



TRIO

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Port Gaverne Quay open again

Members of Friends of the Main spent Saturday May 17th working on the Quay at Port Gaverne and the good news is that it's now open again.

Previously, following a major rock fall and the ravages of the sea, stonework was made good and strengthened or replaced to the face of the Quay. All that was needed to complete the job was to backfill the hole with concrete. So almost four tons was mixed on the beach and hoisted up to the Quay - by bucket! Needless to say, everyone slept well that night - and in certain cases many new muscles were discovered!

The next big task is the replacement of the bridge and planning is well advanced. The building team have made all the measurements and got their hard hats ready. FOTM have also received generous donations of materials so work will be starting soon.

A photographic record of all the work can be seen on the Friends of the Main website, www.friendsofthemain.org.uk including a picture of a sea-going trailer - quite rare on any coastline.


The website also has a section on the natural history of Port Gaverne and links to other Cornish Natural history sites. It also contains a section of historical photographs. There is a page about the tasks that are planned and the progress so far.

Conservation days are ongoing and details will be given in *Trio* when the next one is to take place. Already volunteers have managed to clear some of the blackthorn so that nesting birds can have some extra shelter. The piles

of cut grass and blackthorn also provide a warm place for slow-worms and insects.

If you would like to help and/or join please contact:

Tony Wainwright at
Tonywainwright@hotmail.com or
01208 880846
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01208 880256



every Thursday - 7.45pm
live on the Platt with the
**Flora Dance through the village
if wet in the Church**

School celebrates award

Port Isaac village school has something to celebrate.

The Secretary of State for Education and Skills has awarded the School an achievement award for its successes during the 2001/2002 school year. The award recognised the substantial improvements in results during 1999 to 2002 and achieving better results in 2002 than other comparable schools.

The award also means that all the staff who were working at the School last year will receive a



special financial award from the Government in recognition of their contribution to the School's success.

'We have a wonderful team here and I am delighted that their hard work and dedication, which has taken the school forward, is being recognised in this way. We strongly believe

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Nearly a hundred women packed the Village Hall for Port Isaac RNLI's Girls Night Out on May 15th.

The noise level was immense - to say the least - as we chatted, had our hair done, chatted, had our nails done, chatted, drank, chatted, got some make-up advice, chatted, watched fashion shows, chatted, were massaged, chatted, had reflexology, chatted, shopped and, did I say, chatted!

And we managed to raise nearly £400 for the RNLI.

It was a good night out, something a little bit different, and the feedback has been really good. So yes, it might become an annual event.


Footnote: Some men did feel a bit left out and there have been murmurings of a Mens Night Out. I'm not sure what the format would be. Perhaps Roy Speakman could talk (even more) about his George Forman Grill, Bob Monk entertain with tales of the delights of his Breadmaker and Ian Fuller give a talk on the history of the basque - Dee



RNLI awards

Dave Nicoll, the RNLI's Senior Area Organiser for Cornwall, recently paid a visit to present the following awards: certificates of thanks to Dave Raynor and Chris Bolton; a shield and certificate to Des Weston; statues and certificates to Jon Cleave and Cliff Gaunt; and bronze awards to Bob & Sandie Bulgin.


Annie P, Chairman



Cleave
Congratulations to Marshall and Gabriella
on the birth of their son Jake Marshall
on May 14th 2003, weighing 9lb 13oz

First great grandchild for Norman & May
 First grandchild for Barry & Ann

Love and best wishes
from all the family



The pig drawing personality test

Do not cheat by looking at the answers first. Do exactly as the instructions say or this will not work!

Get a blank piece of paper and draw a picture of a whole pig on it - not just the head but just a basic drawing. Don't spend too long on it. Then go to page 7 to find out what your drawing says about you!

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that these high standards are a result of our approach of offering a broad and creative curriculum aimed at developing the whole child and the support we have received from many members of the local community.

'We are determined that these standards will continue and be improved upon and thank everyone who has supported us' said Simon Bishop, headteacher.

Speaking on behalf of the School's Board of Governors, Barbara Hawkins added, 'We are thrilled. This award is so well deserved. The School has a wonderful team of teachers and helpers and it's good to see the children doing so well.'

The Friends of Port Isaac School fundraise throughout the year to provide the children with much needed equipment and aids. Coming up soon is a Quiz Night on Friday July 4th; the School Summer Fayre on Sunday July 13th; the Ego Ronnie's Band on Saturday August 9th; and a Race Night on Friday September 19th.

Trio copy dates for 2003

MONTH	COPY DATE	PUBLICATION
July	June 24 th	July 3 rd
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December	December 1 st	December 11 th

Record breaking auction



The absolutely staggering and record-breaking sum of £3000.50 was raised at the Village Hall Grand Auction on May 3rd. An enormous thank you to everyone who supported the event either by donating their talents, their services, their time or goods or spending their money. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

This means that we now have in the bank well over 10% of what we need for the access improvements so if our bids for grant aid do fail we can make a start. Our fundraising will continue in top gear and one way or another we will be able to start the work in the not too distant future. We're definitely going to hold another Auction next year.

Grand Draw

Ongoing throughout the year is our Grand Draw. Tickets, priced £1 each, are now on sale locally and from committee members.

First prize is an original painting by Barbara Hawkins – donated especially for Village Hall fundraising – 'Evening Harbour: Port Isaac' and it is on display in the Pottery. Many other fabulous prizes can also be won and the draw will be made on the final night of the Port Isaac Pantomime in the Village Hall on December 28th 2003.

Summer Variety Show

Our next 'big' event is the Village Hall Summer Variety Show. Local – and not so local – people will be showing off their talents and it promises to be a fun packed programme for all the family offering both music and comedy for all age groups.

Dates set are July 30th and August 6th and 13th. Tickets for all three performances will be on sale from mid-June onwards from *Secrets* priced £4 for adults and £3 for concessions and £2 for children under 14.

It is not too late if you want to get in on the act, so to speak. A meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Sunday June 1st at 6.00pm for everyone who wants to take part. If you cannot attend this meeting just call Ian on 01208 880069 with details of your act.

and then ...

Saturday September 13th is the Village Hall Curry Night with a bit of entertainment to keep you amused whilst you eat.

There's a slight change in October. The good news is that we've managed to secure the return of the Old Ropestring Band as part of the Carn to Cove scheme. The date is Saturday October 4th so put it in your diaries now.

The bad news is that because of this we have decided to postpone the annual Village Hall Music Quiz to a date in December – more details next month.

Also with Carn to Cove we hope to bring a theatrical act to the Hall in November. The Ministry of Entertainment will present 'Doodlebugs and Bogeyman' – good old fashioned comedy set in the early 1940s looking at two evacuees from London and the West Country farming community which took them. Hopefully this will be an early evening performance so that all the family can come along. Full details available soon.

Then, to close the year, the now annual Village Hall Children's Christmas Party is set for Sunday December 14th.

And that's another year in the life of our Village Hall ...

Did you hear?
The Old Ropestring
Band are coming back
to the Village Hall!

brilliant!



Village Hall news ...

Frank McNichol - an artist and a gentleman

1911 - 2003

The village was saddened to hear that Frank McNichol died on Monday October 12th.

Many years and many miles away from his birthplace of Liverpool in 1911, Frank gathered many friends on his life's journey and he held a special place in many people's hearts. This was evident by the number that attended Glynn Valley Crematorium for a service of thanksgiving for Frank's life. In the words of one of his great friends, '... everyone will have their own memories of Frank to keep him alive and if ever they start to grow dim they can always look at one of his pictures'.

Frank's artistic career began when he joined Ark Studios - then the largest scenic studio in the North - at the age of 17 where he designed and painted theatre scenery until 1939. Then, after the Second World War he went back to the theatre world for another two years before moving to London and into trade exhibition stand design, working on murals and interiors for many leading companies of the day.

He was a man of vision and imagination, a man of many parts. In 1966 he moved to Port Gaverne with his beloved wife and lifelong partner Rene and for a while he became 'Frank the Builder', carrying out the planning, restoration and rebuild of what was to become their home and his studio. Building work completed, he began to paint full-time and has been doing so ever since, still painting and creating his wonderful dioramas - three-dimensional paintings/models - up until his death.

With Rene and friends at Port Gaverne, Frank set up and ran the annual Art Exhibition at Port Gaverne in support of the RNLI for over 28 years. This became one of the most successful fundraising events for the RNLI in North Cornwall. This association with the RNLI continued and Frank painted and donated historic Port Isaac RNLI rescue scenes for special Christmas cards in both 2001 and 2002. It was his intention to carry out a similar commission for 2003.

Over the years Frank has raised many more thousands of pounds for other local charities and was particularly generous to the annual Port Isaac Mount Edgumbe Hospice Day. He was a kind and generous man.

'Frank the Teacher' was responsible for developing the artistic talents of many local people through his local classes. Generous with his time, counsel and enthusiasm he brought the joy and understanding of art to many. Many of his students became accomplished artists in their own right.

To this end, Frank's family hope to set up the McNichol Trust in his memory. The aim is to benefit young artists in Cornwall and it is hoped to provide an annual bursary for an art student, providing materials and training. Funeral donations will go towards the foundation of this Trust and in the long term some of Frank's work may be published to continue the funding.

'Kind of heart, Frank had the ability to make lasting friends with men and women from all walks of life and as a true 'Peter Pan' he touched the hearts of all ages. He will be long remembered by all of us who were lucky enough to count him as our friend' - Bob Bulgin

A Blank Canvas

A work of art really glows on a wall
for 90 odd years, a cord snaps, it will fall
We are left with just a faded square
to remind us of beauty that once was there.

Such was Frank, proud of his art
A small gentle man, big in talent and heart
Hosts of good causes, shared his endeavour
A square on life's wall we'll cherish forever.

Eric Stokes

'Frank will be greatly missed by us all - but remembered' - Betty Milton

Requiem for Frank from Isobel

If I should die, then do not grieving be
for grieving doth destroy the sorrower.
I'd have you call to mind the joyous me
of happy memories be the borrower.

'A kind and gentle man
who enhanced our lives'

Keepers!

I grew up in the fifties with practical parents - a Mother, God love her, who washed aluminum foil after she cooked in it, then reused it. She was the original recycling queen - before they had a name for it... My Father was happier getting old shoes fixed than buying new ones.

Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away. I can see them now, Dad in trousers, vest and a hat and Mum with a teatowel in her hand.

It was the time for fixing things - the kitchen radio, the back door, the oven door, the hem in a dress. Things we keep. It was a way of life and sometimes it made me crazy. All that re-fixing, reheating, renewing, I wanted just once to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there'd always be more.

But then my Mother died and on that clear summer's night I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any 'more'. Sometimes, what we care about most gets all used up and goes away... never to return.

So, while we have it, its best we love it and care for it and fix it when it's broken and heal it when it's sick. This is true for marriage and old cars and children with bad school reports and dogs with bad hips and aging parents and grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it.

FOR SALE

Border Collie Pups, tricolour.
Born Easter, ready mid to end of June. Mother very bright and loving. £50 to caring homes only.

Details from 01840 213796

Monk's monthly mutterings!

**Wanted: Army Surplus Surface to Air Missiles.
Must be in working order and easy to use.**

Tel: Bob

We've just had our first little taste of summer - longer and longer sunny days, deck chair in the back yard, read all the sexy bits in the Daily Mirror, can of beer nicely defrosting in the sunshine ... and what happens? Those b_ _ _ y little aeroplanes are back. Nasty, noisy little beggars which go round and round in vertical and horizontal circles, hour after hour; they do it in shifts all day long.

Now, there are thousands of empty square miles of Atlantic and thousands of empty acres on Bodmin, Ex and Dart moors, but where do they pick? Right over the top of Port Isaac is where they pick! Are there different 'swarms' for Delabole, Padstow and Newquay or is Port Isaac the only place that is cursed with these nasty, whining little pests?

As they whine away up there in the clear blue, every now and again one stops and I think, 'Yippee! It's broken, with a bit of luck it'll crash!' No such luck. It starts up again - must have bump started it!

Sometimes there are three or four up there at once. Gawd! I wish they'd bump into each other. As one goes away another one zooms in. I reckon they breed on a long-forgotten aerodrome up Roughtor. Perhaps if anyone ever finds Sadman Saddam's weapons of mass destruction, they could bring one back in their kit bag and I could go up there and destroy the nest.

Meanwhile, if anyone has a SAM missile, I'm sure it would be far better sport than trying to hit those little tea plates which, for some unknown reason, are called clay pigeons, or blasting the feathers off the bum of some unfortunate pheasant. Just think, a missile site up on Lobber, 50p a shot and if you hit a plane you get your money back and a free gift from the Post Office Shop or one of Martyn Dempsey's pictures!

Bob Monk

Past times in Trio June 1984 Port Isaac School at the Royal Cornwall Show - Thirteen children from Class 2

entered the Miniature Garden Competition. Those who were successful were: Nicholas Carey - 1st; Gareth Burnard - 3rd; Michaela Benz - 4th; Matthew Pavitt and Kristopher Richards - Highly Commended. The School was presented with the Treve Holman Challenge Cup.

RNLI

The Lifeboat was launched on service to a windsurfer in trouble north of Trevoze. The Lifeboat was recalled after the casualty was picked up by another boat. The crew were Mark Provis, John Coshall and Paul Robinson.

June 1994

Rowing Club World Championship

After four very hard races the Ladies came seventh out of 32 gigs competing and the men 16th out of 33.

RNLI

Crewmen John Brown, Mark Provis and Jon Rowe attended an intensive 3-day course at the RNLI's Inshore Lifeboat Centre at Cowes on the Isle of Wight.

The Lifeboat was launched to assist local fishing boat 'Bethany May' which was taking in water about a mile off Port Isaac. Crewmembers were Andy Walton, Mark Provis and Jon Rowe.

A coffee morning at the Wheelhouse raised a total of £220.

Port Isaac School

A Curry Evening at the Slipway Hotel raised £133 for school funds.

St Peter's Church

The May mini-market held in the Church Rooms raised £100 for Church Funds.

Bess Coates

A Public Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday June 18th at 7.30pm to discuss setting up an Ambulance Response Team in the Port Isaac area.

If you want to be involved but are unable to attend call Richard Hambly on 01208 881001.

Another public meeting will be held soon to discuss Bob Monk

Answers to the pig drawing test on page 2

Your drawing of a pig serves as a useful test of your personality traits. So, here goes:

If the pig is drawn to the top of the paper you are positive and optimistic; in the middle of the paper you are realistic; near the bottom of the paper you are pessimistic and have a tendency to behave negatively.

If the pig is facing to the left you believe in tradition, are friendly and remember dates such as birthdays etc; facing to the right you are innovative and active but don't have a strong sense of family nor do you always remember dates; to the front (that is looking at you) you are Direct, you enjoy playing devil's advocate and neither fear nor avoid discussions.

If your drawing is very detailed you are analytical, cautious and distrustful; not much detail and you are emotional, naive and are a risk taker; less than four legs showing you are insecure or are living through a period of major change; four legs showing you are secure, stubborn and stick to your ideals; more than four legs then you are stupid!

The length of the pig's tail indicates the quality of your sex life. Did you draw a tail?

Parish Council news

The first meeting of the new Parish Council was held on Monday 12th May. As there remained five vacancies to be filled our first task was to co-opt additional people to join the Council. It is encouraging that several individuals had indicated to me a willingness to serve, if not now at some later date should it become appropriate. In the event five peoples names were put forward for co-option now and were elected unanimously. This means the new Council now has its full complement of eleven and their names are listed below.

Mrs Barbara Bell	Mr Bill Dawe	Mr Robin Elgar
Mr Robert Harris	Mr David Jennings	Mr Malcolm Lee
Mr Robert Manders	Mr Robin Penna	Mr David Phelps
Mrs Janet Townsend	Mrs June Yates	

Councillors take on various additional duties representing the Council on other bodies or working in sub committees to take tasks forward between Council meetings and it was decided to defer these appointments to the June meeting.

Mr Bill Dawe was congratulated on his successful election as District Councillor for St Endellion and St Kew ward for the coming term.

Since our last meeting Mr Robert Constance from County Highways has visited the parish as promised. Mr Lee and I showed him the various problem areas. The visit was quite helpful but County Highways actions will be constrained by their budgets. His department will look again at the dangerous gully at Church Hill, which has been caused by successive tarmacking. The responsibilities for grass verge cutting and tree overhangs in Trelights will be looked into and householders will be advised of their responsibilities where appropriate. Speeding on the bend at Trewetha might be reduced if road markings (double white lines with diagonals) were introduced to highlight the bend.

Affordable housing remains a priority concern for this parish. A useful meeting was set up by Neil Pendleton, Director of Planning NCDC, to discuss with representatives of the Parish Council and David Mercer the ideas that Mr Mercer had outlined to develop environmentally friendly affordable housing in Port Isaac. He had suggested land adjacent to Hillson Close. John Sweet, who currently rents the land, also attended the meeting. The District Council had previously identified this land as suitable for any affordable housing development in the parish. Mr Pendleton explained some of the criteria which would need to be fulfilled in any development of this nature. It is almost mandatory that a housing association would have to be involved. The results from the parish survey, available soon, should provide specific evidence of the local need. Mr Pendleton agreed that it would be appropriate for his department to write to the current owner of the land to determine whether or not he might consider making the land available.

In the April *Trio* we mentioned the possibility of a joint venture with Port Isaac School to develop the amenities at the playing fields. A suggestion has been made that a small sports hall with some changing facilities might be a suitable project. The school would make a significant financial contribution over a period but the Parish Council would also need to seek matched funding from other sources if such a facility were to be developed. There may be other alternative ideas to be explored. Now that the new Council has been formed, we will be able to consider the most appropriate way of making progress, for example setting up a dedicated sub-committee involving members of the school governors, parish councillors and other interested community groups. Significant time by a dedicated group will need to be devoted to this if a viable project is to be formed. This will be considered at our next monthly meeting.

The next monthly meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 9th June at 7.30pm at the Church Rooms, Port Isaac. Each meeting starts with an opportunity for any member of the public to speak. If you have issues you wish to raise with the Parish Council do come along or if you just wish to see how the Council conducts its business you are welcome to attend.

David Phelps, Chairman

Planning Applications commented on by Parish Council

Application 2003/0804 - Listed Building consent for repair/replace part of cracked retaining boundary wall fronting onto Fore Street using matching materials. Listed Building, delegation possible. 50 Fore Street, Port Isaac, Mrs H Sproull. Supported by PC.

Application 2003/0665 - Listed building consent for the removal of existing dilapidated cast iron railing and erection of new railing. Listed Building, Delegation possible. Rose Cottage, Dolphin Street, Port Isaac, Mr & Mrs Pearson. Supported by PC.

Application 2003/0489 - Erection of a two storey extension and change of use of land to form curtilage to existing dwelling. Full Planning, Delegation Possible. 3 Homer Park, Port Isaac, Cathy Dickerson. Not supported by PC.

Notification of Approvals/ Refusals by NCDC

Application 2002/2634 - Demolition of existing bungalow erection of new 4 bed detached dwelling with garage. Mr J Mcdonnell, 11 Trewetha Lane, Port Isaac, PL29 3RH. Refused by NCDC.

Application 2002/2618 - Erection of 4 No 2 Bed and 2 No 3 Bed Detached Holiday Chalets. Mr & Mrs R Richards, Bodannon Farm, Port Isaac. Refused by NCDC.

Application 2002/2608 - Conversion of loft space & extension to rear with pitched roof over. Mr M Rowe, 14 Trewetha Lane, Port Isaac. Approved by NCDC.

Application 2002/2309 - to carry out works to trees covered by a tree preservation order, Refused by NCDC.

Application 2002/1899 - Replacement of sheds to form bedroom annexe to Kittiwake Cottage. Mrs A Williams, Middle St, Port Isaac. Approved by NCDC.

Application 2002/2633 - Installation electric line above ground. Western Power Distribution. Approved by NCDC.

Application 2003/0097 - Erection of new dwelling. Mr K Dingle & Miss J Williams, Overcliffe, Port Isaac. Refused by NCDC.

Home alone?!

The boss of a big company needed to call one of his employees about an urgent problem with one of the main computers. He dialled his employee's home phone number and was greeted with a child whispering "Hello?"

"Is your Daddy home?" he asked.

"Yes," whispered the small voice.

"May I speak with him?"

The small voice whispered, "No."

"Is your Mummy there then?"

"Yes," came the answer.

"May I talk with her?"

Again, the small voice whispered,

"No."

Hoping there was someone he could leave a message with, the boss asked,

"Is there anyone else there?"

"Yes" whispered the child, "a policeman."

"Well then, may I speak with the policeman?"

"No, he's busy too," whispered the child.

"Busy doing what?" asked the boss.

"Talking to daddy and mummy and two firemen," came the answer.

In the background he could hear what sounded like a helicopter and he was now getting really concerned, so he asked, "What is that noise?"

"A hello-copper" answered the child.

"What is going on there?"

The child answered, "The search team just landed the hello-copper."

More than frustrated, the boss asked, "What are they searching for?"

Still in a soft whispering voice the child replied, "Me, I'm hiding from them."

NCDC - out and about

NCDC is pleased to announce a new public service. One day a month the new 'Out & About' service will be at a local venue - the nearest one to us is the St John's Church Community Rooms, High Street, Delabole - one day a month giving advice on the services provided by our District Council. A leaflet giving all the dates will be delivered to every household shortly. In case it has not arrived, the next two meetings in Delabole will be on June 18th and July 16th from 10.00am through to 3.00pm.

Specialists in housing and council tax benefit will be available to give on-the-spot advice and help with form filling etc. Advice is also available on rural business rate reductions, tax and pension credits, housing, recycling, refuse collection, planning applications etc etc.

Just go along or alternatively find out more on 01208 893391, email: customer.services@ncdc.gov.uk

Indian King Arts Centre for sale

The Indian King Arts Centre in Camelford is North Cornwall's only community arts centre - and it is up for sale! Helen and Haydn Wood who live in Camelford bought the derelict Grade II listed, three storey building back in 1994. Haydn, unpaid, with a team of paid workers renovated it over the next two years with the help of an overdraft secured on their own home and grants from the Rural Development Commission and the Foundation for Sport and the Arts totalling £52k. Whilst renovation work was in progress, the business of running residential arts courses (held at the Headlands Hotel, Port Gaverne until the Centre was ready) started to create a revenue stream for the arts centre which finally opened in July 1996.

The derelict land outside was landscaped in 2000 (thanks to private sponsorship and grants from the RDP, Europe and NCDC) creating an attractive area in Camelford which will be a great asset once the economic regeneration distributor road has taken the excess traffic out!

There is an active database of over 3,000 people from all over the world interested in attending creative arts courses and events here; thousands of people have attended events, activities and exhibitions, bringing thousands of pounds into the local economy. Hundreds of local artists have been employed as tutors or sold their work here. Unlike other arts centres, there is no public revenue funding (from arts bodies or local councils), so all income is earned from successful programming, with turnover of about £70k. For a new owner prepared to play the funding games, there are plenty of opportunities for funding out there!

Ten years from the start of the project, Helen is now ready to retire and focus on her own writing, so the Centre is for sale. Asking price is offers in excess of £300k and the Woods are looking first for a buyer prepared to commit to continuing the building as a community arts centre. It has a three ensuite-bedroomed flat on the second floor so it is possible to live on the premises. Potential buyers are invited to make an appointment to be shown around and those interested in continuing it as an arts project will receive all the help Helen can give. As one of the most successful arts centres in the country - run almost entirely without public funding - it is an exciting prospect for someone with energy and enthusiasm. And if you haven't visited it yet, do so before it is too late! To find out more contact Helen on 01840 212111.

The Indian King

North Cornwall's original arts centre

join a writing group or course
book a painting week/weekend
visit exhibitions by local artists
attend family Art Zone events

01840 212111

info@indianking.co.uk

Port Isaac

Garden Show

Saturday August 30th

St Peter's Church Rooms

Pop a picnic in your pocket



OK! You may need big pockets but with the Royal Cornwall Show coming in June I thought how much better to wander around with your picnic tucked away in a pocket, rather than to be hampered with a hamper! The rice dish can travel in a disposable carton and eaten with a plastic spoon, both can be thrown into the nearest refuse bin after use. For the sweet tooth, I suggest a good chunk of cake, this can be wrapped in cling film or tinfoil and can be carried in a second pocket. Drinks, hot and cold, will be available at the Show so there is little need to cart those around with you.

All in One Rice Salad (serves 2)

750g/6oz long grain rice * 750g/6oz blue vein cheese or Greek Feta, crumbled
150ml/¼pt crème fraiche * 50g/2oz hot,spicy salami type sausage, diced
1tblsp lemon juice * ½ small head celery
½ unpeeled cucumber, cut into small cubes * 1 bunch radishes, sliced
2 heaped tblsp snipped chives * salt and pepper * 8 cherry tomatoes, halved

METHOD

Cook the rice with a little salt according to the instructions on the packet, strain in a colander and cool by rinsing under a cold tap to separate the grains. Stir in the crème fraiche and lemon juice. With a metal spoon, fold in the rest of the ingredients, check the seasoning and put into the chosen containers. Cover with a secure lid (essential!) and pop in your pocket. NB Imagination and personal preference can be used in this recipe. Try tuna, prawns, ham, crispy bacon, hard boiled eggs, nuts or whatever you have in the store cupboard or whatever takes your fancy.

Blackcurrant & Almond Madeira Cake

175g/6oz softened butter * 175g/6oz caster sugar * 3 eggs, lightly beaten
1tsp vanilla essence * grated zest 1 lemon * 50g/2oz flaked almonds, broken into small pieces
110g/4oz self raising flour, sifted * 110g/4oz plain flour, sifted * 2tblsp milk * 225g/8oz blackcurrants

METHOD

Turn on oven 170°C/325°F/gas3. Grease and line a 20cm/8in cake tin.

In a bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until soft in texture and light in colour. Then beat in the eggs, one at a time together with the vanilla essence. Fold in the lemon zest, the almonds and eventually the flours. Now fold in the blackcurrants. Bake in the centre of the oven for approximately 1¼ hours. To test the cake is cooked, it should be a gentle golden in colour, and when a skewer is inserted into the middle of the cake, it should come out clean. Remove from the tin after ten minutes and cool on a wire rack. When completely cold, cut a slice of cake, wrap in cling film or tinfoil and slip into your pocket!

Enjoy your day out!

EP

**All friends and family of John (Your man in the Highlands)
and Priscilla Billing Milne
are invited to a surprise party at the Leisure Centre at
Hengar Manor on June 22nd from 1.00pm onwards.
Further information from their daughter Helen on 01840 213814**

A group of chess enthusiasts checked into an hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour the manager came out and asked them to disperse. 'But why?' they asked. 'Because', he said, 'I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer'.

PIGS on tour

Trethorne



Unbeknown to the eighteen primed athletes who turned up at one of the most arduous courses in the county, by the end of the day they would go down in the annals of Port Isaac Golf Society history.

A blustery May day and the semi-final of the Matchplay competition brought together Richard 'The Pink Fairy' Hambly against Paul 'No Buggy' Honey and Mike 'Dirty Old Sod' Edkins pitting his wits against Billy 'The Turtle' Hawkins (not difficult, in hindsight).

The Pink Fairy was in confident mood. Having had some 'pro' give him some advice on his grip and swing he was hitting the ball with great confidence (Is that a new make of golf club? I'm not sure. I will have to ask Mick seeing as he seems to be buying every new club going at the moment) but he was up against the left-hander, Paul Honey. Richard raced off to a substantial lead only to be pegged back in the last few holes to finally be beaten by Paul on the last hole - a magnificent effort.

Billy and Mike's game was nip and tuck all day until the now infamous 14th hole. This hole had been chosen as the longest driving hole. Billy teed off - a magnificent drive of some 30 yards, bouncing off the water twice, very reminiscent of Barnes Wallace and his bouncing bomb in the Second World War (history and golf in one article, who could ask for more?). Being the impetuous fool he is, Billy rushed off to find his ball in the bulrushes. Having found it he hid behind some bushes (Ed: *Is this normal?*), so as to let the Pink Fairy tee off.

Now, Richard being as competitive as he is put everything into his attempt to win the coveted longest drive trophy. Unfortunately, he tried a little too hard, shanked his drive and promptly felled Billy 'Oh, that hurts' Hawkins just above the knee. Billy hit the deck like a sack of spuds but, give him his due, he did get up and finish his round and, more amazingly, won! A huge thank you Billy from all the other golfers for stopping that ball and therefore stopping Richard from winning another trophy - a magnificent effort.

So, it will be Billy 'Oh, that hurts' Hawkins versus Paul 'You can't faze me' Honey for the Matchplay Trophy to be played at Falmouth in July.

The Stableford results for the day were, in first place, Steve 'The Stunt' Bunt who was presented with a headless golfer on a plaque (I don't know if that was meant to mean anything or not).

In second place was Jim Dyer on his return to the fold after some five months - a great achievement.

Third was Mick Guard (his beautiful wife, Julie, has personally asked us to cut his handicap again because she can't find any more room in the house for another trophy - we will oblige).

Longest drive went to the Iceman, Jim Bishop.

Nearest the pin was won by either Billy or Karl - I can't remember which, all I know is it wasn't me - yet again.

A special presentation went to Kev Punter for his hole in one at Treloy last month.

An apology to Karl Daly from myself for not mentioning his nearest the pin effort at Treloy last month. I have enough trouble remembering which golf club we played at let alone who hit certain shots. If anybody actually needs an accurate report on the golf events from the previous month, don't ask me because I use journalistic licence (Ed: *Don't you have to pass something to get a licence?*).

Finally, everybody is now looking forward to the inaugural Ryder Cup Team event at Roserrow on June 9th (Ed: *I don't think everybody is exactly correct*). A huge thank you to all the businesses who have sponsored a hole for the day and all those who have given raffle prizes.

The Lard Man

PS from Nigel 'Foggy' Andrews - Headline of the Day: 'Turtle poleaxed by Hippo' - a true classic (Ed: *No, I still don't get it!*).



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Medieval suit of armour wanted to fit small man with limp.

Contact Billy 'Oh, that hurts' Hawkins.

Q. What do you call a handcuffed man?
A. Trustworthy!

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Afternoon Tea
for Help the Aged
on Thursday June 26th
from 3.00pm - 5.00pm
Chat and meet friends

This will be held on the last Thursday in every month until further notice



Magical Managers 02/03 League Tables



Division One

1	SPARKS UTD	Steve & Julie Hewett	883pts
2	RIACHUS REVENGE 3	K & D Grills	867pts
3	LOW HANGING FRUITS	Jamie Hewett	854pts
4	NO F IN MANCHESTER 8	Chris Lanyon	835pts
5	MAD COWS ON ACID	Ben Skinner	828pts
6	MAYBEES	Tom Bishop	828pt
7	ST TUDY TORPEDOS	Tom Lobb	817pts
8	THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE	Paul Honey	809pts
9	MOTS FLYERS	Tom Cleave	803pts
10	HARDLEY ATHLETIC	Paul Grills	786pts
11	SCREAMING NAPPIES	Kevin Honey	742pts
12	ROSCARROCK ROVERS	Billy & Faye Hawkins	725pts
13	WILKOWEN 10	Karen Grills	627pts
14	STAFF BULL TERRORS 7	Colin Hancock	612pts
15	THE PIRATES	Don & Joyce Hambly	576pts
16	LEEDS FAN & PROUD OF IT	Rachel Grills	542pts
17	FLY NAVY	Les Honey	539pts
18	CHUNGAS REVENGE	Andy Penny	476pts

Division Two

1	LOOK WHO'S BOTTOM	Michael Hewett	852pts
2	UN-REAL MADRID	Charlie Guard	844pts
3	MUDGUTS MARAUDERS	Ann Cleave	831pts
4	TO DIV 1 SPURS SCUM!	Mark Pattenden	821pts
5	RED HOT CHILLIS	Andrew Grills	804pts
6	INCUBUS	Josh Grills	746pts
7	FALLDOWNERS	Bill Bissett	722pts
8	MOONRAKERS	Colin Durston	717pts
9	S B MILAN	Scott Bennett	713pts
10	GHETTO PIMPS	Bobby Skinner	710pts
11	BOB'S BABES	Bob Irons	694pts
12	TIGGERS UTD	John Brown	679pts
13	CENTRAL SPORTS	Melwyn Roskilly	661pts
14	CARLSBERG CRIPPLES	Scott Bennett	653pts
15	GUNDOG	David Philp	648pts
16	U OLE BUGGER	Margaret Honey	573pts
17	GREAT EXPECTATIONS	Jill McDonnell	550pts

Division Three

1	ANCHORAGE	James Durston	870pts
2	THE TROWELS	Des Pooley	810pts
3	PROMOTION CHASERS	James McDonnell	754pts
4	RODS ROVERS	Rod Baker	742pts
5	SMARTIES UTD	Jenni Tiddy	741pts
6	THE BLUES BROTHERS	Nick McDonnell	728pts
7	SLATE CITY	Leigh Oulton	691pts
8	HARTLAND ROAD ALLSTARS	Bryan Nicholls	593pts
9	TWO LEFT FEEL ELEVEN	Martin Dingle	589pts
10	GRANNY'S STRIP	Sheila Baker	585pts
11	WRECKS EM	Daniel Durston	582pts
12	JENNI Z	Bill & Jean Herring	564pts
13	SECRET ELEVEN	Sam & Dee Randell	501pts

Kev & Paul

WHEN WERE YOU LOST IN THE SADDLE, MR MONK?

Dear Trio

I would like to reply to Bob Monk's misogynistic 'Monthly Mumbblings' in May's edition of *Trio* where he berated women as 'control freaks'.

Most of the diatribe written in this article leads one to wonder if, at some point in Bob Monk's life, he has had a particularly nasty experience with some kind of Amazonian dominatrix. This ghastly thought aside, his vacuous comments about women riders need addressing, if only to serve the purpose of reminding Mr Monk that it is far better to stick to writing about what you know - whatever that may be.

Back to the horses. When, may I enquire, was the last time that Mr Monk's bum was firmly positioned in the saddle? I hesitate a guess at never. His romantic wanderings regarding benevolent male riders, no doubt clad in roomy jodhpurs, a bowler hat, holding a G&T in one hand and the reins in the other, probably wearing a monocle too, comes from reading books like PG Wodehouse's 'Jeeves & Wooster' back in his distant youth!

Sorry to disillusion you Mr Monk but, in real life, riding a horse isn't like that for male or female. I should like to elucidate my modest knowledge of this subject and hope that, despite being a female and therefore only having a brain half the size of a mans, you will be able to understand what I am writing!

Firstly, have you noticed how BIG a horse is? All that muscle and bone amounts to an enormous reserve of strength just waiting to take off, with or without Mr or Ms rider present. Despite thousands of years of being tamed, trained, used and abused by man, the horse is still pretty much the wild animal that it was when humans first got hold of it. The response to danger, however that may be perceived by the horse, is acute and immediate flight from peril is it's natural instinct.

Secondly, like any other animal -and many humans - the horse has limited intelligence. I consider myself very lucky to have been around horses for as long as my memory goes back into the dim and distant past and the most sound piece of advice I was ever given regarding horses was, to treat them as you would a four year old child. With kindness and compassion, of course, but also with fair discipline, guidance and, when called for, moderate chastisement. At all times you must make it perfectly clear to your horse that a) you know exactly what you are doing and b) that you are the one in charge, because if he feels that you are neither a) or b), you're in for a very bumpy ride indeed! And, just like any four-year-old child, the horse can be stubborn, wilful, bad tempered, naughty and just plain disobedient. So, put all this together, and you have what amounts to a large, strong and sometimes unpredictable animal under your backside! You, therefore, either are in charge or you most definitely are in trouble.

I totally agree with Mr Monk when he says horses are nice. They are loveable, willing, kind and all gorgeous in my opinion. But they most certainly are not all sensible and those that are, for the majority of time, can quite easily have incredibly un-sensible moments whereby unthinkable accidents may occur, which is why a rider MUST be in control. Ask any rider and he/she will tell you that one of the basic principles of horse riding, taught from the beginning, is the fact that you are the one in control - not the horse. This has nothing to do with being a 'control freak' but a necessity when handling such a large animal. This rule applies to both male and female riders.

Some riders may be more vocal than others. As in every day life some people speak louder than others; some are bossier; some just barely seem to whisper. Not all female riders fall into the bossy category just as not all male riders fall into the kindly, soft-spoken ilk. Some years ago I met the notorious Harvey 'V sign' Smith - the no-nonsense, no-ceremony, no-manners horseman. I can assure you that the language he used on his poor horses was as far from 'tally-ho' as is possible to get in the English language!

If you have given your horse an instruction, using the aids of your legs, hands and maybe voice and he hasn't responded then, quite frankly, you've got to get a bit tough. There may be a car heading towards you; you may be

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about to collide with pedestrians. You've got to move him. And, let's face it, a momentarily raised voice is better than the whip!

Finally, I have never heard a male (or female) rider set off on a ride with the hideous expression 'yorricks'. I have no idea what the word means and nor, should I imagine, would a horse. The most commonly used expressions are something like 'ged on then' or just plain 'let's go' with no ceremony attached to either. Just a simple, calm beginning to what should be a most enjoyable ride for both horse and rider - as long as it's the rider who is in control!

*Bridgette Mills
Trefreock, Port Isaac*

DOES NO-ONE HAVE THE COURAGE TO STAND FOR LOCAL ELECTION?

Dear Trio

With regard to the recent elections for District and Parish Councils. Having served the Parish Council for some 25 years as councillor and, latterly, chairman, I was both angered and saddened to find that of 11 seats available on the Parish Council, only six had been filled. Is this apathy, indifference or just plain laziness? To serve the community for one evening a month, is that too much to ask?

With so many people forming their own little groups, 'Friends of this', 'Friends of that' etc etc and voicing their opinions and criticism about all and sundry, I should have thought that when an opportunity arose to stand for a seat on the one official, elected body in the village, at least one of them, even two, might have had the courage to stand at a public election and, possibly, to accept the responsibility of being a parish councillor.

*David Bolton
Port Gaverne*

Ed: see front page for details of just how lazy the Friends of the Main have been!

Mums & Monsters Bingo

The Bingo was held at the Village Hall and was enjoyable to those who came. We had some very good prizes for which I would like to thank everyone who kindly donated.

I was hoping for a better turn out on the night but I did not realise Doc Martin was on TV. I would like to thank all the locals who did join us on the night and helped us to raise £158. This will be spent on a day and dinner at Ben's Playworld.

Thank you.

Donna Byfield

so what's wrong with Thursdays?

Unless a few more Mums bring along their 'monsters' to the Thursday morning sessions of playgroup we will have to stop' says organiser Donna Byfield. The Tuesday morning session is very popular but gradually, over the weeks, attendance on Thursday mornings has dwindled and sometimes just four children attend.

Donna will be monitoring the situation over the next few weeks before a final decision is made but stresses that the Tuesday morning session will continue as usual.

Q. Why do little boys whine?

A. Because they're practicing to be men!

Playgroup takes place in the Village Hall during term time from 10.00am to 12noon. If you would like to take your child along to either the Tuesday or Thursday morning session just turn up - you can be assured of a warm welcome - or contact Donna on 01208 880847.

Answers to the World's Easiest Quiz

- 1) 116 years
- 2) Ecuador
- 3) Sheep and Horses
- 4) November
- 5) Squirrel fur
- 6) Dogs
- 7) Albert
- 8) Crimson
- 9) New Zealand
- 10) Orange, of course

(continued from previous page) story! The conductor checking tickets wanted to see a card similar to the Britrail pass or I would be charged for a ticket. As I had a Britrail pass I used one of my days, but I wasn't happy about it.

At the St Austell train station, I asked the man behind the glass about the receipt and he told me to buy another rover pass - fat chance. After touring the Eden Project (everybody should see it) I took the bus to Wadebridge and then another bus to Port Isaac. I had now spent most of the day travelling.

What a beautiful place - Port Isaac and Port Gaverne. It is magical; the air, the light are both something special. So are the people.

When I was stranded in Tintagel, because the last bus of the day did not show up, the owner of the Port Isaac B&B where I was to stay picked me up. Calling the bus company the next day, I found the buses are "notoriously unreliable" in that area. I would have to agree.

I also wrote to Wales & Borders Trains, who assured me that the proper ticket had been included in the letter sent to my B&B in St Just. Maybe, maybe not, but I don't often lose things. It's possible I suppose. But I did leave a little something in Port Isaac - a bit of my heart.

I will be back, but with a rented car!!!

Bob Goodale, USA

News from the Carn Awn Singers



much they enjoyed our short, unaccompanied programme.

In May we took part in a most successful concert in St Teath Chapel. John Benhallick chaired the evening in his own inimitable way and everyone enjoyed the evening. Both of these events were followed by delicious suppers which were greatly appreciated by all present!

Our Annual Concert in St Peter's Church, Port Isaac is on Wednesday July 23rd at 7.45pm. The programme will be varied with some new pieces and should contain something for everyone. John Godwin has again agreed to chair the evening. Our special guest artistes are The Blisland Ensemble, a group of very talented musicians whose reputation is growing fast. Tickets will be available on the door or from members of the Carn Awn Singers.

The next date for your diary will be Friday August 1st when the Singers have been invited to present a concert at Delabole Methodist Church. Brian Wright, international lutist and guitarist, will be our special guest and we are

At the end of April the singers provided musical entertainment at an evening for the Ladies branch of the British Legion in Wadebridge Town Hall. There was a great atmosphere and everyone present said how

all looking forward to hearing him again. Full details next month.

Several other concerts are planned for later in the year. If you are arranging a concert and would like the Carn Awn Singers to take part, or if you require any other information, please contact Barbara Richards on 01208 880575.

As you know, Mahatma Gandhi walked barefoot most of the time and his feet became covered in callouses. He also ate very little which made him rather frail. With his odd diet he suffered from bad breath. This made him -
a super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis!

Letters to Trio



PHONE THE POLICE

Dear Trio

A huge thank you goes out to the people who did such a magnificent job in making the visitors, who parked their cars in the 'safe' top car park, stay in Port Isaac so memorable. Their walk up to their cars through the beautiful village had to be spoilt by the sight of smashed windows and empty spaces in their dashboards where expensive electrical equipment once rested.

This bit is for all the decent people in the village. **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING – MAKE A PHONE CALL TO THE POLICE. THEY NEED TO BE TOLD.**

And this bit is for the dregs of the village. **DISREGARD ALL THE ABOVE AS I DOUBT YOU CAN READ IT ANYWAY.**

*The Lard Man
(aka Chris Lanyon), Port Isaac*

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED!

Dear Trio

My partner Ernie and myself are deeply concerned about the apparent breakdown of democracy in our area. To discover the activities of the Port Isaac Automobile Information and Advisory Bureau from your political correspondent in the May edition of *Trio* sent cold shivers down our backs.

Surely our local council members should have called a public meeting to discuss the formation of this body and its implications for local people?

I have tried to contact the Deputy Prime Minister in order to obtain wise counsel on this issue but, so far, have failed. I may, however, be in Hull soon so will try and buy him a pint in Nellie's bar and gain his interest on this important development.

My faith in human nature will certainly be shattered if professional photographers such as Annie Price and Colin Shepherd become involved in this blatant abuse of local public trust. I know Byron Buse is considering the appointment as he is quite keen to indulge in a three week, all expenses paid, course in Polaroid photography. Strangely, he seems quite excited about the prospect.

The cost of such courses and necessary equipment will inevitably be high and will no doubt be paid for from our Council Tax until this organisation makes money – if ever! We can all envisage the cost of purchase and maintenance of sea pumps to keep the beach car park dry. One company, Canute Hydraulics Sea Control, has already gone bust so we see little prospect of these clowns financing such a useful project.

There are already far too many pressures on this area and subtle erosions of personal liberty through 'political correctness'. Stand up and be counted. We do not want long poles and Polaroid cameras!!

*Astounded duo from Trelights,
Ray & Ernie McCrohon*

WE'RE BORED! WHAT CAN GIRLS DO?

Dear Trio

We have written to the Parish Council and this is a copy of the letter for the *Trio*.

We are writing to inform you about the number of children who are complaining because of the low facilities around Port Isaac. As there is nothing to do we get into trouble a lot because we get so bored.

It is OK for the boys as they have the football pitch and the skate park. But what is there for the girls? NOTHING! The little people also have a park but what is there for the girls of ages 9-11? Again, NOTHING!

We would like a place where the girls of our age could go to chat and hang around, not spending our time getting into mischief or trying to do things only boys like. If it would help we will have a fundraiser if you don't have enough money.

We would be grateful if you could do something towards this. Please reply when you have made up your mind.

*Jess & Jemima Powell and
Lydia & Olivia Barnden
Port Isaac*

I'LL COME BACK ... BUT WITH A CAR!

Dear Trio

The September sunshine flooded the cosy bedroom. The last morning; the last full English breakfast in a splendid St Just B&B. I was off to Port Isaac, via the train and bus. I waited for the bus on this beautiful Monday, right on time - well sort of. I had been travelling for the past seven days on a week long bus pass - I would highly recommend this to tourists if you do not have a car.

Once in Penzance, I walked to the train station and looked for someone who could help me. You see, I had just a receipt for my credit card transaction when I purchased a 'Cornish Rover' train pass from the Wales & Borders Train, via the phone from the States. I had a letter confirming my purchase and the receipt. The queue for the train information and ticket office was packed with people, so I asked a conductor from the previous train. He told me that receipt was all I would need - should have gotten his name.

Once on board it was a different
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The Real Capital of Cornwall

by James Platt

Most of the time in school when the teacher asked a question to the class, those who knew or thought they knew the answer, and it wouldn't be unfair to say that they were very much in a minority, shoved their hands up in the air right away.

The ones who really knew the answer waggled their hands around to attract the teacher's attention, not that it was necessary as they were pretty much all sitting at desks out at the front in any case. Once the initial show of hands by those in the know was complete, others among us raised up our own hands, although rather slowly and gradually, attempting to time the show for when the pupil to provide the teacher with the answer had already been selected. By this device we could give the teacher the impression that we could have answered had we been asked. That didn't hurt at all, as it could make all the difference between our either being picked on by the teacher to show the rest of the class how thick we were, as if they didn't know already, or of being left alone in a happy state where ignorance was bliss.

There were teachers who got great pleasure out of singling out one or two individuals from among the class as subjects for the kind of special ridicule that always got a cheap laugh from the rest of the class. If you were one of these subjects then the trick was to play along as the straight foil for the teacher's comedic talent. The teacher could then continue to work under the delusion that he or she was in control.

Those of us who sat in the desks at the back of the class favoured maintaining a silent vigil in what would today be described as a low profile, but which was then regarded by any authority as representative of a kind of unresponsive dumb insolence. We learned to adopt tightly drawn facial expression indicative of a mind behind the contorted features being dredged to its absolute limits in search of an answer, which was in there somewhere evading capture. By this delaying subterfuge the teacher's attention could often be diverted elsewhere.

Sometimes however it didn't work in the way that it should and, a show of eager hands at the front of the class notwithstanding, one or other of the silent majority at the back was likely to be singled out for special interrogation. In my case, in the school's second class, taught, or perhaps ruled would be a better word, by Mrs Morman, the following exchange took place often enough to have the ring of a familiar and not too well loved script about it.

Teacher (to me) - What is the capital of Cornwall?

Me - Please miss, London!

Teacher - I said, what is the capital of Cornwall?

Me - Please miss, London!

Teacher - Hold out your hand!

Whack, or maybe whack, whack on my outstretched hand by teacher wielding fearsome one-foot long wooden ruler.

Teacher - Now, what is the capital of Cornwall?

Me - Please miss, London!

Teacher - Turn your hand over!

You get the picture.

Teacher (to eager hand waver at the front) - What is the capital of Cornwall?

Eager hand waver at the front - Please Miss, Launceston because it used to be, Truro because it ought to be, and Bodmin because it is!

Teacher (to me) - There! Now tell me what the capital of Cornwall is!

Me (without hesitation) - Please miss, London!

And so on.

I didn't really care what Cornwall's capital used to be, or should be, or even what it was. I had been to Bodmin and didn't think much of it. For that matter I still don't. London was a capital. I had seen pictures of it so I knew. It made a much better choice for the capital of Cornwall than any of the three chanted options and I was ready to go down defending London's right.

The question relating to the real capital of Cornwall provided me with my first great experience of both involvement in a quiz and the consequences of giving what the questioner believed to be a wrong answer. Under similar circumstances today I suppose I might be told that I was being voted off as the Weakest Link and be sent on a so-called "*walk of shame*". Although, being an old guy, I would probably have survived two or three rounds before getting marching orders. The Weakest Link sequence of dismissals usually seems to run along the lines of first the young student, then the ethnic minority, followed by the elderly type, the beautiful girl, the policeman or vicar and either the fat guy or the one wearing a garish shirt. The final is almost invariably held between two rather unattractive people in their mid thirties one of whom wins by default, getting the only correct answer out of the ten questions asked.

One can take some solace in knowing that we had teachers at Port Isaac CP School who would have been more than a match for the appallingly smug and overbearingly odious Anne Robinson. I never received any more or any less than I deserved from any of those teachers and can only think of them with warm affection. It was unfortunate that at school we didn't have multiple-choice options to improve our odds of being right on things about which we hadn't a clue. We either knew or we didn't and in the case of the capital of Cornwall it appeared that I didn't even when I knew I did. If I had been presented with four possible answers from which to select one, I could then perhaps have gone for a 50:50 elimination to start with. I am sure that would have left London and Bodmin on the screen. I couldn't phone a friend, since although I had lots of friends none of them lived in houses with phones in them and even if I could have called them they wouldn't have been able to tell me any more than I didn't know already. Asking the audience, or the class as it was, would probably only have served to generate more confusion, but equally probably might have resulted in a majority vote for London. You never knew really. Yes, it was London, because it had to be.

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School football success

On Saturday the 10th of May Port Isaac CP School entered a football tournament at Sir James Smith's Secondary school. There were several teams to play such as St Breward, Camelford A and B, Tintagel and many more.

We played 6 teams altogether and drew three and won three.

It was a good result as we came 2nd in the tournament.

Daniel Grills Y6
Port Isaac School

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We weren't of course absolute strangers to the concept of quizzes, even in the days before television came along. There were some great quiz programmes on the wireless that we listened to regularly and without fail. The philosophy behind such programmes was that you answered a question and if you got the right answer then you received a reward. That never seemed to happen in school.

In the ever-popular programme "Have a Go!", presented by Mr Wilfred Pickles, contestants more or less got told the answers to the questions by Wilfred, so that when he declared at the end "Give 'em the money, Barney!" Mr Barney Colehan was able to hand over the quid or so of winnings in good conscience. Wilfred's programme presented "the people to the people" in "a spot of homely fun" broadcast live from rural village halls around the country. He specialised in interviewing and quizzing a succession of hayseed types in a manner that it would be unfair not to describe as rather patronising. He didn't force answers with the aid of a one-foot ruler, although that is not to say that the thought of doing so may not have crossed his mind.

Although Wilfred never brought "Have a Go!" to the Port Isaac Temperance Hall, a stage version of the programme was put on in those precincts with Mrs Joe Knight taking the role of Wilfred. She gave a performance of such consummate bravura quality that if you didn't know that it was Mrs Knight up there you could easily have believed that it was Wilfred himself.

"Ask me another" was a more serious quiz programme presented on the wireless by Mr Franklin Engelman, known as "Jingle". Like Wilfred, Jingle also came "Down your way" to undertake local interviews. "Ask me another"

demonstrated that those who took part in competitive quizzes did not have to be vague rustics in order to provide an entertaining half an hour. The programme went on to be eventually renamed with the grand title "Brain of Britain" and may have had a hand in the conception of the successful TV quiz "Mastermind".

"Top of the Form" was a knockout quiz competition for schools on the wireless. In design and format it was not unlike a sort of junior "University Challenge". Two opposing teams took part in each programme. The teams consisted of four team members respectively drawn from four separate school forms. The team captains were sixth formers. Only "good" schools needed to apply.

For many of us, the real fun in "Top of the Form" was to be found in the utterly po-faced seriousness in which the contest was played out. It seemed to favour presenters and team members who today might very well be characterised as anally retentive types. Allegedly.

The best aspect of "Top of the Form" lay in the questions that either couldn't be answered or to which wrong answers were given. You could hear the sharp intake of breath come over the airwaves from the partisan school audiences and not least from the grimly wilting school staff in the front row that were responsible for such dunderheads. We knew that the unfortunate latter were going to be given stick by the former and could relate to that quite well.

A mock "Top of the Form" contest was once held at Camelford Grammar School when I was a pupil there and somehow I found my way onto one of the teams. In the course of the event I fielded three questions, namely:

- Who wrote "Paradise Lost"? (Who wrote what? Pass.)
- What is "Hansard"? (I knew that, as there were a few tattered, ancient and unconsulted copies of the publication in the school library)
- What is a censor? (I knew the answer to that as well, as we had one in St Peter's Church, but it seemed more appropriate to give the wrong answer. Well, it was intended to be a catch question, and it was good to get a laugh).

One out of three wasn't bad.

A deliberate mistake was nothing new of course. I may have learned the technique from Mr Ronnie Waldman, who presented a "Puzzle Corner" segment on either "Henry Hall's Guest Night" or perhaps it was "Happidrome" on the wireless on Saturday evenings. Ronnie always included a deliberate mistake and by virtue of it attracted a huge listening audience. Those who identified Ronnie's deliberate mistake always felt good in themselves and that perhaps was what quizzes were and are and always will be all about. It takes all sorts to rise to the challenge of a quiz. Even a member of Mensa can be brought down by a question on a current TV soap or last year's pop charts. When you know that you are right and they, the fallen mighty are wrong, then nothing can still your pleasure.

And may London thrive forever as the capital of Cornwall.

James Platt @2003

OURS - oops!

It was my fault. Well, I say it was my fault but actually ... I could blame the dyslexic proof reader but ... And if I hadn't made such a mistake in the first place ...

Anyway, huge apologies to Maggie and Gary. Of course they didn't end their article in last month's *Trio* with the word Godless. It was God bless. But we're sure you all realised that!

Dee

A cloudy day is no match for a sunny disposition

Trelights titbits



The village was very sad to hear of the passing away of our oldest resident - William "Bill" Pethick at the age of 102. Our condolences go to his widow, Ann.

We congratulate Bill Dawe on his re-election to the new extended District Council which now includes St Kew.

The Village Green Committee will be holding their table top sale on Saturday June 14th at 11 am. There will be stalls with plants, books, bric-a-brac, cakes and refreshments - something for everyone. There will also be a raffle. Please come along for a cup of coffee and a browse.

If anybody has bric-a-brac, books, etc (not clothes) for the sale, could you please deliver them to Aubrey Grange or contact Mrs Ann Prouse on 880156

Local Pastoral Ministers

Like many other parishes in Cornwall, the parishes of Port Isaac, St Endellion and St Kew are training people to become local pastoral ministers. So what exactly are 'local pastoral ministers' and why are they needed?

They are Christians, who are seeking to live a life of prayer and discipleship and who are recognised by their church community as having gifts of care and listening and who will exercise these gifts on behalf of the Church. They will complete a short foundation course in pastoral care and will then be commissioned to become members of a team assisting the clergy in their area. The tasks they may undertake will vary from parish to parish, but may include welcoming newcomers to the locality, visiting the sick, the house-bound and the bereaved, working with children and young people and helping with marriage and baptism preparation.

At this point you may be saying, surely these are all tasks for the clergy. And yes, not so long ago, this work was carried out by the clergy, but that was when each parish had its own priest and its own Methodist minister. At the start of this new millennium the situation is very different. Many chapels have closed and many parishes have been brought together to form large team

ministries or united benefices, like ours. There is not enough money to pay for clergy and, in the next 10 years, the 120 Church of England clergy in the diocese of Truro will dwindle to 80.

It may sound rather depressing, but the exciting thing is that it has provided an opportunity for the gifts of Christian lay people to be recognised and used. Eighteen people are taking part in the Port Isaac, St Endellion and St Kew course which began on 1st May and, in Cornwall as a whole, over 180 people have already been commissioned and nine further training courses are taking place or are being planned.

The training focuses on developing the core skills of listening to others, understanding one's own feelings and needs, reflecting on the Christian significance of what one is doing, respecting confidentiality and working in a team. After completing the initial period of training, local pastoral ministers will be commissioned for an agreed period at a special service. The Ven Clive Cohen, Archdeacon of Bodmin will commission the local pastoral ministers from Port Isaac, St Endellion and St Kew during a sung eucharist in St Endellion Church on Thursday 19th June at 7.00 pm. You will be most welcome to attend that service. *Judith Pollinger*

to arrange collection. If you have any plant or cookery donations could you please bring them on the day.

Another date for your diary is the BBQ on Saturday August 16th at 7.00 pm. A fun evening with good food, games, raffle and good company. All proceeds from both these events help towards our Christmas lights.

That lesser spotted woodpecker has revisited its favourite garden twice this month - what's wrong with my garden?

N Lighten

Billiards team



The Port Isaac Billiard team did very well this past winter. Jack Hill and Jack Rowe won the Camelford & District Handicap Challenge Cup plus a trophy each for being finalists.

Jack Hill gained another trophy for being runner-up in the individual scratch games.

If anyone would like to join the club, subscription is £10 for a year. Billiards or snooker can be played and the club is open daily from 10.00am to 10.30pm in the Liberal Club, Fore Street.

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Local Pastoral Ministers Course in
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STEER meeting in Port Isaac Village Hall
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Thursday June 5th - Saturday June 7th
Royal Cornwall Show

Sunday June 8th
Evening Worship with Taizé chants in
St Endellion Church - 7.00pm

Monday June 9th
'In the Bag' recycling kerbside
collection day-put bags out by 7.00am

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

Parish Council Meeting at Port Isaac -
7.30pm

Thursday June 12th
Local Pastoral Ministers Course in
St Endellion Church Hall - 7.00pm

Saturday June 14th
Trelights Village Green Table Top Sale
- 11.00am

Port Isaac Rowing Club Gig Day at Port
Gaverne - all-day races, refreshments
and BBQ

Tuesday June 17th
Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall
- 7.30pm

Wednesday June 18th
Public Meeting in the Village Hall to
set up an Ambulance Responders
team in the area - 7.30pm

Healing Service in St Endellion Church -
7.30pm

Thursday June 19th
Commissioning service for Local
Pastoral Ministers by Archdeacon Clive
Cohen in St Endellion Church- 7.30pm

Saturday June 21st
'Midsummer Madcaps' Fun Day at St
Breward Football Ground for 5-11 year
olds from 10.00am to 4.00pm.
Contact Judith Pollinger 880181

Monday June 23rd
'In the Bag' recycling kerbside
collection day-put bags out by 7.00am

Sunday June 29th
RNLI Lifeboat Sunday Service on the
Platt

Feast Day Celebrations at St Peter's
Church, Port Isaac-10.00 am & 6.00 pm

Thursday July 3rd
STEER meeting in Port Isaac Village Hall
- 7.30pm

Friday July 4th
Friends of Port Isaac School Quiz Night

Monday July 7th
'In the Bag' recycling kerbside
collection day-put bags out by 7.00am

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

Sunday July 13th
Port Isaac School Summer Fayre

Monday July 14th
Parish Council Meeting at Port Isaac

Tuesday July 15th
Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall
- 7.30pm

what's on

Wednesday July 23rd
St Peter's Church Mini Market in the
Church Rooms - 10.00am
Carn Awn Singers Annual Concert in
St Peter's Church, Port Isaac

Saturday July 26th
'Low Hanging Fruit' - Port Isaac
Rowing Club's Annual bash in the
Village Hall

Tuesday July 29th-Friday August 8th
St Endellion 45th Summer Festival

Wednesday July 30th
Village Hall Summer Variety Show

Saturday August 2nd
Port Isaac Rowing Club host the
Mixed & Veterans County Gg
Championship Racing from Port
Gaverne - 9.00am onwards

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Wednesday August 6th
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Wednesday August 13th
Mini-market in St Endellion Church
Hall

Village Hall Summer Variety Show

**Friday August 15th - Sunday August
17th**

St Peter's Church Flower Festival

Saturday August 16th
Trelights Village Green BBQ - 7.00pm

Sunday August 24th
RNLI Funday

Saturday August 30th
Port Isaac Garden Show

Sunday September 7th
St Peter's Church Harvest Festival,
Sale & Supper - 6.00pm

Saturday September 13th
Village Hall Curry Night

Monday September 15th
PIGS on Tour - Whitsand Bay Golf
Club - tee off 1.00pm

Friday September 19th
Friends of Port Isaac School Race
Night

Saturday October 4th
The Village Hall and Carn to Cove
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Band

Monday October 13th
PIGS on Tour - Bowood Golf Club -
tee off 12noon

Friday October 17th
RNLI Harvest Festival

Saturday October 25th
Wadebridge Male Voice Choir in
concert in St Endellion Church

Monday November 10th
PIGS on Tour - Lanhydrock Golf Club
- tee off 11.00am

Saturday November 15th
St Peter's Church Mini Market &
Lunch in the Church Rooms -
10.30am

Tuesday December 2nd
Annual BINGO in aid of the Mentally
Handicapped in St Peter's Church
Rooms - 7.30pm

Sunday December 7th
RNLI Christmas Market

Monday December 8th

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Local History Group - The first Friday in the month in Port Isaac Village Hall. 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

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

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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