



The Port Isaac, Port Gaverne and Trelights newsletter No: 213 • September 2001 • Price 25p

There's another chance to show off your amazing musical knowledge – or lack of it – at the Village Hall Music Quiz on Friday September 21st. Perhaps you're an ageing hippy; maybe Glenn Miller is more your cup of tea; or do you prefer today's boy bands; possibly a Mozart concerto is more appealing; it could be that you're a closet 'glam rock' fan; or are you a teddy boy of yesteryear? Whatever sort of music you like this is always a really entertaining evening.



Teams of up to four members are invited to compete and entry is £2.50 per person. Buy your tickets in advance from Secrets or reserve them from a member of the Village Hall committee or by phoning 880862 or 880905. Don't worry if you do not have a full team as teams can be made up on the night. The doors will open at 7.30pm and the quiz starts at 8.00pm.

The Village Hall has joined the 'Carn to Cove' Rural Touring Scheme for Cornwall and our very first venture with the programme is our Archive Film Evening on Thursday September 27th. TSW Film Archive has customised an evening of film to include Port Isaac and surrounding areas.

Tickets, priced £4.50 (£3.50 concessions) can be purchased in advance from Secrets or reserved by telephoning 880862 or 880905. Home made refreshments will be on sale during the interval.

Local initiative re-opens Port Gaverne toilets

The Public Toilets at Port Gaverne are open again. In a summer when Port Gaverne beach has been the playground for local people and children as well as visitors it is a very welcome and necessary facility.

Following a proposal from a group of local people to take on the responsibility for the public toilets, the Parish Council again discussed the situation at its August meeting. But to no avail.

Malcolm Lee, who along with Bryan Richards, was in favour of the Parish Council re-opening the toilets, said 'I am appalled by the Council's decision to close the toilets. They are a parish facility and should be paid for by the parish. The reason that these toilets were opened some 14 years ago is still as valid today as it was then'. 'The Parish Council should seriously consider what its role is' he concluded.

Many complaints have been received from Port Gaverne residents but the vote to not re-open the toilets and hand them over to the 'private consortium' was carried by seven for and two against. Said David Phelps, 'Let's see this group put their money where their mouth is'.

And this is just what they have done.

For the time being the toilets are being sub-let from the Parish Council (the Parish Council has to give three months notice of its decision to terminate its lease with the National Trust). The group has taken advantage of the National

Trust's initial offer for this year to the Parish Council which is:

- The National Trust will not charge any rent for the premises.
- The National Trust will not re-charge the cost of insuring the premises.
- The National Trust will meet the business rates.

All other costs, including care-taking, are being underwritten by the group and the toilets will be open until the end of September and then again for Guy Fawkes night and then hopefully re-open again in March next year if a new lease can be negotiated with the National Trust.

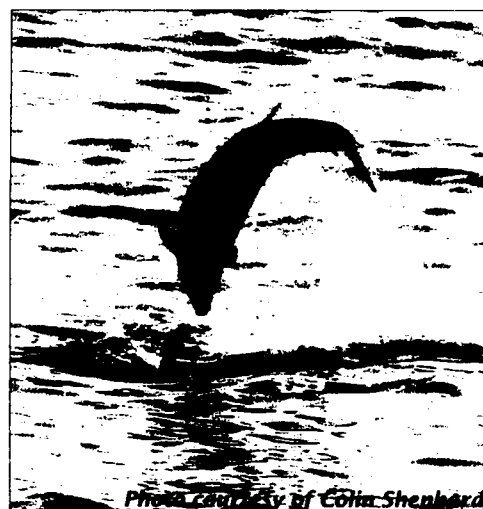


Photo courtesy of Colin Shepherd

**Who needs to go to
Florida when you have
sights like this right
on your doorstep?**

Who needs the stocks to be soaked in when we have the good old English summer! The monsoon downpour caught us all out but, as intrepid as we all are, everyone stayed to enjoy Lifeboat Funday in Port Isaac.

The usual mixture of stalls with a nautical theme was added to this year with beer and Pimms to help pass a foot-tapping afternoon with the Gumbo Flyers on The Platt.

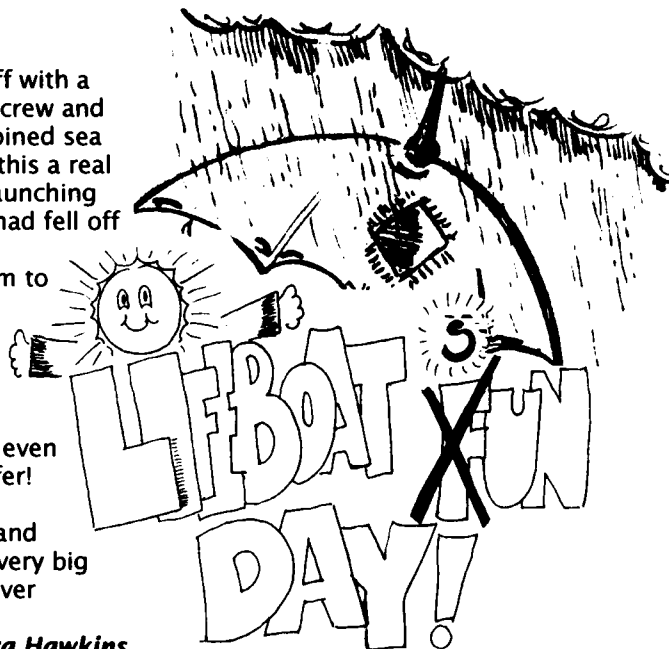
On the beach pony and cart rides provided a new attraction along with the ever-popular egg throwing competition. Jamie Miller took firm command of the Hookaducks in preparation for his next Naval exercise!

The afternoon rounded off with a great display by the RNLI crew and the Coastguard of a combined sea and cliff rescue. Prior to this a real 'shout' saw the lifeboat launching to the aid of a child who had fell off the breakwater. Happily, the child managed to swim to safety.

It took an army of 'volunteers' to make the day a success. We didn't refuse any offers of help, even from those who didn't offer!

To everyone who helped and supported our Funday, a very big THANK YOU. We raised over £1675.

Barbara Hawkins



A huge thank you

On behalf of the Port Isaac RNLI committee, I would like to thank everyone who gave their help and support to our RNLI Funday on August 19th.

The crew did the most marvellous job in clearing the Platt and yet again the stalls gave it the feel of a village market. This area and the beach was a scene of heaving activity throughout the day and despite a heavy downpour midway through the day - which may have dampened the bodies but not the spirits - it was a fantastic event in every respect.

The introduction this year of live music in the shape of the Gumbo Flyers, helped by the beer and Pimms, continued the great atmosphere well into the afternoon and to have such an expert rescue display from the Crew and Coastguard was a brilliant finale.

It looks as if we raised a record breaking £1675 plus, with more still to come in. I have received no end of compliments from visitors and locals alike. It really was a true village affair.

However, none of it would have been possible without the continued enthusiasm and generosity of our 'helpers'. We really do appreciate all the time and effort everybody puts in supporting the RNLI here in Port Isaac and particularly on our Funday. Thank you.

Annie Price, Committee Chairman

CROSSWORD ANSWERS FROM PAGE 16

Across:

1 POLZEATH; 4 TOR; 6 BA;
7 NEWLYN; 10 BOG; 12 OAK;
13 AN; 14 ARTIST; 16 ET; 18 ER;
20 CURER; 22 TA; 23 ROAMED;
25 ACRE; 26 GIG; 28 GRILSE;
29 IOU; 30 LOB; 31 PILCHARD

Down:

1 PENZANCE; 2 TB; 3 HAWKER;
4 TUBA; 5 RIG; 8 WATER;
9 NOTE; 11 ON; 15 IRE;
17 LANDS END; 19 CAMEL;
21 RECOUP; 22 TA; 23 REGAL;
24 PI; 26 GUL; 27 GIB

PORT ISAAC ROAD NAMES WORDSEARCH ANSWERS

Back Hill	Back Lane
Church Hill	Coastguard Hill
Dolphin Street	Fore Street
Hartland Road	Hillson Close
Little Hill	Lundy Road
Mayfield Road	Middle Street
New Road	Overcliff
The Platt	Roscarrock Hill
Rowlands Way	Silvershell Road
Margarets Lane	Rose Hill

Port Isaac RNLI HARVEST FESTIVAL & GRAND AUCTION

Friday September 14th
The Cornish Arms
Pendoggett

8.00pm

Auctioneer: Jon Cleave
*Come along and
support the RNLI*

Trio copy dates

ISSUE	COPY DATE
October 5th	September 24th
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December 14th	December 3rd

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Make your views known

The proposal from the 'Friends of The Main' was presented to the Parish Council sub-committee of Bryan Richards, Sue Foster and David Phelps, on August 31st.

During the meeting they asked for more detailed information and this will be presented at another meeting on September 3rd. This will be last meeting before a final decision is taken at the full Parish Council meeting on Monday September 10th in St Peter's Church Rooms at 7.30pm.

Please make **your** feelings known to the Parish Council by either coming along to this Parish Council meeting or by sending in a letter.

At the time of the original Public Meeting, giving The Main to the National Trust was the only option available. There is now a comprehensive offer on the table from the 'Friends of The Main' - but only if ownership of The Main remains with the Parish Council - where it belongs.

Figures provided by the Parish Council for the last four year's expenditure on The Main, show the average annual cost to the Parish is £446.95 - a weekly sum of £8.59. Yet the financial liability is one of the Parish Council's main reasons for giving The Main away.

During the next two years the bridge will need replacing which, should the Parish Council continue to fund The Main, would increase that year's expenditure. Thereafter, the annual costs would drop drastically as there would be no further major spending.

The 'Friends of The Main' will fund the replacement bridge and any other spending required for the next five years. The situation will then need to be reviewed again. For example, we may have a completely different Parish Council who may want to take on the responsibility for The Main again.

The 'Friends of The Main' do not want to own The Main. They just feel that it should remain within the Parish and not be given away.

The Parish Council was asked if it wanted to make any comments in this edition of *Trilo*. It declined.

THE MAIN, PORT GAVERNE

PROPOSAL FROM THE 'FRIENDS OF THE MAIN' TO ST ENDELLION PARISH COUNCIL

In return for the ownership of The Main staying within the Parish, 'Friends of The Main' are offering to take away every reason for the Parish Council wishing to part with it.

For a period of five years, after which there will be a full review of the situation, 'Friends of The Main' are offering:

- to take on the day to day running of The Main and all that it involves.
- to meet all costs involved in the running of The Main - the money is already in place.
- there will be no labour costs passed on to the Parish Council.
- there will be no material costs passed on to the Parish Council.
- no involvement from any parish councillor will be expected - unless of course they want to be involved.

All of the necessary expertise is in place, supplied from a pool of qualified personnel and equipment.

A full report from a qualified structural engineer regarding the bridge will be available upon agreement. Further surveys to its structure and safety will be carried out on a regular basis as required. However, an initial survey has shown that work should be carried out within the next two years.

Since the 'Friends of The Main' was formed its numbers have swollen. Likewise, the offers of expertise, general and financial help have increased.

We urge the Parish Council to take up the offer that is on the table. The 'Friends of The Main' view the upkeep of The Main as a long-term project and are all totally committed.

Working together we will prove that there is strength in unity.



Overhead lines

Last month I showed a picture of the pole and its wires near the bottom of Church Hill. This month the pole shown is in Middle Street and there are many more I could show you. Everywhere you go in the old village there are wires draped around. A campaign to bury them will start, providing that enough support can be found. People who have had experience of fund-raising will be very useful.

So far, the Parish Council has done a lot of work and asked Western Power Distribution to make a detailed survey/costing of the work necessary. Including trench digging etc it looks as if about £100,000 will need to be found. It is essential to have the consent of every property owner who is likely to be affected - 112 properties. We have some idea who these are in 34 cases, leaving about 78 more to discover. We shall get some help from North Cornwall District Council although they cannot let us have details from the lists of ratepayers, which are covered by the Data Protection Act. South West Electricity will no doubt still have a number of bill payers, who have not opted to buy their electricity from North Thames Gas or whatever, and local estate agents, have offered their help as well. We have to have the names and addresses of all property owners as they all have to be notified and their consent given for the work to take place. A similar scheme was conducted in Padstow where one householder withheld permission.

The work was done nevertheless, leaving just one pole and its wires still standing in their back garden!

The amount of disruption involved will not be great and should only need two or three months to complete. The work, not being weather-dependent, can be done during the winter months.

All other authorities will be informed so telephone wires can be buried at the same time and any road-surfacing planned for when the work is complete. All we need now is to hear from the residents and friends of the village whether there



is any good reason for not going ahead with the scheme and for a few of us to get together and put it into action.

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What was happening in Trio in ...

SEPTEMBER 1983

RNLI

- The Harvest Festival Auction at The Cornish Arms was conducted by Neville Andrews and realised £420.
- The four-legged race raised over £713.
- Flag Day collections raised £885.16 - a branch record.

The Lifeboat, crewed by Harry Pavitt, John Trayhurn and Barry Slater, was launched at 7.25pm on August 26th, following a report of two people cut off by the tide at Hole Beach, Trebarwith. On its way, the boat was diverted to Penallick Point where a man and a woman who were clinging to a pot buoy were rescued. The couple were hauled aboard and given first-aid before being airlifted to hospital.

The lifeboat then proceeded to Hole Beach where a man and a slightly injured woman were stranded in the corner of the beach. Darkness was fast approaching and they were suffering from shock and exposure. After a very tricky manoeuvre the crew managed to get the couple on board. An extra large wave then caught the boat and dumped it on the rocks where it was stranded by the now ebbing tide. When the tide receded the woman was taken to the beach and thence, by helicopter, to hospital. The man was taken up the cliff path by the Boscastle Cliff Rescue team. In order to recover the Lifeboat, three further crewmembers and three helpers were rushed to Hole Beach. Padstow Lifeboat stood by 400 yards offshore illuminating the area with her powerful searchlights as the boat was lifted over the rocks to the beach. A line was then fired ashore from the Padstow boat and attached to the Port Isaac lifeboat, which was hauled through the surf to the open sea. The engine was restarted and the she returned home, arriving at 12.30am.

September 1992

ROWING CLUB

The second annual Gig Day raised over £1000 for the club.

The Corsair made the journey to London on September 5th for the Great London River Race on the Thames. She was crewed by John Mac, Mark Provis, four men from Loughton Divers' Club and coxed by John Brown. She came 18th out of 150 assorted boats. The proceeds of the River Race went to Cancer Research.

RNLI Lifeboat Larks

Despite the terrible weather this event went ahead on August 23rd. Steve Hewett, dressed as Batman, 'flew' the furthest across the breakwaters. The day raised about £850.

Obituary

Ronald Arthur (Phil) Phillips

Residents were saddened to hear of his death at Treliske Hospital. Phil, aged 78 years, of Avalon, 46 New Road, and his late wife Jo came to live in Port Isaac 19 years ago. He always enjoyed a game of bowls and many of his friends from the Wadebridge Bowling Club and the Monday Club were at St Peter's Church on August 11th for the funeral service. This was conducted by the Rector and followed by interment at St Endellion.

Our sympathy to Phil's family.

Charlie Honey

Village Hall News

What a month August was. A first for the Village Hall was our sell-out concert when Forebitter, the Fishermen's Friends and the Carn Awn Singers all appeared on the same bill. We could have quite easily sold another 50 tickets had the walls of the Hall been a bit more flexible!

This brilliant concert was opened by the Carn Awn Singers and their choice of programme and beautiful harmonies were excellent. As always, the Fishermen's Friends went down a storm despite lacking their bass singers and nearly lacking Billy who got lost in Fowey! Forebitter had one up on them as they did have a full bass section and so the banter went on throughout the evening. Their polished and professional performance had the hall rocking and by the end of the night everybody was singing along. What more can we say. It was a brilliant night and, what's more, the profit of over £700 raised took our bank balance totally into the black.

Earlier in the month our Cream Tea afternoon raised over £140 and our

Wednesday open mornings throughout the summer raised in excess of £120.

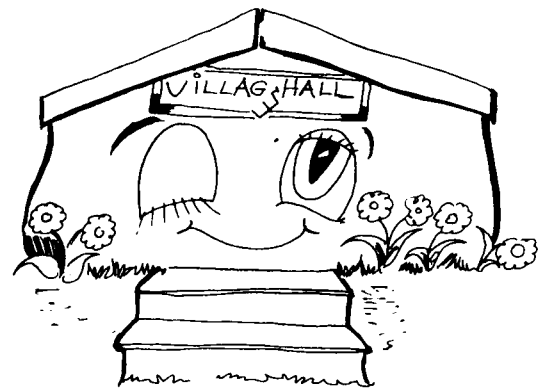
Thank you for the donations we have received, all from people who wish to remain anonymous. And thank you everybody for your support for your Village Hall.

Volunteers welcome!

As the bulk of our visitors go home and things begin to quieten down again, our 'Buildings' team (Chris, Andy and Roy) are getting together every Wednesday night to do various jobs including installing the central heating system. So, if you're at a loose end on a Wednesday evening ... Need we say more. Enthusiasm more important than experience!

Fundraising continues

Our fundraising needs to be ongoing to continue with our improvement programme and two major events are planned for September. See details of our Music Quiz on September 21st and Archive Film Evening on September 27th on the front page.



COMING SOON

King Villa Cabaret

October 18th

**The Old Rope
String Band**

December 6th

**WOULD YOU LIKE A
LOCALLY PRODUCED,
GRASS FED LAMB FOR
YOUR FREEZER?**

Contact Barry or Anne
Collins on 01208 880755

PORT ISAAC VILLAGE HALL NEW HIRE CHARGES

GENERAL USERS £5 per hour
20% discount for advance block bookings of six or more sessions

**NON PROFIT MAKING PARISH CLUBS/
ORGANISATIONS/ASSOCIATIONS etc**
INCLUDING CHILDREN'S GROUP £4 per hour
25% discount for advance block bookings of six or more sessions

ALL USERS - 24 hour period £30

Note: hire covers the Hall and Kitchen including heating. Cups, saucers and teaplates, teapots and kettle are kept in the kitchen for general use.

ADDITIONAL CHARGES if required:

Crockery for a meal for 100 people plus boiler £30

Outside bar fee (this is in addition to the licence fee paid directly to the Licensing Authority) £20

Minimum Cleaning fee (if required) £20

HIRE CHARGES FOR VILLAGE HALL PROPERTY USED OFF SITE

Tables £4 each
Chairs £1 for 4 chairs

Bookings and info: Janet Chadband on 01208 880262

Winter Health

As the summer draws to a close and with autumn fast approaching, thoughts turn to this year's flu immunisation programme.

Every winter, flu causes respiratory illness affecting people of all ages. For most the illness is unpleasant but only lasts a few days and is without complications. However, in the elderly and those people who suffer with heart or chest disease, kidney problems or diabetes, flu carries an increased risk of serious illness often resulting in admission to hospital. It is in these vulnerable groups that immunisation is recommended to prevent infection.

The flu vaccine is safe and is relatively free of side effects. The injection DOES NOT cause flu, as some people may believe.

The immunisation programme will begin in early October.

In summary then, the message is clear. If you are aged 65 or over or have any of the above-mentioned medical conditions, then get yourself immunised. Please contact your surgery in September.

Dr Finlay



Micky Hunt becomes a Bard of Cornwall

Congratulations to William A (Micky) Hunt on becoming a Bard of Gorsedd Kernow. He received the invitation in February this year and his initiation service took place on September 1st at St Columb Major.

The award recognises Micky's work involved in training young people and his untiring service to the brass band movement for the last 64 years, man and boy. His bardic name is 'Den Menestrouthy Brest' - Man of Brass Band Music.

Born in Bodmin in September 1928, Micky's first interest with brass bands was the very smart uniforms with lots of gold braid and buttons. He started learning to play when he was just nine years old. His dedication to the band world started then and is still with him today. As his playing progressed he was promoted to solo cornet during which time he won the prestigious 'Best Player' award at the Bugle Festival Contest in 1971.

During his very successful band career he has taught many young players and some have gone on to play in championship section bands. Many local players can be grateful for his loyalty and commitment. He taught them from their very first note, travelling hundreds of miles to give private tuition to many youngsters, helping them to achieve good results and taking them to solo and quartet contests. All his tuition has been free, his only reward being a good achievement from his players.

Micky is well respected in the contest field, taking his band to second section and always having the 'courage and confidence' to enter the open section which he has won against several top section bands, mainly with players he taught himself.

At present he is teaching learners at St Minver and was more than proud to take an ensemble to the 2001 Wadebridge Music Festival where they won a cup at their very first attempt. He also helps with the conducting of the senior band.

There have been many special days during the past 64 years, one being invited to conduct the BNFL (Leyland) Band at Colne. Another highlight was being invited to bring St Minver Band to Port Isaac in May

this year to entertain on the Platt and then to lead the band up through the village with the 'flora dance' for the grand opening of the Village Hall after its makeover by BBC 'DIY SOS'.

Over a 40-year period Micky has entertained hundreds of visitors and locals at Port Isaac and enjoys seeing the many people who still call round to say how much they have enjoyed his concerts.

In 1989 he received a 'Long Service Award' (50 years plus) from the Cornwall Brass Band Association and in 1998 a 'Diploma of Honour' from the Worshipful Company of Musicians for his dedication to brass bands and especially for

training youngsters. He keeps busy carrying out the duties involved with his various committees and offices including Chairman of Cornwall Brass Band Association.

The aims of the Cornish Gorsedd, known officially as Gorseth Kernow, are to maintain the national Celtic spirit of Cornwall; to encourage the study of literature, art, music and history in Cornwall; to encourage the study and use of the Cornish language; to link Cornwall with other Celtic countries; and to promote co-operation amongst those who work for the honour of Cornwall. Entry is by invitation only and between 1928 and 1996 bardship was conferred on just over a thousand people.

Cookery Corner Oh! No! Not Chicken again!

As a child, I spent several months on a farm in Somerset and remember, watching with fascination, the farmer's wife chasing a hen around the farmyard. I don't think I ever connected this action with the delicious roast chicken and cream gravy served for our lunch. I can still remember the stunning flavour of that free range and, I suspect, organic chicken. Today, chicken is no longer a treat and with mass production, the flavour is not as good as I remember, but recipes are varied and exciting. This recipe uses mushrooms. With luck, you may find sufficient in the fields.

Mushroom and chicken loaf

1 Coburg or French loaf * 50g/2oz butter * 1egg (beaten)

Filling:

350g/12oz cooked chicken (cut into bite sized pieces) * 350g/12oz mushrooms
butter (to sauté) * 1 onion (finely chopped)
1 rounded tbsp flour * 200ml/7floc chicken stock
salt and pepper * grated nutmeg * 1 rounded tbsp chopped parsley

Method Oven 180°C/350°F/gas 4

- Slice the top off the loaf and carefully remove the bread within.
- Brush top and base with melted butter, then with the beaten egg.
- Put both parts onto a baking sheet and crisp in the oven for 7-10 minutes until golden brown.
- Prepare the filling by frying the onion in the rest of the melted butter.
- Add flour and stir.
- Remove from heat and slowly add the stock, stirring all the time.
- Season, return to heat and continue stirring until thickened.
- Add chicken pieces and parsley. Set aside.
- Sauté mushrooms in butter.
- Assemble the dish by putting half the mushrooms on the bottom of the loaf. Then add the chicken mixture. Then the rest of the mushrooms and replace the lid.
- Cook for a further 7-10 minutes.
- Serve hot with a vegetable of your choice or a crisp salad.

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All day fundraiser planned for The Sunrise Appeal

A coffee morning followed by 'Soup and Sweet' lunches and then cream teas will take place on September 19th in the Village Hall starting at 10.30am. The day is in aid of the Sunrise Appeal – raising money for the new treatment unit for cancer sufferers at Treliske Hospital.

This new unit will enable patients to receive treatment in Cornwall instead of, as now, many having to travel to Derriford Hospital in Plymouth, or beyond, to be treated for various types of cancer.

The target is £500,000 and we are confident that Port Isaac can contribute several hundred pounds to this very important facility in Cornwall.

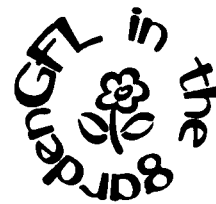
Please help by donating items for a White Elephant, cakes, tombola, bottle and 'new' stalls – in fact, anything saleable (except jumble).

We all know someone who has had or has got cancer. Most families are affected at some time and some lucky ones are long-time survivors.

Let's pull together to help save more lives in the future. It could be any one of us or our loved ones.

Enquiries and/or donations of any kind to Barbara Richards (tel: 880575), Joan Murray (tel: 880548), Janet Chadband (tel: 880262) or Margaret Bunt (tel: 880601).

Tidying up time is here again. There has been an autumnal feel about the weather for some time now but you can make summer last a little bit longer by some judicious pruning of flowering shrubs which should reward you by producing a few more blooms in a few weeks time – given that we have some nice mild weather!



At least we don't have to start panicking about frosts as soon as September arrives though I feel that a couple of really heavy frosts later in the year would probably do the soil a lot of good and get rid of the nasties that seem to be around!

It's time to think what spring bulbs we are going to plant and whether it is better to succumb to the blandishments of the catalogues that come by post or be sensible and go to a garden centre and have a good look around before deciding. Good luck!

GFL

Friends, Neighbours, Roommates

The craggy visage,
ravaged by time and tide conceals
the million memories and endearments
which compete for
rock face space.

The fissures yawning
into cavernous caves
reveal all twice daily
as the whispering, beckoning, shushing sea
deems fit.

Often serene, oft welcoming,
the fathomless, voluminous morass
will move from tantrum to raging temper
at a whim prompted
by the wind.

The cool, immobile granite faces,
tattooed with tokens of love, dreams of the future
and the calendars of years
watch impassively as the constantly changing train
of events unfold.

And with each battering
from each new acidic, scorching wave,
they house, cherish and nurture
fewer and fewer of the world's living species
and weep foam laden tears and wonder
if we will ever learn to understand
our friends, neighbours and roommates
in the basement tenement block called earth.

by Geof Richmond, written in the Golden Lion, Port Isaac

*John, Emily and Laura
would like to thank
everyone for all the
cards, gifts and good
wishes on the birth of
Oscar Harold
on Monday August 20th
at 1.02am.*

*Special thanks to
the Treliske
Theatre team
and midwives.*



CHURCH NEWS

Port Isaac

Flower Festival Delights

The theme of 'Songs from the Shows to the Glory of God' stimulated the imagination of those who created flower arrangements for St Peter's Church four-day flower festival which attracted many visitors from a wide area. Groups and organisations from the village and from united benefice churches were represented in the colourful, skilfully designed displays.

On Sunday morning nearly 50 people attended the sung eucharist at which the Revd Judith Pollinger presided and preached, and, in the evening Preb Michael Bartlett led a well-attended 'Songs of Praise' service. Thanks to all the hard work and support the much needed sum of £763.12 was raised for the Church.

St Endellion

Audiences flocking to St Endellion Church for the 43rd Summer Music festival have been delighted with the new organ. The superb instrument, built by Messrs Goetze & Gwynn, was ready just in time for the opening choral evensong. In his address at the service at which he officiated, Preb Michael Bartlett, rector thanked the many people who had made the vision become a reality.

The service was followed by the inaugural organ recital given by Joseph Cullen, former Organ Scholar at Trinity College and now Chorus Master of the Huddersfield Choral Society and the Academy of St Martin-in-the Fields.

Not surprisingly, the new organ featured often in the programmes of concerts arranged for this year's music festival by director Richard Hickox.

The new organ was dedicated by the Rt Revd Bill Ind, Lord Bishop of Truro during a festival sung eucharist at which he presided and preached. Also present was the Rt Revd Roy Screech, Bishop of St Germans. The new organ was played by Joseph Cullen, Cambridge who has given organ recitals and who has appeared at the St Endellion Easter Music Festival for the past three years. The Festival Chorus sang Kodaly's Missa Brevis and a motet by Finzi 'Lo! The Full Final Sacrifice.' conducted by Richard Hickox, Festival Music Director and one of Britain's leading conductors.

Conductor's Daughter Baptised

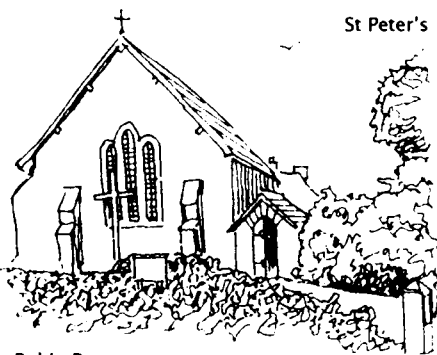
Abigail Helen Elizabeth Hickox, daughter of Richard and his wife, soprano soloist, Pamela Helen Stephen, was baptised in St Endellion Church during the Festival by Preb Michael Bartlett, rector.

Cider & Pasty Evening

A cider and pasty evening with a raffle, plant stall and the opportunity to play croquet, proved to be a most enjoyable experience at the Rectory. The event, organised by the church fund-raising committee raised over £292 for church funds.

Young Servers Lead Prayers

Young servers, Lowenna Barriball and Thomas Gill, grandchildren respectively of churchwardens Mr Roger Richards and Mr Tom Warne, led intercessions for the first time. Bells were rung before the sung eucharist at which the Revd Judith Pollinger, curate presided and preached.



by Robin Penna

St Endellion Church

by Danny Albury



later led a service with harvest hymns in St Endellion Church which was followed by supper.

Friends' Day

The association of the Friends of St Endellion Church held their annual celebration on the Sunday of August Bank Holiday. Preb Michael Bartlett presided and preached at a very well-attended sung eucharist in the morning and in the evening he conducted choral evensong. Singing was led by a small choir formed for the occasion and directed by Mrs Janet Townsend, who accompanied the singing on the church's new organ. Afterwards the annual meeting was held and Preb James Vincent, a prebendary emeritus of the church gave a lecture on worship in St Endellion Church through the centuries.

Judith Pollinger, tel: 880181

Flower Festival

What a wonderful Flower Festival we had recently. We would like to say thank you to everyone who made it so successful. The theme of 'Songs from the Shows - to the glory of God' certainly caught everyone's imagination. There were some very ingenious arrangements and all were a feast for the eyes. Yes, it was thought to be the best ever Flower Festival we have had.

It was not only because of the flowers, everyone enjoyed it so much. There was such a wonderful atmosphere all the time. It was very much a community event with everyone working together in such harmony. The Church services had large congregations and the final Songs of Praise was particularly successful. Port Isaac has a great sense of community on these occasions.

Thank you to you all for making it such a memorable and enjoyable Festival. Incidentally, raising well over £700 for Church Funds was very good as well. Thank you once again.

Father Michael



LETTERS TO TRIO

because it had no parking or garden) that young people do not wish to live in

the inconvenient old part of the village.

I should just add that most people of Port Isaac seem to be extremely friendly towards us foreigners, just as I try to be towards non-Devonians who have dared to invade my territory.

Jenny Balfour Paul
Crediton (the 'wrong' side of the Tamar) and Port Isaac

Dear Trio

'Old Egger' brings back memories

I have just received your latest edition of *Trio* and was fascinated to read the article 'Old Egger'. It brought back vivid memories of my childhood as, when I was about seven years old, my father took me, after Chapel at Roscarrock Methodist Church, to Edgar Bate's cottage in Church Hill. It was before the days of electricity and I remember the warm glow of a paraffin lamp as we sat at his table to be shown his collection of stamps. All were beautifully mounted in albums, with tissue dividers, and would be worth a fortune these days.

I was also shown the collection of birds eggs all neatly stored in cotton wool and labelled.

The best was yet to come, however, as reaching into a drawer he produced a gold coin. I had no idea what it was, but was impressed by the glitter of the gold in the soft paraffin lighting. He asked me if I knew what it was and he then told me it was a gold Spanish Doubloon and that he had found it in a rock pool on the eastern side of the Awn one very low tide, well past what is now the breakwater.

I wonder what happened to the wonderful collection of stamps, birds eggs and, of course, the Doubloon. Perhaps there was an Armada ship sunk off Port Isaac and perhaps there is more treasure to be discovered. Has anyone else heard the story of the gold coin and does anyone remember seeing it but me?

David Hoskin
Mylor Bridge, Cornwall

Dear Trio

Memories of an evacuee

Two articles in the July *Trio* reminded me of events that took place in Port Isaac some 57 years ago.

I, together with about 19 other children, was evacuated to Port Isaac in 1944, following the launching of V1s and V2s against London and the Home Counties. I was billeted with Mr & Mrs George Sherratt in their shop and bakery and used to help deliver bread on Saturdays whilst their two sons were serving in the Army and RAF.

The winter of 1944-45 was severe with snow down to the tideline in the harbour, something not seen in Cornwall since around 1900, according to the older inhabitants. No such things as snowploughs in those days so most of the local roads were closed to vehicles except Harold Sprys! From memory, I believe he had a set of chains, which enabled him, together with Mr Sherratt, to deliver bread and coal to outlying properties from the same coal vehicle!

The coal lorry was also used for other unusual deliveries. During the same year, two part-time firemen were drowned whilst fishing off St Ives and a body was duly found and brought into Port Isaac harbour. Us youngsters were told to buzz off whilst the body was dealt with. Some of us rushed up the hill to the school playground and watched Harold Spry's lorry being loaded with the body in the harbour below: the load being covered with canvas and driven away, presumably to a mortuary.

Moving on to happier events and David Castle's article on opportunities for youngsters to learn. Although we evacuees were dumped on Port Isaac we were quickly absorbed into the community. I was allowed to take ALB's punt off the moorings when the tide came in and scull around the harbour (not outside the breakwaters) until ALB returned. I then helped to bring the catch and crew ashore. For a 'townie' to learn to scull and be allowed to look after a punt was indeed an honour.

Another after school 'job' was to help Tom Brown at Pawlyns to pack orders for lobsters and crabs in

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Dear Trio

Born on the 'wrong' side of the Tamar!

In response to Amanda Aldridge's letter in the last issue, may I first comment that, although I think that *Trio* is a really wonderful local newsletter, I hadn't realised that it was a 'national one' - congratulations.

(Ed: It is in fact an international publication!)

I have the sad misfortune to hail from the 'wrong side of the Tamar' - almost as bad a crime to some Cornish people as being an asylum seeker in Kent. As a Devonian born and bred, if I had the same insular attitudes as Amanda Aldridge I would be resenting half the population of Devon who have had the audacity to move to MY county from other parts of the country.

The fact is that, whether we like it or not, times are changing. The young of Port Isaac, like country folk everywhere, no longer have a guaranteed opportunity to continue in the traditional jobs and lifestyles of their forebears. Some might regret this but many of them are probably thankful that, with today's mobility and educational opportunities, they have the world at their feet and have the chance to choose where to work and to live. Equally, many 'foreigners' can now choose to live in Port Isaac. There are surely good and bad aspects of this fact as there were to life in the past.

With the decline of traditional Cornish industries, villages like Port Isaac would surely die without tourism. Every time I come to the village I notice new cafes or shops springing up to make a living from the tourist trade (and I see this at first hand too with my involvement with the Eden Project - which has brought at least £36 million sterling of extra trade to Cornwall this year).

Furthermore, although I deplore the fact that there is not sufficient low-cost housing for first-time buyers, I also know from first hand experience (having acquired a property that was on the market at a low price for over four years

Update on housing for first-time buyers

Once again we are writing to update people on how things are progressing with the self-build project.

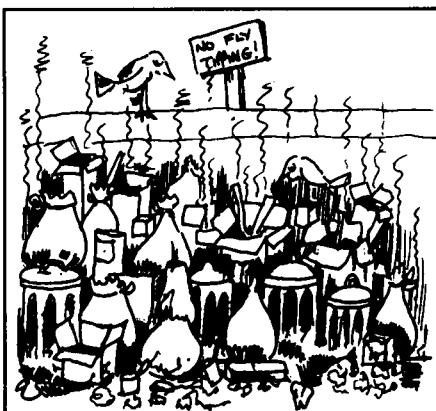
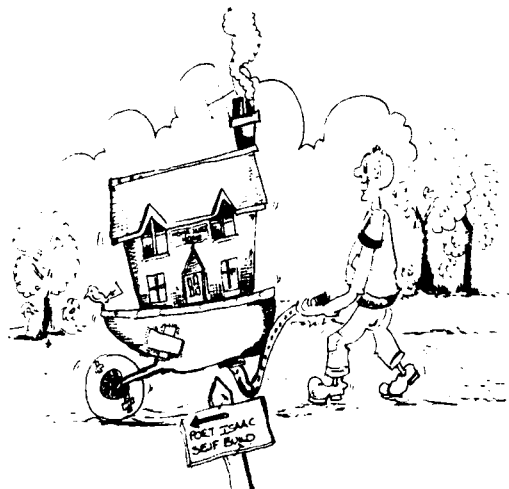
Unfortunately we aren't really any further with our land search, although a few suggestions were made at the August Parish Council meeting. It was suggested by a couple of council members that we contact Mr Pendleton at the planning office to find out any alternative solutions, such as compulsory purchase on the land behind Hillson Close (which has no planning permission on it). This can be an extremely lengthy process and, as Councillor Nicholls pointed out at the meeting, this will not be an option while there is an alternative site, namely the Parish Council land adjacent to the playing field.

Councillor Nicholls and Councillor Buse have pledged 100 percent support for the self-build site to be the this plot of land. They pointed out several positive benefits in using this land, ie the 30 mile an hour speed limit could be extended to Trewetha; monies raised from such a scheme could be used to make up the shortfall for expenditure necessary for public amenities within the parish; and the Parish Council could pay off its loans.

The group would like to point out they are not asking the Parish to give away the land. We are willing to purchase it at a fair price. We are in agreement with local councillors that the properties should be sympathetic with the local surroundings.

Finally we would like to thank the great number of local people who have offered their whole-hearted support in this matter and although it has been suggested to us by one person that the only way we are going to own property in Port Isaac is to move to London for 10 years, earn enough money and then move back to Cornwall, the group believes this is defeating the whole object of our wish to live and bring up our families in Port Isaac.

The hopeful self-build group.



'The pilot rubbish scheme will be starting soon' said Mike Beckett, NCDC's Procurement Officer at the August Parish Council meeting.

The plan is that the village road sweeper collects daily the rubbish from houses and businesses at the bottom of the village in a three-wheel pick-up.

The rubbish will then be taken to the top of the village for collection by a larger vehicle.

The delay has been mainly because the Environment Agency questioned parts of the scheme. However, the vehicle, necessary manpower and bulk sealed storage containers have been sourced so things should start soon.

The bulk storage bins are to be temporarily sited in the top car park near to the toilets but if the pilot is a success then a permanent site will need to be found elsewhere.

Rubbish

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sawdust filled barrels and boxes which were despatched by rail, even in wartime, to hotels all over the country. I cannot be sure but I believe Harold Spry's lorry took the consignments to Port Isaac Road station each day.

I also recall rowing with Tom in his grey skiff to haul pots under the cliffs between Port Isaac and Port Gaverne, a boat with little freeboard and pots hauled by hand over the stern! Very exciting for a non-swimmer and I never did find out whether Tom could swim.

My other memories are:

- of being taught snooker and cribbage by Roger Hook at the Liberal Club;

two games I have never forgotten.

- of going with George Sherratt to feed his geese, which were kept in a field above the village.
- of going to Chapel each Sunday – great interest in how the Preacher performed that week.
- of going to the cinema each Friday and throwing small bits of chalk from the floor at other boys and girls – to be caught would have meant instant expulsion.
- of making model sailing boats from old jam tins from the Sherratt shop and sailing them in the Harbour.
- of struggling up the cliffs with timber which had been washed ashore from a

torpedoed ship only to have it confiscated by auxiliary coastguards.

- of learning to keep quiet in school or risk a wrap on the knuckles with a ruler by 'Boss' Richards.
- of Mrs Sherratt's home made cream and junket every Sunday lunchtime.
- of Sunday evening walks after Chapel with other boys and girls on the Main.

I guess all this, and much more, took place over a period of about ten months and certainly was one of the most enjoyable times of my youth – but not appreciated at the time!

**Brian Martin
Doddington, Kent**

Packed Parish Council meeting

Some 25 people packed into the kitchen at the Church Rooms for the August Parish Council Meeting. This included Mark Hall and Mike Beckett from NCDC, County Councillor Helen Richards and nine parish councillors.

Mark Hall was talking car parks and Mike Beckett gave an update on the rubbish situation, both of which are reported elsewhere in this issue of Trio along with the news about the re-opening of the public toilets at Port Gaverne.

Housing for first time buyers

Things seem to be no further on than last month despite Daniel Brewer passing on the name of the owner of the field behind Hillson Close to the PC Chairman. The PC seems to be divided as to possible sites for starter homes to be built. 'The Parish Council holds the key to a site - the field next to the Playing Field' said Bryan Nicholls. 'It's the only chance these young people have, their only hope' he continued. It was also suggested that local land-owners be approached to see if they had land they were willing to sell for a housing project. After much discussion it was agreed that the PC contact Neil Pendleton of NCDC for his advice in how to progress this matter.

Regular Parish Council business

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- Application 2001/1106 - Erection of outhouse to rear of property for Mr & Mrs Crookes, 72 Fore Street. *Recommended for approval.*
- Application 2001/1089 - Erection of single storey rear extension for Mr Bunt, 2 Hartland Road. *Recommended for approval.*
- Application 2001/1121 - Erection of dwelling site of building previously demolished without consent at First and Last, Trewetha Lane for Mr & Mrs R Bulgin. *Recommended for approval.*
- Application 2001/1146 - Erection of courtyard wall between SE corner of cottage and front boundary wall for Mr I Shepherd, Pennti Ros, Lower Trefreock. *Recommended for approval.*
- Application 2001/0990 - Erection of extensions for Mr A Penny, 11 Hartland Road. *Recommended for approval.*
- Application 2001/1145 - To remove existing stone hedge and replace with post/rail chain link fencing and reposition gates at Port Isaac playing field for St Endellion Parish Council. *Recommended for approval.*

WRVS

The PC approved a £50 donation to the WRVS to help the service continue its work within the community.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Visibility at Playing Fields

Still awaiting the planning decision but as soon as it is received things will proceed.

Traffic and Parking

Earlier in the month a group including myself, David Phelps, Helen Richards, Robert Constance and two representatives from the County Council Traffic department toured the villages parking black spots. Possible solutions to problems in New Road, Trewetha Lane, Mine Pit Corner and Fore Street. Extensive notes and photographs were taken by the traffic department representatives who have gone away to formulate a plan to alleviate our problems.

Traffic calming and speed restrictions at Trewetha were also discussed.

Extra chevrons at the bottom of Poltreworrey Hill and signs at the Trelights Playing Field were also requested.

AMENITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Playing Field

RoSPA has completed its 2001 inspection with several repairs required. A

quotation of £1800 has been received from Taylor Made plus one from Dave Dingle of £1103.45 for this work. The Amenity Committee will propose to the September PC meeting that Dave Dingle's quotation is accepted and this, along with a small amount of work from Taylor Made will total about £1148.50.

Outstanding work, totalling £2000, includes completing the fencing and replacing the big slide on the Maribou and another Christmas draw is planned to help fund this.

Playing Field Refuse Bins

The new bins are now in position and being used but have already been vandalised.

Playing Field Signs

Signs banning dogs and signifying ownership of the playing fields are still to be put up.

Skateboard

Parents have asked that the proposed skateboard area be 5ft wide which brings the costs up to £1007.18. The possible sponsor for this (mentioned in last month's Trio) will give a decision before the September PC meeting.

BMX track

Hopefully the working party to erect the fencing will be able to start this project very shortly.

TEAGUE'S PIT

Bryan Richards reported the dangerous state of overhanging rock at Teague's Pit, Port Gaverne. Urgent action is required and Dave Dingle is to be asked to inspect.

FOOTPATHS

New Footpaths Liaison Officer, Barry Goodright has been very busy organising the cutting and clearing of the overgrown footpaths following the lifting of the foot and mouth restrictions. No extra money is available, so the contractor, Robert Ford, was asked to do his best for the original tender price. Said Barry, 'I have been able to check a number of paths in the Trelights area and Robert's work has been completed in an excellent way'. 'In addition, Robert Sloman must be thanked for his promptness in arranging for paths to be cut though his corn with a lawn mower', he continued.

Mr Goodright asked for volunteers from the PC to walk some of the paths in the parish to see if there

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Car parking

As far as Mark Hall, NCDC's Director of Technical Services, thought, he was coming to the August Parish Council meeting to talk car park charges.

Car park charges will go up again next April, but, explained Mark, NCDC wants to work with local parishes and wants local views on what the increases should be. Income from 'Pay and Display' car parks help to balance the budget and increases are inevitable. However, one suggestion from another Parish Council is that car park charges should not be increased and that extra money needed should be raised by council tax increases. Our Parish Council's suggestions to be put in writing to NCDC.

It was suggested that weekly car park tickets be made available from

the local estate agents when cottages are let and that more promotion be given to the fact that a ticket purchased in Port Isaac covers parking in other NCDC car parks.

Car park charges dispensed with, it was on to the more important issues of car parking - or lack of it - in Port Isaac. Prior to the meeting Mark had looked at the car park and could immediately see how five or so more spaces could be made and moving the recycling bins and resiting the Cornwall Heritage caravan could double this figure. But, he agreed, our problem was much bigger than that. Provision also needs to be made for coaches. Therefore it was agreed that Mark would arrange for a survey and feasibility study to be carried out at the existing car park with a view to extending it or reorganising it to create more spaces.

Watch this space!

Vandalism at Playing Fields

Further to the notice in the August edition of *Trio* regarding vandalism at the Playing Fields, it is with regret that I have to report more acts of attempted vandalism.

The Parish Council has been advised that the newly installed litter bins within the playing fields have been subjected to youths trying to kick them off the fence. This is not being done by the younger children but by older ones, who should know better.

The names of at least two of the offenders are in our possession. If there is any repetition of this behaviour, the Parish Council will have no hesitation in providing the Police with the names it has and prosecuting.

The signs and bins are a requirement of RoSPA and only assist in improving the environment of the playing field.

It would be greatly appreciated if all parents of children - whatever age - who regularly use the playing fields, could bring this notice to their attention. This would achieve two objectives; eliminate the need of any Police involvement and at the same time relieve the Parish Council of any unnecessary additional expenditure.

Bryan Richards
Chairman, St Endellion Parish Council

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were any problems. Very few councillors volunteered their help.

HEDGE CUTTING

Once again some hedges in Port Isaac and Trelights are very overgrown and restricting vehicular access. It was agreed that a general notice be placed in *Trio* followed up by a letter from the Parish Council to householders who did not respond.

Bryan Richards advised that NCDC would be cutting back some of the hedges in Port Isaac because of the problems being caused by the overgrowth.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in St Peter's Church Rooms, Port Isaac on Monday September 10th at 7.30pm.

The PC has not approved this article.

Hedges

The Parish Council would like to remind everyone of their responsibility for outside of their hedges.

Hedges should be cut back to allow proper vehicular access on roads and a clear path for pedestrians. At present there are a number of areas within Trelights and Port Isaac where overgrown hedges are causing concern.

St Endellion Parish Council

Carn Awn Singers news

In July the Carn Awn Singers held their Summer Concert in St Peter's Church, Port Isaac. The contrasting programme included a variety of songs and concluded with a special arrangement of 'Lily of the Valley' and 'You'll Never Walk Alone'. Maureen Wakeham provided the excellent accompaniment for the singers.

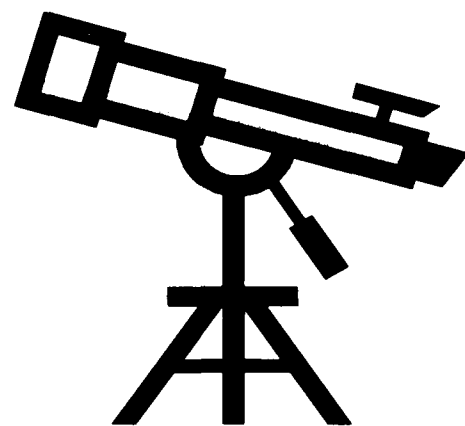
The audience listened spellbound as special guest artist, young violinist Phillippa Lusty performed pieces by Elgar, Brahms, Ten Have, Wieniawski, Gluck and Vivaldi. An ambitious choice but played with such maturity and depth of feeling that it was difficult to believe that she is only 13. She was accompanied by Angeline Seymour.

Compere for the evening was the inimitable John Bernallick whose own brand of humour kept everyone highly entertained. An excellent supper was provided after the concert. Said John, 'It proves the ladies can cook as well as sing!'

The Singers are now taking a break until October but several autumn concerts are already planned. For further information contact either Joan Murray on 01208 880548 or Barbara Richards on 01208 880575.



Telescope presentation to the Coastguard



The Quinnian Trust was pleased to present the Port Isaac Coastguard with a powerful new telescope in memory of David and Margaret Kay.

The Trust was established to support young people in leisure activities which promote self-reliance and responsibility for others, in particular in maritime pursuits. The Trust also supports the rescue services as any maritime activity involves a level of risk.

David Kay was a founding trustee and his wife Margaret was keenly interested in the objects of the Trust. They both knew and loved this part of the Cornish coast

around Port Isaac and Port Quin, hence the name 'Quinnian' Trust.

In his introduction, the Chairman of the Trust, David Bishop, thanked Ken Richards, Port Isaac Coastguard Station Officer, for arranging the venue.

Three of David and Margaret's children, Deborah Tidey - who lives in Port Isaac, Joanna Bazalgette and Richard Kay attended the presentation. Another sister, Rebecca Colwill lives in Australia.

Said HMCG Station Officer Ken Richards, 'Our role in the co-ordination and carrying out of search and rescue will be greatly aided by this additional piece of equipment'.

Coastguard News

On Thursday August 23rd the Station was donated a telescope by The Quinnian Trust, this being in memory of David and Margaret Kay. The presentation was very well attended and thank you to Bridget for the use of her lawn.

We were also graced with the unexpected fly past of a thirsty wasp who was on its own search for John Smiths Bitter. The RNLI Hon Sec was the chosen drinking partner and, as he raised the aluminium vessel to his eager lips, the wasp was in no mood to share. The yellow and black team penetrated the upper lip of the RNLI resulting in immediate victory. Within five minutes the Hon Sec was supporting an over inflated sponson just above the Doom Bar intake level.



Two new members have joined the team being Colin Shepherd and Dave Goodbourne. At present they have commenced their six month training programme.

Incidents of recent have been few and minor. This is very good news as the message is getting across regarding safety and the sea.

Ken Richards
SOPTI, HMCG Coastguard

Fancy joining a choir?

Autumn is on the way and I have always seen this as a time to start something new. Television nowadays seems to be increasingly dull and a good way to spend a regular evening could be by joining a choir. You will find that time flies by during the evening, that it is very satisfying and an excellent way to make different friends.

Why not join the Port Isaac Chorale? We perform all types of part-songs from madrigals and folk songs to songs from the musicals and gospel music - a very wide variety to suit all tastes.

Anyone is welcome to join us and no experience is necessary. Several of the singers, when they first joined, hadn't sung since their schooldays. Some had even been told at school that they couldn't sing but have now discovered their voice and absolutely love it. Everybody can sing, believe me! It is all a matter of confidence and surrounded by other people you will find that confidence appears.

The choir welcomes all ages - sopranos, altos, tenors and basses. If you are not sure which part you sing, I will soon tell you. We have a number of married couples in the group who find it is a great joint activity to share.

We rehearse at St Endellion Church Hall on a Tuesday evening at 8.00pm and work hard until 9.45pm.

Though we strive hard to attain a high standard, we don't forget that singing is a sociable activity. Once a month we finish a little earlier to adjourn to a local pub to have a drink and chat together and often organise social events in order to get to know each other better.

We have a repertoire of over 40 songs at present so can give a very enjoyable and varied concert. Indeed, should you want a choir for a church or charity fundraiser, do contact us. We would be only too delighted to perform at no cost.

We are also looking for an accompanist and should you have the necessary piano skills I would love to hear from you.

Rehearsals begin again on October 2nd. You will be made most welcome so do come along and give it a try.

For further enquiries about singing or concerts please contact Janet Townsend on 01208 880505 or Peter Rowe on 01208 880457.



Janet Townsend



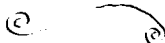
Port Isaac & District Annua



The community Torch

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centuries of love, are our inspiration.
We'll carry that torch through our generation.



by Eric Stokes



↑ first prize in the Handwriting section,
age 5-8, **HARRIET KNAFLER, age 7**

↓ third prize in the Handwriting section,
age 5-8, **CORINNA TAYLOR, age 6**

Age 6

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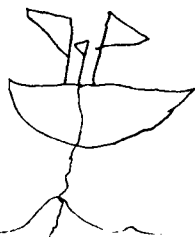
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Eric Stokes



Results

Most Points Overall - The Port Isaac Cup
ALLAN CHADBAND

Most Points Overall (Runner-up) - Trewetha Farm Cup
ROBIN ELGAR

Best Vegetable Exhibit in Show - Central Garage Cup
ROBIN ELGAR
(3 onions globe)

Most Points for Vegetables - David Philp Cup
ALLAN CHADBAND

Best Flower Exhibit in Show - Ian Honey Cup
JANICE ELGAR
(6 Fuschia heads)

Most Points for Flowers & Fruit - Dr & Mrs GC Barron Cup
IAN HONEY

Best Cookery Exhibit in Show - Miss Violet Baker Memorial Cup
DEE RANDELL
(Chocolate Cake)

Most Points for Cookery - Dr & Mrs WM Baird Cup
JANET CHADBAND

Best Handicraft in Show - Mark Provis Memorial Cup
WARWICK PROVIS (Wooden Model PW94 boat)

Best Child's Painting - Secrets Cup
JACK GREENHALGH

Best piece of Child's Handwriting, age 5-8 - Trio Cup
HARRIET KNAFLER

Best piece of Child's Handwriting, age 9-11 - Trio Cup
STEPHANIE MEAD

Best Child's Exhibit in Show - Garden Society Cup
JACK GREENHALGH (painting)

Most Points Children - David Phelps Cup
HARRIET KNAFLER

↓ second prize in the Handwriting section, age 5-8,
ROSIE COLLINGS, age 5

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(Age 5)

Port Isaac Garden Society Annual Show



The Port Isaac & District Garden Society Annual Show 2001 took place on Saturday September 1st in St Peter's Church Rooms.

Judges were: Vegetables, Fruit & Flowers - Brian Lammerton; Cookery - Lil Thomas; Adult Handicrafts - Katie Childs; Children's Section - Sam Littlechild and Dee Randell.

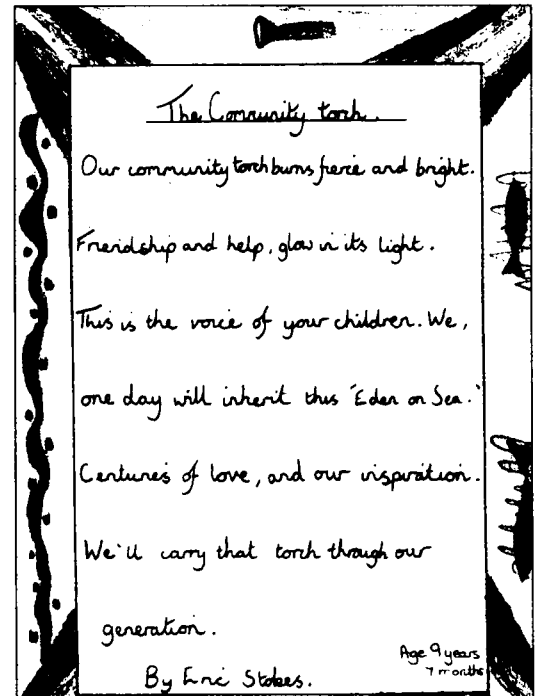
The standard of entry in the Children's Section was again extremely high. All the entries for the best piece of handwriting deserved to win a prize, the standard of entry being so good. However, after much deliberation the Trio Cup and second and third place winners in both age groups were chosen and their work can be seen on these pages.

It was no easier selecting the winner for the Secrets Cup for the best child's painting, especially when the age of entry ranged from 5 - 11 years. Jack Greenhalgh, age 6, was awarded first prize, Josh Edkins, age 10, took second place and Rosie Collings, age 5, came third. As an extra prize their paintings will be framed for them by Secrets.

Amy Knafler won first prize for her decorated egg and also for her miniature garden. Her sisters, Harriet and Katie came second and third in the miniature garden section and Harriet and Katie came first and second for their decorated gingerbread biscuits.

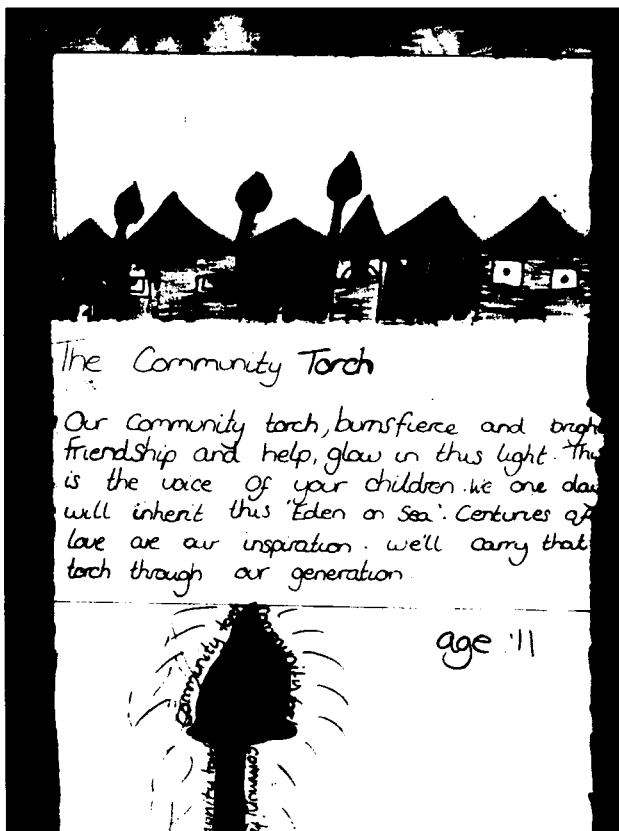
Emily Hassall took first prize for her decorated bookmark with Rion Witcomb and Rosie Collings taking the second and third prizes in the section.

Six year old Jack Greenhalgh took the overall prize for Best Child's Entry in the Show for his flower painting.

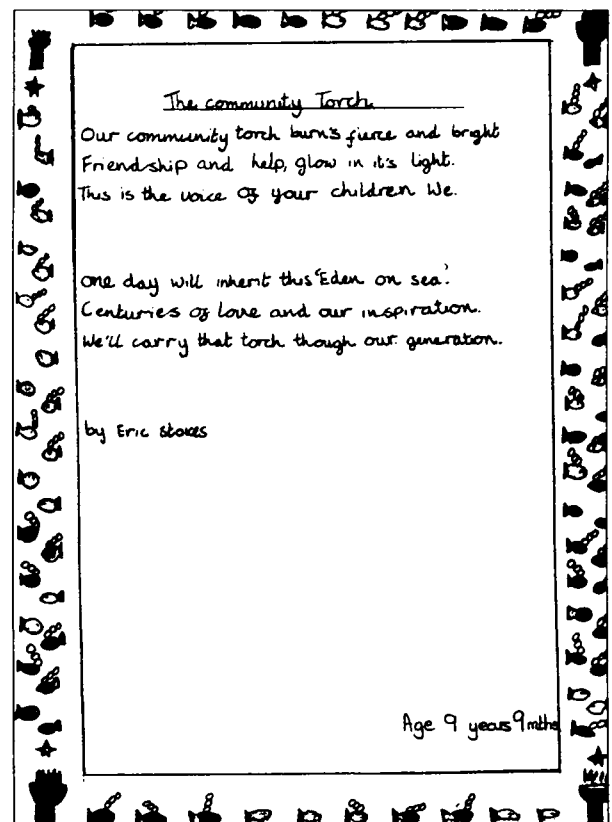


↑ first prize in the Handwriting section, age 9-11, **STEPHANIE MEAD, age 9**

↓ third prize in the Handwriting section, age 9-11, **LAUREN DYER, age 11**



↓ second prize in the Handwriting section, age 9-11, **JACOB PATTENDEN, age 9**



Crossword with a taste of Cornwall

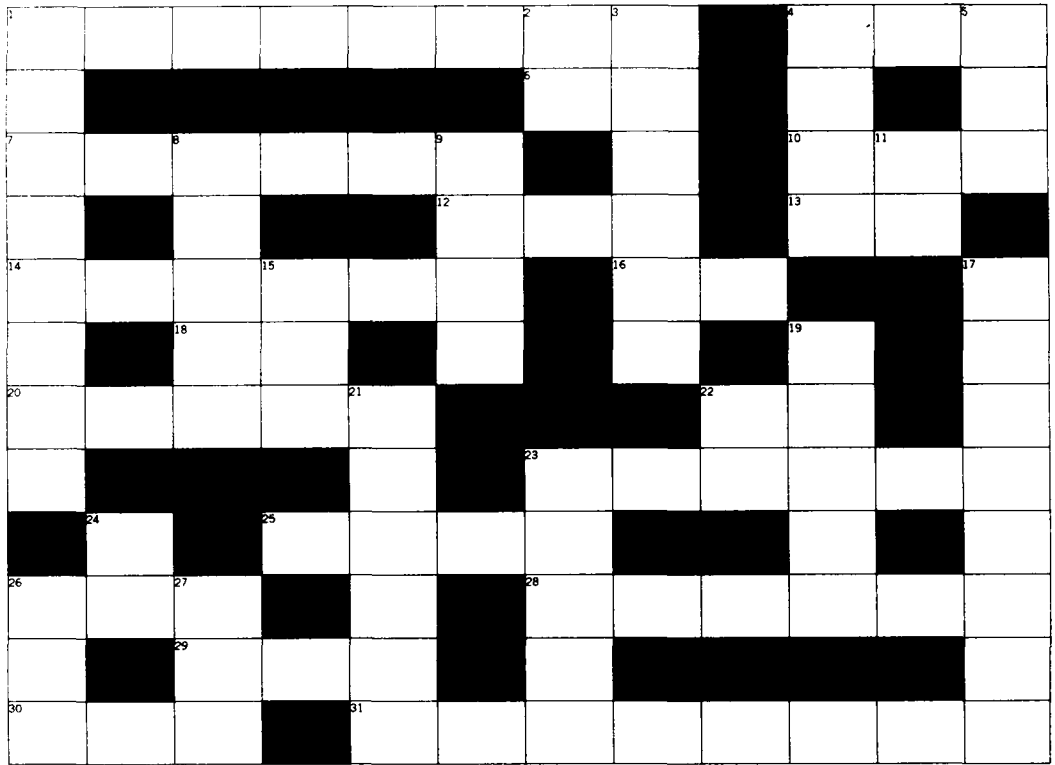
CLUES

ACROSS

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- 4 Rot sets in on this hill
- 6 To a degree
- 7 A popular School for artists
- 10 Toboggan easy way to get stuck in
- 12 An apple tree
- 13 Alternative to a
- 14 Painter that does not decorate
- 16 Little loveable monster
- 18 Partner of the Duke
- 20 He smokes bacon
- 22 Thank you
- 23 Rambled
- 25 Field measurement
- 26 Carriage or boat
- 28 Sporty young fish
- 29 Debt
- 30 Worm bait
- 31 Got canned at Looe

DOWN

- 1 The Pirates retreat
- 2 Disease



- 3 Backdoor salesman writing Cornish history
- 4 Big Horn
- 5 Fit ship to sail
- 8 H.I.J.K.L.M.N.O.
- 9 Writing to change tone

- 11 Backwards refusal
- 15 Anger
- 17 Where sea and sky meet (5,3)
- 19 They came longing to see the river
- 21 Compensate

- 22 Goodbye minus one
- 23 The old picture-house
- 24 Divide twenty two by seven
- 26 Wetsuit like bird
- 27 Turning large wedge

Port Isaac roads Wordsearch

Supplied by our guest Puzzlemaster



Find the 20 roads, streets or lanes in Port Isaac all hidden in this wordsearch. Look up and down, diagonally, forwards and backwards.

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A Rare Bird

by James Platt

One year, early on in the month of May, it might have been 1951, although more probably it was 1952, I was climbing across the section of cliffs that lies between Welshman's Quarry and Tartar, above Port Gaverne.

The objective, given the time of year, was to find gulls eggs. There were always a few nests on that section of cliff. The cliff was heavily grassed and studded with tussocks of sea pinks and big clumps of scurvy grass, all of which helped to ease the passage of climbing.

The initial descent down the cliff was made through a twisting gully, resulting from a long past excavation trial on a quartz vein that might have been thought prospective for antimony minerals. In this one, as with so many much abandoned trials along the coast and in the valleys around Port Isaac, reality had conquered hope.

At the bottom of the gully, where it opened on to the steep slope of the cliff below, I worked my way along to the right under a bluff and, at the outside edge, where the cliff fell sheer to the rocky edge of Tartar, I climbed up and over a rounded shoulder of rock, there to look directly into Tartar, from the fringe of big slates containing the footpath at its top, down across the derelict adit weeping streaks some two thirds of the way down, to the

jumbled boulders on the fore shore at the bottom.

I came low over the rocky shoulder and found myself face to face with an odd looking bird, one I had never seen before. It was a little smaller than a gull, although it was dressed in gull colours. It had a kindly but reproachful eye which looked at me over a bulbous and slightly curved beak.

As I approached it, the bird sat still, showing no evasiveness or fear that I could detect. This was an impressive bravery. I smelt its pungency, sharp but not unpleasant. I could have touched the bird easily but I held back from that, even though I would have liked to.

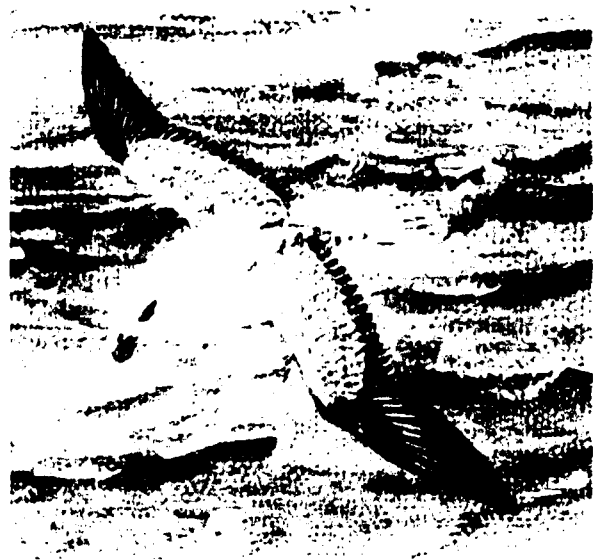
Still gazing at me, the bird canted its head back, opened its bill wide and ejected a long stream of thick, brownish fluid in my direction. The stream had power behind it. I could feel it strike my boots, even over my shock and surprise at the defensive reaction. The fluid was both oily and a lot riper than old socks.

Having hit its target, the bird gathered itself clumsily and launched itself from where it had been sitting, off the cliff and into the void with a single wing flap. And then, any clumsiness became a lost memory. It sailed effortlessly, a master of every subtlety of the air, as if it were an extension of the wind, adjusting to every nuance, flowing with every gust. It was just majestic in flight.

On the spot the bird had vacated was a single, large white egg.

From that moment, the bird caught my imagination and has never released its grip on my heart. It was the legendary fulmar, at that time rare indeed along the cliffs up and down from Port Isaac.

I don't know if this encounter with a fulmar between Welshman's Quarry and Tartar was a sighting of the first fulmar to arrive in the area. It had to be among the first as I had ranged those cliffs steadily for a few years and had not seen one before.



Having met the fulmar, I was anxious to know it better. My mother bought for me, from Mrs Lynwood Cowling at the 'Old Drug Store', a copy of James Fisher's monograph on 'The Fulmar', which I have to this day. All that is missing from the book is the frontpiece, a print from a brilliant painting by Peter Scott of a fulmar skimming over high seas. I took this out of the book and had it framed and it hangs now on the wall in my house.

James Fisher devoted a section of his monograph, including several wonderful photographs, to the great fulmar colony on the island group of St Kilda, the 'islands at the edge of the world'; well out past the Outer Hebrides of Scotland, with only the raw Atlantic separating them from North America.

St Kilda had a small but steady population that lived on the main island of the group, named Hirta, for many centuries, if not a few millennia. They were an isolated people and developed their own way of communal life. They were ultimately evacuated in 1930, 'civilisation' having caught up with and overwhelmed them.

For at least the couple of centuries prior to their evacuation, the people of Hirta had taken to the fulmar as their staple of life. Their fowlers, in what seem to be virtually impossible feats of breathtaking daring, scaled what are the highest and sheerest cliffs and offshore sea stacks in the British Isles to harvest young fulmars. They used the feathers, the flesh (fresh in season and dried or pickled for the rest of the year out of season) and cumulated the oily stomach secretions of the fulmars for cooking and lamp oil. Gannets and puffins also provided ready meat.

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Port Isaac makes a difference

money raised already in Sierra Leone

Dear everyone who came to, helped or supported in any way my 'Operation Silkman' Coffee Morning on August 23rd. We raised the staggering sum of £700 (and rising) for the amputee camp in Sierra Leone. Thank you so much for your generous and caring spirit to those who live their lives in such a contrast to ours.

I e-mailed James (my son) immediately and by return he wrote:

'Thank you everyone for all you have done. The amount is fantastic. Moses, who runs the camp, is very worried as the critical antibiotics and anti-malarial drugs so desperately needed have all been used. He was so desperate that he went to the Freetown Bank to ask for an overdraft so that he could buy more drugs.

The money from Port Isaac will see these people through the rainy season which is the worst time of the year. Your efforts will have an immediate effect on these people so thank everyone on my behalf. I am now going to phone Moses to tell him the good news and I can tell you that he will be quite beside himself.'

Finally, I would like to include an extract from another e-mail I have received which endorses the reason for our fundraising effort:

'... I went to the main amputee camp in Freetown where about 1000 people live. Many are missing arms, legs and hands and the conditions in which they live are extremely basic. We saw one little boy who couldn't have been much older than Tom (James' son and Liz's grandson). He was playing with the other children but he only had one leg because some brave rebel had hacked it off below the knee....

Seeing him reminded me of Tom and how lucky most children in our country are...'

Thank you again. The money has been wired directly to James in Sierra Leone.

Liz Cooke

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The trick in fowling was to grab the young fulmar by the neck before it could eject its oily discharge. I had not been so prudent in my first encounter with a fulmar.

Post-war, the military has maintained a communications base on Hirta and the islands of St Kilda have thankfully passed to the ownership of the National Trust for Scotland. Some tourists go there, but by virtue of the location, these are not so many.

The fulmar population of St Kilda lived in perfect equilibrium with the needs of the people of Hirta. The fowlers took just enough birds to maintain the balance. Since the evacuation of Hirta, the fulmar population has been unchecked and its growth promoted an imbalance. This very likely caused the fulmars to seek out new nesting sites and, in doing this, they seem to have worked their way gradually all down the west coast of Britain, arriving in North Cornwall, by my personal reckoning, in 1952 or thereabouts.

When I read about St Kilda in James Fisher's book, I felt a chain linking me, through my fulmar, back to the original colony on St Kilda. I felt that one day I would have to go to St Kilda to make the link complete.

Since 1952 the fulmar has established itself so well on the cliffs around Port Isaac and Port

Gaverne that it has become a well-loved and familiar presence. No one can see a fulmar in flight and not be touched by the marvel of its style and elegance.

The fulmars have even displaced gulls in competition for nesting sites – and that is no mean feat! Perhaps this is why the gulls have sought their own solace by nesting on the rooftops of the village!

In August 2001, my wife and I finally set foot on Hirta on St Kilda after 50 years of wishing to. We travelled on the small boat 'Guideliner' out of Dunstaffnage, near Oban, made a one day run to Eriskay at the foot of the island of St Uist, another of the Monach Islands, where you could imagine yourself on the Caribbean in blue water and white sands if only it wasn't so cold, and then, after waiting out a gale, we made the final crossing to Village Bay on Hirta.

We landed on Hirta on August 8th – an auspicious day being my birthday! On August 9th we climbed (by the easy route) to the top of the cliff named Conachair at 426m, looking across the island of Boreray and mighty sea stacks named Lee and An Armin where the largest gannet colony in the world lives.

When we were on top of Conachair, no one standing on the top of any sea cliff in Britain was standing higher than we were. This was the full circle completed.

Of the six (including ourselves) passengers on the 'Guideliner' were a great couple from Walsall named Mavis and Graham Cresswell. Graham was a highly skilled and informed birdwatcher. They were, by an amazing coincidence, closely related to Dorothy and Aubrey Gifford of Port Isaac and frequent visitors to the village. Indeed, I think they knew more about Port Isaac than we did! The visit to St Kilda was a real Port Isaac visit for sure.

To reach the top of Conachair, we first walked up a twisting, hair-pinned road laid in concrete by the military. The date 1958 had been scratched in the concrete with a trowel in one place and was so set there for perpetuity.

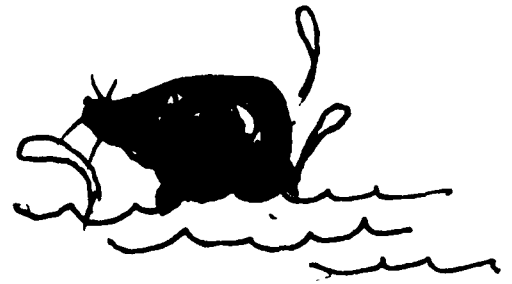
I remembered that around that date my very good friend Terry Thomas from Port Isaac had been assigned to St Kilda while on his National Service and I wondered if Terry, who we always called 'Texas' might have scratched the date himself. Maybe not, but Texas could well have had a hand in laying the concrete. It gave me a good feeling inside.

Texas himself was no mean climber of cliffs around Port Isaac and tackled them with a daring I would have liked to emulate. He would have been at home on St Kilda, as I was, in the company of the ghosts of giants and fulmars wheeling freely among them.

September 2001

Seal 100

a story for children of all ages



Near to the bottom of England in the county of Cornwall, nestling in the rugged coastline that is lashed by the Atlantic Ocean, is the pretty seaside town and harbour of St Ives.

At the very beginning of one summer, just when the days began to be longer and children and their mums and dads and their grannies and granddads began to go to the beach to play or to sit or to stroll, a very funny visitor arrived in the harbour. It was a seal. When he was in the water he was very sleek and very shiny. He darted through the water, diving deep down in one place and suddenly his head would pop up in another place. He had very big, dark eyes that looked as if he was about to cry. When he was out of the water he looked very big and he was covered in dark grey fur. He had two small front flippers and two back flippers.

It was not unusual for a seal to visit the harbour. But this seal seemed to like St Ives so much that he kept coming back - every day. When the tide was in he would play in the water, swimming around the boats. When the tide was out he would laze in the sunshine, resting and stretching and scratching and getting a bit grumpy. And if he was grumpy and anyone came too close to him he would raise his head and snap, as if to say, 'Keep away - I want to be alone'. Sometimes a fisherman would toss him a fish for his dinner. Sometimes he would have to swim out to sea and catch his own.

This went on for many days. The visitors and the children loved to see the seal. But the local fishermen began to get a bit fed up with him. He was frightening off the fish they wanted to catch. The Harbourmaster

was also getting a bit concerned. It would soon be midsummer, there would be lots and lots more people in St Ives and he felt that, before long, someone would disturb the seal in one of his grumpy moments and he would bite them.

Now, seals have very nasty looking, sharp teeth and a bite would hurt a lot. But, worse than that, if you are bitten by a seal you could become very poorly with blood poisoning because a seal's mouth contains lots of very nasty germs and bacteria.

The problem was, what could be done to make the seal go away. He obviously liked being in St Ives a lot. The local people decided they needed some help.

Just a little bit further up the coastline, at the end of a small estuary is a place called Gweek and here is a special hospital especially for seals called the National Seal Sanctuary. The people who work there rescue and care for sick, injured and abandoned seals and when they are well they release them back into the sea. It was to the National Seal Sanctuary that the people of St Ives turned to for help.

They came along to St Ives to see what the seal was up to and they all agreed - he would have to be moved on. But moved on to where? They thought very long and very hard about the problem. They asked the advice of a special vet who knows all about seals and whales and dolphins. And eventually they decided that the best place for the seal to live would be the island of Lundy.

Lundy is a small island off the north coast of Cornwall

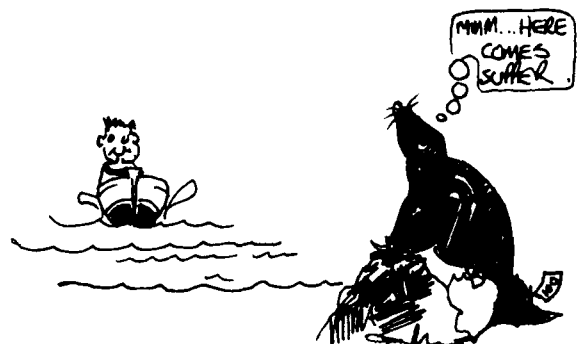
inhabited mainly by seabirds and seals. The only way to reach the island is by boat and at the end of each day most of the visitors to the island go back to the mainland. It seemed like the ideal home for this seal. The problem was, how to get him there. The vet thought that a boat would be the best idea but the local fishermen were so fed up with the seal that they would not help. So the vet telephoned a man who lived a bit further up the coast in the fishing village of Port Isaac.

This man was part of a group of people who went all over Cornwall rescuing seals and whales and dolphins. Maybe he would know someone with a boat. But no luck - he couldn't find anyone to help. So, after lots of thinking, the seal was caught and put into a cage which was loaded on to the back of a pick-up truck and taken to Ilfracombe and then taken over to Lundy Island on the ferry.

A special tag marked '100' was put on the seal's back fin so that he could be recognised in the future and then it was into the sea to settle into his new home.

And you'd think that that would be a happy ending to this story but no, there's more to tell.

A few weeks later in the little sheltered cove of Port Gaverne, which is next to Port Isaac, a seal
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Message from Mallorca

Well, I arrived three months ago. I've settled in well. All of the people are great, the food's fantastic, wonderful weather, terrific tan - oh, and the job, I knew I was here for something! The job is going very well. I'm really enjoying myself.

I'm over on the east coast of the island in the small resort of Sillot Sa Coma. The whole island is very beautiful and the people are so friendly.

The fending for yourself takes quite a bit of getting used to. Thanks to Mum and Gran for all the cooking, washing and ironing tips. They are paying off - slowly.

I'm sure you all heard about the coach strike a few weeks back. I've never been shouted and sworn at so much in my life. At times it was even quite scary.

Well, I'd better go. I hear a sun lounger calling! See you all at the end of October-ish.

Andrew Dingle



Air Ambulance shop news

July takings totalled £650 and on Carnival Night - July 21st - the Air Ambulance tombola stall took £120. A donation of £125, collected in lieu of flowers, was recently received from the family of the late Mr Harold Prout. It is greatly appreciated.

We are delighted and grateful to the Delabole Quilters who are making a quilt for us to raffle. This should be on display during late September so come along and have a look and buy a ticket - or two!

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appeared in the bay. He played around in the water for a while and then came ashore much to the delight of the large crowd of holidaymakers who had gathered to watch his antics.

He lay on the beach looking very sorry for himself and the men from Port Isaac who rescue seals came to have a look at him. They spent the whole afternoon with him and every time a boat came in he got himself back into the sea and lifted himself up at the side of the boat until the fisherman threw him a fish.

He was obviously very clever at getting a free meal. Another local man went out in his boat to do a spot of fishing. The seal suddenly came to life again and was in the sea as quick as you like, ducking and diving around the boat. The further out to sea the boat went, the further went the seal and it was impossible for the man to fish. So he gave up on the idea and returned back and so did the seal.

The seal was obviously quite well and had a very full tummy so off everyone

went, home for their suppers. But no sooner had the seal rescue men got home than they had another call saying that seal was laying on the beach and did not look very well. Probably because he had eaten too many fish. Back down to the beach and the seal was laying on his side. The question was, was he poorly or was he just tired. He was definitely very grumpy, snapping at anyone who came too close to him. The seal rescue men kept a watch and were able to see a yellow tag on the seals tail fin. And guess what number was stamped on it - yes, it was 100!

They waited and waited, keeping the watching crowd at a safe distance from 'Mr Grumpy'. Then, as the tide turned, 'Mr Grumpy' turned into 'Superman', speeding about in the water. One of the onlookers got out his camera to take a photograph. Suddenly the seal came out of the

water again and sped up to the man. In the dwindling daylight the seal had caught a glimpse of the silver colour of the camera and thought it was a fish. He was hungry again! In and out of the water he went - he was having great fun.

The seal rescue men got out two large boards used to herd seals to guide him out to sea. This very clever seal recognised these boards from when he was caught at St Ives and shot back into the water. The men followed him with the boards until the sea came up to the top of their waders. As nightfall fell the seal seemed to get the message and disappeared from view.

And you'd think that that would be the end of the story. But no ... Seal 100 was last spotted at Newquay, obviously on his way back to his favourite place - St Ives.



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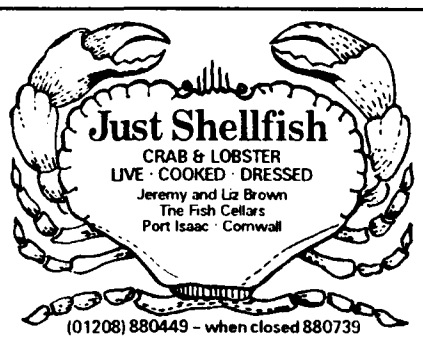
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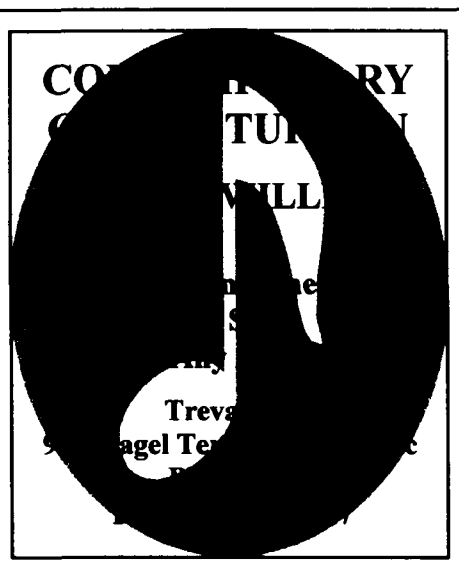


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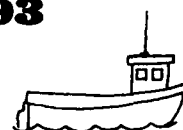
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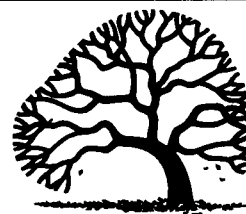
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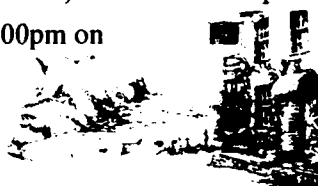
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Monday September 10th
Parish Council Meeting in the Church Rooms, Port Isaac - 7.30pm

September 13th - September 15th
Royal Cornwall Show, The Showground, Wadebridge

Friday September 14th
RNLI Harvest Festival Auction at the Cornish Arms, Pendoggett - 8.00pm

Wednesday September 19th
Sunrise Appeal Coffee Morning, Soup & Sweet Lunch followed by Cream Teas in the Village Hall - 10.30am onwards

Friday September 21st
Village Hall Music Quiz - 7.30pm

Thursday September 27th
The Village Hall's evening of archive film about Port Isaac and surrounding Areas - 7.30pm

Saturday September 29th
FOS Race Night with supper in the Village Hall (see posters for more details)

Tuesday October 2nd
St Endellion Branch of the North Cornwall Conservative Association Lunch at The Mill, Port Isaac

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

Thursday October 11th
First meeting of the season for the Golden Circle at the Castle Rock Hotel - 2.30pm

Friday October 12th
RNLI Fun Night at the St Kew Inn

Thursday October 18th
'King Villa' cabaret evening in the Village Hall

Saturday October 20th
Village Hall Coffee Morning

Sunday November 11th
Remembrance Sunday Service

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

Saturday November 17th
St Peter's Church Christmas Mini-Market & Lunch

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

Sunday December 2nd
St Peter's Church Advent Carol Service - 6.00pm

Tuesday December 4th
Annual Christmas Charity Bingo for the Mentally Handicapped in St Peter's Church Rooms

Thursday December 6th
'The Old Rope String Band' in concert in the Village Hall

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



CHURCH SERVICES

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

Sunday September 9th
Harvest Thanksgiving in St Peter's Church
Sung Eucharist - 10.00am
Harvest Songs of Praise - 6.00 pm

Tuesday September 11th
Julian Meeting in St Endellion Church - 8.00pm

Friday September 14th
Holy Cross Day Eucharist in St Endellion Church - 7.00pm

Wednesday September 19th
Healing Eucharist in St Kew Church - 7.30 pm

Friday September 21st
St Matthew's Day Eucharist in St Endellion Church - 7.00 pm

Sunday September 23rd
Harvest Thanksgiving in St James the Great, St Kew
Sung Eucharist - 9.30am
Songs of Praise - 6.00pm

Saturday September 29th
St. Michael & All Angels Sung Eucharist in St Endellion Church - 7.00pm

Wednesday October 3rd
Healing Eucharist in St Peter's, Port Isaac - 7.30 pm

Sunday October 7th
Harvest Thanksgiving in St Endellion Church
Sung Eucharist - 11.00 am
Songs of Praise - 6.00pm

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). Practices have stopped for the summer and will resume in October. 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