



TRIO

The Port Isaac, Port Gaverne
and Trelights Newsletter

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Eyes down, look in ...

Owing to an important date with someone at Buckingham Palace on December 3rd, I have changed the date of the bingo in aid of the mentally handicapped to Tuesday November 26th. The time and the place remain the same – 7.30pm in the Church Room.

and mince pies will be served during the interval.

Proceeds will be given to the Priory Centre, Bodmin, the local centre for mentally handicapped adults.

Janet Chadband



As usual the prizes will be with Christmas in mind and everyone is welcome to come along. Free tea

TSW Film Archive

*a look into the past
Cornwall at work and at
play featuring archive
footage of Port Isaac*

**Thursday November 7th
7.30pm**

Port Isaac Village Hall

**Tickets £3 in advance from
Secrets or on the door**

all profits to the Village Hall fund



**St Endellion
Firework Display
Saturday November 9th**

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Christmas starts here

The RNLI's annual Christmas Market takes place on Sunday December 1st starting at 11.00am. Unless we have another gale (in which case we will be blown up to the Village Hall), our RNLI stalls will be in the Boathouse and in front of the Slipway (thanks Jim).

It's an ideal chance to start your Christmas shopping in your own village. They'll be mulled wine and carols and Father Christmas will be there to take your present order – you can even sit on his knee! The new consignment of our Port Isaac

exclusive RNLI shirts – including a couple of new lines – will be on sale as well as our new Xmas card. Plus RNLI souvenirs, mince pies and the customary groaning cake stall. It'll be a shopping experience not to be missed.



THIS ISSUE

Buy a poppy ...

Don't forget to buy a poppy and pause to remember at 11 o'clock on November 11th.



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

The Poppy Appeal is one of the nation's most important annual
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appeals and raises about half of the funds need by the Royal British Legion to carry out its welfare and benevolent work. The poppy has become a symbol of remembrance, of reflection and hope.

'Why a poppy?' you may ask.

During the First World War, the bloodiest and most concentrated fighting devastated Flanders and Picardy, areas of Northern France and Belgium. Yet, each year the poppy continued to flower, giving life, hope and reassurance. The first Poppy Day was held in Britain in 1921,

Millions of poppies, made at the Poppy Factory (staffed by mainly ex-Service people, 70% of whom are disabled in some way), are made each year and enable people to show that they wish to remember dead and wounded Service men and women who fought for peace and freedom.

There has been only one year since World War Two in which a British Service person hasn't been killed.

So where does the money raised each year go? It helps with a huge range of issues including job Retraining, counselling, pensions and benefits advice, grants for setting up small businesses, welfare grants, remembrance travel to war graves, convalescent and nursing care and home and hospital visits. Cornwall is one of top three areas in the country for British Legion welfare spending.

**VILLAGE HALL CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS PARTY
SUNDAY DECEMBER 15th**

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This poem was written following the atrocities of 9/11/01

If I Knew

If I knew it would be the last time
That I'd see you fall asleep,
I would tuck you in more tightly
and pray the Lord, your soul to keep.

If I knew it would be the last time
that I see you walk out the door,
I would give you a hug and kiss
and call you back for one more.

If I knew it would be the last time
I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise,
I would video tape each action and word,
so I could play them back day after day.

If I knew it would be the last time,
I could spare an extra minute
to stop and say 'I Love You',
instead of assuming you would KNOW I do.

If I knew it would be the last time
I would be there to share your day,
Well, I'm sure you'll have so many more,
so I can let just this one slip away

For surely there's always tomorrow
to make up for an oversight,
and we always get a second chance
to make everything just right.

There will always be another day
to say 'I Love You',
and certainly there's another chance
to say our 'Anything I can do?'

But just in case I might be wrong
and today is all I get,
I'd like to say how much I love you
and I hope we never forget.

Tomorrow is not promised to anyone,
young or old alike,
and today may be the last chance
you get to hold your loved one tight.

So if you're waiting for tomorrow,
why not do it today?
for if tomorrow never comes,
you'll surely regret the day

that you didn't take that extra time
for a smile, a hug or a kiss
and you were too busy to grant someone
what turned out to be their one last wish.

So hold your loved ones close today
and whisper in their ear,
Tell them how much you love them
and that you'll always hold them dear.

Take time to say 'I'm sorry',
'Please forgive me', 'Thank you', or 'It's OK'.
And if tomorrow never comes,
you'll have no regrets about today.

anon

Short story competition entry date looms

A reminder to all you budding authors out there – November 15th is the final date for entries for the *Trio* short story competition. The competition is again sponsored by Amy Richmond in memory of her late husband Bob.

A total of £100 worth of tokens are up for grabs. Your short story should be a maximum of 1500 words with a theme of Port Isaac. Other than that the only restrictions are your imagination.



Prizes will be awarded in age categories so everyone is in with a chance. The winning entries will be printed in the Christmas issue of *Trio*.

Send your entry to *Trio*, 3 Trewetha Lane, Port Isaac, Cornwall PL29 3RN; or hand it in at Secrets; or email it to deesam@btopenworld.com

Remember, remember the ninth of November!

The final arrangements have been made for the St Endellion Parish Firework Display on Saturday November 9th.

From 6.00pm in the top car park
Soup and roll – 50p
Local homemade steak pasties –
£1.00

Plus, of course, raffle tickets

6.15pm – Big Ron and Simon B will start this year's display, including a finale finish! We anticipate a 30-minute display

The best and safest place to watch will be the top car park. Free car parking and open toilets plus St John's Ambulance cover (just in case).

The raffle ticket draw will be made in the Crow's Nest opposite the car park at 9.30pm. All the prizes will be on display there from 5.00pm

No Bonfire this year

We are apparently not the only ones who have cancelled bonfires this year. Rumours are that at least two other local villages have decided that 'enough is enough'. The National Trust, who own Port Gaverne Beach, have been informed so, please, no dumping rubbish this year.

However, most of the comment we have received believes that it won't be the same without a bonfire and we agree. So you all have ten months to come up with an alternative to the conventional bonfire on Port Gaverne Beach. Preferably something original, interesting and safe.

We are also interested in increasing the entertainment on Firework Night in the future. Any ideas? Between four and five hundred people usually attend the fireworks. We would gladly advertise any exhibitions or late night shopping (?) on our firework posters.

Comments and donations to Port Isaac Firework Fund.

Andy Penny, 01208 880985
Ron Holmes, 01840 213984



The Christmas *Trio* will be published on December 11th. The copy date for anything you would like to be included is Monday December 2nd.

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

Basically you have two options (see examples). Just send in your message – hand in at Secrets or put it through the letterbox or send in the post to 3 Trewetha Lane, Port Isaac, Cornwall PL29 3RN – along with the appropriate payment (cheques made payable to *Trio*) to arrive BY NO LATER THAN **MONDAY DECEMBER 2nd**

A – £3

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Love Dee

B – £6

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love Sam



Don't blame the ticket seller: she's only doing her job!

At the time of going to press there are still a few tickets for the first night performance (Saturday December 21st) and the Sunday afternoon matinee (Sunday December 22nd) of 'Peter Pan'.

If you want one of the few tickets that are left call Dee on 01208 880862 or 880905 straight away. You may be lucky! Failing that the only other option is to look out for ticket touts on the night!



Village Hall access a step nearer to being solved ...

You are probably all getting fed up of hearing about our plans for improving the access and the toilet facilities at the Village Hall. We are getting fed up of just talking about things and are itching to get moving. We are therefore very pleased to say that finally things are beginning to seem a bit more positive.

We have recently met with several members of North Cornwall District Council - the Environment Officer, a Design & Planning Officer and the Community Development Officer. We had a very constructive meeting and they were all as positive as we all are as to the way forward. It is a huge project which will include an improved access that caters for the disabled and better toilet facilities and a new disabled toilet - including a baby changing area - accessed from the Hall.

The Design & Planning Officer is currently putting together some initial drawings for us and a local architect has agreed to come on board and draw the actual plans and guide us through the planning procedures. These plans and detailed costings will then accompany our applications for grants towards the cost of this work. The initial thoughts from NCDC are that these costs will be in the region of £35,000!

So where are we going to get this sort of money from? The good news is that the Community Development Officer - Janine Sargent - is going to help us with our applications for grants towards the costs of the above improvements. In addition we need a letter from our Parish Council to accompany our applications showing the support of the Parish Council for the project and also, in one case, the Parish Council do need to make a financial contribution in the region of £1000. We have written to the Parish Council asking for its help.

It would also help our applications if we could include some letters from the local community particularly explaining the difficulties with the access.

Obviously the Village Hall will have to make a substantial contribution to any project and our fundraising is continuing in top gear. In addition, our work on the project - both administrative and physical - will be included as part of our financial contribution.



This project is totally independent of STEER although several of its members are actively involved and supportive of the Village Hall. STEER has also very kindly included two questions in their instigated Parish Plan that will help with our grant applications.

We'll keep you up-to-date with developments each month in *Trio* but in the meantime, please hand your letters to a member of the Village Hall committee or send them to the Village Hall Committee, c/o 3 Trewetha Lane, Port Isaac, Cornwall PL29 3RN or email us at: deesam@bopenworld.com

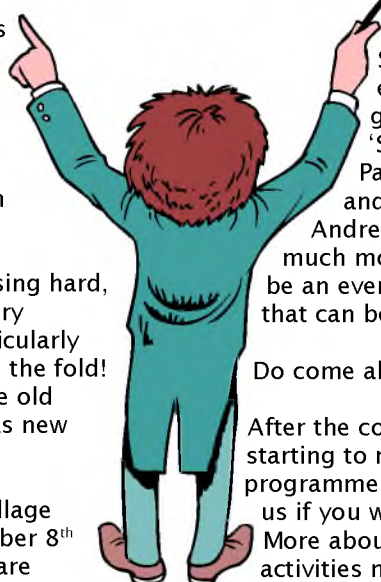
Steve Appleby
Village Hall Chairman

Port Isaac Chorale in concert

Our request for more Basses has resulted in several new men in the choir and we now making quite a magnificent sound ('most of the time' Janet says!) with about 35 singers.

We have been rehearsing hard, as well as having a very enjoyable time - particularly with 'Smartie' back in the fold! It is great to see some old friends back as well as new faces.

Come along to the Village Hall on Friday November 8th and listen to us. We are



giving an evening of 'Songs from the Shows'. There will be excerpts from some great musicals like 'Showboat', 'South Pacific', 'Les Miserables' and the musicals of Andrew Lloyd-Webber plus much more. Hopefully it will be an evening of popular music that can be enjoyed by everyone.

Do come along and support us.

After the concert we will be starting to rehearse a Christmas programme - a good time to join us if you were thinking about it. More about our Christmas activities next month.



Sunday December 15th is Christmas Party Day at the Village Hall. Our Children's Party starts at 4.00pm. There will be a special Christmas tea, lots of fun and games and Santa has promised to call in before everyone goes home at 6 o'clock.



From 7.00pm to 10.00pm there will be a 'Coke & Crisps' Christmas Party Disco to which everyone is invited.

Date set for Hospice Day 2003

Saturday February 8th is the date for next year's Port Isaac Mount Edgcombe Hospice Day. Following last year's success we are again going to be in the Village Hall – that little bit of extra room really made a difference. However, we will again be making a donation to the Church Rooms as a thank you for their many years of support.

The date has been set a little earlier than usual so that is some time between the Hospice Day and the planned Air Ambulance fundraiser. Other than that, things will follow a similar format as before. Lots of bargains to be had plus cakes, raffles and anything else we can think of to raise more money plus lunches from Janet and her team.

So why not have a pre-Christmas clear out. We're going to be really picky this year and say 'we only want things you would want to buy yourself'. No tat! And no clothes.

It's hard to think we could beat last year's record takings of £1770 but we'll give it a go.

Most of us have personal experience of the wonderful care given by the staff at Mount Edgcombe. None of us know when we may have need of the special care they give and the comfort they bring to so many. Mount Edgcombe is mostly funded by voluntary donations and our Hospice Day is our way of supporting.



If you have anything you would like to donate to the sale or would like to help or would like to give a donation please call me on 01208 880905 or 880862.

If you could hang on to anything you have until after Christmas it would be a real help but if not, well ... I'll sort something out.

Dee

Pattern of Life - a Cornish Gamsey

The late Mr Moore, of the Anchorage at the bottom of Roscarrock Hill, was a great collector of cuttings from newspapers and magazines – particularly any articles that referred to Port Isaac. Mrs Moore has given *Trio* a copy of an article about the Cornish Guernsey – or gansey – the traditional woollen garment of Cornishmen and fishermen in particular.

There were no patterns but fishing villages throughout the West Country all had their own individual design – Port Isaac, Bude, Polperro, St Ives, Sennen, the Isles of Scilly to name a few. Within each tiny port were individual family variations to the design. One of the reasons for this was in case your man was drowned at sea and his face eaten away by sea creatures, then his gansey would tell you where he came from and probably who he was.

Knitting was a necessary occupation for Cornish women for both domestic and financial reasons. Often the women bore the brunt of bringing up their families either because their men were at sea or because they had gone abroad to find work. Contract knitting became a cottage industry. An agent brought supplies of yarn one month, returning the following

month for the knitted garments. At the beginning of this century the going rate was 3s 6d (17½p) for an entire complicated gansey. If a fault was found she was only paid 2s (10p). An experienced knitter could make a gansey a week.

Knitting was very much a social activity, much of it taking place outdoors when the weather was fine and between the heavy manual and domestic work which went on.

Port Isaac's Jim Honey tells the story of his granny who knitted hundreds of ganseys. 'She only knitted for her own, they were masterpieces and they were all different... All here boys had one. Uncle Willie lost his and couldn't find it anywhere and Granny was some made. She had a stall every week at Rock and Padstow markets. Twelve months after, Granny saw a man wearing Uncle Willie's jersey. "Here", she said, "you got my boy's jersey on". "I hab'n" he said. "Yes, you have", she said and called a policeman to arrest him. "How do you know this is your boy's jersey?" the policeman asked. "You make'n lift up his arms" said Granny. "You'll see I knitted a W under one arm and an S under the other and my boy's name is William Steer – what's his?" Various extracts from *'Cornish Guernseys and Knit Frocks'* by Mary Wright.

It really seems as if the season is winding down now - and getting wetter! It is time to get everything tidied up and cut down if necessary. It always seems a bit mean to me when I cut back a plant when it is still partially in flower but you have to be cruel to be kind. The base of the plant needs to gather up all its strength for next year's flower display. There are plenty of autumn and winter flowering plants to brighten things up for the next few months and in our climate the spring flowers seem to come earlier and earlier each year.

In the Garden with GFL

Do tidy away all the dead leaves and foliage from around the base of shrubs. Not only does it look tidier but it helps prevent pests lurking ready to be a nuisance come the warmer weather next year.

Getting rid of all the rubbish is a problem especially if you have no bonfire site. Special bags can be purchased from NCDC for the rubbish men to take away or it's a trip to the tip.

Bulb planting time is here again. I wish I could remember where the last lot went in so when I put the trowel in I don't cut the odd one in half! If one was really efficient one would have the places all marked on a plan!

GFL

Monk's monthly mutterings!



I remember the first time I came to Port Isaac in 1954 at the age of twenty, thinking "not a bad place; smells a bit of raw sewage; a lot of broken windows; none of the front doors fit properly; the kids all look a bit raggle taggle". But, I thought, "Nobody can spoil the view. And who would want to?"

I've seen a good many places, often of great beauty, ruined by a few people in search of 'progress and big business' – the Brazilian rainforests, Newquay, Costa del Sol, Padstow, Lands End, London, to name but a few – all spoilt by people looking for the big dollar. And what happened to the natives? They were either wiped out, bought out, moved out or put in council estates on the outskirts of town.

Now, I wasn't born in Port Isaac, my mum and dad didn't bring me here on holiday, I wasn't evacuated here. I chose to live here of my own free will. In nineteen eighty something, I'd saved enough pennies to buy a house here, all because I rather liked the place.

Putting 'the records even straighter', in thirty-two years of 'diving', I've dived comparatively few times out of Port Isaac. I've never driven a four-wheel drive or towed a speedboat (except the lifeboat and the RNLI quad) and have never left a wetsuit or any other diving gear 'strewn' on the beach. My diving out of Port Isaac consisted of being involved in bringing up the gun outside the Lion, a bit of salvage work and a bit of survey work. I have never wanted to keep other people out; they are as welcome as the flowers in May as far as I'm concerned.

But I will use my right to voice my opinion to fight for my home and its environs and to have a say in how council tax, income tax and grants are spent.

Sometimes, well-meaning people, but sometimes biased or misguided people, want to change things. Sometimes these changes can have catastrophic effects. When, perhaps, their children or their children's children are living in blocks of flats with drug dealers on every corner, every front door padlocked and barred, muggings and break-ins commonplace, somewhere five or six miles out of Port Isaac, perhaps – only perhaps – they may think 'life in Port Isaac at the beginning of the twenty-first century was pretty bloody good'!

Still, as my granny used to say, 'What's this got to do with the cost of cough drops to the King of Prussia?'

What I really want to ask is – I am looking for some willing, eager volunteers, able to climb ladders and who know which end of a light bulb to plug in, who can spend a few hours on a windy street in drizzle and who believe in Santa Claus, to help Byron and me with the Christmas lights. If you've got a bit of time in early November and meet the above criteria and you aren't too p____d off with Monk's Mutterings please phone 880651.

Bob Monk

Saturday December 14th is the night for this year's Big Christmas Lights Switch-on.
Children from Port Isaac School will be providing some of the entertainment along with the St Breward Band, carols, mulled wine and mince pies. 6.00pm onwards

Trelights Village Christmas Lights

Friday December 13th

Switch on 7.00pm at Trelights Post Box and then at Farmhouse

Reviving the Port Isaac Carnival?

The Village Hall Committee has been discussing resurrecting the Port Isaac Carnival. This could be a major fundraiser for every organisation in the village.

If anyone is interested in joining a working party to progress things further then contact Janet Chadband on 01208 880262.

Martyn Joseph & Steve Knightley 'Up Close'

An evening not to be missed at Port Isaac Pottery on January 26th 2003.

Audiences in Port Isaac are familiar with the songs of Steve Knightley through his 'Show of Hands' concerts at the Pottery. This time he is performing in concert with Martyn Joseph who has toured with Jools Holland, Art Garfunkel and Celine Dion.

Together with Tom Robinson, Steve and Martyn had a highly successful CD and tour this year called 'Faith, Folk & Anarchy'.

Catch them in Port Isaac. Tickets £10 from the Pottery on 01208 880625.

A spy in the camp!

I wonder how many Port Isaac people know that there was once a real live spy staying in the village?

My grandparents were Richard and Sarah Parsons and they originally lived in a house opposite the 'Wheelhouse'.

My grandfather, who was a shoemaker – Cordwainer in an earlier terminology – had a workshop at the rear of the Golden Lion where he made boots and shoes for the villagers and also for the local 'gentry'. He was also a teacher of the violin and he used to give lessons at home after work.

In the early 1900s they moved from the bottom of the village to the top of Front Hill – now Fore Street – where they became one of the first to set up a 'Guest House' in Port Isaac. The house was called 'Tredethlyn' and it has subsequently been renamed 'Trethowey'.

In July 1914, when the clouds of war were gathering over Europe, a distinguished looking gentleman of German origin booked to stay with my grandparents for two days – July 24th and 25th – telling them he was on a walking holiday in Cornwall. He asked if he could have a room of his own where he could dine and, because he had heard my mother playing the piano when he arrived, he asked if she would play to him in the evening after he had eaten.

After he had had his meal, my mother, who was then a young woman of 23, went to move the tablecloth, but he asked her to leave it as he wished to sit at the table while she played.

My mother was brilliant pianist and could play most of the classical repertoire from memory, so although she had the music in front of her she was able to watch his reflection in the polished front of the piano. Every time she began playing he would quietly turn back the cloth and begin writing on paper hidden underneath. As soon as she stopped playing at the end of each piece he would cover it up.

He did the same thing the following evening and my mother was convinced that he was an enemy agent. My grandparents did not take much notice at first but by the second night my grandfather also became suspicious. In later years he would not talk about it, but I suspect he notified the local police and was then sworn to secrecy under the Official Secrets Act which had come into force in 1911. At any event, the 'spy' – for spy he was – was arrested on August 14th 1914, just nine days after his stay in Port Isaac. His name was Kurt von Weller and he wrote a beautiful entry in the Visitor's Book, pinning to it a sprig of white heather.



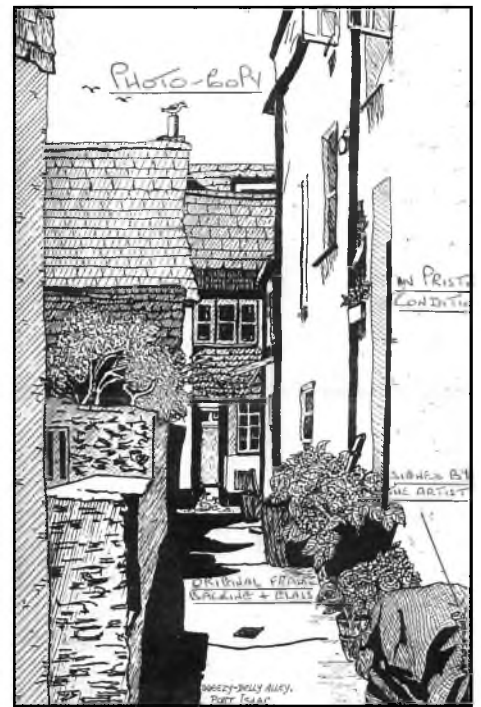
←The extract from the Visitor's Book that read, 'Friendly faces as the sunshine in the house and the music brings our thoughts to higher ideals, as the murmur of the waves and the crying of the wind.
Many thanks
Kurt von Weller

Years later, my mother was sent a copy of an article from a book entitled, 'The Story of Secret Service' by Richard Wilmer Brown. In it was a map of the British Isles showing where various spies were arrested, including von Weller who was arrested near Padstow, just ten days after war had been declared on Germany.

It would be fascinating to know if anyone else has heard this story as it is a piece of Port Isaac history that should not go unrecorded.

Whilst writing, my best wishes to all my relatives and friends who read *Trio*. I hope to return to my 'Pertissick' roots in the not too distant future.

Priscilla Milne (nee Hoskin)
Alvah-by-Banff, Scotland



For sale

'Squeezy Belly Alley' print of a drawing by the late Port Isaac artist, Ted Robinson.

In pristine condition and could be displayed immediately.

£18 including postage.

Please telephone 01386 840365.

This is the print that instigated last month's article in *Trio* about Ted Robinson. Mr & Mrs Snowden, the sellers, are now retired from HM Diplomatic Service. They purchased the print at a 'Brocant' (antique fair) in a village just outside Paris some years ago and recently came across it again when they were sorting through some old boxes. Mrs Snowden thought it would be nice for the print to 'come home' hence the initial contact with the Parish Council and now with *Trio*.

XMAS FAYRE

Tuesday December 3rd



2.00pm



Trelights Chapel

**Bric-a-Brac, Cakes,
Books etc**

*Proceeds to Air Ambulance and
the Children's Hospice SW*

ALL WELCOME

Parish Council news

The Parish Council has been working in rather difficult circumstances over the last two months and regrets it was unable to contribute to the last issue of Trio. The death of our former chairman Bryan Richards closely followed by the sudden resignation and departure of our clerk Lyn Prescott has meant we have taken a little time to pick up the threads and continue business as usual.

Firstly we should like to pay a tribute to Bryan Richards. He was well liked and respected, a first class chairman who worked tirelessly for the parish. For as long as his health held up he continued to work behind the scenes to progress parish matters. He leaves a great gap of experience, knowledge and dedication to the well being of St Endellion parish and its parishioners. He will be greatly missed by us all.

David Phelps has agreed to take on the chairmanship of the Council. Other councillors have filled the various vacancies on subcommittees left by Bryan. Barbara Bell is welcomed as a new councillor (co-opted to fill the vacancy left by Byron Buse).

We are very sorry to have lost Lyn Prescott as our clerk and would like to record our appreciation for her work. We are most grateful to Robin Penna who has agreed to cover Lyn's main duties whilst we look for a new clerk. The post has now been advertised. Our thanks also to David Jennings who offered to arrange the rota for Hospital Car Service volunteers, a job which Lyn had taken on for the parish.

At the October meeting of the Council significant progress was made in several areas which until now for reasons outside our control had been 'on hold', namely the Main, the skateboard area and the BMX track.

The Parish Council and the Friends of the Main are now in a position to complete the formalities to pass responsibility for the maintenance and management of the Main to the Friends. In September it was necessary to close access to the slate quay for reasons of safety. The Friends have agreed to make the repair to the quay a priority so that it can be reopened. Obviously this work will be heavily dependent on the weather, so please be patient.

At last the work to improve visibility at the entrance to the playing fields has been completed. The Council's frustration at the delays to this work (largely due to Planning and Highways) cannot be overstated. It means we are now in position to make progress on providing a skateboard area for the children's use. The Fisherman's Friends have generously agreed to donate up to £4,500 towards the cost of the project and the Council will closely match this contribution. Initially the area will be tarmaced and fenced off (for safety) from the remaining car park area. We may be able to source further funding before finalising plans for equipment on it.

There have been a number of misunderstandings about the BMX track between the Council and various parties involved in the past, which it's not helpful to pursue. The Council has now had a health and safety inspection carried out by RoSPA and there is some work still to be done. The Council has decided it will adopt and maintain the track for twelve months initially and then review the cost of continuing to maintain it and its actual use by the children. Keeping children off the roads is a parish priority.

Because of the difficulties in September, finalisation of the Parish Plan questionnaire had to be put on hold for a month. We are now aiming for final approval of the questionnaire at the Parish Council's next meeting, followed by its printing and distribution to the community shortly after. This will be your chance to give your views on a whole range of questions, including provision of community and social services, housing needs, encouraging more business, public transport, as well as the various regeneration projects that have been suggested.

In addition to the usual administrative, financial and planning matters and reports the Council deals with every month, two recent concerns have been

raised. We are currently exploring the most effective way to replace the rather dilapidated village signage to Port Isaac. Cornwall County Council is to be asked if street lighting can be improved in the vicinity of the village hall and the entrance to the playing field.

There is still a vacancy on the council, the chairman, David Phelps, would like to hear from anyone willing to serve the community in this way.

Members of the public are most welcome to come along to any of our meetings.

Sue Foster, Parish Councillor

NCDC Housing Survey

NCDC has commissioned a company called PPS Ltd to carry out a survey of one-thousand non council owned properties in North Cornwall. The properties have been selected at random and we are writing to the occupiers concerned. The survey is confidential, takes about half an hour and the results will help us plan our housing policies for the future. The surveyor will be gathering information about the condition of the building; energy efficiency, safety hazards, fire safety in houses divided into flats and bedsits; needs of the disabled and any issues of noise or crime and disorder. All the surveyors will be issued with identity cards by NCDC.

If anyone picked for the survey has any concerns about this, they can ring our Principal Environmental Health officer, Peter Hilton 01208 893404. It is not compulsory to take part but obviously we would encourage this so that the results will be more representative of the state of property across the whole of North Cornwall.

No-one should let anyone in their house unless they are satisfied that they are genuine callers. If you want to check the identity of anyone who says they are from the council, ring our switchboard on 01208 893333.

**More words that are difficult
to say when you've
been drinking:
Preliminary, Proliferation;
Cinnamon, Innovative**

Dear Trio

Bob Clark

Have you say!

Send your letters to
Trip

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Dear Trio

Andy Penny, Port Isaac

where were all the locals?

Dear Trio

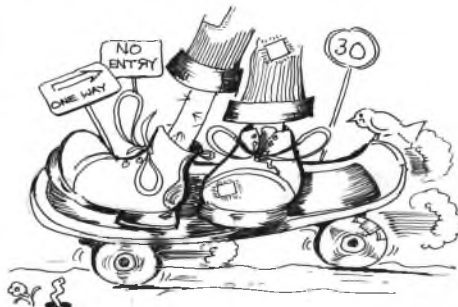
Joyce Riley, Romsey, Hants

let's get back to some reasonable debate

Dear Trio

While I am having a go, the kids on skateboards on Hartland Road. One hundred per cent safer there, rather than lunatics hurtling down Trewetha Lane, Fore Street and New Road on bikes and skateboards. They'd make a hell of a mess on the front of a delivery lorry the week before Christmas.

Andy Penny, Port Isaac



Floating Harbour debate continues

Dear Trio

I have been following the debate raised by Jack Rowe about the issue of a floating harbour for Port Isaac. As someone born and bred in the village (and an ex-pat of some twelve years!) and also as I now reside on the shores of the Solent in Hampshire (with an active participation in sailing) I felt moved to put pen to paper.

There is no question that the village is changing in its nature and if a thriving maritime future is to be preserved 'something' needs to happen. I would be careful not to draw too many comparisons with the area in which I now live. They are so diverse. However, the benefits of attracting those who enjoy 'all' types of boating and sailing, whether commercial or otherwise, are obvious and speaking as somebody whose home will always be the village I would, in principle, be in favour of such a development.

There are some immediate issues which occur to me should such a project be considered a REAL possibility.

Firstly, the vast revenue that would be needed to fund such a large construction. Many millions of pounds would be required not just to start such a project but also to develop the surrounding area.

Secondly, the construction itself. Those who have been in the village long enough will know of the massive forces behind frequent storms and in particular the huge ground seas that 'batter' the harbour courtesy of the Atlantic Ocean. Although of course no expert, I do not believe that a 'boulder' breakwater would be sufficient to withstand such sustained poundings. Thus introducing the need for an in depth research into what would be the best type of breakwater to be constructed. Bearing in mind that this structure could also be used, amongst other things, for providing refuelling facilities for those that use it.

Thirdly, and just as importantly, there is no question that the infrastructure



of the parish at present is little equipped to cope with the increase in industry, tourism, traffic and the many varied demands that would be made of a marina type complex. No doubt those who would be against such a development will secure this as a basis for their argument.

At the small number of harbours/ marinas I have sailed to in the last five years, both on the Solent and on the Cherbourg peninsula, it has been more than apparent to me that such ambitious ideas as those now being discussed for the village have already taken place, successfully!

Dear Trio

PORT ISAAC HARBOUR WALLS

You published a letter in the October *Trio* under the heading 'A few words from STEER,' which commented on Port Isaac Harbour Commissioners plan to repair their harbour's eastern breakwater. It also referred to the recent suggestion to build a new outer harbour wall from Port Isaac's Lobber Point to the mouth of the Port Gaverne inlet, creating a 'floating' harbour.

The letter referred to a front-page report in the Cornish Guardian of the St Endellion Economic Regeneration (STEER) September meeting (*Harbour Plans Thrown Out - 12 September*) and alleged that I submitted the story to the newspaper. It went on to say 'why spend £250,000 (*the approximate cost of the repair of the eastern breakwater*) on a purely cosmetic basis when the money could be put to much better use'. Finally it suggested that the result of the St

Endellion Parish Plan appraisal would help STEER decide which scheme to support. None of these statements are correct.

The Cornish Guardian report was mainly based on minutes it received from STEER and both the minutes and the Guardian report were accurate. STEER resolved to support the Harbour Commissioners application for European Objective One funding and other public money for the breakwater repairs. STEER also decided to give no further consideration to the funding of a feasibility study into an outer harbour wall until the Parish Plan appraisal is complete. STEER cannot subsequently decide which scheme it will support because it has already committed itself to the Harbour Commissioners scheme to repair the eastern breakwater.

The management of Port Isaac harbour is the sole responsibility of its Harbour Commissioners, a statutory body including representatives nominated by the

Department of the Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), North Cornwall District Council (NCDC) and harbour users. STEER is an economic regeneration forum for the Parish of St Endellion and has no role in the management of Port Isaac harbour.

The Harbour Commissioners have obtained expert professional advice from consulting engineers about the essential structural repairs necessary to preserve the eastern breakwater and it is a matter of public record that they have applied to the Government for EU Objective One funding of part of the cost. Their funding application is supported by matched funding offers from a number of other public bodies including DEFRA, Cornwall County Council, NCDC, the Government's South West Regional Development Agency and St Endellion Parish Council. All have given careful consideration to the proposal and the professional recommendations of the consulting

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Getting young people involved in local democracy

The North Cornwall Youth Forum is supported by NCDC and the County Youth Service. It aims to give young people more of a voice in local issues and what is happening around them.

Over the next four months the North Cornwall Youth Forum is running a project called "Shape Your World" – a chance for young people to stand up

and be counted. As part of this two youth forum members will be spending a week at NCDC finding out what goes on and how decisions are made. The youth forum welcomes new members. Just ring NCDC's Sarah Wilce 01208 265631 for more details.

District Council elections

Next May elections will be held for the new North Cornwall District Council. Being a councillor is hard work but can also be very rewarding. For information about how to stand for election, contact our electoral services officer, Jenny Bennett.

We are very keen to encourage local people to use their vote. If a postal vote would be more convenient for you, we can easily arrange this. Again, just contact Jenny for details.

At the next election the number of councillors on NCDC will be cut

from 38 to 36. This is as a result of electoral ward changes following a review by the Boundary Commission.



Jenny Bennett can be contacted on 01208 893270 or email jenny.bennett@ncdc.gov.uk

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engineers, none of which are 'cosmetic'. The Commissioners have also received expressions of support from the Duchy of Cornwall and STEER. The organisation of which I am a voluntary (unpaid) board member, Regeneration North Cornwall, is now assisting the Commissioners with their funding applications.

The suggestion that public money awarded to repair the eastern breakwater could be put to much better use does not stand up to scrutiny. There are no other schemes on the table right now that would qualify for public funding and the eastern breakwater will not survive in its present condition. A vague suggestion for a new outer harbour wall, a highly controversial concept that would cost millions of pounds with little prospect of public funding, is not a serious alternative to the repair scheme that the Harbour Commissioners have been advised by their consulting engineers to implement.

A report commissioned by Cornwall County Council's enterprise agency into strategic development of the County's ports and harbours highlighted the difficulty of seaward access in bad weather and lack of facilities as two reasons why many of Cornwall's minor harbours are unsuitable for development as yacht havens. Both reasons apply to Port Isaac.

The economic regeneration argument for an outer harbour wall from Lobber Point is questionable. At first sight it might look like a good idea but a new outer wall in

such an exposed position, capable of withstanding the powerful seas that we have seen over the last month, would have to be a very substantial structure. It would block the view from the Platt over the existing breakwaters to the open sea beyond. This view is a key feature of Port Isaac's almost unique character as a picturesque and unspoilt historic working harbour, which draws thousands of tourists every year and underpins its businesses, local employment and holiday accommodation revenue.

An outer wall enclosing a floating harbour would also raise a number of fishing conservation issues. It would provide a temporary haven for the larger capacity crabs operating from the south coast and other European ports with the obvious risk that the local fishermen's voluntary 'V-cut return' lobster conservation scheme would be ignored and lobster and crab stocks soon fished out, as they have been elsewhere. If that happened there would be no working boats, large or small, left in Port Isaac harbour.

Another factor to be taken into account is Planning Policy because there is no provision in the North Cornwall Local Plan for a major expansion of the harbour. It is reasonable to assume that North Cornwall planners and non-governmental organisations concerned with the preservation of the Heritage coastline and the environment would have serious concerns if this outer wall concept ever became a planning application.

It would have major visual, ecological and surface access impacts and create considerable pressure for further development in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. English Heritage has listed a number of historic buildings around the harbour and the National Trust owns the foreshore and other properties in Port Gaverne, which would also be affected. These national organisations have well deserved reputations for defending heritage sites and Britain's coastline from inappropriate commercial development.

I have met with one of the authors of the *Trio* letter and suggested that there may be a good case for enlarging one or both of the existing breakwaters to improve protection of the harbour from strong seas without changing its character. It is, however, an issue for the Harbour Commissioners to decide.

I am sure Regeneration North Cornwall will continue to provide assistance to the Harbour Commissioners if it is requested, particularly for proposals that look ahead to the impact of global climatic changes on the weather and tides and the continuing need to protect houses and businesses around Port Isaac harbour from flood damage and cliff erosion.

Martin Bell, Port Isaac

**The next meeting of
STEER is on Thursday
November 14th in the
Church Rooms.
Everybody welcome**

Colour rhymes

The September *Trio* asked for words that rhyme with Orange, Silver and Purple.

Orange is an old chestnut in such lists but seems to present little difficulty. The second syllable of Orange is usually pronounced with an "i" sound which means that a whole raft of words in "inge" can be used, some with a prefatory r-sound: fringe, cringe, tinge, hinge, impinge, etc. If you prefer an "unge" pronunciation there is lunge and plunge as well as grunge which appears to be acceptable to my word-checker! Orangey seems to rhyme with bungee which solves another problem.

Although no words seem to match "ilver", elver, delver, salver and solver all echo the second syllable and there is a whole range of words ending in "ver": aver, ever, river, over, etc.

Purple is the difficult one. Perhaps poets are best advised to avoid it! The only rhyme I can offer for "rple" is Lewis Carroll's nonsense word "vorpel":

He took his vorpal sword in hand:
Long time the manxome foe he sought --
So rested he by the Tumtum tree,
And stood awhile in thought.

Jaberwocky

There is a Worpel Road in London SW19 so it may have had a meaning before him.

For the last syllable only there is: pull, triple, simple, dimple, wimple, etc.

*Andrew Lewis
Drakes, Port Isaac*

**Barbara and family
wish to thank everyone
who gave donations in
lieu of flowers for Bryan,
to The Sunrise Appeal.
The total amount was
£589.37.**

**Thank you for your
generosity.**

Barbara

A wedding thank you

Thank you to everyone who came to and helped out at our wedding. We won't even try to name you all individually for fear of missing someone out there were so many of you!! But we will get to you all in time with our thanks.

We both had the most blissful weekend and no words can thank you adequately for all you did for us. Our family and friends who came to the village have gone away with wonderful memories.

As for Gary and I, we feel both humbled and very privileged to be part of your community. All the money in the world couldn't have bought the wedding you gave us and we will live for the rest of our lives in awe of the people of Port Isaac. You made our 'Big Day' a day that, to us, will never be beaten!!!

Thank you all so much.

God bless.

*Maggie & Gary
xxx*



Carn Awn Singers

The singers recommenced practices in early October after a well-earned break following a busy summer.

The first concert of the new season took place at Lamerton on October 20th and several are planned for November and December. Some new items have been added to the repertoire so if you are planning a concert and would like the singers to take part, or you require any further information, please contact Barbara Richards on 01208 880575.



Magical Managers 02/03

Division One

1	THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE	Paul Honey	241pts
2	ST TUDY TORPEDOS	Tom Lobb	231pts
3	LOW HANGING FRUITS	Jamie Hewett	227pts
4	MOTS FLYERS	Tom Cleave	226pts
5	SPARKS UTD	Steve & Julie Hewett	224pts

Division Two

1	MUDGUTS MARAUDERS	Ann Cleave	249pts
2	UN-REAL MADRID	Charlie Guard	236pts
3	FALLDOWNERS	Bill Bissett	232pts
4	GUNDOG	David Philp	217pts
5	GHETTO PIMPS	Bobby Skinner	212pts

Division Three

1	THE TROWELS	Des Pooley	230pts
2	ROD'S ROVERS	Rod Baker	226pts
3	ANCHORAGE	James Durston	192pts
4	SMARTIES UTD	Jenni Tiddy	182pts
5	JENNI'Z	Bill & Jean Herring	180pts

PLAYER OF THE MONTH - ALAN SHEARER - Newcastle Utd
(up to October 25th)

Paul & Kev

The In and Out of Eating

by James Platt



About twenty years ago I was one of a team of three involved in the assessment of a mining project in the vicinity of Silver City, New Mexico. Perhaps this should be described as an alleged team, since in business teamwork tends to exist more on paper than in reality.

A couple of days after the team had commenced work a fourth colleague arrived to join it. He arrived, like D'Artagnan, late one morning at the small motel where we were staying, only to find that we had already departed for the day. He asked the motel desk clerk where he could find the team of three. The desk clerk looked puzzled for a while and then a slow beam of understanding spread over his face. "Oh!" he said, "You must be lookin' for them guys that talks funny!"

The desk clerk was dead right. Desk clerks are just about always dead right. They have seen it all. Talking funny is a genuine characteristic of many visitors, like our team that became four strong, who turn up in localities far from where they were born. Although, with the blending out of place specific accents as more and more people do travel and interact over ever-greater distances, perhaps talking funny doesn't now provide quite as much definition as it used to.

The quality of talking funny certainly marked a lot of visitors to Port Isaac in those well-remembered summers when the sun always seemed to shine for long and regular hours. The visitors came, they saw and they conquered at full board in the hotels and guesthouses that graced, and in many cases still continue to grace, the village. Sometimes the visitors stayed for a week, sometimes for longer, lending truth to the expression my mother often made at meal times that she would sooner keep us for a week than a fortnight.

On full board, such funny talking visitors to Port Isaac were entitled to partake of breakfast, morning coffee, lunch (which those of us who knew better called "*dinner*"), afternoon tea (which we called "*tea*"), and dinner in the evening (for which we had no equivalent since as far as we were concerned dinner at that time was a meal that didn't exist).

For reasons that were never clear, coffee was always associated with the morning, and tea with the afternoon. Why was there no morning tea or afternoon coffee? No one seemed to know. (It was Bob Hope who said that having tasted English coffee he fully appreciated why the English drank so much tea).

What was known was that those visitors who chose to take up the option of drinking afternoon tea in their hotels were not popular with those members of hotel staff who were obliged to serve them. The afternoon was supposed to be a time for rest for the staff, to allow them to gear themselves up for the supreme effort of serving dinner to the visitors in the evening. Thus, wet afternoons that filled up hotel lounges came to be regarded with dread.

Apart from talking funny and causing bother with their calls for afternoon tea there were a few other salient features that served to hallmark and contrast the average seasonal visitor to Port Isaac with a fair number of those of us who were resident in the village both in and out of season:

- ☐ They usually looked fairly clean.
- ☐ They sat on the Main and read books in the sunshine.
- ☐ They pronounced Gaverne as "*Gahverne*" rather than "*Gayverne*".
- ☐ They pronounced Varley as "*Vahrley*" and not "*Vairley*".
- ☐ They put jam on top of cream.
- ☐ They had a bath more than once a week.
- ☐ They often looked as if they were enjoying themselves.
- ☐ They were less than enthusiastic in handing over tips (although come to think of it, so were we, so this one doesn't count).
- ☐ Sometimes they chose to go out to eat their dinner in restaurants or cafes, in a practice they referred to as "*dining*".

In the local book, going out to eat a meal, unless it was to purchase a bag of chips from one of the two downtown chip shops, was a practice so unusual as to be covered with mystery.

Other than those hotel dining rooms that advertised themselves as "*open to non-residents*", there were really no other specific establishments set up as bona fide restaurants in Port Isaac, although there was an esteemed host of little cafes, celebrated examples of which were "*Harbour Caf *", the "*Wheelhouse*", "*Cliffside Caf *", and Mrs Strout's exceedingly celebrated institution down in the heart of Port Gaverne.

However, one day the "*Cornish Arms*" took up the quality restaurant banner in no less a place than Pendoggett, from which it can be supposed that the "*Cornish Arms*" has never looked back since. The "*Cornish Arms*" restaurant was of huge interest to the Port Isaac public, as its first master chef was none other than John Sherratt, the elder son of the famous Fore Street bakers.

John's menu of the day might look less than exotic by today's coriander stifled and celebrity swamped versions, but of its time it was so ground breaking as to be an object of wonder. Bowls of boiled potatoes soused in Oxo cube gravy, or plates of tetty uddle or pea soup, or the kind of rice puddings that some of us were always being told we couldn't knock the skin off (those were GOOD rice puddings) didn't hold pride of place on John's menu, which, to judge from the Intelligence that leaked out, focussed more on the marvels of duck with orange, of grilled meat and exotic roasts.

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It was also possible to marvel at the prices that were charged for such repasts, not so much for their value as such in pounds, shillings and pence, as for the fact that there were so many droves of people not only able but also willing to pay such prices. I came into contact with this price phenomenon when I spent one good summer working at the "*Slipway House*" hotel for the wonderfully kind proprietors Mr & Mrs Norman Reese. My immediate supervisor on the job was Mrs Jimmy Baker from Middle Street, for whom I came to regard with the greatest of respect. Among other things that Mrs Baker taught me was that my habit of stirring a teapot with a knife was to be frowned on. "*Stir with a knife, there's sure to be strife*," Mrs Baker said. So I didn't, and there wasn't.

My main duties at the "*Slipway House*" were sweeping floors, washing dishes and sometimes, when I was allowed, making beds. Then, for a while, I was let loose in the "*Slipway House*" garden to serve afternoon cream teas to those of the passing parade of visitors who dropped in to partake of the fare. I took great pains to keep away from the little pointy corner on the far right hand side of the garden, just above where the channelled Lake entered its dark tunnel to pass beneath Fore Street. The ashes of a former proprietor of the Slipway House were known to be scattered in that very corner on a flower bed and formed a much greater deterrent to trespass than the proprietor had opposed, or wanted to oppose, in life.

My special problem as a cream tea waiter was not so much in the serving of it while avoiding that corner, as in presenting the bill to the customers when their cream tea had been all consumed. I knew that the bill was viewed as very reasonable in price by the brand of people who went out to eat cream teas, although from my then limited perspective it seemed that never in the field of human catering was so much being charged to so few for so little – especially when those few so often had to be shown how to deal with the order of jam and cream.

I didn't last long as a waiter, but while it lasted the task was made memorable by an association with one gentleman and his lady wife, who made a few visits to the

Slipway House garden and so became familiars. The gentleman was very amenable, and, as an exception to prove a rule, once tipped me sixpence. My job suddenly seemed to be one with prospects. Mr Reece told me that my benefactor was none other than Lord Lansdowne, who he described as "*the Labour Peer*". That explained the tip. Had Lord Lansdowne been a Conservative peer I would still be waiting for a handout.

My encounter with Lord Lansdowne was not quite so enthusiastically accepted by the great majority of my elders and betters. For me to have spoken to a dining peer of the realm with familiarity was regarded by them with feelings approaching horror and held to have overlooked one of the obligations of the catechism that we had all been cajoled to learn by heart at Sunday school. It was an obligation that should have been, but all too evidently wasn't, at the front of my mind. This dictate of the catechism was of course that I was required "*to order myself lowly and reverently to all my betters*". It is interesting to read the whole catechism through from the vantage point of today, and while being happy that one once learned such a thing, puzzle how we came in all sincerity to accept such an absurd requirement as our duty.

A famous 19th century cartoon – published I think in "*Punch*" – depicts two ragged locals in a narrow alley, ostensibly somewhere in the North of England, although the alley has a look of Temple Bar about it. They observe a well-dressed top-hatted individual approaching. One of them says "*Cor, look Bill, 'ere comes a toff*" Bill replies "*'Eave 'arf a brick at 'im!*" There never was a better encapsulation than this cartoon of the way it really is behind the façade of deference when guys that talks funny show up. However Lord Lansdowne, you were indeed the personification of a "*toff*" and I accede to you as one of my betters.

The last word in eating out in an ambience where all were equal was the two Port Isaac chip shops, where for a few pennies you could get a handsome array of chips piled into a cone made from a torn square of a fairly recent newspaper, with salt and vinegar sprinkled liberally over the top, whether you wanted it or not.

One of the chip shops was run by Mrs Keat in lower Fore Street and the other by Gran Spry in Middle Street, just inside the first ope on the left as you walked up from the Town Platt. Both chip shops were characterised by a cosy, steamy internal atmosphere, held steady by baths of bubbling fat with chips and the odd piece of battered fish leaping into crisp desirability on its surface. If you came too early you might find that some of the chips (waste not want not) were of a similar vintage to the newspapers they were served in. The fat, or parts of it, may on the other hand have been substantially older, but we counted ourselves fortunate indeed that there was any fat at all.

The difference between the two chip shops was all in the nature of the chips. Mrs Keat's were ramrod straight and firm. Gran Spry's were as firm as a Salvador Dali clock and tended to mat together in the cone. Both varieties had their loyal adherents who swore by them, but sometimes, the chip shop you went to depended on how you felt on the night.

Sometimes, little errant balls of batter floated away from the fish pieces when the fish was lowered into the fat. Not infrequently some of these rogue batter satellites could get caught up in the chips. When you found a crunchy little ball of batter in with your chips, always at the bottom of the cone so that you had to excavate to reach it, you knew that if life was good before, it had just become even better, and that you would be eating out again in this way, and soon.

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ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Wanted in Port Isaac (or nearby) bungalow house or cottage, preferably detached (but anything considered) for long term let. Can pay very competitive rent and provide excellent references.

Tel: Amanda on 0208 347623 or 07986 388605

FAIR GAME FOR GAME FARE



I love game! I am a coward and could never shoot a bird, but I willingly accept a hare or a pheasant from a kind friend. This will most likely involve skinning the hare or plucking the pheasant and this I will do without flinching (too much!) although a butcher will invariably do this for you for a modest monetary reward.

I find plucking a bird without breaking the skin difficult and I am therefore inclined to skin it and then casserole it. My favourite recipe is from Normandy and incorporates eating apples that grow there in abundance. This year has produced a hefty apple crop in this country and it seems appropriate to use them when ever possible.

The second recipe this month uses seasonal mushrooms and will appeal to those of you who enjoy a mushroom hunt. Both recipes will serve up to four, depending on the size of the pheasant, the rabbit and of course, the appetites!

PHEASANT à la NORMANDE

1 large pheasant (jointed) * 6 Coxes apples - or similar eating apple
75g/3oz butter * 150ml/5fl oz double cream
salt, pepper, cinnamon * small glass calvados or whisky (optional)

METHOD 180°C/ 350°F/ gas4

Brown the pheasant in half of the butter, set aside, then core and peel the apples and slice into rings about $\frac{1}{2}$ cm thick. Fry these in the remaining butter and sprinkle with the cinnamon. Choose a casserole dish suitable for the pheasant and the apples to fit in snugly. Put a thin layer of apples at the bottom of the casserole, then top with the pheasant joints and then the remaining apples, season with salt and pepper, pour over the cream and cover with a tight fitting lid. Cook for 1 hour.

Warm the calvados or whisky in a small pan, do not boil. Carefully light with a match at the table and pour the flaming calvados over the pheasant. Serve with boiled potatoes and a vegetable of your choice.

RABBIT and MUSHROOM CASSEROLE

450g/1lb mushrooms - cleaned * 1 rabbit - jointed
seasoned flour * 75g/3oz butter
250g/8oz streaky bacon - if possible, in a piece and cubed
250g/8oz onion - chopped * large glass dry white wine or cider
bouquet garni * 1 large clove garlic - crushed * beef stock

METHOD 150°C/300°F/gas2

Fry the bacon and onions in the butter. Remove from the butter into a casserole. Toss the rabbit joints in the seasoned flour and then brown the rabbit in the remaining butter. Transfer to the casserole together with the mushrooms, bouquet garni, wine and garlic. Pour 275ml/10fl oz beef stock into the frying pan and stir in the meat and onion residue left in the pan. Bring to the boil and pour onto the rabbit, add more stock if necessary to cover the rabbit. Cook gently 2 - 3 hours until the meat is tender. Strain off the liquid and boil it to reduce it to concentrate the flavour, then pour over the rabbit and mushrooms.

Garnish with chopped parsley and triangles of crisply fried bread. Serve with plain boiled potatoes.

Trio Christmas copy dates

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DID YOU KNOW?

An octopus can squeeze its whole body through a space as small as its own eyeball!

Trelights titbits



Glad to report that John Prouse collected £91 for the National Childrens Homes (NCH) in his usual annual collection in the Village. With a Government contribution this is worth £455 to the NCH. Thank you once again Trelights for your generosity.

The Village Green Committee invite you to the switching on of our Christmas lights on Friday

December 13th. We meet at 7.00 pm outside the postbox for a short carol service and the official lighting up. Then we adjourn to the Farmhouse for free mulled wine and mince pies. Mark Hawken will be entertaining us with his music around the cosy log fire.

You are welcome to come along to join in the festivities, see the lights and our traditional stable scene on

News from the Gig Club

Earlier this year the sea seemed to be giving us a hard time but lately we have made the most of the wonderful Indian summer. The only problem now is the evenings are getting dark so early.

There has been a constant stream of eager juniors and if they could row as hard as they laugh we would be winning championships! We are also pleased to welcome some new members who have shown their commitment and enthusiasm to the club by taking part in race events and fundraisers.

Just recently we took Corsair down to Helford Passage for 'The Head of the River Race'. It was all a little short notice – lack of communication meant that we only had the date confirmed to us the day before. It was a case of loading the gig on the trailer and straight off to Helford. One member of the team left work in Windsor and drove straight down to take part.

Some of us hadn't realised quite how long the race was until just before we rowed out to the start line! Five miles! (A normal gig race is about 2½ miles!) The start was towards the mouth of the estuary and the finish at Gweek. It was a handicap event so all boats went out together with each gig given a time to be away from the start. Corsair, with a mixed crew – mixed in ability, gender and age – felt like the ones with the handicap! Some of the crews in front of us had been winning major events all season.

We knew we didn't have a chance of winning but we were up for a good race – and we had one. Coming 7th overall (from a start list of 10) and having boats behind us felt really good – if a little unusual! The evening was so beautiful, the tide high, the river quiet and the sun just setting, we decided to row back to Helford. That made it ten miles in total. Still time to party and enjoy the hospitality of the Helford Gig Club.

Last, but not least, our Gig Day in the summer was a great success and a big thank you to all who helped in so many different ways to make the day so much fun.

Dates for your diary:

November 7th – Port Isaac Rowing Club AGM in the Penhaligon Rooms at 8.00pm. Open to all

November 16th – Annual Dinner & Dance at the Castle Rock Hotel – look out for posters with more details.

The Village Hall Coffee Morning on October 26th raised a further £358 for Village Hall funds. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

the Green. It does seem early to talk about Christmas, but it has again crept up on us all - not many weeks to go now!!

Twitchers news - a pair of grey wagtails were spotted earlier in the month playing by the waterfall of a neighbour's pond.

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Hospital Car Service Needs You!

The St Endellion Hospital Car Service is a group of local residents who pledge a few hours each month to drive people living in the Parish to and from hospital appointments. Drivers receive a petrol allowance.

Some people, particularly elderly residents, would have great difficulty attending outpatients' clinics and other medical appointments without the Service. Unfortunately, three of our drivers have left or will shortly be leaving the Parish: we urgently need volunteers to take their places.

For sale - four tickets for David Gray and Special Guests Concert at Plymouth Pavilions on Monday 18th November at 8.00 pm. Original price £21.50 each - any reasonable offer accepted.
Contact Jill McDonnell
tel: 880031.

DELABOLE CARNIVAL COMMITTEE
XMAS PRIZE BINGO
AT POLDARK INN, DELABOLE
Wednesday November 27th
Eyes Down - 8.00pm
Doors open 7.00pm
Free entry
Everyone welcome
(children accompanied by an adult)

Women Priests? Women Bishops?

Ten years ago the Church of England made history when it decided to ordain women as priests. The vote in the General Synod, the Church's ruling body, took place on Wednesday 11th November 1992, thus adding a new dimension to a date already made famous by the Armistice.

It was a decision that had been a very long time in coming and it was greeted with joy and thanksgiving by many and by dismay and sadness by others.

I remember it vividly, because I was an ordination candidate in my first term of a three-year training course. I believed God had called me to the priesthood, but until that historic day, I didn't know if it was a call that would ever be fulfilled.

Along with many others, including those vehemently opposed to the move, and those who had waited for many long years to fulfil their vocation, I waited that day in a state of increasing tension. We all knew that the vote, whichever way it went, would be a close one.

I remember not being able to bear to watch the outcome on television that afternoon and instead remained in church where a candle had been left burning all day. At first I felt very cold, but gradually at about 4.40 pm I began to feel a warmth steal through me and a confidence that the tide was turning in our favour. Then, just after 5.00 pm, a friend and her son came into the church, threw their arms around me and told me the vote had been won by a narrow majority.

But celebration was not to be the keynote of the response, even by those in favour of the vote. We were sternly warned about the dangers of 'triumphalism' and, even without that warning, we were only too aware of the pain, disappointment and disquiet being experienced by those who had been against the vote. Even those who welcomed the idea of women priests in our local congregations were subdued in their response. In contrast, my largely secular colleagues in the school where I was teaching were quite uninhibited in their delight, their congratulations and their good wishes for my future ministry. It was both unexpected and heart-warming.

Although the vote to ordain women to the priesthood had been passed, it was another two and a half years before the first ten women were ordained as priests in Truro Cathedral on 2nd July 1994.

Just one year later I completed my training, and, on 1st July 1995, I was ordained deacon in Truro Cathedral. Exactly one year after that I was ordained priest in the Parish Church of St James the Great, St Kew and licensed to serve as a non-stipendiary, ie unpaid assistant curate to the

parishes of St Endellion, Port Isaac and St Kew, where it's been my privilege to minister ever since.

With some exceptions, there is now widespread acceptance of women's priestly ministry, but I, and most other new women priests had some distressing experiences in those early years, from those who could not come to terms with the new situation.

But now there is mostly a widespread acceptance of women. The actual experience of receiving ministry from a woman has changed the views of many, but there's still some way to go. There are only 22 ordained women on the General Synod and it's difficult for women priests to obtain posts of responsibility.

Clergy couples, where both husband and wife are ordained, often face particular difficulties – not least, the fact that in many dioceses the church will only pay one of them.

Then there's the question of women bishops. They've been consecrated in the United States and in New Zealand and it's likely that one may be appointed in Scotland in the near future. But what about this country? Well, the Church of England has set up a working party to discuss the issue, but it's not expected to report back to the General Synod for two years.

So I imagine it's likely to be some time before the first woman is consecrated as a bishop in the Church of England!

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On Tuesday the 1st of October we had another ceramics picnic after school. We painted the tiles that we'd made earlier in the summer. The tiles are a picture of Port Isaac and they are going out on the wall in the playground. We had a picnic tea at the end.

We all want to say a BIG THANK YOU to Mrs March, Barbara Hawkins and all the parents who came to help.

By Rosie Collings, Y3,

Our Harvest Festival

On Tuesday 8th of October, Port Isaac School went down to the Platt to perform our harvest festival.

Lydia, Sam, Olivia, Jessica, Jacob and Tamsin were all narrators. Apart from the weather, it all went well, and I'm sure everyone had a good time.

We would like to say a big **Thank You** to Janet Townsend for the music and Sam and Dee for their help stopping everything blowing away. We raised £40.90 from the sale of produce which is going to Oxfam.

by Olivia Barnden

**Winners of the school
bookweek storywriting
competition:**

Seniors -

Megan Greenhalgh

Juniors - Annie Appleby

Infants - Laura Pattenden

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School Christmas production

This year's Christmas Production is based on the twelve days of Christmas. We are being very ambitious this year and there will be some changes from previous years.

It will take place on **Saturday 14th December** at approx 5.00 pm in the Village Hall and will be linked to the turning on of the Christmas lights in the village. Part of the production will involve a precession down to The Platt. We envisage this production as a one off event (we intend to return to the Church next year).

Admission to the Christmas Production will be strictly by tickets only (these will be rationed between different families) and will be on sale at the price of £1.00 from Jan in the School from Monday 2nd December onwards. For anyone unable to attend or get a ticket, there will be a dress rehearsal on Thursday 12th December at 1.45 pm. There will be no need to buy a ticket for this but please add your name to the list which will be held in School so that we know how many are likely to attend (phone 10208 880494). We look forward to seeing you all there.

The children will also be performing carols in St Peter's Church at the Carol Service on December 22nd.

The Old and the New

Port Isaac Primary School

Thursday November 28th - afternoon and evening

Thank you to those who have already sent
contributions to school

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Any photos or memorabilia for an exhibition at school

**We hope to hold an afternoon tea party and an
evening reception. Posters will go up shortly
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PIGS on tour



Falmouth Golf Club played host to the PIGS for the first round proper of The Pottery Plate match-play competition on September 30th. Nineteen players turned up for the event; players from as far afield as Surrey and Camborne made the trip to a golf club, which was in glorious condition.

Weather wise it started off chilly and wet but within half an hour the sun had poked it's head provocatively through the clouds and gave us all the boost we needed.

The sixteen players involved in the matchplay competition, (some of whom had a reprieve for preliminary round elimination due to players not turning up!) put on a glowing exhibition of golf - and in some cases driving skills.

The matches brought together some interesting pairings and some interesting results. Dave "The Gundog" Philp played Mick "The Real Slim Shady" Guard, resulting in a resounding 6-5 win to The Gundog. Unfortunately Slim talked so much during the match he didn't realise he had lost until after Dinner!

Geoff "It's a Vintage" Harris just couldn't catch Karl "How Much" Daly due to giving him so many shots on the handicap system - this result really capped off Slim Shady's day - finally losing 2-1 to a much improving Karl.

Tony "The Stallion" Horwell had the misfortune of being drawn against our resident PGA professional (who is doing golf advancement courses for anybody interested - that is a free advert Guy just remember that! OK) Guy Hodvil who had to play well to beat The Stallion 4-3.

Andy "The Adonis" Penny faced up to Paul "The Tax" Honey on a day when Paul was firing on all cylinders and despite a valiant effort from Andy, Paul came out on top.

The battle of the T's brought together Billy "The Turtle" Hawkin against Nigel "The Trifle" Andrews. This match never saw the Trifle behind but the Turtle put up a good performance finally coming out with a 3-2 loss.

Mike "The Wallet" Edkins had a hell of a match with Simon "The Beacon" Brecon. The two bigger hitters on the tour unleashed some monster shots bringing some of the par 4's to par 3's - a pleasure to watch, with Mike winning this match 3-1.

Jim "The Property" Bishop had a magnificent ding-dong of a match against Kevin "The Gondolier" Punter once Kevin had been allowed back into the Golf Club (Note to all PIGS please don't turn up looking like one!). Their match ebbed and flowed with some magnificent approach shots and their putting was exemplary with Jim finally finishing Kevin off 3-2.

The last match brought together the Lard Man and the Stunt Man. Steve "The Stunt" Bunt was favourite to win but the Lard pulled out all the stops to give Steve a hard fought match. After being two shots up at one stage Steve's class finally shone through as he took the match 3-2.

There are a few special mentions this month. The first must go to David Elliot from Camborne who, as a PIGS Virgin (the first time) got the society's first hole-in-one on the 154 yard par 3, twelfth - a fantastic shot. Dave has vowed never to do this again when there are 20 thirsty golfers around. The second mention goes to John Mac who was the only player to wear a collar and tie for dinner. Well done John lets hope that Kevin and Simon take note. And finally Steve "The Stunt" Bunt. I know he won his match but it must be said his driving off the tees left a lot to be desired. When he had a club in his hand he was fine but once he got behind a steering wheel of his Ferrari buggy (it was red) he turned into Nigel Mansell on acid. Once he had turfed himself out of the Ferrari, dragged and span it down a fairway you could only say one thing - Steve left his mark on the course.

The results of the Stableford competition were as follows: -

First	Jim Bishop
Second	Nigel Andrews
Third	Karl Daley
Nearest the Pin	Dave Elliot (hole in one)
Longest Drive	Kevin Punter

On March 15th 2003 we are planning to hold a coffee morning followed by a 'Soup & Sweet' lunch in aid of the Air Ambulance.

**Air Ambulance
Coffee Morning**



It has been several years since Port Isaac has held a fund raising event in support of this very important service and we never know who will be the next person in our midst to be glad to receive the swift and expert care offered by our superb air ambulance it its crew. If you feel you would like to support the cause by donating anything for the stalls or raffle or a cash donation please contact Joan Murray on 01208 880548, Janet Chadband on 01208 880262 or Margaret Bunt on 01208 880601.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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Thank you to all who supported the Mum's and Monsters 'Toddle Waddle' which was held in aid of the Meningitis Trust. We raised £178.

Port Gaverne Fishermen's Association?

Following the retirement of John Wiseman, from the post of National Trust Honorary Harbourmaster (Port Gaverne), we will be setting up a Fisherman's Association to take over the excellent work that John has done over many years.

To get the ball rolling we will be holding a meeting at the Headlands Hotel, Port Gaverne on Wednesday November 20th 2002 at 7.30pm.

The meeting is open to all and we look forward to seeing you there.

Derek Lord, National Trust Area Warden, Polzeath to Tintagel

Stride for Life

Did you know that Cancer Research UK spends over £15million every year pioneering research into the prevention, causes, treatment and cures for breast cancer? October 2002 was made 'Breast Cancer Awareness month'. And no, breast cancer does not just affect women. It can affect men as well.

However, Cancer Research UK covers all types of cancer, employing over 3000 doctors and scientists and spending more than £130million of mainly voluntary funding a year on pioneering cancer research.

On Sunday October 6th I took part in Cornwall's 'Stride for Life'. My brother and his wife came with me for morale support and joined about 250 other walkers at Lanhydrock House. There was a minute's silence to remember why we were taking part; to remember those who have died from cancer; but also to celebrate those who have recovered. We had a warm-up session which exhausted me before I had even started and then we were off. Adults, children, babies in push chairs and lots of dogs (all on leads), all decked in our 'Stride for Life' tee shirts and flying balloons and pink ribbons and even the dogs had pink draped round their collars.

Most of us wore names of friends or loved ones pinned to our fronts with names, either in memory or celebration. One young lady had 'I Stride for Life in Celebration of "ME"'; her husband's read, 'I Stride for Life in Celebration of "HER"'. She was so brave and cheerful. A real leveller.

What a collection we were. Young and old, fit and disabled, sick and suffering; a whole cross section of

the community with one wish in common - to rid cancer from our lives.

The 10km (6½ miles) walk took us through beautiful National Trust ancient woodland, weaving our way along the lazy river, past old quarry pits, over lovely old Cornish bridges and eventually back up the valley past the great house to the finish.

Although we had all left together, by the end we were all pretty strung out but with the help of a map and our leader (good looking and very fit!) no-one got lost. I finished in two hours, mainly because I didn't dare stop and sit down because I knew my old bones would seize up and I'd never get up again - I was also looking forward to the gin and tonic waiting for me at the end!

What struck me above all else was the friendly atmosphere. We all felt we had attempted to do something worthwhile for others for a change. We all tend to get wrapped up in our own little world and the expression 'look after number one' takes control of our lives. However, that afternoon it really registered with me that despite all our own problems there are so many so much worse off. Doing something for others opens our eyes and put things into some kind of perspective.

I would like to thank so many of my friends, both here and over the border, who sponsored me. I raised just under £300 and I am really grateful for all your kindness, your support and your generosity.

I hope that our effort will help in continuing to turn science into hope and that we can eradicate the dreaded 'C' once and for all.

Annie Price



Let's have a look in the cookery book

Due to popular demand the RNLI committee are putting together another Port Isaac recipe book. We are still in the planning stages but hope that the book will be ready for sale in the New Year.

If you have a favourite recipe you would let us include please send it to Annie Price at Harbour Way Cottage, New Road, Port Isaac, Cornwall or give it to a committee member or email it to: deesam@btopenworld.com

Following on from last month's article about Ted Robinson, we have been told that Ted knew John Betjeman well. One day the Poet Laureate visited Ted's studio. While Ted was painting scenes on shells for the summer visitor trade, John Betjeman looked out of the studio window over the bay saying, 'Port Isaac is the quintessence of quaintness'.

'That was lovely, Mr Betjeman, have you any more sayings like that?' asked Ted.

There was a pause and then came the reply, 'Yes, let's go and have a pint'.

RNLI Harvest Festival

Nearly £800 was raised from the RNLI's annual Harvest Festival and Auction held in the Golden Lion (huge thanks to Mike and Nikki) on October 18th October.

The evening's success would not have been possible without the generosity of everyone who donated such a variety of 'lots' and the equal generosity of the buyers. Jon Cleave squeezed the very last penny out of the enthusiastic audience.

During the evening the draw was made for the special painting donated by Frank McNichol for this year's Port Isaac RNLI Christmas card. It was won by Chris Lewis of Surrey. This draw - tickets have been on sale throughout the summer - has raised over £1100 for the RNLI.

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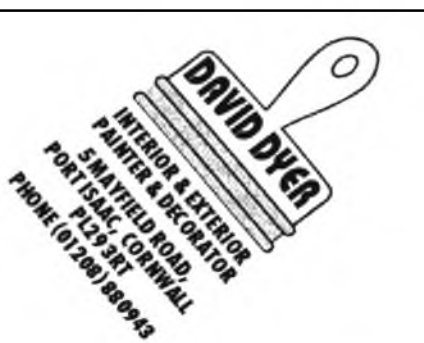
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Cakes, Christmas Turkey and Hams

Pensioner's Lunches - Thursday and Friday during November

Two Courses + tea/coffee - £5.95

Find us at St Endellion on the B3314, Tel: 01208 880164

Book now for your Christmas Party
Menus available

Thursday November 7th
TSW Film Archive Evening in the Village Hall – some local footage

Saturday November 9th
Annual Firework Display – 5.30pm

Sunday November 10th
Remembrance Sunday Service in St Peter's Church – 10.45am

Evening Worship with Taize music in St Endellion Church – 6.00pm

Monday November 11th
Parish Council Meeting in the Church Rooms, Port Isaac – 7.30pm

Wednesday November 13th
Mothers Union meeting Bodannon Farm – 7.30pm

Thursday November 14th
United Benefice Course 'This is our Faith' in St Endellion Church - 7.00pm

STEER meeting in the Church Rooms – 7.30pm

Saturday November 16th
St Peter's Church Christmas Mini Market and Lunch in the Church Rooms – 10.30am. Lunch from 11.45am

Monday November 18th
'In the Bag' recycling kerbside collection day – put your bags out by 7.00am

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

Wednesday November 20th
Healing Eucharist High Barn, St Kew Highway – 7.30pm

Thursday November 21st
United Benefice Course 'This is our Faith' in St Endellion Church - 7.00pm

Tuesday November 26th
Annual Christmas Charity Bingo for the Mentally Handicapped in St Peter's Church Rooms – 7.30pm

Wednesday November 27th
United Benefice Course 'This is our Faith' in St Endellion Church - 7.00pm

Saturday November 30th
Eucharist for St Andrew's Day in St Endellion Church - 7.00pm

Sunday December 1st
Port Isaac RNLI Christmas Market on the Platt including a visit from Father Christmas – 11.00am onwards

Special Advent Service for the United Benefice in St Kew Church – 6.00pm

what's on

Monday December 2nd
'In the Bag' recycling kerbside collection day – put your bags out by 7.00am

Tuesday December 3rd
Trelights Chapel Xmas Fayre – 2.00pm

Thursday December 5th
United Benefice Course 'This is our Faith' in St Endellion Church - 7.00pm

Sunday December 8th
Evening Worship by candlelight with Taize music in St Endellion Church - 6.00pm

Friday December 13th
Trelights Christmas Lights Switch-on – 7.00pm

Saturday December 14th
Port Isaac Christmas Lights Big Switch-on with carols and the St Breward Band, mulled wine and mince pies from 6.00pm with the lights being switched on at 6.30pm

Sunday December 15th
Village Hall Children's Christmas Party including a visit from Father Christmas followed by a Junior Disco

Monday December 16th
'In the Bag' recycling kerbside

collection day – put your bags out by 7.00am

Tuesday December 17th
Whist Drive with Christmas Prizes in St Endellion Church Hall – 7.30pm

Wednesday December 18th
Christmas Concert at Trelights Chapel – 7.00pm

Saturday December 21st
Peter Pan – the Port Isaac Panto in the Village Hall – 7.30pm

Sunday December 22nd
Peter Pan – the Port Isaac Panto in the Village Hall – 3.00pm

Saturday & Sunday December 28th & 29th
Peter Pan – the Port Isaac Panto in the Village Hall – 7.30pm

December 31st – New Year's Eve
See in the New Year – Mulled Wine from the Boathouse, organised by the RNLI committee

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Monday January 6th
'In the Bag' recycling kerbside collection day – put your bags out by 7.00am

Saturday February 8th

REGULAR EVENTS

Mums & Monsters – every Tuesday and Thursday (not during school holidays) from 10.00am to 12 noon in the Village Hall. Contact Donna Byfield on 01208 880847

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 7.30pm-9.30pm in Port Isaac Village Hall. 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 from 2.30pm - 4.00pm in Port Isaac Village Hall. Contact Penny Manders on 01208 880022

Yoga - Every Monday from 10.30am - 12 noon in Port Isaac Village Hall. Contact Tracey Greenhalgh on 01208 880215

Learning Together - Every Monday during term time from 1.30pm - 3.15pm in Port Isaac Primary School. 3 and 4 year olds to come along with an adult

CHURCH SERVICES

St Peter's Church, Port Isaac - Sunday - Sung Eucharist at 10.00am. Every third Sunday - Said Eucharist at 9.30am, Family Service at 10.15am. Every Wednesday - Said Eucharist at 10.00am

St Endellion Church - Every Sunday at 11.00am

Trelights Methodist Church - Sunday Service at 6.00pm. Fellowship Service - last Thursday in the month at 7.00pm