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A Village Hall we can be proud of

) ur final words in the last Trio were 'DIY SOS are paying us a second visit'. Well, they did and since then we've barely had time to draw breath.

Chairman Steve Appleby was scarcely able to contain his excitement at the AGM when he announced that the Hall was going to be 'DIY SOS'd'.

It's all going to take place over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend and 'live' coverage will be on BBC1 on Friday May 4th at 8.30pm. Other times when you can watch snippets of what's happening are Saturday at 5.40pm and 7.45pm; Sunday at 2.25pm, 5.20pm and 6.50pm; and on Monday May 7th at 1.15pm, 4.35pm and at approximately 6.30pm ish! Throughout the weekend you will be able to see how things are going by logging on to <u>www.bbc.co.uk\divsos</u>

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We're going to hold a village party on May Day Monday evening to celebrate our new Hall and everyone is invited. Things will start on the Platt at about 5.30pm (we're on TV talk here so this is a bit flexible). Everyone will then be filmed following the St Minver Band up to the Hall for the reveal and handover. You have to remember that this is live TV and the director Rupert – who is a lovely man so we do believe him! – has asked us to apologise to the village in advance and say that all the hold ups and waiting around over the weekend are NOT HIS FAULT! There will be delays and lots of waiting and everyone needs to be patient. But it will all be worth it and by 8 o'clock the Hall will be ours and should be rocking. The Applebeats Sixties Band are top of the bill but there is also a disco and a karaoke, plus lots to eat and drink

What's actually being done inside the Hall is being kept very secret and most of the committee are also being kept in the dark. You wouldn't believe the lengths some committee members are going to, to try and get the secrets out of those 'in the know'. What we are sure of is that at the end of the weekend we will have a hall that we can be proud of.

Big Saturday

Our first big event in our new Hall will be Big Saturday on June 2nd. The day starts with another 'Mens' Coffee Morning (with donuts and bacon butties), followed by Janet's lunches, followed by an afternoon tea dance, followed by an early evening disco for the youngsters and ending with a Sixties Night when we hope everyone will come dressed for the occasion.

FOOT AND MOUTH REPORT from Paul Tyler

Dear Constituent,

Over the last two months I have been trying to help so many businesses affected by this terrible situation – both farmers and those involved in the holiday trade - that it has been difficult to keep track of all the problems that have arisen. Obviously, many have felt that they have been given no accurate information by the authorities, and left to fend for themselves.

Obviously, I cannot answer for the Government, or indeed for local councils. I have been as critical as anyone of their handling of the situation. What I can do is to try to give you my own honest assessment of what has happened, and report back to parishioners on the lessons of these last few weeks.

When the first **FMD** outbreak was announced, I really hoped that the Minister – and indeed the whole Cabinet - would have learnt the lessons of the dreadful mishandling of BSE by the previous Government. In the first few days I asked what contingency plans had been drawn up, and what improvements could be made as a result of the Phillips Report on BSE and the official report on the 1967 Foot and Mouth epidemic.

Since then, my main concerns have been .:

to get common sense decisions, based on local knowledge and practical experience, rather than negative refusals "up the line" - e.g. preventative disinfectant mats on the main roads into Cornwall;

selective precautions rather than blanket bans – e.g. immediate closure of foot paths through livestock areas, but keep others open - it was crazy to shut areas with no livestock!

recognition of the dire effects of over-bureaucratic meddling – e.g. London messages about the "closure of the countryside", and ignorance of local factors;

total inadequacy of the Animal Welfare Scheme – e.g. the Intervention Board, responsible for the scheme is regularly uncontactable, so that our local vets know they have grossly underestimated the demand. Result: farmers and their animals are suffering needlessly.

appalling MAFF failure to consult, inform or explain – e.g. the handling of the Cansford Quarry exercise was a disgrace, sending out exactly the wrong messages;

refusal of the Government to recognise the need for "hidden victims" in other businesses to receive the same support as Farmers themselves.

One thing is clear: we are all in this together. Nobody in North Cornwall has escaped – everyone is affected in some way. There are clear limits to what we can do to assist but, in the meantime, I pay tribute to the remarkable way in which people here have faced the crisis.

Hopefully the worst is over, but no thanks to Government "experts". After the twin disasters of BSE and FMD I am convinced that MAFF must be radically reformed.

We remain ready to help in any way we can: obviously I cannot promise to cut through all the red tape, but I promise to try.

Paul Tyler MP. Constituency Office Tel: 01566 777123

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Don't go out wihout your make-up on!



Star of Doc Martin, Martin Clunes

F ilming has started, in and around the village, on *Doc Martin*, the 'prequel' to *Saving Grace.* Written by local author and screenplay writer, Simon Mayle, the film features Martin Clunes. He starts off as a successful London doctor and escapes to Cornwall to 'find himself' as well as a motley crew of eccentric local characters. A bit like everyday life in Port Isaac really!

As detailed in last month's Trio, the film company are keen to minimise any disruption in the village. Filming in Port Isaac is dependent on the weather conditions but working schedules will be delivered around the village and posted at the Post Office, the Peapod and on all notice boards as and when information is available.

It is anticipated that there will be some night shooting around the Platt on May 24th and around Dolphin Street, Middle Street and Rose Hill on May 25th.

If anyone has a problem with anything to do with the filming, the best thing to do is contact our film liaison man, Andy Penny on 01208 880985, mobile 07968 592725, email <u>andy@ourbuilder.co.uk</u>

Lobber's point

T isn't like the old days. Everything in the village was black and white then'. Pitch and whitewash - that's all they could afford.

Well, how do you know that, I ask? The reply invariably is that they've seen the old photos. Big deal. Why not put a black and white film in your camera and take some snaps around Temple Bar and Dolphin Street and Roscarrock Hill. Surprise, surprise! The village still looks black and white.

But the 'taste police' will soon tell you, if you haven't already noticed, that they can see some colours in the old village. The same 'taste police' who look down upon us all and hold up their little black and white snapshots of Port Isaac, circa 1870, and compare them to the view now. 'Ooh, I don't like what those naughty people down in Port Isaac are doing to <u>their</u> buildings. That pink place in Dolphin Street, that yellowy cottage in Fore Street and that purple woodwork on Halwyn and that awful bright green on Lobber'. 'No, that's grass dear. Grass has always been green'. 'Not in my old photos - it's black and white'.

Anyway, get your binoculars out and have a good look at 'The Lion sort of Turquoise'. Is David Icke the new landlord? Does Icke rhyme with Mike? Is the Golden Lion, like the Great Wall of China, now visible from the moon? Whatever, I love it and I hope that whoever is peering down upon it gets a headache from the glare.

Please, this village is no longer black and white and nor are the people who live and work in it. Open your eyes to the colour and, if you don't like it, you're still free to paint your own place whatever colour you like. Isn't that enough for you? The past was black and white. Anyone with a stake in the future knows that it comes in colour. Face it, The Lion is sort of turquoise, Lobber is green, the future is orange. God only knows what colour Laurence would paint the breakwaters! Till next time, let 'em get on with it. Lobber



The fact that you're reading this means that we did finally manage to finish this issue of Trio. It's been a nightmare and for no apparent reason. Yes, most of the copy was late, but what's new. It must be that so much else has been going on with the Village Hall.

DIY SOS coming is so exciting and seems to be taking up most of the committee's time. It's also meant that we have had to do a lot of what committees do best - have lots of meetings! We all feel so incredibly lucky that, for once, our fairy godmother was watching over us and has waved her magic wand.

Don't forget the big party on May Day Monday - everyone's invited.

Now, the bad news is that Rambling George wants to take a break from writing his monthly Trio article at least until the winter. So there's a vacancy for someone to write a regular column. Any takers?

And finally, just a gentle reminder (for gentle read sharp kick in the backside) to all you Trio advertisers who have not yet paid the bills sent to you last month. Pay up, or else!

Garden Society Show

It's that sow and sew time again!! We have organised this year's Open Show for Saturday September 1st at 2.00pm in the Church Hall. As well as the usual sponsored cups, this year there will be prize vouchers and medals for Marshalls Top Tray for Vegetables and Unwins Top Vase for Flowers. So with extra cookery classes and hopefully more of you entering, we hope to have a bigger and better show. So please put the date in



So please put the date in your diaries. *Robin Elgar*

Sam & Dee

Backalong

As reported in the West Briton, May 2nd 1845

Beer as Ballast

'Fatal Boat Accident.

On Wednesday, the 23rd ult, four men from Trebarwith, in the Parish of Tintagel, went for an excursion in a small boat to Port Isaac, taking guns with them for the purpose of shooting sea fowl.

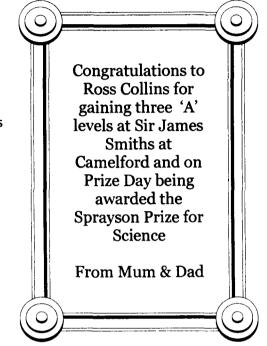
After drinking freely at the latter place, they left about seven o'clock in the evening to return, and were advised to take a bag of sand as ballast. They, however, treated the advice with contempt; and instead of the sand they took a jar of beer.

Some persons at Port Isaac, being apprehensive of danger, kept a look out on the hills; and seeing the boat upset when about half-way to Tintagel, two fast sailing gigs went off immediately, and were just in time to save two of the parties, named Brown and Marshall, one of whom was holding by the boat, and the other by an oar in a very exhausted state. Mr James Rounseval, jun, who has lately come into considerable property on the death of his grandfather, and who was one of the party, was seen to sink just before the gigs were near enough to lay hold of him; and the other man, a pensioner, called Collecott, sank immediately the boat was upset.

It appears that the sail was made fast to the boat, instead of being held in such a way as to admit of its being "let go" in case of danger. Ten pounds have been offered by the friends of Mr Rounseval, for the recovery of his body, but it has not been found. He had a belt on, with shot in it, which in all probability accelerated his sinking.'

How have things changed over the 150 years? Not too much. People take to the water without seeking local advice. Some are known to have had too much to drink. Their boat may not be suitable for the North Cornish Coast and their skills are not great. Where in 1845 the rescue was by the village gigs, today we have the Inshore Lifeboat. The sea conditions are still the same and don't alter in the passing of time. We say 'Don't Drink and Drive' and that applies when afloat.

> Our man in Fuerteventura, David Castle



This month in Trio in '83 and '92

1983

- The Port Isaac Singers were placed first in the PJ Taylor Challenge Cup at the Cheltenham Festival.
- The Art Exhibition at the Port Caverne Hotel was very successful. A donation of £911 was given to Port Isaac RNLI branch.
- A coffee morning, held by Enid Andrews at Hathaway, raised £50 for Port Isaac RNLI.
- A jumble sale, organised by Velma Knight and Shirley Gladwin, raised £100 for Camelford School.
- The Port Isaac Billiards team beat Wadebridge Conservative Club in the 'Knock Out' final, thereby winning the shield.

1992

- A letter of appreciation was received from Gladys Holman House at Camborne (The Spastics Society) for receipt of a cheque for £1000 from Daisy Hicks.
- Port Isaac Rowing Club held a fun race on Easter Sunday and around £600 was raised.
- The Rowing Club attended the World Pilot Gig Championships in the Isles of Scilly.
- The British Red Cross House-to-House collection, organised by Pam Richards, raised £136.80.
- The Football Club organised a sponsored walk from Port Isaac to Bodmin and raised £275.
- Port Isaac Football Club won the Divisional Cup by beating Lanreath 4-2 in the final at St Breward. Carl Daly scored a hat trick and George Little scored the fourth goal. A special 'well done' was made to the team manager Peter Rowe and thanks to Mark Provis for his sponsorship.
- Frank McNichol closed the Port Gaverne Art Exhibition. Although only open for four weeks the show raised £1373 for the RNLI.

Frank & Renee were thanked for all their hard work.

- The Lifeboat was launched on April 16th. A search established that a surfer was safely ashore.
- On April 18th a Board Sailor was reported in difficulty off Trebetherick. The casualty was located and put safely ashore at Daymer Bay. The crew were John Collins, Nigel Andrews and Richard Hambly.
- Later the same day casualties were reported on rocks at Trevone Bay. The Lifeboat was launched but recalled soon afterwards.
- Whilst on exercise the Lifeboat went to the aid of a diving boat which had run out of fuel and was drifting seaward. The boat, with eight members of the RAF St Mawgan Sub Aqua Club on board, was towed into Port Gaverne.
- A mini market in St Peter's Church raised £93 for church funds.

Bess Coates

Dear Trio

My husband and I have been coming to Port Isaac for many years, at all times of the year including Christmas and all Bank Holidays. At all times of the year we have never had any difficulty in parking. Imagine then our surprise and horror when we learnt that another car park was being talked about in the beautiful little valley. This would be a crime.

When we come down we usually park either on the beach where there is a very helpful gentleman who lets us park all day for the paltry sum of £1, or, if the tide's in, on the top car park where, if the weather is bad, we can sit in the car and watch the sea. Occasionally we have parked in The Terrace^{*}but always felt guilty, sensing that these places are for local people, even though there is usually plenty of room.

Port Isaac is a beautiful, quiet place, even in the summertime. There are no two hour traffic jams to get in or out and no driving round and round for hours looking for a parking space. The fishermen and delivery people are always very courteous and understanding to us foreigners, knowing that we are not used to your narrow and steep roads. Please don't spoil your beautiful village by flooding it with cars and car parks.

We never go to Padstow, Tintagel or Newquay now, because of the crowds, the traffic jams and the mass of car parks. You are so lucky; the longest time you ever seem to wait in, what the gentleman on the beach calls a "gridlock" is, perhaps two minutes. We work in an area where more and more cars seem to create more and more car parks, which seem to create more and more cars. Don't let it happen in the heart of Port Isaac.

David & Anne Monk Ware, Herts

Dear Trio

Having attended the Parish Council Meeting on May 9th where we listened to Jon Cleave's idea re car parking, ie bulldozing a zigzag road down into the valley from Church Hill and constructing an unsightly and noisy 160 car car park in his lovely old meadow and along the waterworks road, entering or exiting via either - the ramifications this would impose upon this area of outstanding natural peace, quiet and beauty, we find difficult to come to terms with.



However, we must say that Councillor Bryan Nicholls' suggestion to extend the existing cliff car park at the top, we thought to be the most common sense and sympathetic idea.

Also, Sam Littlechild's interesting proposal, to put to use the Parish Council's field, is, we thought, worthy of further consideration, whereby he is thinking of the village as a whole, that we 'all' may benefit from the income and jobs created by such a scheme.

We all care and want the best for our beautiful village and yes, as Jon Cleave says, we want to regenerate it, but how we all go about this is, as we all know, a very serious matter requiring a lot of thought. How we leave it will be our legacy to future generations.

Might we suggest this subject warrants a public meeting? Bob & Sandie Bulgin Port Isaac

Dear Trio

First of all, let's forget all this hypocritical claptrap about what Jon thinks would be best for the village. A new car park in the valley would be a money making exercise for the few shops down at the bottom of the village and, I quote, "a good little earner for the owner of the car park".

Now, dear old Jon has said that Fore Street and the very bottom of the village should be 'pedestrianised'. Fore Street is the main artery of the village, the only way in and the only way out, bar Church Hill. I don't doubt that Jon would like to see Fore Street pedestrianised. As has been proved in all pedestrianised shopping centres in the world (including Wadebridge), any shop catering for the 'impulse buyer' can easily quadruple its turnover if people are walking past the window rather than driving.

Also, what about all the delivery vehicles? Are they going to be given set times when they can deliver? I can just imagine St Austell Brewery, Sharps Brewery and Dennis Knight having to do all their loading/unloading between midnight and 7.00am or being allowed just 10 minutes loading time. And what about the people who live at the bottom of the village? Will they have to get special permits to go home?

Now come on Jon, we all know you're a bit of an entrepreneur and we all wish you the best of British luck in your various enterprises, but, please leave the rest of us alone.

Bob Monk, Port Isaac

Dear Trio

We attended the local Parish Council meeting to hear proposals put forward to increase parking in the village.

Bryan Nicholls put forward a suggestion that the car park in front of Castle Rock could be greatly increased.

We think this by far the best solution to the problem. In our opinion the Council should do all they can to explore this suggestion before considering any other proposals.

Carole & David Raynor Port Isaac

Dear Trio

I would like to register, in the strongest possible terms, my opposition to the proposed car park development in the valley.

I bought Harbour Heights last year for my four children, because I saw it as a safe haven for them, both in terms of security and safety from traffic. This proposed development would bring an unacceptable level of traffic up a very narrow lane and directly past our front gate.

Personal prejudices aside, I would ask our Parish Council (before even contemplating this development) to investigate fully any alternatives which might keep this car park out of the centre of Port Isaac.

I would support any Park & Ride initiative that utilised the council land adjacent to the Playing Field. A short ride to, say, the Old School Hotel, would fit well in to the existing one-way system and offer the visitor an excellent point from which to explore the village. I believe this to be a wholly sensible idea that would bring some very useful revenue into the PC's coffers.

> Nigel Paton and family Berkhamsted & Port Isaac

(continued from previous page) Dear Trio

The meeting that discussed car parking issues in the village was very interesting and enlightening. After listening to the suggestions made, I am of the opinion that the most environmentally friendly answer would be the proposal to use the field at the top of the village with the option of a Park & Ride scheme at peak periods. This would take care of the rising number of coaches, which are not desirable in the lower part of the village.

It must be borne in mind that Port Isaac can only get busier. The outstanding beauty and uniqueness of the village is a treasure which more and more people are finding out about. The future will mean more visitors – for better or worse – and the health and safety of pedestrians makes the top field car park the best proposition for dealing with the increase. It could also be screened from view with appropriate planting.

My second favoured option would be to extend the existing car park at the top of the village, as suggested by Bryan Nicholls. Without too much expense this could be considerably enlarged. In fact, I think there could be grounds for both of these proposals to be put into place.

It is a fact that more and more of the population are enjoying earlier retirement and are taking more holidays and day trips than ever before. Port Isaac is one of those idyllic locations chosen by tour operators and any plan has to take the coach question into account – this could be a major problem. David Hurley

Woodford Green & Port Isaac

Dear Trio

At the Parish Council meeting on April 9th, during Public Discussion, Jon Cleave outlined his ideas for a public car park on his land in Port Isaac. Somehow, I feel this does not gel with the peace, tranquillity and beauty of the old and historic part of the village. Whether access is by road from Church Hill or Rose Hill, both could prove impractical, unsightly and unsafe for drivers and pedestrians.

If permission is given for about 160 cars, there is the likelihood that once there, the worst scenario could happen and we could end up with a hideous multi-storey car park - some legacy for our future generations.

The idea put forward by Councillor Bryan Nicholls to increase the existing NCDC car park to the cliff edge would be feasible, very much cheaper and not an obvious eyesore. The alternative idea to make use of the Parish Council field next to the Playing Field could also work. If run properly as a business it could benefit villagers in terms of employment and perhaps even reduce our council tax!

I propose we should have a public meeting as soon as possible with all the various options on the table. In this way we can all get a very much clearer picture of the options. We all know we have a major traffic problem in this village. Let's not just sit and do nothing. We must make our opinions known while we still have the opportunity, before its too late. We may well regret the outcome if we don't.

Annie Price Port Isaac

Dear Trio

Yet again I appeal to all the irresponsible dog owners who allow their dogs to roam around the village, messing everywhere and causing danger to drivers. As I have mentioned before, we should have a Dog Warden in the village and fines imposed when applicable.

I also ask again that parents show more responsibility to their children's activities in and around the village after school. The road is designed for CARS not children on bikes or scooters or playing football. I appreciate that there is little laid on for them but shortly an accident will happen and no doubt the unfortunate driver will be blamed.

On a personal note: Could those children playing around the bench near the Co-op or sitting on my garden wall please put their rubbish in the bins and not throw litter all over the pavement or in my garden. And please refrain from using my bank and driveway to race down into Trewetha Lane. Not only is this private property but also it is highly dangerous.

> Annie Price Port Isaac

and on a lighter note ...

Dear Trio

We have just returned, on a high, from a great weekend in London everything was perfect and the sun even shone on us!

So, thank you Barbara and Peter for all you did and a big, big thank you to the *Fishermen's Friends* who gave such a good show at the Albert Hall and made us all so proud. Can't wait for the next booking when *Show of Hands* will guest for you! – but please also include Ralph McTell.

> Maggie, Byron & family Port Isaac rion your secrets are safe

PS: Marion, your secrets are safe with Byron, honest!

Magical Mackerel

This is the time when mackerel is at its very best. Those of us who live in the area of Port Isaac are particularly fortunate in that we are able to buy the freshest mackerel available. Because of its high oil content, the flavour changes

rapidly from a gentle, mild taste of a mackerel straight from the sea, to a much stronger taste of a mackerel that has travelled up country over the period of a couple of days. When buying mackerel, look for a bright eye and firm flesh tinged with the characteristic blue. Mackerel have a lot of bones and it is useful to have them filleted and the head, tail and fins removed when you buy them.

There are many ways to cook mackerel and many occasions to serve them. Eat them for breakfast, brushed with oil, seasoned with salt and pepper and lightly grilled. Enjoy them for lunch, poached in a covered dish with 2/3 wine vinegar to 1/3 water. Add to this a bay leaf, 6 peppercorns, a slice of onion, some parsley stalks and a little salt. Cook in a moderate oven 150°c/300°f/gas3 for 15-20 minutes. Have them for high tea, coated with beaten egg and tossed in oatmeal and fried in a little butter and corn oil. Delicious! *EP*

'Port Isaac was built for horses and carts not cars and car parks'

 ${\cal J}$ udging by the attendance we can have a public discussion tonight' said Bryan Richards, Parish Council Chairman at the April meeting.

Local people had turned out in force to talk about the proposed car park in Port Isaac Valley. Jon Cleave, who has made no secret of his plans to turn his land in the valley into a car park, opened the proceedings. 'I quite understand everyone's concerns and reservations' he said. 'You are all friends of mine and I wouldn't want to compromise our friendship.'

'Port Isaac is desperate for traffic management,' he continued. 'Every other village with whom we are in direct competition has car parking facilities within the heart of their village and the way forward for us must be pedestrianisation of the bottom of the village.

'No formal planning application has been applied for yet and I want to go forward with the backup of the village.'

Answering Bob Bulgin's question of how the car park would work, Jon replied, 'Cars would enter and leave the car park via a two way access from either the top or half way down Church Hill. In addition, parking would be made available for residents in the bottom on the village thus freeing more parking spaces in the top car park. Whilst the project would be visible in its initial stages, with correct landscaping it would merge in over the years.'

There appeared to be no support for the project and particular concern was expressed over access that would, in the first stages, be via Rose Hill. The Church Hill access was also questioned and none of the public present could see how it could work.

Said Alan Chadband, 'Port Isaac was built for horses and carts not cars and a car park in the middle of the valley would be a major disaster'.

The two alternative suggestions put forward would therefore seem more suitable. These were the extending of the existing cliff top car park and the use of the Parish Council field at the entrance to the village with a park and ride scheme in busy periods. Said County Councillor Helen Richards, 'Something will have to happen regarding the parking situation in Port Isaac but it will only be with the support of the Parish Council and residents'.

It was requested that the alternative suggestions be put on the agenda for full discussion at the next PC meeting. Watch this space!

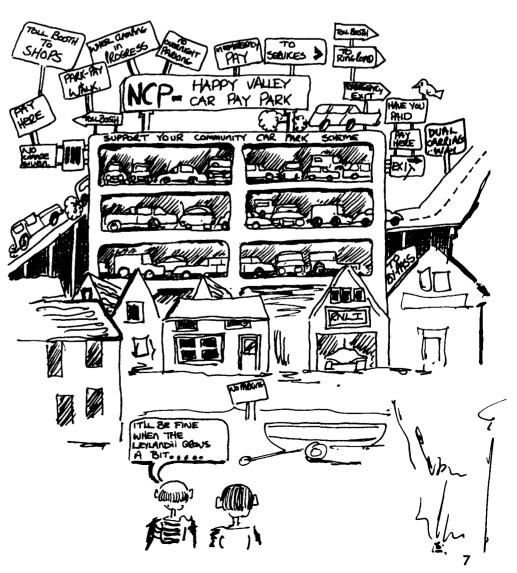
Regular Parish Council business

Nine parish councillors attended the meeting, held in the Church Rooms, Port Isaac, on April 9th.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- Application 2001/0300 Formation of doorway and passage to flat above shop for RG & VÁ Fisher, 44 Fore Street (Village Stores). Recommended for approval.
- Application 2001/0377 -Conversion of garage to guest suite and erection of new carport for Mr & Mrs F Harper, Trewithick Barn, Trelights. Recommended for approval.
- Application 2000/0840 -Revised design for erection of bungalow previously approved for Mr W Jackson, Furze Park, Trelights. Recommended for approval with the proviso that the exterior walls be rendered rather than brick faced.
- Application 2001/0409 -Erection of dwelling for Mr RJ Harris at Trelights. Recommended for approval.

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The Boys Done Good!

'Awesome' ... 'Amazing' ... 'Surreal' ... 'Can't believe we did it'

I twas all of those things - and more; the night Port Isaac invaded the Royal Albert Hall and *Fishermen's Friends* sang to a full house.

They had been invited to perform at the Show of Hands concert on April 7th at the Albert Hall in London. Show of Hands played a wonderful range of music drawn from traditional roots all over the world. To include the sea shanty singing of *Fishermen's Friends* was an amazing opportunity.

And didn't they do well!! Several standing ovations and applause that brought the house down. We all whistled and shouted and savoured every moment of a very special evening. Even the floor manager of the Albert Hall sang their praises.

Tired and happy (and that was just the audience!) we all made the thirty-second coach journey back to the hotel where we celebrated the evening all over again!!



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NOTICES FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- Application 2000/0335 Conversion of fish cellars to dwelling at the rear of 3&7 Middle Street - recommended for approval by the PC. Refused.
- Application 2000/1627 First and Last, Trewetha Lane. Approved.
- Application 2001/0168 Change of use to single residence and erection of extension at rear of St Andrews Hotel. Approved.
- Application 2001/0254 Demolition and replacement of existing conservatory at St Andrews Hotel. Approved.
- Application 2000/2006 Listed building consent for the retention of timber steps to timber veranda previously erected without consent at Port Isaac Pottery. Site meeting to take place on April 12th.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Port Gaverne Toilets The Chairman read out an extract from a letter of complaint received regarding the closure of the toilets. It read, 'We the undersigned feel strongly that it is a retrograde step to close the public toilets at Port Gaverne during the holiday season. Our reasons are usage by fishermen, families on the beach need the facility, we need to attract visitors to our beauty spots and not make life difficult for them' (signed J Wiseman, JC Honey and John Cunningham). At this stage it was too late to rescind the PC decision but it was just another example whereby if the letter of complaint had been received prior to discussion or even personal representation at the relevant meeting, it was quite possible that a different conclusion would have been reached.
- The Main, Port Gaverne The transfer is proceeding and the deeds for The Main have been deposited with solicitor Mr Chisholm who has written to the Secretary of State and The National Trust on behalf of the PC.
- Visibility at the Playing Fields Verbal confirmation has been given that the PC can proceed but not until the Foot and Mouth restrictions have been lifted.
- Foot and Mouth Although restrictions on our footpaths are still in force, reports have been received of people ignoring the notices and

Singing on the Platt throughout the summer will have that added attraction now: 'As appeared at the Royal Albert Hall'.

Barbara Hawkins

Facilities and services for the older person

St Endellion was one of three Parishes in North Cornwall identified in a recent nationwide survey of rural areas where older people, due to their geographical location, are particularly disadvantaged.

Cornwall Rural Community Council, in association with Help the Aged, is looking at the facilities and services currently available, the needs of older people and how to improve services to best meet these needs. If anybody, particularly an older person, has any ideas or comments, please contact me as soon as possible.

Judy Powell-Jones, 01208 873420

walking over Lobber.

 Eric Gill, NCDC – Mr Gill has been invited to attend the next PC meeting.

DONATION TO PORT ISAAC HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

The PC agreed to donate £2000 towards the cost of repairing the eastern breakwater and reinforcing the cliff.

VENUE OF MEETINGS

The PC discussed whether to hold their meetings in the main hall of the Church Rooms or in the kitchen. It was agreed to go for the kitchen but to decamp into the main hall if a large number of the public attended the meeting!

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in Port Isaac on Monday May 14th at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms (the Main Hall if there is a large public attendance, the Kitchen if not!).

Note: The Parish Council has not approved this article.

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

Steve retires after 44 shouts

pril saw the retirement from our crew of Steve Taylor. With 44 sea rescue services under his belt during his ten years of involvement with the Lifeboat, Steve has played a leading role in all activities both at operational level as crew and assisting with many RNLI activities run by the committee. He also assisted with a number of Coastouard operations when extra help was needed. Very much the 'family business', Steve's wife Mary is also involved with Port Isaac RNLI having held the position of Station Press Officer and continuing to serve on the committee whenever her commitment to her young family permits.

When asked which of his 44 'shouts' had left the strongest impression. Steve recalled his early days as a trainee lifeboat man. Senior Helmsman at the time, Neville Andrews 'invited' Steve to join him and fellow crewman John Coshall on a long haul call to Bossiney. 'A couple had been cut off by the tide at Bossiney' explained Steve. 'They were stranded at the side of the cove on the rocks at the base of the cliff with the tide rising and a dirty lumpy sea running.

'I can remember every second of that call, from the surprise of Neville telling me to get my dry suit on - I had not been on the boat before then - to the pain of going across the bay with every bone being jarred, every muscle screaming. I was hanging on for dear life and when I turned round there was Neville, with a wicked grin, casually sitting on the sponson driving the boat. I think I might have been a little tense at that moment in time! Then arriving on the scene, setting the anchor and streaming back to the couple on the rocks. The man jumped into the boat immediately on our instruction but the lady was stuck like a limpet and would not move so John had to jump onto the rocks and prise her off. It was not easy getting her in and safely away but we managed it and then drove around into Boscastle to the arms of the Coastguard. We then made a slow passage back home and I remember the chatting about the rescue back at the station - we now call it counselling. After that I felt I had really joined the crew and I was hooked."

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the Port Isaac RNLI crew members, committee and coastguard-past and present-who have worked with me on the lifeboat.



Thank you for the hours of training and endless comradeship during the past ten years. Steve Taylor



Magical Managers 00-01

Division One 1. FLY NAVY Les Honey 514pts 2. SPARKS UTD Steve & Julie Hewett 495pts **NO F IN MANCHESTER** 3. Chris Lanyon 490pts 4. **RAICHUS REVENGE** Kevin & Daniel Grills 487pts 5. **GREEN PEA PODS** David Philp 482pts **Division Two STAFF BULL TERRORS 5** 1. Colin Hancock 497pts 2. DAVIDSTOW DEVILS John Clement 495pts ROSCARROCK LANDROVERS 3. **Billy & Faye Hawkins** 461 pts 4 **CENTRAL SPORTS** Melwyn Roskilly 431 pts 5. CRANSTOUN CITY Jim Bishop 429pts **Division** Three 1. TOO COOL **Josh Grills** 512pts 2. THE BLUES lill McDonnell 485pts 3. ZERO FORCE **Bobby Skinner** 467pts 4. YEAST BUNS UTD Barbara Richards 456pts 5. MOONRAKERS **Colin Durston** 454pts Ρ



Steve and Mary with their children - Sam, aged 2 and Corinna, aged 6.

Steve was presented with an RNLI Vellum marking his service to the RNLI by Station Hon Sec Bob Monk at the Lifeboat Station. This was followed in the evening by celebrations marking the event at the Golden Lion where he was ioined by fellow crew and committee members.

Bob Bulgin, Station Press Officer

Orders now being taken for RNLI Christmas card

ur Station Christmas card and C notelet will be available at the end of May. Orders can be placed at Secrets or the Pottery or by contacting me on 01208 880765. fax: 01208 880250.

The Frank McNichol oil painting, showing a Port Isaac Lifeboat Rescue about to take place in 1911, can be seen in the Pottery where it will be on display until on September 14th. The winning ticket will be drawn during the RNLI Harvest Festival at the Cornish Arms, Pendoggett on that evening.

Draw tickets, priced £1 each, are available at shops throughout the village and from committee members and the RNLI shop.

From the end of May the RNLI shop will be open on Thursday and Friday evenings plus other times when man (or woman) power permits. If you fancy giving an hour or two to the RNLI by helping in the shop - at any time - then contact Sandie Bulgin on 01208 880765.

> Bob Bulain Station Press Officer

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Lighting a Candle

 \mathcal{D} uring this present foot and mouth epidemic, a candle has been lit as a symbol of prayer for the farming community whenever members of the church in Port Isaac, St Kew and St Endellion have gathered for worship or for meetings.

A candle, a living light, small and fragile though it may be, serves as a symbol of love and hope, of light and warmth in these dark days, as the disease maintains its grip and the crisis deepens. As the candle burns itself out bringing light to others, so we remember Christ, the light of the world, who gave himself for others. The candle expresses the prayers we have offered, and continue to offer, for all those whose lives and livelihoods have been affected by the disease, whether in the farming community, tourist or associated industries.

Practical support is also being given by keeping in close touch with farming families, and, financially, by retiring collections and donations being given to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Fund and the 'Green Welly Campaign' being run by *The Western Morning News*.

United Benefice News Radio Cornwall

'Cornwall Celebrates', a religious radio programme, broadcast each Sunday on Radio Cornwall, is to present three of its forthcoming programmes from churches within the United Benefice. Presenter, Nina Davy, visited the parishes and recorded members speaking about their faith and their involvement in the life and ministry of St Peter's Church in Port Isaac, St James the Great at St Kew, St Kew Highway Methodist Church and St Endellion Church.

Ministry at Hospice

The Revd Peggy Rowett, former chaplain at Mount Edgecumbe Hospice, was the guest speaker at an open meeting of the Mothers' Union held in St Endellion Church Hall.

Last Supper, Foot-Washing & Vigil

A sung eucharist to commemorate Christ's Last Supper with his disciples, which included footwashing and a vigil till midnight, was held in the Church of St James the Great, St Kew on Maundy Thursday.

Easter Evensong

A choir, specially formed for the occasion, led the singing at choral evensong in St James's Church, St Kew. The office of Evensong was sung by Mr Andrew Lewis, who also arranged and directed the choir.

Port Isaac Procession of Witness

A large wooden cross was carried down the main street of Port Isaac on Good Friday to the singing of the hymn 'Lift High the Cross'. Cross bearer was Mr Francis Larkin. A Good Friday address was then given outside the Post Office by the Revd Judith Pollinger, curate.

Easter Day

On Easter Sunday morning the Paschal candle was lit at the beginning of the well-attended sung eucharist at which the Revd Judith Pollinger, curate presided and preached.

Successful Mini-market

Over £200 was raised for St Peter's Church at a well-attended minimarket in the Church rooms on the Wednesday of Easter Week.

Services

Preb Michael Bartlett, presided and preached at the sung eucharist in St Peter's Church on the Second Sunday of Easter and also sang Evensong and preached in the church on the Sunday evening.

St Endellion

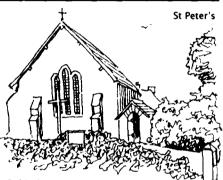
Annual Vestry & Church Meeting Both churchwardens, Mr Roger Richards and Mr Tom Warne, were re-elected as churchwardens at the annual vestry meeting. New members elected to the parochial church council were Mr Bill Dawe, Mrs Katrina Gill and Mr Howard Kent. There were 90 members on the church's electoral roll.

Holy Week & Easter

Holy week and Easter services were well attended with standing room only for the sung eucharist on Easter Sunday morning as a Last year, before the foot and mouth outbreak, but at a time of serious problems in the farming industry, Rogation Sunday once again came into its own as a traditional day of prayer for the agricultural community.

Green ribbons were worn and many attended the special services that were held. I remember the service held at Hallworthy market. Enough service sheets had been printed for about 250 people, and it was very moving to see over 700 people arriving to attend a united Anglican/Methodist service.

This year Rogation Sunday falls on May 20th and churches will again be arranging special services. Look out for posters and notices and do come along if you can.



by Robin Penna

congregation of over 350 crowded into the church. Said celebrations of the Eucharist took place at 8.00 am on the Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week. On Good Friday, Preb Michael Bartlett, rector led devotions before the cross with addresses, prayers, periods of meditation and hymns.

On Easter Eve, in the beautifully decorated church, a service of light was held. After candles held by members of the congregation were lit, the Easter greeting, 'Alleluia! Christ is risen' was proclaimed and the rector sang the Exsultet. An Easter hymn was sung and, after the reading of the gospel, everyone processed to the font to renew their baptismal vows. Easter Day began with a said celebration of the eucharist at 8.00 am with the Revd Alan Wainwright presiding. Later in the morning, bells were rung and the rector presided and preached at the sung eucharist, assisted by the curate. Mr Richard Hickox, Director of the St Endellion Music Festival, was organist.

George's last ramble .. for a bit

hope you all completed your census forms; otherwise in 2101 some poor researcher is going to have an awful job researching the history of St Endellion parish.

The census has taken place every ten years since 1801, with the exception of 1941. The first one of any use was for 1841 and even then the ages given were suspect, being rounded in many cases to the nearest five years.



1851 was a marked improvement and in 1871 the names of the streets in Port Isaac were given. That poses problems however. The UMFC (Roscarrock Hill Methodist Chapel) was in Church Street, there were numerous houses in Well Street (wherever that was) and the Dolphin Inn was supposedly in Middle Street. There was a Fore Street, but no mention of Dolphin Street, Rose Hill or Front Hill (which is now part of Fore Street). The Coastguard Station gets a mention. Back Hill was always referred to as Deepy Hill by Nina Oliver's grandfather and it's on my deeds as Deepy Hill.

The whole thing must have been too much because neither the 1881 nor the 1891 censuses made any mention of street names. But at least they all did list the birthplace of people in the census, which is more that the 2001 form does. With population mobility, anyone researching family history in 100 years time is going to have a problem.

For anyone wanting to trace family history prior to 1837 the parish registers are the first avenues to explore. After 1837 there was a civil requirement to register births, marriages or deaths and these can be found in the St Catherine's House indexes. These indexes do not give the exact place where the event took place, only the name of the Superintendent Registrar's District (Bodmin for this area). Some births do not appear, as before 1875 there was no penalty for failure to register. From September 1911, the mother's maiden name is shown.

Not all parish records are faultless. My great grandparents both died in 1917 - there is a headstone at St Endellion Churchyard but no record in the records. The Rector at that time was the Rev Fortunato Pietro Luigi Josa who, as a boy, had been a member of the Choir of St Peter's, Rome. Without wishing to be classed as racist, maybe Italians (if that is what he was!) were not too brilliant at filling in registers.

Take warning, anyone who wants to look into their family tree. Family anecdotes should be held under wraps and not all things written are exactly as they appear in print.

Finally, and here I have to be very careful. If I write anything about my friend Terry Gifford, Warwick Provis gives me stick. It is a fact however, that Terry was born in St Kew Parish. He asked me to check up on the birthplace of his father Ernest Alfred Gifford, born about 1890. There can't have been too many with that name born around that time, but, low and behold, within six months of one another, one was registered in Prestwich, Manchester and the other (Terry's father) in Holsworthy, Devon. See what I mean about problems when you start tracing your family tree!

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50 years ago

ugald Sproull spotted the following piece in the Cornish & Devon Post's '50 years ago' column. Said Dugald, 'I was 7 at the time and well remember the excitement caused by the Mine. The Mr Provis who was the Harbourmaster at the time was Anthony Provis who was Mark's grandfather'.

"50 years ago, March 5, 1951 There was considerable excitement at Port Isaac on Tuesday. The harbourmaster (Mr Provis) spotted a mine floating in towards Port Gaverne beach and the coastguards were informed. A patrol of police and coastguards was sent out, the roads to Port Gaverne were cordoned off, and nearby residents were advised to evacuate their houses. On Wednesday morning at high tide a further patrol was sent out, but no trace of the mine could be found. It is assumed that it drifted out to sea again."

The Carn **Awn Singers**

ecent practices have been Regoing well and the Singers are enjoying working on several new pieces in readiness for the summer season ahead.

Unfortunately the March concerts had to be cancelled as the venues were in the heart of farming communities. However, the forthcoming dates are planned for May:

- Sunday May 13th at 7.30pm in Rosenannon Chapel by kind invitation of John Bennallick.
- Saturday May 19th the Singers have been invited by the Delabole Carnival Committee to take part in an evening concert at St John's Church, Delabole, arranged to raise funds for the forthcoming Carnival.

Other concerts are being arranged during the summer months, details of which have yet to be finalised. If you are thinking of organising a concert and would like further information about the Carn Awn Singers, please contact Joan Murray on 01208 880548 or Barbara Richards on 880575.

Bryan Richards

The Annual P

1 t's been a very busy year for the Parish Council with several controversial issues

having to be addressed' said Chairman Bryan Richards. 'It has also been a year of achievement but, due to circumstances beyond the Council's control we have not been able to achieve everything we set out to do. But I would like to thank every Parish Councillor for his input and I sincerely hope that it will be possible to continue the same momentum and results.'

Port Gaverne Main - Preliminary negotiations have commenced regarding the transfer of The Main to the National Trust but they may take up to six months to complete.

Port Gaverne Toilets - The decision to close the toilets was purely financial and this saving of $\pounds 2000$ has allowed the PC to donate $\pounds 2000$ to the Harbour Commissioners as a contribution to the cost of repairing the Eastern breakwater. Without this saving it would have been impossible to be so generous.

Playing Field – A first for the PC were two fundraisers – Christmas Bingo and a Christmas Draw – to finance work at the Playing Field. They have been a huge success raising over £2500 which, added to grants received, enabled work to be completed during January. A generous donation to Trelights Playing Fields mean that both of the Parish's play areas now conform to health and safety standards. However, visibility improvements have still not been completed – due to no fault of the PC. The foot and mouth epidemic is now holding things up but work should start as soon as restrictions are lifted.

Parking – All options will be investigated and discussed by the PC to hopefully come up with a satisfactory conclusion.

Undergrounding of Cables - The PC are investigating the costs involved and looking at possible ways of funding the work.

Foot and Mouth Restrictions – Apparently walkers have been spotted on Lobber where the footpath is closed. These walkers could face fines of up to ± 5000 .

Bryan Richards can be contacted on 01208 880575.

The St Endellion Parish Annual Meeting took place in the Church Rooms on Thursday April 12th.

Speakers were our local community policewoman WPC Ren Ward, Michael Beckett and David Buse from NCDC Refuse Department, Robert Constance from County Council Highways Department, our County Councillor Helen Richards and our District Councillor Bill Dawe.

Only a small number of local people attended and - surprise surprise the main topics discussed were traffic, parking and rubbish. 'Time Management - that's for me' thought County Councillor Helen



WPC Ren Ward

S ome good news from WPC Ren Ward. Local crime is down. There

have been only 36 recorded crimes in the Parish in the past year - compared with 40 the previous year. These crimes included 10 burglaries - an increase over the previous year's total of eight; six criminal damage incidents - one less than the previous year; four violent crimes - although the figure has increased these crimes were mainly of a minor nature and recorded as common assault and mainly due to bullying incidents involving juveniles; four thefts from vehicles and none stolen.

Crime rates are down and detection rates are up throughout the entire Wadebridge/Padstow area with youth crime down by 22%. More officers have meant that response time to emergency incidents is now faster.

Although the statistics are encouraging WPC Ward warned, 'There is still much to do and I am hopeful of further reducing crime and disorder throughout the year to come. My role is to deal specifically with long running or recurring problems by working in partnership with the local community'.

A good example of the way Ren works is the way she dealt with the problem of some unruly local youths disrupting Band Nights at the beginning of last summer. Local residents and the Parish Council brought the issue to her attention and together it was agreed that a police attendance at Band Nights might solve the problem. It did.

Talking of the villages long term parking problems she said, 'In conjunction with other police officers and the local traffic warden, we have been issuing fixed penalty tickets for contraventions of parking restrictions and for obstruction offences. In excess of 80 tickets were issued in Port Isaac in the past year, with many more drivers asked to move and given warnings. We intend to continue to enforce the parking restrictions as and when staffing and other commitments allow and I shall be paying particular attention during the school holidays when visitor numbers increase. However, over holidays like Christmas and Easter, staffing is less and the demands on us are greater so we are not always able to spend time on parking issues when you need us most.'

'Operation Ballboy' - aimed at reducing thefts of and from motor vehicles in car parks and rural areas and beauty spots - has resulted in a drop in car crime.

Finally, WPC Ward concluded, 'I would like to get more involved with local issues, in particular the drugs scene – the extent of which I am not sure about. I would welcome contact from individuals or local groups who have identified problems so that we can work in partnership to address and improve the situation.'

WPC Ward can be contacted on 0774 0067125.

arish Meeting

Bill Dawe

 ${}^{\bullet}\mathcal{B}$ ig changes are possible in the St Endellion ward by 2003' said District Councillor Bill Dawe. 'Our ward may have to combine with either St Kew or St Minver parishes to achieve the 1665 minimum electorate'.

Council Housing - Housing stock is decreasing because many people are buying their council houses. 'The situation is frightening' said Bill, 'particularly in rural areas. There is no housing for our'young people. Why can't the Council build for local people? The grass roots people should be kept here'.

Some £163,171 was spent on bed and breakfast accommodation throughout the past year.

Planning permissions – These need to be watched and the local character of the village be retained. 'People come from all over the world to see Port Isaac' he said.

Council Tax – Second homeowners should pay the full rate enabling NCDC to provide better services.

Port Gaverne Toilets – Keeping these open would have been possible if there had been more help from central government. An alternative would have been a colossal increase in the Parish Council precept.

Road Safety – 'There is an accident waiting to happen with children on scooters mingling with traffic on the roads' said Bill.

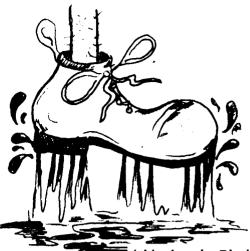
Parking - More parking space is needed and the police or a traffic warden is needed more often.

Bill Dawe can be contacted on 01208 880253.

Robert Constance

 ${}^{\bullet}\mathcal{D}$ esigner chippings' are the description given of the surface chippings used on our roads. And they are to be used again when resurfacing work is carried out in Rose Hill and Trewetha Lane later this year.

'This is all the budget will allow' explained Robert Constance, Acting Divisional Highways



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Surveyor for Cornwall County Council. 'The annual

budget of £2,000,00 is directly targeted to the areas where it is most needed and covers drainage

maintenance and systems, footways, surface dressing, landslides, flooding and emergencies, covering some 500 kilometres of road stretching from the Camel River down to Callington and Calstock and up to Bude and Stratton'.

Foot and Mouth epidemic - Disinfectant mats have been placed at the County boundaries and this seems to have worked as there are only four cases of the disease in Cornwall.

Local schemes – As a result of discussions with the PC, Highways are now looking at the problems on Hicks' Corner and New Road. Footway and drainage works are scheduled for the area and liaison with the Traffic/Roads sub committee continues.



Michael Beckett, Head of Services for NCDC Refuse Collection and his colleague David Buse sat ready to answer

the inevitable questions from the floor. Said Mr Beckett, 'I am responsible for the management of the collection services and am currently examining the services provided by NCDC. I will listen to what you have to say and do my best to help with the local problems'.

Refuse Tips – North Cornwall has four sites – twice as many as other places, with the nearest one being at Trebarwith. These Civil Community Sites are the County Council's responsibility.

Rubbish on the Platt – Many questions and observations were made by the public. David Buse felt that NCDC provided a fantastic service to the village, better than anywhere else in the area. The consensus of opinion was that, whilst it might be better than anywhere else, it was not good enough and something has to be done about rubbish on the Platt. It was noted that trade rubbish was being deposited in the bins on the Platt on a daily basis leaving no room for household rubbish.

Weekly Collections – It was suggested that an improvement could be made if the collection day was changed. However, Mr Buse pointed out that Port Isaac had requested the change to Friday from Tuesday as its collection day. Changes will again be made in 2002 and if the PC wants to ask for a new collection day it would be considered.

Helen Richards

T ime Management - that's for me' thought County Councillor Helen Richards when sent on a Training Day. 'I here was a chance to reorganise things!

gave up sleep some years ago so here was a chance to reorganise things! However, I've not quite cracked it yet!'

Local Authority modernisation - 'We've had a year of exploration, piloting a new structure in line with the Government's directive for Local Authorities to modernise. The committee system which has operated for over 100 years had to be dispensed with and one of three new models adopted' said our County Councillor. There are three options: an elected Mayor with a Cabinet;

a Leader from within the Council with a Cabinet; an elected Mayor with a Manager. The final choice will be determined by public opinion but, for a trial of the new arrangements, Cornwall County Council has opted to pilot the Leader with a Cabinet as being the most democratic and closest to the traditional structure. The Cabinet is (continued overleaf)

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Easter competition winners

Winners of Trio's Easter competition were Jack Greenhalgh (aged 6), Stephen Barriball (aged 5) both from Port Isaac and Francesca Pontin (aged 5) who lives in Winchester. In addition we gave a special prize to Ronnie Tyler (aged 3) of Port Isaac for being very clever and getting his auntie to send in the following entry for him!

> To Uncle Sam and Trio's Dee These are the answers from RonnieT. One egg I found in Western Supply, The second in PI taxis driving by, The fluffy chick in Horticare Now, why was he standing there? Lastly, in David Dyer's paint The Easter rabbit - very quaint. My auntie helped me write to you, Did you guess that, without my clue?

School clock goes home

2000 committee's intention to give

the school a clock to commemorate

the millennium. She passed the

clock over to the committee.

Port Isaac 2000 restored and

presented to the school by

special Easter assembly.

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members of the committee at a

Port Isaac Primary School has been presented with the late 19th century dial clock that originally hung in the old village school.

When the old clifftop school closed the clock was purchased by Jenny Oaten - a member of staff. For years it sat in her loft until she heard of the village's *Port Isaac*

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made up of nine executive members led by Independent Pippa Englefield of St Keverne. The remaining 70 council members are in a scrutiny role. Helen Richards is Vice Chairman of the retained County Planning Committee, now renamed Development Control. A network of local committees to go out to local communities has been set up and it is possible that they may have greater powers and a budget to facilitate local works.

Objective 1 for Cornwall - £744million over seven years, made up of £314million from the EU, £304million from the public sector and £126million from business - has been secured. In the first seven months of its operation some £40million has been allocated and 77 projects approved. Repair work to Port Isaac's eastern breakwater is being supported and agreement being reached on the finish of the wall so that it remains in character.

A Business Roadshow has been launched to take the message of Objective 1 out to communities. Integrated area plans cover local schemes and have a local co-ordinator who is the first point of contact for Parishes. 'How about restoring a rail link for North Cornwall?' said Helen. 'With a growing economy it will be important to provide a substantial alternative to road travel for both people and goods and what about the future transportation of our domestic and commercial waste?'

Waste - The county is running short of landfill space and the Landfill Tax means we will be paying millions of pounds for the privilege of dumping our rubbish. 'Would you object to an Energy from Waste Plant in your back yard' asked Mrs Richards. 'How would you feel about a landfill site?' In the meantime, the County has achieved a pathetic 6% recycling rate and it is clear that most people don't think about it much or even at all. 'Please help to raise the awareness of the need to recycle cans, bottles, clothing, paper – most stuff in fact' she pleaded. 'With a bit of thought we could minimise what goes into the dustbin'.

Children with Special Educational Needs – It is proposed to increasingly integrate children with moderate learning difficulties into mainstream schools with special units added on. Plus there is an aim for children with

D espite the bad weather during most of March, the shop was very busy and the best of the items in the sale soon disappeared. A selection of lighter clothes for warmer days is now on display and all that is needed is some good weather. There are still some good household items and bric-a-brac in stock and plenty of books.

Delabole's Air Ambulance shop

The Easter Draw went well and the winners were delighted with their prizes. At the time of writing the amount raised is not available but will be announced next month.

Shop takings for March totalled £773.71, the best for a long time. Many thanks to all our customers and helpers in the shop and behind the scenes. It couldn't happen without you!

As always, our opening times are on the door but subject to availability of volunteers. If you require up-todate information please ring Joyce on 01840 213796.

severe difficulties to be educated within the County rather than being sent away.

County Council spending – The budget for the forthcoming financial year is £380million which means a Council Tax increase of 5.5%.

Foot and Mouth epidemic - 'The opening of the Wadebridge to Padstow section of the Camel Trail and some sections of the Coastal Path is a much needed boost for tourism.

Hopefully, people will respect the signs although there have been a few reports where this has not happened. It will be too bad if a minority of irresponsible people cause blanket closure to be reimposed' said Mrs Richards.

Finally, Helen concluded, 'We now expect the elections to take place on June 7th. You might not be sorry if campaigners are unable to Campaign, but I would like to apologise if I'm unable to visit your farm'.

Helen Richards can be contacted on 01208 816206.

The Fraiterer by James Platt

D irectly behind the Pentus and fronted by a narrow stretch of pavement stood Mr Altair Bunt's shop and his adjoining house. Altair himself was known generally, if not more affectionately, as 'Tair'.

Tair was of relatively slight build although not thin. His shoulders stooped a little. He had thinning hair and an appreciably unsmiling face in which his critical eyes summed up his customers from above a rather large nose. He invariably wore a long brown dust coat.

The most dominant feature of his appearance that instantly drew the eye was a single gold ring in the lobe of his right ear. It spoke of pirates, and to the boys it made Tair seem rather fearful. Tair did little to dispel this implied reputation.

A fast fading sign over his scarred shop door bore the unique legend, "A. Bunt, Fruiterer". If this was expected to raise the expectations of customers, it was an objective doomed to failure, since perhaps the most memorable feature inside Tair's shop was a limited amount of produce on display.

Within the shop perpetual twilight was at home. The atmosphere contained a kind of resigned gloom that would not have been unfamiliar to Ebeneezer Scrooge. As you came in, Tair was on the right, lurking in the dimness at a small wooden counter alongside a curtained door which led into his living quarters. On the wall behind the counter a dead pocket watch hung on a nail beneath which a handwritten slogan on a piece of paper read, "No tick here".

Facing you on entry, and doing its best to garner as much sustenance as it could from such light as managed to filter through the grimy glass of the shop door, was a wooden display rack which appeared to have been assembled in a hurry and without regard for its long term prospects. On the top of this rack sat some large jars containing boiled sweets, anxiously waiting the arrival of ration books from which Tair would snip the coupons with a pair of very long scissors. Although the scissors were sharp, they were not nearly as sharp as Tair.

On another shelf of the rack, and in season of course, you would find a basket of unappealing looking apples, justifying in their presence Tair's title of "Fruiterer". Tom Saundry in Middle Street sold apples which looked almost identical so Tair may well have been a customer for Tom's orchard produce. Tom had his own orchard deep in the Port Isaac valley below Pennant.

The stock of Tair's shop additionally boasted various tinned goods, maybe some packets of dried egg, bundles of candles and boxes of matches. Cigarettes were kept well hidden in a drawer behind the counter.

The candles were prized by all boys who liked to venture into caves and abandoned mine adits. Sometimes a candle stump or two could be filched from home, as most households kept a few candles available for use in power cuts by those who had electricity and for illuminating the way to bed for those who had not. However, when this was not possible, Tair Bunt's supply was an alternative, the problem being that Tair was averse to selling candles to boys.

Candles required the wherewithal to light them which meant the additional need of matches and, in Tair's unforgiving eyes, the equation came together with matches indelibly destined to be applied to the end of a cigarette. Tair had personally undertaken to ensure, by all means in his power, that the means of lighting up were kept out an any under-age grasp.

Cigarettes were uncomplainingly sold to those legally qualified to smoke.

Smoking was a universal occupation and, for those unable by reason of age to practice the art, it became a goal in life. The first legal cigarette was to be contemplated and anticipated with a similar level of excitement to that of the first pair of long trousers.

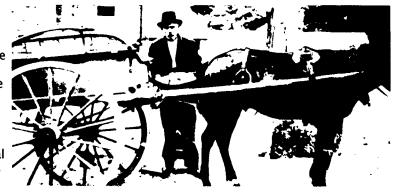
Any attempt by a boy to buy candles from Tair Bunt, with or without matches, would result in an instant denunciation of the would-be customer who would be ordered out of the shop in tones of considerable ferocity, tones which did not diminish with the rapid departure of the latter, but which rattled down the Street in hot pursuit afterwards.

It was therefore necessary to resort to other methods to acquire the needed candles from Tair. One ploy was to tell Tair that the candles were being purchased for Tom Brown, the manager of Pawlyns Cellars, or for the Harbourmaster Anthony Provis. Tair was not inclined to question the authority of such prominent local personalities. There were indeed many precedents for boys running errands for these and other gentlemen of the Town Platt, who took great delight in sending the innocent to ask shopkeepers about the availability of 'left handed screwdrivers' or 'tins of black and white striped paint' or 'a hole to hand on the wall in order to be able to see what the weather was like outside'.

If the "Tom Brown sent us" ruse failed, and it usually did, the fallback action was a mass invasion of Tair's shop by a gang. While some of the number distracted Tair's attention, others would try to surreptitiously palm half a candle and a couple of red headed matches from a box of "England's Glory".

Those matches would strike on almost any rough surface. The larceny was conducted after picking up a matchbox from the pile on the pretext of reading the joke printed on the back. A matchbox joke was a timeless classic of true distinction, as was Tair himself.

Thomas James Saundry with his vegetable delivery cart in Fore Street, circa 1935



schoolchat

Port Isaac School news and views

Trailblazer Assembly

On 13th March the Junior children held an assembly. It was a special assembly to present certificates to the Trailblazer's who are : Emily Thomas, Jess Powell, Katie Paul, Zoe Murray, Daniel Grills, Lewis Bishop, Jemima Powell, Alex Stewardson, Stephanie Mead, Tamsin Richards, Jacob Pattenden, Sam Brown, Sam Eaves, Rhys Bishop and Megan Greenhalgh in Year 3 and Year 4. We had to have spent at least a total of 5 hours doing rock climbing, team building and visiting the Flashpoint Centre and outdoor safety pursuits.

During the assembly we read out a riddle that we had made up, then a poem about what we had done. Then the Chair of Governors Father Michael and Mrs Cann the Vice Chair of Governors presented us with our certificates. We

The Last Tree in the Wise Wood

Dan Bishop came into school and showed us a puppet show. It was excellent and we found out about recycling.

The name of the puppet show was The Last Tree in the Wise Wood. Rosie and Corinna and Michael dressed the puppets.

The best bit was when the Princess wanted to read a book but the King and Queen could not read. The Princess was very upset. But in the Wise Wood there is a very wise tree and the tree helped the Princess read a lovely book. We helped clean up the litter in the wood.

The infant class made a royal compost heap. We haven't got a very big heap yet but we are saving our banana skins and we are not putting meat on our compost heap.

By Emily Hassall, Annie Appleby and Corinna Taylor, Y2

Dan Bishop and his puppets

On the 3rd of April a man called Dan Bishop came to school to show us all about puppets (he isn't any relation to Mr Simon Bishop our Head Teacher!) In the morning we worked in groups of three with some Japanese puppets. One person had to work the head, one person had to work the arms and one person had to work the feet.

In the afternoon Dan Bishop performed a show for us. It was about Sid Whiskers who was trying to find a way of getting rid of the rubbish and he had to clear it all up. We got to show the puppets and make a human recycling machine. We all thought Dan Bishop was great and now know how important it is not to throw rubbish around.

by Josh Brewer, Y5 and Lowenna Barriball , Y6





had our photograph taken. Then the whole school went out for a nice relaxing play.

By Emily Thomas, Y4

Coastguard visit

On Friday 30th March the Coastguard team came in to school. They were Sue Richards, Jo Thomas, Roy Speakman and Chris Bolton. They demonstrated how you put people into a stretcher. They put Mark Grimmett, Jacob Pattenden, Jessica Powell and Josh Brewer in a stretcher to show us what it would be like to be in a stretcher.

Some children went in the harness they use when they go down cliffs. It felt strange and we wouldn't want to go down a cliff in one!

They also explained how to ring the Coastguard by ringing 999 and asking for the Coastguard.

We realise how serious it is and know that the Coastguard team work very hard to help people who are stuck. We want to thank all the Coastguard Team who came into school to show us what they do.

By Emma Stewardson Y5 & Alex Wibberly Y6

Obituaries

S ome of the parish's oldest residents have recently passed away. We express our sincere sympathy to all of the families and relatives in the loss of their loved ones.

Lilian Hooke

M rs Hooke, aged 90 years and formerly of Mayfield Close, Port Isaac, died at Foredore Nursing Home, Trebetherick, after a very long illness.

The funeral service took place at St Endellion Church on March 30th followed by interment in the churchyard where she was laid to rest with her late husband Roger who died in 1978. A number of friends attended the service including staff from Foredore where Lily was a patient for such a long period.

Thanks - The family and relatives of the late Lilian (Lily) Hooke would like to thank all who attended the funeral service. Thanks to the staff of the Foredore Nursing Home for their wonderful care over such a long period. Thanks to Rev Michael Bartlett, Ian C Honey and Charlie Honey for all their help.

Marie Elizabeth Collins

There was much sadness in the village of Trelights when the death was announced, after a very short illness, of Mrs Marie Collins, aged 99 years. Marie of Bella, Trelights, was well known and much respected.

This was shown by the large attendance at her funeral service at Trelights Methodist Church on April 5th. She was a loyal member and regular attendant of the Methodist Church. The service was conducted by the Methodist Minister from Wadebridge. Cremation was at the Glynn Valley Crematorium.

Gweneth Muriel Buse

The funeral service was held on April 10th at St Endellion Parish Church for the late Mrs Gweneth Muriel Buse of Rock. She died, aged 88 years, after a very long illness. Gweneth will be remembered living with her late husband Gifford at Mornays Cottage. When it was demolished they moved to Rock where they made many friends.

A very large number of relatives and friends from Rock, St Minver, Port Isaac and Trelights attended her funeral. In his address, Rev Preb Michael Bartlett paid a very moving tribute to Gweneth. The church bells were rung before and after the service. Donations in lieu of flowers were made to the Air Ambulance.

Clifford Sloggett

Clifford Sloggett, aged 96, was the oldest resident in the village. He died at the Penn Inney Nursing Home, Lewonnick. Well known over a large area, he was employed for a number of years by the former F & J Martyn of Wadebridge.

The funeral service was held at the Glynn Valley Crematorium and was attended by relatives and friends from Port Isaac. We all express our condolences, especially to his widow Ada who is also at Penn Inney.

Charlie Honey

Beware of strangers at your door

T he distraction burglars, sometimes referred to as 'Bogus Callers', are still at it in our area. They usually work in groups of two or more, both male and female and range in age from young children to late middle age.

The tactics they use vary and are often adapted to suit the situation. For instance, if there is a vehicle belonging to one of the utility companies in the area they may adopt the identity of their employees. Sometimes they produce a form of identification. Here are some of the ways they will use to try and get entry to your home:

'Hello, I'm from:

- the water board. I need to come in and turn off your water ...'
- Social Services. I need to speak with you regarding
- the firm working next door doing 'sound proofing'. We need to come in to check the drill holes have not come through.'

or 'We need to come in and wash the baby's feeding bottle'.

Other ploys used include calling at the door and asking for directions, a drink of water or offering to buy or sell goods. Once they gain access to your home one will follow you into one room whilst the other goes into other rooms looking for valuables to take.

What can you do to stop them? Before opening the door to a caller, identify who is there. Look out of the window or through the spy hole in your door if you have one. Sometimes you can deal with the matter without opening the door. If you speak to them at the open door put the safety chain on first. Most ordinary callers to your home do not ask to come inside – if they do then this should ring alarm bells. If you get such a caller do not let them across your threshold. Demand identification and satisfy yourself that it is genuine. If there is no identification do not let them in. Fit a door chain and use it before opening the door to strangers. Remember, a nongenuine caller will try to rush and fluster you into allowing access.

It greatly assists the Police if the registration numbers of vehicles used by these people can be obtained. Dial 999 and let the Police know immediately if you think you have had a 'Bogus Caller'.

Not many people get visits from these people but it pays to be aware. Not every caller is a criminal, but until you have determined that, then treat him or her as one. Don't get caught out. **IF IN DOUBT, KEEP THEM OUT.**

Useful contact numbers:

North Cornwall Community Liaison Officer - PC Dave Lewis - 01566 771308

Our Community Police Officer -WPC Ren Ward - 0774 0067125

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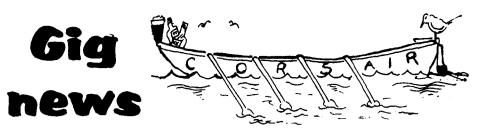
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HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION



L t was good to see *Corsair* out on the water for its first outing of the season, looking very smart and Bristol fashion following a complete strip down and repaint inside the hull. This followed on from a similar job carried out on the outside last year. A lot of work has been involved in achieving this standard of finish and special thanks are due to Gerry King and Trevor Beare and to all those who helped out whenever they could. *Corsair* really does now look the business.

Our second gig, purchased last year, has now regained her original name of *Unity*. A very nice paint job has brought her into the Port Isaac Rowing Club colours but look out for the slight difference that distinguishes the two boats from one another.

Oars have been repaired and varnished and all is now set for the World Championships due to take place in the Scilly Isles over the forthcoming May Bank Holiday. Thirty-seven members of the club are booked to go, supported as ever by Past President George Steer with Ann who have been involved and great enthusiasts for the club since its very early days.

Rowing will be taking place now on a regular basis with crew training for the Scillies but there is room for everyone with both gigs now ready for the water and it is only *Corsair* that will be going to the championships. If you want to row come down to the harbour beach or the gig shed within the fish sheds on Sunday mornings at 11.00am – weather permitting – and check out what's going on. Alternatively, contact Clare Jon, our Rowing Secretary, on 01208 851448.

Watermen's Cutters

Arrangements are now firm for the London Watermen's Cutters to come West for the first time and we are told there be four, possibly five, Cutters attending the Rowing Weekend scheduled to take place at Fowey over the late May Bank Holiday weekend, arriving on Friday May 25th through to Sunday afternoon, May 27th. The Cutters are taking up the joint invite from Fowey and Port Isaac Rowing Clubs to come and see what Cornish waters and hospitality has to offer. Boats attending will be the very first Watermen's Cutter, *Buccaneer* in which several of our crew have raced at the Great London River Race in past years. Our own *Corsair* has also taken part in this great rowing event so it will be good for Port Isaac and Fowey members and supporters to have the opportunity to welcome the London clubs to home waters and take part in some friendly races. There will be the opportunity for crews to swap boats to see just how different they really are although they are of the same length and crew number.

There will be a reception, with music and food, at the Fowey Gallants Sailing Club on the water's edge on Saturday evening, May 26th. If you would like to come along, give me a ring.

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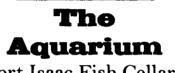
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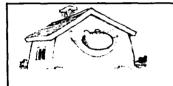
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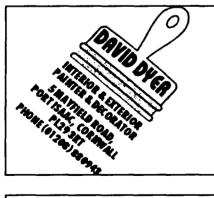
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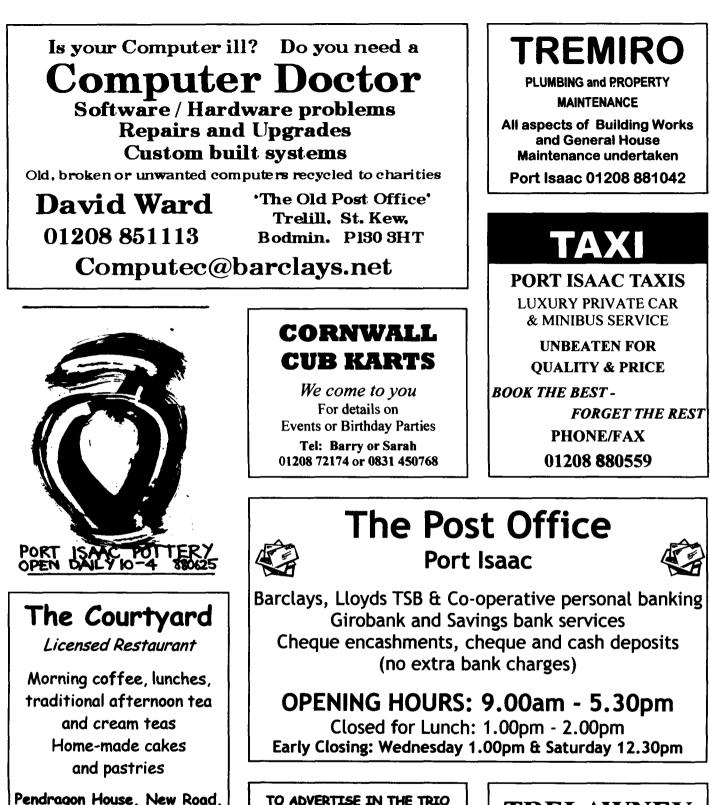
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Monday May 14th Parish Council Meeting in the Church Rooms, Port Isaac - 7.30pm

Tuesday May 15th Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall – 7.30pm

Wednesday May 16th Coffee Morning in the Church Rooms -10.00am. Cakes, raffle, various stalls in aid of the Church Room Repair Fund

Saturday May 19th RNLI Coffee Morning at Fairholme, New Road (the home of Lynda von Lintzgy) - 10.30am

Saturday June 2[™] 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? Monday june 11th Parish Council Meeting in Trelights - 7.30pm

Tuesday June 19th Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall – 7.30pm

Friday June 22nd 'Friends of Port Isaac School' Midsummer Madness Scavenger Hunt, BBQ and Disco

Saturday June 23rd Table Top Sale on Coronation Park, Trelights - 11.00am

Friday June 29th St Peter's Day – Strawberries and Cream and Cream Teas in the Church Rooms – from 2.30pm

Saturday June 30th RNLI Open Day

Saturday July 7th Village Hall Barn Dance & Barbecue

Sunday July 8th Lifeboat Sunday on the Platt - 12.30pm

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

Friday July 13th 'Friends of Port Isaac School' Summer Fayre

Tuesday July 17th Whist Drive in St

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

Endellion Church Hall -~ 7.30pm

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

Tuesday August 21" Forebitter in Concert in the Village Hall

Saturday September 1" Port Isaac Garden Society Show in the Church Hall -2.00pm

Monday September 10th Parish Council Meeting in Port Isaac - 7.30pm

Friday September 21* Village Hall Music Quiz

Tuesday October 2nd Mystic Seaport Evening in the Village Hall



Monday October 8th Parish Council Meeting in Trelights – 7.30pm

Saturday October 20th Village Hall Coffee Morning

Monday November 12th Parish Council Meeting in the Church Rooms, Port Isaac - 7.30pm

Thursday November 22nd 'Friends of Port Isaac School' Festive Foods Evening - American Theme at the Pottery -7.30pm

Friday December 7th 'Friends of Port Isaac School' Christmas Fayre -3.15pm

Monday December 10th Parish Council Meeting

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

Tuesday May 8th - Feast of Mother Julian of Norwich. St Endellion Church. Eucharist -7.00pm. Julian Meeting -8.00 pm

Sunday May 13th - Evening Worship with Taize Music in St Endellion Church - 7.00 pm

Monday May 14th - St Matthias Eucharist in St Endellion Church - 7.00pm

Wednesday May 16th - Healing Eucharist in St Peter's Church, Port Isaac - 7.30 pm

Sunday May 20th - Rogation Sunday. Evensong in St Peter's Church, Port Isaac - 6.00 pm

Thursday May 24th - Ascension Day. Sung Eucharist in St Endellion Church - 7.00 pm

Thursday May 31[#] - Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth. Eucharist in St Endellion Church - 7.00 pm