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The Port Isaac, Port Gaverne
and Trelights Newsletter
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Have you got what it takes?

The West Country Ambulance Service is looking to establish a team of community responders to respond to 999 Emergency Calls in the Port Isaac and Trelights area.

There are many teams of community responders already established throughout Cornwall, who respond in addition to the normal ambulance resources that

are deployed, to provide on-the-spot treatment prior to the arrival of the ambulance.

A team of around ten volunteers would be required to provide cover 24 hours a day, every day, between the team - not individually. Full training would be provided in various aspects of first aid including defibrillation. Currently I am a par-

amedic responder in the local area, providing cover when I am off duty and not otherwise engaged! However, obviously there is a lot of time when I am not available and so other suitable people can provide additional cover.

If you feel you can be of help to your local community or require further information, please contact me on 01208 881001 or 07870 658912.

Richard Hambley

Items to sell
and offers of help
for our Hospice Sale -
call 01208 880905/ 880862
Set-up - Friday 7th
10.00am onwards

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Saturday February 8th * 10.30am
Port Isaac Village Hall

Hopes and Fears

2003 - and what will this New Year bring? Well, of course we don't know - whether in terms of world events or in our own personal lives. But the desire to find out what the future holds is as strong as ever.

Astrology, almanacs, fortune tellers, crystal balls, tarot cards and horoscopes abound - especially at this time of year. But why in the 21st century, why in our advanced scientific and technological society are people still so desperate to know what is going to happen, what might lie ahead?

The main reason I suggest is because there is so much anxiety and uncertainty about the future. So many things *can* go wrong. We live in a frighteningly unstable world with almost daily warnings of the possibility of terrorist attack. We're told that preparations are being made in the event of germ warfare, nuclear bombs and other weapons of mass destruction. And so many things can go wrong in our own families and communities, too. A person in apparently good health is struck down by a terminal illness; a relationship breaks down; a teenager with his or her life ahead becomes a drug addict; a fire destroys a whole family.

So we want to see into the future, to know what is going to happen and yet we're also afraid of what that future might be. The unknown future holds both promise and threat, and we wonder what it might be for us.

To turn to what might lessen our anxiety seems only natural and right, but how would knowing the future actually help? And what about the means? Can we really put our faith in people and things which claim to be able to foretell the future? Should our hopes for ourselves and for our world rest on them?

Council tax to increase

Councillors have agreed to set a 7.8% increase in the NCDC element of council tax for the forthcoming year. This amounts to an extra £9.00 a year for the average household.

NCDC uses around 12% of the total council tax bill for local services like refuse and litter collection, beach cleaning, recycling, environmental health, planning, economic development, electoral services, benefits and leisure centres. Most of the council tax pays for countywide services like education, social services, highways, the fire service, trading standards and the police.

Said a NCDC press release, 'This year the central government grant for North Cornwall was the worst in the county so although our own costs have risen by 3% we are having to increase council tax by a higher amount to make up the shortfall and maintain services. In the coming year we will be looking to make savings of up to £200,000 to keep council tax increases at a reasonable level in 2004/5'.

Now is the time of year to be very self disciplined; the seed and plant catalogues come through the letter box and the temptation is to order far too many plants from each one - forgetting that what will arrive is hardly the same size as the plants pictured.

This year I have been very firm and ordered from only one catalogue and haven't even looked at any of the others - straight in the recycling paper sack unopened. Whether I shall keep this up remains to be seen!

The recent cold spell doesn't seem to have had any adverse effect as far as I can see. One narcissus is already flowering as I am sure lots of others are in sheltered spots in your gardens. As soon as the sun shines I go out and try to do a bit of tidying up without standing on the borders which are far too wet to be tamped down by large feet.

As the evenings are already drawing out spring must be on the way and once more we shall be frantically busy planting and sorting out; roll on that time.

I suggest not. I firmly believe that our hopes should be centred on God, the source of all hope - and faith and love. He knows our profound need to be secure from threat and to have confidence in the future. In him all hope is sure, as it never can be in ourselves and in what we can do, or predict.



Yes, it's a very human desire to want to know the future, but let it be a means of reminding us of the God of hope. Let it encourage us to turn to him, to trust in the promises of the God, who has sustained us in the past and who calls us to look forward to the future which is also in his hands.

So may I wish you all a happy and a hopeful New Year.

Our future is in their hands
More actual student GCSE exam answers:

"Eventually, the Romans conquered the Greeks. History calls people Romans because they never stayed in one place for very long."

"Julius Caesar extinguished himself on the battlefields of Gaul. The Ides of March murdered him because they thought he was going to be made king. Dying, he gasped out: 'Tee hee, Brutus'."

"Nero was a cruel tyranny who would torture his subjects by playing the fiddle to them."

"Joan of Arc was burnt to a steak and was canonized by Bernard Shaw."

"Another story was William Tell, who shot an arrow through an apple while standing on his son's head."

"It was an age of great inventions and discoveries. Gutenberg invented removable type and the Bible. Another important invention was the circulation of blood. Sir Walter Raleigh invented cigarettes and started smoking."

more next month

Village Hall news ...



A belated Happy New Year to everyone from the Village Hall Committee.

We held our first meeting of the year at the beginning of January; we took down the Christmas tree and looked around. Everything was back to normal. So, as in all these post Christmas things, we reminisced; wasn't it brilliant that the school used the Hall for their Christmas production - and wasn't it a wonderful performance they put on; wasn't the panto great and wasn't it good to see the Hall so full for so many nights; and what about the new Hall stage lighting and lighting desk - didn't it work well and isn't it great that the panto went halves with us on the costs; wasn't the Children's Christmas Party lovely. But enough of that, let's look forward to the New Year. Hopefully another year of progress and improvement for the Hall.

Fundraising will continue in top gear. First off is our 'End of Winter Blues Party' on Saturday March 1st, featuring the one and only, the magnificent, the tremendous, the unique Déjà Blues band supported by Paul Johnson. There will be a bar and entry will be £3. Tickets can be purchased in advance from *Secrets*, telephone 01208 880862 or 880905, or on the door.

Our AGM is on Wednesday April 2nd at 7.30pm in the Hall and we hope that you will come along and look at the plans for the improvements to the access and toilets. We need your input and suggestions so don't miss this opportunity. As an added enticement there will be homemade refreshments.

Incidentally, members of the committee have recently met with members of STEER and Father Michael to make sure that when applying for grant aid the two Halls are not duplicating their uses in the village. As a result the Village Hall and the Church will be working together to achieve their different aims.

On to Saturday May 3rd and a Village Hall Grand Auction, Bar and Barbecue. It won't just be goods that are on offer but pledges of services, ie babysitting, dinners, haircuts, dressmaking. If you have something you can offer speak to a committee member. Alternatively, a committee member will no doubt be speaking to you so see what you can offer!

During the summer a Grand Variety Show is planned, probably taking place mid-week over two or three consecutive weeks. Ian Fuller is in charge so if you want to offer your

talents give him a call on 01208 880069. More details soon.

Janet (our lady of letters!) is keen to do a 'foodie' evening so this will be arranged for later in the year. We also hope to have a couple of events on the Carn to Cove scheme in the autumn and we have been told that the Incredible Rope String Band may be back on the programme - fingers crossed.

We would also like to thank our 'Regular Users' of the Hall for their continued support. In the run-up to Christmas the Hall was used for something every single day of the week. Not bad for a Hall that was nearly closed down a couple of years ago!

The Village Hall Committee



**End of Winter
Blues Party**
starring
DÉJÀ BLUES
supported by
PAUL JOHNSON
Saturday March 1st
Port Isaac Village Hall
Doors open - 7.30pm
Tickets - £3 each
(in advance from *Secrets*, tel: 01208 880862/880905 or on the door)
Licensed Bar
ALL PROFITS TO
THE VILLAGE HALL

Handling food? You should be certified!

Anyone who is involved with serving food to the public should have had some training in food hygiene. This does not just mean people who work in cafes, shops or hotels. It includes those who are involved with food in the voluntary sector - a fundraising barbecue, a cake stall, a coffee morning, for example.

To this end, the Village Hall committee are arranging a 'Foundation Certificate in Food Hygiene' course. It will be run by the Cornwall Business School and take place over two evenings during March (most probably Wednesdays but exact dates to be confirmed) in the Village Hall from 6.00pm - 9.30pm. We have arranged a special price of £20 per person.

The course can only cater for a maximum of 20 delegates so places will be issued on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested please call Dee on 01208 880905 or 880862.

Is there money available for Village Halls?

Several people have commented that there is no funding available for Village Hall's any more. This was highlighted in a recent letter in the Daily Telegraph headed, 'Why won't the lottery save our

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In the Psychiatrist's Chair



You see, Doctor, I've been having these disturbing dreams on at least four occasions recently. They always start the same way. I'm in a dark room and two women emerge from the gloom. As they come towards me I'm startled to realise that in fact one of them is really a man under grotesque make-up.

As they disappear, a young green boy and a pink fairy take their place. But they too are not what they seem. The boy is really a woman and the pink fairy ... Well, it all goes into a blur at that point and I find myself surrounded by happy playing children. However, the gaiety is short-lived when I realise that their mother has a bad case of facial hair growth and father appears to be confused. Would you believe that these dysfunctional parents leave the children in the care of a talking dog! No wonder they ran away! Did I mention that they were only in their pyjamas?

You won't believe the rest Doctor. It just gets worse! A close encounter with lily-livered pirates, all in desperate need of a dentist, turned nasty when I discovered they had cannibal tendencies. It's all very scary.

For part of the dream I felt as if I was flying. I know that's of great significance, isn't it Doctor? I could hear people shouting at me. Something about "Up your stew". It must've been something to do with good because I could smell fish and chips. How weird is that? And, now you won't believe this - I swear I saw Elvis! Yes, I know that really is too far-fetched, but it was spooky!

Before I could get used to the flying I suddenly found myself drowning in the deep sea surrounded by mermaids. That part was lovely, just like floating!

The green boy (who wasn't a boy) and the pink fairy kept appearing. He had a reality age thing going on ... couldn't face becoming an adult!

Is this enough material for your new research, Doctor? I could go on. In fact, just when I thought it couldn't get any worse, a vicious, man-eating crocodile wouldn't leave me alone. It followed me everywhere. When chopped in half, the tail even followed me home!

You've got to help me Doctor. It was a glimpse into a nightmare world of murder, mayhem and very bad singing. I need help!

Doctor: 'This is the most severe case I have ever studied. You have all the classic symptoms. I'm afraid there's very little hope for you. It may be too late. I could prescribe pills and a long series of therapy sessions but that may not be enough.'

Patient: 'You must tell me Doctor. What is it?'

Doctor: 'I'm afraid you have worst case of pantomimitus I have ever seen. The only successful treatment is not to see or hear any more pantomimes for at least a year. Hopefully you should then make a full recovery!'

Pretty in Pink

If the first half of this year's panto (to which I unfortunately missed) was as good as the second, I can only surmise that the massed ranks of locals and emmets alike enjoyed an evening (and matinee) of sheer wonderment.

The second half of Peter Pan - Port Isaac style, was a cornucopia of colour and spectacle epitomised by a throng of mermaids and one merman splashing and diving in a shimmering blue lagoon. A special mention must go to Faye who managed to get the little tykes eating out of her hand.

Some fantastic over-acting by Steve 'The Hook' Appleby, Colin 'Where did you get that accent?' Shepherd and Barbara 'Pass my HRT tablets, I think I need a shave' Hawkins was a joy to behold - I think!

The show's namesake, Peter Pan, played by Angela 'Do I look good in these boots?' Collins made every man's head turn with her acting skills, powerful singing voice and sword skills.

The picking of Karen Pattenden, Natalie Andrews and Catherine McDonald for the parts of John, Michael and Wendy was a masterpiece by the Director. The three starlets looked made for the parts, mainly I suppose because being

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You've seen the panto, now buy the tee shirt!

A very big thank you to everyone who took part in and supported this year's panto.

To all those who acted, sang, danced, painted, stitched, glued, dressed, made-up, lit, did special effects, kept track of the finance, organised the sound, sold raffle tickets, stewarded, served on the bar, and the members of the cast who wrote their own lines!

We would like to put the profit once again towards a Golden Circle Summer Outing.

We still have a few 'Drekky Theatre' tee shirts to sell. In yet to come these will very definite collectors' items. The slogans them will be part of 'Port Isaac speak' for ever more. They are sale in the pottery at only £10 and all the profits will go to



the Golden Circle summer trip. Don't miss out - all the best people are wearing them!

Cheryl's hero - the Boscastle Busker

Local folk singer, John Maughan, is to be part of a humanitarian expedition to take aid from the South West to the Palestinian refugees.

John, the 'Boscastle Busker', is well known for his singing to raise money for Mount Edgcumbe Hospice in memory of his friend and fellow musician 'Morgy' Morgan. John & Cheryl Maughan who lived up on the Terrace for a couple of years before moving on to Boscastle. They were both well known in the village before they came to live here as John was a member of the Dambuskers who played regularly in the Lion and at Longcross. They still come back regularly and have been part of the Port Isaac Music Festivals, both last year and in 2000.

John was heard singing down by Boscastle harbour by West Country surgeon Dr David Halpin who was so moved by John's voice and songs that he has asked him to join his personally sponsored venture.

They are intending sailing from Brixham to Gaza (approx 14 days) taking medical supplies, food and clothing. They will be away for over a month. The boat will not carry aloft any national flag or religious symbol. The words "Justice - Peace - The Brotherhood of Man" will be carried on the fore to aft rigging along with "Reverence for All Living Creatures". There will be two other words - 'Shalom' (Yiddish for peace) and 'Salaam' (Arabic for peace). The emblems for the voyage will be The Dove and The Dolphin.

Said Cheryl, 'Now John really is my hero!'

If you would like to make a contribution to the expedition contact Cheryl on 01840 250345. Blankets are also urgently needed if you have any to spare.

There will be a great deal of media coverage about this venture and many will be keeping an eye out for The Dove and The Dolphin. Our thoughts and prayers will be with them.

**North Cornwall
Conservative Association
ST ENDELLION BRANCH**

AGM

**Thursday February 6th
11.30am**

at 2 Gullrock, Port Gaverne

*RSVP Mr J Watson
01208 880298*

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teenage girls they are never out of their jim jams anyway!

What can be said about Jackie and Laurence? The battle of the sexes ended in a resounding win for the talented Mrs LB. She outshone her husband by showing us what a fine voice she has - unlike Larry who, it must be said, made a valiant attempt at impersonating Shakin' Stevens (although making him look that old was maybe a bit uncalled for!).



↑ Most of the cast in this year's pantomime - Peter Pan. Can you recognise anyone?

Following John Lethbridge's snappy remarks at a picnic in the summer about a certain ladies driving, it was perhaps inevitable that he would become the front half of a rather animated crocodile. He was lucky he got the front end because if The Turtle had got the end with the eyes, God knows where they would have ended up!

The Pink Fairy - no, not Barrymore in drag but our very own Florence Nightingale, Richard Hambly. What a star performance although a trifle worrying to see a 45 year old man prancing around in a pink wig, pink flouncy ball gown and high heels

looking remarkably like Barbara Cartland and being totally in control of his emotions and inner self.

And last, but not least, the Lost Balls. Unfortunately I missed their performance but I was told the Lardman joke by several people and I did have a bit of a chuckle. I laughed more when I was told that 'Compo' Edkins finally managed to hit one down the middle of the Hall. Now that's a joke!!!

Bring on 2003 and congratulations to everyone in front and behind the scenes.

And did I mention, it was good to see Hinge and Bracket come out of retirement to host the show!

*The Lardman
Trio Theatre Critic*

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Cornwall PL29 3RN**

'Skittery Grass' - James' book

Did you catch the review on Radio Cornwall of James Platt's recently published book, 'Skittery Grass'. James sent us an advance copy and it was a joy to read.

James has been preparing a memoir about Port Isaac from 1944-1950 for some time. Said James, 'It's all written now, but is much too long. There is so much to put in and I hadn't wanted to leave anything out. The process then was to edit the memoir down or set it up differently, which is what I am doing now.' A lot of James' articles in *Trio* have come from the draft of this book. However, writing the work is one thing, getting it published is quite another. 'What I have realised is how little I know about the process of finding a publisher' continued James.

One Cornish publisher told James that his writing had no commercial value and not even any local interest beyond those whose relatives are mentioned in the work. Things sounded bleak but James believed that the story was worth recording and telling and so is persisting.

When editing the work he wondered what all the little rhymes of the day he had included would look like if they were all together. He made them into a single manuscript, wrote a short piece about each one and so 'Skittery Grass' evolved. A small publisher in Holland put it into book form - the only work in English they have ever produced. Copies will be available from *Secrets* shortly - telephone 01208 880862/880905 to reserve your copy.

For those 'boys' of the post war period this book will bring back many memories. For those who have moved away it will serve as a reminder that although the boy can be taken out of Port Isaac, Port Isaac cannot be taken out of the boy. As James says, 'Together we took on so many great days, gloriously confident in the shared illusion that we would live forever'.

Air Ambulance News

The shop has been busy recently with many donations of goods and it is quite a problem finding display space. Therefore it is requested, please, that no more books be brought in for the time being.

Recent takings totalled:
November - £650.43
December - £404 (the shop was closed for ten days)
Christmas Raffle - £155 - many thanks to all who supported this.

Normal opening times are on the door subject to the availability of volunteers and for any information please ring Joyce Henderson on 01840 213195.

Jane Sadleir

The resurrection of a tradition?

A candlelit Carol Service of traditional Cornish carols, several of which were special to Port Isaac, took place in the pottery on December 12th.

George Steer has been keen to keep these old traditional carols alive and to resurrect the candlelit Carol Service that was always held in the Roscarrock Methodist Chapel. He persuaded Janet Townsend, who is also concerned that so many traditional songs are disappearing, to lead the singing. Barbara and Bill were more than happy for the service to be held in its original home.

Glowing in the candlelight, the pottery was full to bursting. Janet led and we all sang. It was an evening that held the true spirit of Christmas. Here's hoping it we can do it again.

On Sunday February 23rd at about 2.15pm a convoy of twenty plus Morgan cars - the Morgan Club - will be travelling through the village, Port Gaverne and Port Quin. It should be worth a look.



Competition winners

We're glad that you all enjoyed *Trio's* Christmas competitions so much. This year's winners were:

Find Santa's Lost Elves -
Under sevens - Daryl Old
Over sevens - Jack Greenhalgh

Crossword - Stacy Appleby (instead of the bottle of wine Stacy chose a piece of jewellery from *Secrets*)

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September	August 25 th	September 4 th
October	September 22 nd	October 2 nd
November	October 20 th	October 30 th
December	December 1 st	December 11 th

Peggy Richards

My mum, Peggy Richards, died peacefully at Treliske on November 23rd. Our daughter Angela was at her bedside.

I would like to thank Angela for her constant support to me these past weeks.

Mum's funeral was held on December 6th. John and Ross were bearers along with Pete Bradbury, Trevor Beare, Michael Collings, Dennis Knight, Bryan Nicholls and John Sweet.

Mum enjoyed her trips out to lunch on Thursdays with her friends and her favourite venue was the strawberry fields at St Endellion. I'd like to thank them for the wonderful buffet they provided after the funeral.

My sincere thanks to Father Michael for his understanding; to Dr Sainsbury for his caring; and to Ian Honey who organised everything for us, just as he did for my Dad in 1971.

Dad was a fireman and so the collection was for the Fire Service Benevolent Fund - £171 being raised. In addition, Mum's belongings have been donated to the Air Ambulance Shop and to the Port Isaac Hospice Sale.

Mum worked tirelessly for the Neighbourhood Watch Association for many years. I have been invited to Police Headquarters in Exeter on February 26th to receive a Long Service Award on her behalf. How I wish she could have collected it herself.

With Christmas so close to Mum's death, it was a real treat to go to the Village Hall to see our grandson, Ronnie in the school production of the '12 Days of Christmas'. What a wonderful performance.

Anne & Barry Collins

Obituaries

Fred Grills

John, Trevor, Kevin and families would like to thank everyone who attended Dad's funeral, sent cards and passed on kind words of comfort.

Dad died on December 15th 2002 at the Fore Dore Nursing Home. The funeral service at St Peter's was followed by interment at St Endellion.

Dad was a Port Isaac man, born here on December 26th 1921. Over the years he spent most his working life here. During the war he served on the Russian convoys and would often speak of the terrible conditions. He would tell us how we didn't know what 'big waves looked like'. We can only imagine what it must have been like.

After the war Dad travelled the world working on luxury yachts and visiting all the famous ports, always leaving with a tale to tell.

He met Mum in Southampton and after they were married returned to Port Isaac. Dad carried on his work as a carpenter and after Mum died in 1994 he retired to look after John.

Dad was a loving family man who enjoyed taking us for walks over Lobber or up the valley when we were young boys.

He never preached to us but would always give advice if needed, always trying to look at the bright things in life. 'There are people a lot worse off than you are' he would say. If only more people could aspire to that. Our loss is God's gain.

Many thanks to Rev Bartlett for a very moving service and also to the Fishermen's Friends for the singing.

Past times in Trio

February 1985

Port Isaac Surgery - The Tintagel & Camelford Lions presented the surgery with £176 to help towards equipment to ease breathing problems.

Port Isaac School - Kristofer Richards of Port Isaac School attended a 'Short Tennis' afternoon for under 8s. He was chosen as one of six out of 43 children present to go on for further specialist coaching.

Cancer Research - Carol Singers - Yvonne, Angela, Susan and Michaela - raised £6.42.

St Breward Band raised £66.30 playing carols around the village.

A collection of 'tiddlers' (half pence) raised £29.39.

A coffee morning held by Mr & Mrs G Williams raised £171.

Port Isaac Singers - Carol singing around the village raised £53 for the Bone Marrow Appeal Fund.

February 1994

PIPFAG - Having raised over £4500 by way of grants, donations and fundraising, the Port Isaac Playing Field Action Group decided to disband. At a public meeting it was agreed the residual funds of £518.50 should remain in an account held by the Parish Council for use within the Playing Field.

Port Isaac Rainbows - A jumble sale raised £70, £50 of which was sent to 'Feed The Children' for the Children's Convoy to Bosnia.

Local History Group - The Group's first AGM was held. Chairman, George Steer reviewed the year during which a successful exhibition was held at the Annual Craft Fair of the Wadebridge Wine Circle. It was proposed that an 'Old Port Isaac' Exhibition be held during the forthcoming Easter weekend.

Bess Coates

Alf Hooper, 1905 - 2002

Grace, Pat and Barbara and families would like to thank everyone who supported them by attending Alf's funeral, donating to the Air Ambulance or Delabole Methodist Church and sending messages of sympathy. Your tributes have been a great source of comfort at this very sad time. Thank you one and all.

Alf died on December 16th 2002.

Trelights titbits



I am sure you will all by now have recovered from Christmas and the New Year festivities. It seems such a long time ago already. The Xmas Fayre in the Chapel was very successful and raised over £300 for funds and the Carn Awn Singers concert was well attended, another success.

I am pleased to report that our Nativity on the green survived the festivities without damage, although some silly person did tamper with the lights before switch-on. The figures are now safely tucked away until December.

The Village Green Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make the Christmas Lights Switch On such a success. It was nice to see several new faces on the very enjoyable evening. Mark Hawken entertained with his music in the Farm House, the mince pies were delicious and the mulled wine warmed us. The evening would not happen at all if we didn't have a dedicated group of villagers who give up their time to erect the lights plus the generous home owners who provide the electricity over the period - a big thank you for your support.

PARISH PLAN SURVEY

You should have received your questionnaires by now. Please ensure you take this opportunity to let us know your views on the parish and on regeneration.

If you have not received your forms, please ring Malcolm Lee on 01208 880106.

St Endellion PC & STEER

The next Village Green event is the AGM which is to be held in the Methodist Schoolroom on Wednesday March 19th at 7.30 p.m.

The Committee will be elected at the Meeting and this advance notice is for villagers to consider if they might like to come forward and sit on the Committee. They really do a proper job for our village.

No new bird sightings recently, I think like us the birds prefer to keep out of the rain, even the ducks must be fed up! Hope there will be some sunshine news next month.

N Lighten

The Weather Report

I've just finished totting up 2002's rainfall figures for Port Isaac and thought there may be one or two people who'd be interested to know just how much rain we actually had in the village during last year.

From the 1st of January to the 31st of December 2002 we had 954.44mm - in English that's approximately 37½ inches.

The driest month was September with a mere 9mm - just under ½ inch.

The wettest month was November with 198mm - just under 8 inches.

2002 was wetter than 2001 which had a reading of 730.3mm - about 28¾ inches. According to the weather 'experts' things are set to get wetter so I expect 2003's reading to be even higher than 2002. Oh joy!

These annual figures are sent off to the Met Office where they are entered into the regional records to be used to predict possible weather patterns in the future. Personally, I prefer to check my bit of stinking old seaweed hanging at the back door!

My official title for gathering this information is 'Registered Rainfall Recorder' which is, in fact, another way of calling me the silly sod who trudges up to the rain gauge EVERY morning with a fiddly glass measuring tube, often (too often!) in the pouring rain with a gale blowing in my face. Swearing and cursing, I transfer the rainfall which has collected in the gauge into the measuring tube, trying not to spill any - and that's easier said than done!

Despite moaning about this daily 'ritual' and promises to myself that this year will be the last year I'll do this 'stupid thing', I've discovered I've become actually quite addicted to gathering the daily figure. I have little bets as to what the amount might be ... sad, sad person that I've become!! And if I stick at it long enough I could be in line for a Long Service Presentation. Oh yes! If you do the readings for 25 years you can be awarded a glass vase - something I've always wanted! But that's not all. I've recently read in the mind-bogglingly interesting Rainfall Newsletter that a Mr Winslade of Somerset has been awarded an MBE for services to the Met Office for taking daily readings for 34 years. 34 years! How many days is that? Now there's inspiration! Two years down, 32 years to go ... I can almost smell that MBE!!

Bid Mills



Mum's & Monsters Easter Bingo

April 22nd 2003 – Port Isaac Village Hall –
Eyes Down 7.30pm

Port Isaac Mum's & Monsters are having a Bingo to raise some money for new art materials. We would be very grateful to anyone or any establishments who would give any prizes. Please contact Donna Byfield on 01208 880847 or any Mum of a monster you might know. Look forward to seeing you all there!!

Words women use!

This was sent to *Trio* by a man to warn other men about the future arguments they can avoid if they remember the terminology! If only men learnt that quickly!

FINE - This is the word women use to end an argument when they feel they are right and you need to shut up. Never use "fine" to describe how a woman looks. This will cause you to have one of those arguments.

FIVE MINUTES - This is half an hour. It is equivalent to the five minutes that your football match is going to last before you take out the rubbish, so it's an even trade.

NOTHING - This means "something" and you should be on your toes. "Nothing" is usually used to describe the feeling a woman has of wanting to turn you inside out, upside down and backwards. "Nothing" usually signifies an argument that will last "Five Minutes" and end with the word "Fine".

GO AHEAD (With Raised Eyebrows) - This is a dare. One that will result in a woman getting upset over "Nothing" and will end with the word "Fine".

GO AHEAD (Normal Eyebrows) - This means "I give up" or "do what you want because I don't care. You will get a "Raised Eyebrow Go Ahead" in just a few minutes, followed by "Nothing" and "Fine" and she will talk to you in about "Five Minutes" when she cools off.

LOUD SIGH - This is not actually a word, but is a nonverbal statement often misunderstood by men. A "Loud Sigh" means she thinks you are an idiot at that moment and wonders why she is wasting her

time standing here and arguing with you over "Nothing".

SOFT SIGH - Again, not a word, but a nonverbal statement. "Soft Sighs" mean that she is content. Your best bet is to not move or breathe and she will stay content.

THAT'S OKAY - This is one of the most dangerous statements that a woman can make to a man. "That's Okay" means that she wants to think long and hard before paying you back for whatever it is that you have done. It is often used with the word "Fine" and in conjunction with a "Raised Eyebrow Go Ahead". At some point in the near future, you are going to be in some mighty big trouble.

PLEASE DO - This is not a statement, it is an offer. A woman is giving you the chance to come up with whatever excuse or reason you have for doing whatever it is that you have done. You have a fair chance with the truth, so be careful and you shouldn't get a "That's Okay."

THANKS - A woman is thanking you. Do not faint. Just say you're welcome.

THANKS A LOT - This is much different from "Thanks". A woman will say "Thanks A Lot" when she is really ticked off at you. It signifies that you have offended her in some callous way and will be followed by the "Loud Sigh". Be careful not to ask what is wrong after the "Loud Sigh" as she will only tell you "Nothing".



LOOKING FOR AFFORDABLE HOMES?

Make sure you have completed your survey questionnaires. The District Council will be using your responses to gauge our affordable housing needs. If you have not received your forms, please ring Malcolm Lee on 01208 880106.

Carn Awn Singers

2002 was a busy and successful year for the Singers who have travelled to venues as far apart as Trethosa and into Devon to Lamerton. December was particularly busy – a shared concert at St Minver with the St Minver Band, Carol Singing at the RNL Christmas Fayre at Port Isaac, a concert in Trelights and taking part in a 90th birthday celebration in Camelford. A first for the Singers was an invitation to sing carols at Tesco, Wadebridge and it was decided to do this instead of singing around Port Isaac. It proved to be a most enjoyable event resulting in £77.84 being raised for the Children's Hospice – as well as some very complimentary remarks about the singing.

The Singers are indebted to Mary Hooper – Musical Director, Maureen Wakeham – concert accompanist and Pat McCance – rehearsal accompanist, for their help and encouragement which has resulted in establishing a growing reputation.

After a break, the Singers will recommence practices. New items will be added to our repertoire so if you are planning a concert and would like the Carn Awn Singers to take part or you require any other information, please contact Barbara Richards on 01208 880575.

An alternative road?

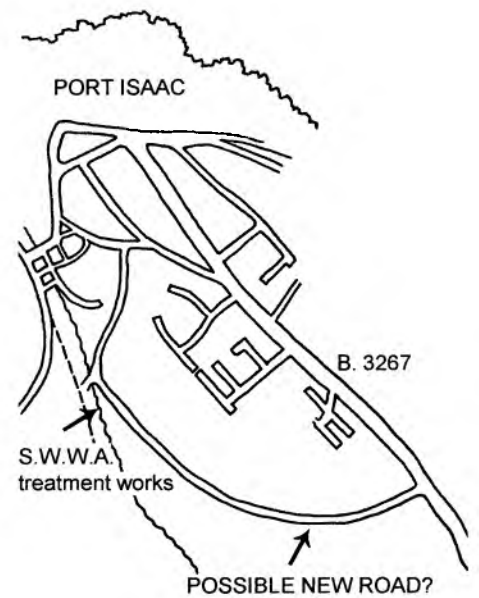
At present the village is slowly being developed along the B3267 road towards Trewetha. This not only makes for a ribbon style development, it also extends the boundary of the Port Isaac further and further away from its original centre. There are already people in the 'new' properties who never actually go down into this part. It is always argued that access to the old village is non-existent which, as things stand, is unfortunately true.

Now the B3267 makes a slight dip before it comes round the corner into the top of the village, just before Hillson Close. If advantage were to be taken of this little valley crossing the high ground between Port Isaac and Port Gaverne it would not be impossible to create a feeder' road into the heart of the old village. It would be downhill, of course, but not as steep as Back Hill or Front Hill (the higher part of Fore Street), especially if it followed the contours and could even connect with the road coming down to the waste water treatment plant in the

valley. Here a car park could be created, solving for once and all the problem of where to park in the old village. The Port Isaac valley foot-path runs nearby and could be used as a pedestrian walk into the village from such a car park.

Given the new access, development would follow and the new houses could be built on relatively sheltered land down the side of the valley and nearer to the heart of the village.

Robin Penna



We need a bus service!

Following a telephone conversation with the First National Bus Service (01209 719988) it appears that services to outlying villages will be cut but there will be no changes before the end of March.

It would seem that Cornwall County Council and First Western National have made a study regarding proposed new bus services for Cornwall. There was time given for public comment but this was over the Christmas and New Year period. Many people have complained about this so this time may be extended.

Any comments you wish to make should be made to Tas Partnership on 01772 204988.

Funding for sports and leisure clubs

NCDC supports the only Sport & Recreation Council in Cornwall. The North Cornwall Sport & Recreation Council has given grants and loans to many local clubs over the years. Most recently they have given a £500 grant and £2,000 interest free loan to Padstow Sailing Club and an interest free loan of £10,000 to Wadebridge Football Club.

This support can make a huge difference to a club that is struggling to find funding to pay for equipment or improve facilities. More information is available from Emma Dutton 01208 893353 or our Sport Development Unit 01208

How do you know when a man is going to say something smart? He starts his sentence with 'A woman once told me'!

Magical Managers 02/03

Division One

1	NO F IN MANCHESTER	Chris Lanyon	569pts
2	HARDLEY ATHLETIC	P Grills	485pts
3	SPARKS UTD	Steve & Julie Hewett	476pts
4	ROSCARROCK ROVERS	Bill & Faye Hawkins	461pts
5	THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE	Paul Honey	457pts

Division Two

1	UN-REAL MADRID	Charlie Guard	525pts
2	LOOK WHO'S BOTTOM	Michael Hewett	496pts
3	RED HOT CHILLIS	A Grills	470pts
4	MUDGUTS MARAUDERS	Ann Cleave	460pts
5	MOONRAKERS	Colin Durston	451pts

Division Three

1	THE TROWELS	Des Pooley	504pts
2	ROD'S ROVERS	Rod Baker	480pts
3	ANCHORAGE	James Durston	471pts
4	SMARTIES UTD	Jenni Tiddy	452pts
5	JENNI'Z	Bill & Jean Herring	401pts

PLAYER OF THE MONTH - JAMES BEATTIE - Southampton

(up to January 17th 2003)

Paul & Kev

spies and other matters

Dear Trio

The letter in the November issue of *Trio* about a spy in Port Isaac in WWI prompted me to write to ask if anyone had heard a similar story about spies in Port Isaac during the Second World War.

A Port Isaac acquaintance of mine remembers a German family staying in the village circa 1939 and, as in all villages, rumours spread rapidly that they were enemy agents. Unfortunately there was no positive proof of this but there may be others who will remember the story and can elaborate. I hope they will write to you if they can remember anything.

Whilst writing, the same issue of *Trio* included an illustration of a print by Ted Robinson entitled 'Squeeze Belly Alley'. Please can we all call the place by its proper name? It was not until the 1930s that the present name came into fashion, largely as a result of well-known 'leg-pullers' chatting up the visitors and having fun at their expense and calling it by its present title. I know one of them was Lionel Castle, the father of 'Your man in Fuerteventura'. He had a delightful but wicked sense of humour! There were others but it was about this time that the name came into being.

The original name, which we all used - and preferred - was Temple Bar. Not, as most people think, named after Temple Bar in London but after a Mr Temple who lived in one of the cottages and who put a bar across the opening to stop people walking through. It once connected to an alley across from Dolphin Street that led to a Poor Court and the Chapel, now alas holiday cottages (*Ed: I don't think Peter and Liz Rowe would appreciate their home, formerly the Chapel, being called a holiday cottage! There are also other theories and names.*)

In my childhood it was very much narrower than today, as one side has been rebuilt following bulging of the wall, thus increasing the overall width. I think that originally it was 18 inches wide at the narrowest point so that its nickname had some justification! It once appeared in the Guinness Book of Records as the narrowest street in Great Britain.

Now that it is no longer so narrow, can I encourage your readers to restore the dignity of the thoroughfare (and Port Isaac) by giving it its correct name of Temple Bar.

David Hoskin, Mylor Bridge, Cornwall

Dear Trio

Another year has passed and fortunately no-one has been seriously injured or killed on the main road leading into Port Isaac from Trewetha. But for how long? Still people are driving far too fast on this stretch of road (usually locals but not always). I wonder how many are actually doing 30mph when they enter the 30mph zone by the playing fields, Hilson Close and the school? Very few!

An increasing number of pedestrians are using the road to and from Trewetha - at their peril! - whether it be to walk the dog, go for a jog, do some shopping, for some fresh air, to tend their allotment or, particularly during the summer months, to do a circuit connecting with the footpaths through the valleys of Port Gaverne or Port Isaac.

Obviously, with traffic travelling around blind bends, at speed, with pedestrians in the road, a tragedy is

People are still driving too fast!

waiting to happen. This should clearly be avoided beforehand.

It seems to me that there are four options:

1. Traffic calming measures that are **effective** in reducing traffic speed.
2. Reducing the speed limit from just outside of Trewetha to the 30mph zone at Port Isaac.
3. Install some sort of **walkway** to remove the hazard of pedestrians from the road (not necessarily a kerbed pavement). It could start at the playing field and run inside the wall through the parish owned field; from the field up to Trewetha it could run alongside the existing wall next to the road - if some

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Writers must include their full name and address

what a brilliant panto

Dear Trio

Along with, I am sure, everyone who was lucky enough to attend the Port Isaac Peter Pan panto this Christmas, I would like to thank all involved for a brilliant performance.

It was so professional but still managed to retain the Port Isaac individuality. Some jokes may have been a mystery to visitors but everyone I talked to, locals and visitors alike, seemed to love every minute.

I appreciate just how much work goes on behind the scenes to produce such a production and I am sure you all agree that the end result was nothing short of fantastic.

Well done to you all but especially to 'Potty Barbs' for executing such a brilliant event.

*Annie Price,
Harbour Way Cottage, Port Isaac*

clearance took place, I think there would be room.
4. Details of the drivers who persistently drive dangerously could be passed on to the Police (often it's the same drivers).

It would be interesting to know what other people think about my proposals, particularly with the parish survey coming up. Something needs to be done **soon-er** rather than later when it is too late.

Richard Hambly, Trewetha

PS: Just as well no emergency service vehicles needed to get to the bottom of Port Isaac over the Christmas and New Year period as they wouldn't have been able to, due to the number of illegally parked cars. However, a nurse would have got through - worth a thought!
(*Ed: see Richard's Article on front page*)

Letters to Trio



Right to Reply

Dear Trio

We the undersigned would like to reply to Mr Monk's version of the Port Gaverne beach meeting. We would also like to thank Annie Price for her more informative and factual report of the meeting.

First, Mr Whatshisname was volunteered by us to represent us as spokesman. Mr Ford – the gent from the National Trust – introduced him as our spokesman. Our spokesman also made that clear in his comments.

We, as a whole, do not dislike the Friends of the Main. We were not aware they were interested until a week or so before the meeting. We had learned that Mr Wiseman was retiring and wanted to be sure things would carry on as usual on the beach.

The National Trust left the meeting saying they thought the best thing would be for the two groups to come together as it would serve the best interests of the beach.

Mr Ford took the piece of paper that Mr Monk didn't get. Mr Ford asked if everyone had signed it as he waved it about. All indications were that everyone had.

Had Mr Monk stayed after the Trust had left, he would have seen and heard that the suggestion was taken and accepted. The two spokesmen from the groups involved have had an informal chat over a pint and are eager to proceed. There will be a more formal meeting between us and the Friends shortly when we've all recovered from the holidays. The Trust will then be asked to meet with us so we can proceed.

S Amy,

Jay Travers, Chris Aldridge,
Steve Sidney & R Hazeldine

Please help me find my family money!

Dear Trio

I owe Mr Simon Roberts an apology – although I am still not certain under which name he is known. It appears that at the recent meeting held at the Headlands Hotel concerning Port Gaverne, Mr Roberts had been requested by the local boat owners and fishermen to act as their spokesman – the local boat owners and fishermen suffering from verbal constipation (not a serious complaint and one which I wish I could contract!). So Simon, I humbly apologise for saying you suffer from 'verbal diarrhoea' and I readily accept that when you say you're quite a nice chap, this may indeed be true.

However, I do not apologise to the ill-informed Mr Colditz; if he has inside information about some 'family money' which he claims is mine, I wish he'd tell me. I'd willingly buy him a couple of pints for info leading to me getting say, fifty quid. I'd be able to spend more time chatting on the Platt.

As my 70th birthday approaches with frightening rapidity, I do try to feel guilty about not working any more but fail hopelessly. Having worked for 50 years without a break, I can say with absolute certainty, I have no guilt feelings about drawing my pension and spending it, especially as I've never drawn unemployment or sickness benefit.

So all of you other old wrinklies, don't let these young _ _ _ _ _ say you're not entitled to your life of retired leisure. You go ahead and enjoy it. We'll have a 'knees-up' in a few years time on the Platt to celebrate my 80th.

Mr Colditz, you can go and climb back on your shelf in the warehouse and wait till next summer. And yes! I do know the meaning of the word 'work'. It means an aching back, arthritis in the hands, stiff joints, rough skin and a severe loss of valuable drinking time.

My new year's resolution is 'not to say anything nasty in *Trio* about idiots or to stick to writing absolute rubbish.

In conclusion, to my drinking companions – 'Honestly, I don't have a family fortune!'

All the best for 2003.

Bob Monk, Port Isaac

Pay up Bob, or else!

Dear Trio

I am indebted to David Calitz for his letter in the December issue of *Trio* and pointing out that Monk has indeed 'family money' behind him. He has owed me for a packet of Woodbines for some considerable time now and I am getting quite angry.

I agree with Mr Calitz that these 70 year olds hanging around the Platt AND street corners for 52 weeks a

year, or even more, is really quite appalling.

It has even been whispered to me (although I shouldn't really repeat it) that Monk has been known to frequent Public Houses for pleasure!!

BRING BACK CONSCRIPTION, I say!!!

Disgusted of Trelights,
aka Ray McCrohon

Accommodation Wanted

Professional woman would like to rent on a long-term basis a bungalow, house or cottage in or around the Port Isaac area (quiet area). Can pay a competitive rent/deposit, am reliable and can provide excellent references.

If you can help then I would love to hear from you.

Please call 0208 347 7623 or mobile 07986 388605.

Carn Awn moorings

Boats moored in Port Gaverne (circa 1935)

Dear Trio

Following David Castle's recollections of pre-war Port Gaverne, it may be of interest to your readers to know that there were once a fair number of boats moored there in the 1930s. The attraction of mooring them there rather than in the harbour at Port Isaac was that the boats moored there did not have to pay any harbour dues!

My recollection of the early 30s was that for years only two boats occupied the Awn - the 'Boy Will' owned by Bill Avery and the 'Kate' owned by Jack Lovell Brown. Both were about 27feet in length. The 'Boy Will' was originally a ship's lifeboat from a German Liner and thus a double-ender. She was an easily driven hull, built of teak or, as Bill Avery would proudly say, built of 'solid tick-wood'. The 'Kate' was a conventional boat with a square transom and I think it had been built locally.

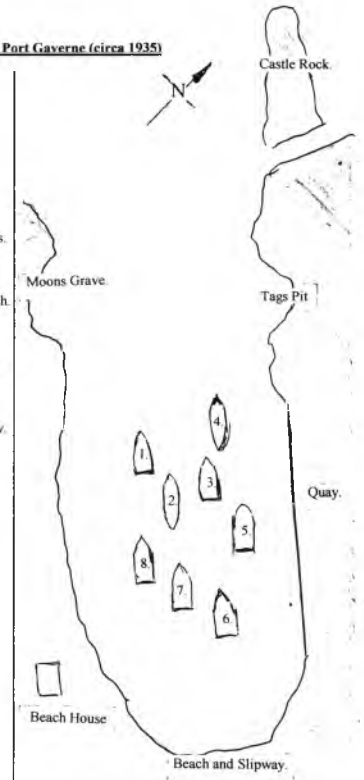
In 1933 I acquired the 'Dot' and put her down to moorings with the other two boats. Peter Castle and I had years of hard sailing in her, usually mackereling with spinners. This was before the use of feathers and so our success rate was rather limited. We were really only interested in sailing around Port Isaac Bay and down as far as Padstow.

In 1934 the 'Why Not' joined us - Billy Bradshaw (Brachell according to Will Avery!) was the owner. Gradually the fleet increased in numbers until in 1935 there were eight boats moored in the Awn. My diagram shows the layout of the fleet and their relative positions at their moorings along with the names of the boats and their owners.

This was the last year of operation for me at Carn Awn as the next year my family all moved to our new house in Jersey. Whilst there I was told that the 'Dot' had been swept off its moorings in a strong summer gale and had been wrecked.

The Castle family continued to use the 'Dump' (see September of October *Trios*) at Carn Awn - or Kernawn as it was pronounced locally at that time - and I did not return to Port Isaac until after the war. I assume that the fleet continued to operate until the war began in 1939 and possibly after this but I cannot vouch for that.

1. The "JMS" - Joe Honey.
2. The "BOY WILL" - Will Avery.
3. The "AMANDA" - Glover Brothers.
4. The "DEFENDER" - Tommy Couch.
5. The "KATE" - Jack Lovell Brown.
6. The "WHY NOT" - Billy Bradshaw.
7. The "MINERVA" - Jim Sweet.
8. The "DOT" - John Milne.



I hope this may revive memories of happy times pre-war and it would be interesting to hear from anyone who might have sailed in any of the boats mentioned.

*John Billing Milne,
Grampian, Scotland -
'Your Man in the Highlands'*

Local History Group News

Our monthly meeting is on Friday February 7th at 7.30pm. As the Village Hall is already booked, the venue will be the Penhaligon Rooms at the Liberal Club. Our guest speaker is Barry Kinsman from Padstow, giving us a talk on some aspects of social history. All are welcome and we will provide tea and biscuits after the talk.

Jenny Balfour-Paul has kindly agreed to give us a talk on Friday May 9th, further details nearer the day.

In the summer, we will be holding an exhibition of old artefacts and photos. Following on from the success of our first book in 2000, we are working on producing another, which will be launched at

the summer exhibition. There are only a dozen or so copies left of our first book - A Glimpse of the Past. If you have not yet brought one, you had better hurry down to the Post Office before they are all gone.

An enjoyable evening given by the Carn Awn Singers was held at Trelights Chapel on Wednesday December 18th. An excellent supper was provided after and the proceeds of £90 were given to the Chapel funds. Many thanks to all who helped in every way.

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PIGS on tour



Perranporth December 2002

To prepare for the biggest day in the PIGS history (so far) meant an early start for the intrepid golfers who made the effort to go to Perranporth on a bloody cold winter's morning.

The days golf would end with six trophies being presented; The Christmas Shield sponsored by Jim and Mike, Licensees extraordinaire; The Pottery Plate (Matchplay) sponsored by Barb 'The Smile' Hawkins and her husband; Players Player of the Year sponsored by Dave, Peapod Stores; Stableford Winners; Nearest the Pin; and Longest Drive.

The Matchplay final brought together Guy 'The Tart' Hovil against Steve 'The Stunt' Bunt. Everybody within the club expected this match to be a close and exciting affair and the two gladiators didn't disappoint. 'The Stunt' went off at a fantastic pace hitting five consecutive pars, putting him five up, but 'The Tart' fought back closing the gap to two after Steve demolished a ladies granite tee marker with his tee shot (possibly shot of the day). 'The Stunt' finally finished off 'The Tart' on the sixteenth, winning three plus two. A fantastic end to a wonderful competition. Bring on next year!

The Christmas Shield medal was a hard day's golf played in wonderful conditions on a truly superb golf course with some of the fastest greens we had come across while on tour. The medal format was a great success with one of our sponsors coming out on top - Jim 'The Iceman' Bishop carding a net 74. A great score on a wild day. Now Jim will have to build another trophy cabinet to go with his prized lobster display.

The Stableford Competition was won, not surprisingly, by Steve 'The Stunt' Bunt, second Mike 'Compo' Edkins and third Nigel 'Foggy' Andrews.

Nearest the Pin was Gary 'The Gooner' Pattenden. His tee shot went that close to the hole you could see the cheeks of his bum clench even through his long johns, woolly trousers and oilskins!! A fantastic shot. Well-done Gaz!

Longest Drive was won by the Adonis himself, Andy Penny. He was the last to drive on the 15th and with the light diminishing he unleashed a majestic shot to surpass the previous best by some 10 metres. Awesome!!

Mick and me would like to say a huge thank you to Paul 'No Buggy' Honey for his work in making the golf days run smoothly, by organising the handicaps, score cards and results, especially December's event having three different formats to contend with. Thanks mate.

A few words from me to say I was honoured to be awarded the Players Player of the Year. Also I must apologise for not saying much but if I had it might have ended like Gwyneth Paltrow's Oscar speech - wet!! (Sorry Mick missed a few players' votes but I promise he won't next year).

Finally, me and Mick would like to say that the presentation of the caricatures of the pair of us as homosexual PIGS were probably the highlight of our time as organisers. We both agreed that we hadn't laughed so much in ages and we are both suing everyone of you for defamation of character and for injuries incurred, ie broken ribs and lock jaw. Thank you to everyone for the pictures. We can assure you all that they will be getting pride of place in our bathrooms.

We will see you for the first official tour date of 2003 - February 10th at Truro Golf Club, tee time 11.00am.

The Lardman

PIGS - venues and dates for 2003

February 10 th	Truro Golf Club	Tee off 11.30am
March 10 th	St Mellion Golf Club	Tee off 11.00am
April 14 th	Treloy Golf Club	Tee off 1.00pm
May 12 th	Trethorne Golf Club	Tee off 12.15pm
June 9 th	Roserrow Golf Club	Tee off 8.30am
	Ryder Cup team event, 36 holes	
July 7 th	Falmouth Golf Club	Tee off 1.00pm
August 11 th	St Austell Golf Club	Tee off 1.30pm
September 15 th	Whitsand Bay Golf Club	Tee off 1.00pm
October 13 th	Bowood Golf Club	Tee off 12noon
November 10 th	Lanhydrock Golf Club	Tee off 11.00am
December 8 th	Tehidy Golf Club	Tee off tbc

YOUTH

is not a time of life; it is a state of mind ...
 it is the freshness of the deep springs of life.
 Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years.
 People grow old by deserting their ideals ... whether sixty or sixteen,
 every human being may experience wonder ...
 the undaunted challenge of events,
 the unfailing childlike appetite for the future, the joy in living.
 For you are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt;
 as young as your self confidence, as old as your despair.
 As long as your heart receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer,
 courage and power from God and from your fellow men, you are young.

anon

Run Rabbit, Run



Rolling hummocks of sea pinks undulated among the tussocky heads of wind-combed grass along the cliff tops and invaded on the hedges of cliff side fields in spongy clumps. The carpet was riddled through with generations of rabbit burrows. There were few unoccupied burrows. Walkers needed to keep a careful eye on the ground as they walked over the hummocks to avoid stepping into a rabbit hole and turning an ankle.

The rabbit population contributed a vital element to the staple diet of Port Isaac residents. If the numbers of rabbits had not been kept in check by their use as ingredients in stews and pies, rabbits would very likely have overrun the place. Even as it was, anyone who peered over almost any hedge into almost any field in the parish, could do so in the confident expectation that there would be more rabbits in sight than could be counted in a hurry.

Rabbits were variously shot, ginned, trapped, snared by sundry persons and hunted by dogs, cats, ferrets, owls, buzzards and foxes, yet their multitude remained steady, barely dented.

The cliff dwelling rabbits were the specialists of the breed. They were swift and sure-footed, scuttling nervelessly along ledges affording the barest of footholds to get at isolated patches of greenery, which, just like the rabbits, had gained a sound purchase on the cliff against the odds.

A rabbit was available for the cooking pot at any time of year. Rabbits were shot with weaponry ranging from twelve bore and four-ten bore shotguns to .22 rifles and air rifles and pistols. Such guns were in widespread use. A "BSA" or "Diana" air rifle could be bought by simply responding to an advertisement in one or other of the weekly comics and would be directly delivered by the postman. In the course of evening stroll through the fields, a couple of rabbits could be bagged by the proud owner of an air rifle with no great effort.

Farmers chose to catch rabbits by setting lines of rabbit gins around the verges of their fields, or along tracks they had identified as rabbit runs. A rabbit gin was a steel device a foot or so long. It bore a set of viciously toothed jaws at one end, worked by a stiff spring clip that formed the main body of the instrument. A long spike to peg the gin down was attached to the gin by a length of chain. The spring clip was pushed down to separate the jaws and the jaws were then held open by a hinged pressure plate. The least touch on the pressure plate would cause the jaws to instantly snap shut with devastating force around whatever had come into contact with it.

The rabbit gins were dug and pegged at intervals into the ground along the selected routes. Each gin was covered by a light dusting of soil. In principle any passing rabbit stepping on the pressure plate would have its unfortunate foot grabbed by the steel jaws and would there be held for despatch when the farmer made his next visit to the gin line.

It was impossible for some Port Isaac boys to reconcile how ginning practice could be consistent with the morals of a local society that cowered with such impressive piety beneath either a church or a chapel umbrella. Rabbit gins certainly trapped rabbits but mangled rabbit limbs in the process and caused the animals an unacceptable immensity of suffering. Additionally, gins had no discrimination on their target catch. Cats, dogs, foxes and even badgers were vulnerable.



When I was out in the fields with my friends and we spotted a setline of rabbit gins, we followed the line along, springing each gin with a stick. The activity turned into a kind of crusade and we took to going out on expeditions with the sole objective of finding and springing as many rabbit gins as possible.

One long line of a couple of score of more of rabbit gins was set along the hill crest above Roscarrock Hill and Church Hill leading from the edge of Lobber in a sweep around to Hancock's quarry. We sprang that line a number of times,

until we, or rather I, as my companion at the time wasn't identified, were observed in the commission of the act, given the exposed location. The current Port Isaac police constable visited the school to interview me in connection with the reported crime. It was common enough for the PC to interview alleged offenders at the school. He could always find you there for a start. Outside of school hours however he favoured calling on you at home. The underlying principle to his interviews was that you were guilty until proved innocent, not only in the eyes of the PC, but also in the view of teachers, parents and neighbours. The arrival of a policeman at a house in any street set a wave of curtains twitching and triggered a similarly wagging reaction in neighbourly tongues.

Following being pulled out of class to meet our PC, although there were no regrets on my part for missing the lesson that had been taking place at the time, the PC told me I was guilty of a serious offence which could merit a spell for me in a place named Borstal. Whatever or wherever Borstal was, he didn't say. He demanded to know who my unidentified accomplice was in the gin-springing incident. The one thing I knew from reading "Adventure" and "The Hotspur", among other impeccable sources of information on personal deportment, was that giving away names to authority was not a honourable thing to do. Although I was forced to confess to the crime of springing gins, I told the PC that I could not tell him who was with me.

Since I was invariably out with one particularly inseparable friend at the time, I imagine that even a PC could have hazarded an educated guess as to whom I was refusing to name. However, I was informed that the refusal to name my partner in crime made the matter even more serious. If I persisted in this attitude when (and not if) I appeared in court, he told me, I would be held in contempt. I didn't really know what

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contempt of court meant then, so that passed me by gently. My elders and betters were then consulted and advised by the PC that I had given him the classic "*mouthful of cheek*". Any form of answering back, or holding any opinion at odds with those of our elders and betters was considered to be a mouthful of cheek. It was really false witness from the PC in this case, as I felt I had been most polite with him at all times.

To cut a long story short, my partner in crime was identified and the whole affair sank out of sight, like a stone in a muddy pool. If there was a lesson to be learned by us from it all it was that we should take more care in future not to be observed when springing rabbit gins.

When the corn was cut in the fields in the late summer, the fields were swarming with activity. Cutting the corn began in one corner of the field, and the cutter, pulled by horses or tractor, worked around the field in a spiral route heading towards the centre. Many untrained and inexperienced hands followed the corn cutting, sometimes assisting but mostly hindering the lifting and binding of the cut corn into shocks, and the subsequent stacking of the shocks upright. Shocks were leaned together for drying in groups of three or four. Some mechanical corn cutters could bind the shocks automatically. A field spotted with stacked shocks of corn was an inviolate symbol of the harvest time. A few shocks were selected to decorate the church and chapels for the Harvest Festival.

As the corn cutter ran its ever-closing spiral course around the field, the resident rabbits, rats and mice moved ever deeper into the closing eye of the uncut corn. Once in a while a rabbit might try to make a break for freedom through the tight gauntlet of men busily stacking corn shocks. Few rabbits got through. If the men didn't get them, then waiting dogs would. The captured rabbits were despatched by a chopping blow, a "*rabbit punch*", to the back of the neck with the edge of a hard hand. Ultimately the shrinking circle of standing corn in the field would reach a critical dimension. A vast mass of rabbits, with more than a few rats and mice keeping them company, then came boiling out of the remaining corn in a sudden panic, dodging and racing in a multitude of directions for the safety of the hedges. A heavy toll of their numbers was taken as they were cut down just like the corn. This was genuinely "*Run, rabbit, run rabbit, run, run, run*" as Flanagan and Allen would sing if given the least excuse to do so. When the working day had finished with all the corn cut, the catch of rabbits was shared between the workers, and the imminent prospect of a rabbit pie became real.

To skin a rabbit it was necessary to cut off the head and make a slit down from the neck to the belly with a sharp knife to open the rabbit up and remove its innards. Then, with a clean single drag backwards from the neck the skin was peeled back to expose the translucent purplish red meat of the carcass. Slits were made around the feet and the tail to permit the skin to be removed in one piece. A rabbit skin fur was usually discarded, although it had a pleasing softness to it and could be tanned and made into garments, wrapping Baby Bunting for example.

A rabbit's foot might be retained as a lucky charm, in which capacity it would be used to satisfy a desire that it might bring more luck to the owner of the charm than it had ultimately provided for the rabbit from which they were taken. Since the art of embalming a rabbit's foot for personal use was not especially advanced in Port Isaac, what their possession brought to the pockets of their new owner, apart from the elusive luck, was a not especially appealing spell. But then again, one more such smell among so many others didn't make a lot of difference.

It was most common to eat rabbit in its dismembered state in pies and stews. The former was more or less a version of the latter, but came with the variation of having a slab of pastry on top to hide the ingredients. These ingredients, apart from pieces of rabbit, were whatever was available at the time of cooking. Potatoes, cabbage, carrots, parsnips, turnips (white or swede), broccoli, cauliflower, and sprouts all went into the pie. The vegetables were cooked together until they fell apart and merged into a thick mush and the rabbit flesh was dropping from the bones in succulent shreds. The pastry cover for pies was as unique as the fingerprints of the pastry maker. There were a host of closely guarded pastry recipes. Most were retained in the head and few were ever committed to paper. Making good pastry was a knack which some had and many didn't have. It was an



individual skill, not necessarily handed down from generation to generation. The taste, texture, crispness, softness, toughness or chewiness of a specific pastry could immediately specify the identity of its maker.

One day, in the very early 1950's three boys, of whom I was one, came across a large rabbit crouched in the grass on the crest of the Port Gaverne valley. The rabbit made no attempt to run away from us. We walked right up to it and could touch it and still it remained motionless. A sharp odour rose from the rabbit, not dissimilar to that which surrounded the urinal below the "*Golden Lion*" with the overlay of disinfectant removed. The rabbit's head was grossly deformed by bulbous pink swellings over its eyes and on its cheeks. Its eyes were closed to weeping slits. This was our first encounter with the absolute horror of the rabbit plague myxomatosis. This outrage was visited by farmers on the countryside as a means of reducing the rabbit population. It originated, so it was later understood, in France. So contagious and sweeping was myxomatosis, that it virtually extinguished rabbits from the parish in the course of a season. The smell of the diseased and the rotting dead lay over the land.

Myxomatosis marked the end of rabbit pies. An occasional rabbit would be offered for sale, suspiciously always without its head, but there were no takers. Everyone came to know what a "*myxy*" rabbit looked like. A great door had been slammed shut in nature diminishing all who heard its reverberation.

For all that, it was seriously interrupted, nature moved on and adjusted. The grass that the rabbits had formerly cropped short grew damp and lank. Foxes, deprived of their staple diet, became wide-ranging scavengers and elected to raid farmyards to prey on chickens, as did buzzards, which served the farmers right in the opinion of the boys.

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Parish Council news

At the December meeting of the Parish Council, Mrs June Yates from Trelights was co-opted as a member of the Council. This means we are now up to full strength again and as there have been a number of changes it was felt helpful to list all the current members: -

Mr Harold Bariball	Mr Barry Goodright	Mr Malcolm Lee
Mrs Barbara Bell	Mr Robert Harris	Mr Bryan Nichols
Mr Bill Dawe	Mr David Phelps (C/Man)	Mrs June Yates
Mrs Sue Foster	Mr Harvey Lander	

A list, including the Parish clerk Miss Elizabeth Harris, of all Parish Council members, District Councillor Mr Bill Dawe, County Councillor Mrs Helen Richards and Community Policeman Malcolm Taylor, along with current contact numbers is being posted to our three parish notice boards - outside the Co-op, at the Liberal Club and at Trelights.

PC Malcolm Taylor has recently been appointed as our community policeman (shared with St Kew and the St Minver parishes) and he introduced himself to us at the January meeting. Councillors raised some current concerns that he will be following up.

As a result of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, all parish, town and community councils are required to have a publication scheme and St Endellion PC has adopted the model scheme for local councils. The Information has always been available for inspection on request (for example minutes of meetings, responses to planning applications, standing orders, register of interests) but during the coming months we will be considering practical ways to make it easier for people to have access to legitimate information in which they have an interest. These monthly articles in *Trio* try to cover the main items of interest to people in the parish.

It has also been suggested that planning applications should be included in this news bulletin. The Parish Council is sent all planning applications within the parish boundary and is invited to comment to NCDC's planning department. Each month new applications received are listed on the meeting agendas that are posted on the parish notice boards so that members of the public know when they are being discussed. Anyone can come along to the meeting to raise any concerns during the public discussion or write to the clerk or chairman in advance of the meeting. These applications will already have been published in the Cornish Guardian and you may of course write directly to the planning office.

By the time *Trio* is published it is too late for comments on planning issues to be accommodated. However, in future for completeness, the planning applications that have been considered and notification of approvals and refusals will be listed at the end of this article.

The Parish Questionnaire - The survey for the parish plan is now underway. **Questionnaires are being delivered around now to everyone living in the parish. If for any reason you have not received one please contact Malcolm Lee on 880106. Please fill yours in and let us know your views and concerns.** The opportunity to do this does not come often as this type of exercise is costly to run. The survey is important for many reasons, not just for economic regeneration. The feedback you provide will give credence and clout to the Parish Council when pursuing areas of concern; for example with Highways over traffic problems, District and County Councils over things like affordable housing or bus services.

Other Parish Council Matters

At the December meeting the budget for 2003/04 was approved for submission to NCDC. Several thousand pounds have been earmarked to support local projects during the coming year. How that money is spent will largely depend on the results of the current survey, which seeks to identify the priorities and wishes of the parish and on the specific regeneration projects which come forward during the year to seek matched funding. So do make your views known by completing the parish questionnaire.

County Councillor Mrs Helen Richards reported that some provision for a traffic calming scheme at St Endellion has been made for the coming year.

Consequently our chairman, David Phelps, has been in contact with Robert Constance from Highways who has agreed to a specific site meeting to discuss public concerns and potential solutions to the problem. This meeting should happen in the next few weeks. Our current understanding is that it is unlikely an actual speed limit can be imposed (unless it were to be a blanket limit throughout the parish), but we will pursue the reasons why not and also what realistic alternatives there may be.

The next District Council elections take place on May 1st 2003. North Cornwall District Council is keen to raise awareness of the work it does and to encourage people to consider standing for election as a District Councillor. They are holding an information evening on Wednesday 19th February at 7.00pm at NCDC's Council Chamber, College Road, Camelford and have asked us to publicise the meeting. During the evening they will be explaining what a councillor does and how to stand for election. So if you are at all interested do go along, senior councillors and officers will be on hand to answer questions. From May 2003 there are some boundary changes and St Endellion and St Kew will become a single ward with one District Councillor. Incidentally that doesn't affect the Parish Councils. There will still be separate ones for St Kew and St Endellion. Parish Council elections also take place in May.

The Council was dismayed to hear that under the proposed new bus network for Cornwall our local services in North Cornwall are under serious threat. The limited bus services we have in the parish may be restricted or stopped altogether. Our Chairman has written to TAS Partnership, who is doing a consultation on behalf of First Western National Buses. He complained that there has been so little consultation and expressed concern about problems it means for those dependent on public transport. This letter was copied to Paul Tyler MP who replied immediately. Whilst our MP is supportive and is active in the matter, he is very concerned about the immediate prospects. He will be working to try to persuade the County Council to take appropriate action for the future.

This year is the silver jubilee of the
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Becoming a District Councillor

In May, 36 North Cornwall District Councillors will be elected.

People stand for election to the District Council for many reasons. It may be to speak on behalf of the local community and help local people; to pursue political beliefs; to contribute their professional and business skills; to shape the future of the local community. A District Councillor is vital to the local community as the voice of the community. It's hard work but it's a great opportunity to influence the future of North Cornwall as a whole whilst helping local constituents with their problems.

To be a District Councillor you must be at least 21 and a British, Commonwealth or European citizen. You also need to be a local elector or have lived, worked or owned a property in the district for at least a year. You do not have to be a member of the Parish Council.

NCDC are organising an information evening for anyone who is interested in standing for election. It will be held at the council chamber, College Road, Camelford at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 19th February. There will also be the opportunity to talk to current councillors and officers to find out more about the workload and the responsibilities involved.

Recycling News

The construction of the new recycling facility in Bodmin is well underway. It is on the Bodmin Business Park on the same road as ASDA. It should be completed by this summer and local groups will be able to go along to the visitor centre and see the recycling process in action.

The new recycling centre will be run jointly by NCDC, Caradon Council and the Cornwall Paper Company. They have already won a national award for the kerbside recycling scheme in the two districts which is held up as a good example of a partnership between the public and private sector.

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completion of the Southwest Coastal Path that goes all the way from Minehead to Poole. The Parish Council is planning to mark the occasion with a sponsored walk along the coastal path within the parish between Port Quin and Bounds Cliff just beyond Port Gaverne on Sunday 25th May. We are hoping to involve other organisations and make it a parish event; more details later.

In January the Parish Council received a request from the local fishermen to use part of the playing fields for the storage and maintenance of their gear during the winter months. Unfortunately the council did not feel able to grant the specific request for a number of reasons. However there may be alternative and potentially more appropriate solutions to the problem and we are happy to give whatever support we can in the matter.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on **Monday 10th February at 7.30pm at Trelights** in the Methodist chapel room. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Sue Foster, Parish Councillor

Planning Applications commented on by Parish Council

Application no 2002/2633 - Dismantle of span of HV overhead line a pole mount transformer and install an H pole with a pole mounted transformer. Lower Bodannon, Trewetha, Port Isaac, Western Power Distribution. Supported by PC.

Application no 2002/2608 - Conversion of loft space & extension to rear with pitched roof over. Delegation possible. Full planning. 14, Trewetha Lane, Port Isaac, Mr M Rowe. Supported by PC.

Application no 2002/2658 - To carry out works to trees covered by a tree preservation order namely to trim and reduce overall size of sycamore tree whilst retaining its shape 5, Marshalls Way, Trelights, Port Isaac, Mr B Goodright. (Mr Goodright declared an interest and left the room whilst this was being discussed.) Supported by PC.

Notification of Approvals/ Refusals by NCDC

Application 2002/2042 - Erection of two storey side extension, demolition of existing 2 no detached garage and erection of new detached garage. Trewetha Cottage, Trewetha, Port Isaac, Mr R Hambly. Approved.

Application 2002/2248 - Demolition of existing chalet and garage and erection of rear extension and formation of dormer window in connection with roof space conversion, 48 New Road, Port Isaac, Mr C Potter. Approved.

Application 2002/2287 - Erection of extension to conservatory, Trewithick Barn, Trelights, Mr & Mrs F Harper. Approved.

Application 2002/2009 - Erection of livestock shed, Tregaverne, Port Gaverne, Mr G May. Approved.

Application 2002/2466 - Alterations and erection of extension, Mr G May. Approved.

Application 2002/1547 - Conversion of redundant farm buildings to 3 units of holiday accommodation, Trewinte, Port Quin, Port Isaac, Mr J Williams. Approved.

Application 2002/1865 - Alteration to existing dormer window, Port Gaverne Hotel, Port Gaverne, Port Isaac, D Sylvester. Approved.

Application 2002/1696 - Demolition of existing garage structure and erection of new annex accommodation, Cartway Cove, Port Gaverne, Port Isaac, Mr & Mrs J Kellett. Approved.

Application 2002/2059 - Proposed store/garage, Rose Cottage, Trelights, Port Isaac, Miss R Lock & Mr A L Wreford. Approved.

Application 2002/1763 - Erection of conservatory, 51 Fore Street, Port Isaac, Mr J Rowe. Refused.

Application 2002/1619 - Erection of conservatory, The Barn Owl, Trewetha, Port Isaac, Mrs F Postle. Refused.

Application 2002/1790 - Erection of replacement dwelling and garage at The Moorings, Port Gaverne, Port Isaac, Mr & Mrs M Cole. Refused.

Application 2002/1947 - Removal of existing glazed lobby and erection of fully glazed sun lounge at Tamrisk, 7 Trewetha Lane, Port Isaac. Mr R Birch. Advised, following site visit, planning permission not required.

Thank you to everyone who lent us photographs and other items for our exhibition.

You can collect your photos from Jan on any schoolday morning.

schoolchat

Port Isaac School
news and views



Twelve Days - not enough!

What a way to start Christmas. December 14th was a night to remember for everybody involved in the Port Isaac School play.

The children put on a great performance to rival anything seen in theatre circles for many a year.

Mrs Janet Townsend did an excellent job whipping the crowd into a controlled frenzy by practicing the words - and the actions - to 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' - and I think it should be noted that a certain Mr Mike Edkins was 'getting into' the actions for 'three French hens' just a little too much!

From the moment 'Alan Partridge' started narrating, an air of pride enveloped the Village Hall. Every proud parent, grandparent, brother, sister, in fact, everyone, witnessed a very professional and entertaining performance.

Our hat's go off to everyone who was involved in the organising of a fantastic show.

And finally, how lovely to see the kids, with lanterns glowing in the wintry night, in procession down to the Platt to see the turning on of the Christmas lights. Let's hope that this is the start of a tradition that goes on for many years to come.

Book token thanks

Jessica Powell, Megan Greenhalgh, Jack Greenhalgh, Annie Appleby, Emily Hassell, Roxanne Williams and Laura Pattenden would like to thank the sponsors and the *Trio* for the book tokens we received for the short story competition. We are all very grateful.

I bought seven books, *The Princess Diaries Take Two*, *Princess Diaries*, *Third Time Lucky*, *Mia Goes Fourth*, *Girls Out Late*, *Girls in Love*, *Girls under Pressure* and *Letters of a Love Struck Teenager*. Thank you again.

by Jess Powell, Y6

Fun Days with animals

Roxanne Williams' award winning short story

This is a story about three rats and one mouse, a cat and a dog.

Once upon a time the three rats decided to meet their friends, the mouse and cat and dog, to play in the field near the river. The cat's name is called Spinella and she was running around after the mouse who was called Grechon having a great time. TJ, the dog, was going mad chasing around Mikey and Vince and Fransena, the rats.

They all got tired so laid down in the warm sunshine for a little while to rest, watching the river splashing against the side of the riverbank. Along

came a large bit of wood and they looked at each other and, yes, let's jump on it! They floated down the river. This was great fun.

The bit of wood stopped against the side of the river so Grechon, Mikey, Vince and Fransena jumped in and had a swim around while TJ and Spinella sat and watched them. It was a good day all round. The sun started to go down and they made their way back along the riverside back home. All were so tired and said to each other, 'Goodbye, see you again tomorrow'.

By Roxanne Williams,
age 6

Throw a Pancake Party

Shrove Tuesday is on March 4th which is before the majority of us receive our copy of the *Trio* and so it would seem appropriate that I offer you a couple of my favourite pancake recipes now.

Tradition has it that the day before Lent starts, all the perishable ingredients in the store cupboard be used before the Lenten Fast begins. This being the case, all sorts of imaginative fillings would fill the traditional pancake, sweet and savoury. My family always enjoyed sweet pancakes on Pancake Day. At other times of the year, we would indulge in a savoury filling, but never on Pancake Day! My Mother would use the basic recipe and would throw a few currants onto the batter as it cooked, she would then toss it (a memorable event!) and then serve it straight onto our waiting plates. We would then drench it in caster sugar and fresh lemon juice - delicious! It was an ongoing system, my Mother, the poor darling, cooked throughout the meal feeding an enthusiastic family.

Today, we have got things much more organised and make the pancakes well in advance. They can be cooked and then layered with greaseproof paper one on top of the other and covered with a damp tea towel and then stored in the refrigerator for up to twenty-four hours. Alternatively, they can be frozen and then rolled and rapidly heated through in a hot oven or under a grill to heat through but not dry out.

MARSCAPONE PANCAKES WITH LEMON AND LIME

For a basic pancake batter for 8-10 pancakes
110g/4oz plain flour * pinch salt * 1egg
300ml/½pt milk, semi-skimmed is best * sunflower oil for frying

For the filling:
250g/9oz pack Marscarpone cheese * 4tbsp icing sugar * ¼ tsp freshly grated nutmeg
grated rind and juice 1 lemon * grated rind and juice 1 lime * 2tbsp demerara sugar

METHOD

First make the pancake batter by sifting the flour and salt into a bowl. Make a well in the centre. Add the egg and whisk into the flour together with the milk until you have a smooth, lump free batter - this can be done in a food processor which makes excellent pancake batter. Cover and leave to rest for fifteen minutes.

To make the pancakes, you will need a 20cm/8in pan, the heavier the better. Get the pan really hot and then add ½ tsp of oil. Ladle enough batter into the pan to just cover the base of the pan and cook it for about one minute over a moderate heat. Loosen the edges of the pancake with a palate knife and toss it (if you dare!). Otherwise carefully flip it over with your palate knife and cook for a further half to one minute. Transfer to a plate, cover with greaseproof paper, cook the next pancake and so continue.

NOTE: The first pancake is invariably a failure due to the pan not being hot enough. Take heart, the rest will be excellent!

Now for the Marscarpone filling. Beat together the marscarpone, icing sugar, the lemon juice and zest. Reserve the lime juice and zest. Divide the mixture between the pancakes and smooth over and roll each pancake and place in a single layer in a heatproof dish. Sprinkle with the lime juice, the zest and the demerara sugar. Grill for 4-5 minutes until golden.

Enjoy your pancakes!

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village hall?' Said Roger Sykes of Woodbridge in Suffolk, 'I applied for a grant to the Community Fund for my village hall, but without success.' Like us this Suffolk rural community has a much-utilised village hall. It is so valuable to the community that money raised to mark the millennium was allocated, by consensus of the villagers, to the hall for its updating.

Since then Mr Sykes has applied to the Community Fund three times for a grant to increase the hall's size and update it to meet statutory requirements. Each application was

a mammoth task, the last taking more than two years and three people's efforts. The multi-page form, with many ambiguous questions, cash flow projections, business plans and budgets was complex. Non-recoverable expenses such as architect's fees, planning and structural engineer's reports eroded valuable money from the Hall's account. Each time the grant was refused, the last time because 'the fund felt it could use the sum to better advantage elsewhere'. Yet this Hall, like ours, continues to be in daily use.

Rural Affairs Minister, Alun Michael MP, replied saying, '... that cash

from central government for village halls is not under threat. Government funding from the Community Fund for village halls remains at about £33million a year.' He went on to say that the government is working with the National Village Halls Forum, other interested parties and government departments on how to target money for village halls more effectively.

So there does seem to be some hope for us and we are continuing with our applications for grant aid for the improved access and disabled facilities for our Village Hall.

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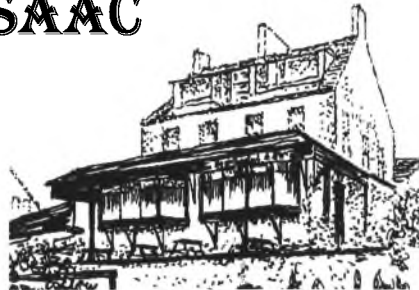
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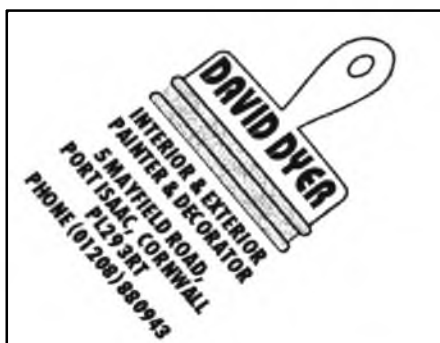
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Thursday February 6th

AGM - North Cornwall Conservative Association (St Endellion branch) at 2 Gullrock, Port Gaverne - 11.30am

STEER meeting in Port Isaac Village Hall - 7.30pm

Friday February 7th

Local History Group meeting in the Penhaligon Room - 7.30pm

Saturday February 8th

Port Isaac's Mount Edgcumbe Hospice Day in the Village Hall - 10.30am. Lunches served from 12noon

Monday February 10th

PIGS on Tour - Truro Golf Club - tee off 11.30am

Parish Council Meeting at Trelights - 7.30pm

Monday February 17th

'In the Bag' recycling kerbside collection day - put your bags out by 7.00am

Tuesday February 18th

Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall - 7.30pm

Saturday March 1st

'End of Winter Blues Party' with Déjà Blues and Paul Johnson in the Village Hall - doors open 7.30pm

Monday March 3rd

'In the Bag' recycling kerbside collection day - put your bags out by 7.00am

Thursday March 6th

STEER meeting in Port Isaac Village Hall - 7.30pm

Monday March 10th

PIGS on Tour - St Mellion Golf Club - tee off 11.00am

Parish Council Meeting at Port Isaac

Saturday March 15th

Air Ambulance Fundraiser in the Village Hall

Monday March 17th

'In the Bag' recycling kerbside collection day - put your bags out by 7.00am

Tuesday March 18th

Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall - 7.30pm

Wednesday March 19th

Trelights Village Green Committee AGM in the Methodist Schoolroom - 7.30pm

Monday March 31st

'In the Bag' recycling kerbside collection day - put your bags out by 7.00am

Wednesday April 2nd

Village Hall AGM

Thursday April 3rd

STEER meeting in Port Isaac Village Hall - 7.30pm

Sunday April 6th

RNLI Shoot at Colquite

Monday April 14th

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PIGS on Tour - Treloy Golf Club - tee off 1.00pm

Parish Council Meeting at Port Isaac

Tuesday April 22nd

Mum's & Monsters Easter Bingo in the Village Hall - eyes down 7.30pm

Thursday May 1st

STEER meeting in Port Isaac Village Hall - 7.30pm

Saturday May 3rd

Village Hall Grand Auction, Bar and Barbeque

Friday May 9th

Local History Group meeting in the Village Hall - 7.30pm

Monday May 12th

PIGS on Tour - Trethorne Golf Club - tee off 12.15pm

Parish Council Meeting at Port Isaac - 7.30pm

Tuesday May 20th

Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall - 7.30pm

Thursday June 5th

STEER meeting in Port Isaac Village Hall - 7.30pm

Monday June 9th

PIGS on Tour - Roserrow Golf Club - tee off 8.30am

Parish Council Meeting at Port Isaac

Tuesday June 17th

Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall - 7.30pm

Thursday July 3rd

STEER meeting in Port Isaac Village Hall - 7.30pm

Monday July 7th

PIGS on Tour - Falmouth Golf Club - tee off 1.00pm

Monday July 14th

Parish Council Meeting at Port Isaac

Tuesday July 15th

Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall - 7.30pm

Thursday August 7th

STEER meeting in Port Isaac Village Hall - 7.30pm

Monday August 11th

PIGS on Tour - St Austell Golf Club - tee off 1.30pm

Parish Council Meeting at Port Isaac

Tuesday August 19th

Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall - 7.30pm

Thursday September 4th

STEER meeting in Port Isaac Village Hall - 7.30pm

Monday September 8th

Parish Council Meeting at Port Isaac

Monday September 15th

PIGS on Tour - Whitsand Bay Golf Club - tee off 1.00pm

Tuesday September 16th

Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall - 7.30pm

Monday October 13th

PIGS on Tour - Bowood Golf Club - tee off 12noon

Parish Council Meeting at Trelights

Tuesday October 21st

Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall - 7.30pm

Monday November 10th

PIGS on Tour - Lanhydrock Golf Club - tee off 11.00am

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. 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

Art Class - Every Monday from 7.30pm - 9.00pm in Port Isaac Village Hall. Contact Barbara Hawkins on 01208 880625

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