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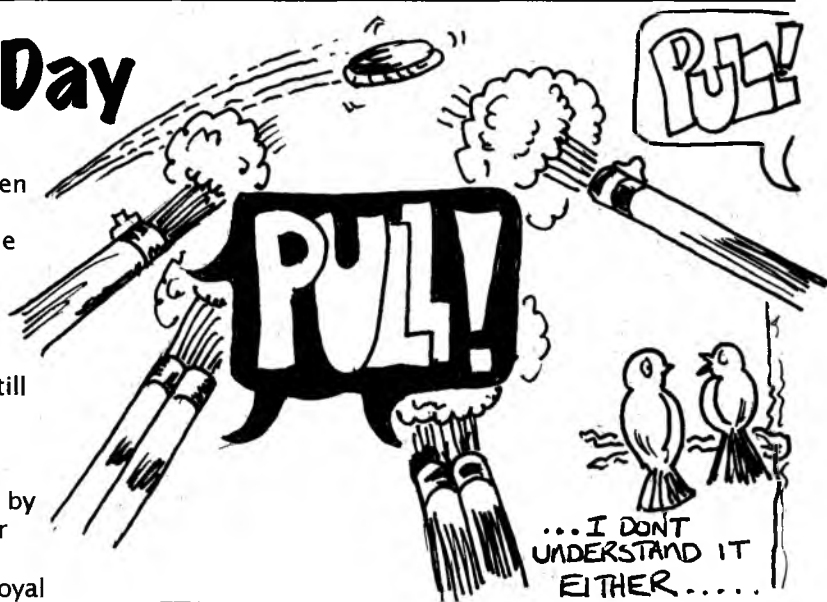
RNLI Clay Pigeon Day

Easter Monday, April 16th sees the second RNLI Open Fund Raising Sporting Clay Shoot Day. It is to be held at the Colquite Estate, Washaway, courtesy of the Countess Pinky le Grelle. Registrations for teams and individuals start at 10.30am.

Never shot before? A special Novice stand will give tuition. However, 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.

Last year – the first time such an event was managed by our Station – the day proved to be a great success for shooters and families alike. Over 131 shooters of all levels of ability took part including teams from the Royal Navy, Plymouth, a team from London and farmers and residents from the local area.

For early registration or more information contact either Bob Bulgin on 01208 880765 or Paul Worden on 01208 880397.



Mums & Monsters Table Top Sale

Port Isaac Mums and Monsters are going to hold a Table Top Sale – like an indoor car boot sale – on Saturday March 17th in the Village Hall from 10.00am to 12noon.

Tables are available to hire at £3 each and any profit you make is yours to keep or to donate to your favourite charity – it's your choice.

Entry is 50p and this includes a cup of coffee. Mums & Monsters will

also have a cake stall. Tables are limited so to book yours contact Kim on 880924 as soon as possible.

Calling all Mums and Mums-to-be

We are now asking new mums to come and register. Our group is becoming so popular that we are near to our top capacity and may have to start a waiting list.

*Kim Lanyon,
Chairmother*

FAMILY SERVICE for MOTHERING SUNDAY

St Peter's Church, Port Isaac
10.15am
Sunday March 25th

Children are invited to bring their parents to this informal service to say thank you to God for their Mothers and for Mother Church

ALL WELCOME

You will receive flowers for Mother

Port Isaac Hospice Day

Saturday March 3rd - 10.30am - the Church Rooms



Dear Trio

I write in response to NCDC Public Relations Officer, Annie Moore's comments in last month's Trio, re "councillors deciding the refuse teams should enjoy the same Christmas holiday break as other NCDC staff".

I believe that people who decide to work for a public service, including refuse collectors, should be prepared to work 365 days a year and, although I understand that this may be inconvenient at times, if they don't like it they should seek other employment. Other public services manage to maintain staffing levels over the festive period. In fact, I know of some that put on extra resources to cover increased demand.

I wonder how these councillors, or other members of NCDC's staff, would feel if, over the festive period, they were confronted by a burglar in their house armed with a knife, or their baby had stopped

St Breward Silver Band

The following letter was sent to Pat Sweett in receipt of the donation sent from the Port Isaac Christmas Lights Committee:

On behalf of the St Breward Silver Band I would like to thank you for your generous donation for our band funds. I know it has already been put to good use in purchasing some new music to play in Port Isaac during our summer season.

Now that we have almost recovered from Christmas and the New Year, we are busy practising for a competition that we have on April 1st in Torquay.

We are also learning a lot of new music ready for our new CD which we are recording on May 12th and 13th. So things are still very busy for us in the band room.

Looking forward to seeing you all again in the summer.

*Clair Teague
Secretary, St Breward Silver Band*

breathing, or their beloved cat was stuck up a tree. Then, when they called for help they were told that the Emergency Services were enjoying their Christmas break but they will call around in a day or two's time when they've finished it!

*Richard Hambly
Trewetha, Port Isaac*

Dear Trio

I would like to thank James Platt for his entertaining picture of 'Doctor', my late husband.

That is very much how the health of the inhabitants of Port Isaac was cared for in 1937 when we bought The Rock and the practice from Dr Fox - long before the days of the

National Health Service in 1948. In that time there were no nurses, receptionists or pharmacists to help in the surgery. My husband worked completely alone until 1946 when Dr Barrow joined him. In 1952, Dr Baird was made a third partner. Both doctors and their wives still live in Port Isaac and are well remembered by former patients for their skilled care over many years until their retirement.

The practice of modern medicine is very different from those earlier days. Many of the changes are to our advantage - but not all of them.

Thank you, James.

*Winifred Sproull
Trewetha, Port Isaac*

Tregardock Steps: An update from the National Trust

The additional strengthening work to Tregardock Beach steps is now complete. It has been something of a struggle due to the exceptionally wet weather that we have all suffered, but we finally got there!

We now have in place a number of stone-filled gabions and a small barrier that should reduce greatly the likelihood of further landslides at this site. We have also had additional steps installed, at the top, to replace those damaged by previous slips. The whole problem has been caused as a result of underground water seeping through the clay, eroding cavities which eventually collapse, rather than the effect of sea waves.

The work has involved the use of a specialist engineering company and local sub-contractors, who worked very hard under adverse conditions. One of the main problems was finding enough stone to fill the gabions. There were also access problems due to the bad weather creating waterlogged conditions. This has resulted in temporary damage to the footpaths because we had to take a large compressor down to the site (to insert securing pins into the rock bed to hold the gabions). For this work we were hoping to use a Shire horse brought in especially from Lanivet. However, in the event, due to the slippery conditions, we had to use a tracked dumper. Further difficulties were the result of storm damage to part of the footpath after the stream burst its banks. It has not been possible to repair this site while it is in such a wet condition. We do however have plans to tidy and level once it gets drier. I am confident that use by walkers and natural regeneration of vegetation in the spring will do the rest.

Hopefully, the steps will now provide safe access to the beach for many years to come. It has not been a cheap exercise for the National Trust, costing us a total of £16,000 (which doesn't include National Trust staff time). Once again, apologies for the state of the path. Please continue to take care when descending the steps which can be slippery.

Derek Lord, Area Warden, Polzeath to Tintagel. Tel: 01208 863821

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Date set for Village Hall AGM

Things are beginning to happen! We have got rid of an enormous amount of rubbish. All the damaged chairs have gone (with new ones to arrive soon) and we have cleared out all the rubbish in the roof. You'd never believe how much of it there was. It seemed like there was ten years worth of the entire village's old clothes up there. But it's all gone.

At the time of writing we're just waiting for the go-ahead from the 'powers that be' to begin work on the kitchen. A full update next month.

Date set for the AGM

The Village Hall AGM will be held, in the Hall, on Wednesday April 4th at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to (and should) attend. It's an opportunity to find out what's been happening through the year and to have your say.

The Village Hall Committee

Tom Brown - Scrambling Champ

It's unlikely that you'll be able to find Tom Brown in the village on a Sunday. Chances are he's either off practising or competing in a Scrambling competition.

Tom, aged 12, and a pupil at Wadebridge School, seems to have inherited his dad, Jeremy's love of motorbikes. After watching some 'off-roading' on TV he eventually, just over a year ago, persuaded his parents to buy him his own bike - an 80cc Honda Scrambling Bike. It's his pride and joy but he admits it took him a while to get the hang of riding it! Said Tom: "I've had lots of falls and the worst one was when I probably broke one of my fingers when another bike ran over it".

Tom quickly joined two Scrambling Clubs, the Cornwall Schoolboy Scramble Club and the East Cornwall Schoolboy Scramble Club. He now competes within both of these clubs and over the last year he has been awarded eight trophies, the two most recent ones being presented to him at a special ceremony on February 17th. It's a hobby that involves all his

It's a hobby that involves all his family. His dad's truck is needed to transport his bike to competitions all over the South West or to his practise ground. His mum is probably his most ardent supporter and even Lisa, his elder sister sometimes goes along to watch him.

"I'd like to have a career involving motorbikes" continued Tom. If he carries on like he is, maybe we'll have our very own World Champion Scrambler one day.

RNLI AGM

Wednesday March 14th sees the branch AGM at the Pottery when the well known Cornish traditional boat builder and raconteur, Martin Heard, will be entertaining us with film and tales from the River Fal and his life's work at the Tregateath Boatyard near Mylor. Everyone is welcome to join us at 7.00pm and refreshments will be available.

PIPs no more

It is obvious from the non-attendance at the meeting arranged for February 15th that there is no interest in keeping the PIPs in existence.

Barbara (Hawkins) would like the pantomime scripts returned to her so, if anyone has a copy in their possession, will they please return it either to me or to Barbara.

Bess Coates

Crew Dinner and Dance postponed

Due to several crossed wires and the ensuing confusion, the RNLI Crew's Annual Dinner and Dance has been postponed. But every cloud has a silver lining - watch this space for news of a Summer Extravaganza to be held jointly with the Gig Club.

Nikki B



My Mum

My mum, Aileen Randell, died peacefully in Mount Edgcombe Hospice on January 29th.

Thank you to everyone who was so kind to her and to us while she was so poorly and for their kindness' and condolences when she died.

Thank you to Father Michael who officiated at the lovely Service of Thanksgiving for Aileen at Glynn Valley Crematorium; to Ian Honey who organised everything for us; to Charlie Honey; and to Robert Whatty, the organist, who took so much trouble to find the music we wanted.

It was my mum's wish to spend her time at home in Delabole and, following a stay in Mount Edgcombe last November, this was made possible. She had a lovely Christmas with us and had her wish right up until the day she died.

There are so many people to thank - the staff at Mount Edgcombe, the District Nurses from Oadby House at Tintagel, the Marie Curie and Macmillan Nursing Services, Cornwall Social Services Home Carers and Kernow Homecare and last but not least, Meals on Wheels from the Setters Restaurant.

A collection in memory of Aileen for Guidedogs for the Blind has raised in excess of £200. In addition, her belongings have been donated to the Air Ambulance Shop at Delabole and to the Port Isaac Hospice Sale.

Mum's ashes have been buried alongside my Dad and Spike in St Teath graveyard.

Dee & Sam



Valley car park proposal

Would a car park in Port Isaac Valley solve the village's parking problems? Interested parties are invited to pass their comments on to Jon Cleave who is considering such a scheme reported Andy Penny at the recent Parish Council meeting.

Rubbish

Andy Penny also proposed that the PC sends a letter to NCDC asking for its proposals of how to avoid a recurrence of the refuse problems over Christmas and New Year and asking what the Parish Council can do to help. It sounds a reasonable idea and the motion was seconded by David Phelps and carried by a vote of four in favour. However, two of our Parish Councillors were against the proposal and one abstained!

Port Gaverne Toilets

The PC agreed a proposal that the Port Gaverne public toilets are not opened this season. This will save about £2000 and may even enable the PC to reduce its Council Tax precept next year. Alternative facilities are available just up the hill in the Port Isaac main car park.

Regular Parish Council Business

Eight parish councillors attended the meeting, held in Trelights, on February 12th 2001.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- Application 2000/2069 - Erection of detached bungalow, outline planning permission, at the rear of the St Andrews Hotel, 18 The Terrace for Mr Colin Shepperd. The proposal was that it be recommended for approval but no seconder was found. It was therefore proposed that it be recommended for refusal but again no seconder was found. The Clerk was therefore asked to obtain more information concerning access and reassurance that details of the type of building would be given full consideration by planning officers.

NOTICES FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- Application 2000/1766 - Erection of a balcony at the rear of the Lantern, New Road. Refused.
- Application 2000/1800 - Conversion of garage to guest suite at Trewithick Barn, Trelights. Refused.
- Application 2000/1830 - Erection of sunroom, deck and porch at Harbour Heights, Trewetha Lane. Approved.
- Application 2000/1891 - Erection of car port at The Eyrie, Silvershell Road. Approved.
- Application 2000/1894 - Erection of extension to existing agricultural building at Roscarrock Farm. Approved.
- Appeal re application 2000/0235 - Listed building consent for replacement of roof at Brick House, Rose Hill. Work carried out without planning permission. The appeal takes place on March 6th.

MINUTES

The PC agreed that copies of the agenda and minutes of PC meetings should no longer be displayed at the Peapod. However, a copy of the minutes would

be given to Trio. It is from these minutes that this report is compiled.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The date for this year's meeting was set for Thursday April 12th and County Councillor Helen Richards, Inspector Ward and WPC Ren Ward from the Police, NCDC's Director of Technical Services Mr T G Paul and Area Surveyor Mr Robert Constance all be invited to attend.

TENDERS

Advertisements for all this year's tenders will be placed in the Cornish Guardian.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in Port Isaac on Monday March 12th at 7.30pm.

Note: The Parish Council has not approved this article.

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

Carn Awn Singers

Practices have now started again in readiness for some forthcoming concerts and several new items have been included into our repertoire.

Dates arranged for March are the 11th at Bethel, Hallworthy and the 19th at Roseannon Chapel.

Arrangements for several other concerts are being finalised so watch this space!

If you want to organise a concert and would like further information about the Carn Awn Singers, please contact either Joan Murray on 01208 880548 or Barbara Richards on 01208 880575.

Jane Sadler

Modernising local government: the four options

There has been a huge response to the special edition of North Cornwall Matters which set out the four options for the future political management of the council. Over one thousand questionnaire responses came in over the two-week period following publication and more are still flooding in daily.

Final figures are not yet available but a spokesman for NCDC says that 'it is clear that the majority of

people have chosen Option Four, the streamlined committee system, saying that they feel this is more democratic and gives their own ward councillors a greater influence in the policies and daily work of the council'. In addition, around 500 people have offered to become members of North Cornwall District Council's Citizen's Panel which involves taking part in telephone surveys about the policies and services of the council.

Sorry

We forgot to tell you that our penny chain, back in October last year, which we did on the Platt because there were too many cars about, raised £111 towards our new BMX track.

Thank you everyone for helping us.

Tom (Brown) & Ben (Andrews)

Backalong

Looking back to March 18th 1967

What happened was

At 0845, in broad daylight, perfect visibility and a relatively calm sea, the 118,000 ton tanker *Torrey Canyon* ran aground on the Seven Stones, impaling itself at 17 knots on the biggest and western-most rock of the reef. She was carrying 119,328 tons of crude oil bound for Milford Haven.

St Mary's Lifeboat, Guy and Clare Hunter, was launched immediately. On arrival at the scene, Coxswain Matt Lethbridge expressed the fear that the vessel would break up. Over the next eight days three attempts were made to refloat the tanker off the reef but with two gales and an explosion on board, Matt Lethbridge's prophecy came true.

The Lifeboat initially took nine of the crew off the tanker, leaving the Captain and principal officers, together with salvage experts, on board. The owners were still making strenuous efforts to save the ship with four ocean going tugs standing by to pull the vessel off. Then came a violent explosion in the engine room. Seven men were injured and another two blown off the ship into the sea. An 18ft square hole was blasted through three decks. The tanker was immediately abandoned and those on board rescued by Royal Navy helicopters from Culdrose.

During all this time, oil was floating towards the Cornish coast. To combat this the Government deployed a flotilla of naval and fishing boats fitted with detergent sprayers to disperse the oil at sea, together with two air strikes which bombed the wreck in order to catch the oil alight.

When the oil hit Cornish beaches from Lands End to Trevoze Head and the south coast to Dodman Point, a new battle commenced with thousands of troops, sailors, airmen, firemen and volunteers pouring over half a million gallons of detergent over the oil.

Fortunately, Port Isaac missed the calamity but came to help in another way. A total of 1400 firemen were sent to Cornwall from 75 different UK Brigades under the command of Divisional Officer Harry Black, City of Birmingham Fire Brigade (later Deputy Chief Officer West Midlands Fire Brigade). These firemen were accommodated near to Perranporth in a caravan park with very few facilities. Harry had been a regular holiday visitor to Port Isaac and thought that some of the firemen might enjoy a night out at the Golden Lion playing darts and dominoes. For the next eight weeks parties of 30-40 came to Port Isaac on Tuesday and Friday nights to enjoy the hospitality of the village.

This month in Trio in 1983 and 1992

March 1983

- A coffee morning held by Mr & Mrs George Williams in aid of cancer research raised the sum of £85.60.
- Dr Baird thanked everyone involved in the presentation evening marking his retirement on March 1st.
- There was an appeal by St Endellion Parochial Church Council for donations towards the £20,000 required to re-build the Church Hall.

March 1992

- A wine and cheese evening held at the St Kew Inn raised a total of £271 for Lifeboat funds. In addition, a cheque for £80, raised by Tintagel and Camelford Lions Ladies was presented to the RNLI Chairman.
- Janet Chadband thanked everyone for the support given to her Home Farm Trust Lunch which raised in excess of £1118.
- A social evening held at The Headlands Hotel raised more than £250 for Port Isaac School.

Bess Coates

PC Mike Collins was amazed to see numerous Fire Brigade vehicles, from all parts of the UK, parked up in Fore Street and decided not to question their duty role!

To this day, many of those firemen remember with affection the kindness of the village.

*Your man in Fuerteventura,
David Castle*

Dogs on beaches - or not

The seasonal ban on dogs on certain beaches comes into force at Easter. The beaches for the 2001 holiday season are:

Trevone; St George's Well, Padstow; Polzeath; Crackington Haven; Widemouth Bay; Crooklets, Bude.

A further three beaches will ban dogs commencing Easter 2002 and these are Trebarwith Strand, Treynon Bay and Daymer Bay.

National Census changes

The National Census questionnaire, due to be delivered to around 24million households across the UK this year, will give anyone with a Cornish ancestry, a Cornish birthplace or a Cornish address the opportunity to identify themselves as Cornish. This will no doubt raise again the question of what is a local - or what is a Cornishman?

The results of the census will mean that, for the first time, there will be information available about how the Cornish fare in terms of housing, employment, economic activity, qualifications, occupation and health.

AUCTION

*Antiques, Bric-a-Brac,
Jewellery, Household*

**St Peter's Church Rooms
Saturday March 10th**

*more information from Penvage
Auctions on 01840 250328*

CHURCH NEWS

United Benefice News

Candlemass

The Feast of Candlemass, also known as the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, was celebrated by a United Benefice sung eucharist by candlelight in St Endellion Church on Friday February 2nd. The Revd Preb Michael Bartlett, rector presided assisted by the Revd Judith Pollinger, curate. A gospel procession, followed by the whole congregation carrying lighted candles, went to the font during the singing of the Nunc Dimittis.

Wholeness & Healing Day

Several members of the healing group attended a wholeness and healing day at Kenwyn Church and Diocesan House, Truro. There were seminars on 'A Time to Heal', the Church's recently published report on the ministry of healing, and on healing liturgies in the new pastoral services of Common Worship. After a question and answer session the day ended with a celebration of the eucharist, which included the laying on of hands and anointing. The Rt Revd Bill Ind, Bishop of Truro presided and preached at this service.

United Benefice Healing Service

The Revd Emma Childs, curate of the Parish of Launceston was the speaker at a healing eucharist held at Bodannon Farm, Trewetha, the home of Mr Roger and Mrs Pam Richards. The Revd Preb Michael Bartlett, rector presided and led the well-attended service.

Cathedral Service

The Revd Preb Michael Bartlett, Rector and Prebendary of St Endellion was among those who took part in the procession at Sung Evensong in Truro Cathedral when the Revd Canon Perran Gay was installed as Precentor and the Revd Peter Walker was installed as Canon Chancellor.

Candlelit Evening Worship

Candlelight enhanced the beauty of St Endellion Church for an evening act of worship with music from the Community of Taizé. The Revd Preb Michael Bartlett, rector arranged and led the service which also included a psalm, a meditation, silence, scripture readings and prayers. The Church bells were rung for an hour before the service.

Church's General Synod

Mrs Diana Webster, one of the eight

chairmen of the Church of England's governing body the General Synod, spoke about the work of the Synod. Mrs Webster, who lives in Finland and has a house in Port Isaac, represents the diocese of Europe on the General Synod.

Julian Meeting

The Julian Meeting, which meets for silent prayer on the second Tuesday of each month, was held in February at Trefreock Mill, the home of Mr Michael and Mrs Diana Maberly. It was led by Mrs Pam Richards.

New Leader's First Meeting

Mrs Julia Mitchell, new Branch Leader of the Mothers' Union in the United Benefice of St Endellion, Port Isaac and St Kew chaired her first branch meeting in St Endellion Church Hall in February. It was an open meeting and there was an excellent attendance to hear Mrs Diana Maberly speaking on the subject of complementary medicine. The meeting began with a short service led by the Revd Judith Pollinger, curate.

Port Isaac

Family Service

The Revd Judith Pollinger, curate arranged and led family services in St Peter's Church in January and February. Organist on each occasion was Mr Charlie Honey.

St Endellion

Orthodox Service

During the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Fellowship of St Alban and St Sergius was invited to St Endellion Church to celebrate the Orthodox liturgy of the Great Blessing of the Waters. Arch-Priest Father Benedict Ramsden, who was welcomed by the Revd Preb Michael Bartlett, rector, celebrated the liturgy by candlelight with members of both the Orthodox and Anglican Churches taking part.

Saint's Day

The feast of the Conversion of St Paul was commemorated with a said eucharist at which the curate presided.

Education Sunday

The Revd Judith Pollinger, curate in the United Benefice and Head of Year Nine at Launceston College preached on the subject of Christian education.

St Kew

Each year the annual parish supper, organised by members of St James's Church, grows in popularity. Now in its third year, this year's supper attracted 80 people. The event took place in the Parish Hall and, as well as a sumptuous four course meal, there was a raffle, a mini-pantomime, a recitation and community singing. Members of the fund-raising committee, chaired by Mrs Maida Davy, and other helpers contributed to a most successful and enjoyable evening which raised the magnificent sum of £723.00 for the church.

Judith Pollinger, tel: 880131

Moments in Time

(A thought for 2001)

What do we do with the moments we save
As we rush through the course of the day?
If we dash to the post, or run for a bus,
Cut corners along the way.

Will the minutes we save add up to an hour
To be used later on? No, alas,
Moments are fleeting, and time doesn't wait
But goes on, and life's days and years pass.

At the side of a loved one who's ill,
When we know the time they have left is not long,
The minutes drag by as we hold a dear hand,
And try, for their sake, to be strong.

But at holiday times, when we're carefree and gay,
Time flies as we laugh and have fun,
We wonder just where all the moments have gone,
They seem ended before they've begun.

So what can we do to even things out?
Can we measure the time, fast or slow,
So we're not always rushing, and trying to catch
Up the moments we lose as we go.

Time is God-given. The best we can do
Is to come to Him each new day
And ask him to fill every moment in time
With his peace, as we go on our way.

Anon

William John Honey - the Barber

by James Platt



of those who were in might even have come for a haircut or a shave.

It was in a single room dwelling that the gentlemen's barber, William John Honey, kept his salon. The room was through a curtained off opening on the right of a small hallway which led straight in from an entry door on Fore Street.

Not too many paces uphill from this entrance stood the public lavatory which then graced the lower side of Little Hill. That lavatory hung over the harbour cliff, steadily threatening to end up on the beach together with anyone in it at the time who might have been, as Jess Steer put it at a Parish Council meeting, "enjoying a comfortable one".

The barber's was a no-mod-cons establishment which specialised in a "short back and sides and some off the top" form of styling. The back window of the establishment had an unparalleled view of Lobber Hill across the harbour.

Within the salon was a barber's chair of considerable antiquity. It had probably neither swivelled nor elevated within living memory. A plank was placed across its arms for boys to sit on to have their hair cut. It was incomparable, no appointments necessary, no frills work, price sixpence.

A large mirror with an ornate rim was built into the wall which the barber's chair faced. In the mirror you could see the whole of the salon reflected when you were seated with a sheet around your neck with William John busy at his trade about you. There was an alcove to the back right where supplies of items like Bay Rum and the ominous sounding styptic pencils were kept. There was a cold fireplace in the wall behind and a row of hard wooden chairs along the wall to your right on which customers waited their turn.

The mirror seemed to be gradually succumbing to a creeping disease of brown tendrils crinkling inwards from the corners. Below it was a sink, used by William John for mixing shaving foam, as well as for the occasional washing of hair that he might be requested to do. Hair

washing was so rare that when it happened it was an event.

The sink had no running water and its outlet had been fitted with a piece of rubber hose leading into a bucket. Water, stored in another bucket, was heated on a Primus stove. Warmth in winter was provided by a paraffin heater.

William John lived in a council house in a fortress-like row of such dwellings on the outskirts of Port Isaac. He had fought and survived a hard war and had come home a hero. Never appearing to be in a hurry, this most self-effacing of men got things done promptly with a gentle ease of manner and a full measure of kind words. He was short in stature but big in spirit. He had a wise head with a long forehead from which his own hair rippled backwards in a set of undulating waves.

The standard tools of the barber's trade used by William John were scissors and comb and a pair of hand activated clippers. He shaved men with fearsome cutthroat razors which he stropped with a perfect rhythmic beat on a thick leather strap attached to the wall on one of its ends by a nail.

When William John got his first pair of electric clippers he was besieged by customers keen to see and experience this new technological miracle. Unfortunately, his mastery of the same was not achieved overnight. "Is it pulling?" he would ask you as the electric clippers ripped tufts of hair from the back of your head.

Once, William John obtained a plastic accessory tool, a disc studded with a close set spiral of short blunt tines that he could slot into the electrical clippers and use for scalp massage. It hummed as it vibrated rapidly and made your eyes lose focus. The cost of this service was threepence on top of the haircut price - and was worth every penny.

On any evening William John's salon was full and on Saturdays it was usually standing room only. Some

For most of them however, it was the chat and banter in a cosy male preserve which was the attraction. William John stood in the centre as the master of ceremonies, snipping and clipping, sweeping fallen hair across the cracked linoleum into a greasy grey and black pile, moderating the discussion with his dry and easy charm.

Voting made easier

New legislation has come into force that will make it easier to vote. For the first time ever, postal votes will be available on demand and there will be no need to give a reason for wanting a postal vote. Anyone will be able to request a postal vote for a specific election or register for an automatic postal vote for a set period. The deadline for postal votes is at least six working days before polling day.

In addition, if your name does not appear on the electoral register for any reason, a new 'Rolling Register' is now in force that enables people to register to vote at any time of the year. To vote in the forthcoming County Council elections on May 3rd you must register with NCDC by no later than March 16th.

For more information on either of the above options, contact Electoral Services at Higher Trenant Road, Wadebridge PL27 6TW or telephone Jenny Bennett on 01208 893270, email: jenny.bennett@ncdc.gov.uk

Rosemary Williams
textile artist

THE COURTYARD
GALLERY

Exhibition of new
work 2001

Preview April 12th

11.00am - 4.00pm

with a glass of wine



schoolchat



Port Isaac School news and views

Flashpoint!

On the 26th of January the Junior and Senior class went to the Flashpoint Centre in Bodmin.

It is a place for children to learn how to act in emergencies.

We were put into groups by the staff at Flashpoint and we then went to the different situations that had been set up.

My favourite was when we went into a room that had been burgled and had to decide what to do.
(Daniel)

My favourite was were we came across a car accident and we had to look after the lady and tell her not to move her neck and phone 999 on the special phone.
(Thomas)

Learning Together

Due to popular demand we have a new time for Learning Together. We will now meet at Port Isaac School on a Thursday from 1.15pm until 3.15pm during term time.

So, if you are aged 3 or over, come along with your Mum or your Gran for lots of fun. See you on March 1st.

In last month's *Trio* the lovely Winter poems and review of the Panto were written by the Junior Class, the review of Port Isaac School Christmas Play was by Josh Grills and Joe's Magic Jokes were written by Joe Edkins.

We think it was very interesting for children and we learnt what to do in an emergency.

by Daniel Grills (Y4) and
Thomas Potterton (Y5).

RSPB Birdwatch

Mrs Munns and the Junior class took part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch on the 25th of January. They counted how many different kinds of birds came into the playground, after break. They spotted 11 Starlings, 1 Magpie, 2 Robins, 1 Pied Wagtail and 1 House Sparrow.

The Junior Class.

More of Joe's Jokes

What's the difference between in-laws and outlaws?

Outlaws are wanted!!

What's orange and comes out of the ground with a roar!

A carrot on a motor bike

What's black and hums?

An electric prune!!

Whats black and white and red all over?

A newspaper!!

by Joe Edkins

Interview with Andrew Dingle

Ex pupil Andrew Dingle spent a week in February at Port Isaac School in The Early Years Class as part of his Travel Studies College Course .

Michael Hasler and Daisy Thomas, two children from the class, interviewed Andrew at the end of the week.

Michael: Did you have a good time at our school?

Andrew: Yes thank you. I really enjoyed my time with you all. It was a fun week.

Daisy: Did you like helping us work on our lighthouses as part of our work on Grace Darling?

Andrew: Yes because it brought back memories of when I was at school and making models. It was good fun. I have always enjoyed crafts.

Michael: Did you have a good time playing Draughts with us?

Andrew: Yes, even though I never won a game!

Daisy: Thank you for playing with us, from the whole class.

Andrew: It was a great experience helping you at school.

I am hoping to get a job in another country working with children whilst they are on holiday.

Maybe with you some day!

Everyone in the Early Years Class thinks Andrew would be brilliant in that job.

By Michael Hasler (Y2) and
Daisy Thomas (Y1).

George's Historical Ramblings

John Norden, who was born in 1548 and died about 1626, made a Survey of Cornwall which was eventually printed, with maps, in 1728.

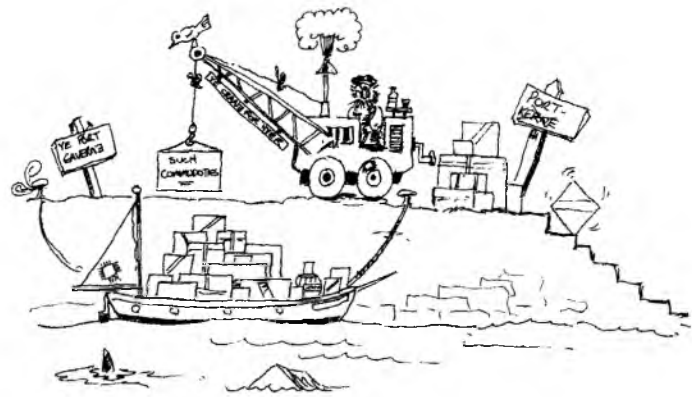
Portissick (he writes) is a hamlet and haven, wonderfully increased in buyldinges of late yeares by fishinge.

Port-quin is a litle hamlet and harbour ner the former, muche increasinge by fishinge also Port-Kerne (Port Gaverne) a litle cove for fisher-boates; and there was somtymes a crane to lifte up and down suche comodities as were ther taken in to be transported, or brougnt in and unladen: and ther have been divers buyldinges, now all decayde since the growing of Portissick.

St Endelion or St Endelian, a parishe situate in a frutefull vayne of land.

The spellings are Norden's, ie Elizabethan. On his map he notes Portquin haven, Portezick haven and Portkeurn cove.

Jumping to the Cornish Guardian of 1907, the spellings are easier to decipher. On August 16th, Thomas May of Bodannon had an accident with his horse and trap. He was driving furiously and got a little out of control taking a bend. One of the shafts of his trap hit the chest of a horse pulling Richard Prout's trap coming the other way and killed the horse. Thomas May was fined at Trigg Magistrates' Court - 10/- (50p) for being drunk and £1 for assaulting the local policeman. He didn't seem to learn because, on September 13th at the same Court he was fined £1 and £2 for being drunk and attacking the law.



I wonder if a dangerous driving gene can be passed down from generation to generation?

He wasn't the only rowdy character though. The youths of Port Isaac were so obstreperous that an extra constable had to be drafted in (as a resident) to help quell the unruly behaviour!

Rambling George

Air Ambulance to the rescue

One day I was swimming with my brother and some friends at Port Gaverne. The water was very cold because it was about 4.30pm and high tide. We had been having a great time jumping off the rocks.

We were heading for shore and noticed that our clothes had been washed away. We were looking in the sea for them when I began to feel a bit dizzy. I tried to get back to my dinghy as it was closer than the beach. But it was too late and I had a fit. Then I was unconscious in the sea. Luckily, Phil who used to live at the St Andrews Hotel, saw and rang my mum at home. My brother and friends were trying to pull me out of the water. I was very heavy because I was unconscious. Then Rob (Ballantine) came to help and I was taken to the Port Gaverne Hotel. They were very kind to me and gave me a bed and a blanket and hot chocolate.

I woke up and started shivering a lot. Mum and Dad came, then the ambulance. They said I had some water on my lungs. Then the Air Ambulance arrived and took me to Treliiske in six minutes at 2000ft above the ground. It took Mum and Dad 40 minutes by road!

Everyone was very kind and my family are very grateful to everyone.

Daniel Durston

Obituary

Valentine Logue, who died peacefully at his home in west London shortly after Christmas, loved Port Isaac and, in his later years, spent almost half of each month in the village.

When he and his family first arrived in the village in the early 60s they had a small cottage at the bottom of Dolphin Street. They later moved up the road to the larger Trevan House where Valentine could more easily pursue two of his loves - gardening and model railways. He took over the top floor of the house for his railway and would spend hours, either by himself or with interested neighbours, in pursuit of his hobby. He was also a keen bird watcher and the north Cornish coast gave him ample opportunities to pursue this hobby.

Professor Logue held the chair of neurosurgery at the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases in London and was a world-famous figure in his field. He travelled widely across the continents giving lectures and attending seminars. After his retirement he was elected an emeritus professor.

Well over 6ft3ins tall, he had a shock of white hair allied to a booming voice that made sure over-the-garden-wall conversations with neighbours could be heard across the village. Then he would climb into his open top Morgan and drive off to St Enodoc golf club where he freely admitted that his game was enthusiastic rather than professional.

Unknown to most people, his family had an unusual link with the Royal family. His father, Lionel, a speech therapist, arrived in Britain from his native Australia in the early 1920s and quickly built an outstanding reputation within his field, leading to the then Duke of York, who suffered from a bad stammer, becoming a patient. When George VI ascended the throne, following the abdication of his elder brother, Edward VIII in 1937, he made a speech to the nation on the BBC. Lionel Logue helped him with the speech and was sitting by him in the BBC studio as George spoke.

Valentine Logue is survived by his widow Anne and a daughter. A second daughter died in 1984.

*Tony Moreton
Port Isaac & Merthyr Tydfil*

Recycling Yellow Pages

You should by now have received your new copy of the Yellow Pages. If you still have your old copy give it to a pupil of Port Isaac School. The school has entered a competition with other local schools to see which one can collect the most copies for recycling.

In the Garden

This wonderful weather we have been having can be a bit risky. We tend to think that because the sun is shining and it is warm that spring is here to stay. We can make the confusion in the greenhouse slightly less by putting the overwintered plants out during the day. But remember, there still could be some frosts.

I have taken advantage of the dry spell to install a pebble pool and it looks good. The only slight drawback being that there is a hum when the pump is working, caused I imagine by the vibration on the plastic base. The solution, I think, is to stand the pump on a piece of foam plastic.

The usual early spring temptation has grabbed me and my greenhouse is full of seed trays. If all the seeds germinate I shall have enough annuals for three gardens!

GFL

From 'The Silly Little Book of Smelly Jokes' -
chosen by Corinna Taylor

What does the Queen do when she belches? *She issues a Royal pardon!*

Who is the smelliest, hairiest monster in the world? *King Pong!*

"Doctor, Doctor, I've had a tummy ache since I ate three crabs yesterday"

"Did they smell bad when you took them out of their shells?"

"What do you mean took them out of their shells?"

What do you get if you cross King Kong with a watch dog? *A terrified Barry!*

What were Batman and Robin called after they'd been run over by a steamroller? *Flatman and Ribbon!*

An Australian Weather Dish

I have recently been on holiday in Australia, staying west of Melbourne at a place called Apollo Bay. Melbourne has the reputation of having four seasons in one day. This is true. One wakes up to rain, mist, fog or whatever and a temperature of 16°C and by the afternoon the temperature has risen to 34°C and the sun is blazing down. Apollo Bay is situated on a promontory with the sea on three sides and hills on the other.

It was on one of the cold mornings that we decided to drive to Skenes Creek and take the winding road up to Chris's Restaurant. The view was stunning, looking down the creek to the beach, the sea and the surf. Chris, we discovered, was Greek and had built up quite a reputation over the years of having the best restaurant in the area. To warm us up on this chilly day we chose the Apollo Bay Mussel Soup. It was delicious. I asked the waiter if I could have the recipe. Chris himself came out from the kitchen and when I explained I wrote this column, he said in his strong Greek accent, "You tell them that it comes straight from the lips of Chris". I have tried the recipe and the result is very near the original.

Apollo Bay Mussel Soup

4tblsp olive oil * 2 cloves, peeled and sliced
2.5cm/1" ginger, peeled and sliced * 1 onion, chopped
1 green chilli, seeded and finely sliced * 1 small shiny aubergine, cubed
1 courgette, cubed * 1 red pepper, cut into squares
1 tomato, chopped * 1 piece lemon grass, soft part finely sliced
1 large bunch fresh coriander, chopped * 1570ml/1pt chicken stock
Juice of a lemon * 40 fresh mussels
1 glass dry white wine * handful chopped parsley

Method

- In a saucepan, gently fry the onion in the olive oil until opaque.
- Then add the garlic and the rest of the vegetables, keeping the coriander until the end.
- Stir well and add the stock and lemon juice and simmer until all the vegetables are cooked.
- Clean the mussels well and remove the beard. Discard any that are not tightly closed and put the good ones into another saucepan together with the wine and the parsley. Cook over a high flame until all the mussels have opened, discarding any that stay closed.
- Add the contents of the mussels pan to the vegetables.
- Check the seasoning.
- Serve in soup bowls with warm crusty bread.

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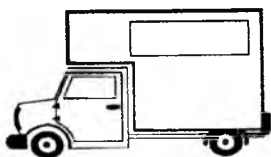
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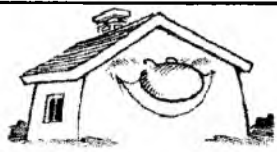
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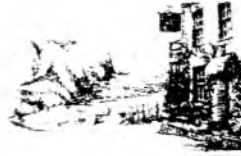
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Monday March 12th
Parish Council Meeting in
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Wednesday March 14th
RNLI AGM. Guest Speaker
- Martin Heard with a film
and talk on traditional
Cornish boat building. In
the Pottery at 7.00pm.

Saturday March 17th
Port Isaac Mums &
Monsters Table Top Sale
in the Village Hall -
10.00am to 12 noon

Tuesday March 20th
Whist Drive in St Endellion
Church Hall - 7.30pm

Wednesday March 21st
David Welton Charity
Quiz Night in the Golden
Lion at 8.00pm

Wednesday April 4th
Village Hall AGM in the
Hall - 7.30pm

Monday April 9th
Parish Council Meeting in
the Church Rooms, Port
Isaac - 7.30pm

Thursday April 12th
St Endellion Parish
Council Annual Parish
Meeting

Easter Monday April 16th
RNLI Clay Pigeon Shoot,
Colquite Estate

Tuesday April 17th
Whist Drive in St Endellion
Church Hall - 7.30pm

Wednesday April 18th
St Peter's Church Mini
Market in the Church
Rooms - 10.00am

Thursday April 19th
Village Hall Quiz and
Raffle in the Village Hall

Monday May 14th
Parish Council Meeting in
the Church Rooms, Port
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Saturday June 2nd
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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?

Monday June 11th
Parish Council Meeting in
Trelights - 7.30pm

Friday June 29th
St Peter's Day - Cream
Teas and Strawberries &

Cream in the Church
Rooms - from
2.30pm

**Saturday June
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RNLI Open Day

Sunday July 1st
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Saturday July 7th
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Monday July 9th
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Wednesday July 25th
St Peter's Church Mini
Market in the Church
Rooms - 10.00am

Monday August 13th
Parish Council Meeting in
the Church Rooms, Port
Isaac - 7.30pm

**Tuesday
August 14th**
Village Hall Cream Teas

Sunday August 19th
RNLI Fun Day on the Platt

Monday September 10th
Parish Council Meeting in
the Church Rooms, Port
Isaac - 7.30pm

Friday September 21st
Village Hall Music Quiz

Saturday October 20th
Village Hall Coffee
Morning in the Hall -
10.30am



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

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

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~~ Thursday in month at 7.00pm

Tuesday March 6th - United Benefice Confirmation with the Rt Revd Bill Ind, Bishop of Truro in St Kew Church - 7.00 pm

Wednesday March 7th - Healing Eucharist at Trefreock - 7.30 pm

Thursday March 8th - Lent Course begins at St Endellion Church - 7.00 pm

Sunday March 11th - Evening Worship with Taizé Music by candlelight at St Endellion Church - 6.00 pm

Thursday March 15th - Lent Course at St Peter's Church - 7.00 pm

Wednesday March 21st - Healing Eucharist at Pityme - 7.30 pm

Thursday March 22nd - Lent Course at St Kew Church - 7.00 pm

Sunday March 25th - Mothering Sunday Service in St Peter's Church - 10.15am

Wednesday March 28th - St Peter's Church Annual Meeting in the Church - 7.00pm

Friday March 30th - St Endellion Church Annual Meeting in the Church Hall - 7.30 pm

Wednesday April 4th - Healing Eucharist in St Peter's Church, Port Isaac (Speaker: the Ven Clive Cohen, Archdeacon of Bodmin) - 7.30pm

