein and Sir Ranulph Fiennes (who was late having apparently got lost between the underground and the studios!). Overall it was a great day and thanks to Bradbury for cranking up the applause in the studio audience. Apart from Bill upsetting an entire tray of coffee and sandwiches, getting jammed in the automatic doors and getting lost beneath the stairs, we must have made a reasonable impression as she has invited us back again, maybe around the time of our Albert Hall gig (as we say in showbiz!). Since that we have been featured on Radio Leeds and Radio Cornwall who both gave us good plugs.

None of us have given up the day jobs yet though and we hope to see you all as normal through the season on our regular Friday night slot on the Platt (subject to the kind permission of my nautical equivalent, the Harbourmaster General). We hope next year that if the weather is ever bad (!) we might be able to perform under cover in the Lifeboat House.

Should any of you want to buy a copy of the CD, it is for sale in most of the village shops ... and being played in most of the village shops, over and over and over again. If you'd like one sent in the post, please send a cheque for £11 made out to 'The Fishermen's Friends' to The Post Office, Port Isaac PL29 3RA.

(Ed: We still want to know - As with all boy bands who's going to leave to have a solo career first - suggestions?)

How we met your 'man in Fuerteventura'

A travelogue to bring a bit of sunshine to these dismal December days

As our winter break was taking us to the sunny island of Fuerteventura and David Castle wanted some RNLI papers, we offered to deliver them – an excuse to be nosey and look him and Kathleen up and see how the ex-pats live.

Unfortunately, Kathleen was unwell on the day we visited – and we do hope that by the time they receive this Trio, she is fit and well again. David met us at an agreed rendezvous (which typically we had driven past once and had to negotiate the busy streets of Correlejo – 'change gear with your right hand and keep looking left, Byron!' – before finding him) and took us back to their apartment for coffee.

David has no trouble in keeping in touch with Port Isaac. In fact, his knowledge of local events far outshone ours. He has all the latest technology and means of communication are far cheaper. In fact their whole way of life is much cheaper and of course, being British pensioners, all the benefits,

including health care, are transferable – something certainly worth considering during these dark winter days. David's one main gripe with the British Government though is that, for some reason, they will not forward the winter heating allowance! As he says, 'We do sometimes have to put on a jumper'. Not a lot else though and this leads on to the next part of the day!

David took us to El Cotillo – a local fishing village – and to a beach surrounded by dunes to meet some of the other escapees. In the interest of good taste I will refrain from a graphic description of the sights that met us there. Suffice to say that people were 'nature as nature intended'. We met a very nice chap from Bavaria who had visited Port Isaac during the summer and had a memorable meal at the Harbour Café – he has fond memories of PJ and Wally. PJ apparently addressed him as 'Dear Henry' – his name was Henry but any further description you will not get from me as I maintained eye

contact throughout our meeting! All in all, a very interesting and educational day.

I think David and Kathleen have got it sussed – no floods, no pestilence, no rail disruption for them. If only poor David could get his heating allowance!

Maggie Buse

*Byron had to get in the final word, 'Maggie had some trouble with the name of the chap on the beach. Was it Henry or Dick!'.
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In the garden

It was a joy to be able to get out in the garden this morning. It wasn't raining and the sun was shining – it was like a lovely warm spring day (Ed: the date in case you didn't know was Saturday December 2nd!). I was able to do a bit of cutting back and tidying up and re-potting of one or two plants which had been blown over and their containers broken.

Lately when I have been repotting I have been spreading gravel around the base of the plant – it makes them look a lot tidier and more finished and hopefully the gravel will serve as a mulch and keep the moisture in the compost next year when (and if!) the drier weather comes.

I am sure lots of you will be given pot plants for Christmas. Do remember that very few pot plants are happy in centrally heated rooms – the atmosphere is far too dry. So when you pour water into the container the pot is standing in, let it stand for at least an hour. Remember, it's not good to let a plant stand in water for a long time. Azaleas especially like a drink most days and they appreciate a nice shower on their leaves from time to time. Watering them with cold tea is very beneficial.

If you are given, or have, a Christmas Cactus, once you have positioned it do not move it again or the buds will drop off.

Compliments of the season and let's look forward to a nice dry spring!

This Village *by Eric Stokes*

With apologies to John of Gaunt, Willy Shakespeare and half the village!

This royal flush of Knights
This Monkish Order of Christmas lights
This little port clad in glad regalia
With fishy friends (bound for South Australia!)
This rocky pile, this septic isle
This earthly clutch of Cleaves
This other Eden project, pubby paradise
This fortress built by Billy for himself
'Gainst airborne Rovers and the hand of Dawe
This happy breed of Browns
This ragged realm of Rows
This jewel set in a windy bay
With which we hope to keep away
All Bodmin alcoholics
And looting, pillaging Delabolics
This blessed Platty plot
This Secret Sammy spot
This Philpy, Phelpy fiefdom
This soggy, saturated hamlet of rain
Where sun has promised ne'er to shine again
This earth, this Port
This Village (God Bless it)!

Finnish Christmas!

Perhaps the main difference between celebrating Christmas in Finland, aka Santa Claus Land, and in the UK, or the one which would most appeal to the young, or young at heart, is that Christmas starts on Christmas Eve. That's the evening when presents appear under the tree and get passed around and opened, so while down here we're still wondering what Santa has in store for us, the Finnish child is already playing with his presents. Of course, a possible reason for this 'jump start' Christmas may be that it then allows Santa plenty of time to cover the rest of the world the following day.

Christmas Eve is also when Christmas Dinner is served. The most popular Christmas dish for Finns nowadays is roast ham, though lots of people eat salmon. Then there are the favourite four casseroles or 'boxes' as they're called in Finland, made of either potatoes, carrots, liver or swedes. They are actually traditional Finnish dishes but have become Christmas specialities. For a foreigner who hasn't yet delighted in their flavour, a name such as 'liver box' can be a bit off-putting, delicious as it is.

Fortunately, and I'm not speaking just as a foreigner who was first faced with a Christmas dinner of 'lutfisk', this dish (literally translated as 'lye fish') is no longer the most popular, or let's say even common Christmas dish. When it was much in fashion, just one family preparing it in an apartment building would be enough to fill the whole building with a smell that could put almost anyone off food for good. Having, by and large, put 'lutfisk' behind them, Christmas not only tastes but also smells a lot better these days!

Another big plus for the 'traditionalist' is that Christmas in Finland usually looks like the Christmas of Christmas cards and Christmas songs 'where the tree tops glisten and children listen to hear sleigh bells in the snow'. At least this was true before global warming, so while others may be hoping for a mild and sunny Christmas, in Finland fingers are crossed for bright and cold.

Christmas Eve morning for many Finnish families begins with a visit to the cemetery. As one good friend of mine described it, 'In my family it's always breakfast as usual, then the cemetery, rice pudding for lunch, torturing the children by making them wait ages for their presents till we've had Christmas dinner, then coffee and dessert. Christmas Day is usually just for resting and enjoying the presents and, just possibly, curing one's hangover'.

Another minor difference is that, though Santa has reindeer he doesn't fly with them or use chimneys, and he lives in Lapland not the North Pole. In

Grandmothers

(this was written by a unknown eight year old schoolboy and sent to Molly Farmer by one of her sons)

A grandmother is a woman who has no children of her own, so she loves the boys and girls of other people.

Grandmothers have nothing to do: they only have to be there. If they take you for a walk, they go slowly past beautiful leaves and caterpillars. They never say 'Come along quickly' or 'Hurry up for goodness sake'.

They are usually fat, but not too fat to tie up shoelaces.
They wear spectacles and sometimes take out their teeth.

They can answer any question, for instance, why dogs hate cats and why God is not married. When they read to us, they never leave anything out.
They do not mind if it always the same story.

Everyone should have a grandmother, especially those who do not have a television.

Grandmothers are the only grown ups who have plenty of time.



fact, I well remember one pre-Christmas Day seeing Santa in his sleigh being pulled right down the main street of Helsinki by one of his reindeer; a wonderful sight and not soon forgotten, though I doubt if it would work so well on Fore Street. All the same, it might be pretty exciting.

*Tim Andrews up at West Winds,
Port Gaverne*

Air Ambulance Charity Shop, Delabole

By the time you read this, Christmas will be nearly upon us and for those of you who still have some stocking fillers to buy, there are quite a number of small toys and other bits and pieces in the shop which may be just what you are looking for. There are clothes for all occasions including evening wear, children's party dresses and men's suits. Stock changes from day to day so you never know what you will find!

Air Ambulance Christmas cards are still for sale along with gifts and souvenirs. Raffle tickets for the Christmas draw are selling well. It will take place during the week before Christmas.

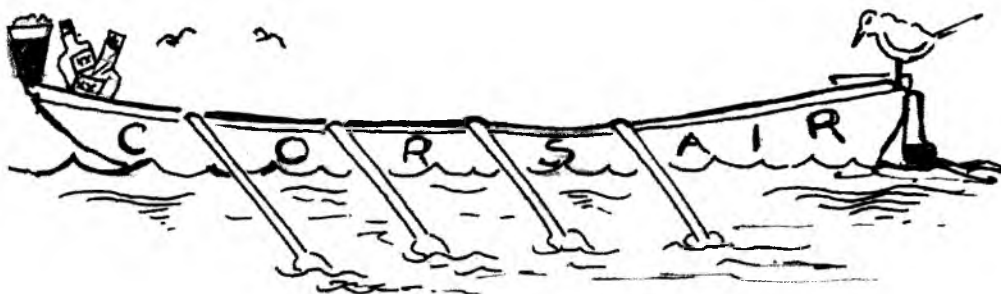
Takings for October totalled the excellent sum of £753.40.

We wish all our supporters a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

Jane Sadler

Nick Ely voted new Gig Club Chairman

Nick Ely is the new Rowing Club Chairman with Clare Jon as Secretary and Stuart Blake looking after membership. They were elected at the recent Port Isaac Rowing Club AGM.



review of the year

An excellent year's fundraising, outlined by outgoing Chairman Trudy Tummon, started with the Millennium Gig Push on last New Year's Eve. Chilli on the Blues, the Sheepdog Trials, Four Legged Race, Ramshaka Dance Night, Sponsored Swim and The Bude Row all contributed to a very healthy bank balance and enabled the Club to purchase their second gig Hornet.

Unity

The meeting went on to vote on the name for Hornet and it was agreed that the boat should revert to its original name of Unity and be painted in the same livery as Corsair. Any help with the painting, along with the internal repaint job on Corsair, should be offered to Trevor on 880495.

New Year's Day Gig Push

New Year 2001 starts with a big push - the New Year's Day Gig Push. Watch out for posters around the village for the exact time (it's always a difficult day to make an early start!!).

looking ahead to 2001

The Club has also had an invitation from the Corkmacsherry RNLI Lifeboat rowing crew. This will involve the loan of one of our boats to them for a major fundraising event which involves crews rowing the 120 miles from Corkmacsherry to the Isles of Scilly arriving in time for the World Gig Championships.

Another event is planned for the Bank Holiday weekend of May 26th which follows the Isles of Scilly World Championship Races. Three or four of the Thames Traditional Rowing Association Cutters will be visiting Fowey Club to take part in a friendly series of River Rowing Races. This will give crews the opportunity to swap boats and see just how different they really are! Fowey Club will be arranging a barbecue on the Saturday evening - more news nearer the time.

The Thames Watermans Cutters now number 17 and take part in a

series of races throughout the season as well as providing escorts on the river to formal City Livery and Guild events such as the opening of the Globe Theatre and the Millennium Bridge. In the past some of our Club members have rowed in Watermans crews as well as taking part in the Great London River race in Corsair.

Annual Buffet & Dance

The final event of the season was the Buffet and Dance at the Castle Rock Hotel which was enjoyed by all and was a good start to the festive season.

Wishing all our friends and our supporters a very Happy Christmas and New Year from the Port Isaac Rowing Club.

Bob Bulgin, Press Officer
Tel: 880765

Interested in rowing - contact Clare Jon on 01208 851448

Membership - contact Stuart Blake on 01208 851490



Magical Managers 00-01

Division One

1. NO F IN MANCHESTER 6	Chris Lanyon	288pts
2. SPARKS UTD	Steve & Julie Hewett	270pts
3. MAD COWS ON ACID	Ben Skinner	251pts
4. GRASSCUTTERS	Jamie Hewett	248pts
5. FORTUNE HUNTERS	Andy Penny	246pts

Division Two

1. STAFF BALL TERRORS 5	Colin Hancock	314pts
2. ROSCARROCK LANDROVERS	Billy & Faye Hawkins	300pts
3. GROUNDFORCE	Margaret Honey	253pts
4. DAVIDSTOW DEVIL	John Clement	253pts
5. CRANSTOUN CITY	Jim Bishop	235pts

Division Three

1. ZERO FORCE	Bobby Skinner	298pts
2. THE BLUES	Jill McDonnell	255pts
3. TOO COOL	Josh Grills	251pts
4. THE COMET BOMBERS	David Durston	245pts
5. CARLSBERG CRIPPLES	Scott Bennett	243pts

Note: Transfer window is still open if you feel you need to change a player in your team. Below is a list of players who have long term injuries or have been transferred:

Di Matteo, Flo - Chelsea
Jeffers - Everton
Duberry, Bridges - Leeds Utd
Cottee - Leicester City
Berger - Liverpool
Stam, Cole A - Man Utd
Weah - Man City
Pallister - Middlesbrough
Dabizas, Cort, Ferguson - Newcastle Utd

Paul & Kev

Bingo

The Annual Bingo held on December 5th in aid of the mentally handicapped was, once again, a great success.

A very big thank you to everyone who helped in any way, either by donating money and prizes, helping in so many ways on the night and by turning up to fill the Church Rooms to raise the wonderful sum of £540.

Janet Chadband

Ed: it was a really good night and for anyone who has never played bingo before, you must try it next year - if only to hear our very own 'Voice of the Balls' Speakman!

Rubbish



There will be no domestic refuse collection during Christmas week (December 25th-29th). This means that rubbish will be collected as normal on Friday 22nd and then there will be no collection until Friday January 5th - so don't put your rubbish out until then!

AGE

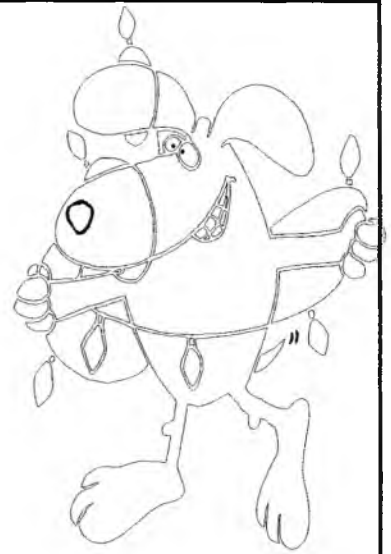
Age is a quality of mind;
If you have left your dreams behind,
If hope is cold,
If you no longer look ahead,
If your ambitious fires are dead,
Then you are old.

But if in life you take the best,
And if in life you keep the jest,
If love you hold;
No matter how the years go by,
No matter how the birthdays fly,
You are not old.

anon

BIG SWITCH-ON of PORT ISAAC CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

**Saturday December 16th
6.30pm
with the
St Breward Silver Band,
Christmas Carols,
Mulled Wine and
Mince Pies**



New Services of Common Worship

On Advent Sunday, December 3rd, a new era began in the Church of England. A series of new services, under the heading *Common Worship*, was launched. *The Alternative Service Book*, known to many as the ASB, ceases to be authorised for use from January 2001, although the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer* remains.

Why New Services?

Some may ask why there is a need for new services. The answer is that although God may not change, our understanding of God is always developing and changing, and in every generation there is a need to find new ways of expressing ourselves to one another and to God. Even when the Book of Common Prayer was the Church of England's only form of service, people found other new ways of adding variety and expressing themselves in worship. They added hymns and songs, ceremony and actions and extra services such as harvest festivals and carol services.

Thinking and Experimentation

This century, following a long period of thinking about and experimenting with different forms of service, the ASB was published in 1980. It was greeted with enthusiasm by some and with criticism by others - some felt it lacked the beauty of language of the Book of Common Prayer. But it soon became accepted although it had evident weaknesses as well as strengths.

Resource Book

What is now to take its place is a resource book of services which will maintain the concept of 'common prayer', uniting the people of God through services which will have a strong and recognisable structure, but which will allow for variety and local choice in the content of some parts.

Many churches, including the three churches of our United Benefice, are using the Common Worship resource book to devise their own service booklets for each season of the church's year. These have the advantage of suiting the particular needs of our parishes and will also be easy to follow.

New Venture

Our three church councils - St Peter's at Port Isaac, St Endellion and St Kew - have agreed that we use these booklets for an experimental period of twelve months, with opportunities for discussion and review during this time.

So appropriately, on Advent Sunday, the beginning of the church's year, we began this exciting new venture. If you haven't attended church for a while, why not make a new start with the new service during this Advent or come to one of the Christmas services in the United Benefice. You will be made most welcome.

Judith Pollinger, Curate

CHURCH NEWS

United Benefice of St Endellion, St Peter's, Port Isaac and St Kew

Mothers' Union

A talk on spiritual and moral development in schools was given by the Revd Judith Pollinger, curate at the November branch meeting. This was held at Bodannon Farm, Trewetha. A short business meeting was chaired by Mrs Pam Richards, branch leader and the meeting opened with prayer by the Revd Preb Michael Bartlett, rector.

Julian Meeting

The November Julian Meeting for contemplative prayer was held at the home of Mr & Mrs Hardman at New Polzeath. The rector led the meeting.

Guest Speaker

The Revd Graham Minors, Team Rector of Bodmin, was the guest speaker at a healing eucharist held in St Endellion Rectory. He was welcomed and introduced by the curate. The rector presided at the eucharist and the healing service was led by Mrs Frances Kent.

Help for Homeless

Envelopes were distributed in all three churches on Advent Sunday to collect money for the work of St Petroc's Home in Bodmin.

Gifts of food for Christmas are also being collected each week for St Petroc's and for Breadline in Penzance.

Cathedral Youth Service

A lively service focusing on the needs of the Third World and provided by young people from all over the diocese took place in Truro Cathedral on Sunday November 26th.

New Priest Licensed

Clergy and lay people from the Bodmin Deanery were among the large congregation who attended the licensing of the Revd Brinley Berriman as Priest-in-Charge of Lanteglos-by-Camelford with Advent in Lanteglos Church.

The new priest and his family were welcomed by his churchwardens and by Mrs Tammy Bengier, Lay Chairman of the Deanery Synod who introduced representatives from the town council, schools and of other churches in the area.

Common Worship

The Church of England's new services of Common Worship were used in worship for the first time in the churches of the United Benefice on Advent Sunday. The rector presided and preached at St Kew and St Endellion and the Curate presided at St Peter's, Port Isaac with Admiral Alec Weir preaching and leading intercessions. In the evening a service of seasonal readings and Advent Carols arranged and led by the rector was held by candlelight in the Church of St James the Great, St Kew. Before the service the Christmas tree lights were switched on in the churchyard.

St Endellion



Silent Auction Success

Over £1,000 was raised for the new organ being built for St Endellion Church at a silent auction held at Bodannon Farm, Trewetha, the home of Mr Roger and Mrs Pam Richards.

An interesting and varied range of lots had been laid out for viewing in different rooms in the farmhouse and the 60 people who attended spent an enjoyable time making bids and being served with an appetising hot supper. There were also two raffles. The event was organised by the church's fund-raising committee whose chairman is Mrs Katrina Gill.

Remembrance St Endellion

Prayers were offered and the congregation stood in silence for two minutes before the sung eucharist on Remembrance Sunday. The curate presided and the preacher was Rear-Admiral Alec Weir, Diocesan Warden of Readers.

In the evening, worship with the theme of remembrance was held in the candlelit church. Taizé chants were sung, prayers were offered, there were Bible readings and time to reflect in silence. The service was arranged and led by the curate

who presented a guided meditation of the importance of naming the dead. Bells were rung before the service and afterwards hot drinks were served.



Port Isaac

Family Service

Sunday School children took part in reading, praying, singing and a question and answer session during the family service. The theme was God's goodness in creating light and colour. The service was arranged and led by the curate and the singing was accompanied by Mrs Janet Townsend on the piano. The family service was preceded by a said eucharist at which the curate presided.

Christmas Mini-Market

A very successful and enjoyable Christmas mini-market held in the Church Rooms raised the magnificent sum of £600 for St Peter's Church. The major attraction was the excellent home-made hot lunch, a favourite as always with customers. There was a variety of stalls and a raffle. St Kew

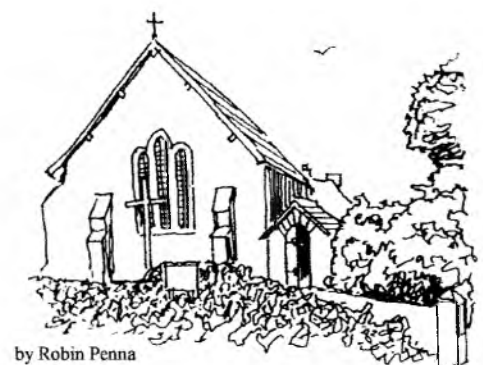
Remembrance Sunday

After the morning sung eucharist in the Church of St James the Great, a service of remembrance was held at the war memorial outside the church gate. Rear-Admiral Alec Weir, Diocesan Warden of Readers conducted the service, and those who had died in the service of their country were remembered by name

Christmas Bazaar

£308 was raised at a very successful Christmas bazaar held in the St Kew Highway Community Hall. There was a range of stalls and a raffle, coffee and mince pies. Father Christmas, driven by the Christmas elf in a decorated vehicle, arrived with sweets for the children.

Judith Pollinger, tel: 880181



by Robin Penna

Doctor *by James Platt*

Across the bottom of Trewetha Lane from the pump, on a high tamarisk fringed bank facing St Peter's Church across Back Hill, was the home of Dr Sproull, local GP, family counsellor and friend to the multitude.

His house was a rambling building with a gravel-covered yard, big by local standards. The doctor's surgery, a meeting place for those both sound and halt of limb, was appended to the house like a squat afterthought.

Dr Sproull was a pragmatic Scot to whom malingerers and Conservatives were anathema. His apparent dourness masked an intensely caring nature. He was unequivocally on the side of any social underdog. Church and chapel were all the same to him. He brooked no nonsense from man or beast, was without guile and was the very soul of discretion.

No call for help was too late in the day to warrant his immediate attention, no house too humble or too far away for him to visit when he was needed, no weather too inclement for his rounds. The comfort, assurance and well being of his patients was his sole objective. His patients were his priority.

He was known to everyone as 'Doctor'. This was not used in the sense of due title, but rather as a sentiment of affection, as with a nickname or an endearment, in recognition of his being something quite special.

Since his day in Port Isaac there have been and still are other doctors but there was, and will ever be, only one 'Doctor'.

Doctor had longish wavy dark hair held down by his glasses and tucking neatly behind his ears out of the way. There was a touch of Churchill in his features although the parallel was one he would not have welcomed.

My grandmother and my mother both did domestic service for Doctor and in the process developed a regard for him which was appreciably close to hero worship. However, my mother once told me in a shocked voice that Doctor subscribed to the magazine

'New Statesman'. She didn't like to pick it up – danger lay in touching such a publication, let alone reading it!

The Labour Party was, to all intents and purposes, either unknown or otherwise unwanted in the village. The Conservatives had adherents but their grip on local political life was precarious. They were smug people regarded as 'our betters' and, as such, Conservatism was not 'for the likes of we'.

Liberalism, rooted so much in tradition that all sense of objectivity over the reason why had long since taken flight, was the endemic local political persuasion. What had been good enough for forebears was deemed good enough for their descendants.

His outlook on life might be classless, but Doctor's social class was undoubtedly elevated as far above that of the majority of his patients as it was above any stereotyped ruck of grimy necked Labourites. Doctor was a true professional, drove a car, had a telephone, wore a tie regularly and ate turkey at Christmas. The latter, a luxury of a kind which was so rare as to be only imagined in most homes of the village, placed the hallmark on Doctor's status as a man for all seasons.

Doctor's surgery was open almost every night except on Sundays. The surgery door opened directly into a small waiting room which was bright and welcoming in any season of the year. A heavy door adjacent to the fireplace led into Doctor's office and consulting room – a place of dark wood, glass and leather.

Chairs were set around the walls of the waiting room. The chairs were always occupied during surgery hours. A small proportion of those present had genuinely come to see Doctor, but they were in the minority.

Gossip between the genuine, the would-be and definitely non-patients in Doctor's waiting room revolved almost exclusively around respective medical histories, each intent on outdoing the other. A reported complaint was almost immediately trumped by something more serious. All of them wallowed self indulgently in a warm sea of



shared misfortune and were happier for the experience. Much of what was learned was destined, with suitable elaboration, to be passed on to chance met acquaintances on the morrow.

Heavy though the door to Doctor's office was, and muted though his 'bedside manner' tone of voice might have been, privacy was constantly challenged by the questing ears of those who had spent a lifetime perfecting the art of eavesdropping.

Doctor's diagnostic technique was nothing if not direct. Faced with a patient complaining of an ache or a pain, his first action was to probe or manipulate the allegedly affected part of the body. The patient's reaction, measured by the volume and duration of the ensuing anguished yelp, was considered by Doctor to be in direct proportion to the seriousness of the ailment.

When I once visited him with a sprained ankle he took my foot in his trained physician's hands and gave it a sharp clockwise turn while at the same time asking me if it hurt at all. The question was rather redundant, partially drowned out as it was by my anguished scream.

On the mantelpiece over the surgery waiting room fireplace, flat fronted bottles and squat jars of medicinal remedies which Doctor had prescribed, and in many cases mixed with his own hands, stood in a proud row waiting for collection. They were cork stoppered and labelled in ink with the recipient's name and the recommended daily dosage to be taken. The medicines were coloured pink, white, orange and brown. Many of them tasted unpleasant but as far as the patients were concerned the worse the taste the more effective the remedy was likely to be.

Doctor Sproull. If there be glory in medicine, let it be on a man like this.

Muriel Short
sends Christmas and
New Year greetings to
all her friends in
Port Isaac



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and a
Prosperous New Year
from
Fred and Robin**

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wishes all his
friends and the good
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and all the best
in the New Year
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members and crew and
their wives and husbands
from Molly & Nick Farmer**

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Happy New Year to all my
friends in**

Port Isaac

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of Walthamstow**



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schoolchat



Port Isaac School news and views

C is for Christmas snow everywhere.
H is for happiness everywhere.
R is for reindeers racing and running.
I is for icicles everywhere.
S is for Santa climbing the chimney.
T is for tinsel everywhere on the tree.
M is for mountains of cards.
A is for antlers on a reindeer.
S is for smiling faces.



Learning Together

Come and join the fun at Port Isaac School on a Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. If you are aged 3 you can bring your mum or dad or gran along to play and have fun. You can paint, play in the sand or water, build a model and take home a game to play with!

We will be back at school on 10th of January, so see you then.

The Christmas Play

In Port Isaac school at the moment we are practising a Christmas play. It looks great at the moment with excellent songs.

You can see it on the 18th of December at 7.00 pm in Saint Peter's Church. As usual we deliver excellent songs and heart warming performances.



We are also having our school Christmas dinner on the 11th of December which we always enjoy. If you're a parent you can put Christmas food in your child's lunch box.

*Louis Vincent & Chalaye Brown
Year 6.*

When I was in hospital *by Lowenna Barriball*

I was in the car going on holiday when I discovered a pain in my leg!

I told my mum, she said it was growing pains. So did my dad. I felt like I was going to be sick. When we got to Poole I could only just walk up the steps. Inside the caravan I collapsed on the settee. The next day I was rushed into hospital. I had an infection in my leg. I was not

expecting to spend my holiday here!

The next day after my operation I was still poorly and I had to have another operation. Then I got the infection in my chest! I stayed in hospital for another week then I was transported back to Treliske for three days. I was allowed to rest at home for a week before I went back to school with my friends.

School Dinners

Hazel the cook is really nice, She gives us lots of good advice
We have vegetables, gravy, pasta or meat.
And chocolate pudding that we love to eat.
Some times we get milkshake too.
I really like it, how about you?

By Katie Paul, Year 3.

Don't make a gift of your presents

First, the good news – burglary rates across Devon and Cornwall are down significantly. This has been achieved by hard work, not only by the police but also through work with our partners and with the help of you – the householder. Well done!

However, there is no room for complacency. In the run up to the festive period there is the need for greater vigilance. It is historically a period when opportunist thieves are most active and looking to ruin Christmas for their victims.

The steps needed to reduce your chance of being the victim of Christmas crime are simple:

At home

- As always – don't leave your valuables on display in your home
- You may be tempted to show off your Christmas tree lights at

night but better to close the curtains when you are out

- Be aware that Christmas presents around the tree may be just too inviting to a burglar if left on display
- Consider using an ultra-violet pen to unobtrusively mark present boxes and wrapping paper with a postcode

Your car

- As always – don't leave any Christmas shopping on display
- If you have to leave shopping in the car – lock it in the boot

In the street

- Take care of wallets and purses – keep them out of sight
- Keep or destroy your credit card slips – don't put them in public litter bins, thieves may be able to use your card details

Additional crime prevention advice is available from your local police



station local
Crime Prevention
Officer – PC Dave
Leslie on 01566
771418.

Have a Happy Christmas and make sure the only surprise visitor you have delivers presents – not takes them away!

Over £900 raised in a week for FOS

The Festive Food evening held in the pottery was a huge success. Thank you Billy and Barbara. Thank you to our wonderful chefs – Janet, Debs, Graham, Mark, Simon (who had everyone completely fooled) and last but not least Chris. It's not easy standing up in front of all those people and having to cook and talk at the same time!

Recipe Book

We have printed a little book of the recipes demonstrated on the night and this is available from the school priced £1.

Christmas Fayre

The total raised at the Christmas Fayre was £355. Thank you to everyone who helped and to everyone who spent their money.

Father Christmas was a great hit with the children who lined up more than once to visit his grotto. He also drew the winning entries of the Hundred Club. Congratulations to those six lucky winners who are now £50 better off.

The Friends of Port Isaac School thank you all for your loyal and continued support.

Happy Xmas.



Snuff candle fires out

Cornwall County Fire Brigade is raising the awareness of the potential dangers of Christmas decorations, specifically candles.

Candles, oil and incense burners and joss sticks will be part of many Christmas celebrations. However, candles, as with any naked flame, can be a cause of fire – especially in the home and particularly where there are children.

Many people place candles in dangerous places such as near flammable materials or with the plastic decorations still at the bottom of them. Great care should be taken when using candles, so follow this simple safety advice:

- Always place candles well away from curtains, furniture and drapes and always out of draughts.
- Keep candles out of the reach of children and pets.
 - Never leave a burning candle unattended.
 - Keep candles away from hair and clothing.
 - Always place candles upright in suitable holders which cannot fall over easily.
 - Always make sure that candles are properly extinguished, especially before going to bed.

Remember also:

- The risk of accidents happening is greater when alcohol has been consumed.
- Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children.

Andy Barrett
Cornwall County Fire Brigade



Last minute Christmas Cake

The following recipe has been sent to us by 'Our Man in Fuerteventura'. It's a traditional family recipe that has been used by generations of 'Castles' and has no doubt already been passed on to many people here in Port Isaac. As long as you follow the recipe to the letter you cannot fail!

- Sample the whisky to check for quality.
- Take a large bowl. Check the whisky again to be sure it is of the highest quality. Pour one level cup and drink. Repeat again.
- Turn on the electric mixer and beat one cup of butter into a large fluffy bowl. Add one teaspoonful of sugar and beat again.
- Check the whisky again in case it has deteriorated. Turn off the mixer. Beat two leggs and add to the bowl. Chuck in a cup of dried fruit. Mix on the turner. If the fried fruit gets stuck pry loose with a screwdriver.
- Sample the whisky once more. Next, add two cups of salt or something – who cares? Now sift the lemon juice and strain the nuts. Add one table-spoon of sugar or whatever you can find.
- Grease the oven and turn on the cake tin to 350. Don't forget to beat up the turner. Throw the bowl out of the window. Check the whisky again if there is any left and go to bed.



Hospice Day 2001

Another reminder about next year's Port Isaac Hospice Day for Mount Edgcombe. The date is set – Saturday March 3rd and the Church Rooms are booked.

Things are going to be a bit different. There are going to be absolutely NO CLOTHES in the sale. So any clothes you want to get rid of, however good or brand new they are, must be saved and passed on to one of the many jumble sales held in the village. We're going to concentrate on having the biggest White Elephant Sale ever plus the New Stall, Cake Stall, Household Linen (curtains, blankets etc) Stall, Raffles and Lunches. Janet Chadband and her team will be on duty in the kitchen. Put the date in your diary now, it's going to be a day not to be missed.

It's never too early to start having a clear out but ideally, if you can, hand on to your donations until nearer the time. If you can't then just give me a ring on 880862 or 880905 and I'll sort something out. *Dee*

George's Festive Ramblings

I love Christmas carol singing, especially the old tunes. I didn't know until recently that Bishop Benson of Truro started the service of nine carols and lessons. I would like any Carol Service in Port Isaac to include 'Hark the Glad Sound', 'Angels from the Realms of Glory', 'Hail Sacred Day', 'While Shepherds' and 'How Beautiful upon the Mountains'. The Carol Service in Roscarrock Hill always finished with the choir singing 'Mountains' as the large congregation filed out. Standing room only on many occasions for their services. Nostalgia rules, OK!

This year the Carol Service in St Peter's is on December 17th at 6.00pm. The Carn Awn Singers and Friends will be singing for charity around the village on Monday 18th starting at Mayfield Road at 7.00pm. The Chorale will be singing at St Endellion on Wednesday 20th at 7.30pm.

Music on the Platts

Nice to hear the Carn Awn Singers at the RNLI Christmas market and the international stars of stage, small screen, radio and pubs (various) of course. The Fishermen's Friends have certainly put Port Isaac on the map with their Oswald Pryor style of singing. Oswald's dictat was, 'Come on

boys, double f's (FF's perhaps!), give-un-guts!!'

The History Group had a good response to the Annual Trip to Barnstaple and everyone seemed to enjoy it even if Terry Gifford didn't get his stomach rubbed by the Head Waitress at the Royal & Fortescue this year!

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Christmas 2000



Christmas is a time of tradition. It is a time when we play the same games year after year, entertain and be entertained by the same people year after year and invariably eat the same menu year after year. Although I would not wish to change these traditions of a lifetime, I would like to suggest a variation upon the Christmas theme.

My recipe for a Christmas cake is for those of you who share my love of nuts. I feel it is good as it is, but of course, it can be covered in the traditional marzipan and icing. If this is your choice, I suggest you include the reserved nuts and cherries in the mixture.

Relax and enjoy your Christmas.

NUTTY FRUIT CAKE

225g/8oz dates
225g/8oz brazil nuts
125g/4oz glace cherries
50g/2oz soft brown sugar
40g/1½oz self-raising flour
1 large egg, beaten
½ tsp vanilla essence

METHOD

Preheat oven to 325°F, 160°C, gas mark 3. Grease and line a 450g/1lb loaf tin. Chop dates, brazil nuts and cherries, keeping a few for decoration. Put chopped nuts and fruit into a bowl with the sugar. Sift in the flour and add the egg and vanilla. Mix together and put into the loaf tin. Decorate top with reserved nuts, dates and cherries. Bake for 1¼ - 1½ hours until firm to the touch, cover with greaseproof paper if it is too brown before the end. Allow to stand for a few minutes before carefully turning onto a wire rack.

CHRISTMAS SALAD

175g/6oz red or white cabbage, shredded
2 large carrots, peeled and grated
2 apples, cored and chopped
2 sticks of celery, chopped
110g/4oz dates, stoned and chopped
50g/2oz sultanas
110g/4oz shelled nuts, chopped
2 clementine, peel and pith removed and divided into segments
110g/4oz stilton cheese, diced or crumbled
Salt and pepper

METHOD

Put all ingredients into a bowl and toss well. This salad will keep well for several days in an airtight container in the refrigerator. Dress with the lemon yoghurt dressing when required.

LEMON YOGHURT DRESSING

150ml/¼pt yoghurt
Grated rind and juice of ½ a lemon

1 tbsp each chopped parsley, chives and thyme
Salt and pepper

METHOD

Put the following ingredients in a bowl, beat well, taste for seasoning and pour over salad just before serving.

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Anyone who attended the recent evening of Festive Foods will know how brilliantly easy Chris Lanyon's Christmas recipes were. They'll also know how wonderful they tasted as well. After much arm twisting Chris has come up with another foolproof Christmas recipe for Trio - try it soon, it's lovely.

Smoked Salmon Mille Feuille

A light and different way to serve a traditional Christmas starter

You will need to serve four:

500gm pack of smoked salmon
six spring onions
a small tub of crème fraiche
a pack of frozen puff pastry
lemon juice, salt and pepper
a jar of Hollandaise sauce
some salad leaves for serving

Defrost the pastry and roll it out to about half a centimetre thick. Cut into 12 three-inch circles. Brush with egg wash and bake as per the packet instructions. Cool on a wire rack.

Slice the salmon into manageable pieces and add to the sliced spring onions, crème fraiche, lemon juice and salt and pepper.

On a bed of salad leaves place a circle of cooked pastry. Cover with a spoonful of the salmon mix and then another circle of pastry followed by a spoonful of salmon mix and another circle of pastry. Repeat four times.

Then pour over each 'tower' a spoonful of the Hollandaise so that it drizzles down the sides. If the Hollandaise is too thick, let it down (Ed: cook's term for thin it!) with a little boiling water.

Garnish each tower with a couple of chives across the top and eat.

ENJOY YOUR CHRISTMAS
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Chris Lanyon



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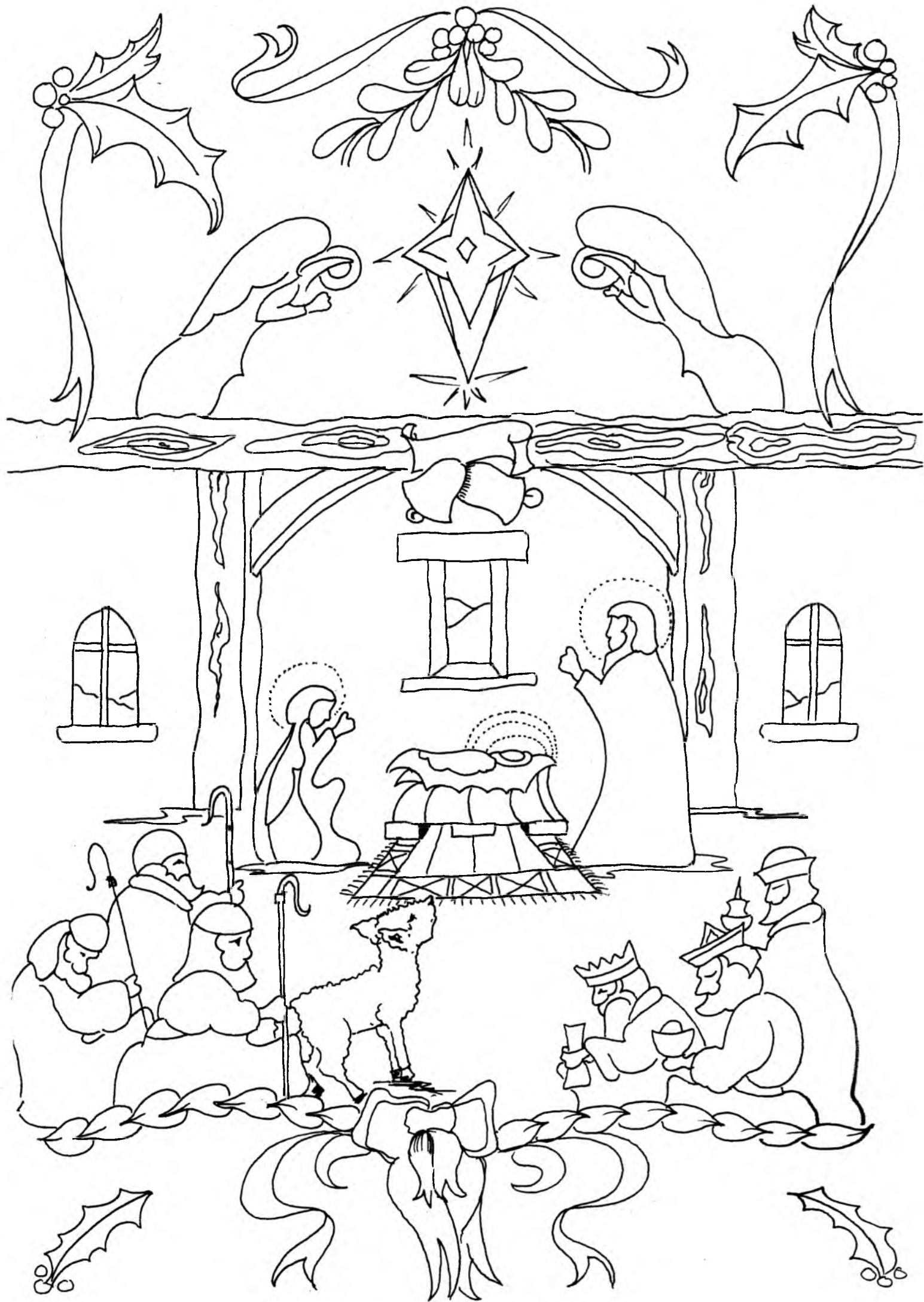
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We got married first and then lived together – how quaint can you be? Divorce was something that happened to film stars. We existed before house husbands, computer dating, dual careers and gay rights. In our time closets were for clothes, not for coming out of. Bunnies were small rabbits and dishes were for washing not receiving programmes from outer space. Designer jeans were scheming girls and have a 'meaningful relationship' meant getting on with your cousins. Making out referred to how you did in your exams, a stud was something that fastened a collar to a shirt and going all the way meant staying on a double-decker bus to the bus depot.

We thought that fast food was what you ate during Lent and a 'Big Mac' was an oversized raincoat and crumpet was what we had for tea. Cold turkey was what you ate on Boxing Day. Pizzas and instant coffee were unheard of.

We were before day care centres, group therapy and nursing homes. Sheltered accommodation was where we waited for a bus. We played with Dinky toys, wore liberty bodices and took a daily dose of cod liver oil and malt. We drank Ovaltine, ate porridge and listened to Dick Barton, the Goon Show, Workers Playtime and Housewives Choice on the radio.

We had never heard of FM radio, tape decks, CDs, word processors, artificial hearts, yoghurt or young men wearing earrings. For us, time sharing meant togetherness not Spanish holiday homes. A chip was a piece of wood, hardware meant nuts and bolts and software wasn't even a word. Made in Japan meant poor quality. We were born when everything in Woolworths cost just one penny. For sixpence you could take a tram ride or go to the cinema.

In our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was mown, coke was kept in the coalhouse, a joint was a piece of meat you had on Sundays and pot was something you cooked in. Rock music was a lullaby, a gay person was the life and soul of the party and nothing more and AIDS were for those with hearing difficulties.

We were certainly not before the difference between the sexes were discovered but we were surely before the sex change. We made do with what we had and we were the last generation to think you needed a husband to have a baby.

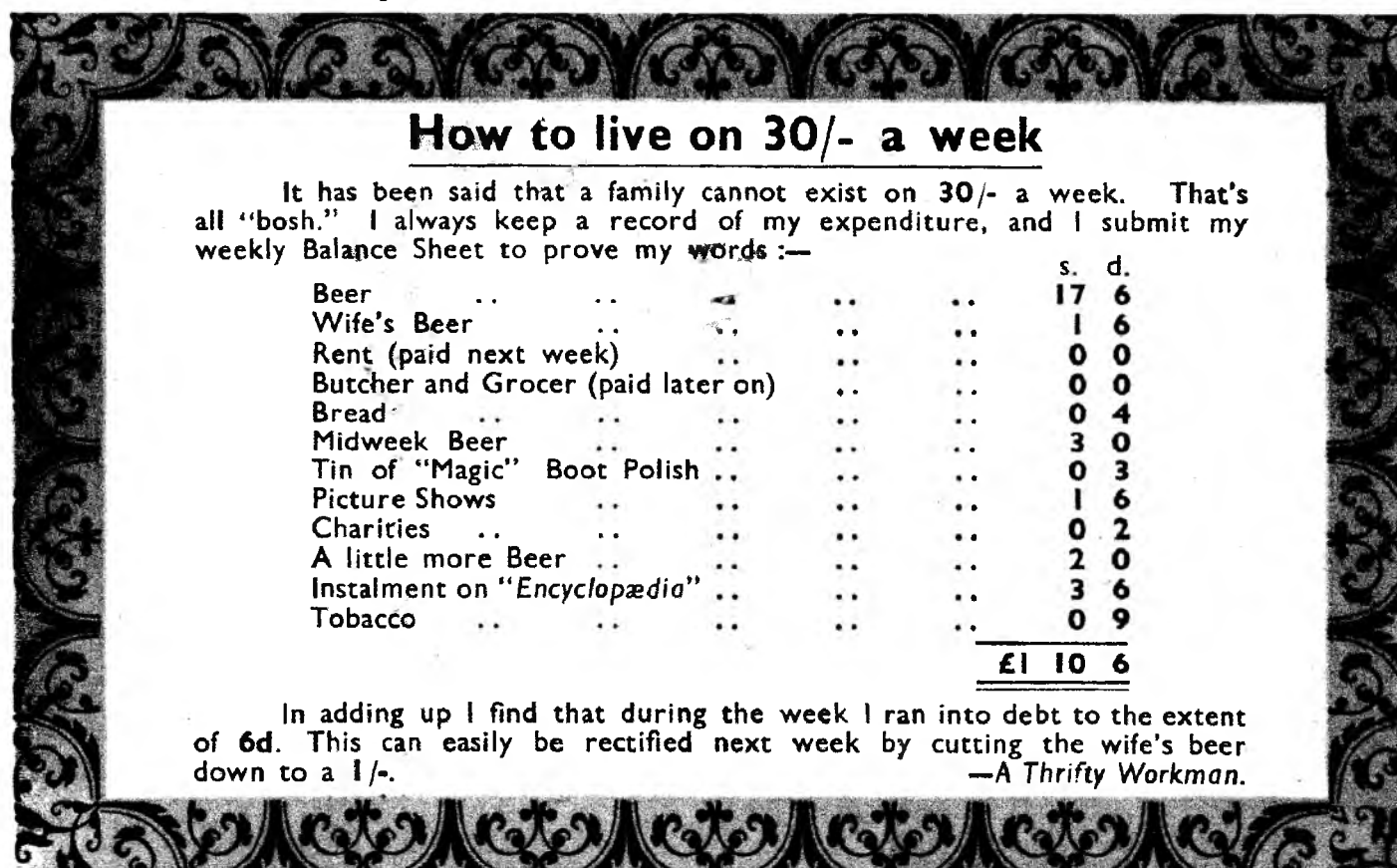
We typed letters with manual typewriters and used carbon paper to make copies. We used telephones without dials or buttons and a fax was something you looked up in the encyclopaedia.

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(Author unknown)

Ed: Several different versions of this article have been passed to us by various people, one copy coming from the 'Daschund Monthly'!

and this 70 year old postcard (courtesy of Auntie Win) shows how they used to live on 30/- (£1.50) a week!



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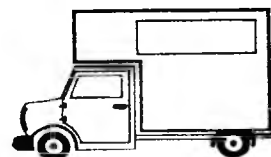
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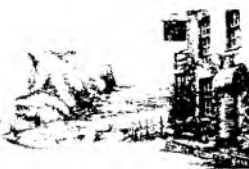
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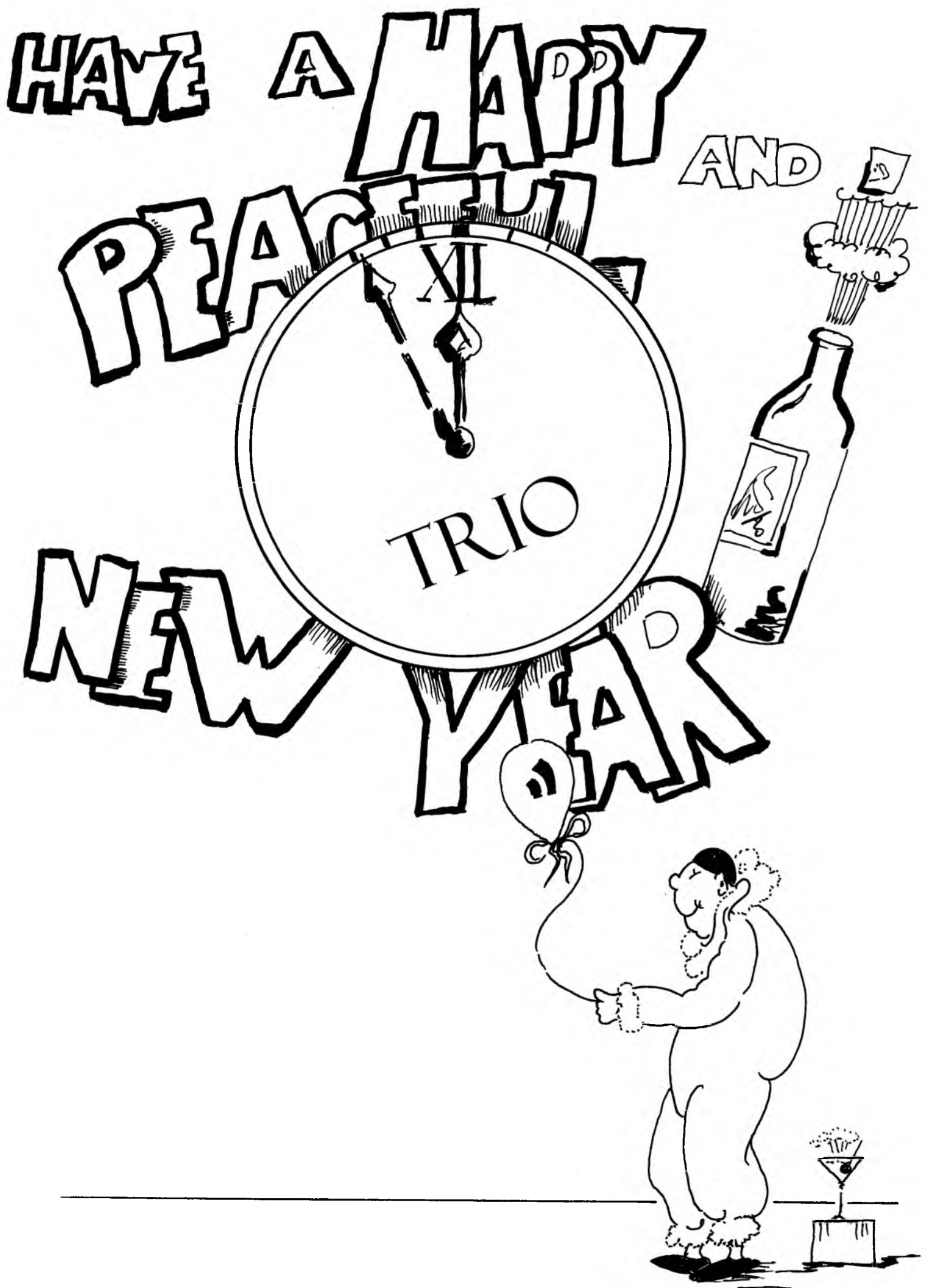
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