



TRIO

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GIVE GENEROUSLY - AND WEAR YOUR POPPY WITH PRIDE

House-to-house collectors will be knocking on your door up until November 10th. Armistice Day Service will be held in St Peter's Church, Port Isaac on November 11th at 10.45am.

**'If ye break faith with us who die,
we shall not sleep, though
poppies grow in Flanders' fields'**

Colonel John McCrae

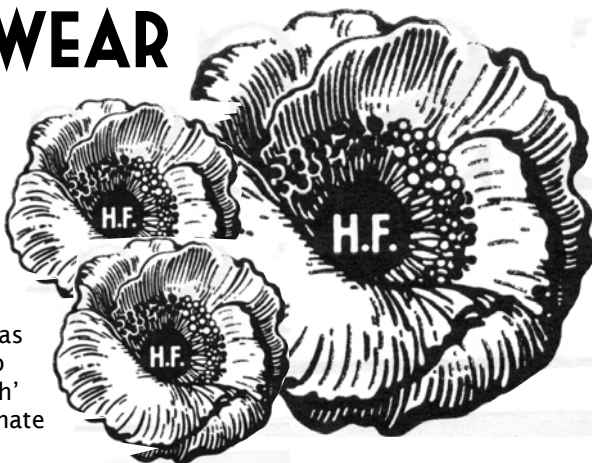
On the 3rd of May, 1915 an exhausted Canadian doctor, Colonel John McCrae, was doing all he could for the wounded and dying on the battlefields of Flanders. The unimaginable carnage he witnessed at the front is captured in the moving words of a poem he wrote that day.

Some months later, his poem 'In Flanders Fields' was reproduced in *Punch* and an American woman, Moina Michael, read the poem and was deeply moved. She decided to wear a poppy to 'keep the faith' with those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Why a poppy?

Flanders and Picardy, areas of Northern France and Belgium, saw some of the most concentrated and bloodiest fighting during the First World War, but the poppy continued to flower each year, giving life, hope and reassurance to an otherwise devastated place.

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STRANGE, HILARIOUS AND BIZARRE GOINGS-ON AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Three strange men are coming to the Village Hall to play beautiful traditional music whilst indulging in strange and hilarious antics and bizarre visual nonsense. It's going to be right up Port Isaac's street and a night not to be missed. The date - Thursday December 6th. The place - Port Isaac Village Hall. The time - 8.00pm.

This is the cutting edge of music-hall, a unique combination of music and comedy. With tunes collected from Ireland, Scotland, Mexico, Sweden and China and songs collected from their own tortured minds, Joe, Tim and Pete stop at nothing in their quest to bring joy to the face of an audience!

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EYES DOWN, LOOK IN - CHRISTMAS STARTS HERE

The annual bingo in aid of the mentally handicapped will be held in the Church Rooms on Tuesday December 4th, starting at 7.30pm. As usual the prizes will be with Christmas in mind and everyone is welcome to come along. Free tea and mince pies will be served during the interval.

Proceeds will be for the Priory Centre, Bodmin, the local centre for the mentally handicapped adults which Cathy Chadband and John Grills attend.



Trio Talk

Another month has just flown by, we've had our extra hour in bed and the days are getting shorter. But Christmas is just around the corner and this issue is full of details of what's happening (so, just what do we do here in the winter?!) in the run up to the festive season.

The Christmas issue of *Trio* comes out on December 14th with the copy date being December 3rd. We would really like to receive your 'Christmassy' articles/stories/poems/quizzes etc etc to make this a really special edition - please!

Sam & Dee



The hardest working band in Port Isaac requires a brass section - Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone

If you can or if you fancy it give Steve a ring on 01208 880593

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Bonfire Night safety

Spread the message and help prevent accidents this year.

- Sparklers burn at 2000°C - that's over 15 times the boiling point of water.
- Don't give sparklers to the under 5s.
- Have a bucket of water handy - when sparklers have gone out put them, hot end down, in the water.
- Always supervise children.
- Last year just over half of all firework injuries happened to children.
- The most common of these injuries were from rockets, sparklers and bangers.
- It is **illegal** to set off fireworks in a public place.

Christmas Greetings in *Trio*

The Christmas *Trio* will be published on December 14th.

If you would like to include your own Christmas greeting in this issue you do need to start thinking about it now.

Basically, there are two options (see examples). Just send in your message - hand in at Secrets or put it through the letterbox or send in the post - along with your payment (cheques made payable to *Trio*) to arrive with us

BY NO LATER THAN

MONDAY DECEMBER 3rd

WORDSEARCH ANSWERS FROM PAGE ??

BARBEL	LOACH
BLEAK	MINNOW
BREAM	PERCH
BULLHEAD	PIKE
CARP	ROACH
CHAD	RUDD
CHAR	SALMON
CHUB	TENCH
DACE	TROUT
GUDGEON	ZANDER

A - £3 Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all my Friends in Port Isaac. From Fred B loggs

B - £6 Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all my Friends in Port Isaac.

Love from
Fred Bloggs



CROSSWORD ANSWERS FROM PAGE ??

ACROSS

1 - Paddington Bear; 7 - Wasp;
8 - Handpicked; 9 - Empty;
12 - Flatulent; 13 - Idler;
14 - Teddy Bear; 17 - Guess;
18 - Macaroni; 21 - Gigantic;
23 - Data; 24 - Leprechaun;
25 - Winnie the Pooh

DOWN

2 - Depot; 3 - Graffiti;
4 - Old maid; 5 - Excaliber; 6 - Edit;
7 - Weeping willow; 10 - Pollen;
11 - Yorkshire; 15 - Diction;
16 - Rainmaker; 19 - Orca;
20 - Sachet; 21 - Span; 23 - Dado

The Old Rope String Band

in Port Isaac Village Hall
on Thursday December 6th
at 8.00pm



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Apparently 'from Shetland to Surrey and from Hong-Kong to Cork, all kinds of people everywhere in huge, great festivals, large prestigious theatres and tiny, little village halls (that's us!) have become intoxicated by, and even addicted to this wild trio'.

Can you really resist not coming along to see what they are like?

There's a licensed bar and tickets for the performance, priced £5 each, can be obtained from Secrets or reserved on 01208 880862, 880905 or 880262.



PORT ISAAC VILLAGE HALL 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 GROUPS - £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 Licencing Authority) - £20

Minimum Cleaning fee (if required) - £30

HIRE CHARGES FOR VILLAGE HALL PROPERTY USED OFF SITE

Tables - £4 each * Chairs - £1 for 4

Bookings and info:
Janet Chadband - 01208 880262



Disco to which everyone is invited. Why not come along as a family?

Both events are being organised by the Village Hall Committee and entrance is £1 per person.

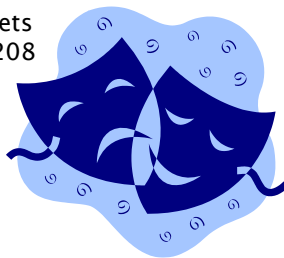
LOOK BEHIND YOU - IT'S PANTO TIME AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Cross dressing, dysfunctional families, poverty, neglect and untold riches, shoe fetishes and wild over-acting ... yes, Cinderella comes to Port Isaac at Christmas.

It's pantomime time in the Village Hall on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th December. There's a chance for a third evening on Saturday 5th January if popular demand proves overwhelming.

Tickets will be on sale from November 20th from Secrets (tel: 01208 880862/880905) or the Pottery (tel: 01208 880625) priced £5 for adults and £3 for children and concessions.

Make this Christmas one to be remembered! You won't believe the talent to be found in Port Isaac ... and if you can't find it, come to our pantomime!



CHRISTMAS PARTY TIME AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Sunday December 23rd is Christmas Party day at the Village Hall.

Our Children's Christmas Party starts at 4.00pm. There will be a special Christmas tea, lots of games and Santa has said he call in and see the children before they go home at 6 o'clock even though he is getting ready for Christmas Eve - his busiest night of the year.

From 7.00pm to 10.30pm there will be a 'Coke & Crisps' Christmas Party

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Two days before the Armistice was signed, Miss Michael was presented with a small gift of money by some of the Overseas War Secretaries of the YMCA for whom she worked. She announced that she was going to buy 25 red poppies with the money, which she then sold to each of the Secretaries to raise money for ex-Service men.

The French Secretary, Madame Guerin, was inspired by this idea and she decided to visit different countries to suggest that artificial poppies should be made and sold to help ex-Service men and their dependants in need. From that point on, the poppy became the emblem of Remembrance. The first Poppy Day was held in Britain in 1921.

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
the larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
in Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
the torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall now sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.

Where British Service men and women have served since WWII

Some of the many conflicts in which Britain has had substantial military presence:

1945-8	Palestine Disturbances
1946-7	Egyptian Riots
1946-8	Indian Riots
1948-9	West Germany, Berlin Airlift
1948-60	Malaya Emergency
1950-53	Korean War
1952-60	Kenya
1955-59	Cyprus
1956	Suez Military Intervention
1963-65	Brunei Emergency
1964-67	Aden and Radfan
1967	Hong Kong 'Red Guard' Riots
1969-	Northern Ireland disturbances
1974	Cyprus Evacuation of Nationals
1982	Falklands Conflict
1991	Gulf War
1992	Bosnia
1999	Kosovo Crisis
2000	Sierra Leone
2001-	Middle East



Dear Trio

I must thank Pat and Peter Weaver of Silsoe for giving so much thought to Port Isaac's 'traffic problems'. People who spend a few hours in Port Isaac once or twice a year and, 'over an excellent lunch' decide to rectify matters to their own liking are, as they say, impertinent and, even worse, condescending.

I must assume Mr & Mrs Weaver have come only during the busy season, otherwise they would know that there is no traffic problem except for those very few weeks of the year when people like themselves come. For their information, the visitor season does not really start till the end of May and ends at the end of September, give or take a week here and there.

Out of season the village is quiet, one can walk up and down the village without seeing a car. A few trades-people, fishermen, builders, district nurse, the odd person going for a pint may park on the beach and, once a week, at 8.00am or before, the brewers wagon comes down the village. Hardly enough traffic to warrant closing roads and obtaining park and ride buses, is it?

Closing the 'western route' would cause a great deal of hardship to residents and yes; there are residents in Port Isaac. It's not just somewhere for visitors to enjoy 'an excellent lunch' and look out over a car free beach. People live and work here; the beach is a working harbour; the fields have sheep and cattle in them; men and women do a thousand and one different jobs both in the village and nearby towns. Comparatively few people are involved in the tourist industry. The businesses referred to as 'your businesses' are not the villages but belong to hard working business people who may, or may not, put some revenue directly or indirectly back into the village.

We have all visited places where we could find fault. I personally dislike London, Slough, Tokyo and Bugle and I would make no effort to revisit them. But someone lives happily in these places and it is my loss that I dislike them, not theirs. I would not have the cheek to write to the Slough Gazette, the Tokyo Times or the Bugler (or whatever Bugle's equivalent to the *Trio* is) to suggest they change the whole place to fit in with my requirements for the odd 'excellent lunch'.

Bob Monk, Port Isaac

Dear Trio

On a recent family holiday in Cornwall we parked our car at the top of Port Isaac village and walked down towards the harbour admiring the unspoilt nature of the main village street as we wended our way down.

Towards the bottom end of the street we were however suddenly confronted with the most unsightly spectacle of a considerable number of cars parked on the beach. A significant blot on an otherwise well preserved and very pleasant harbour area.

Could not the harbour authority/committee review their policy and ban parking at this particular location in the interests of amenity and the enhancement of this part of the village.

THE BIG SWITCH-ON

Well, it's getting near that time again and I'm asking for help - AGAIN.

Fortunately, this year we do not have to start raffles and begging as we have enough cash to see us through thanks to Pat Sweet's excellent running of the kitty and the generosity of people like Steve Hewett, Nigel Sherratt, SWEB, the Parish Council and many others.

What we do need is 'MUSCLE'. The lights do not put themselves up. Some 1500 bulbs have to be tested, plugged in and put up, some 700 metres of cable tied up on poles, eaves and wherever we can. No easy job and all help available would be appreciated.

As well as 'muscle' we need help with mince pies and mulled wine for 'Light Up Night'. The date is Saturday December 15th, the time 6.30pm. As usual St Beward Band will help make the night playing Christmas carols. And I know the ladies of the village will do a splendid job making mince pies and sausage rolls and bottles of red wine will appear as if by magic to go into the mulled wine.

We will start working on the lights about the first week in November - yes, it takes a fair old time to put them up.

Anyone who can spare a few mornings to help please contact me, Bob Monk, on 880651, Byron Buse on 880321 or the Lifeboat Station on 880696.

As most people know, Pat Sweet has gone off travelling Europe and, as far as Christmas lights are concerned, she will be sadly missed. Me, I was just the ladder climber; Pat raised the money and organised.

Happily, Maggie Buse has taken up where Pat left off and I know when the time comes to raise the cash to pay bills and organise the wine and mince pies, she will do wonders.

Bob Monk

Friends of The Main, Port Gaverne

Are calling a

PUBLIC MEETING

at the Village Hall, Port Isaac

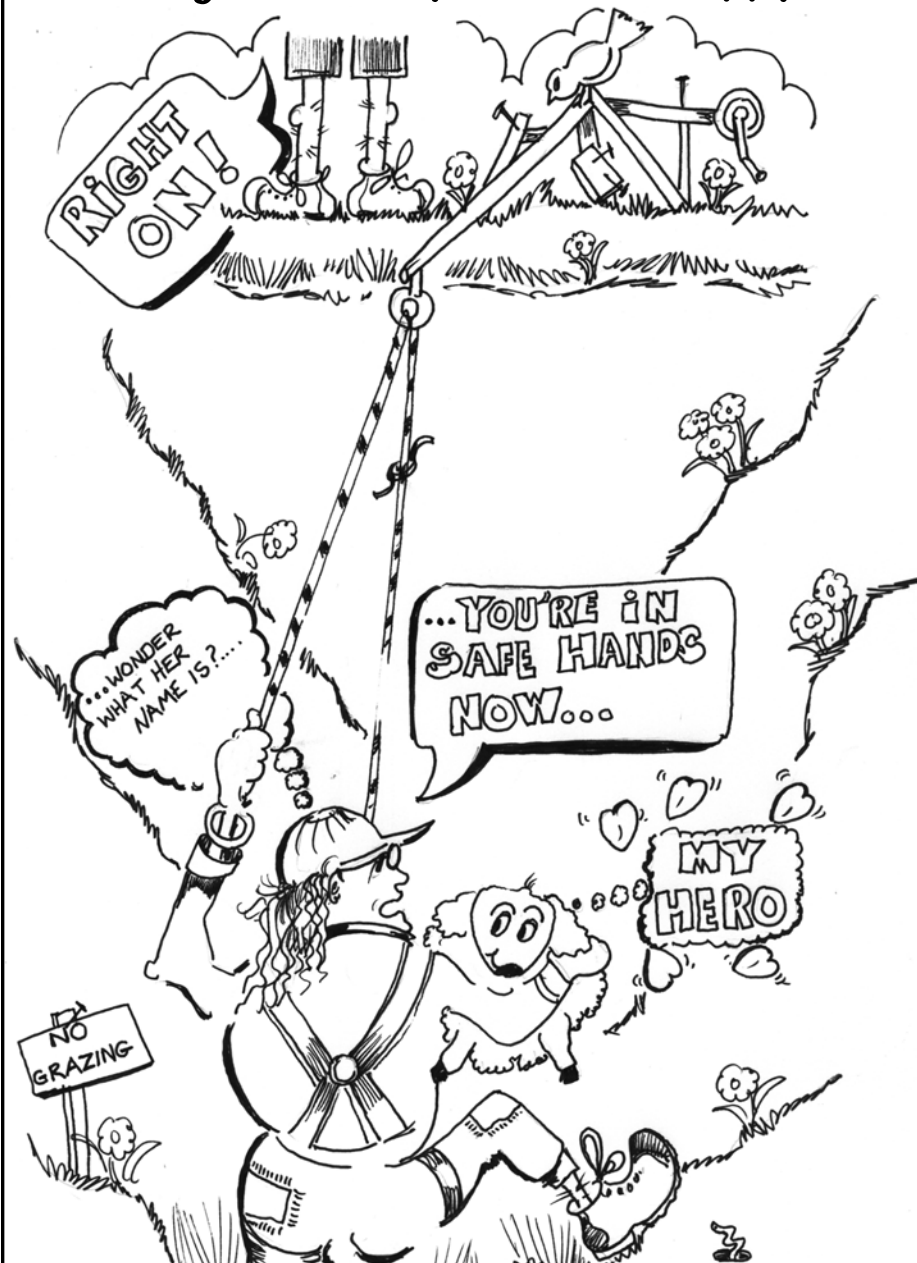
on Tuesday November 20th

at 7.30pm

to elect a management committee

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT US

A coastguard's day can be a happy one!



BDMLR to the rescue

Port Isaac BDMLR were called out early morning on Wednesday October 3rd to assist in the rescue of a Common Dolphin that had stranded on a falling Spring Tide at Mylor Bridge near to Falmouth. Full re-floatation equipment was called for plus suitable vehicles required to reach the stranding site and to help move the dolphin to open water.

Within an hour of receiving the call all equipment was loaded and two vehicles were on their way, reaching the site on the bank of Tregatreath Estuary, Mylor Bridge by 9-45am. RSPCA officers were already there with staff from the Gweek Seal Sanctuary plus Coastguards ... by this time both BBC Radio and TV had also turned up plus a large group of interested onlookers.

Our BDMLR dedicated Vet, Paul Riley, carried out an examination and established that we had a fully-grown Male Common Dolphin in good health although understandably stressed. Everything possible was being done to help him; running water being sprayed over the Dolphin's body in order to keep his skin from dehydrating and his body temperature down; an air cushion under his body to relieve pressure on the lungs and heart; and a cover over him to keep the sun off. But with the fast falling tide and the fact that the stranding had taken place so far in from the open sea it was imperative to take action as soon as possible. This involved carefully supporting and lifting the Dolphin on to a low loader truck volunteered by a local man.

A 40 minute drive later - we were quite a convoy with the media following close on our tails - we arrived at Maen Porth beach where we felt there would be the best chance of a successful re-floatation. The equipment was set up, semi inflated and the Dolphin moved from the vehicle to rest within the floatation air tubes at the tide line.

With all attention being directed towards the welfare of the Dolphin no one had noticed that the low loader had started to sink up to its axles in the sand! With only an hour to go before flood tide, emergency action switched to vehicle rescue! Fortunately Chris Bolton had his Land Rover higher on the beach and we finally managed to pull out the low loader.

Back to the rescue operation with the Dolphin in the floatation equipment just beyond the surf line. With the tide advancing the rescue group had to move back deeper into the Bay so we deflated the equipment to encourage the Dolphin to swim out to open water.

At first his movements were very slow and without direction, at one point turning as if to come back. Our group spread along the tide line to stop him. Port Isaac coastguard and Press Photographer, Colin Shepherd was on-board the RSPCA RIB photographing everything - his pictures appearing the next day in the Daily mail coverage of the event.

Within an hour the Dolphin had gathered strength and mobility and started to move strongly out to sea eventually setting course to the West. The RSPCA RIB followed for an hour.

Dolphin Schools have been sighted along the South Coast of Cornwall frequently over the summer and autumn and it is very probable that this fine specimen has re-joined his family group.



Seal 100

For those that have followed the fortunes of Alfie the Seal - Seal 100 - moved by the RSPCA and Gweek Seal Sanctuary from St Ives harbour to Lundy Island so as to avoid confrontation with local Bass fishermen some three months ago; who after four days left Lundy and turned up at Port Gaverne swimming with boats and bathers; and according to reports was then seen further West.



Well, just over a week ago we received a call to say there was a seal in Port Isaac Harbour and sure enough there was Alfie, fast asleep, whiskers twitching as he floated about between the moorings.

If you do come across Alfie he is a fine fellow and appears to be very friendly. He's certainly interested in all about him especially people with silver cameras which he thinks may be a tasty snack! But do remember he is a wild animal and he can bite so keep a distance and just enjoy the privilege of seeing such a fine creature within our waters. If you do spot him please report to Sam and Dee at Secrets or myself.



Bob Bulgin, tel: 01208 880765

**Congratulations to
Jim, Sharon and Lewis
on the birth of**

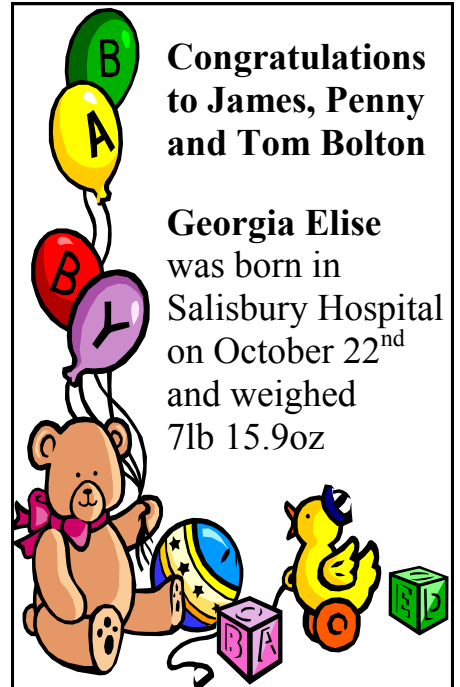
Jack

**on
October 24th**



**Congratulations
to James, Penny
and Tom Bolton**

**Georgia Elise
was born in
Salisbury Hospital
on October 22nd
and weighed
7lb 15.9oz**



Message from St Peter's

St Peter's, Port Isaac has had a very happy summer with good congregations most Sundays, boosted by visitors to the village. It is always nice to welcome visitors and always invariably they are delighted to be with us. The gorgeous mural at the back of the Church always creates much interest.

I suppose we must now go through the quiet weeks up to Christmas – although early autumn was anything but quiet. Harvest Festival was celebrated with the usual exuberance. The Rector preached at the morning eucharist on the theme 'Rejoice in the Lord always ... by prayer and supplication, let your requests be made known unto God ...' – don't worry about anything! (Philippians 4:4-9).

Harvest Songs of Praise in the evening was brilliant and very well attended. 'The Fishermen's Friends'

enlivened the evening with some earthy renditions of their highly entertaining songs and shanties. We all thoroughly enjoyed their welcome presence. It is wrong to say, however, that the Rector knew every word of everything they sang!

John Cleave was highly entertaining when he auctioned the harvest produce after a sumptuous supper. We thank him for all he did to help make it such a superb evening. Thank you to everyone who helped raise £250 that has been shared between the Sunrise Appeal and the Church Fund.

Here's to the next time we all meet in Church. Be it sooner rather than later.

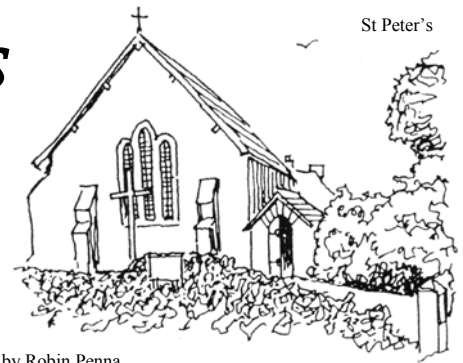
Father Michael

Dates to remember

Friday November 2nd – **Said Eucharist at St Endellion to remember departed loved ones** – 7.00pm

Saturday November 10th – **Silent Auction at Bodannon Farm** – 7.30pm.
Tickets £6 from Pam Richards or Katrina Gill

Saturday November 17th – **CHRISTMAS MINI-MARKET AND LUNCH** in the



by Robin Penna

God, Help Us!

As I was being driven past a church near London recently, a bright red poster on the notice board caught my eye. 'GOD IS NOT JUST FOR EMERGENCIES' it read - rather accusingly, I thought.

It seemed to be trying to make people feel guilty for turning to God as a result of the horrific events in the United States on September 11th. But perhaps it *should* have read 'GOD IS FOR EMERGENCIES, TOO!'

People turn to God for all sorts of reasons and an emergency, a crisis, is as good a starting point as any. For God can use our prayers of desperation as a *beginning*, as a foundation, however flimsy, on which to build a relationship with him.

The Bible is full of accounts of those who have called out to God in distress and anguish and of God answering their prayer, though not always in the way they expected!

Often those whose need is desperate are more truly themselves before God than those who pray regularly and yet who feel they must present only their nice side to God, must use 'church' language and be polite.

Surely what God wants is our real self? He wants us to be able to talk to him frankly, to express our true feelings, maybe even to shout and rage at him if we feel angry or upset.

The writers of the psalms weren't afraid to vent *their* feelings.

- 'Why do you hide yourself in time of trouble?'
- 'Arise, Lord – wake up!'
- 'Help me, Lord, for there is no-one godly left.'
- How long, Lord? Will you forget me for ever?'

- 'I cry out by day but you do not answer.'
- 'Why do you sleep?'

Although Christians believe God is everywhere and everything exists in relationship to him, we have the freedom to ignore this relationship, to be a silent partner in it, or one who rarely speaks or responds.

Prayer has no limits, no boundaries, but whether we begin to pray because of a crisis, or, because we pray regularly in church or chapel outside or at home, it shouldn't end there. Our prayer needs to move out from ourselves to the world around us where God is already ceaselessly at work.

So let us pray, and go on praying, telling God what is really on our hearts, what really concerns us. Let us also ask him to open our eyes to what he is already doing and to give us trust in his love for us and all that he has made.

Remember the words of Jesus to his fearful disciples?

'Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight. But even the hairs of your head are all counted. Do not be afraid; you are of more value

Damien's Tall Ship experience

met a pilot and were escorted to our dock.

After my recent experience I felt a short letter was in order. I was one of a lucky six to be chosen by the RNLI to sail on board a traditional tall ship around the coast of France.

The ten-day voyage set sail from Southampton with a crew of 48. For the first two days we were to see no land and unfortunately get no sleep for no longer than four-hour periods. The crew was split into three watches and had to carry out set tasks when the ship was under sail or motor. These consisted of helming, navigation, visual watches and stowing or setting the sails according to the wind and our progress.

One of the watches started at 4.00am through to 8.00am and, as you can imagine, was the one none of us looked forward to doing.

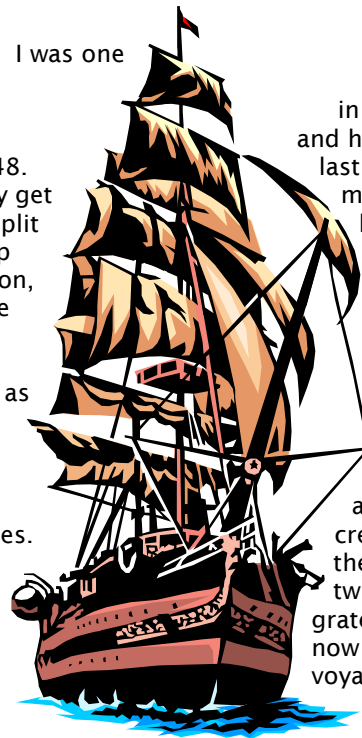
My first watch was amazing. We were woken at 3.30am and proceeded to get dressed in our wet weather gear and harnesses. As I made my way on to the bridge to carry out the hand over with the previous crew, the clouds seemed to part and, as if from a film, the sea came alive with a school of about 20 dolphins dancing in the moonlight around one single whale. Somehow that justified the fact that one rather ugly looking sailor man had interrupted my sleep. That experience would have made the whole trip worthwhile, but little did I know that things were only going to get better.

After two days under sail we reached St Malo where we stowed all the sails and made for land. Much alcohol was consumed and many friends were made. After two days of wandering the walled, cobbled streets of St Malo, the entire crew shinned the two masts and evenly spread out on the five yards for a traditional exit from the harbour.

From here we set sail for a little island called Il de Braheha. It took a day and night to reach the island but, as the sun rose, we soon realised that it was worth it. We got another day shore leave here which was spent swimming and playing British bulldog on a picturesque beach. After a day and a night here it was a three-day sail back to Portsmouth.

On our entrance to the Solent the night was set, the rain was heavy and the wind had reached gale force nine gusting ten. The Captain asked for three volunteers to shin the masts to stow the sails so myself and two others were only too pleased to help. Half way up the mast the lurching that was nearly knocking us off our feet on deck was being greatly exaggerated the further up we went - and even more so out on the end of the yards. This rather pulse-raising experience was soon calmed when the lights of Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight came into sight. The lighthouse was illuminating the ship periodically as she swayed from gunnel to gunnel.

That night we anchored off the Isle of Wight and had a somewhat rocky sleep. The next day we carried out what is known as a 'harbour stow of the sails' and prepared the ship for docking in Portsmouth. At twelve o'clock we



The last night was spent in a pub in Portsmouth, drinking and having a summary of the last ten days. The next morning a ship full of sore heads was woken at 8.30am for breakfast. Bags were packed; goodbyes were said.

The trip was made that little bit better when the Captain came and asked if I would be interested in returning as part of the permanent crew. As you can imagine, there was no need to think twice and her offer was gratefully accepted. The plan now is to return for a five-day voyage after Christmas and then further voyages throughout the summer, hopefully including a part of the famous Tall Ships Race.

Well, I hope you enjoyed my story and, for anyone who is slightly interested in the sea or sailing, then my advice to you is - try it. Hand on my heart, I can honestly say it was an experience of a lifetime and one that I look forward to doing again.

So, it's bye from me here in Hertfordshire University and I hope to see you all soon.

Damien Bolton

HM The Queen: Golden Jubilee

BBC Radio Cornwall is keen to give maximum coverage to Golden Jubilee events across Cornwall next year - not just during Jubilee week itself but also in the months leading up to it. James Churchfield is responsible for researching this and is compiling a "Jubilee database". He wants to hear from anyone who is planning celebrations or anything connected with the Golden Jubilee. James can

be contacted direct by telephone on 01872 275 436/7 or by email : james.churchfield@bbc.co.uk or by letter at BBC Radio Cornwall, Phoenix Wharf, Truro TR1 1UA.

Local groups needing advice about getting media coverage for their event should contact Annie Moore, NCDC public relations officer, on 01208 893318 or email annie.moore@ncdc.gov.uk

**Trelights
Methodist
Church**



**Christmas Sale
November 27th
2.00pm**

Gifts, Books,
Bric-a-Brac, Cake Stall,
Refreshments

In aid of Cornwall Air Ambulance
and South West Childrens Hospice



All welcome

11.00am
September 14th 2001

Three minutes of silence,
That was the deafening echo
Of all the sounds you have ever heard.
When, as if in telepathic agreement,
It seemed that
Dogs ceased to bark,
Birds to sing
And even babies wept not.

One hundred and eighty seconds of peaceful
respect

For those for whom
An extra three minutes
Would have meant the world.

Just three minutes
When most of the world
Dispensed with the detritus of modern life
And concentrated
On the one thing that transcends
Eras, decades, fashion
And time itself.

Just one hundred and eighty seconds
Wherein at least forty lives
Were remembered at every tick of the clock,
At every beat of the heart.

Only three short minutes
When we did not age,
Did not think of the future
And compressed memories and lifetimes
Into a feature length
Real-life, mental movie show.

Only one hundred and eighty seconds
When our thoughts
Remembered our pasts
And uncomprehendingly, naturally shared
The pain and loss of fellow human beings.

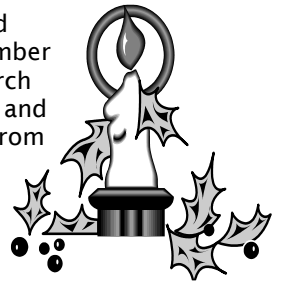
Merely three short minutes
When the thin shroud which covers the
Fragility of our own existence,
The uncertainty of our destiny
And the frailty of life itself,
Slowly and softly slipped away.

Merely one hundred and eighty seconds
We mourned
And yet, as one, silently mouthed,
"There but for the Grace of God"

Geoff Richmond

ST PETER'S CHRISTMAS MINI-MARKET

St Peter's Church Mini-Market and Lunch will be on Saturday November 17th starting at 10.30am in the Church Rooms. There will be various stalls and a raffle and lunches will be served from 12noon.

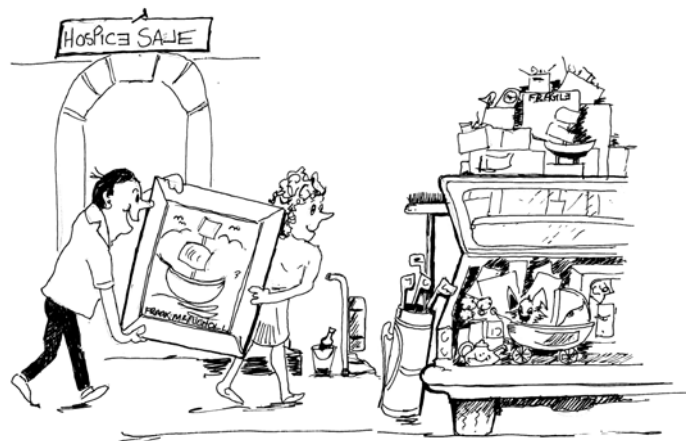


Please come and support the only remaining village Church - we need your help to keep it.

DATE SET FOR NEXT YEAR'S HOSPICE DAY

Already it's time to start thinking about next year's Port Isaac Hospice Day for Mount Edgcombe. The date is set - Saturday March 9th. But this year the venue has changed to the Village Hall which will give us a bit more room to display everything.

As with last year, there are going to be absolutely NO CLOTHES in the sale. We are again going to concentrate on having the biggest White Elephant Sale ever plus the



New Stall, Cake Stall, Household & Linen Stall (curtains, blankets etc), Raffles, Tombola and Lunches. Janet Chadband and her team are already planning what to have for lunch! So put the date in your diary now. As always, it will be a day not to be missed. The thing is, will it be at all possible to beat last year's record breaking takings of £1700.

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

Dee

Free Gift

Yes, there are such things as free gifts! We have been given five CD Roms of a football type game called *Championship Manager*. And we're giving them away to the first five people who come into *Secrets* to claim one. No catches.

Of Mines and Men by James Platt

The vast granite based landscapes of west Cornwall and of Bodmin Moor have provided Cornwall with much of its distinctive character, and have been critical to the social and industrial development of the county.

Granitic landscapes are noted for the noble bleakness of ragged tors, purple heath and deep, dark pools within which could equally reside a mystic and wonderful arm clothed in white samite or more monstrous creatures biding their time.

There are, as the famous professor of geology, HH Read wrote, "granites and granites". The basic mineralogical composition of granite is simple, comprising quartz, feldspar and biotite mica and a scattering of minor associate minerals. However, the degree of differentiation of the minerals, their relative proportions, the rate of cooling from the original magma and the original depth of burial from surface, has served to produce a huge variety of types of granite, named for their Cornish locality where they were discovered and famed far and wide for their beauty and application in building and decorative stone.

Not much grows on granite, but so much grows within it and around it.

The granites of Cornwall are the fount of the metallic minerals, counted among the cited "minor associates", that created, over the last thousand years and more, one of the world's great industries. The art, craft and skill of Cornish mining had the most profound influence on the development and with it the well being of many countries throughout the world.

The Cornish granites formed under conditions of enormous heat and pressure as differentiated molten magma at great depths in the earth's crust. The tendency of the granitic magma was to rise towards surface, cooling and crystallising gradually and expanding in volume as the pressure of the burden of overlying sediments decreased. Ultimately the magma would solidify and be able to move no more.

This was a violent and tremendously dynamic process. The rocks surrounding the granite were baked, fractured, buckled and altered by the magnitude of the heat and

pressure related to the magma. Quartz and metalliferous minerals flowed from the magma outwards along the fractures to form networks of veins or lodes. Around the edge of the granite masses, feldspars were altered to kaolinitic clay by super-hot solutions. The china clay industry was thus born and consequently came the Eden Project!

As distance increased from the edge of the granite mass, the effect of pressurised baking of all the surrounding clayey sedimentary rocks diminished, although not easily. The aureole of influence of the granites of Cornwall on their enveloping sediments took in most of the county as it now is. The effect was to transform the sediments into slaty cleavable rocks.

At Delabole the ideal combination of composition of sediments, location, place and time came together at their most ideal and developed the finest quality slate known to man.

The intricate network of lode filled fractures related to the granite intrusion formed both within the granite mass and outside it in the aureole of influence of the granite. Here the rule was that the metalliferous minerals crystallised and deposited in lodes in a regular sequence related to their respective cooling points. The lower the cooling point, the further out the minerals could travel along the fractures before they solidified.

Like the ripple marks which form when you throw a stone into a still pool, the metalliferous minerals related to the granite magma are concentrically zoned outwards. Tin lies at the centre, then comes tungsten, then copper, then zinc, lead, bismuth, arsenic and antimony. Cornish copper mines became tin mines almost overnight as the mines deepened and entered the tin zone below the copper zone.

By the time you have reached the antimony zone, you have come a

long way from the granite and you may well find yourself in St Endellion parish.

The occurrence and working of antimony mineralisation is widespread in St Endellion parish. The workings go back many centuries, although the bulk of mining activity covered the period from the mid 18th to the early 20th century. Most of the mines were small, and all are long gone into disuse.

The places where men toiled so ardently are now overgrown, given over to blackthorn thickets and bracken. The mine dumps have been softened and reclaimed by nature. The mouths of adits gape vacantly in the cliffs.

A lode of antimony mineralisation was reputedly recorded near Roscarrock Farm in 1681 and, as a result, all further such discoveries in the general area of St Endellion parish over the next century or so were popularly referred to as "Roscarrocks". A "Roscarrock" was a unique style of antimony mineralisation in a lode. It is a shame that the term was allowed to lapse.

In 1845, the "Roscarrock Silver-Lead Mining Company" was formed, with a concession to exploit minerals along much of the line of cliffs between Port Gaverne and Port

Quin. Fairly extensive adits driven by the company were, twenty years or so ago, still accessible at Foxhole Rocks and Crowser. A long gully marks the site of a trial at the head of Pine Awn. If anyone should ever plan to re-enter the Crowser adit they should beware a deep winze (shaft) in the adit floor, not too far in.

With respect to the Crowser adit workings, a prospectus of the time is reported to have declared that a "fine stream" of water was available for crushing and washing the antimony ore at Pine Awn, from which location the refined



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READATHON COMES TO PORT ISAAC

Readathon, the national sponsored read that raises over a million pounds each year for sick children, has moved its headquarters to Port Isaac.

The concept of Readathon is simple. It's just like a sponsored walk, except it encourages reading. School children undertake to read books in exchange for pledges of money from family and friends. The campaign was the brainchild of Brough and Gail Girling who founded it seventeen years ago. It's now staged in thousands of schools throughout the year and raises well over a million pounds annually. All the money raised goes to help children with cancer and leukaemia via two charities, the Roald Dahl Foundation and Sargent Cancer Care for Children.

Brough and Gail have recently moved permanently into Trevan House on Dolphin Street. 'Readathon is operating out of our back bedroom at the moment', says Brough, 'but we are hoping to establish a stand alone office somewhere in the village as soon as possible'.

The Girlings have always been involved in children's books and reading. Gail was the Managing Director of a company specialising in book selling to schools and libraries and Brough, who has written over thirty children's books, has been head of the Children's Book Foundation in London and was Editor of the Daily Telegraph's weekend supplement for children. The main reason Readathon was invented was so that children would be spurred on to read books for pleasure. 'We wanted to create some good news round children and reading' says Brough, 'and kids reading books have now raised over thirteen million pounds since we started out. That's good news! It also gives schools a great opportunity to stage a book based event that has a successful, tangible result'.

If you'd like to know more about Readathon or would like to volunteer to help the campaign, phone Brough or Gail on 880481.



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ore could be shipped out in small vessels. The economy with the truth of mining prospectuses seems to have been as prevalent then as it is today.

The principal antimony mine of St Endellion parish was Wheal Boys at Trewetha, located down in the first field on the right as you come around the sweeping Trewetha corner, heading for Poltreworgey. Wheal Boys may have been established under an agreement in 1723 with the then landowner, Martyn Lobb. From the report of this agreement, it is interesting that the mine venturers were required to rehabilitate the land they spoiled, to fill in the workings, and otherwise repair all damage caused. This early environmental consciousness appears to have been honoured. It is a shame that so many 20th century mines did not follow the same example.

Wheal Boys reached a final depth below surface of around 75 meters. It suffered a major setback with a collapse of the antimony market after the end of the Napoleonic wars in 1815. Ten years later a set of mineral specimens from Wheal Boys

was purchased by the British Museum for £1000, an enormous sum of money at the time. One imagines that the specimens are still held by the British Museum and could perhaps be visited, seen and marvelled at in London.

Very importantly, the mineral bournonite, a complex sulphide of copper lead and antimony, was first identified to science at Wheal Boys. Bournonite has a crystal form rather like a cog-toothed wheel and, for this reason, was known to the miners as "wheel glance". However, it is as "Endellionite" that bournonite is best known in the literature.

Antimony bearing lodes were opened at Wheal Thomas in the upper Port Isaac valley at Port Gaverne, in the Old Rose Mine near Tresungers, at Bodannon and near Poltreworgey alongside the road. An unsuccessful attempt was made to reopen the Poltreworgey mines in 1906.

The Treore mine, below Treore Farm, became famous as one of only a few localities in Cornwall where gold was found. The Treore lodes additionally contained arsenic and incorporated a small arsenic

The sale has now finished and we have some very good clothing in stock for the colder days ahead. Plus all sorts of bric-a-brac, household items and books.

September takings totalled £705.66 and we received more donations. Many thanks to Mr & Mrs Drummond-Dunn who handed over another £50 on the occasion of their Silver Wedding. Thanks also to the local lady who made an anonymous donation.

Air Ambulance Shop
Delabole

Christmas cards are available in the shop and also tickets for our Christmas draw.

As I mentioned last month, we cannot take electrical goods, books, records or furniture.

Opening times are on the door but, as always, subject to the availability of our volunteers. For more information ring Joyce on 01840 213195.

roasting plant in its surface facilities. The occurrence of gold at Treore led to the Port Gaverne valley stream being tested for gold for up to a kilometer downstream from the mine. It is alleged that a few ounces of gold were taken from the stream overall.

No doubt gold colours could still be panned from the Port Gaverne stream by anyone keen to try. In 1959, a large specimen of quartz laced with visible gold is reported to have been picked up from the Treore mine dumps, which were at that time being removed. The value of such a specimen would be incalculable, not so much for the contained gold, but for its rarity, that is, if the specimen existed in the first place. The reported presence of gold anywhere tends to gain more status in the telling than in the reality.

(Reference: If anyone should be interested in more details of the mines of the St Endellion Parish, they are referred to the book, "Mines and Miners of Cornwall - volume XVI, Wadebridge, Camelford and Bude" by AK Hamilton Jenkin, published (1970) by the Federation of Old Cornwall Societies).

Practices resumed in October and the Singers are now working on a number of new items to add to their repertoire.

The first concert, in what looks like being a busy time ahead, is on November 11th at Bethel Chapel, Hallworthy at 7.30pm. The Singers have also been invited to return to Athelstan House in Bodmin on December 3rd. They sang there earlier in the year for the residents, staff and friends who all greatly enjoyed a very happy evening.

On December 10th there will be a Christmas Concert in Trelights Chapel followed by a supper and all are most welcome.

Full details of Carol Singing in Port Isaac on December 17th will appear in next month's *Trio*.

For further details or any other information please contact Joan Murray on 01208 880548 or Barbara Richards on 01208 880575.

Jane Sadleir

LAST POSTING DATES FOR CHRISTMAS

SURFACE MAIL

Eastern Europe & Cyprus	19 Nov
Malta, Turkey, Greece & Iceland	26 Nov

Western Europe except those above	3 Dec
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HM FORCES

Surface Mail	7 Dec
Airmail	14 Dec

UK

Second Class	18 Dec
First Class	21 Dec



LOOKING BACK TO 1952

the new coastguard station officer

In 1952, Port Isaac Coastguard had a new Station Officer from Newbiggin, Northumberland – Albert Hyde and his wife Ada.

Albert had served in the Royal Navy for 28 years and was in both World Wars. During his naval career he served a number of years on the China Station and reached the rank of Chief Petty Officer.

When he took over the Port Isaac Station the other two Coastguards were George Collins and Ron Couch. Later Couch was succeeded by Aubrey Tucker and George Collins moved to Porthcawl on promotion to Station Officer and was succeeded by George Gates.

Albert was a strict disciplinarian and workaholic. Through his efforts and that of his staff, the Station was recognised to be the best kept Station and equipment in the country for all his years in Port Isaac. The LSA equipment was Albert's pride and joy, but fully operational despite of the pristine condition.

Ada fussed around Albert and the Station at all times. If there was a visiting officer she made sure that the best tea service was laid out!! In those days the Station did not have a typewriter and all the reports had to be handwritten. Albert used to draft the reports and Ada copied them in her beautiful copperplate hand-writing. One non-coastguard task Ada did was to lay out bodies for the local undertakers.

Albert did not drive but he did purchase a scooter in the late 50s. This was used mainly to get to Port Quin for watch keeping duties at Kellan Head. Ada used to go out to the end of the Station drive to open and close the gate for Albert so he did not have to get off the scooter. Seven hours later Ada would be there waiting at the gate to welcome Albert back. If the scooter needed a clean, Ada undertook this so that it was always in showroom condition.

Albert retired in 1967 after 50 years in uniform and moved to Exeter.

Our man in Fuerteventura, David Castle

Magical Managers 2001-02

Division One

1	SCREAM!	Karen Grills	236pts
2	RIACHUS REVENGE 11	Kevin & Daniel Grills	201pts
3	HEWETTS FAT BOYZ	Jamie Hewett	196pts
4	BACK TO DA OLD SKOOL	Ben Skinner	167pts
5	THE BADGERS	Joyce & DonHambly	164pts

Division Two

1	MOTS FLYERS	Tom Cleave	212pts
2	LUVVLY JUBBLY	Margaret Honey	199pts
3	ST TUDY TORPEDOS	Tom Lobb	188pts
4	OUT OF TOWNERS FC	Charlie Guard	184pts
5	TEAM XTREME	Rachel Grills	179pts

Division Three

1	TREWETHA LANE RANGERS	Martin Dingle	204pts
2	CARLSBERG CRIPPLES	Scott Bennett	197pts
3	BOB'S BABES	Bob Irons	193pts
4	MOONRAKERS	Colin Durston	191pts
5	BROWN CAFÉ	James Durston	182pts

Matches up to 19/10/01

PLAYER OF THE MONTH - THIERRY HENRY, Arsenal

Paul & Kev

Parish Council report

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday October 8th at Trelights.

All Parish councillors were present, apart from Mr Dawe, who sent apologies and Mr Lander, who did not send apologies.

County Councillor Helen Richards presented her report to councillors and stated that following meetings with the Acting Divisional Surveyor it had been suggested that a 'location plan' for Trelights might be one possible solution for traders and visitors to find their way around the village. Villagers feel that having street signs would be an unwarranted urbanisation of the village.

Cornwall County Council will meet with the Parish Council at some time in the future to discuss the state of some of the signs in Port Isaac. Mr Richards stated in his Chairman's report that he had at last had contact with Highways and the Acting Divisional Surveyor.

Mr Richards said he expressed the Parish Council's dissatisfaction at the apparent lack of interest from Cornwall County Council for the Parish.

The Chairman of the amenity committee is to meet the Helston Town Clerk to gather information and ideas with regards to a skate-board park at the Playing Fields.

A second Playing Field Appeal is to be organised, following on from the success of last year's event. The Amenity Committee is looking at the possibility of a concert for the village.

The Main sub committee reported on a very constructive meeting with the 'Friends of the Main'. The 'Friends of the Main' gave a 'Statement of Intent' to Parish Councillors, which included among other things, replacing the footbridge.

Cornwall County Council have put forward proposals to alleviate the parking problems within Port Isaac. The Parish Council discussed these proposals and agreed with Cornwall County Council. A letter has been written to Cornwall County Council to ask for the proposals to be implemented as soon as possible.

With regards to the housing item on the agenda, some members of the council met with the Planning Department at North Cornwall District Council and discussed the options that may be available. The land above Hillson Close has to be considered an exception as it is outside the development boundary. There has to be a proven need within Port Isaac for low cost affordable housing.

Another option, would be shared ownership, and North Cornwall District Council have offered help to the Parish Council should they wish to conduct a survey within Port Isaac.

Mr Penna gave Parish Councillors a report on the progress of the undergrounding of cables. He has had little response for help from the village, but a majority of all the owners of property in the lower part of the village are in agreement that undergrounding the cables should be a very high priority.

Mr Penna stated that he still needs help in identifying owners of properties and called on local tradesmen and others to come forward with any information that would help get 100 % approval for a scheme.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application no 2001 / 1512

Erection of single storey extension and infill front extension. Full planning. Application for delegation subject to no objection from consultees. 25 Silvershell, Port Isaac for Mr Cook. *Proposed by Mr M Lee for approval, seconded Mr D Phelps, carried unanimously.*

Application no 2001 / 1531

Listed building consent for replacement of existing balcony, which is rotten. Listed building. Application for delegation subject to no objection from consultees. The Manor House, 11 Church Hill, Port Isaac for Mr P J Tidey. *Proposed by Mr B Buse for approval, seconded Mr D Phelps and carried unanimously.*

Application No 2001 / 1489

Prior notification for erection of an agricultural building for the storage of machinery / cattle. Application for delegation subject to no objection from consultees. Land adjacent to Westoway, Trelights, Port Isaac for Mr B Blake. *Proposed by Mr H Barriball for approval, seconded Mrs S Foster and carried unanimously.*

Approvals / Refusals

Application No 2001 / 1284 Erection of porch extension for Mr D Knight, Atlantic House, Port Isaac. This application has been **approved** by North Cornwall District Council

Application No 2001 / 0990 Erection of extensions for Mr A Penny, 11 Hartland Road, Port Isaac. This application has been **refused** by North Cornwall District Council

Application No 2001/ 1146 Erection of courtyard wall between cottage and front boundary wall for Mr I Shepherd, Pennti Ros, Lower Trefreock Port Isaac. This application has been **approved** by North Cornwall District Council.

This report has been compiled by the Parish Council.

NCDC Committee timetable

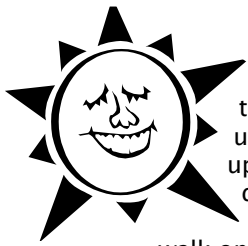
All meetings will be held in the Council Chamber, College Road Camelford.

Tuesday November 13th - 2.15pm - **Planning & Development**

Monday November 19th - 6.30pm - **Full Council**

Tuesday November 27th - 6.30pm - **Corporate Affairs and Finance**

More information from Committee Administration : 01208 893295



08.00am -Down to the Boathouse, open up and put the flag up. On the way down decide it's a nice morning to go for a walk on the cliffs with the dog and pick a few mushrooms.

08.10am - Six faxes on the machine. A note from the Senior Helm says, 'the boat trailer wheel is squeaking and wobbling - bearing's gone'. A note from the lady chairman says, '.... deeply disappointed that no crew members attended the coffee morning last Wednesday and also deplore the fact that the Station Hon Sec wasn't there either'. Where was I? Oh yes, I spent the whole of the morning trying to get the trailer wheel off to grease it - failed hopelessly. The crew were all working - but the lady chairman doesn't realise that.

Another note. The committee would like to use the crew room for a meeting tonight. Would the Boathouse keeper please clean it up and get rid of the smell. What smell? Well, I suppose it does niff a bit - of feet, sweat and wet dry suits. The Boathouse keeper has gone away for a few days; the clean up is down to me!

08.15am - I do a quick check of the diary. Junior Mixed Infants School making a visit at 9.30am and the Inspector is making his quarterly visit between 11.00am and 1.00pm.

The Boathouse has run out of WD40; the new crew member's pager did not go off on the last pager test; the number of maroons is down to the last two; the bulb has blown in the search light; there is no loo paper; there is three week's paper work to file.

08.20am - Decide to go to the Co-op to get some loo paper and air freshener and pick up the post.

08.40am - Have got the post, the dog, loo paper, Fresh Mountain Breeze Air Freshener and some green stuff to put down the loo.

09.00am - Put loo roll in the holder. Spray everything in sight with Fresh Mountain Breeze and pour copious quantities of green stuff down the loo. Let the dog loose on the beach for a run around.

09.05am - The Senior Helmsman comes in - tells me the place

A Day in the Life of

smells like a warehouse! I tell him to put the kettle on and stop bitching. I start tidying up the crew room - dry suits, woolly bears, helmets, towels all put away after receiving a liberal dose of Fresh Mountain Breeze. The accumulation of 21 day's paperwork is not so easy. No time to file it now. So down to the fish cellar, pinch a fish box, stuff the lot in and push it under the desk. The smell of fish now fights a winning battle with Fresh Mountain Breeze. The Senior Helm says the smell is much better so take his word for it.

09.15am - Mop over the floor using some of the green stuff - a big mistake. Even the Senior Helm gags on the smell and the floor dries patchy. Re-wash the floor. Use the rest of the Fresh Mountain Breeze. The overall effect is, in my opinion, not too bad. A mixture of bleach, cheap perfume and feet.

09.30am - Infants School arrives. I do my 'ho, ho, ho' bit with the kids while the Senior Helm chats up the young lady teacher. I've definitely got the wrong end of the bargain. The kids are swinging on the boat aerial, chucking helmets at the dog, shouting down the radio. One little girl bursts into tears when I offer to lift her into the boat. A little boy pees over my newly washed floor. The lady teacher starts to collect her little monsters. I give them all a certificate to say they've visited the Station. The party rapidly departs.

10.30am - I'm knackered! Start cleaning up again and ask the Senior Helm to go to the Co-op for another can of Fresh Mountain

Breeze - he comes back with 'Summer Roses'. The fish box is smelling, the little boy's pee is starting to niff and Summer Roses does not smell of summer roses.

10.45am - Open the mail. Six operation circulars - none to do with 'D' class. Seven 'Situations Vacant', RYA magazine, various letters re sponsored cycle ride in Norway, retirement collections and a letter regarding blazer buttons - BLAZER BUTTONS! You must be joking! 'Will the Hon Sec ask all crew members, shore staff and committee members if they would like to purchase sets of eight large and ten small blazer buttons. Please inform Head Office of number of sets required'. Here I am, up to my eyes in filing, cleaning and smells and some fool wants me to ask some 40 individuals if they want to buy b_____ BLAZER BUTTONS. **BIN IT!** I don't bother to read the rest.

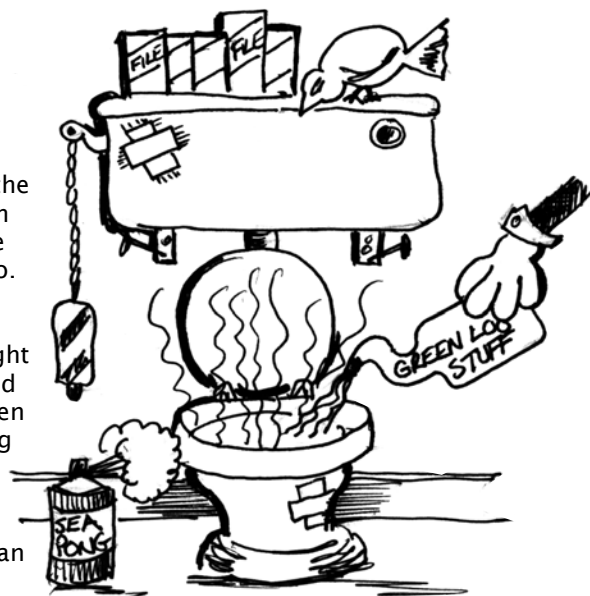
11.00am - The Inspector could be here any minute. The boat hasn't been pumped up, we've got no tea bags, the crew room floor has dried all patchy and the smell is as bad as ever. Three crew have to be contacted to go out on exercise. Who isn't working today?

11.15am - Have a phone round. Have left messages. Not much luck. Don't worry! It always works out!

11.20am - No Inspector yet but three phone calls asking for him! Deputy Launching Authority comes in and comments on the smell - I tell him to b_____ off!

11.30am - The dog was playing on the beach but has now gone walk-about. I should go and look for him but if I go the Inspector will arrive and if I don't go, some holiday-maker will think the dog is lost and call the dog catcher - £35 fine and a trip to collect him. The dog's not lost; he's just got the hump about not going mushrooming.

12.30pm - Dog turns up and has rolled in something rather nasty. The phone has rung four more times for the Inspector. Five more faxes have come through - the paper has now run out. Gawd! I haven't checked if there are any emails. To hell with it, no time now. I decide to get a pasty as I maybe won't get another chance for a bite to eat. I'm only gone five minutes -



the Station Hon Sec

yes, the Inspector arrives. He asks if I've just got up? I resist the temptation to kill him. I show him into the crew room, he sniffs but makes no comment. He asks what time the exercise will start? I take a wild guess and say 3.30pm exactly. He sniffs again and says he 'had hoped to get away early' Tough! He inspects the boat and tells me the trailer wheel bearing has gone and needs changing. He looks in the medical cabinet and tells me there's no eyewash and the glyceryl trinitrate is out of date and did I get his email about checking the dates? 'Yes' I lie. He goes and kicks the trailer wheel and mutters something about it should have been greased.

1.30pm - Inspector suggests we go to the pub for a sandwich – first sensible thing he's said. We spend three quarters of an hour in the pub and I watch him munch through two rounds of roast beef and horse-radish and a bowl of chips. Back to the Boathouse. He decides to check all the life jackets. He tuts and mutters as I hand each one to him. Writes copious notes on pieces of paper and kicks the trailer wheel another four times.

3.30pm - ON THE DOT! Seven crew members turn up – bless em! Inspector suggests three trips of 40 minutes. I see the crew look at each other and smirk. Oh gawd! They've planned something for him. I hope they don't kill the b_____ – oh, I don't know! As long as they don't harm the boat. The Senior Helm picks out three lots of two and says he'll stay back at the Station.

3.35pm - First lot go. Senior Helm says he'll repair the trailer wheel. He gets the wheel off, cleans the bearing, greases the lot and replaces everything in less than ten minutes. It's taken me two days to get the split pin out! I hate clever dicks! I tell him to put the kettle on.

4.30pm - First lot back. The Inspector looks a slight shade of green – reminds me of the stuff I put down the loo. Second lot go.

4.35pm - Lady and gent come into the Boathouse and ask when the shop will be open. Tell them it's closed until Sunday. Oh dear! They're going home on Saturday and really need to buy something for their grandson. I'm tempted to

shrug and say 'tough' but relent and go and find a key and open up the shop. They spend the next forty minutes taking every polo shirt and sweater out of its packet, mixing up every packet of Christmas cards and upsetting two boxes of absolutely useless plastic souvenirs. They end up buying a packet of Christmas cards and a jigsaw puzzle of a Tyne Class ALB just about to hit the White Cliffs of Dover at 40 knots.

5.30pm - Second lot get back and third lot ready to go. Inspector, now really green, says, 'Time is getting short, perhaps we should forget the third trip'. 'Oh no' says the crew. Out they go.

6.15pm - Boat returns. A shivering, shaking, bright green Inspector slowly recovers over a cup of hot, sweet tea and says he must be off and everything is excellent, except for the smell and we must do something about the trailer wheel. I nod and mutter, 'yeah, yeah'. We wave goodbye to the Inspector for another three months.

7.00pm - Boat refuelled, washed down and sprayed with the last of the WD40. Crew room inches deep in water, seaweed, dry suits and wet towels. Smells of little boy's pee, old fish boxes, dry suits, feet, green stuff, Fresh Mountain Breeze and Summer Roses!

7.05pm - Senior Helm volunteers to nip to the Co-op and get another tin of air freshener – comes back with 'Ocean Mist'. He suggests we all go to the pub for a pint. I agree. Oh Gawd! The committee meeting! In ten minutes flat I chuck all the towels and dry suits in the locker, mop the floor, pour more green stuff down the loo, switch on the heater full bore to try and dry the floor, put out the table and chairs for the good ladies of the Committee and spray everything in sight with Ocean Mist. Take down flag.

7.35pm - Two pints later. Walk into crew room (staggering slightly). As I enter, one dear lady is saying 'I do think he could be here on time, after all he is retired and has nothing else to do all day'. Bless! Most of the ladies have their handkerchiefs out or are trying not to breathe. I decide not to apologise for my lateness or the smell – I can

be really nasty when I want! My dog walks in, scratches himself and settles down at the lady chairman's feet. He smells horrible and I can tell he's been in the mushroom field as he is stained a greenish colour – like the stuff down the loo!

The meeting drones on – coffee morning, bazaar, bring and buy sales, crews lack of assistance, last year's Lifeboat Sunday, this year's Lifeboat Sunday, next year's Lifeboat Sunday, Christmas cards, the shop ... I drift off into a little fantasy world. I imagine sewing the blazer buttons on the large, shelf-like bosom of the lady member who is sitting next to me. I'm suddenly brought down to earth as I hear the lady chairman say, 'I'm sure our Honorary Secretary would be pleased to sort this out for us'. Sort what out? I've been caught like this before. Curse the lady with the chest of drawers for a bust for taking my mind off things. What has the lady chairman let me in for? She rabbits on, '... and I would like to thank Mrs Sniffington-Smythe for her absolutely brilliant idea for us to obtain Blazer Buttons with the RNLI logo on them'. Yippee! There is a god! Now's my chance to show how efficient I am. Where did I put that letter? In the bin. Must get it out.

The lady chairman continues, 'I know all the committee are most interested and I'm sure that the crew would all like to purchase some'. What's she talking about? The crew haven't got a blazer between them. What does she think this is – a ruddy Yacht Club? I notice the temperature is up in the hundreds and that the floor is gently steaming but still wet. The smell is getting worse with the heat. The lady chairman carries on, '... and that our Hon Sec will make enquiries about where we can get these buttons'. Right, 15 sets for the committee, 0 for the crew!

10.00pm - The meeting draws to a weary close. Date and time of the next meeting. The ladies go out into the night to find their parked broomsticks. I turn the heating off, search around in the bin for the, now tea bag stained and slightly smelly, 'button letter', slam the door and follow the lady chairman and the lady with the built-in tea chest, up the hill. I hear the tea chest lady ask the lady chairman,

**'Do all lifeboatmen
smell like that?'**

Bob Monk

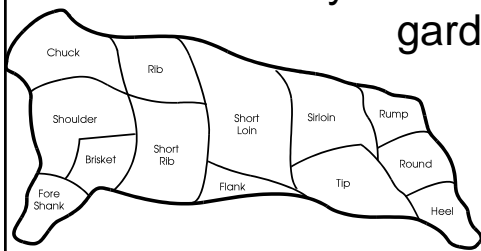
This article is entirely



Aberdeen Angus beef for sale.

Fattened on grass and fresh barley and whatever they could find in Sally Strout's garden (sorry Sally!).

Ready for Christmas.



Contact Barry Cleave
on 880259

HISTORY GROUP

The first meeting of the History Group's 2001/2002 winter season is on Friday November 2nd at 7.30pm in the Penhaligon Room.

Guest speaker is Mr Frank Sluman of (and about) Padstow.



Next on the agenda is the Annual Trip to Barnstaple on Tuesday November 27th. The bus leaves the village at 9.30am. Barnstaple provides an indoor market with fruit and vegetables and various stalls plus the famous Butcher's Row with mouth-watering displays. There's a good shopping centre and all sorts of refreshments to be found. Start your Christmas shopping or just have a good day out. To book your place phone 880754.

SELF-BUILD UPDATE

Just a quick update on our quest to obtain land for our housing project.

Unfortunately there is no good news as the application to buy land from Mr Chapman has been rejected because he is unwilling to get involved with another housing Association. This puts us in a bit of a catch 22 situation as the parish council and NCDC have told us that the only way we will get planning permission is if we work hand in hand with a housing association.

Who would have thought that it would be so difficult to do something so worthwhile. All we want is somewhere to live - not as a lot of people seem to think to make a killing in the current housing market.

We have already told the parish council that we are more than willing to agree to clauses, ie no selling within a certain time period and also if the properties are ever sold on it would have to be to another local person in a similar situation. But this does not seem to have helped at all.

Anyway if anyone has any positive suggestions they would be gratefully received.

The Self-Build group



Well done Alice

Many people will know Alice Pring who is Joan Murray's granddaughter. Alice, aged 17, lives in Plymouth and attends Plymouth Catering College where she is training to be a chef.

During the summer Alice was one of just two trainees taken on at a new restaurant, 'Mange Tout', in the small village of Ide, just outside Exeter. Although only open since April, the restaurant is already receiving rave reviews.

Working there was a great opportunity for Alice and one she thoroughly enjoyed.

Wanted - Dog Sitter

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Occasional evenings, the odd weekend and longer periods if possible (for instance a fortnight in January).

Contact Brough or Gail Girling on 880481

APOLOGY

Sam Lorimer apologises to all his customers for the recent delays that have been caused by the red tape involved in extending the workshop. I'll be with you as soon as possible.

Jenni Hooper & Brian Tiddy Married Saturday September 22nd 2001 Hotel Riviera, Newquay

We would like to thank everyone who made our day very special. We had a fantastic day all round and even the weather was good to us.

Thank you to Sally Stratton for a marvellous cake - we do know the sleepless nights you had and the trouble you went to. Thank you to Marion for her patience and time given to make and alter all the dresses. Thanks also to my Maid of Honour, Tammy Wilce; bridesmaids Claire, Amy, Kathryn, Courtney, Tamsin, Simone and Sinead and page boys Ryan and Adam. To all who came - THANK YOU.

Sinead, our special little helper, was marvellous for Mummy & Daddy.

Jenni & Brian

Not forgetting the hen party organisers - Sue Richards and Beth Brewer. It was a very good night had by all and yes, I enjoyed the stripper as you all know! We all had fun.

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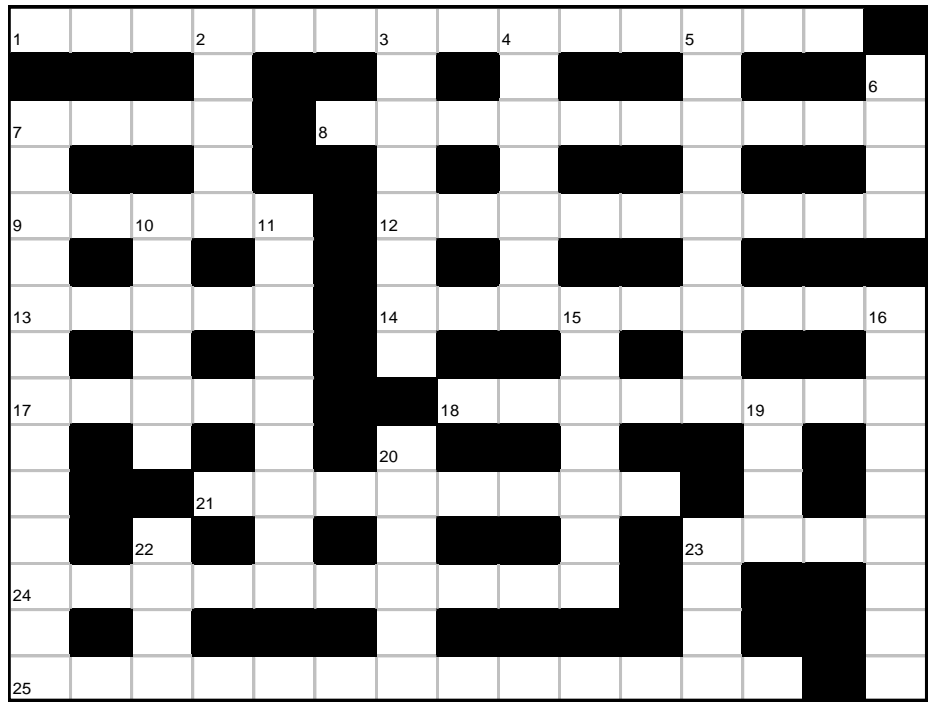
Crossword Clues

Across

- 1 Like 14across, nobody at the Station (10-4)
 7 Political leader existed before Vespa (4)
 8 Carefully selected worker elected(4-6)
 9 Take away my pet unrestrained (5)
 12 Long-winded, even you sound borrowed (9)
 13 Unemployed right daydreamer(5)
 14 Like 1across, Edward short of support (5,4)
 17 What no clue (5)
 18 Mother motor round to Northern Ireland (8)
 21 Titanic boat to clown around (8)
 23 Information a little back (4)
 24 Messy, clean her up little fella (10)
 25 Like 1 & 14across, Churchill the stinker (6,3,4)

Down

- 2 Of French container port (5)
 3 Fair gift doodle (8)
 4 Game spinster plays (3,4)
 5 Old weapon uses old bullet (9)
 6 Small change to tide over (4)
 7 Emotional testament in debt Reportedly (7,6)



- 10 It will bring tears to your eyes (6)
 11 Royal Family pulling horse to the moors (9)
 15 Distinction isn't removed from a choice of words (7)
 16 Fall before the director has a charmer (9)
 19 Killer found in motor car (4)
 20 Good man in pain (6)
 22 Cross the southern vessel (4)

- 23 Put father before the job centre panel (4)

Rod and Line Wordsearch

T	Z	R	G	R	L	L	L	D	D	U	R	J	N	N
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Catch the 20 fish hidden in this wordsearch:

answers on page 20

Calling all volunteers

The Hospital Car Service needs YOU!

At the moment we are a small band of volunteers who help those without transport to attend appointments for doctors, hospital and dentist. Some of our volunteers feel that they are unable to carry on due to other commitments. So the call is going out for more volunteers to boost our numbers.

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At present we operate a rota system whereby the volunteers are 'on call' once every three weeks. However, this may change to possibly once every three months.

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WORDSEARCH ANSWERS

FROM PAGE 16

BARBEL LOACH	
BLEAK	MINNOW
BREAM PERCH	
BULLHEAD	PIKE
CARP	ROACH
CHAD	RUDD
CHAR	SALMON
CHUB	TENCH
DACE	TROUT
GUDGEON	ZANDER

POTATO ALTERNATIVES

It is sometimes difficult for the average British person to accept that a potato dish does not have to accompany a good meal. I have friends who cannot imagine a meal without the humble potato, 'I would be so hungry without potatoes! What bulk would I have in my meal?' I am offering you two alternative suggestions, one with barley, which could accompany a savoury flan, lamb chops or steak.



The second suggestion is couscous. Couscous is a basic food in Morocco. It is a coarsely ground wheat grain similar to semolina. It can be bought pre-cooked, which is easy to use and very acceptable. The flavour is fairly bland and therefore the dish takes on the character of the sauce or the ingredients introduced to it. The recipe I suggest goes well with chicken or fish. Don't be afraid of the sugar - it works well!

COUSCOUS WITH ALMONDS AND RAISINS

500g/1lb pre-cooked couscous * 570ml/1pt salted water
1-2 tblsp caster sugar * 3 tblsp sunflower oil
1½tsp ground cinnamon * 2 tblsp orange juice
3 tblsp raisins * 110g/4oz blanched almonds

METHOD

- Put the couscous into a large mixing bowl and pour on the salted water. Stir well and leave to soak for about ten minutes.
- Meanwhile, soak the raisins in boiling water for ten minutes.
- Fry the almonds in one tablespoon of the oil until golden.
- Drain the raisins and stir all of the remaining ingredients in to the couscous.
- Cook by either heating the mixture in a saucepan over a low heat stirring constantly (you may need to add a little extra liquid to avoid burning) or place the mixture in a covered baking dish and heat in a pre-heated oven 200c/400f/gas 6 for ten minutes or until well heated.

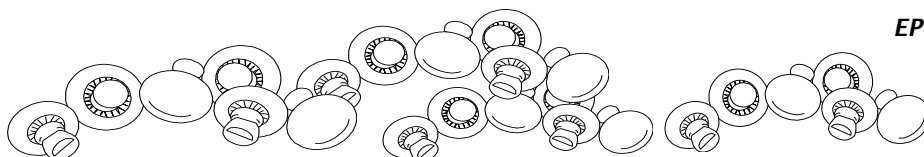
The next recipe is more robust and excellent on a cold winter's day.

BARLEY AND MUSHROOM CASSEROLE

50g/2oz butter * 2 medium onions - chopped
300g/10oz mushrooms - wiped and sliced
200g/7oz pearl barley
¾ tsp salt * ¾ tsp black pepper
275ml/10 fl oz vegetable stock

METHOD

- Preheat oven to 170°C/325°F/gas 3
- Fry onions in butter until golden.
- Add mushrooms and cook for three minutes.
- Transfer onions to ovenproof casserole dish, add the rest of the ingredients, stir well.
- Cover and cook in a pre heated oven for forty minutes or until the barley is tender and all the liquid is absorbed.



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CROSSWORD ANSWERS

FROM PAGE 16

ACROSS

1 - Paddington Bear; 7 - Wasp;
8 - Handpicked; 9 - Empty;
12 - Flatulent; 13 - Idler;
14 - Teddy Bear; 17 - Guess;
18 - Macaroni; 21 - Gigantic;
23 - Data; 24 - Leprechaun;

25 - Winnie the Pooh

DOWN

2 - Depot; 3 - Graffiti;
4 - Old maid; 5 - Excaliber; 6 - Edit;
7 - Weeping willow; 10 - Pollen; 11 - Yorkshire; 15 - Diction;
16 - Rainmaker; 19 - Orca;
20 - Sachet; 21 - Span; 23 - Dado

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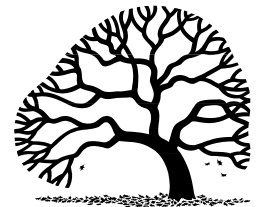


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