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Don't forget Mount Edgcumbe

With the horror of the Boxing Day Tsunami disaster still fresh in our minds, it's hard to think about fundraising for other charities. But closer to home, our own Mount Edgecumbe Hospice still needs our help to continue its work. This wonderful place is funded mostly by voluntary donations. Many of us have personal experience of the special care and comfort given by the Mount Edgecumbe staff and none of us know whether we might need their help one day.

As a village we regularly fundraise for Mount Edgecumbe and this year is no exception. Our Hospice Day is set for Saturday March 5th in the Village Hall. The doors will open at 10.30am and Janet's lunches will be served from 11.45am onwards. So now's the time to declutter and have a good clear out, but remember, it's not really a jumble sale, more a sale of goods so we only want things that will sell and NO CLOTHES. As well as the lunches and the bargains there will be the home-made cake stall and various raffles.

If you have anything you would like to donate please, if possible, drop it off at the Village Hall on Friday March 4th between 10.00am and 12noon. Alternatively someone could come and collect from you on that morning. The last option is to give me a ring on 01208 880905 and arrange to

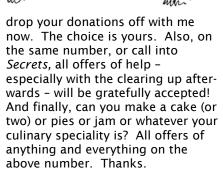
Jan's Pudding Club

week earlier, on Saturday February 26th in the Village Hall there's going to be another 'Pudding Club' evening. So successful was the first one last October that Jan (Kane) has decided on a repeat performance, only this time for Mount Edgecumbe. Jan (Kane) is supporting her daughter, Carina who is running in the London Marathon in April for the Hospice.

So, just imagine a meal with seven different pudding courses. Of course there will be a main course but the main attraction has to be the seven puddings. It's definitely a night to forget about the waistline!

Tickets, priced £10 each to include a glass of wine, are available from Jan on 01208 880934, *Dennis Knights* at Rock or *Secrets*. Don't leave it till the last minute as the last Pudding Club was a sell-out.

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EVERYONE

Dee

Village Hall planning disappointment

The Village Hall Committee were very disappointed that the planning application to create a disabled access and toilet facilities and new kitchen was rejected by North Cornwall District Council. This was despite the fact that the design was as suggested to us two years ago by the then Conservation Officer and a Planning Officer who came out to the Hall to offer their help and advice with our plans for disabled access. The Parish Council were also in support of the project and willingly submitted the

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Village Hall planning shock continued ...

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planning application on behalf of the committee. In addition, no objections were lodged against the proposal.

So why was the application refused by North Cornwall District Council when the design was in keeping with the surrounding area, no objections were lodged, our Parish Council supported the application and Government policy not only encourages disabled accessibility but has made it a legal requirement wherever possible?

According to the refusal letter the application was not sympathetic to an area of outstanding natural beauty and heritage coastline and the construction was not thought to be in line with local building materials. It also pointed out that the decision had been made by delegation which is what often happens to planning applications. How many people, I wonder, know exactly what is meant by delegation? As far as I understand it, delegation is when a paid council officer makes the decision instead of elected representatives on the planning committee. Before this can take place, a letter is written to the relevant District Councillor, which in our case is Bill Dawe, requesting permission to accept a delegated refusal of the application. The District Councillor signs and returns the document either agreeing to the refusal of the application or disagreeing which then forces the decision to the full planning committee.

In our case, for the Village Hall that desperately needs easier access for our less able residents and parents with prams and pushchairs, our District Councillor, Bill Dawe, signed a document agreeing to the delegated refusal of the application. This in turn stopped it getting a hearing before a full committee of elected council representatives. When asked by *Trio* why he did not support the proposal for disabled access at Port Isaac Village Hall, Bill Dawe said, "It would not have mattered whether I had supported the application or not, it would have been refused anyway"!

Our predicament is which way to go now. Obviously we cannot afford to employ anyone to present an appeal for us so our next step is to seek a site visit with the planners to discuss the matter further and see if they have any suggestions on what we should do next. We would welcome any letters of support to present at this meeting which we hope will take place in February. Please send these to us asap via *Trio* to 3 Trewetha Lane, Port Isaac, Cornwall PL29 3RN, by email to: deesam@btopenworld.com or drop into *Secrets*.

Ian Fuller Village Hall Committee Chairman

Seen it all. Done it all. Can't remember most it it!

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Ringo

very big thank you to everyone who supported the Bingo in aid of the mentally handicapped at the beginning of December.

Your help and generosity raised £660.90, which was enough to hire a coach and take all the clients of the Priory Day Centre in Bodmin to the pantomime at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth – a trip they all really enjoyed and they have asked me to thank everyone who made it possible.

So thank you, once again, for your generous support and the pleasure it gave.



The Mermaid

by Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen



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Congratulations



to Pauline Stephens who has recently celebrated 25 years as a dispenser at the Port Isaac Surgery. She began working there on December 3rd 1979.

Trio price increase

Due to the increased production costs we have had to increase the price of *Trio* to 40p. This means that the subscription rate has also had to increase and will now be £12.75 a year.

Coming soon to your Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee plans a packed programme events for 2005.

First off is the annual Music Quiz on Friday March 11th, starting at 7.30pm. Get your team together and challenge the Pottery Team who always seem to win. Entry is £5 for a team of up to four members. To register your team call 01208 880905 or 880862 or speak to one of the Village Hall committee.

The bad news is that Stringbox, who we publicised in the December *Trio* have split up so the 'Beatles Night' on March 18th is off.

However, our other gig that is part of the Carn to Cove Village Hall scheme is still very much on. On Thursday April 7th we are one of the lucky Cornish Village Halls to welcome Gordon Giltrap. You may have heard of him but did you know that he came second only to Eric Clapton in Guitar magazine's tenth anniversary reader's poll of favourite guitarists. He has appeared in concert halls throughout the worlds and has produced some 25 albums. His reputation within the music industry is unflawed with recommendations from Rick Wakeman, Brian May, Midge Ure and Cliff Richard. Tickets are now on sale at Secrets priced £6 each (£5 for OAPs and children) and demand is expected to be high to

don't leave it until the last minute. Doors open at

Plans are well in hand for our 'Forties Night' to celebrate the anniversary of the end of the Second World War takes place on Saturday May 7th. Judging by the enthusiasm for the recent Music Hall evening, dressing up 'war-time' style will be the order of the day. More details next month.

7.30pm with the performance starting at 8.00pm.

July's event is a Safari Supper on Saturday July 30th. Sunday August 14th sees a Scavenger Hunt followed by a barbecue and still on the food theme, another Curry Night is planned for September 17th. We will be holding our autumn Coffee Morning Wednesday October 12th.



I just thought I would write a quick note to let you all know that Port Isaac Playgroup is doing really well with 11 pairs of tiny feet attending regularly.

Last term we had a visit to the Church with Judith Pollinger which, as usual, the children enjoyed. They all love ringing that bell!

We had a lovely Christmas Party, with a visit from Father Christmas who I believe had been allowed time off from his busy schedule of feeding all of his little helpers at the Edge. Miss Martin, from Port Isaac School, came to read a Christmas story for us, with the help of the Reception class who acted out parts of the story. They all did very well, well done. No Christmas party would be complete without a sing-song, valiantly led by my Dad, Ian Fenton, on the guitar. Thank you Dad (Granddad).

This term we have plans for a visit to Chapel Amble and another visit from Miss Martin for a story. As the weather gets warmer (ever opti-





This takes us to the end of October when the new licensing laws come into operation. As soon as we have full details of how these will affect us and events in the Village Hall we will publish them.

In the meantime, our AGM is on Wednesday April 6th at 7.30pm in the Hall. Come along and find out what our plans are – it's open to everyone and we'd love to see some new faces.

The Village Hall Committee

Village Hall Diary Dates

Friday March 11th

Port Isaac Village Hall Music Quiz -7.30pm

Wednesday April 6th

Port Isaac Village Hall AGM - 7.30pm

Thursday April 7th

Gordon Giltrap, guitar virtuoso, plays live - 7.30pm for 8.00pm

Saturday May 7th

Forties Night to celebrate the anniversary of the end of the Second World War

Saturday July 30th

Port Isaac Village Hall Safari Supper

Sunday August 14th

Port Isaac Village Hall Scavenger Hunt

Saturday September 17th

Port Isaac Village Hall Curry Night

Wednesday October 12th

Port Isaac Village Hall Coffee

I would like to thank
all the well-wishers for
their cards and kind
thoughts during my
recent illness,
Peter Rowe

Monk's monthly mutterings. The last one ... 9

It is now two years singe I first put pen to paper which resulted in me being asked to scribe a monthly, tongue-in-cheek, moderately (!) controversial load of old codswallop for the *Trio*.

From the moment the first article appeared in print, I was amazed at the number of ordinary folk who approached me in the street, by phone, by letter and in the pub to say that they fully agreed with my mutterings; they would like to do the same but didn't have the nerve or didn't want to make waves. However, they were never short of their own gripes and winges regarding the village and village life. I never received any calls of complaint, but that doesn't mean there weren't any – my spy system informed me, with great delight, that large numbers of the Port Isaac establishment mafia were very, very, very anti 'Bob Monk' and that I could expect to be lynched or, at the very least, a flaming cross but outside my cottage. However, strangely enough, when I occasionally wrote something 'pro establishment' it was surprising how quickly the stony, cold, see-through stares changed to a friendly nod and a smile when passing in the street. Aah! The so fickle finger of selfish, self-interest!

Now, all you folk who contacted me with your moans, winges and gripes all you natives, locals, residents, incomers, outgoers, second-home owners, property investors, out-of-work, in work, never worked, self-employed, retired and child owners - you are going to have to do your own writing. No longer can you do your back biting through my acid pen. So, if you want to whinge about things; the filty state of the Platt with stinking lobster pots, rotting crabs and rubbish; parking; one-way systems; how to run film people out of town; a council estate on the children's playing field; the ability of seagulls to empty black plastic bin bags; the loss of part-time jobs at the Castle Rock Hotel; affordable homes for the sick, lame and the lazy; poor public transport which no-one uses; the fact that you can't get 'pro-active margarine' at the Co-op; the number of ex-shops now selling badly painted pictures of Port Isaac and other seascapes; why there is now longer a butchers, ironmongers or grocers; why Orange mobile phones are the only ones that work here; why electric and telephone wires are all up in the air and not underground; why the Fishermen's Friends don't sing seven nights a week or why do they sing at all; why is there a shortage of builders, electricians and plumbers if so many are supposed to be unemployed - YOU CAN WRITE ABOUT IT YOURSELVES, straight from the horse's mouth, because I personally don't give a damn about your moans! I enjoy living here and I am going to join the silent majority.

So, in the immortal words of the now defunct Great Bard of Rose Hill - up yours!

Youth Club doubts

Although long term hopes for a drop-in youth centre at the proposed sports development continue, hopes for a regular weekly youth club in the village are fading. Keen interest was expressed at three meetings in the autumn, but only two people attended the meeting which was asked for in December.

There are many young people who would like a youth club, some of whom are willing to be involved in running it, and there are several adults, including men, who are willing to help in the venture. What is lacking is someone prepared to be the main organiser.

I became involved at first in order to support Annie Price in her initiative and to offer some help myself and from the Church's part-time deanery youth worker. Although still willing to help, I am not able to be the main organiser. Perhaps there is someone from the village who would be prepared to do this and to call further meetings to pursue this matter?

Ed: So another Trio regular contributor bites the dust! Yes, we know that Monk's Mutterings wound a lot of you up. Some month's our phone was hot with your complaints but who of you complainers took up our suggestion to put your points in writing and for publication?! And yes, we were very surprised that some of you took his mutterings so seriously.

So we would like to publicly thank Bob for his contributions over the past two years. They arrived like clockwork and sometimes caused a bit of a dilemma – can we really publish that?! But in the main it was 'publish and be damned'! So thanks Bob, we'll miss you!

Which leads on to the inevitable question – is there anybody out there who fancies writing something for *Trio*? It doesn't have to be every month, just a one-off article would do. It doesn't have to be controversial or moaning about something. God forbid that someone might put pen to paper about something they like about living here! Whatever, it's down to you.

Sam & Dee

Since writing this we have been pleased to receive an article from the SOG. Let's hope it's a regular one but that doesn't let everyone else off the hook! We still want your articles and as long as you provide us with your name and address you can use a pseudonym. We're

NO MORE JAM JARS PLEASE

A while ago I made a request for empty jam jars. Your response has been absolutely great, so much so that I do not have the storage facilities to take any more at the moment. But a big thank you to everyone.

Joan Murray

Many people will walk in and out of your life. But only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.

Friends of the Main

 \mathbf{I} t's that time of year for renewing your subscription.

This last year we undertook the major operation of renewing the bridge which is now dedicated to the well known Port Gaverne artist Frank McNicol. A carved and inscribed slate plaque has been set into the cliff adjacent to the bridge in his memory.

The new bridge was prefabricated over several weeks up at Trewetha Farm. The 22ft steel girders and timber work were carefully transported to site and the committee members took away the old bridge and reassembled the new one. The operation was a difficult one but was completed successfully over one weekend.

going to be an easy one. The job needs to be done very soon as the steps will be in danger of collapse.

I estimate that we need in the region of £2500 to £3000 to carry on this year and we are having a coffee morning at The Edge Bar & Restaurant on Tuesday February 15th at 10.30am. We are having the usual cake stall and Janet Chadband has very kindly offered to organise this for us. If you could bake a cake or donate a raffle prize please give Janet a ring on 01208 880262 or me on 01208 880256.

If there is anyone else out there who could organise a fund raising event for us please get in touch. We would be really pleased to hear from you.

Join the 'Friends of the Main' or renew your subscription. Please support us so we can keep the Main open and in the ownership of the Parish

Chris Bolton (Chairman FOTM)

A successful weekend was spent clearing blackthorn and cutting back footpaths. We had a good turnout by the committee and lots of volunteers turned up to help. Thanks to you all. We will be having another weekend of clearing in the next few weeks and we will need your help again.

The committee undertook to finance and keep the Port Gaverne toilets open throughout the spring and summer season. We thank Phil Taylor for doing a grand job of cleaning and opening them every day all for the modest sum of £35 per week and to the Port Gaverne Hotel for letting us purchase at cost from them toilet rolls and cleaning materials.

The toilets have by far been the most costly item of expenditure for the committee. The cost insurance, cleaning, water rates and electricity is in excess of £1300 and we really do rely on subscriptions and donations to enable us to provide this facility.

Our most urgent and biggest operation this year is the repair of a very large hole that has appeared under the flight of steps leading from the beach up to the old slate quay. We need to install stainless steel pins which need to be drilled and resin bonded into the rock, a plywood shuttering then has to be constructed to hold back a concrete fill. The hole will need approximately three tonnes of hand mixed concrete to fill and as the hole is partially covered by water at certain tides and sea conditions the operation is not

FRIENDS OF THE MAIN, Port Gaverne

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Friends of the Main COFFEE MORNING

at

The Edge Bar & Restaurant
Port Isaac

Cake stall & Raffle

Tuesday 15th February 10.30am

Neighbourhood Watch scheme up and running

"It's all about protecting the community that you live in"

The good news is that the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is up and running again. Over 20 people turned out on a chilly January night for the first meeting to discuss the reinstatement of the scheme in the area.

Port Isaac once had a strong Neighbourhood Watch scheme in operation but, like other areas in North Cornwall, this has fell by the wayside. Our local Neighbourhood Beat policeman, PC Malcolm Taylor and the Neighbourhood Watch Active Committees Co-ordinator are keen to get the scheme up and running again. They gave a general outline of how the scheme works but no two schemes are the same and each one is tailored to local needs. Basically, as Malcolm stressed, "It's just about protecting the community that you live in". "When communities stand together they are listened to", he continued.

Pat Pearson has agreed to be the local point of contact between the police and the community and within the next couple of weeks will call a meeting for those volunteers who have offered to be involved. Neither Trelights nor Port Gaverne were represented at the meeting so she will also be trying to find volunteers from these locations as the scheme will cover the entire parish. Some funding will be required and one suggestion was to ask the Parish Council for financial support. However, just £1 per household would provide enough money for signs throughout the area and window stickers for properties. A small price to pay for a little extra peace of mind, particularly for those many houses that stand empty for long periods during the year.

These second and holiday homes are a bit of a problem as, in some cases, no-one knows how to contact the owners. So if you are a second homeowner why don't you give your home telephone number to a local person who lives nearby? Then if anything ever did happen to your property, and it's not just burglary there could be a flood or fire - you can be easily contacted.

PC Malcolm Taylor wants to be in the village a lot more and is looking

to open an office in Port Isaac. As is the usual case, red tape needs to be sorted but as soon as he knows anything more positive it will be reported via the Neighbourhood Scheme and *Trio*. In addition, there will be a regular Neighbourhood Watch page in *Trio*.

Another project that was explained and that seemed like an excellent idea is 'Datalink'. This voluntary scheme is to reassure anyone that essential information is available to the Emergency Services should they suffer an accident, sudden illness or fire. It ensures that information is available not only to identify but also to advise on relevant illnesses, allergies, mediation and contact addresses. You store your details in



a labelled wallet inside your fridge (or in the glove compartment of your car). Green crosses are displayed on your fridge door and also just inside your front door. And that's it. Simple.

To offer your services or to find out more about Neighbourhood Watch contact Pat Pearson on 01208 880969. If you see anything suspicious or have any concerns contact PC Malcolm Taylor on 07970 015864.

Port Isaac Local History Group

we welcome new members

An enthusiastic group of people met at the Village Hall on the evening of Friday January 14th to hear Tony Blackman talk about part of Bodmin Moor. He was interesting and passionate about his subject and, with his interest in archaeology, the evening was also educational. Sometimes the title of the subject can hide a gem, and Tony's talk and slideshow was a prime example of such a gem.

Our collection for the Shelterbox Trust raised £105. By processing the money through a personal account, it meant that the Trust could recoup the tax and therefore, in real terms, get approximately £130.

We welcome new members anytime and do our best not to be 'cliquey'. Please come along to our next meeting – whenever it is – and give it a try. It has to be a better evening that watching TV!

We are in the same position as STEER in that we no longer have a secretary. Malcolm Lee was our secretary and did a tremendous amount of work for us, especially as he has the computer skills that no one else in the group has. He was also one of the few on our committee who had not reached 60 years of age.

If anyone with such skills can find the time and the interest, you would be very welcome. We have one major concept - we work as a group - no Chiefs, only Indians.

We would also welcome the name(s) of any potential speakers. To some extent, we complement the Golden Circle. They have their meetings in the afternoon while we meet in the evening. But when is comes to speakers we appear to be chasing the same people.

Keep a look out for our notices - mainly on telegraph poles.

George Steer

Past times

February 1987

Port Isaac Walk – A Heritage Walk round the village on Sunday February 15th attracted about 60 people. Architect, Mark Young gave an interesting guided tour.

Mount Edgecumbe – Thanks were expressed to all who contributed in so many ways to raise the sum of £620 for the Hospice on February 14th. An additional donation of £15 was received from the Port Isaac Singers. This was collected during their curtailed Carol Service before Christmas.

February 1996

Port Isaac School – On January 10th, the infants and reception children from Port Isaac, Delabole and St Kew schools joined together for a visit to the Hub Theatre, Plymouth to see a performance of 'A Spell of Cold Weather', a play specially written for young children.

Punch & Judy – During the first week of term the School was visited by Dan Bishop with his Punch & Judy theatre. The seniors and juniors were given a talk and demonstration about the origins of Punch and puppets from around the world.

Carol Concert - At the Carol Concert given by St Breward Band in St Peter's Church in December, the sum of £71.36 was raised. This was divided equally between the Church and Cancer Research.

Bingo – The annual 'Priory Centre' Bingo held in the Church Rooms on December 5th raised £507 for the mentally handicapped. Thanks to all who supported the evening, donated prizes or helped.

Cancer Research – Thanks from the Port Isaac Cancer Research Group for the sum of £197.65 donated at the funeral of Bill Coates.

St Peter's Church - Thanks were expressed to Mrs Grace Hooper who held a coffee morning at her home and raised £65 for Church funds.

Jumble Sale - As a result of a jumble sale held in Delabole, £358

was handed to the Doctors at Port Isaac Surgery. Thanks to all who supported in any way.

Congratulations – to Elizabeth Dingle on being voted 'Guider of the Year 1995' (St Breward Girl Guides).

Bess Coates

Carol Concert at the Pottery



Clarinda & Keith Truscott with Janet Townsend at the organ

The Pottery was packed to capacity and a cracking night was had by all at the now annual December Carol Concert. It really was the start of Christmas.

Janet Townsend played the organ and took the audience through the old carols but they are becoming more familiar as the years go by!

George Steer compered the evening reminding us of days gone by. He managed to keep order as goodhumoured banter went from one side of the chapel to the other.

Christmas is a time for remembering and Jon Cleave's rendition of 'The Boar's Head Carol' brought back memories of Mark Provis carrying aloft a boar's head as Jon sang.

Keith and Clarinda Truscott sang the first verse of 'Love came down at Christmas' in Cornish. We hope they are able to join us again this year.

And finally, thanks to Bill and Barbara for their kind hospitality. The money raised was donated to the Hospice.

We know nothing of tomorrow; our business is to be good and happy today

Magical Managers 04/05

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23 Games played - January 21st 2005



The other day I popped in to see Richard Hamm at Lambray's Auction rooms in Wadebridge. He and his staff are great RNLI supporters and

many of you will have noticed the Frank McNichol prints that are often displayed and sold from their window supporting both the RNLI and the FrankMcNichol Trust.

Richard passed over to me a poignant verse in memoriam that his mother had come across, far away from Cornwall in the confines of an old cupboard. It relates to a tragic event involving two Padstow lifeboats. one the Steam Lifeboat, Arab, lost off Stepper Point on April 11th 1900. They were wrecked whilst attempting to rescue the crew of the trawling ketch Peace and Plenty of Lowestoft. Conditions were terrible with screaming WNW winds and frightening seas. Arab was spun off the point by a great wave lifting her stem clear of the water, and went over, tumbling keel upwards. Seven men in the cockpit were flung clear but four men battened below were trapped in the engine and boiler room. Of the seven crew thrown out, just three were washed ashore. They were exhausted but survived. The others all perished leaving four local women widowed and fourteen children without fathers. At the time this was a National Disaster with coverage given in all the newspapers of the day throughout the country.

This poem, penned by Edith Fielding of Padstow, who must have been close to the tragedy and those lost, is dated April $16^{\rm th}$ 1900.

document framed and presented to the Padstow RNLI station so it may be there for all to see. Truly a story of heroes of the past and the spirit of what the RNLI stands for.

Bob B

Station Press Officer

STEER

The dates for the STEER meetings for this year are

Thursday February 3rd
Thursday April 14th
Thursday June 2nd
Thursday August 4th
Thursday October 6th
Thursday December 1st

All meetings are open to the public and are held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

In addition, we are still looking for a minutes secretary and are offering to pay for his or her services. For further details please contact David Raynor on 01208 880581.

How perceptive are you?

Count the "F's" in the following text:

FINISHED FILES ARE THE RESULT OF YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY COMBINED WITH THEEXPERIENCE OF YEARS

Now turn to page 22 and see if you were right!

The Wreck of the Padstow Lifeboats

A plea for the widows and orphans

"Twas night on the coast of Cornwall, and fiercely raged the deep, When rockets sped through the startled air, and banished thoughts of sleep.

And forth to the sailor's rescue the gallant Lifeboats went: Straight out to the awful Bar of Doom, on Duty's call intent.

But there came a cry at midnight that thrilled though 'one and all', The boats are wrecked, I heard them say, 'They are gone beyond recall'.

'Too true, too true' from Camel's banks went up the woeful cry, For husband, father, brother, friend, who went to do – and die.

Alas! They're gone, those strong, brave men!
They yet proved their 'greater love',
and better than wreaths of laurel
are the crowns they wear above.

But they've left the world a legacy of helpless children and wives; Now the sea hath claimed its victims, in the shape of their loved ones lives,

Help them, oh men of England who dwell in this sea-girl isle: and know the meaning of shipwreck, with its peril and trial.

Help for the widows and orphans Bereft by the cruel sea, and know 'in as much as ye do it, ye do it unto me'.

But England is proud of her sailors,
I need not appeal again,
She is always ready and willing to help,
Such a call is never in vain.

Rest then, ye Lifeboat heroes!
By us shall your children be fed,
We'll not be ashamed to meet you
when the sea gives up its dead.

Comfort, ye widows so lonely!
Our prayers shall rise for you,
That through toil, and pain, and sorrow
Our God shall help you though.
In due course we shall have this original, historic

RNLI - a busy year ahead

With the dust settling from the Christmas and New Year celebrations and the year already starting to slip away, our Station is now

fully involved with a crew training programme which includes a Radio course running over six consecutive days in order to bring all crew up to the Short Range certification standard plus a full First Aid training course. Sea going training is also taking place on a regular weekly basis under the control of Trevor Beare, our Station Training Officer, and in recent months we have been able to welcome three keen new probationary crew members Sam Williams, James Dickerson and Laura Barnden. In addition, it was good to welcome David Fletcher back on crew in June last year which follows very much in his family footsteps - David's elder brother Andrew and cousin John have served on crew and his father, Eddie, served on the crew from 1978 to 1983 during which time he was awarded a RNLI vellum connected with a rescue operation. This now brings our active crew strength up to 18, not including shore-crew.

On the Committee side of things, as announced pre Christmas, Annie Price has made the decision to stand down from the position of Chairman at the next AGM which is scheduled to take place in the Village Hall on the April 21st at 7pm. Annie has been at the helm as our Chairman for the past TEN years which I am sure must be something of a record and throughout this time she has given un-stinting support to Port Isaac RNLI amongst many other commitments that demand her time. She is truly considered to be a committed friend to our crew and committee as well as a first class organiser and hands-on team member in all matters relating to RNLI. It is good news indeed that Annie is proposing to stay on our committee where her experience and continued enthusiasm will, as always, be appreciated and of great value. What would we do without those "thank you" letters?!

Annie has already extended a welcome to all friends and supporters to the AGM where the first task will be to elect the new officers for 2005. Following this we look forward to the opportunity to join her with crew, committee and friends alike in celebration of a decade of service to the RNLI.

Current fundraising from the sale of what proved to be a very popular Station Christmas Card this year, reproduced from the Roy Ritchie painting of a snow bound Port Isaac Harbour scene, brought in over £1800 and many compliments to the artist plus of course our appreciation of Roy's gift of the original painting to the RNLI which included all publishing rights. Not forgetting, of course, the generous continuing support from Jackie and Laurence Llewellyn-Bowen. Roy has also promised to create another historic Port Isaac lifeboat scene for our card this year - details of which I will report in the next *Trio*.

The next really **BIG** RNLI project is to take place on Saturday May 28th with the staging of the RNLI Trafalgar Ball. This time it is being organised by friends and members of Port Isaac, Fowey, Padstow and Rock stations. It is to take place at Colquite Estate, Washaway at the kind invitation of Countess Pinky le Grelle as a celebration of "Nelson's Finest Hour" and in aid of Lifeboats in Cornwall. For those who do not want to drive, arrangements will be made for transport to and from Port Isaac to Colquite.

Since first mention of the Ball in Trio great interest has been shown and I am pleased to report that we have, at the time of going to press, 29 tables reserved representing 290 people. Invitations and tickets will shortly be available and will be circulated either by direct call to 01208 889765 or through Secrets. The price has been fixed at £45 per head and for this we can guarantee a very special evening. The full programme is yet to be finalised but we already have some stunning donations for which those who are attending will have the opportunity to win. These include a holiday at a beautiful private home in Barbados including resident staff, situated on the Sandy Lane golf course. At the other end of the scale, how about a VIP day on board a Royal Naval ship of the line or for the real action man, a chance to fly a Royal Naval Harrier? Full details in the next issue of Trio.

Apart from this a great band - The Tequila Show Band - has been engaged for the evening plus another musical group and a Disco Roadshow. With

four RNLI stations involved tickets will go fast so don't miss your chance to be part of a special evening.

Well that's about it for now. See you at the Annual General Meeting on April 21st at 7pm in the Village Hall

Bob B Station Press Officer

100 years ago in December 1904

During fishing operations at Port Isaac on Friday, the boat 'Annie' capsized and George Couch (single) and Samuel Williams (single) were drowned. John Couch, brother of George, managed to get hold of an oar and was rescued by the crew of the boat 'Antagonist'. The lifeboat rendered assistance to other boats.

Extract from the Cornish & Devon Post 'Looking Back' column

100 years ago in January 1905

On Thursday of last week the old lifeboat which had been condemned by the inspector of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution was removed by a team of eight horses (loaned by local farmers) from her house to Port Isaac Road Station, where a new one was in waiting. The old boat was loaded in trucks and returned to London, while the new one was placed on the carriage and brought to Port Isaac.

On Friday she was taken out for exercise, but unfortunately there was little or no wind, so her sailing capabilities could not be tested, but she is apparently a good able boat, and Coxswain John Haynes has instructions to try her on the first opportunity that may occur.

As compared with the old boat, she has the advantage of a drop keel, so she should be more serviceable at Port Isaac.

Extract from the Cornish Guardian 'News from the Past' column

holding its AGM on Wednesday March 16th at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Schoolroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and you may like to become a new member and help us organise our various events throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you on the night.

The Committee would also like to thank everyone who helped at and attended the Xmas Lights Switch-on, particularly Father Michael and Rev Judith for leading the prayers, Mark Hawken for the music and Mr Sloman for the Switch-on. Another big thank you to all the helpers behind the scenes who made the evening so enjoyable.

Obituary - Marjorie Bates

 \mathcal{T} or those of you who knew and loved my mother, Marjorie Bates, it will be sad news to learn that the be sad news to learn that she passed away on November 17th after a short stay in a nursing home. She was a very special person and touched many lives.

Marjorie and Stan (her husband who passed away in 1991) owned Corestin Christian Guest House for 25 years. In 1983 they sold Corestin and emigrated to Napa, California to live near myself and Rich, my husband. They enjoyed the California lifestyle and were very active members of their church and the Sierra Club, an environmental organisation. They also volunteered to deliver meals to the disabled and elderly, and in their spare time loved to camp in the mountains, desert and at the beach and above all they loved their house and garden.

Marjorie has been living on her own for the past 13 years with her two cockatiels and three cats. She will be greatly missed by myself, Rich, Pete {her son} and his wife Jan, Jeremy {her grandson} and his wife, Anne, Beth and Ciera {her great grand-daughters, relatives and her many friends on both sides of the Atlantic. A celebration of her life will be held on April 2nd 2005 in Napa, California.

Teresa Matta

A teacher was explaining how a double negative, when spoken, always gives a positive. 'This', he said, 'is true in every language across the world. However, there is no example in any culture where a double positive gives a negative!' The teacher sits down, and there's a short silence, followed by a sarcastic voice: "Yeah, right!"

Are you unhappy with your **NHS** treatment?

he Independent Complaints Advocacy Service (ICAS) can support you through the NHS complaints process by providing information, assisting with letters and offering support at meetings regarding your complaint.

ICAS is independent of the NHS and provides free information and advocacy support to people who wish to pursue a complaint. This includes complaints about NHS Hospital services, GPs, Dentists, Opticians, Ambulance Services, District Nurses, Physiotherapists

Patients have six months from an event, or from the time they become aware of cause for complaint and can be assured that details of their complaint will be kept separately from their medical records. Any information given to ICAS will be treated confidentially. However, ICAS can only offer advocacy to individuals with an NHS complaint and cannot deal with compensation claims or investigate complaints.

ICAS has an office at the Liskeard Citizens Advice Bureau and since it opened in October 2003 it has provided support and information to over 270 NHS patients who had a complaint about their treatment. If you are unable to travel to Liskeard to meet an ICAS representative arrangements can be made for you to do so at your local Citizens Advice Bureau or a home visit arranged for those who are unable to travel.

Phone lines are open from 9am-5pm Monday to Friday. Contact ICAS on 01579 346500 or 0845 1203782.

Do you, or someone you know, need a listening ear?

The Local Pastoral Ministers of St Endellion, Port Isaac and St Kew are available to visit the sick, the bereaved, the lonely and newcomers to the area.

Telephone Katrina Gill (co-ordinator) on 01208 850465

Local Government - some observations

I have become interested in local government, especially the Parish Council, because I did not agree with building affordable housing on the playing fields.

I talked to many people over that issue, many of whom supported my views and many were much younger than me, I might add. Reluctantly, if I support democracy, I have to go along with what the Parish Council decides.

I have been wondering why Parish Council meetings are so sparsely attended and I make these observations:

- 1 It would be difficult to arrange meetings in more unpleasing venues.
- 2 There is no longer any focal point for debate since David Philp left the Peapod.
- 3 Debate is not allowed during the 30minutes set aside for discussion (although the Chairman is not averse to waiving his own rule and, to my knowledge, did not apply the rule when a contingent from Trelights came to a meeting to complain about the development of Bunt's workshop).
- 4 Surely the official minutes could be processed quickly and a copy kept in some establishment in Port Isaac (being the centre of the population).
- 5 Surely some method could be found, such that the agenda is published some time before the Thursday preceding the Monday of the next Parish Council meeting. There cannot be many items that arrive within the ten days before such meetings!

Other observations:

- 1 When councillors are elected (or co-opted), we hope that they are going to reflect our interests. However, they don't have to. Once on the Council, the views that they expound are their own. No matter how much we moan about cabals, such groups are not illegal.
- 2 Because we dislike a person, it does not mean that they are not doing a reasonable job.
- What annoys me, more and more, is that people moan about certain councillors but will not say anything to their faces.
- 4 If people put themselves forward as councillors, they must have the arrogance to think that their views matter; and must therefore accept that others will disagree, strongly in many cases. Because

- they put themselves in that position, and work hard, it should not mean that they cannot be criticised (or thanked) for their efforts.
- 5 It's good to see a young person putting herself forward (and being coopted) on the council.

Finally, I was asked to seek election and I refused. Why?

- a) I consider myself to be too old and
- b) We live in a society that I do not understand. I hold views that contradict those that would appear to be the norm and I would find it difficult to represent people (possibility a majority) who hold views different to

George Steer

John & Jill McDonnell and family

would like to thank all our neighbours and friends on Trewetha Lane for their patience during the demolitions and rebuilding of our house, and for everybody's interest and good

wishes. Thank you



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and the erection of 4 no detached houses with garages. DKW Properties Ltd., Bunts Workshop, Trelights. NCDC **REFUSED** this application for the following reason:- The proposed development, if permitted, on account of the siting and design for the proposed dwellings would not respect the scale, character and appearance of the surrounding development. It would therefore be contrary to Policy 2 of the Cornwall Structure Plan - September 2004, Policy DVS1 of the District Local Plan - April 1999, the guidance contained in PPG1 - General Policy and Principles, and the adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance contained in the North Cornwall Design Guide - October 1997.

Application No. 2004/02461 - Erection of ground floor extension to create disabled toilets and kitchen and groundwork to create disabled access to the hall. Port Isaac Village Hall. NCDC REFUSED this application for the following reason:- The proposal by reason of its siting and design within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Heritage Coast and Conservation Area does not have particular regard to traditional building styles and local materials and the degree of exposure. It is therefore considered detrimental to both the character and appearance of the building and the setting of the building. Thereby it would be contrary to Policy DVS1 of the District Local Plan - April 1999, the guidance given in PPG1 - February 1997 - General Policy and Principles and the adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance contained in the North Cornwall Design Guide - October 1997. Planning Decision to be passed on to Village Hall Committee.

The following report is not based on approved minutes signed by the Parish Council.

Parish Council News

PRECEPT FOR 2005/2006

It was agreed that the Clerk advise North Cornwall District Council that the Precept requirement for St Endellion Parish Council would remain unchanged at £20,500.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE GRANT

It was agreed that the £200 grant towards our hospital car service should be distributed to the drivers by the Parish Council on the basis of their mileage and has been calculated as follows:

John Wiseman - £130, Ted Childs - £50 and David Jennings - £20.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

David Phelps reported that Western Power would be relocating the pole outside the Co-op on the 1st March.

INFORMATION GATEWAY PROJECT

The grant was approved in November. The maximum grant requested was £30,000 but North Cornwall District Council was required to get quotes which arrived at a total cost of £18,097. The Rural Key Fund Grant fully funds this expenditure. Our contribution is still only £500 and the grant has to be spent by June 2005.

Robin Penna, David Rayner (STEER) and Malcolm Lee met with Charlie David and Hewlyn Lewis (NCDC's Graphic Designer) to decide what we may need. The Breakwater Project funded an Information Board, which sets the design standards for all the boards. The draft design of the Breakwater board covering the Harbour and its History has been received, as was one of our signs for a panorama of Port Isaac Bay. Other signs in the series will give general information of Port Isaac, its history and its vernacular buildings. There will be a board in Roscarrock Hill detailing the Coast Path and its Flora and Fauna and there will be a similar board for Port Gaverne. Markers for a Village Trail may also be laid out. There will be more details to follow on this project.

NEXT MEETING

This has been arranged for Monday the 14th February, in the Chapel School Room, Trelights, at 7.30 pm.

> Robin Elgar Parish Councillor

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND NOTICES

Application No. 2004/02672 - Erection of a two storey extension to the annexe at the top of the site. Full Planning. Delegation Possible. Mr & Mrs Bradley, Signal Post, New Road, Port Isaac. **The PC is in support of this application.**

Application No. 2004/02653 - Listed Building Consent for the removal of modern partition from ground floor; alterations to first floor partitions (modern) and bathroom; replacement of balustrading to stairs and landings (modern). Listed Building. Delegation Possible. Mr & Mrs Hinchley, 5 Rose Hill, Port Isaac. **The PC is in support of this application.**

Application No. 2004/02622 - Listed Building Consent for new first floor toilet, replacement of 2 no. first floor doors and removal of modern door and enclosure around staircase and new roof window in bedroom 11 bathroom. Listed Building. Delegation Possible. Experience Hotels Ltd., Slipway Hotel, Port Isaac. The PC is in support of this application.

Application No. 2004/02619 - Demolition of existing sub standard dwelling and garden outbuilding and erection of new dwelling with annexed accommodation. Full Planning. Delegation Possible. R Bushby, 40 New Road, Port Isaac. **The PC is in support of this application.**

Application No. 2004/02613 - Demolition of existing cottage and erection of replacement dwelling and garage. Full Planning. Delegation Possible. Mr & Mrs O'Grady, Spring Cottage, Trelights, Port Isaac. The PC is in support of this application.

Application No. 2004/02599 - Demolition of hotel and erection of residential development (13 units). Full Planning. Arrow Developments, Castle Rock Hotel, Port Isaac. The PC is not in support of this application as it is substantial over development of site, there is no affordable housing, and it goes nowhere to meeting previous PC or public concerns.

Application No. 2004/02542 - Erection of a side extension and raised terrace and the installation of three pitched roof dormer windows. Full Planning. Delegation Possible. Mr G Broadbent & Ms C Du Rose, The Gwelva, Trewetha. **The PC is in support of this application.**

Approvals and Refusals

Application No. 2004/01674 - Listed Building Consent to strip and reslate roof; repair external wall and slate hang at first floor level on the north and east elevations; repair windows and front door; replace rainwater goods; repaint exterior as existing. Mr C Green, The Shambles, 28 Fore Street, Port Isaac. NCDC **APPROVED** this application.

Application No. 2004/02261 - Erection of new cottage. Mr & Mrs D Holmes, Land Adjoining Chimneys, Port Gaverne, Port Isaac. NCDC **APPROVED** this application.

Application No. 2004/01622 - Listed Building Consent for various external and internal alterations to ground floor flat. Mr N Jordan, 34 Fore Street, Port Isaac. NCDC **APPROVED** this application.

Application No. 20004/02388 - Change of elevation render finish, erection of small rear glazed storm porch and erection of garden shed. Mr & Mrs Shephard, 1 Cliffside, Port Isaac. NCDC **APPROVED** this application.

Application No. 2004/02316 - Conversion of building to Complementary Therapy Centre, C Boswell-Munday, Pendragon House, New Road, Port Isaac. NCDC **APPROVED** this application.

Application No. 2004/02294 - Alterations to ground floor flat. Mr N Jordan, 34 Fore Street, Port Isaac. NCDC **APPROVED** this application.

Application no. 2004/01769 - Demolition of motor workshop premises

Port Isaac Rowing Club purchases Shelter Box

The club members decided this year to donate the contents of our gig push bucket collection to aid the victims of the Asian Tsunami. In fact the generosity of the donors was such that we are very happy to announce that we made enough to purchase a Shelter Box from the Helston based charity. The cheque is to be delivered in person by Stuart Blake.

Notwithstanding, once all the sponsorship money is collected, we shall still be able to bank approaching £500 in our new gig fund, thanks to the efforts of all on the day. As usual a big thank you goes to Bob & Sandie's posse for all their hard work.



As you can see from the photograph Peter Williams has made good progress on the gig. I took a photographer along from Cornwall Today, who are keen to feature work on the boat in a forthcoming issue. I was very excited to see the "bones" of the boat in place. Keel laid, the picture details the setting of the moulds around which the planking is formed. Indeed Peter is already five rows of planking up from this stage. The official measurer has been to check that



the boats' proportions comply with rules for competitive gigs, and all is fine. Only one problem, Peter thinks he may well have to remove a wall of his boatshed to get her out! He's been very pleased with the quality of the timber he's purchased; it's increasingly difficult to source good timber that is clean enough for the job. He got this lot



some months ago when we first muted the possibility of building a new gig, and it's been seasoning in his yard ever since. We hope that the boat will be finished by the end of April, ready to compete in the Scillies.

We're holding a recruitment day on Sunday March 13th at 10.30am. Convene at the cellars. Weather permitting we shall take newcomers out on the day for a 'taster row'. We shall also provide newcomers with an info pack detailing rowing times and novice sessions for the season. We are keen to attract members of all ages and abilities, with a particular focus on youth. Members have made a clear commitment to encouraging novice rowers. We are also approaching Sports Clubs, Gyms and Schools in the area, to promote the Club for this coming season. Members of our sister club in Bude have boosted our numbers in the last couple of seasons. I'm pleased to say that a few of their members have decided to commit themselves to our club for next season, indeed two of them have joined our committee.

Any queries, please feel free to give me a call on 01208 880843. Look forward to seeing you there!

There's a positive side to everything!

Just a few things we should appreciate -

- the mess to clean after a party, because it means that we have been surrounded by friends.
- 2 the clothes that fit a little too tightly, because it means we have enough to eat.
- 3 the shadow that watches us work, because it means we are out in the sunshine
- the floor that needs mopping, and windows that need cleaning, because it means we have a home.
- 5 the complaining we hear and make about the government, because it means that we have freedom of speech.
- the parking spot we find at the far end of the car park, because it means we are capable of walking and that we have been blessed with transportation.
- 7 the pile of laundry and ironing, because it means we have clothes to wear.
- 8 weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day, because it means we have been capable of working hard.

Happy New Year and I hope you all had a good festive season!

It's easy to realise that one commercially exploitive era has finished and another is just beginning. All you need to do is look on the shelves of our local supermarkets. Right next door to the 'sale' of overpriced, badly constructed Christmas decorations and festive foods which will never sell at any other time of the year is the shelf with, yes, you've guessed it, cream eggs and other assorted chocolate rabbits etc, all getting ready for Easter. Well, it's because Easter's early this year, isn't it!

We lurch from one commercial phase to another, with no recognition of what these festivals are about. You don't have to be spiritual, religious or just a killjoy to see that the season of goodwill has become the season of "let's see what we can sell to the suckers this time", "what new set of lights will be the hit this year" and "what toy is going to be the must have for anyone aged between three and eighty-five".

Competition to show that our house can drain more from the national grid that our neighbours' in an array of patterns that relate neither to Christmas or the lighted statue next to it; that our Christmas tree is decorated by the right colours of this year; that copious amounts of alcohol, the types that never pass our lips at any other time of the year, are kept in the drinks cabinet, which until a week before Christmas was the boot cupboard, just in case.

We all fall foul of these tricks whether we realise it or not, or dress it up in the explanation of "well, it's a laugh", "we are doing it because this is what we want to do", "we aren't affected by commercialism".

Of course I blame anyone who isn't me. I blame it on the media who sell advertising space in their papers; on the TV and radio stations for adverts that convince you to buy goods that are not designed or built to last longer than the battery that powers them; the programme managers who fill our viewing time with quick fix last five minute solutions from interior design, through debt management,

to offers to lose half your body weight in thirty minutes without having to change any eating habits.

We need things and we need them now and we don't care if they don't last because fashion will dictate that we don't need them next year. We need cream eggs and chocolate bunnies, with sell-by dates of a month before Easter, so that we can get the taste for it, because Easter chocolate is so much different than the chocolate one gets at Christmas.

And don't kid yourselves that adverts don't affect or influence you. After all, I believe they have affected Mother Nature herself. Don't you remember the past when we used to have seasons? Winter was cold, summer warm, spring with new shoots and autumn leaves falling. It is not global warming that has changed this. This is poor old Mother Nature listening to the ad men who tell her that Easter should begin in January and Christmas in August.

In the spirit of Bob,

New Year, New Evening Class for Men

Note: Due to the complexity and level of difficulty, each course will accept a maximum of 8 participants. This course covers two days and topics covered include:

Day One

HOW TO FILL ICE CUBE TRAYS

Step-by-step guide with slide presentation

TOILET ROLLS - DO THEY GROW ON THE HOLDERS?

Round table discussion

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LAUNDRY BASKET AND FLOOR

Practising with hamper (pictures and graphics)

DISHES & SILVERWARE – DO THEY LEVITATE/FLY TO KITCHEN SINK OR DISHWASTER BY THEMSELVES? - Debate among a panel of experts

LOSS OF VIRILITY -

Losing the remote control to your significant other, helpline and support

LEARNING HOW TO FIND THINGS

Starting with looking in the right place instead of turning the house upside down while screaming

Day Two

EMPTY MILK CARTONS: DO THEY BELONG IN THE FRIDGE OR THE BIN? - Group discussion and role-play

HEALTH WATCH: BRINGING HER FLOWERS IS NOT HARMFUL TO YOUR HEALTH - PowerPoint presentation

REAL MEN ASK FOR DIRECTIONS WHEN LOST

Real-life testimonial from the one man who did

IS IT GENETICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO SIT QUIETLY AS SHE PARALLEL PARKS? - Driving simulation

LIVING WITH ADULTS: BASIC DIFFERENCES BETWEEN YOUR MOTHER AND YOUR PARTNER - Online class and role-play

HOW TO BE THE IDEAL SHOPPING COMPANION

Relaxation exercises, meditation and breathing techniques

REMEMBERING IMPORTANT DATES AND CALLING WHEN YOU'RE GOING
TO BE LATE - Bring your calendar to class

Local actors booed off stage!!!

Pell, it WAS Uncle Avabanana, as he became more fondly known, and he DID deserve it! He was just sooooooo mean and nasty! Grrrr! And that son of his ... what can we say? Actually he looked far too nice to be Abanazer's son - a bit too pretty really if the truth be known. However, in true panto style, Richard Hambly and Cerin Penny kicked off the fourth Port Isaac panto in style to loud jeering and booing from a very lively audience.

Dee Randell achieved a true transformation as THAT wig was put on (now an annual ritual) and her alterego took over. Mrs Chan was a formidable woman by any standards - however low, judging by the number

of her children. She and her various offspring led the audience into that magical world which is pantomime. We always say that there is no resemblance between our characters and anyone living in this community but I think we very nearly blew it this time. Someone has actually said they spotted an uncanny similarity between one of Ian Fuller's many roles and a local long-haired builder. We would like to quickly quash any such rumours. You know it's just one of those spooky coincidences!

Mark Rowe and Steve Appleby put back the glamour into washing. Who could resist those ample curves and fetching hairstyles? A man in a frock will always make us smile, but one doing the laundry as well will definitely raise a laugh!

Young Aladdin, played so beautifully by Kathryn McDonnell, was the first person in the cast to learn her words, so it was a great relief to us all when she missed a chunk out at the dress rehearsal. You see, we were slightly concerned that she was raising the standards too high! She and Princess Jasmine - Laura Barnden - made a perfect couple (well in pantoland that's the way it is!).

The audience wiped a collective tear from their eyes as Aladdin and the Princess sang so sweetly, only to have them reaching (retching?) for their hankies again, as Widow Twankey moved everyone to sobs with her unforgettable rendition of "All by myself". Now you can understand why he/she was ... all by herself! It's a true experience to be in the presence of such a maestro! And what a rapper he proved to be as well.

Talking of which, on the night, I nearly didn't spot Sam Lorimer as Pouffée the Magic Genie. He was about nine foot tall with his platform boots on and I can't see that far! We hope that his contribution to the panto hasn't lost him any customers. Not only can he make props but also is a bit of a mover too. He could always team up with Mark Rowe and open a dance studio. Now there's a thought!

Our Right Royal Sultan was played with great aplomb and dignity by Alyson Lorimer. I hope she doesn't do the walk when she gets back to school ...



We understand, Alison, but others may not!! - and we wouldn't want to jeopardise any future career moves.

And the children ... we like to keep our eye out for new talent and there they are, all stars in the making! Weren't they good? There was a

←Scary or what! Grace Rowe, Rosie Collings, Daisy Thomas, Annie Appleby, Rion Witcomb, Daniel Lanyon, Lydia Barnden, Sinead Tiddy and Daisy Sproull



The grown-ups - Richard Hambly, Steve Appleby, Sam Lorimer, Alison Lorimer, Ian Fuller, Barbara Hawkins, Kathryn McDonnell, Cerin Penny, Mark Rowe, Laura Barnden and Dee Randell

slight panic when Daniel legged it with the lamp on the first night, but, much to our relief, Aladdin rugby-tackled him and retrieved it. Well, the story wouldn't have turned out quite the same without it!

Once again we were delighted to be joined by Laurence, Jackie and the girls and this year, Ben Shephard. They're always lovely to work with and it's now part of the tradition.

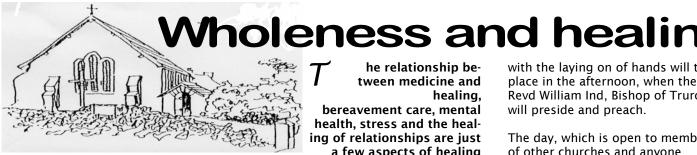
And thanks, as ever, to our brave musicians Ian Fenton and James Bower, led by Janet Townsend. It took technical skill of Olympian standards to keep in tune with the new keys which most of us sang in. We called it 'harmonising', with what or whom, I don't quite know.

There are so many behind the scenes people to thank. They paint and glue and sew and hammer and staple the whole thing together. We are also grateful to those who help backstage. It really would never happen without the help of everyone involved. The putting it all together is as much part of the fun as anything.

So there it is, another panto been and gone. We have all thoroughly enjoyed doing it and we admire your sheer blind loyalty in shelling out your hard earned money to watch us all show off - sorry, act! We hope we made you laugh and cry - and probably a lot more besides! Thankfully as audiences go, you are always a very forgiving bunch so, maybe, just maybe, you'll allow us back next Christmas.

Until then, a very happy and peaceful 2005 to you all and, in the words of Mrs Chan, "Chip Chop".

Love Barbara, Madame Director, aka Smelly Nelly



he relationship between medicine and healing.

bereavement care, mental health, stress and the healing of relationships are just a few aspects of healing

which will be explored during an

exciting day at Truro Cathedral on Saturday February 26th.

The keynote address at this 'Celebration of Wholeness and Healing' will be given by the Revd Canon Paul Nener, from Liverpool, former surgeon, and member of the Church of England's General Synod.

Among those leading workshop groups will be Dr Stephen Watkins, Vice-President of Cornwall's Peninsula Medical School, Professor Helen Leathard, St Martin's College, Lancaster and the Revd David Nicholson, Analytical Psychologist and Psychotherapist, who is also a Superintendent Methodist Minister in Cornwall.

A practising Christian, Dr Watkins, will examine the relationship between medicine, healing and wholeness. Professor Leathard will explore through biblical and other texts, as well as practical experience, the value of attentive presence in healing. The Revd David Nicholson will show how, through accepting their own inner wounds, people can be enabled to heal themselves and also helped to become more sensitive to the pain of others.

Others subjects for discussion will include the development of good practice in healing services, the importance of listening, the healing of memories and the role of spiritual care in reconciling people to their past, their present, their faith in God and the future.

The main address and workshops will be held in the morning and a eucharist

Spirituality and the Arts

Iready renowned for its prestigious annual music festivals. St Endellion Church is also becoming established as a venue for other forms of artistic expression. Last year Jane Cooper exhibited the paintings she had produced as a result of her time spent as artist in residence during a summer music festival, and two years ago large audiences were attracted to a series of Lent lectures on 'Spirituality & the Arts' given by well-known figures in the literary, artistic and musical worlds.

John Coleman, icongrapher at Exeter cathedral is at present working on a commission for two icons for the Church and will be one of the speakers in this year's course of Lent lectures. Other contributors include Dr Michael Tisdall who will talk about church carvings and Mr Simon Morley, former organist at Truro cathedral, who will give an organ recital on St Endellion's fine instrument.

The lectures will be held over five weeks in St Endellion Church at 7.30 pm.

Thursday February 17th

Dr Michael Tisdall - 'Stories of Church Carvings'

Thursday February 24th

Revd Dr David Rake - 'Jesu, priceless treasure' - A personal journey with the Arts from Lent to Easter

Thursday March 3rd

Revd Judith Pollinger - 'Words in the Wilderness' - A Lenten Journey through Poetry

Thursday March 10th

John Coleman, (Iconographer -Exeter Cathedral) - 'He is not here'- Resurrection at the empty tomb

Thursday March 17th

Simon Morley Organ recital with commentary by Simon

with the laying on of hands will take place in the afternoon, when the Rt Revd William Ind, Bishop of Truro will preside and preach.

The day, which is open to members of other churches and anyone involved or interested in healing and wholeness, has been arranged through the Bishop of Truro's Group for the development of the Healing Ministry in Cornwall. This group has been meeting regularly for the past year to study and discuss theological and practical issues about the ministry of healing.

Further details and application forms for the morning session are available from parish clergy and other ministers and from the Revd Judith Pollinger 01208 880181, rev.judith@endellion.fslife.co.uk

Diary dates

Wednesday February 2nd (Candlemas)

Sung Eucharist - St Endellion Church - 7.30pm

Wednesday February 9th (Ash Wednesday)

Eucharist with Ashing - St Peter's Church, Port Isaac - 10.00am Sung Eucharist with Ashing -St Endellion Church - 7.00pm

Sunday February 13th

Evening worship by candlelight with Taize Music St Endellion - 6.00pm

Wednesday February 16th

Healing Eucharist - St Endellion Rectory - 7.30pm

Saturday February 26th

'Celebration of Wholeness & Healing' - Truro Cathedral -10.00am-4.00pm

Wednesday March 2nd

Healing Eucharist - High Barn, St Kew Highway - 7.30pm

Sunday March 13th

Sunday Evening worship by candlelight with Taize Music -St Endellion - 6.00pm

Ready Response

ollections taken on two Sundays after Church services in the United Benefice of St Endellion, Port Isaac and St Kew raised nearly £1600 for Shelter boxes for the South East Asia Tsunami Appeal.

Christmas My grateful thanks to the few who helped Byron (car park) Buse and myself to put up the Christmas lights, namely Bill Isaacs, my new next door neighbour. Also, thanks to Steve Hewett and Nigel Sherratt, our official electricians and suppliers, Nicki Bradbury, our mulled wine extraordinary maker, the ladies who made and supplied the mince pies, the Strawberry Farm who gave us our Christmas Tree, the St Breward Band for providing the music, all those people who donated money and lastly, but by no means least, Jeff & Nita Davies for doing the raffle and Maggie Buse for keeping the books.

However, no thanks to the vandal(s) who went around smashing light bulbs causing whole 100metre strings to fail. Seriously, I think these poor, pathetic individual(s) should seek psychiatric help.

This is the last year that Byron and I will do the lights; it has been quite a few years since we took over and speaking for myself, my advancing years have

Something different next Christmas?

You've just read that Bob and Byron are to give up putting up the Christmas lights in the village. They've been doing it for many years and I quite agree that there should be some younger Port Isaac people who would take on running up and down the ladders and decorating the village. Which sort of leads on to this ...

How about a Christmas Carnival? On the lights switching on night – which we could have a bit earlier in December – we could have a procession led from the top of the village by Santa on his sleigh and followed by everyone carrying lamps etc. Remember a couple of years ago when the school did something similar after their Christmas performance from the Village Hall? Everyone could be involved. The school, all the various organisations and groups, businesses and also individuals. We could then congregate on the Platt where the Band would play along with mulled wine, mince pies, roasted chestnuts etc and we could all sing carols. Then the lights could be switched on. The possibilities are endless. Maybe a fancy dress competition? In addition, in the run up to the night businesses and individual households could be encouraged to make a Christmas scarecrow to sit outside their home/business over the festive period. These could maybe be part of the Carnival and be judged on the night?

Most of the people I've spoken to think it's a good idea – and that's it! It's a brilliant idea but we couldn't be involved in organising it. Now there's a surprise! So this is a request to anyone who thinks this a good idea, enough to get involved and particularly all the businesses in Port Isaac. I promise there won't be endless committee meetings! And if there is enough support we can also take on the Christmas lights. Bob and Byron are happy to offer their help and advice.

So that's about it. If there's enough response you will be hearing more about Christmas 2005 in Port Isaac in future issues of *Trio*. If not, well

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made climbing ladders a bit of a hazard to myself and the people below (for any curious sadist, I am 71!). We have both decided to retire but will be only too pleased to assist and advise the new volunteer force – whoever they may be! So why not give it a try?

Bob Monk

Yet another birthday - but who will get the gifts?

Yet another birthday - but who will get the gifts?

Some of us keep a low birthday profile as we get older but not the Golden Circle. We will be celebrating with great enthusiasm. Forty-one years old and in the prime of life! On February 10th the Village Hall will be buzzing.

Every birthday needs a tea and with great generosity from Janet Chadband and Joan Murray and other anonymous friends, not to mention the contributions of members, we can be sure to be well fed. Our friends from St Minver Senior Circle will help us to eat the food and share the prizes of the massive raffle and Mark Hawken will entertain us on his accordion.

Then there is the serious matter of the Quiz Challenge Cup. Kept well polished since last year by proud winners Bess Coates and Peggy Cantello, St Minver will have to field a strong team to wrest it away from Port Isaac.

If that was not enough for one afternoon, there remains the most important part of our celebrations, the bit where we say 'thank you'. At last year's special birthday party we inaugurated the Golden Circle Good Neighbour Awards to show our appreciation of people in the village who have been particularly helpful to an older person. Last year Dee Randell and Ron Newman received certificates. This year again members have unanimously agreed to two awards being made. Who will they be? Find out in the next issue of *Trio* or, if you are an older person, come along and join us at the party at 2.00pm on February 10th in the Village Hall. You will be very welcome.

Penny Manders

Be my Valentine!

With February 14th fast approaching, all you romantics out there might be interested in reading this extract from an article entitled 'Valentines' in the Graphic Magazine dated February 1872:

"The modern valentine - that curious and frequently tasteful mass of lace-paper, artificial flowers, silken knots, daintilycoloured ornaments, perfumes, and we know not what else - is very unlike the simple productions with which the love-sick youths and maidens of the last generation were familiar. Then the transmission of valentines through the post was an expensive luxury. The amorous swains of that period had to content themselves and their idolised fair ones with thick sheets of gilt-edged letter paper - envelopes had not then come into use - the first page of each sheet being adorned with a gilt Cupid, carefully gummed on, surmounting a few lines of 'The rose is red, the violet's blue' school.

With the reduction of heavy postal charges, printed valentines came into use. They generally consisted of a gaudily-coloured picture, representing a loving couple seated in a bower with a church in the distance, and a few lines descriptive of the tender sentiments of the persons forwarding the same. The lady was invariably dressed in a scarlet gown with a blue or green shawl; the gentleman being attired in lavender trousers, yellow waistcoat and green or crimson cravat. The effect that was obtained was, as might be imagined, somewhat striking but our fathers and mothers were apparently satisfied with the quaint productions.

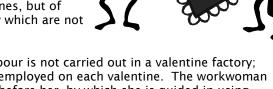
The introduction of the twopenny post, and afterwards of the penny post, laid the foundation of the present trade in valentines, the manufacture of which now constitutes an important branch of industrial activity, furnishing, directly or indirectly, employment to several thousand persons of both sexes...

... The manufacture is carried on during the whole year. Nearly all the valentines are sold in this country. The largest manufacturing establishment in England is in

At one time the proprietor was largely

Aldersgate Street...

dependent on continental art-workmen for a due supply of the charming little chromo-lithographs which constitute the leading feature of most valentines, but of late years he has used very few which are not of home manufacture...



... The system of division of labour is not carried out in a valentine factory; one pair of hands alone being employed on each valentine. The workwoman has a pattern valentine placed before her, by which she is guided in using the materials entrusted to her. Many of the girls perform their work at home...

... The sale of valentines is perceptibly affected by the general condition of trade. During the period of the Lancashire cotton famine, the number of valentines sold in the manufacturing districts fell of considerably. This year the prosperous state of the country is illustrated in the enormously increased demand for valentines, especially the most expensive descriptions...

... It is a curious fact connected with the sale of valentines that the principal portion are purchased by the fairer sex; one would have naturally thought it was the other way. Again, the gentlemen prefer, as a rule, to make their purchases in the evening. Why? Are they ashamed of admitting their amorous susceptibilities?"



Ingredients for 3-4 portions

1 red pepper * 1 green pepper * 1 yellow pepper 1 onion * 2 garlic cloves

1tbsp caraway seeds * 1 tbsp paprika * 1 tbsp dried basil $\frac{1}{2}$ tbsp cumin * Chilli powder to taste $(\frac{1}{2}-1$ tsp)

Lg tin chopped tomatoes * 1 tbsp tomato puree * Tin of mixed beans

Method

- 1 Chop onion and peppers and peel and crush the garlic cloves
- 2 Fry off with the crushed garlic.
- When soft add the chopped peppers, caraway seeds, paprika, basil, cumin and chilli powder and cook off spices for about 2 minutes.
- 4 Add the tomatoes and tomato puree and simmer for about 15 minutes.
- 5 Then rinse the mixed beans and add to the chilli mixture and simmer for another 10 minutes.

Serve with either rice or tortilla chips, soured cream and a dollop of guacamole. Mmmm, lovely!

The Gods do not subtract from the allotted span of men's lives the hours spent in fishing!



HAVE YOUR SAY!

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Lucky, lucky us!

Dear Trio

We have recently moved our families and business to Port Isaac from rural Oxfordshire and are avid readers of the *Trio*. It is great to dig below the surface of our day-to-day lives and see how much is going on in terms of events and local issues.

We visited Port Isaac several times before moving and were completely captivated by the beauty and magical air here. Everyone we met during this period was welcoming, kind and encouraging. Since moving here we have realised that those feelings were not imagined or a 'one-off'. We have met lovely person after lovely person and cannot believe our luck each time we step out onto our doorsteps and see the sea.

We are grateful on a daily basis for waking to the sound of gulls, walks in and around the village, shop and pub visits, and the fabulous primary school. The sense of community spirit and the kindness and generosity of locals to causes further afield is really something of which everyone should be proud.

We are very proud to say we live in Port Isaac and though it was a big decision to move away from family and friends, know that we have made a fantastic choice and look forward to many happy years here. Lucky, lucky us!

Liz Watson and Jules Miller-Wilson, Port Isaac

Whatever happend to our Christmas lights?

Dear Trio

Whatever happened to the Village Christmas Lights? We seem to have less and less each year and this Christmas, they seemed to be only on for a few days with none at all at New Year.

Due to the Asian Tsunami it does not seem appropriate to suggest money raising for ourselves at the moment but perhaps later in the year we could do something to raise money just for the Christmas lights? Maybe also some younger members of our community could volunteer to take on putting up the lights and decorating the village for Christmas.

We usually get gale force winds once the lights are up, causing damage to the cables and the bulbs etc, so could we not ask the Electricity Board for help with the safety aspect?

I look forward to reading in *Trio* later in the year that for this coming Christmas, Port Isaac will be ablaze with lights.

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Brilliant fireworks!

Dear Trio

I would like to say a big thank you to whoever was responsible for the excellent fireworks on New Year's Eve. My family and I were on the Platt and the fireworks created such a good atmosphere. Nobody can tell me who was responsible but a big thank you, whoever you are.

Sharron Witcomb, Port Isaac

a pat on the back for Trio!

Dear Trio

For over twenty years the three communities of Port Isaac, Port Gaverne and Trelights have created an historical record of their communities aspirations, achievements and the heartaches that are shared by all who care to read the *Trio*. It has the ability to share the thoughts of people, not just of the three villages but of a much wider readership. The credit for this must go to the past and present editors and to the regular contributors who make *Trio* such a good read.

Now as Trio 250 reaches letterboxes around the land, may I wish it well for the coming years and look forward to many more hours of

enjoyable reading.

Trevor Hobbs, London SE9

A girl was visiting a friend who had just got two new dogs, and asked her what their names were. Her friend replied that she had named one Rolex and the other Timex. Her friend said, "Whoever heard of someone naming dogs like that?"

"HellOOoo," she answered.
"They're watch dogs!"



What a day ... and what a night!

Monday December 13th started off as any normal PIGS day does ... DRY. On arriving at St Enodoc we were greeted by the sight of 20 golfers preparing themselves for a good days golf and they weren't going to be disappointed – well, not all of us anyway.

We had a couple of PIGS 'virgins', namely Andy 'The Wavehunter' Cameron who made an immediate impact. Being a 'virgin', Paul gave him a handicap of 24, but after seeing him on the driving range hitting golf balls 250yds, the 'Beaver Boy' cut him to 18. That is one helluva achievement, getting cut six shots without even reaching the first tee. Well done. Our second 'virgin' was Joe 'Down the Middle' Edkins, and what a player in the making. To watch a lad of 10 hit a golf ball, with natural draw (I heard that on the golf channel), as far as he did, and make it look effortless, was a pleasure. Congratulations to Joe from all the inadequate PIGS ... and keep it up!! And Joe, on a personal note, you owe me big time because it was me who took all the pressure of you by 'purposely' cocking up my tee shot (and thanks for the spontaneous round of applause boys!), so you could feel relaxed in the knowledge that any shot you made couldn't be as bad as the Lard Man's! By God, what a martyr I am!

The draw was made by every golfer putting his ball into one woolly hat, jiggling them about and then tossing them onto the ground and seeing which balls fell into groups of four. This is known in golfing circles as the haemorrhoid technique.

Two of our older members, namely Mike Edkins and Dan Brewer felt the need to bring a son and brother respectively to caddy for them. After witnessing their antics on the course, Josh and Josh (if you say it quick enough it sounds like a curry)

will now be known as 'The Ferrets'. Never ones to miss an opportunity, Mike and Dan have booked them for every match in 2005. They reckon if they find just 50% of the balls we lose and sell them back to us for 50p each they should easily make £350 (less commission, of course).

Now for the golf bit. A very special round of golf was carded by Steve 'The Parman, Not Pieman' Bunt who shot a magnificent par round of 63. As any golfer knows, this a great achievement and congratulations from all the PIGS, but fancy missing that putt on the eighteenth, you useless git!!

The Twos Competition was won AGAIN, by Tony 'The Stallion' Horsewill (*Ed: and presumably another PIG who the Lard man failed to name*). It has now been decided to introduce random drug testing. That's drug testing not tasting, Elvis.

Longest drive went to my effort on the first ... apparently!

The thought of dinner brought us hot-footing it back to 'Nicky Bs' for our Christmas festivities. We were welcomed in by the promise of a well-stocked bar and crackers on the table and we weren't disappointed with either. The aromas from the kitchen got our juices flowing as did the sight of Allison, Jenny, Sue, Cerin and of course Nicky B herself. Nicky did us proud with her leek & potato soup, smoked mackerel pâté and half a cow on each plate for roast beef. And the odd shandy went down well as well.

A thank you also goes to Nicki Edkins and Barbara Hawkins for adding that extra touch of glamour to the dinner table. See you on the courses more this year ladies ... we hope.

After dinner our handicap secretary, Paul 'The Beaver Boy' Honey did his usual impromptu speech which included a special little piece on every player's achievements on the day (where does he find the time?). Thanks from everybody for all your hard work mate.

The after dinner entertainment came from Des Weston. The man is full of anecdotes and stories that he has picked up over his 83 years on this planet (and the 20 or so he wasn't on this planet).

To anybody who is waiting to read about 'The Turtles' antics - he is being extremely careful at the moment. But, it you will pardon the pun, he will slip up at some stage!

Hope you had a good Christmas and New Year. The first PIGS day is Monday February 7th at Trevose Golf Club.

The Lard Man

PS - Thanks for the champagne and Château neuf du Pape – it made Christmas dinner even better.

PPS - LATE NEWS - It has just been confirmed by the Guinness Book of Records that Richard & Carol's garden fence can be seen from space.

PPPS - Dave 'The Druids' cartoon depictions of PIGS are on sale @ £8.50 each.

PPPPS - See future press for the story of 'The Stallion', the case of red wine and the lost legs.

Ed: Specially for the PIGS - see next page for some Laws of Golf!



Trelights Methodist Church members and friends say a big thank you to all who came to support us at our Christmas Fayre. With everyone's help, hard work and generosity £260 was raised for the Children's Hospice and the First Air Ambulance. These charities will benefit from our enjoyable afternoon. A double blessing. Thank you.



January seems to be traditioally a quiet month after the hectic days of December and we are trying to clear the shop of old stock, some of which has been around for ages, to make room for Spring clothing. PLEASE - only items in good clean saleable condition can be accepted anything else goes into the recycling bags!

There are now new regulations regarding electrical goods which cannot be sold unless tested by an electrical engineer

The Christmas Draw went well and the figures will be published next month. There are still a few prizes awaiting collection and the list of prize winners is in the shop.

Recent takings are November - £708.04 and December - £409.79

Bags and packages are still being left on the doorstep, these can get very wet and have to be 'binned', they also cause a hazard to those going in and out of the shop. Please bring donated items into the shop during opening hours, which are posted on the door and are of course subject to the availability of volunteers.

How perceptive are you? ANSWER to task set on p14

Do you think there are three? Wrong, there are 6! No joke. Read it again. The reasoning is that the brain cannot process 'OF'. Incredible or what? Go back and look again!! Anyone who counts all 6 "F's" on the first go is a genius. Three is normal, four is very rare.

THE LAWS OF GOLF

- No matter how bad your last shot was, the worst is yet to come. This law does
 not expire on the 18th hole, since it has the supernatural tendency to extend
 over the course of a tournament, a summer and, eventually, a lifetime.
- Your best round of golf will be followed almost immediately by your worst round ever. The probability of the latter increases with the number of people you tell about the former.
- Brand new golf balls are water-magnetic. Though this cannot be proven in the lab, it is a known fact that the more expensive the golf ball, the greater its attraction to water.
- Golf balls never bounce off of trees back into play. If one does, the tree is breaking a law of the universe and should be cut down.
- The higher a golfer's handicap, the more qualified he deems himself as an instructor.
- Every par-three hole in the world has a secret desire to humiliate golfers. The shorter the hole, the greater its desire.
- Topping a 3-iron is the most painful torture known to man.
- Palm trees eat golf balls.
- Sand is alive. If it isn't, how do you explain the way it works against you?
- Golf carts always run out of juice at the farthest point from the clubhouse.
- All 3-woods are demon-possessed.
- Golf balls from the same "sleeve" tend to follow one another, particularly out of bounds or into the water (See Law three).
- A severe slice is a thing of awesome power and beauty.
- "Nice lag" can usually be translated to "lousy putt". Similarly, "tough break" can
 usually be translated "way to miss an easy one, sucker".
- The person you would most hate to lose to will always be the one who beats
 you
- The last three holes of a round will automatically adjust your score to what it really should be.

Panto raffle proceeds go towards a Shelter Box

The Drekkly Theatre Company decided to donate the proceeds from the raffles held during the performances of Aladdin to the Tsunami Appeal. In addition, the children in our group got together and baked chocolate cakes which they sold prior to two performances. They raised over £71.

This, along with the raffle takings of over £361 meant that we were able to give to the Rotary Club £433.20. In their letter of thanks, Padstow Rotary Club tell us that '... with other donations received, we are able to order two more Shelterboxes – each of which gives shelter etc to ten people'.

Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself!

Tsunami The children all decided in a school meeting at the beginning of term that they wanted to help those who were affected by the tsunami. Therefore the collection that was made after our Christmas performance -£59.36 - will be donated to Oxfam to be used for aid in the affected areas.

Toys from days gone by

This term Miss Martin's class are looking at toys old and new. If anyone has some old toys they wouldn't mind us borrowing or even bringing them in and chatting to the children about them, then please contact Jan at the school.

Thank You

Thank you to Councillor Dawe who kindly gave a box of oranges to be given out at the children's Christmas party at the end of last term.

Joke of the Month

How do you hire horses?

Put them on stilts!!

as told by Stephen, Year 5

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Hot Monster

The infants are getting excited as the work continues on the 'hot monster' outside their classroom. The concrete is down, pipework in, wall going up and Robert (the sculptor) will be bringing the dragon along soon. He will put the finishing touches on once it is in place.

Here are some of the children's thoughts on what it will be like;

- "I think the dragon will warm my bottom!" Liam, Year 1
- "The dragon will be wicked" Deklyn, Year 2
- "The dragon will be friendly" Sinead, Year 1
- "The dragon will be red hot" Harry, Year 1
- "I think the dragon is the best" Matthew, Year 2
- " I think its back will be warm and soft" Chloe, Year 2 & Jess, Year 1
- " I think it will look like a jaguar" Mark. Reception

Book Review

A Series of Unfortunate Events

by Lemony Snickets

This story was written in 2001 and it is suitable for ages 8 and above. The book is set in a city. The main characters are Violet, Klaus and Sunny and the book tells the story of their unfortunate lives.

I especially enjoyed this book because it allows you to lose yourself in it.

Alice, Year 5

Postage Stamp When Cathy Carney came to visit us last term with her guide dog, the children wanted to help the Guide Dog for the Blind Association by collecting used postage stamps. We have a box in the school entrance hall if you have any, or give them to any one you know who comes into school.

Seal rescues looking for an easy meal!

We understand our two recently rescued seals that have been recovering down at the Gweek Seal Sanctuary are both making really good progress. Arrow, who has been there getting on for 12 weeks now, has grown to twice his rescue size, been weaned off the hand feeding and is eating them out of house and home. His wounds and the nasty ulcer he was suffering from when we recovered him from Port Gaverne beach have responded well to the caring and dedicated medical treatment carried out at Gweek so he is in line to return to the ocean very soon. In fact, he is to be fitted with a yellow numbered identification so hopefully he can be monitored over the forthcoming season. This is not intrusive in any way and falls off when he moults.

This method of tracking is basic but the feedback has been good and does enable Gweek to establish, to a certain extent, the success of a

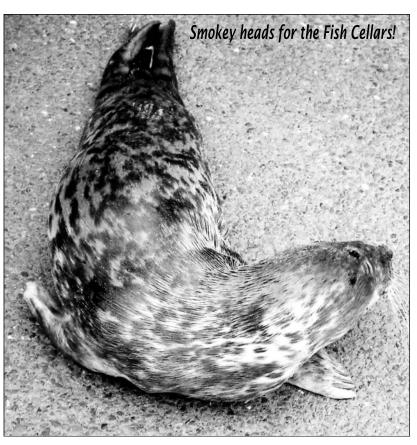
rehab programme. Only last week one of last winter's "hatties", as we call the seals fitted with the yellow identification, was sighted playing in the surf at Mutton Cove, further west, fulfilling our aim which, is to enable these beautiful animals to return to their sea environment to lead a full and natural life.

The most recent recovery, a couple of weeks ago, was Smokey who decided to follow Jeremy Brown's boat into Port Isaac harbour and to explore the local attractions. The area that most interested him appeared to be John Collins' fish cellar which I suppose is understandable. Confronted with such a selection of tempting morsels, this seal clearly had no plan to return to the sea, so he was ushered into the old Lifeboat cage until we could examine him and make an assessment of his wellbeing.

First and foremost he was a beautiful animal with no evidence of wounds other than an inch long deep gash on one of his tail flippers. His colouring, which was dark silvery grey with black flicks, indicated that he was no longer a pup and he had adult teeth which he displayed to full effect when we approached him. However, his size really corresponded to a young pup of three or four weeks. He also looked under nourished so, after consultation with our Medic colleagues at Gweek, the decision was made to transport him there for further examination.

The minute we opened the cage he decided to make a run for it galloping, or should I say flipping, out of the fish sheds and setting course for Ted Child's house - who probably had fish on the menu for his supper! However, with the help of John Brown we managed to manoeuvre him into a Medi-Vac box and were soon en-route for a Gweek hand over. On this occasion, in order to speed up his medical attention, we were able to transfer to the Gweek Medic who arrived in her ambulance at Tregonning's Garage in Wadebridge. This attracted various curious motorists and staff who had not expected to see a seal out on the forecourt.

In one way and another, Smokey made his mark as he came ashore for his first encounters with "humans" and I am pleased to report he is making very good progress. The Medic's say he is really a lovely animal and very friendly. On his arrival at Gweek, very, very hungry, his examination showed that he was approx 10 weeks old but 50% below what his body weight should have been at that age and was, in consequence, very weak. He was able to eat fish but had probably had a hard time in the gales that preceded him navigating into the safe haven of Port Isaac harbour and the fish cellars - so he is probably a bright seal as well!



He still has a way to go before he can be considered for re-hab to the sea but there is every hope he will be in line for a sea going life of adventure in the not too distant future. He will certainly have a story to tell when he does.

However, it is looking as if Arrow will be ready to return to the sea soon and we shall try to arrange for this to take place at Port Gaverne and will try to let those that are interested know what the plan is, particularly our school children who have attended in the past.

Our small BDMLR group here in Port Isaac continues to be dedicated to the rescue work as and when called but we are looking for new people to join and take part.

With this in mind we are planning to have a two-day training course which will be run, in conjunction with the very active BDMLR group near to St Ives, in the spring. This will involve both theory and practical presentations covering vetinary background to seals, dolphins and whales combined with applied care and marine mammal sea rescue techniques. The proposed date is the weekend of May 21st/22nd. Do contact either myself on 880765 or Sam at Secrets if you would like to take part. The practical, in the sea work will be at Port Gaverne.

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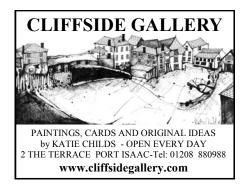
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Monday March 7th PIGS Day at Perranporth

Wednesday March 9th Port Isaac Local History Group and the RNLI joint presentation. Speaker: Alan Salsbury. Port Isaac Village Hall - 7.30pm

Friday March 11th
Port Isaac Village Hall Music Quiz in
the Village Hall - 7.30pm

Sunday March 13th Port Isaac Rowing Club Recruitment Day - 11.00am

Monday March 14th 'In the Bag' recycling kerbside collection – put bags out by 7.00am

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

Wednesday March 16th Frank McNichol Art Day in the Village Hall, Silk Painting, 10.30am-3.30pm

Trelights Village Green Committee AGM in the Methodist Schoolroom, Trelights – 7.30pm

Saturday March 26th Port Isaac Rowing Club fundraiserl

Friday April 1st Port Isaac Local History Group Meeting. Speaker: David Vaisey, past Director of the Bodliean Library. Port Isaac Village Hall - 7.30pm

Monday April 4th PIGS Day at St Mellion

Wednesday April 6th Port Isaac Village Hall AGM - 7.30pm

Thursday April 7th Gordon Giltrap, guitar virtuoso, plays live in the Village Hall – 8.00pm

Saturday April 9th Dine out Italian style in the Village Hall - Barbara & Dee's fundraiser for the Golden Circle Summer outing – 7.30pm

Thursday April 14th STEER meeting in the Village Hall – 7.30pm

Tuesday April 19th Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall - 7.30pm

Thursday April 21st Port Isaac RNLI AGM in the Village Hall – 8.00pm

Saturday May 7th
Forties Night to celebrate the
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Monday May 9th PIGS Day at Trethorne

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

Friday May 27th - Monday May 30th St Endellion Church Flower Festival - 'Cradle of the Arts'

Thursday June 2nd STEER meeting in the Village Hall – 7.30pm

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Saturday July 30th Port Isaac Village Hall Safari Supper

Sunday August 14th Port Isaac Village Hall Scavenger Hunt

Sunday August 21st Port Isaac RNLI Funday

Saturday September 17th Port Isaac Village Hall Curry Night

Wednesday October 12th Port Isaac Village Hall Coffee Morning

Saturday November 12th Children in Need Beach Party in Port Isaac Village Hall

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REGULAR EVENTS

Port Isaac Playgroup - every Tuesday (not during school holidays) from 10.00am to 12 noon in the Village Hall. Contact Nicky Thomas on 01208 880383

Yoga - Mondays during term-time in the Village Hall from 10.30am-12noon. Thursdays during term-time in the School Hall from 7.30pm-9.00pm. Contact Tracey Greenhalgh on 01208 880215 or Adult Education on 01840 213511

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.

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

CHURCH SERVICES

St Peter's Church, Port Isaac - Sunday - Sung Eucharist at 10.00am 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



Want to find out what's happening in the Village? Read your Trio and look on the Trio Diary page. Remember to make sure that your event is included here!