



# TRIO

The Port Isaac, Port Gaverne  
and Trelights Newsletter  
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## Congratulations Port Isaac School

Port Isaac School are delighted with this year's Key Stage 2 SATs (Standard Attainment Targets). They have achieved their best ever levels: 100% of children achieving Level 4 (the level expected for most children in the age group) or above in Science and English with 80% in Maths. Mr Bishop was especially pleased with the amount of children achieving Level 5 which is above expectations for the age group - 60% in Science, 50% in Maths and 20% in English.

These results, coming on the back of the schools magnificent first place in the Tintagel Football Tournament where they had victories over all the schools in the local area, mean our small school has had a fantastic end to the year.

## Mr & Mrs Brown take tea with the Queen

After 27 years, man and boy, on the Port Isaac crew, John Brown has retired from the RNLI. To mark the occasion, John was chosen by the RNLI to go to a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. Whilst there he was formally presented to the Duke of Kent.

On the very same day that John and Emily were at Buckingham Palace several youngsters from Port Isaac were part of the Wadebridge School trip to London. Most of them were only able to look at the Palace from behind the railings!

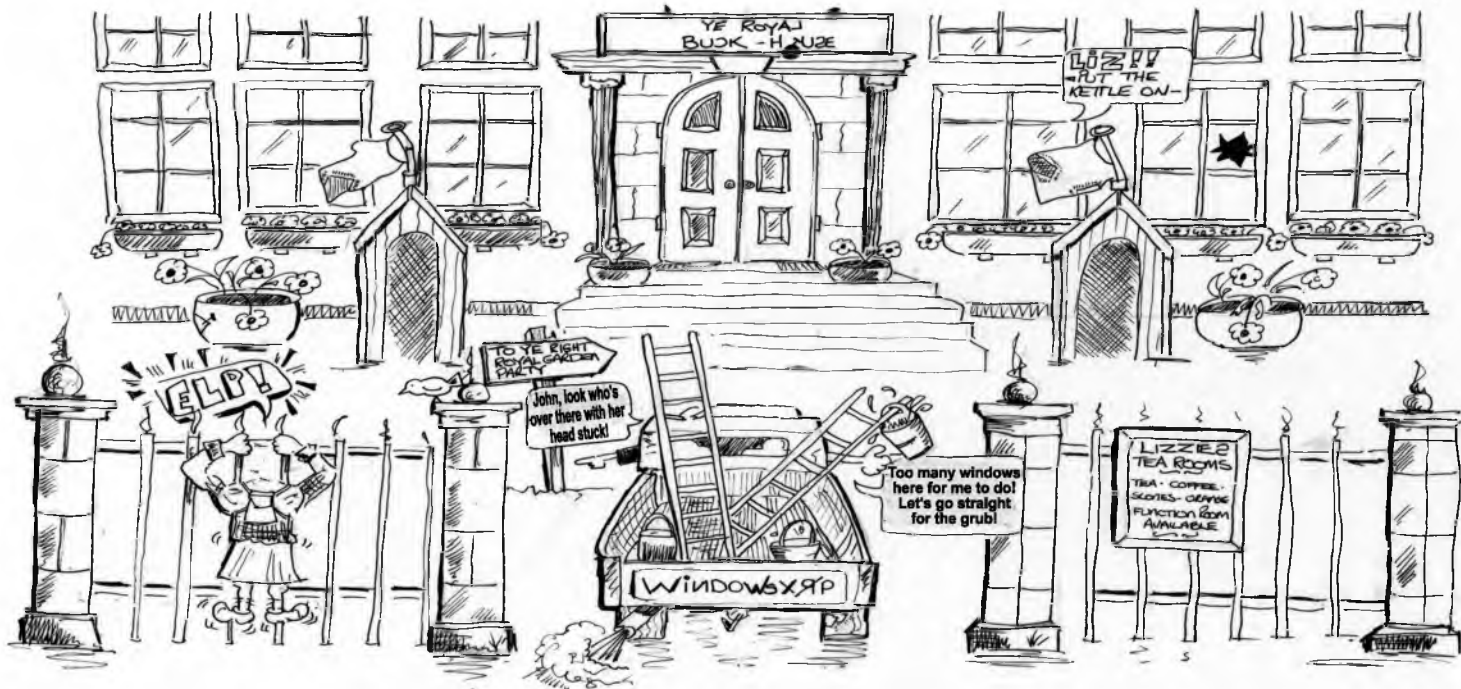
Which just goes to prove that you can't go anywhere without seeing someone from Port Isaac!



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**Dear Trio** I am writing to apologise for the 'artwork' that recently appeared on the playing field. I do not expect to be excused for my actions but I would like to explain that this act was done out of sheer frustration at the lack of help given to victims of crime.

My family and several others have been stolen from by a mutual 'friend' and, although we have evidence, the judicial system does not want to know. This has caused us all much upset and anger. I always believed that the law was there to protect and serve but this is too often not the case.

I realise that my actions have probably not helped my cause but I hope that I have explained my reasons. This will not happen again and I would like to offer to pay for any costs that the Parish Council incurred to rectify the damage.

## Housing needs survey

**A**ffordable housing is a big issue in North Cornwall.

### Facts:

- Finding an affordable home to rent ..... We have got almost more second homes and empty houses than we have council and housing association houses for rent.
- Finding an affordable home to buy ..... The average price of houses sold in the first quarter of 2003 in North Cornwall hit £150,000. The average gross income in our district is £16,770. So to buy the average house you would need a mortgage nine times your income (the usual mortgage offer is 3½ times your income).

To establish the true picture of the need for affordable homes to buy and rent, not just now but in the future, NCDC is investing £55,000 in a major housing needs survey involving 11,000 residents. One-third of households, selected at random across the district, will be asked to fill in a detailed 12-page questionnaire about their current and future housing needs. The

survey results will be used to strengthen the council's planning policies so that we can get more affordable homes built on new housing developments by private developers. With hard evidence about the need for affordable homes the council will have a stronger case to argue for more government money.

We need to strengthen our arm and raise the profile of North Cornwall with central government. We want the housing problems of rural areas to go higher up the political agenda. So, if you receive a survey please fill it in and return it. By spending a little time in answering all the questions you can be helping us secure more local homes for local people.

## Air Ambulance

**W**ith the wonderful weather we have been having recently, there has been quite a rush on summer clothes and, at the time of writing, we still have quite a good stock in our Delabole shop.

Recent takings have been excellent - £614.37 in May and £608.41 in June. Many thanks to all our customers. It wouldn't be possible without you.

Although it seems to be very early to think of Christmas, especially with the sun shining down, orders are now being taken for Air Ambulance Christmas cards. There are four different designs and cost 35p each or £1.20 for a pack of four cards. Orders can be taken at the shop but customers are asked to pay for their cards when ordering.

Bags and sacks of goods are still being left outside both the front and back doors. This can be dangerous as they cause an obstruction and could create a fire hazard. Please only bring goods into the shop when it is open (opening hours are posted on the front door).

Electrical goods, prams, cots and children's car seats cannot be accepted due to Health & Safety regulations. Also, please, please, please only donate saleable goods.

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*David & Mary Phippen of Trelights are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their first grandchild, a lovely boy*

**Henry Thomas**  
*born July 4<sup>th</sup> 2003, 8lb 10oz*

*Proud parent Miss Sarah Symons and Dr Andy Phippen of Trevathan Farm*  
*Seventh grandchild for Henry & Shirley Symons*

## Trio copy dates for 2003

MONTH	COPY DATE	PUBLICATION
September	August 25 <sup>th</sup>	September 4 <sup>th</sup>
October	September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	October 2 <sup>nd</sup>
November	October 20 <sup>th</sup>	October 30 <sup>th</sup>
December	December 1 <sup>st</sup>	December 11 <sup>th</sup>

# An evening of experiment instruction and passion .



**H**ave you got any Latin blood?

Whether you have or have not, explore the music, the dance, the passion of Salsa.

**Port Isaac Village Hall -  
Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup> -  
8.00pm onwards.**

There will be a licenced bar to get you in the mood.

An evening of salsa, instruction and experiment - you don't know what you are capable of until you try!

Tickets, priced £3 are available in advance from *Secrets* or on the door.



## Coming soon

Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup>  
- Village Hall Curry Night

Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> -  
The Old Ropestring Band

Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup> -  
The Ministry of Entertainment presents 'Doodlebugs and the Bogeyman'

Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup> -  
Village Hall Children's Christmas Party

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# Don't forget, you may need a licence

**I**t's your Village Hall so use it. But remember, when you are organising an event where alcohol will be sold there are a few guidelines to bear in mind.

### Selling alcohol

You have to have a licence to sell alcohol and you have to apply for this licence yourself. This can take up to six weeks, depending on the court sittings, so you do have to plan ahead. It is quite a straight-forward process and usually you only have to appear in court if you are applying for a 'late' licence. The cost is £10. If the licence is granted you then become responsible for all the licensing requirements including ensuring that no alcohol is sold by or to anyone under the age of 18 and that no alcohol is sold after the licence ends. The relevant form is

given to you with the Hall Booking Form when you make your booking.

### Entertainments Licence

This information is liable to change next year with the much-publicised changes to the law. However, at the moment the Village Hall has an Entertainments Licence that runs until midnight. This means that all live entertainment and music must end by midnight and after 12.15am only those clearing up should remain in the Hall.

If you book the Hall for a 24-hour period you still have to abide by licencing restrictions.

**There was a man who entered a local paper's pun contest. He sent in ten different puns in the hope that at least one of them would win. Unfortunately, no pun in ten did!**

**NEWS! NEWS!**

**The Village Hall will be staging another Port Isaac Music Festival May 28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> 2004**

## Port Isaac Village Hall Hire Charges

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

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

**ALL USERS - 24 hour period - £30**  
*Note: hire covers the Hall and Kitchen . Cups, saucers and tea plates, teapots and kettle are kept in the kitchen for general use.*

**Central heating and electric are both via £1 coin meters**

**ADDITIONAL CHARGES if required:**  
 Crockery for a meal for 100 people plus boiler - £30  
 Outside commercial bar fee (this is in addition to the licence fee paid directly to the Licencing Authority) - £20  
 Minimum Cleaning fee (if required) -£30  
 Out of Hall Table Hire - £4 each, 4 chairs - £1 (24 hour period)

**Bookings and info:**  
**Janet Chadband - 01208 880262**

**From the Rector** Many of you will have taken time to read my article in last month's *Trio*. Thank you for doing so. It was about the need to raise £10,000 for the running of the Church and a further £5,000 to do immediate repairs. I had hoped that the article would encourage some response, but as yet there hasn't been any.

The people of Port Isaac are very generous, as is evident by their support of many charities and charitable events held in the village. We recently had a splendid concert in Church by the Port Isaac Chorale which raised over £100 for Church funds and our Flower Festival from August 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> should raise a good sum as well.

What I appeal for is a regular financial commitment on a weekly, monthly or annual basis from you as an individual. You don't have to be a regular churchgoer to ensure that the Church remains open for everyone. You might

be willing to run a fundraising event as well and you may be willing to help repair the Church. Please be in touch with me at The Rectory, St Endellion or by telephone on 01208 880442.

Recently, 15 Local Pastoral Ministers have been commissioned to visit the sick, bereaved and newcomers to the area. If you would like a visit or know someone who would benefit from one, please be in touch with the co-ordinator, Katrina Gill on 01208 850465.

*Father Michael*



# *St Peter's Church Flower Festival*

*Theme  
Nursery Rhymes*

*Friday August 15<sup>th</sup> - Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup>*

*10.00am - 6.00pm daily*

*Home-made light refreshments available*

*On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a Said Eucharist  
at 9.30am*

*followed at 10.15am by a Family Service. The Flower  
Festival will close with Songs of Praise at 6.00pm*

*Please come and support us and, in doing so,  
you will help to keep our Village Church open*

*For anyone wishing to do so, there  
will be space for your floral  
tributes in memory of lost loved ones*

# Historic gift to RNLI

A stunning Giant Exhibition Hand Finished Photographic print showing the Port Isaac Pulling Lifeboat the 'Richard and Sarah III' being manoeuvred by crew and helpers back in 1925 has been donated to Port Isaac RNLI by the film producer Mark Crowley



Mark, who is well known to the village from his involvement with 'Saving Grace', has requested that this photographic print is used both to raise funds and to be put on display at suitable RNLI and Historic Society events as it so clearly shows

the tremendous effort required in launching the Pulling Lifeboats of that period.

It is interesting to note that it was the Richard and Sarah III that featured in Frank Mc Nichol's painting used to illustrate our Station Christmas Card last year. This Lifeboat served at Port Isaac between 1905 and 1927 apart from the period 1917-1918 when the station had to close down owing to the shortage of crew, most of the able-bodied men serving in the Royal Navy or Merchant Marine during this War period.

We are reproducing this historic photograph as post cards and larger framed prints which will shortly be available from *Secrets* and the Station sales counter which is open on Band night every Thursday and Friday evening when the Fishermen's Friends sing on the Platt. It's your chance to own a little of Port Isaac's unique Maritime history.

**Bob Bulgin,**  
Station Press Officer



**What an unenviable task!**  
Laurence and Don McNichol select the two designs that are going to feature on this year's Port Isaac RNLI Christmas Cards.

The past two Port Isaac RNLI Christmas cards have both featured paintings generously donated by Frank McNichol. Following Frank's death in May it was decided that he would have wanted the RNLI to encourage and support local youngsters in their art and to this end a competition was held in Port Isaac School.

The problem was that all the designs were so good and Laurence and Frank's son, Don had a real task. After much deliberation they chose pictures from Jemima Powell aged 10 and Harry Hambly aged just 4. Harry is due to start full-time school at Port Isaac in September and his dad is a member of the RNLI crew. Two runners-up were Rosie Collings, aged 7 and Sam Brown, aged 11.

The Christmas Cards are now being printed and will be available shortly. Full details in next month's *Trio*.

## Port Isaac RNLI Lifeboat Fun Day

on and around the Platt

12 noon 'til 6.00pm  
Sunday August 24th

**All Day Bar & Barbecue**  
Mrs B's Pimms  
Live Music  
Cream Teas & Coffees  
Toffee Apples  
Tombola & Raffles

**Bouncy Castle \* Stalls \* Clothes**  
**Beach Games \* Egg Throwing \* Lucky Dip**  
and lots, lots more ...

**a day of fun and  
entertainment for  
all the family**

if very wet, in the Village Mall

## RNLI shirts

Several new lines have been added to Port Isaac RNLI's unique range of shirts - new styles, new colours, lots of sizes. These are on sale from the Boathouse on Thursday and Friday nights during the summer, RNLI events and at other times by calling Annie Price on  
**01208 880386.**

# PIGS on tour

## Falmouth July 2003

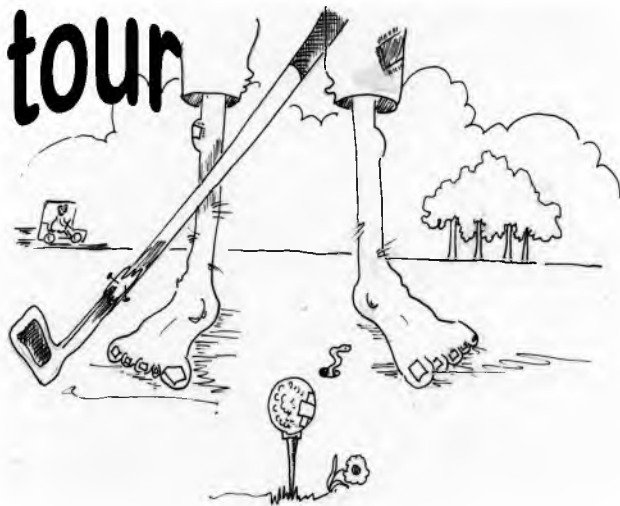
A long drive - probably the only one of the day - down to the glorious south coast brought the 16 PIGS to Falmouth Golf Course on a beautiful day.

The day started with Billy 'The Turtle' unveiling his secret weapon in his quest to win something again. His secret weapon was his singing coach and mentor, John 'No, not that club, the other one' Lethbridge, who would be Billy's caddy and advisor for the day in his match against Paul 'No Buggy' Honey for the PIGS Matchplay Trophy. Paul was visibly shocked by Billy's weapon but took it like the sportsman he is. To even things up Mike 'Compo' Edkins went out with the two and a half gladiators to ensure everything was hunky dory. Unfortunately, Mike had to abandon his round at the eleventh hole due to a 'prior dinner arrangement' (Paul, Billy and John all said later that it was more likely Mike finished because he couldn't hit a cow's bum with a banjo on the day!!). The result of the Matchplay Final was a win for Billy and guest, beating Paul four and three.

For the remaining thirteen players, the first tee became a golf ball graveyard with quite a few of them being lost left and right. The losing of the golf balls went very well with the losing of a few tempers with Mick losing his when a female golfer on the eighteenth green screamed when Mick's tee shot flew past her head. 'She could at least have got her head to it and aimed it towards the fairway' he mumbled as he took out another ball. This tee shot was not going to be the only strange shot from his clubs. He



made a concerted effort to get the shot of the day by hitting the tee markers (that is the 12" painted log which marks the tee), firstly with his follow through hitting the log further than the ball and then, on the next hole, hitting another tee marker with the ball. The accuracy of the man is quite amazing.



Andy 'The Adonis' Penny may have to have a new nickname after his assault on a 180ft tree with his five iron - needless to say, 'The Lumberjack' and his iron came off second best.

Winners on the day were:

**Longest drive** - Simon 'The Beacon' Brecon (just pipping Kev 'Striker' Grills)  
**Nearest the pin** - Nobody won - how embarrassing!!!

**Stableford results:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Steve 'The Stunt' Bunt
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jim 'Iceman' Bishop
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Kev 'The Gondolier' Punter

Well done to one and all.

I have received two complaints following last month's *Trio* article. The first being from Mrs Debbie Pattenden's solicitor concerning my reporting of the talking incident and the subsequent fine imposed at the Ryder Cup Day at Roserrow. I am now publicly apologising to Debbie and I can tell everybody it was my mistake. It wasn't Debbie talking or even fined, it was Mrs Sue Grills who was fined for drinking.

The other complaint concerns a certain cartoon that appeared last month. I would like to put it in print that I had nothing to do with it ... but I know a man who did!

*The Lard Man*

Two men lost in the desert, hours away from death, see a group of tents in the distance. Realising this may be their salvation, they stagger towards them. Entering the first tent, one of them gasps at the Arab trader within, "Water, water". The trader replies, "I'm sorry my friend, I've only got mixed fruit here". "WHAT?" gasps the man. "Yeh, just mixed fruit, sorry. Try next door".

So entering the next tent, the man gasps, "Water, for the love of God". The second trader replies, "I'm terribly sorry I've only got jelly". "What? I don't believe this" says the man. "Yeh, loads of jelly. There might be water in the last tent, try there" suggests the trader.

Reaching the last tent they crawl in. "Water, water" gasps the man. The trader, looking apologetic says, "I'm sorry I've only got custard here". The men, now distraught, say: "Right, to hell with you and your tents".

And they stagger off into the desert. A little later, one man turns to the other and says, "Back there with them tents, that was a bit weird wasn't it?" The other bloke replies ...

"Yeh, it was a trifle bazaar"

# STEER

## St Endellion Regeneration

We are pleased to announce the results of the questions put forward by STEER in the Parish Questionnaire. The Parish Council and STEER are still working to collate all the information and this will be made public as soon as it has been completed.

The two subjects that aroused most public interest were car parking and affordable homes. We think that affordable homes are a matter for the District Council. Car parking is being investigated by the Parish Council which we hope will come up with some proposals.

Beach cleaning and burying the electricity and telephone cables were the most popular suggestions put forward in our list and we are addressing these.

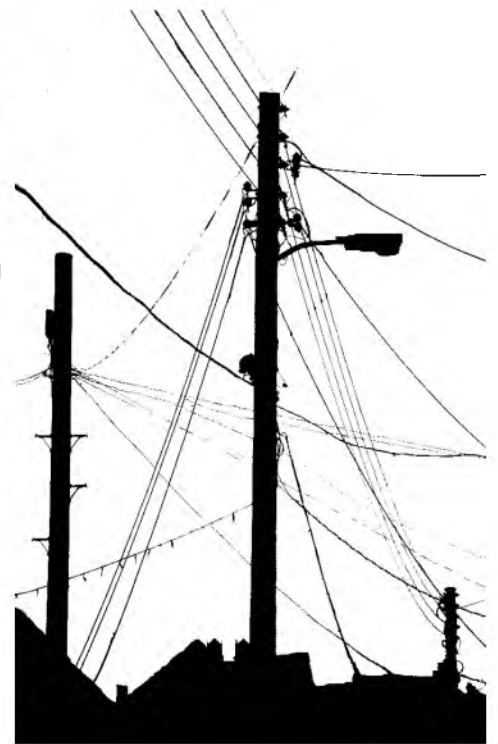
As many will know, the beach is owned by the Duchy which does

complicate the matter but does not deter us.

Steps towards the possibility of burying the cables are already being taken. We invited a representative of Western Power Distribution to our last meeting who gave us a lot of important facts. We are also meeting a representative from the District Council to discuss the matter further.

Our web site [www.portisaac.org](http://www.portisaac.org) will be updated during August with all the latest STEER news. This will include the latest information from the Parish Questionnaire together with as much village information as we can include.

We want to include advertising for the village giving details of facilities such as the Village Hall. We would also like to include advertising for local businesses. Anyone who



would like to be included please contact David Raynor on 01208 880581 for further details.

STEER meets in the Village Hall on the first Thursday of every month. Our next meeting is on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Please come along and join in the discussion. We look forward to seeing you.

## *the results ...*

1 Beach Cleaning	487 agree	51 disagree
2 Additional Parking	458 agree	79 disagree
3 Bury Cables	429 agree	92 disagree
4 Enhance the Coast Path	422 agree	103 disagree
5 Park & Ride	409 agree	121 disagree
6 Walkway from Port Isaac to Trewetha	399 agree	91 disagree
7 Convert Church Rooms	395 agree	83 disagree
8 Interpretative Centre	392 agree	90 disagree
9 Additional Sports/Leisure facilities	373 agree	83 disagree
10 Replace Modern Streetlights	373 agree	120 disagree
11 Trelights Community Centre	291 agree	103 disagree
12 Improve Streetlights	274 agree	184 disagree
13 Deep Water Harbour	177 agree	314 disagree

## *but the youngsters had a different view ...*

1 Additional Sports/Leisure facilities	42 agree	2 disagree
2 Beach Cleaning	44 agree	1 disagree
3 Convert Church Rooms	41 agree	4 disagree
4 Walkway from Port Isaac to Trewetha	38 agree	6 disagree
5 Improve Streetlights	34 agree	10 disagree
6 Park & Ride	34 agree	9 disagree
7 Additional Parking	34 agree	9 disagree
8 Bury Cables	27 agree	17 disagree
9 Replace Modern Streetlights	27 agree	16 disagree
10 Enhance the Coast Path	27 agree	17 disagree
11 Trelights Community Centre	25 agree	17 disagree
12 Deep Water Harbour	28 agree	17 disagree
13 Interpretative Centre	20 agree	25 disagree

# Past times in Trio September 1985

**Harvest Festival** – there was a large attendance at this annual event at the Longcross Hotel. £740 was raised for senior citizens and other charities.

## **RNLI**

**Flag Day** – Port Isaac branch raised £1107 – a branch record!

**Four-legged Race** – some £700 sponsorship money was raised. The Golden Lion Ladies Team comprising Tracey Andrews, Sharon Thomas and Tania Richards raised the most money and were awarded dinner for six at the Port Gaverne Hotel – kindly donated by Mr & Mrs Ross.

**Coffee Morning** – the sum of £71 was raised.

**Harvest Festival** – this annual event at the Cornish Arms, Pendoggett raised £286. Auctioneers for the night were Neville Andrews and Ted Childs. In addition, a firescreen donated and worked by Molly Farmer raised £50.

**Shouts** – the Lifeboat was launched on August 24<sup>th</sup> to a windsurfer off Daymer Bay. In spite of rough seas the windsurfer managed to swim to shore and the boat was recalled. The crew were Ted Childs, Paul Robinson and Andy Walton.

On August 25<sup>th</sup> a dinghy with two people on board capsized off Stepper Point. In very rough conditions the crew of John Coshall, Paul Robinson and Andy Walton made it to the Mouls before being recalled as the people had been picked up by a passing pleasure boat.

## September 1995

**'Live Jive' at Thorn House** – Over £2200 profit was raised and donated to the Village Hall, the Village Christmas Lights, the RNLI, the Playgroup and the reformed Football Club.

## **RNLI**

**Port Gaverne BBQ and Car Boot Sale** – This was well attended and a great success. Special thanks were made to Steve Sidney for his donation of 20 freshly caught mackerel. A profit of over £130 was made.

**Lifeboat Larks** – Crowds of people turned up to enjoy the many games and amusements and over £1500 was raised, making this the best 'Larks' yet.

**RNLI Concerts** – 'Push the Boat Out' raised the sum of £559.

**Shouts** – The Lifeboat was launched on July 24<sup>th</sup> to help two swimmers who were stuck in the cliff at Port Gaverne. The crew were Richard Hambly, Chris Scott and Andy Walton.

On July 30<sup>th</sup> the Lifeboat was called out to a person who had fallen 200ft over the cliff near Pentire Point. The casualty was suffering from multiple injuries and Chris Scott attempted resuscitation but could get no response. The casualty, who was from Australia, was transferred to the Rescue Helicopter and he was pronounced dead at Treliste Hospital. The crew were Jon Rowe, Chris Scott and Andy Walton.

On August 6<sup>th</sup> the Lifeboat went to aid a 17ft Dory that was off Bossiney with engine failure. The boat was towed back to Port Gaverne. The crew were John Collins, Mike Edkins and Andy Walton.

On August 8<sup>th</sup> the Lifeboat was again at Bossiney responding to a report of two people cut off by the tide. On arrival it was found that they had managed to get to safety unaided. The crew were John Brown, Chris Scott and Paul Worden.

On August 16<sup>th</sup> the Lifeboat was launched to a 17ft inflatable with five people on board. The boat had engine failure and was a mile north of Port Isaac. It was towed back to Port Gaverne. The crew were Nigel Andrews, Mike Edkins and Mark Provis.

*Bess Coates*

## AGM

The AGM of the Local History Group will take place on Friday September 5<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Maybe you would also like to join us once a month. We would be pleased to see you to share a common interest in local and family history etc.

**It's strange isn't it. If you stand in the middle of the library and go 'aaaaaaagggghh' everyone just stares at you.**

**But if you do the same thing on an aeroplane, everyone joins in!**

**Trelights Methodist Chapel**

**Afternoon Tea**

**for Help the Aged**

*on*

**Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup>**

**from 3.00pm - 5.00pm**

**Chat and meet friends**

*This is the last one for this year*



**MUM'S & MONSTERS  
BACK IN SEPTEMBER** All the 'Mum's & Monsters' would like to say a big thank you to Donna and Vicky for all their enthusiasm and hard work in running the playgroup.

Mark and Max - have fun at school. We will miss you!

Playgroup will return in early September. For more information call Emily on 01208 880707.

## It's barbecue time

This is the time of the year when men automatically take over the cooking. The weather looks hopeful and enthusiasm runs high. There is always an excited anticipation. Weather obviously plays a large part in the enjoyment although one of my favourite barbecue memories took place in February after the Big Storm. We, along with our neighbours, were without electricity, so we invited everyone to join us for supper. They contributed soft food from their freezer to our freezer soft food which we barbecued outside the back door. We then sat around our open fire with the light from the fire and as many candles as we could muster. It was wonderful!

My Australian family always use wood from around the garden instead of charcoal and they have a solid metal surface to their barbecue - unlike British ones which have metal bars across the top. I am inclined to balance an old cake-cooling tray on those bars to avoid food slipping onto the coals. I like to throw strong flavoured herbs onto the coals to enhance the taste of the food - rosemary and bay for meat, fennel and thyme for fish.

Vegetables such as sweet corn, peppers, aubergines or courgettes may be prepared and cooked directly on the barbecue. Potatoes can be cut into slices or cubes, wrapped in layers of tin foil and cooked directly in the embers. Fruit such as mangoes can be sliced lengthways either side of the large stone and singed, flesh downwards. Bananas are delicious barbecued. Make a slit lengthways in the skin leaving about 2.5cm/1" uncut at each end. Cook until soft, then pour a little rum into the cavity and serve with cream. Delicious!

Marinating food reduces cooking time and provides interesting flavours. Marinades usually contain acids such as vinegar, lemon juice or wine. They may also contain yoghurt, oil, herbs and spices such as ginger, coriander and cumin. Meat and fish can also be marinated in a barbecue sauce for about an hour before cooking, turning the meat once during that time. A good sauce which is suitable for meat or fish that you may like to try is as follows:

### Barbecue Sauce (sufficient to coat four portions of meat or fish)

2 dessertsp soy sauce \* 2 tbsp red wine vinegar \* juice of one large lemon  
4 crushed garlic cloves \* 2tbsp tomato puree \* 1tbsp mustard powder  
1 dessertsp soft dark brown sugar  
freshly ground black pepper \* 1tbsp freshly chopped herbs

#### Method

Blend all the ingredients together - a food processor is excellent for this. Slash thick pieces of meat or fish across the flesh to allow the flavours to permeate and coat well on both sides. Cover and leave for about an hour, turning halfway through. Baste the meat/fish with the sauce during cooking if you wish.



*Pray for good weather!*

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## GARDEN SHOW

Remember the date - August 30<sup>th</sup>. Entry Forms are now with 'Ross' at Central Garage. Please rush in for yours now.

Would people holding Cups please return them to 'Ross' or to me before the show.

*Robin Elgar*



## School reunion

Were you a pupil at Port Isaac County Primary School in the 1940's? Is your current age in the 64 to 69 range?

If you were - and if it is - and if you have not yet been contacted by me, would be interested in attending a School Reunion? This will take place in Port Isaac on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested and want to know more please get in touch with me. My address is  
Offenbachlaan 10  
2253 CR Voorschoten  
The Netherlands

My phone number is 00 31 71 5615206 and my email address is [jim.platt@planet.nl](mailto:jim.platt@planet.nl)

I will be only too glad to hear from you and will then get back to you at once with all the details. If you read this and don't satisfy the specified criteria but know anyone who does and can pass the message on to them that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you very much.

*James Platt*

Don't forget  
Trelights village BBQ  
on Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup>  
at 7.00pm at  
Coronation Park  
Good Food  
lots of fun and games  
all in aid of Trelights  
Christmas Lights

# Thank you Port Isaac School

**C**ongratulations must go to Port Isaac School on their fantastic SATS results.

A big thank you to Mr Bishop and all the staff at school for all their hard work. Sam's year group have had some wonderful opportunities recently including the Christmas Play, Disneyland, Wadebridge Dance, Sewa Beats, the Football Tournament and a most successful Year 6 camp.

We would like to wish Simon and his 'team' continued success and offer our best wishes for the future.

*Julian & Helen Brown*

**W**e would like to offer thanks to Simon and all his staff who, in our opinion, have created a school to be proud of. A school where the children are not only given a good all round education but are also made to feel happy in school.

In the past year the school has taken part in many out of school activities in sport and the arts and on most occasions out performed other larger schools in the area. Who will forget the dance night at Wadebridge School, the Christmas Play or the Tintagel Football Tournament to name but a few.

Most important of all the children look happy and eager to perform on all occasions which makes you proud to be a parent.

*Kev & Sue Grills*

*Mr Bishop*

Thank you for being such a brilliant head teacher for the past three years. You have taught us a lot of stuff like Maths, English and History.

You have also taken us to lots of cool places like

Disneyland  
Dance at Wadebridge  
Y6 Camp  
Gaia Centre

We will all miss you when we go and wish we could stay longer. You are a brilliant teacher and you helped us all well to get good SATS results.

We think how you organised all these things has been brilliant. We are very lucky and so are the rest of the school.

*Emily, Jess, Lyd. Meg & Ollie*

**W**e would like to say a big thank you to Simon for all the hard work he has put into organising outings and holidays for Port Isaac school children over the last year. I know all the children have thoroughly enjoyed all the trips and we all recognise that Simon has put in hours of work over and above his normal duties as Headmaster.

So a big thank you from

*The Haynes Family*

*Mr Bishop*

Thank you for taking us all to these places like

Disneyland, Year 6 Camp  
Gaia Centre  
Dance at Wadebridge

You have been the best headteacher EVER! You're a brilliant head teacher and you helped us get good SATS results.

We will all miss you.

*Daniel, Jacob, Lewis.  
Sam B & Sam H!*

Dear Jacob, Emily, Lewis, Meg, Jess, Oli, Lyd, Sam, Sam B & Daniel,

I'm going to miss you! It's going to be a very small and quiet school without you. Anyway, I'll miss you very, very much.

Bye from *Daisy xxx*

**A**s our son Lewis is about to move on from Port Isaac Primary School to Camelford, we just wanted to say how pleased we are with everything Simon and the staff at school have done for the children. Thank you for all the great opportunities you have given them.

We realise what a lot of time, both in and out of school, that Simon has devoted to the extremely lucky children in Port Isaac. It's a shame the fantastic SATS results couldn't be published. Well done Simon.

*Sharon & Jim Bishop*

**Goodbye** On Wednesday  
23<sup>rd</sup> of July  
we had a Special  
Assembly to say  
"Goodbye" to the Y6

children who are leaving to go on to Secondary School. Lydia Barnden, Olivia Barnden, Lewis Bishop, Sam Brown, Sam Eaves, Meg Greenhalgh, Daniel Grills, Jacob Pattenden, Jess Powell and Emily Thomas and were all presented with a dictionary which we hope they will make good use of. We hope they all enjoy their new schools and work hard to achieve the success they deserve.

## Y2 Pirate Day

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of June the Year 2 children from Port Isaac went to Daymer Bay. We met up with the Y2 children from Delabole and St Kew School. We dressed up as Pirates and we all had a squeeze bottle each. We had a competition to see who could make the biggest pile of sand. After that we went into teams and had to make up a name. We were called the "Red Beard Crew", "The Skulls" and "Peter Pans". These teams had a tug of war. We had to collect stones to put in a Treasure Chest for a game. We rolled a canon ball down the hill and had lunch.

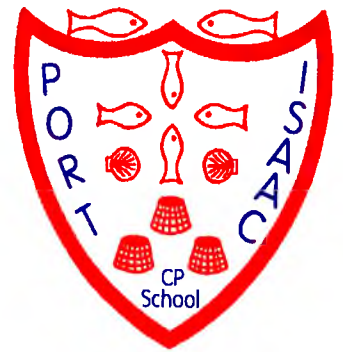
It was EXCELLENT FUN and we want to say "Thank You" to Mrs March for taking us.

**cricket**

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July the School played in a cricket tournament against six other schools. This was the first time our team had played together and we won one match and lost five. We really enjoyed ourselves and hopefully will do better next time with a lot of practise.

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**Killarney Springs** On July the 14<sup>th</sup> the school went to Killarney Springs which is a water park. First of all we went on the water slides, there were three of them. One was a tunnel which everyone tried to capsize, another one was just a drop which everyone got stuck on and the last one was a bumpy one which was for a single rider only. Also there was a Power House where you could go down a sky dive into a ball pool. There were canoes, little punts and a ride on a boat where you could feed the animals and much more. The whole school would like to thank the teachers for organising it.

## Work Experience

For the past two weeks I have been working at Port Isaac School for my Year 10 work experience. I really have enjoyed myself and will be very sad to leave.

During these two weeks I've taught the Infant class PE. I had to plan it as well as teach it. On my last week I went to Killarney Springs with the whole school. We all had such fun.

It felt really weird being back at Primary school after 4 years at Secondary. Lastly I would like to thank everyone for welcoming me.

*Rachel Grills, age 15*

## Starting School

Due to Government changes proposed for September 2004, we have reviewed our intake policy. For the academic year starting in September 2003 children will be eligible for admission to the reception class if born between 01/09/1998 and 31/08/1999. Those born between 01/09/1998 and 28/02/1999 will be full time in September 2003.

Those born between 01/03/1999 and 31/08/1999 will also be offered a full time place from September, in agreement with parents, due to the age of child, with provision to jointly review this position at the end of the first half term. Any child born between 01/09/1999 and 31/12/1999 will be part time during the afternoons from January 2004. Any child born between 01/01/2000 and 31/03/2000 will be part time during the afternoons from April 2004.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

*Simon Bishop, Headteacher*

# Monk's monthly mutterings!

## Fascination or Obsession?

**F**or as long as I can remember, ladies with large shelf-like bosoms and skinny legs have fascinated me. At the age of two and a half when I went into the bathroom and saw my Auntie Trish having a bath, I can remember thinking, 'Bee Gad Sir! That is magnificent!' (Ed: Here we go!)

This fascination is purely a matter of scientific curiosity, a puzzle of stability and gravity, the same mystery of science as 'what stops the Leaning Tower of Pisa from falling over?' or 'how do you get a blancmange to stick on top of a lolly stick?'

It is a fascination, not an obsession. (Ed: Of course it is!!)

Now, my long time drinking partner has an obsession. He is obsessed by big bums; he has been known to walk out of a pub before closing time just to follow a large 'glutinous maximus'.

I'm not into bums. They present no scientific puzzles to be solved. In fact, ever since my younger days when I had a job as a bare back rider in a cir-

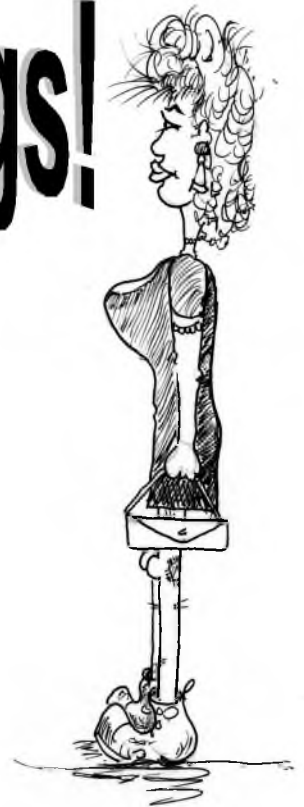
cus, I have kept ring and Gladys would take a flying leap and was supposed to land on the front half of the horse's back. Unfortunately, more often than not, she would land on my personal bits or completely knock me off the back of Clarence. I would land on hard compacted sawdust that smelt strongly of lion and chimpanzee's pee from the preceding acts! It's a funny thing about lady horse riders - more often than not they have big bums. It must be something to do with all that bouncing up and down. Sometimes it's almost impossible to tell where the horse ends and the lady begins; rather like two pears, blunt end to blunt end.

I digress. My days as a bareback rider came to a rapid demise when a knife throwing act joined the circus. They were billed as the Great Igori and Serafina, a husband and wife team. Igori was an excitable Hungarian from Walthamstow with a black beard and eyes that stuck out like organ stops. Serafina was a lady from Pontefract. Yes, you've guessed it. Serafina had a large shelf like bosom and skinny legs. I was fascinated. Night after night I would watch this death, stability and gravity defying display of Serafina being spun round on a circular wheel while a half drunk Igori chucked knives at her.

Serafina and I fell passionately in lust with each other and Igori found out. The circus was playing on a disused car park in Basingstoke at the time. Igori chased me across the car park chucking knives as fast as he could at me. He hit two courting couples and a blind man's guide dog before sticking one in a fat policeman's bum who was relieving himself behind a burnt out Cortina. Igori was arrested and I kept running - cowardly, scientific, fascinator that I am.

**Bob Monk**

*PS If you believe this you must be dafter than you look... I don't know though?*



clear of ladies with large posteriors. They other half of the bare back act, known as Los Gauchos Magnifico, was a lady from Camden Town called Gladys. Now Gladys, she had a bum like a barrage balloon - huge! Twice daily, at matinee and evening performances, I would sit on the back of a giant sized rescue horse, an ex Charringtons Brewery dray horse called Clarence (silly name for a giant horse) who should have been put out to grass years ago. Clarence would lumber around the

**A**re you worried about burglary or the risk of damage to your home or property? The local crime rate seems to have increased of late and whilst the local police force is dealing with ongoing problems and isolated incidents they do need some help.

To this end, Pat Pearson in conjunction with our local policeman, PC Taylor, is looking at reinstating the Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the parish. The aims of the scheme are to

- cut crime and the opportunities for crime
- help and reassure those who live in fear of crime
- encourage neighbourliness and closer communities
- tell the police and your neighbours about suspicious incidents

If you are interested in being involved then telephone Pat on 01208 880969 for more details. Don't wait until you become a victim of crime before you do anything.



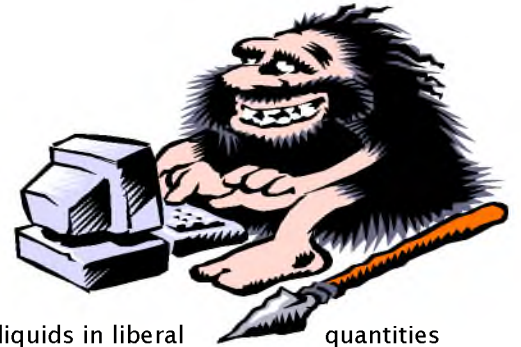
**'An intelligent man is sometimes forced to be drunk to spend time with his fools'**

*Ernest Hemingway*

# 'Bob Monk' - a certifiable complaint!

Following his recent 'mutterings' in *Trio*, 'Bob Monk' has now been officially recognised as a certifiable complaint by the General Medical Council and the Central Register of Authors and Poets (CRAP).

- First signs of the problem are
- Wearing frayed denim shorts
  - An abundance of body hair
  - Adopting a black and white dog
  - Losing the power of coherent speech most afternoons
  - A tendency to fall asleep in the early evening causing the non-attendance at social functions
    - Eating too much mackerel
    - Writing for village newsletters



The complaint has no known cure, neither can it be contained or managed.

However, a small amount of success has been achieved using certain amber liquids in liberal quantities

- Level one, moderate intake - slows speech significantly. However, it just takes the sufferer longer to complete the diatribe
- Level two, medium intake - easing into oblivion. Unfortunately, this doesn't mean that the diatribe will not be forthcoming once consciousness has been regained
- Level three - huge intake level resulting in speech loss, memory loss (both involuntary), heavy bruising, grazes and cuts and sometimes breakages. Strangely though, no spillage is ever reported even during the final collapse. This level can take some time to achieve. Reports are encouraging though. The passing out of the 'Bob Monk' can induce memory loss, causing the sufferer to forget the current diatribe. However, on recovery a fresh diatribe can immediately begin, ie "The start of a 'Bob Monk'". Try to attain Level three as soon as possible. Ignore any apparent injuries, the sufferer will be oblivious to their cause and effects and, in extreme cases will deny they exist at all.

In conclusion, to aid the sufferer, simply buy him a drink(s) to whichever level you're prepared to put up with. This may vary.

## The Frog

Once upon a time, in a land far away, a beautiful, independent, self-assured princess happened upon a frog as she sat contemplating ecological issues on the shores of an unpolluted pond in a verdant meadow near her castle.

The frog hopped into the Princess' lap and said, 'Elegant Lady, I was once a handsome Prince, until an evil witch cast a spell upon me. One kiss from you, however, and I will turn back into the dapper, young Prince that I am and then, my sweet, we can marry and set up house-keeping in yon castle where you can prepare my meals, clean my clothes, bear my children and forever feel grateful and happy doing so.'

That night, whilst dining on lightly sautéed frog legs seasoned in a white wine and onion cream sauce, the princess chuckled to herself and thought, 'I don't think so.'

## The Monk who forsook his vow of silence His Fall and Rise

It had to come of course, when a lady on a horse claimed our Bob had never been a-straddle. She said this little Rommel, never curry combed his pommel couldn't tell a swingle tree from a saddle.

He made some others moan, with a one-man no fly zone (it incensed a local Cornish Flying Dutchman) He threatened to lay low, buzzing bees of Davidstow with his Weapon of Monkish Mass Destruction.

When this lunatic at large, proposed a Congestion Charge we were swamped with feisty emails and faxes From the Lizard up to Norwich, they choked upon their porridge at the thought of Annie Price collecting taxes.

Put on trial, he was well hung. Both the local virgins sung Father Michael gave this sinner absolution. It was quite ironic that he was upon the Platt and cremation was just our final solution.

Two hundred powered kites, formatted on Trelights and in a fly-past dropped their droppings on his pyre But this answer to a prayer from brewers everywhere Rose just like a phoenix from the fire.

Now he's back again, more power to his pen Our Bobby with his vitriolic song In his Euma\_ \_ \_ \_r tent, sowing seeds of discontent It's the Minksi Goats complaining of the pong!

Eric Stokes

# Parish Council news

## Affordable Housing

At a special meeting of the Parish Council held on 30<sup>th</sup> June the Council was addressed by Stacey Sleeman, Rural Housing Enabler for Cornwall Rural Community Council. She works independently with Parish Councils, Local Authorities and Housing Associations to look at possible 'exception' sites outside, but close to, development boundaries which would be suitable for affordable housing. It was agreed that she would look into any such sites in our area together with Ian Baker from North Cornwall District Council. If any sites in our area were viable NCDC would have to apply for Housing Corporation funding to develop the land. Affordable housing is an ongoing, very emotive subject and any further developments will be duly reported.

## Monthly Parish Council Meeting

At the monthly meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July, the Council was addressed by Sally Lewis, Project Officer for the East Cornwall Transport Partnership who reported about community buses. The cost of a community bus is in the region of £25,000/£30,000 with a further £10,000 to make it suitable for the disabled. The bus needs to be replaced every five years and with depreciation at £8,000 per year and insurance at £1,500 it means that some £200 per week has to be raised before the bus is even on the road! She also reported on the new Corlink bus service which has been extended to our area and runs in the evening between Wadebridge and Camelford at about £2 per trip. This is a funded service by the Rural Bus Challenge. A more detailed report on this service will be supplied by Sally Lewis for a future issue of *Trio*. She asked for a Parish Council Transport Representative and Mr David Jennings, who is involved with the Hospital Car Service, volunteered.

## Fireworks Committee

Janet Townsend is the Parish Council representative on this committee.

## County Councillor's Report

Mrs Helen Richards reported that The Countryside Agency had withdrawn £40,000 from the Footpath Partnership; the Partnership had however managed to plug the gap.

## District Councillor's Report

Mr W Dawe reported that our council houses were being advertised outside the area on a means tested basis. It was agreed that the PC would write to Mr M Howles requesting that tenancies are given to local people.

## Port Isaac and Trelights Playing Areas

The Amenities Committee recommended that following the recent ROSPA inspection, the PC should approve the necessary work required. It was agreed that Mr D Dingle's quote of £976 should be accepted and the work carried out as soon as possible.

## Bus Shelter

Mr D Phelps proposed that the bus shelter should be repainted and it was agreed that he, assisted by Mr D Jennings, would undertake this task with paint provided by the Parish Council. It was further suggested that we could ask children from the school to design and paint a mural inside the shelter.

## The Right To Buy

It was proposed by Mr R Penna, and agreed after amendment, that the Clerk should write to Mr Paul Tyler MP and state that this PC was not in favour of any extension of the 'Right to Buy' of Housing Association Properties.

## Village Hall Improvements

The Village Hall Committee requested that the PC, being custodian trustee of the Hall, apply for planning permission for improvements. Mr Malcolm Lee confirmed with NCDC planners that, under these circumstances, if the PC made the application there would be a 50% reduction in the planning fees. After discussion the PC agreed to put in this planning application.

## Genetically Modified Food (GM) Debate

The all too short six week period of public debate came to an end on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Mr D Phelps and Mr R Manders attended the final debate at the Hall for Cornwall, Truro on behalf of the PC and will report at the next Meeting.

## 'Welcome to Port Isaac' Sign

Mr D Phelps proposed, seconded by Mr W Dawe, that this very dilapidated 'Welcome' sign at Tresungers should be removed. The PC was in agreement.

## Land at Trenant

As previously reported, it was agreed that the PC write to NCDC regarding press reports that the NCDC was selling land attached to the Trenant Offices. The PC has received a reply from Mr David Brown, Chief Executive of NCDC, stating that the Council is not selling the whole of its land at Trenant and that a major part is to be retained as a strategic site against the possibility of the need/desirability to expand the Office site. He also confirmed that no final decision had yet been made but a group had been formed to look at a variety of options and report to the NCDC. He would ensure that our Council's views were included.

The next PC Meeting will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August at Port Isaac, where everyone is welcome.

*Robin Elgar,  
Parish Councillor*

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND NOTICES

### Approvals & Refusals

Erection of a pair of semi-detached 4 bed houses, land adjacent to Higher Shillingstones, Port Isaac for Mr C Greenhalgh and Mr D Brewer. This application has been withdrawn.

**Application 2003/0603** - Erection of an extension, Halwyn House, Roscarrock Hill, Port Isaac for Mr & Mrs S Gotch. This application has been withdrawn.

**Application 2003/0604** - Listed building consent for erection of an extension, Halwyn House, Roscarrock Hill, Port Isaac for Mr & Mrs S Gotch. This application has been withdrawn.

**Application 2003/1934** - Conversion of former mill to single residential unit (Holiday Use). Mrs D M Watson, The Mill, Port Isaac. NCDC APPROVED this application.

**Application 2003/1927** - Listed building consent for the conversion of former mill to single residential unit (Holiday Use). Mrs D M Watson, The Mill, Port Isaac. NCDC APPROVED this application.

# The Secret of the Hole in the Wall

by James Platt

One of the consequences of my going to Sir James Smith's Grammar School at Camelford (CGS) was that any ability for me to go home in the middle of the day to have my dinner was curtailed. Port Isaac CP School was located just across the road from where I lived in Canadian Terrace and through all my days spent at that good old school, I never once took dinner on the school premises. At the Camelford I was condemned to eat school dinners for the first time in my life.



As it was, in an unfortunate echo of the mandate at home, the golden rule at the CGS was that your dinner had to be all eaten up, right down to the last scrap. Invigilating

teachers, ensuring that the rule was obeyed without question at all times, paced around the CGS canteen tables in the manner of prison guards. Returning uneaten food to the kitchen was not an option that the teachers were prepared to tolerate.

Although at home I usually knew the original nature and source of the food that my mother gave me for dinner, the dishes that emerged from the CGS kitchen at dinnertime arrived as often as not under a fog of anonymity disguising not only what they contained but also who had prepared them.

The CGS school dinner system was arranged in two sittings, one for the girls and one for the boys, each lasting about half an hour. You went in, you sat in your assigned place, you got your plate of food, you shovelled it down your throat and you got out. That was about it really. The canteen, the kitchen (and incidentally the fourth form classroom) all adjoined one another in a prefabricated building located a little apart below the main body of the school. The dinner tables in the canteen were set up in two longitudinal rows with an open aisle in the centre of the canteen.

Nine pupils were assigned to each table, four of them sitting at the sides, facing each other across the

table and happily well within kicking distance and one placed at the head with his back to the aisle. The pupil at the head of the table was normally one of the school prefects. He or she was formally in charge of the table and furthermore responsible for the front line of keeping order. When he or she inevitably failed to keep order, the teacher was there to step into the breach.

Without exception, every dispute that ever took place across one of the CGS canteen school dinner tables was directly related either to the quality and quantity of food received, or to its process of distribution. Prior to dinner being served, all present stood with heads bowed as the teacher who had drawn the short straw of duty for the occasion said a Grace. "For what we are about to receive, may the Lord make us truly thankful" was the usual offering. *Even the Lord couldn't manage to make us truly thankful*, we thought, in the light of some of the school dinners that seemed to have been sent along just to torment us. Miss Holloway, the art teacher, once surprised us all by coming up with "*Benedictus, benedicat*", as a Grace. Those who didn't know, or want to know Latin, hoped that this Grace was more apt to the culinary disappointment that was almost certain to follow it.

The CGS dinners were brought out to the canteen tables from the kitchen down at the far end, contained in just as many or equally as few dishes as were necessary to respectively contain the variety or lack of the same. Along with the dishes of food came a stack of nine empty plates, ready to be laden with the repast. It was the task of the prefect at the head of the table and the two acolytes who sat at his or her immediate left and right at the table's top end, to serve the dinner out onto the plates and pass the meals on down to those sitting in the lower and totally powerless ranks of the table. As often as not, the two servers were favoured by the prefect for one reason or another. Prefect and servers made up an unholy triumvirate capable of wielding tyrannical power over the remaining six at the table, who were rarely numbered with the favoured few.

In principle, the three collaborators at the top of the table should have been dishing out equal shares for all, but it always seemed that when the dinner was not a nice one they passed disproportionately large quantities of it down the table and when the dinner was good, as to be fair it sometimes was they served the greater portions of it to themselves. In the ranks of the remaining six diners, strength and seniority counted for everything in establishing the pecking order, or perhaps the gobbling order would be a more apposite way of describing it. The strong were more than adept at spearing items or portions of food that they fancied from the plates of the weak using a knife, a fork, a spoon or one of their hands, it was all the same to them, for transfer of the food either to their own plates or directly into their open gobs. The process worked equally effectively in reverse with the unloading by the strong onto the plates of the weak of any servings of dubious palatability. The two who sat at the bottom of the table against the wall were among the most likely recipients of this woeful largesse and were in the unfortunate position of being the least able to do much about it. The only sure means of protecting the food you liked was to gobble it down before it could be taken away from you. Bolting food was a habit that many of the pupils of the day were castigated for having, but it was a habit born of necessity. We were, as a comedian of the time put it, probably on *Workers Playtime*, a programme that co-incidentally always came from a canteen somewhere or other, the kind of people who were half way through our main course before the echo of our soup had died away.

There were so many times when CGS canteen dinners were so much more awful than usual that even those of us who had mastered the technique of high speed eating were unable to force the grub down our open throats without wanting to gag it back up again. We were regularly in trouble with the teachers for wasting food, not only the amount left from our original servings, but also from the additions that others, further up the table, had dumped on our plates. The definitive solution to the eternal problem came along as accidentally as so many of the best solutions tend to do.

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# A belated goodbye and hello

We would like to thank all the customers, staff and local businesses that helped us make 'The Nest' over the last three years. We hope that you, like us, will always keep hold of the many happy memories we shared. Birthday parties, entertainment nights, winning the darts league, The World Cup, Christmas and New Year celebrations are to name just a few, along with the many 'spur-of-the-moment' cracking afternoon sing-alongs, killer pool and after shock nights! We have met many lovely people and made many friends.

We really will miss owning and running 'The Nest' and we hope that you have enjoyed our time as landlord and landlady of your local pub. We will still be visiting the village though and hope to see many of you for a pint or two. You can't get rid of us that easily!

Also, may we take this opportunity to thank you for helping us raise the monies for our nominated charities over the years. The final amount of £82 has been donated to the Air Ambulance.

Please give your ongoing support to Tony & Sharon and we hope that they enjoy their time at The Crow's Nest as much as we have.

Thank you once again to everyone, especially our 'son' Mark!

*Mike & Michelle*

It's a case of home sweet home for Tony Cunningham and his son Guy who was born in Cornwall. After nearly 30 years they, with Tony's wife Sharon, have returned.

Tony, Sharon and Guy have taken over a pub which many people would claim has the most spectacular sea views of any pub in the West Country - The Crow's Nest here in Port Isaac. They are no strangers to the licensed trade, having worked in the business for many years for Allied Domecq and Greene King in Harlow, Essex.

In 1999 Tony & Sharon decided to take a year out and spent the time backpacking around the Far East, Australia and New Zealand. They, and Guy, are now looking forward to their new life at The Crow's Nest.

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It so happened that on that special day, the dinner was, for once, a good one. I don't remember what we were served with, but it might have been a kind of sausage roll and boiled potatoes, which was always popular when, or if, it appeared. Whatever the dinner might have been, it offered a standing invitation to the more forceful types on the table to take as much of it as they could away from the plates of the more timid. I was seated against the wall on the left hand side at the very bottom of the table that was headed by the prefect David Short. Across the table facing me was Bob Pethick, a lively little red haired boy from Camelford. Bob was in the class above mine, one form up. On Bob's left sat David Calloway from St Teath. David, known as "Joe", was in the same class as Bob, but class loyalties placed no bar on Joe's propensity for grabbing something of what he liked from Bob's plate or from mine. Besides, Joe was bigger than both of us. On this occasion, Bob's plate was the target. Bob used his same-class association with Joe to try to retrieve the purloined food from Joe, something that I, a form down, would not have dared to do for fear of the consequences. Joe grabbed Bob's arm with both hands. Bob pulled back as hard as he could in the constricted space to get Joe to release his arm. Joe suddenly let Bob's arm go. Bob's arm flew back like a whip and his elbow struck the wall at high speed. It was fortunate for Bob that the canteen was a prefab. Its inner wall was not formed of stone or cement, but of a fairly thin fibreboard sheet. Bob's elbow went right through the inner wall, creating a hole about ten centimetres across (Americans and metric martyrs please note, this means approximately four inches) and thrusting a flap of fibre board, as if it were hinged at the top, into the cavity that lay between the fibre board sheet and the more solid outer wall of the canteen.

At first, all of us who occupied the bottom of the table were horrified not so much by the damage as by the retribution that we assumed would follow. Then we found that by inserting a couple of fingers under the flap of fibre-board created by Bob's elbow, the flap could be pulled back to close and hide the hole fairly effectively. No-one in a position of supervision in the canteen had taken any serious notice of the incident causing the damage to the inner wall and so it was reasoned that the best thing to do with sleeping dogs was to let them lie. Anyone who didn't know the hole had been made would be very unlikely to look for it.

I don't know who it was among the four of us who were seated at the bottom of our table who first thought of employing the cavity behind the hole in the wall made by Bob's elbow to dispose of food that we neither liked nor wanted. The idea may have come to all of us simultaneously. However it arrived, it was no more or no less than a stroke of genius. We were rather cautious in reopening the hole in the fibreboard, at least to begin with. The flap was gently pushed back and small quantities of our sorrier comestibles were surreptitiously spooned through the hole to be consigned within to the kind of dark oblivion where they truly belonged. Then the flap was drawn closed again and all was well with the world. With regular use of the hole in the wall to get rid of the worst elements of CGS canteen dinners, our confidence grew. Caution was finally thrown to the wind. The great leap forward was taken during a seemingly endless sequence of dinners consisting of daily servings of wafer thin, ultra-fat beef swimming in the kind of vile gravy that offered proof that oil and water did not mix. The same ingredients were served out day after day and day after day they went directly into the hole in the wall. There seemed to be no limit to the space available in the wall cavity to contain discarded dinners. For all I know, whole sides of beef, buckets of gravy, sacks of sloppy potatoes and a field of over boiled greens went through the flap into the cavity.

I would like to think there was a co-operative rat (or two) down there at the base of the cavity who was more truly thankful than we were for what he was about to receive and who in receiving it ate it up and was a critical factor in guaranteeing that our dinner disposal scheme was, although only as far as I know, never discovered.

**So I went into a Chinese Restaurant and this duck came up to me with a red rose and said, 'You are so beautiful, I think I love you'.  
I said, 'Waiter, I asked for aromatic duck!'**



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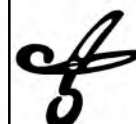
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St Endellion 45<sup>th</sup> Summer Festival

**Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Port Isaac Rowing Club host the Mixed & Veterans County Gig Championship Racing from Port Gaverne – 9.00am onwards

**Monday August 4<sup>th</sup>**  
'In the Bag' recycling kerbside collection – put bags out by 7.00am

**Thursday August 7<sup>th</sup>**  
STEER meeting in Port Isaac Village Hall – 7.30pm

**Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup>**  
South-West Marine Week – a wide variety of marine activities taking place throughout Cornwall

**Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup>**  
The Friends of Port Isaac School present The Ego Ronnie's Band at the Village Hall

**Monday August 11<sup>th</sup>**  
PIGS on Tour – St Austell Golf Club – tee off 1.30pm

Parish Council Meeting at Port Isaac – 7.30pm

**Wednesday August 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Mini-market in St Endellion Church Hall

**Friday August 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup>**  
St Peter's Church Flower Festival

**Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Salsa Night at the Village Hall - 8.00pm  
Trelights Village Green BBQ – 7.00pm

**Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup>**  
'Songs of Praise' in St Peter's Church – 6.00pm

Port Isaac Chorale in Concert in St Peter's Church – 8.00pm

**Monday August 18<sup>th</sup>**  
'In the Bag' recycling kerbside collection – put bags out by 7.00am

**Tuesday August 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall – 7.30pm

**Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup>**  
RNLI Funday – 12noon onwards on and around the Platt – fun and entertainment for all the family

**Saturday August 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Port Isaac Garden Show – St Peter's Church Rooms – open to the public from 2.30pm

RAFT RACE at Port Gaverne – organised by Port Isaac Rowing Club

**Thursday September 4<sup>th</sup>**  
STEER meeting in Port Isaac Village Hall – 7.30pm

**Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Déjà Blues, Bar & BBQ – Port Isaac Coastguard fundraiser

**Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Garden Party & Lunch at the home of Howard & Frances Kent, St Minver – 1.00pm (tel: 880381 or 862704)

St Peter's Church Harvest Festival, Sale & Supper – 6.00pm

**Monday September 8<sup>th</sup>**  
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Parish Council Meeting at Port Isaac – 7.30pm

**Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Village Hall Curry Night

**Monday September 15<sup>th</sup>**  
PIGS on Tour – Whitsand Bay Golf Club – tee off 1.00pm

**Tuesday September 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall – 7.30pm

**Friday September 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Friends of Port Isaac School Race Night in the Village Hall

**Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
'In the Bag' recycling kerbside collection – put bags out by 7.00am

**Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup>**  
The Village Hall and Carn to Cove present, by popular demand, a return visit by the Incredible Ropestring Band

**Monday October 13<sup>th</sup>**  
PIGS on Tour – Bowood Golf Club – tee off 12noon

Parish Council Meeting at Trelights

**Tuesday October 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall – 7.30pm

**Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Wadebridge Male Voice Choir in concert in St Endellion Church

**Friday October 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Halloween Disco for primary age children at Port Isaac School

**Friday November 7<sup>th</sup>**  
RNLI Harvest Festival at St Kew

**Monday November 10<sup>th</sup>**  
PIGS on Tour – Lanhydrock Golf Club – tee off 11.00am

Parish Council Meeting at Port Isaac

**Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup>**  
St Peter's Church Mini Market &

Lunch in the Church Rooms – 10.30am  
Port Isaac Village Hall and Carn to Cove present 'Doodlebugs and the Bogeyman' from the Ministry of Entertainment – 7.00pm

**Tuesday November 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall – 7.30pm

**Tuesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Annual BINGO in aid of the Mentally Handicapped in St Peter's Church Rooms – 7.30pm

**Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>**  
RNLI Christmas Market

**Monday December 8<sup>th</sup>**  
PIGS on Tour – Tehidy Golf Club

Parish Council Meeting at Port Isaac – 7.30pm


**Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Port Isaac RNLI Christmas Disco in the Village Hall

**Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Village Hall Children's Christmas Party

**Tuesday December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Christmas Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall – 7.30pm

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**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

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**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