



# The traffic issue

Well, Port Isaac certainly had its five minutes of fame as we hit the local and national headlines in mid-August. What started out as local concern about the traffic and parking in the village escalated totally out of proportion and led to headlines such as "Ban Doc Martin from 'Port Wenn' say villagers (*Cornish Guardian*, August 12<sup>th</sup>), "Ban Martin Clunes" (*Daily Mail*, August 13<sup>th</sup>) and "Doc Martin causes village uproar" (*Daily Telegraph*, August 13<sup>th</sup>). This led to Martin Clunes responding, "if they don't want us to, we won't go there, it's as simple as that." (*Western Morning News*, August 16<sup>th</sup>).

All this came from the public discussion part of the Parish Council meeting held on August 11<sup>th</sup> and this entire article is Trio's take on that meeting, the parking and the traffic problems. Some 37 'members of the public' filled Port Isaac School Hall along with a *Cornish Guardian* reporter and PC Malcolm Taylor and PCSO Claire Drennan. Around the Parish Council table were Chairman, David Phelps, Barbara & Martin Bell, Martyn Dingle, Andy Penny, Liz Rowe and Janet Townsend and the Parish Clerk, Liz Uglov.

Things started quite reasonably as the Chairman gave every member of the public a chance to have their say. The first question was about when the footpath to Trewetha would be up and running for the dog walkers who had been promised this area as an alternative to the playing field (stay with me, this is relevant as you will read further on!). The Chairman was unable to give an indication of the timescale involved but did say that the Parish Council (PC) was looking for grant aid to fund the fencing along the path. A meeting was to be held with PC reps, someone from North Cornwall District Council (NCDC) and Barry Cleave (Barry has given permission for the proposed footpath to go over his fields) on Tuesday August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Then the discussion got on to the amount of traffic in the village and the parking situation. In case anyone isn't aware (!) there is not enough parking in the village for the number of visitors we have had and this has resulted in parking along the main road out of the village, up to and past the playing field and, on some days, right up to

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## Join the World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Come and join us on  
Friday September 26<sup>th</sup>  
Port Isaac Village Hall  
10.30am-1.00pm

plus  
homemade cake stall  
& raffle



by supporting this event you will help Macmillan Cancer Support in their aim to raise £8.5 million to help support more people living with cancer

### St Peter's Church Harvest Thanksgiving celebrations

Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup>

9.45am - Sung Eucharist

6.00pm - Songs of Praise  
with the Fishermen's Friends  
Sale of Produce and Supper

*everybody welcome*

### Trelights Methodist Church Harvest Festival Celebrations

Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>

Service - 6.00pm  
Rev Ray Avent

Monday September 15<sup>th</sup>  
Harvest Service - 7.00pm  
followed by sale of produce & supper  
*proceeds for Chapel funds*

### This issue ...

*All the usual news plus*

Your views on  
parking, traffic  
and filming -

*see centre pages*

# traffic continued ...

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the bend. This meant that, to get out of the village you had to drive on the wrong side of the road and just hope and pray that a car didn't come speeding, or even just at 30mph, round the corner and towards the village. Clearly it was an accident waiting to happen and very dangerous. Several members of the public stated they had contacted both the police and Cornwall County Council voicing their concern and anger over what, to any normal person, is illegal parking. These complaints got them nowhere; promises to return calls were not kept. When tackled, PC Taylor first said that the cars were not illegally parked – dangerous maybe but not illegal.

Two points to raise here. It seems that, since May 5<sup>th</sup>, when Cornwall County Council (CCC) became responsible for enforcing parking regulations in our area, the majority of parking contraventions, including parking on yellow lines, are no longer considered a criminal offence. CCC can issue a Penalty Charge Notice where a parking contravention occurs (£70 or £50 depending on the severity of the contravention).

Secondly, your editor recalls when she took her driving test many years ago. I had it in mind that you couldn't park within 10 yards of a junction and thought I must have got it right as I passed my test.

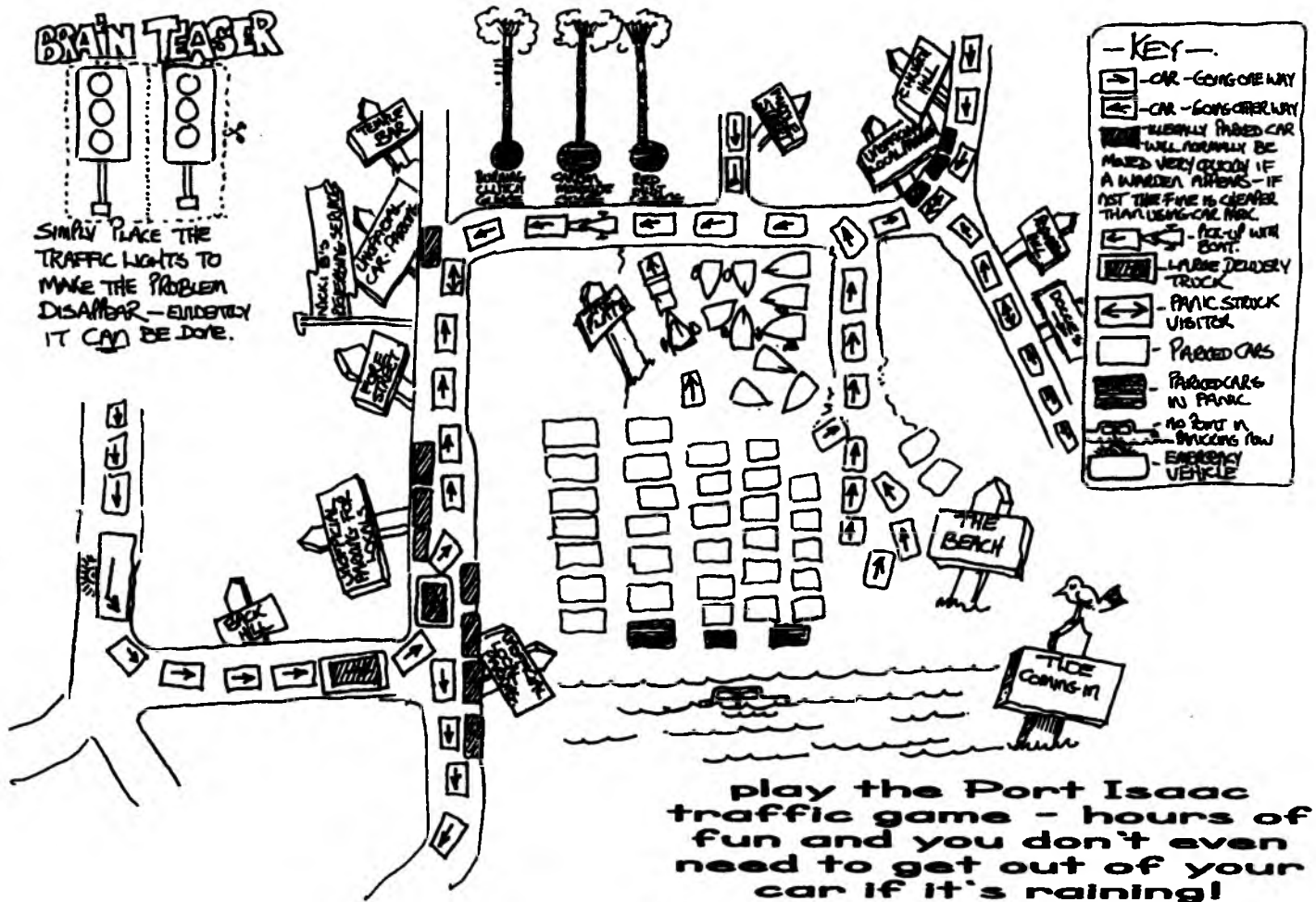
Perhaps road rules have changed but no, rule 217 of the Highway Code says, "DO NOT park your vehicle or trailer on the road where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other road users. For example, do not stop opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, or on a bend (there are several other places also mentioned). Further searching led me to the roadsidelawyer.co.uk website where I found that you can only be prosecuted in these place if you are causing 'unnecessary obstruction' and 'causing a dangerous hazard to vehicles approaching the junction'. Clearly the police who did come out in response to someone's call did not think that this indiscriminate and selfish parking was a hazard or dangerous. Perhaps we have to wait until someone is injured, or worse, before this is the case?

However, this is all whinging in retrospect because, before the PC meeting, the PC had purchased ten traffic cones to put up from the playing field to the first footpath sign and this seems to have worked on this part of the road (although rumour has it that two of the cones have already been stolen!). I digress.

Everyone had their say and suggestions were made for alternative parking and solutions to our problems. You'll have read some of the comments made in the newspapers. Yes, some people did blame everything on the filming – but by no means everyone and we were certainly not 'in revolt' as quoted in one tabloid. However, the Chairman stalled every comment with promise of a meeting (remember what I said earlier?) on August 19<sup>th</sup> when everything would be discussed and solutions sought. I wasn't the only person who thought this was what was going to happen. Everyone I have spoken to since the meeting, as well as Emma Wherry from the Cornish Guardian seems to have misunderstood the Chairman! When I subsequently contacted the Parish Council Chairman and asked if he would write a report from this meeting for *Trio* (see PC statement on page 8), he told me that the only thing the meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup> was about was obtaining funding for the footpath to Trewetha. When questioned further by *Trio* the Chairman denied saying the meeting was for any other reason, yet this was not the message that the majority of people at the Parish Council meeting got, plus the Cornish Guardian wrote, "Chairman Dave Phelps said: 'We have a meeting with all relevant bodies on Tuesday, August 19 to find some satisfactory solutions.'"

Just to be sure, *Trio* chatted with Barry Cleave after the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. He confirmed that the footpath to Trewetha is progressing. Tom Fletcher from NCDC, has gone away to draw up a more detailed plan of the path and required fencing. Barry confirmed that the meeting had not been about parking, traffic or car parks but

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he was happy to talk about his plans for a car park in his field next to the Parish Council field next to the playing field. He assured me that it would in no way detract from the village and he would ensure that boy racers would not use it as a track. His plan is to level off the field and provide a car park with a hard-core bottom, topped with quarry stone. However, he is not optimistic that this would be ready for next season given the red tape with the Highways Department and Planning that need to be got through before work can even begin. When asked about the possibility of a Park'n'Ride Scheme operating from the new car park he said, "This will depend on the usage of the car park. If there is a need for Park'n'Ride we will go ahead".

Taking on board Councillor Townsend's comment at the meeting that she had been on the Parish Council, on and off, for nearly forty years and traffic and parking had always been a problem, *Trio* decided to do a bit of homework. Without a doubt there have been a lot more visitors to the village this year and some of them have made the visit because of Doc Martin. Whatever your views on the filming, and this is not what is being discussed here, Doc Martin seems to have become the scapegoat for all our traffic problems. But Doc Martin is only part of the problem. Less people have gone abroad for their summer holiday; the horrendous weather has kept this year's summer visitors to Cornwall off the beaches and with little to do other than visit the towns and villages. Let's be clear, Port Isaac is not the only place that has been inundated with visitors, everywhere has and several times over the past weeks there have been reports of Padstow being full to bursting. The difference between Port Isaac and other places is that they have more parking for their visitors. You only have to look at the reader's comments on the *Cornish Guardian* website, to see how incredulous people are that we have not opened up a field for overflow parking. In fact, did you know that anyone can open up a car park for a maximum of 28-days a year! (Minutes of the meeting held on October 18<sup>th</sup> 2007 on the PC website)

As *Trio* sees it, the problem Port Isaac has is the lack of parking for its visitors. Let's face it, tourism is our main industry and whilst some members of our community just want a peaceful life in a quiet, fishing village, other members have to live, work and bring up their children here. Yes, Port Isaac has changed drastically over the past few years, but everything changes, sometimes for the better, sometimes not, and we have to adapt accordingly. And we have to adapt by creating more parking. At the moment it seems that the car rules – and that can't be right.

This is something the Parish Council obviously felt after last summer. Seven councillors held an informal meeting at the playing field on Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. They were there to discuss the possibility of more parking! The Chairman suggested turning the parish field next to the playing field into a football pitch and using the current playing field as a car park. He also had visions of the lower area that slopes off (you'll remember this from all the dog walking uproar earlier this year) being turned into a picnic area and a circular walk (minutes of the informal meeting available on the Parish Council website). With the exception of one Councillor who felt that this was a big expense for a car park that would only be used for six weeks of the year, there was plenty of enthusiasm. *Trio* strongly disagrees with this six weeks usage theory. Without doubt the visitor season is growing year on year plus we have in influx of visitors every Bank Holiday, half term and the Christmas and New Year period. The days of the six-week season have gone.

Getting back to the proposal, the minutes said it would relieve the bottom of the village of traffic; a new entrance with a roundabout opposite Hillson that would also serve to slow down incoming traffic; perhaps the car park could be used for winter boat storage. There were lots of suggestions and ideas. There was mention of a covenant on the land but apparently NCDC were willing to lift it for housing so ... ? To her credit, Councillor Barbara Bell even said that whatever the Parish Council does with the playing field the public needed to be consulted via *Trio* and the *Cornish Guardian*. Here was our Parish Council doing what it is there to do, "Respond to the needs of the community – delivering the services it most needs ... promoting tourism" (National Association of Local Councils website, [www.nalc.gov.uk](http://www.nalc.gov.uk)).

So what went wrong? Things seemed to be progressing as another meeting was held at the playing field just a month later with nine parish councillors and Charlie David and Graham Holland from NCDC (minutes of the meeting held on October 18<sup>th</sup> 2007 available on the Parish Council website). At this meeting Chairman, David Phelps, said "the Parish Council had intended to do an affordable housing scheme and sport project on the field, however it is not going ahead as before and doubtful anything will happen on this site". Yes, I was surprised at this one as well and it just goes to show how much we miss by not having a full and comprehensive report of parish council meetings in *Trio* (more of this on page 8). This meeting seemed to discuss everything that had been talked about at the September meeting. So why did nothing happen. Why were neither of the meetings reported on in *Trio*? Why

was the village not consulted? If some action had been taken maybe we would have at least been well on the way to being sorted by this summer. The answers are unclear. This might seem like unfair criticism of the Parish Council, who, at the end of the day, are just volunteer members of our community. But let's not forget, they are the first tier of local government and, volunteers or not, they are there to represent the local community, and it's clear that we have needed more parking for some time. Jeremy Brown voiced the views of many when he said, "Don't keep coming up with problems, come up with answers. Just press on and get round the problems. You have known about the parking problems for over twelve months and are no further ahead."

Parking and traffic (and the filming) are still high on everyone's agenda. The problems going down to the bottom of the village were highlighted by many at the August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting (where we came in!). Nicki B took great delight in telling the meeting that she had to reverse the cars of three incompetent MALE drivers! But, on a more serious note it has been dire, but then it is most years. There have been some horrendous hold ups going back up to the top of Back Hill. Suggestions were made for traffic lights (not quite sure how this one would work) as well as the beach car park having two people on duty, both with walkie talkies and one based outside *Secrets*. It was agreed that County Highways need to be asked for their advice – they are the experts! – and I did think at this meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup>! Surely they must have an expert on traffic flow in small villages? Whatever, many comments are still being made and questions asked:

- What happened to STEER's plans for pedestrianising the bottom of the village from *Secret's* corner, and getting a Park'n'Ride scheme going
- Why are there no warning signs, before you go down Back Hill, that it is narrow and difficult to drive to the bottom of the village?
- Why is there not a sign on New Road directing cars to the main car park?
- What is the point of 'No Parking' signs when the situation is not policed and why can't we have our own traffic warden/see more traffic wardens?

The list goes on. In the meantime, PC Chairman, David Phelps advises everyone to write to Paul Allen, County Highways Surveyor at County Hall, Truro, asking for action to be taken.

This one is not going to go away. Something needs to be done before next summer. And we need to make it very clear that we are not anti-visitor. If we don't Port Isaac will die and nobody wants that!

Dee Littlechild

# Olympic news from our Wadebridge correspondent

Lizzie's (Yelling) Olympic marathon bid started so well. All her training had gone according to plan, she was fit and well and totally relaxed. For the first hour she ran at the front beside her friend and stable mate, Paula Radcliff. Suddenly, chaos. A badly positioned metal barrier, closing off a T-junction, caused the runners to converge. Lizzie was tripped from behind, fell heavily, was trodden on and jumped over by other runners. She got up quickly, went to the front and stayed there for another two miles.

The cameras zoomed in on her badly bruised and grazed back and shoulders. What the cameras couldn't see were the bruised hips, swelling knees and cracked ribs, which made breathing both difficult and painful. She gradually dropped behind but ran on for another hour and a half, finishing in 26<sup>th</sup> place. - 30 seconds behind Paula. Race over, Lizzie was taken immediately to hospital and had her ribs manipulated back into place.

It was a brave run, in more ways than one. I couldn't be more proud of her had she won a medal.

*Kathie Carney  
Lizzie's proud Nan*

## Port Isaac Stay & Play Group

We hope all the children have enjoyed their Summer Holidays. We look forward to meeting up again on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September for the new term. Any new faces would be very welcome! We meet every Tuesday at the Village Hall, from 10 am till midday.



## rescue

A rescue took place in the late morning July 27<sup>th</sup>, clocking up the 586<sup>th</sup> rescue for the Station since 1967. Volunteer crew members, Nigel Sherratt on helm with Andy Cameron and Mark Grills answered the call to assist an adult and five year old child who were in a kayak. They had set off from Port Quin earlier in the day and were reported to be showing signs of exhaustion and distress in a rising sea just off Varley Head. In the meantime, a companion in another kayak had returned safely to Port Quin. Our boat's arrival saved the day and the kayak crew were brought safely to Port Isaac Harbour.

The boat has just received a new engine as part of the RNLI's continuous maintenance programme to ensure all equipment is at 100% operational level. Port Isaac residents will no doubt have noted that 771 Squadron has been working around the harbour recently carrying out essential co-ordinated training exercises with our volunteer Inshore Lifeboat crew.

St Endellion Church

## What's on

### Quiz

in the Church Hall  
Thursday September 11<sup>th</sup>  
7.30pm for 8.00pm

Questionmaster: Vick Thorman  
Teams of 4 - Entry £5 per person  
includes Cornish supper

## Antiques Roadshow

in the Church Hall  
Thursday October 16<sup>th</sup>  
7pm - 7.30pm

## Johnny Cowling

sings the Gospel songs of Elvis  
in the Church  
Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup> - 6.00pm

tickets £6 each (including refreshments) from Pam Richards on 01208 880381  
*proceeds for the Precious Lives Appeal and Church funds*

*For further information on the above events contact Pam Richards on 01208 880381*

## Ray Balkwill

### A Painting Talk & Demonstration

Back by popular request, nationally acclaimed artist Ray Balkwill.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Port Isaac Pottery

Tickets £8

includes lunch & wine

Welcome Coffee from 9.45am

There are 20 places available.

Please book yours thro' Bob on

01208 880765 or

the Pottery on 01208 880625

*organised by the Frank McNichol Art Trust*

## For Sale

Thomas the Tank Engine Tomy Road and Rail System

2 Giant boxes full of track, double and single, straight and curved, connectors, bridges, 2 stations inc Thomas and Terence

Deluxe Action Set

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## Boat for sale

9ft 6inch, fibreglass restored 5 or 6 years ago needs some repair work to gunwale

Includes excellent, specially made, stainless steel trailer which is worth as much as the boat!

£350

on view at Port Gaverne beach

Tel: 01803 326888

## How clever are you?

What to the following words have in common?

1. Banana
2. Dresser
3. Grammar
4. Potato
5. Revive
6. Uneven
7. Assess

Have you already given up? Give it another try. Look at each word carefully. You'll kick yourself when you read the answer on page 14.

# All is safely gathered in ...

The delicious smell of homemade cakes, newly baked, made a warm welcome back to Janet's kitchen to ask her again about memories of food and childhood.

Growing up at Archer Farm, harvest time was the busiest time of the year. Janet remembers enjoying the hard work and challenge that it brought. - and the baking! At times, when the fields were being harvested, there were up to 25 workers to feed. Her father would go down to the Platt in Port Isaac to see who could help. To sustain their efforts a mammoth feast of food was brought out throughout the day. Crib was bread, cheese, roll-outs and two gallons of tea. Lunch break was pasties and yeast buns, followed by tea at 4 o'clock. This included ham sandwiches, apple pasties with sugar and cream, more yeast buns and cold tea.

John Glover and Horace Hillson frequently helped out at Archer Farm harvest time, the latter being a tenant farmer at Fourgates Farm, on which Hillson Close was built. "Can 'e still run maid?" Horace used to ask Janet in later life. He was remembering the days when, as a young girl, she had shot out of the kitchen door passing him, avoiding whatever trouble she had got herself into at home!



"Here's one I made earlier!"

## Sloe Wine

Pick a bucketful of sloes

Take a large, clean glass jar and plenty of sugar

Lay down alternate layers of sloes and sugar until the jar is full. Put away for 12 months, stirring every three months. *NB Don't screw the lid down tightly*



## Apple and Raisin Chutney

4lb cooking apples, peeled, cored and chopped

4 med onions

2 cloves of garlic

juice of 1 lemon

1 tbsp mustard seed

1½ pints vinegar

1lb raisins

1 tbsp ground ginger

2 tsp salt

2lb 2oz soft brown sugar (dark or light)

Gently simmer the apples, onions, garlic, lemon juice, mustard seed and one pint of vinegar together for one hour. Add the sugar, raisins, rest of the vinegar and simmer until thick. *NB Stir regularly to avoid the sugar burning.*

And finally, if there's room for more ...

Anyone who has seen Janet and Joan's produce stalls at any fundraising event will see a table full of cakes, jams, pickles and preserves.

*Cox's apples were traditionally picked and individually wrapped in tissue and stored in a box under the bed.*

*A perfect way to store apples to eat throughout the winter.*

## Apple and cinnamon jelly

can be made by boiling one pint of the strained juice from cooked apples together with one pound sugar and infusing the jelly with a cinnamon stick. Delicious spread on scones, toast, bread, anything!



## Janet's Famous Pickled Shallots

Peel shallots, put in salted water and soak for 24 hours.

Change the water and rinse the

Shallots. Repeat the process

Drain and rinse them in clean cold water.

Lay the shallots out on a clean dry towel to dry out for 24 hours

*(Make sure the towel hasn't been rinsed in fabric conditioner!)*

Meanwhile, boil 1 pint malt vinegar with 3 cups pickling spice and let it cool down.

Put the shallots into clean prepared jars (with tight-fitting lids).

Add one tablespoon of the spiced vinegar with a little of the spices. Top the jar up with the boiled vinegar.

Screw the lid on tightly. Leave for three weeks before eating.

Many thanks to Janet for sharing her memories and recipes

## Port Isaac Panto 2008 Robin Hood & Babes in the Woods

Although they won't be rehearsing until after half-term, we do need to know the younger children who want to be in this year's panto, so that their parents can get their tickets before they all sell out.

Can you give your name to Dee in *Secrets* (880862/880905) or Barbara in the Pottery (880625) **BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15th**

## Trelights Methodist Church Flower Festival

The Festival of Flowers held at the Chapel from August 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> was a wonderful celebration of creative talent. The beautiful displays of flowers imaginatively depicted the various hymns chosen by the participants. We are extremely grateful to the Chapels, Churches and local organisations represented for their contribution to this very successful event.

Many thanks to Joan Murray and Janet Chadband for organising the Festival and with Barbara Richards' help providing delicious home-baked refreshments for the three days.

The Chapel was almost full for the Sunday evening service taken by Mr Roy Davy of Redruth and included three duets by Joan and Barbara. The celebration concluded with a supper in the schoolroom.

Many visitors enjoyed their visit to the Chapel to view the beautiful arrangements. Thank you to all the helpers who made them welcome. Finally, the members and friends wish to express their gratitude to Dee for the lovely



*The Trio display - the hymn Brightly Beams*

programmes, with so much information, that contributed so much to the Festival's success.

*Peter Blake*

## A thank you to the "Fishermen's Friends"

We would like to say a very big THANK YOU to the Fishermen's Friends, who came up to Boscastle to "serenade" Neville in the Cobweb.

You cannot begin to imagine what pleasure this gave us both but especially to Nev.

Thanks also to Cousin Nigel who was our chauffeur for the evening and to Marion, Jill and Sylvia who came to keep me company.

It is things like this that help to make this dreadful time more bearable for us.

Once again "Thanks boys"

*Neville & Enid*

## Sarah Philp

Congratulations on your  
exam results 9 As, 2 Bs, 1C

love from all the family

## walk talk

This paw-picked selection of tested and approved local walks is a must for all your four-footed friends and even includes tips on how your pooch can train you!

Available from *Secrets* and various charity functions, this book is priced at just £3.50, with 50p from each sale being donated to local charities and organisations. Mail order copies are priced £4 (includes post and packing). Send a cheque made payable to *Secrets* to *Secrets*, Fore Street, Port Isaac, Cornwall PL29 3RD.



## Local Walks & Guide Books

Robin Penna's books of walks and local guides are for sale in *Secrets*.

### A Quick Look Round Port Isaac

A brief guide for visitors to help them enjoy the village - £2.50

### A Short Guide to Port Isaac

A more detailed guide, updated and reprinted - £5.50

### 15 Walks in the Parish of St Endellion

(coastal and inland walks in and around the Parish with lots of useful local information) - £3.50

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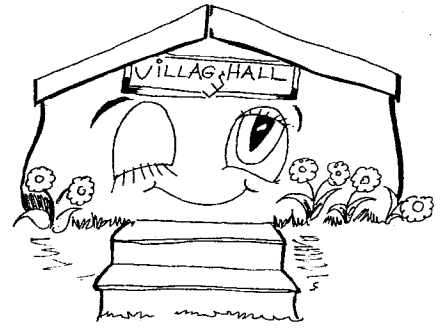
# Where does all the money go?

This is a question constantly raised by members of our community, hall users and fundraising supporters. The Village Hall, being an old building, is quite expensive to maintain and run but, thanks to volunteer labour, costs are kept to a minimum. This means that the majority of the funds raised can be spent making improvements to the Hall and its facilities. Over the past three years the toilets have been completely refurbished. A permanent bar has been constructed that can be used by any Hall user for their event and we now also have a hygienic and secure storage area for stock and glasses. The Hall can boast probably one of the best sound systems of any Village Hall in the county and stage lighting suitable for all stage productions, with plans for further improvements.

Anybody walking past the Hall over the past few months could not fail to notice some pretty major changes taking place to the access. A massive excavation of earth was carried out in preparation for the construction of a structural retaining wall. New underground cabling was installed to supply new external wall lights, new stone walling was built to face the support wall and old, unsafe walling was replaced. A straight run of steps up to the Hall have been built to a very high specification, calculated to offer the perfect step height to gradient ratio. The steps have been clad with yellow brick faces and granite tops to be in keeping with existing features of the Hall. The old steps up to the front door have been rebuilt a metre further out to comply with current fire regulations and the front garden has been levelled and grassed to create a safe and useable area ideal for barbecues, outside party area or even space for a small marquee. All that remains to be done is the installation of the new handrails and erection of the 'Bess Coates Memorial Plaque'. The design of the steps allows for the installation of a chair lift at some stage in the future should funds, a grant or generous donation of £5500 be available.

As you can imagine, even with a lot of voluntary help, these jobs cost a lot of money and once everything has been paid for the new access steps, the total costs will be in the region of £17,000. It takes a lot of hard work by volunteers, a lot of coffee mornings and a lot of support from the public to achieve these results.

But now it's thank you time. A massive thank you to everyone who has helped in any way, particularly Barry and Marshall Cleave for making the ground works look



easy (!) and Martyn Dingle for his hard work with all the stonework – what a great job. I would also ask all the Village Hall committee and non-committee helpers to stretch their right arm around and give themselves a big pat on the back.

As you can imagine, Village Hall funds are now running very low and we need to get busy raising money for the next stage of improvements. So, if you have any ideas or fancy joining the committee, contact any committee member or ring me on 01208 880065 or Dee on 880905. Thank you.

*Ian Fuller*  
Village Hall Chair

## Crib'n'Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who supported the Village Hall Crib'n'Coffee Morning on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

One lucky holidaymaker had an unexpected extra to take home with him - he correctly guessed the weight of the large salmon, donated by John Collins, and had to find room in his car for fit the fish, that was packed in ice for the journey.

Breakfast bacon rolls went well with many visitors staying on and having them for lunch as well! The successful morning, that also included the homemade cake stall and a raffle, raised £259 for Village Hall funds.

*Tom Penny running the bric-a-brac stall while his Dad looks on!*



## **martyn joseph**

at **Port Isaac Pottery** 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2008

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## Giving Up Wine

I was walking down the Fore Street when I was accosted by a dirty and shabby-looking homeless woman who asked me for a few pounds to buy some food. I took out my purse, got out a £5 note and asked, 'If I give you this money, will you buy wine with it instead of dinner?' 'No, I had to stop drinking years ago', the homeless woman replied. 'Will you use it to go shopping instead of buying food?' I asked. 'No, I don't waste time shopping,' the homeless woman said. 'I need to spend all my time trying to stay alive.' 'Will you spend this at a beauty salon instead of on food?' I asked. 'Are you mad!' replied the homeless woman. 'I've not had my hair done in 20 years!'

'Well', I said, 'I'm not going to give you the money. Instead, I'm going to take you out for dinner with my husband and me tonight.' The homeless woman was shocked. 'Won't your husband be furious with you for doing that? I know I'm dirty, and I probably smell pretty disgusting.' I replied, 'That's okay. It's important for him to see what a woman looks like after she has given up shopping, hair appointments, and wine.'

**A**t the last Parish Council meeting, several villagers raised their concerns about the lack of information from PC meetings in *Trio*. The Parish Clerk always provides the *Trio* report and it is not shortened or amended in any way; what you read is what we get. If you would like to attend Parish Council meetings and provide a fuller report please do get in touch (01208 880905). *Ed*

*This report was compiled for Trio by the Parish Clerk.*

#### PLANNING

**Application 2008/01377** Erection of a balcony and staircase previously erected without consent. Peter Connell, 21 Silvershell Road, Port Isaac. The Parish Council is in support of this application.

**Application 2008/01296** Erection of porch, demolition of greenhouse and erection of garage, enlargement of window and installation of conservation area type roof lights on north elevation. Mrs T Inge, 1 & 2 Trecreege, Trelights. The Parish Council made no observations.

#### ALLOTMENTS

There are still two allotments remaining at the land adjacent to St Endellion Cemetery. Please contact the clerk for more information.

#### STREAM AT PORT GAVERNE

At the Parish Council meeting, Mr Bob Monk raised concerns regarding the stream at Port Gaverne turning green. The PC has written to the Environment Agency and they need to know about such possible pollution incidents when they are happening so that they can trace possible sources. There is a free 24 hour telephone number if anyone sees further pollution - please call 0800 80 70 60.

#### CARS, CAR PARKING AND GENERAL PROBLEMS WITH TRAFFIC

Approximately 30 members of the public attended the meeting raising concerns regarding parking on the road at the entrance to the village, the bottom of the village being blocked with cars coming and going, and the problems that Doc Martin has caused the village.

The Parish Council has sent the following letter to Paul Allen County Surveyor. "My Parish Council has asked me to write to you reference 'Street Parking at Peak Times'. You may not be aware but at the moment due to several factors i.e. School holidays, Doc Martin, bad weather, Port Isaac has been inundated with visitors and subsequently their cars.

The parking of these cars has caused many problems and in their view can ultimately lead to serious accidents. The road from the entrance to Garrick towards Trewetha has become a parking place and thereby restricting road width.

The council considers that yellow lines from Garrick entrance to Trewetha is of the up most importance. This would greatly enhance the flow of traffic on this stretch of road which at the moment is absolutely chaotic. It would also give cars existing Hillsons Close and the Doctors Surgery a degree of safe exit, which at the moment they are denied.

Secondly we have asked before for the stretch of Trewetha Lane leading into Lundy Road to have yellow lines sprayed at the junction, the council would like to point out that residents leaving Lundy Road do so at great risk at peak times and also to say that at the moment the traffic in Port Isaac in peak times nearly reaches grid lock.

The chairman and members of the council have contacted various organisations ie Police, Highways etc and feel that the urgency of this dangerous situation is not being treated with the degree of seriousness that would be expected. They request that action is taken now before there is a serious accident.

The council consider that no sector has taken this matter seriously and in meeting with Police Officers the council have been led to believe that no offence is being committed, which to our belief is contrary to our own photographic evidence included with this letter."

The Parish Council also sent a separate letter to County Highways asking for a traffic control system for the bottom of the village and pointed out the problems that are accruing there.

#### TRELIGHTS

Mrs Peggy Haines raised concerns about the state of Trelights, particularly the Green Lane up to the Church which is now unwalkable. The Grass and Hedges all look unkempt. The Parish Council will discuss this on the next agenda.

# things Parish Council

#### PLAYING FIELD

The Thumper piece of play equipment arrived on the 20<sup>th</sup> August.

#### PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

Mr Mark Rowe and Miss Cerin Penny have resigned from the Parish Council.

1. A by-election to fill these vacancies will be held if within 14 working days of the 22<sup>nd</sup> August, if ten electors for the St Endellion Parish give notice in writing claiming such an election to the Returning Officer.

2. The address of the Returning Officer is: DAVID POOLEY, NCDC COUNCIL OFFICES, HIGHER TRENANT ROAD, WADEBRIDGE PL27 6TW

#### RUBBISH/BINS

Further to concerns raised by Mr Childs, the Parish Council have written to North Cornwall District Council pointing out the problems raised and asking for more bigger bins.

*Mrs Elizabeth Uglow  
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stendellionparishcouncil@fsmail.net*

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September, please look out for agenda on the Parish Council note board which will be posted on 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Meeting dates for the rest of the year Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December. The deadline for getting items on the agenda is 12 noon on the Monday prior to the meeting.

### Parish Council Statement on the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting

**S**t Endellion Parish Councillors, David Phelps, Martyn Dingle and Martin Bell met Tom Fletcher, Cornwall County Council's Principal Access and Development Officer for new footpaths, at Port Isaac playing fields on Tuesday August 19<sup>th</sup> and discussed the parish council proposal for a new public footpath between the playing field car park and Trewetha, parallel to the B3267 and passing over land owned by the parish council and Mr Barry Cleave. The footpath would also provide access to a strip of parish council owned public amenity land and a possible overspill car park on Mr Cleave's land. The County Council is now preparing a specification for the work and will be putting it out to tender. Discussions on sources of funding are continuing.

*Martin Bell*



# Dan Rogerson, our local MP, writes ...

As I send this article to press, I've just finished writing my submission to Post Office HQ's consultation on their closure programme. It's been overwhelming, too, receiving the hundreds of letters that people have sent to the 'consultation team' and kindly copied to me. We'll make sure Postwatch has a copy of all of them, so that there is an independent watchdog which knows the strength of feeling here in Cornwall.

Meeting people all round North Cornwall, I know how highly valued Post Office services are, and I've seen the real anger local residents have that this consultation period took place in the summer. Officials even refused to attend two meetings organised in Cornwall – one of which was for communities across Cornwall to come together in support of the whole network. The programme has set village against village, branch against branch, so I felt it was important to bring everyone together at the end of what is quite a bruising period.

I will be holding street surgeries across as many areas as possible during the rest of the parliamentary recess, and I anticipate that people will share my concern at the relentless attack being made on rural services. Whether it's post offices, or tax offices, or job centres, or learning shops, public policy seems to be set on asking more people to travel further, or to operate on their own, online at home. Since we're all concerned about carbon emissions, and about losing the sense of community that is so valuable in Cornwall, that seems quite the wrong direction for the country to go. I hope to see you soon!

Dan Rogerson MP

T: 01566 777123 – [contact@danrogerson.org](mailto:contact@danrogerson.org)

## PIGS on tour Bowwood



It's Bank Holiday Monday, I'm sitting at the bar trying to remember what a sunny day in August would be like. Then a distant memory springs into my mind. Monday August 4th, our last PIGS day – bright, warm and, in places, sunny. Yes, stuck in the middle of another crappy week's weather was our PIGS day at Bowwood. Twenty golfers decided to have a day out and enjoy an extremely hearty breakfast before loading up their buggies and heading out for five hours of fun and laughter on a golf course that gave as good as it got!

It was semi-finals day in the Matchplay Competition with Paul 'The Executioner' Honey versus Chris 'Patience' Witherden and myself against Andrew 'Petit Poonani' Grills. Two very hard tussles ended in wins for Patience and the Petit Poonani. I took my defeat well, but The Executioner decided that the two winners should be cut a further five shots each. Harsh but fair. The final will be played at our first European Tour date that will be at Bryn Meadow Gold Club in Wales in October.

The PIGS ages are widening all the time with little Jack, aged 12 to Des 'Grandpa' Weston at 86. So there is a possibility that next years venues might have to offer crèche facilities and incontinence pants as standard.

The other 16 golfers proceeded to have a long and emotional day that included Mark 'The Man Slut' Grills pontificating greatly on whether he should spend a further tenner for the use of a buggy.; George Little's embarrassed look when the waitress was flirting with him; Des's bemused look; the appearance of Dave Philp (twice this year) and Mr Dave Hurley who hadn't played with us for about two years. It bought a tear to the eye of all us hardened golfers.

As per normal, it's August, I'm knackered and I can't remember who won what and did what. So, well done to whoever did what they did and commiserations to those who didn't. One shot that does need a mention is from Mr Mike Edkins who managed to take a six-inch divot out of the fairway. Yes, he did manage to hit the fairway, and plonk it on his head! Honestly Mike, we were only taking the mickey when we said your were going bald!!!

*From the Waffling Lard Man*

Dates to remember:

October 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> – Bryn Meadow \* November – Falmouth \* December - Roserrow

## St Endellion Climate Friendly Parish

Just a brief update this month. We didn't go ahead with organising anything locally for the Climate Friendly Fortnight organised by the Wildlife Trust – although if you look at <http://www.foecornwall.org/CFF/> you will find the list of activities planned in Cornwall from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September onwards.

The activities closest to us are on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September where Transition Lostwithiel is organising a plant swap at St Bartholomew Church, Lostwithiel – more details at <http://transitionlostwithiel.org/>.

Then on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September there is a tree planting day in St Merryn hosted by the St Merryn Climate Friendly Parish and there will be more details on their website at [www.stmerryn.org.uk/](http://www.stmerryn.org.uk/) when they are finalised. Clayton Elliott is the contact for all of the activities and he can be reached on 07967588038 or [celliott73@googlegmail.com](mailto:celliott73@googlegmail.com).

We have applied for a grant from North Cornwall District Council for the project to increase the use we make of our local bus routes. There has been a lot of good feedback about this idea and Western Greyhound is considering a county-wide approach using the basic ideas we have had in the Parish. One of the things we have learned is that the timetable is quite complicated. There are some things on it that only those with local knowledge would understand. For example, it says on one of the footnotes that one bus runs on St Austell College days only. When is this? I hear you ask. Another footnote says "this bus stops here by request to the driver" – but it turns out you have to be on the bus to request it. So we will be working on ways of making it all much clearer. This first pilot has proved useful in other ways. The original credit-card sized timetable was designed by Dickie Souray from Western Greyhound. People we asked were a bit divided on it. Some were clearly delighted with the idea that they could keep a timetable in their wallet. Others found the writing so small they couldn't read it even with glasses. So we need to do some further work on this and we hope the people we have asked to work on the design will be able to help us get it right. Probably we will need a variety of formats.

Another area we are working on is community owned energy generation. We know that wind turbines generate strong feelings as well as electricity and so we are suggesting we at least get a bit of discussion going as we do have some potential sites in the Parish which might be suitable as we are in a pretty windy area.

*Tony Wainwright*

# William Bernard Baker

## 1918-2008

Ted Childs - a good friend of both Bernard and Lou - has written this eulogy, ending it with E & OE, a standard let-out meaning 'errors and omissions excepted' - because after such a long life of nearly 90 years - and with human memory being as fallible as it is - he says, "There may well be some errors of fact and no doubt plenty of omissions!"

Since his death in Treliske Hospital following the stroke which he suffered in his home in Middle Street many people have made remarks such as, "he was the last of his kind" and "it's the end of an era". The presence of so many people at his funeral is testament to the regard, affection and respect in which Bernard was held.

He was one of a large family and was born in Dolphin Street, Port Isaac in the cottage called St Sampson's - a mere step away from where he came to live for so many of his final years, after a life away which brought him to many countries. During the war he served in the Royal Navy having trained as a gunner, and his travels took him to places like South Africa, West Africa, South America and the United States. But let's go back to the beginning, and for the source of this information, we have to be grateful to those who knew him and his family long ago- Ian Honey, Jack and Peter Rowe, Bill and Cyril Spry and others, some of whom were at school here in Port Isaac, in the Old School. It seems that Bernard had a difficult time at school because he was a boy with a very bad stammer, and he was teased about this - today, in our 'pc' world we would regard this as bullying. Anyway when Bernard left school at 14 years of age, the Headmaster of the day seemed to think this was right because he "couldn't do any more with Bernard". By then, Bernard, in common with Bill Spry and, no doubt others, had begun to go fishing. He worked as a lad with Frank Rowe in the "Annie" earning what was then a princely sum of 30 shillings a week. One week Skipper Rowe decided they would "go for it" so he and Bernard worked lobster pots in the morning, fished for mackerel in the afternoons and went trawling all night. They caught plenty; Bernard had never seen so many fish and worried they would sink under such a load. By the end of a week of this they had earned £9 - a huge amount in those days - but they never did it again!

By the time he left school, Bernard had become a proficient swimmer- indeed there's a local man who owes his life to Bernard. At the time, about 1934, local children used to paddle at very low water on Spring tide in a pool which occurred outside the Western breakwater. On this particular day Bernard saw this boy in trouble in the pool; he could not climb out as the sand was soft and gave way under his feet. Bernard rushed down and grabbed the boy and pulled him out. Apparently he never told his parents! Still on swimming, many years later, Bernard was fishing alone in "The Flying Will" down near Pine Awn when he fell overboard. Luckily, the motor was out of gear, so the boat remained still and Bernard was able to swim back and haul himself aboard - no mean feat, as anyone who knows will affirm. He was lucky!

After school, Bernard fished in Harry Bedford's boat, the ALB, and then he left Port Isaac and went yachting, as did many local men who joined as professional crew on the racing yachts and pleasure craft of the rich, and in some cases, the famous. Bernard must have done well and learned a great deal. Thanks to the efforts of Ian Honey's father, himself a certificated Master Mariner, Bernard had lost his stammer and gained promotion, and after his war service in the RNVR and the Royal navy he went back to yachting, but by this time he was a skipper himself. He won many races at Cowes and other famous regattas, skippering yachts such as the "Thanet." Apparently, in 1953, the year of our Queen's coronation, Bernard skippered the "Thanet" to top position at Cowes Regatta, beating the Duke of Edinburgh into second place.

From yachts he went on to bigger boats, particularly the sand boats that sucked up sand and gravel and carried it in and out of such ports as London, Dover, Portsmouth, Southampton and Plymouth. And it was on one of these visits ashore at Southampton that a lucky turn of fate occurred. Bernard and his chief engineer, Bill Spry, went to a pub for a drink and who should be there? Lou, of course! She had gone there for the beer and to stay with some friends of hers from Gibraltar, who were running the pub. Naturally she was helping out and served Bernard with a pint. We all know where they dined - and ever after Bernard would tease Lou by saying she must have put something in the beer!

They were to be married on Christmas Eve 1959 in Worthing, Sussex, not far from where they lived for many years in Shoreham - and that was 48 years ago.

As a skipper, Bernard was well regarded - Bill says he was "a good skipper," and in his company used to send him as a trusted seaman whenever a new boat was to be sea-trialled. Appledore shipyard in North Devon was where many of the



company's boats were built and it was always Bernard who would be sent to put a new boat through its paces. If Bernard was happy then boat was okay and owners and builders alike respected his judgement.

Then came the time to retire, back here to Middle Street, in Port Isaac. But not to retire completely, because by then Bernard had his new boat - the "Modesty". For many years he fished happily in her. Always an early riser, he would take her out of the harbour shortly after day-break, always along the same route (I'll swear his boat ran on rails!) to catch mackerel, go potting and later in the day to take visitors on fishing trips. Later on, when he had sold the "Modesty" he still went fishing, usually with Bill Spry in "The Flying Will". Bernard in the stern in charge of the engine, Bill at the bow, and, ever the skipper Bernard telling Bill how to do this and not to do that. They made a fine pair, with a combined age of 150 - two great and life-long friends.

Such a long and colourful life. Bernard was proud to have been in various film roles! As a boy he could be seen running down Fore Street in a film called "The Harbour Light" - starring Binnie Hale and Claude Hulbert - long before his final triumphant walk down Middle Street in Doc Martin! Plus there were other appearances in films such as "Amy Foster" with Mark Townsend, Bill and Jack Spry, and "Saving Grace."

To the end Bernard kept making fishing lines for mackerel, using his knowledge of knots and splices to make bell pulls, decorations for shields and so on - he could still turn out Monkey's Fists, Matthew Walkers and Turk's Heads.

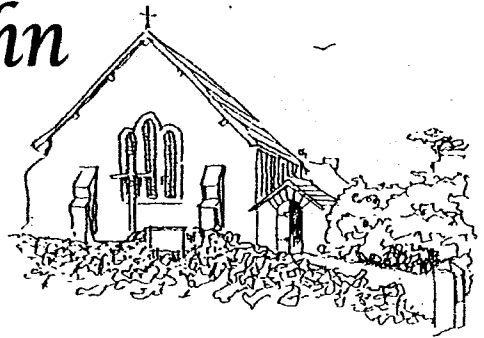
A loyal friend of many, a man with a twinkle in his eye who could tell outlandish tales with the straightest face - not a man to play poker with! A man who will be much missed, a son of Port Isaac and a proud Cornishman.

# a message from Father John

September is here, and with it (on the 29<sup>th</sup>) the Feast of St Michael and all Angels. When I was at school and college this was always called the Michaelmas term, which is because Michaelmas was of far greater importance in former times than it is now. In England of earlier days Michaelmas was a time of goose fairs, other celebrations, and also - it was a Quarter Day. When I was a country Vicar in Northumberland many shepherds still remembered that if their parents were going to change their employment (and move round the other side of the Cheviot!), or pay their rent, or move house - all these things happened at Michaelmas. And another way in which the archangel Michael lingered in our country's folklore was in the song I used to sing as a boy scout: "Michael row the boat ashore", which reflected the belief that it was Michael who would row us to the shores of heaven when we die.

All this speaks of the changes in our lives, and rites of passage. And I wonder if September could therefore be a time of reflection about our own hopes for the next Quarter: Where do I want to be? What sort of a person do I want to be? If Lent is a season of penitence perhaps September could be a time for creating new opportunity... For myself, I always value this kind of impetus to look ahead and greet the future creatively - not just let it happen to me!

John



## Church Diary Dates

**Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Harvest Festival, St Peter's Church, Port Isaac  
9.45am - Sung Eucharist  
4.00pm - Church & Cake Informal Family Service  
6.00pm - Songs of Praise, Supper & Auction

**Thursday September 11<sup>th</sup>**  
7.30pm - Quiz Night St Endellion Church Hall  
Tickets £5.00 to include supper from Pam Richards

**Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>**  
7.00pm - Evening Worship with Taize Music, St Endellion Church

**Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup>**  
11.00am - Bible Study re-starts at St Minver Vicarage - All Welcome  
7.00pm - Local Pastoral Ministers, St Endellion Church

**Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup>**  
St Kew Church Harvest Festival  
9.30am - Sung Eucharist  
5.00pm - Parish Party Informal Worship  
6.00pm - Songs of Praise

**Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
1.30pm - Four Parishes Golf Competition, St Enodoc Teams needed; contact Janet Townsend 880505 or Mike Maberly 880196

**Sunday September 28<sup>th</sup>**  
St Endellion Church Harvest Festival  
11.00am - Sung Eucharist  
6.00pm - Songs of Praise

**Wednesday October 1<sup>st</sup>**  
7.30pm - Healing Service, St Endellion Church

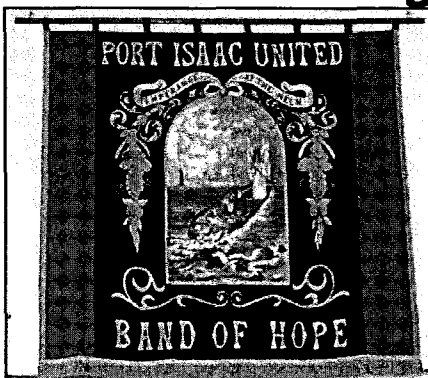
**Do you, or someone you know, need a listening ear?**

The Local Pastoral Ministers of St Endellion, Port Isaac and St Kew are available to visit the sick, the bereaved, the lonely and newcomers  
Tel Judith Pollinger on  
01208 880181

Mrs Lourdes Baker (Lou to everyone in Port Isaac) would like to express her deep appreciation and gratitude to the many family members, neighbours and friends who attended Bernard's cremation and funeral, and to thank the numerous people who have written or sent cards of sympathy.

Thanks are also due to the staff of Polgooth Ward, Treliske where Bernard passed away peacefully on August 14<sup>th</sup>, and special thanks to Rev Judith Pollinger for her support, kindness and help with all the arrangements

## Banner Day



On Wednesday October 15<sup>th</sup>, in the Village Hall, we start to restore the second Temperance banner, 10.00am - 4.00pm.

We are grateful, once again, to Sue Rescorla, our professional adviser, offering her help and guidance through this next project. Anyone interested in helping is very welcome.

Annie Philp

Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new!

## 90<sup>th</sup> birthday thanks

On behalf of my Mum I would like to thank everyone who telephoned, sent cards, flowers and fruit for her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Special thanks to Bonnie, Rick, Jake, Dillon and all the staff at the Old School Restaurant for the fantastic food and atmosphere.

Eileen, Pisky Shop

## Christmas Shopping trip to Tavistock

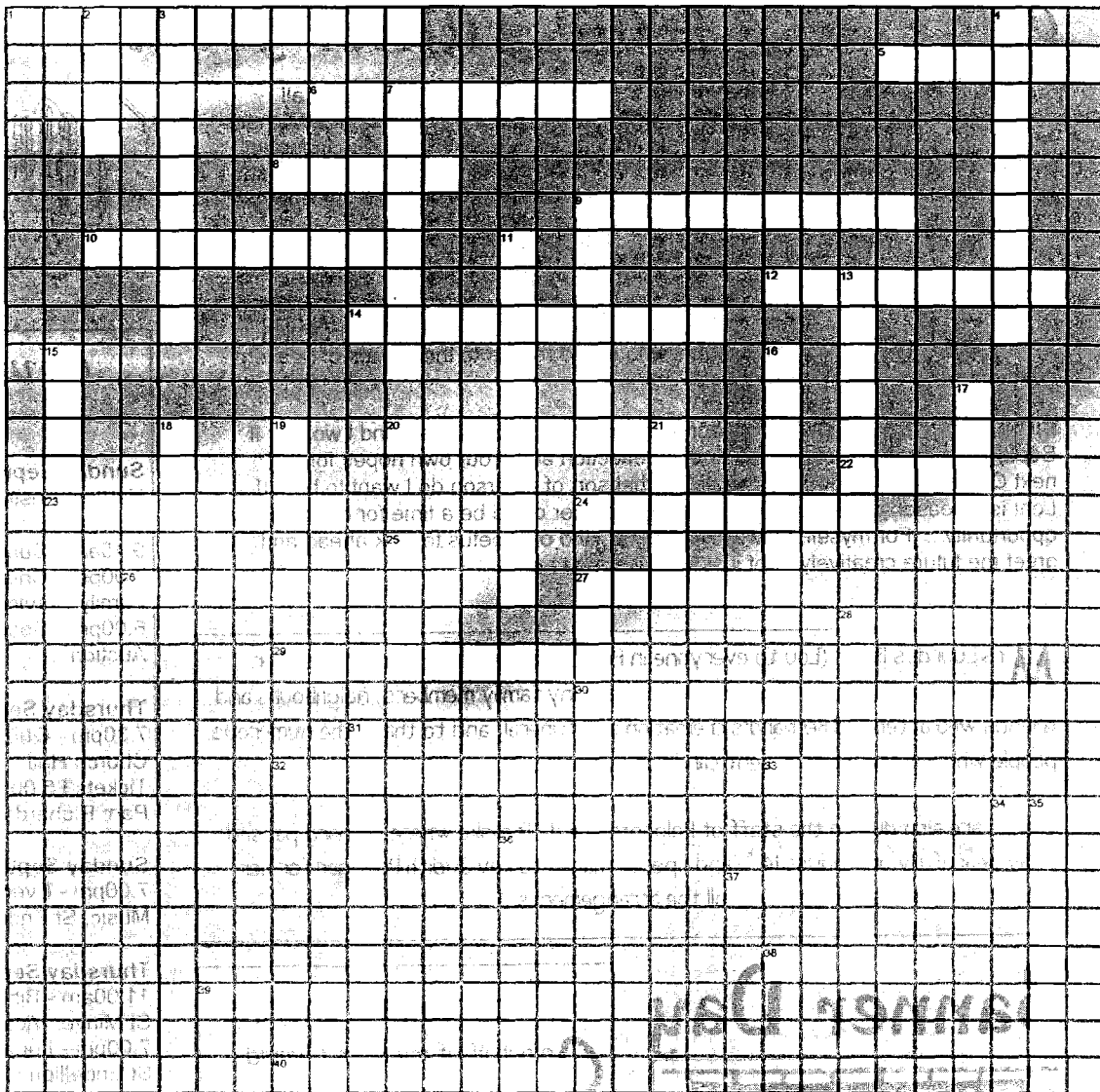
This year's Trio Christmas Shopping Trip is going to be a joint venture with the Golden Circle. By popular request we are going to the market town of Tavistock.

The date set is Tuesday November 26<sup>th</sup>

Put the date in your diary now. Full details and booking form in next month's Trio.

# The second Port Isaac Crossword

A bit of a problem with last month's crossword - the gremlin's got into the system and redesigned Alan Davies' blank crossword making it impossible for anyone to complete. In addition, only a dyslexic would have got 36 across right but I'm not going to tell you why. Instead, the blank for this month will also fit with last month's clues. And to make up for any time you wasted trying to get it right, Alan is going to give a bottle of wine to the first correct entry picked out of a hat for both last month and this one. If you want to enter twice you will need to photocopy the blank crossword first. Entries in to *Secrets* or by post to *Trio*, Calenia, 3 Trewetha Lane, Port Isaac, Cornwall PL29 3RN by September 25<sup>th</sup> please. Good luck!



## ACROSS

1. Pub overlooking Trebarwith Strand (4,7)
5. Former name of Fish Cellar on The Platt (6)
6. Valuable catch (8)
8. This house was site of early bus station (5)
9. aka Port Wenn (4,5)
10. He skippered Eeyore's friend. (4,5)
12. This row houses The Liberal Club (8)
14. Early name for Padstow (10)
20. Janet is in tune (8)
22. Astonished (4)
23. Type of ship that used to call at Port Isaac (8)
24. Farm at Trewetha (8)
26. These fish disappeared in the 1920s (9)
27. Nick name of taxi-man (6)
28. Local lady singers group (4,3)
29. Fishermen's friends sing of him (9)
30. Christian names of the Guy who once ran Port Isaac (7,7)
32. Martin Clunes appeared in this film (6,5)
33. This child's pictures are not childish (5)
34. Shuggies --- (Alleyway opposite The Golden Lion) (3)
36. Persons who man a boat (4)
37. Not sensible (9)

38. Cloam (4)
  39. Retired physician (6,5)
  40. Surname of sailor saved by being tied to an oar (8)
- DOWN
2. They save lives at sea (4)
  3. Café at the top of the Hill (9)
  4. Judith may give you hers (9)
  7. Older than Rainbows, younger than Guides (8)
  9. The North West one is opening again (7)
  11. Fish Cellar demolished in 1877 on site of Old School (4,6)

13. Alias Chris Lanyon (4,3)
15. Crewman who steers (8)
16. Wave said to be bigger than the rest (7)
17. Golfers with snout in the trough (4)
18. This butcher made his Mark (6)
19. Sharp's brew it (3)
21. Swerve or avoid (5)
25. Jim's Paradise garden (4)
27. Very large sea creature (3,5)
28. Cornish touring performers (4,2,4)
31. Signals end of radio transmission (4,3,3)
35. 1970s TV series filmed around Port Isaac (7)

## To compost or not to compost!

The average UK household produces over a ton of rubbish in a year. This means that, on average, each person in the UK throws away their own body weight in rubbish every seven weeks. Yet up to 60% of what we put in our dustbins could be recycled or composted. We all know about our brilliant kerbside recycling collection but composting is usually a bit of a trial and error exercise. Yet composting is the a good way to recycle lots of kitchen scraps, plus the resulting compost is good for the garden.

### Good to compost –

Vegetable peelings, Fruit peel and cores, Used Tea bags, Coffee grounds (including the filter papers), Flowers, Crushed egg shells, Cardboard egg boxes, Paper, Lint from the tumble drier

### DO NOT compost –

Meat, Bones, Fish, Dairy products, Cooked vegetables, Fatty food, Walnut shells



# Leadville Cleave

## 1923-2008

'My Dad'

Leadville is a small prospecting town, high in the Rockies in Colorado, and in the middle of Leadville is a plaque telling of the town's foundation, in the late 1800s, by Cornish miners.

In the 1880s, Dad's granfer Jonathan, sailed to America with his brother to seek his fortune. They made their way across the continent, mostly penniless and hungry, and eventually reached Leadville, where they set to work in a silver mine. There was to be no great fortune for the brothers, so after a year or so when they had put enough away to finish buying the family farm at St Merryn, and for a return passage, they came back to Cornwall.

Now come forward 40 years to 1923, to Porthilly. Jonathan's daughter Blanche became Mrs Norman Cleave, and they became the proud parents of a baby boy, born inside the room with the little churchy window in Little Porthilly Farm, at the bottom of Porthilly Lane. It was the same room in which Blanche herself had been born. He was to be their only child. They called the boy, at Jonathan's request, Leadville. Not Neville, Granville, Glanville, Grenville or Levill. Leadville, as in the town.

Dad spoke very fondly of his childhood in Porthilly and Rock. But this was not the Rock of millionaires and helpads and yachts, of Hugos and Piers and Arabellas, this was a Rock of small farmers and fishermen and labourers, of Jacks and Bills and Bobs, and Leadvilles hobnail booting around God's vast playstation, the dunes and the beaches and the estuary. With his familiar twinkly eye, Dad often told of days rabbiting around Gassick Hill, next to what is now the golf course. He and Dave Dingle and Vic Spry were going to make their fortune, rabbit pie millionaires, armed up with Dave's father's ferret, and dad with his father's 12 bore. They sent the ferret down one end of a burrow, only for dad to blow it to smithereens as it emerged, apparently rabbit like, at the other end.

Another time, granfer Jonathan told the 12 year old Leadville to take out the breakdown truck from what is now the Clock Garage. 'He've drove his car into the ditch again, my darlets,' said Jonathan. 'Go down and pull'n out for granfer, will'ee?' Dad obliged. Sitting on three cushions to see over the dashboard of the heavy old truck, he drove to the abandoned car and hooked it up, and began to winch it out of the ditch, just as the local constable cycled down the lane. Dad leapt over the hedge and ran away off over the dunes. The constable reported the matter to granfer Jonathan. 'Why that little devil, I've told 'ee about that before. He's only 12 you know,' said Jonathan self-righteously. 'You leave it with me constable, I'll see he don't do it again!' And that was enough. An age long passed, an altogether gentler age – unless of course you happened to be a ferret.

The Clock Garage was the first of the family's garages, and Dad, like many boys of his time was fascinated with cars. He always said that his favourite toy was the circular lid of an old biscuit tin, and he used it for a pretend steering wheel, running over the dunes and beaches like he was in a sports car. And Dad was fast like a sports car. At school, never much for learning, he absolutely excelled at sport, his exceptional speed evident from an early age. Firstly at Miss Mably's school, then at Tredrizzick school (which he jokingly referred to as Tredrizzick academy), and then at Lansdown school in Wadebridge. Dad was so successful at sport that the teachers actually banned him from taking part, just to give the others a chance. He was a fast bowler at cricket, won trophies for tennis and sprinting, but most of all his love was for football.

On leaving school, Dad went to work in the family business, and trained to be an engineer. When he was 16, war broke out, and everything changed. To start with it was not so bad. With his father, Pap Cleave, platoon captain, Dad joined the Rock home guard, a sort of Private Pike to Pap's Captain Mainwaring. When he came of age, he joined up; eager to serve his country, for Dad was intensely patriotic. He went into the navy as an engineer, and was firstly involved at Chatham, preparing landing craft for the D-day landings. Then he was sent, via the Suez Canal, to Bombay. Undoubtedly, as for many of his generation, this was not a happy time for him. He was terribly homesick, and he contracted malaria. I remember moaning to Dad once about having to work on teaching practice on my 21st birthday. He gave me a wry look. 'I was in Bombay hospital with malaria.' It was all he needed to say.



Port Isaac FC Junior Cup Winners, 1947: Leadville is kneeling on the end of the front row. Can you recognise any other faces?

Dad did have one bright occurrence when he was out there. Quite by chance he bumped into Jan Chanel, a very dear childhood friend, and together they were taken to the Imperial Hotel for dinner by Jan's dad, himself a senior naval officer. Sadly, Jan also died earlier this year.

At the end of 1945, Dad was happily demobbed and returned to Rock, all skin and bone, and to the family business. He was 22, and there was football to be played.

Dad was left footed, and played as an old fashioned winger. He turned out for Port Isaac, with Bill Spry, Jack Couch, Fred Bunt, Harold Donnithorne, Ray Stone, Harold Brown, Sky Wherry, Colin Gifford, Jim Brown and all. They won the Cornwall Junior Cup. Dad always laughed about the after match celebrations, when Bill Spry held his little trophy aloft and crushed it like a paper cup. Bill tells me he's still got it at home now.

From there Dad went to play for Wadebridge, part of the team that won the Charity Cup. His performances were so notable that he was offered professional trials – he declined them because of the family business. The Cornwall side of the time, picked by the St Austell committee, consisted of 11 St Austell players. Dad was so outstanding that they had to include him in that team as well, the only outsider.

But Dad had already won his greatest trophy, playing for Port Isaac. When Maureen Strout had said to Mum that she had to come up to the football, because there was this handsome fella from Rock playing, she went along, and the rest, as they say, is history. They were married in 1951 at St Minver church. Dad was still working in the family business, now on the Platt in Wadebridge, and Mum as buyer and window dresser in Chapman's drapers, where Woolacotts now is in Molesworth Street. They moved between houses in Rock and Wadebridge, finally settling in a bungalow at the top of Gonvena Hill,

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**W**e have been very touched by all the goodwill and kind messages of support; from relatives and lifelong friends, to those who have moved to the village more recently, thank you. You have made our difficult time so much easier to bear.

*Yvonne Cleave and family*

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opposite to where Dad had played at Eodieve Park.

In 1959, I was born, and named after Jonathan who had travelled to Leadville all those years before. Like Dad, I was an only child. He was a fantastic Dad, kind, gentle and measured. He tried to teach me football. We had a kick about everyday. Instep, outside of the boot, chip the ball, pass along the floor.... never mind. He tried to teach me football. The little leisure time he had was taken by golf on Sunday mornings. He became club champion at St Enodoc in 1966. But years of working in my grandfather's shadow had to come to an end, and in 1973 Mum and Dad made their change, sold the business and house and much to Mum's delight our happy little family moved to Port Isaac to live.

Dad had retired at 50, and he and Mum began to enjoy a social freedom that they had never had in Wadebridge. Mum was re united with lifelong friends, like Edith with whom she had grown up, and Lil and Eileen, and together they made many new ones. At one time Dad had the social calendar of a debutante. Mondays – pool. Tuesdays – snooker. Wednesdays – billiards, his favourite, with Mark Prout, Jack Spry, Dick Brown and Bill Oliver. Thursdays – in, to practice for darts. Friday with Bob Irons, Bernard Gladwin, Graham Woods, Joe Knight and others. With Mum in the Ladies Singers and social group, they experienced some of the happiest days of their life. Mum always recalls being woken up by Dad on a Friday night, sitting on the edge of the bed laughing hysterically. Bob had said to him, celebrating after they'd won at darts, 'Lev, I shall be glad when I've had enough!'

I moved away in 1977, and Mum and Dad were left a couple again, perfectly happy in each other's company. Dad took to building walls – he loved stone-work. When he thought he had finished, and tried to put his feet up and have a cup of tea, Mum would chivvy him along. 'Come on, up you get. You're only ever as good as your last wall.' He did hospital car driving, taking people from the village to the various hospitals of the area, and greatly enjoyed doing his bit, and the company

## How smart are you? The Answer!

The correct answer is that in all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word!

of those he took. Mum and Dad travelled abroad, for Dad the first time since Bombay. With their great friends Ian and Noreen, and Mum's sister Ann and her husband Archie, they visited much of Europe.

Caroline and I were married in 1982, and Dad had got the daughter that he'd never had. Mum and Dad supported us through our early married years, and we used to look forward immensely to our trips home to see them. In 1989, his first grandson Jacob was born, and we moved back to Port Isaac to live. Dad was a very proud granfer, and when George, then Theo, was born, he could scarcely believe his luck. He often collected them from school, and helped Mum care for them whilst we were at work, and has been a permanent fixture in the boy's life, and they will sadly miss him.

In 2001, Mum and Dad and the rest of us proudly celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, with a short service at St Minver where they'd been married. Dad's health deteriorated in later years. Football had taken its toll – he had to have new knees. He went private for one, and had the other on the NHS. Mum called it, buy one, get one free. He seemed a little diminished by the second operation, and although he managed to keep the twinkle in his eye, he couldn't do without his stick. A series of small strokes slowed him more, Dad kept increasingly to the house. Earlier this year, we almost lost him to a bout of pneumonia, but he rallied, and spent his last few months at home, not a day in bed sick, nursed by the lady he loved, my lovely, loving, incredibly energetic mum.

Dad died peacefully in his own bed on Tuesday August 19th, aged 85. No fuss, no trouble, no struggling, he quietly stopped breathing and went off to sleep. And when anyone of a certain age around here asks me who I am, I tell them I'm Leadville's boy, and they say to me, 'Remember me to your father, boy. Best winger I ever seen, and do you know, he never, ever got his shorts dirty.' And a penny to a pound, not many of them have heard of Leadville, Colorado, USA. You see here, I'm proud and privileged to say, Leadville is Leadville Cleave. My Dad.

*Jon Cleave*

## Websites of the month

The summer season is nearly over, and what lovely weather we have had! Last month I wrote about some of the reasons for the odd weather pattern. Apparently it is caused by the jetstream being unusually far south and it is not looking like we will have much improvement.

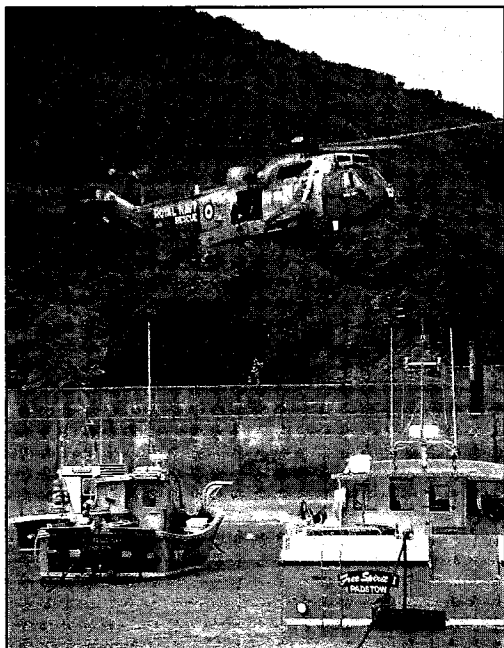
However, if you still want to be doing things in the holiday spirit, the web offers a lot of useful information. Take the tides. If you want to go swimming or surfing it is useful to know what the tide is doing. You can find all the tides on easytide – <http://easytide.ukho.gov.uk/> - which is run by the UK hydro-graphic office. You can search over 6000 ports worldwide and by putting in a particular place you can get the local tide. For example, it gives you free tides for Port Isaac for the next six days and you can download a printable version if you want to. It has a good set of links, including one to the good beach guide <http://www.goodbeachguide.co.uk/> which has details of the water quality, the awards the beach has won, whether you can take dogs there and all sorts of other useful information. You can try out a demo of the software they use for predicting the tide (there is very loud music with it so turn your speakers down). This is really for sea-going folk but interesting to look at. You can read about the history of tide predicting machines too (<http://co-ops.nos.noaa.gov/predmach.html>). It turns out that the first one was developed in Britain in 1873 and used a complicated formula working with cogs and pulleys. Still it did the job.

And supposing there was a break in the clouds and you decided to look up to the sky at night. What is there available on the web to guide you? It is worth knowing what your position is so you can get a fix for the online planetarium. For Port Isaac it is Latitude = 50 degrees, 35.6 minutes North, Longitude = 4 degrees, 49.8 minutes West. One of the best online sites is <http://www.neave.com/planetarium/?lat=52&lon=0> which gives you links to all sorts of other views of the sky. Google earth has a new sky button for which there are instruction - <http://earth.google.com/sky/skyedu.html>. You can also see images from the Hubble space telescope, which are amazing. There is an astronomy society in Cornwall and their website is here <http://pages.eidosnet.co.uk/~sph/cas/main.html>. This has information on their activities and where you can observe.

More information on this or other topics for websites of the month contact [tonywainwright@hotmail.com](mailto:tonywainwright@hotmail.com)



# Record breaking Lifeboat Larks



*The amazing helicopter rescue display caught on camera by Janet Cook of Port Gaverne*

This time we were lucky with the weather (having had to cancel last years activities due to appalling conditions) and, although initially the tides were not in our favour, it turned out to be a fantastic day. The tides were ideal for our Lifeboat Crew and Coastguards to perform a highly impressive display of the work that they carry out whenever called to save lives. The water available within the breakwater also meant that the helicopter could perform a display of amazing technique and expertise, in carrying out a rescue of two personnel in the water - the best display ever been witnessed in Port Isaac. I just wish I had been aboard at the time!

Throughout the day, I witnessed an atmosphere of delight, happiness and excitement. There was food, drink and entertainment to delight the young and us older folk. BUT, without the help and support from all the volunteers who helped the very small fundraising committee with the setting up, the actual day and the clearing up after, this would not have been possible. Apart from the crew and the committee, over 42 people helped on the stalls, ran the children's games, took people out in the gig, organised canoeing and so much more. It is hard to put into words our appreciation for all you did to raise funds for such a vital charity. The RNLI needs every penny we can raise, and with all your hard work and support, we raised in excess of £4,500.00. Well done and thank you each and every one who was involved.

*Annie Price*



*Port Isaac Inshore Lifeboat Crew Members, from left to right, Nigel Sherratt, James Bolton and Matt Main pictured here with Aberdyfi RNLI Crew Member Ian Jewell.*

Annie has covered what proved to be a memorable Lifeboat Larks, which looks as if it will set a record and a high standard for us to aim for in the future. By the way, we have already booked next year's event for Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009, so make a note of this and if you would like to join our working team do give us a ring on either 01208 880386 or 80765 - you will be very welcome I assure you.

In addition to all who worked so hard to make the day a success, I should also like to thank Ian Jewel for making such an effort to Kayak 250 miles against head winds and rough seas for the major part of his passage in order to reach Port Isaac in time to feature as one of the highlights of our Lifeboat Larks, before continuing on his passage to Bude the next day.

Also thanks to Jamie Miller for his informative commentary and ground to air link with pilot and helicopter crew of 771 Squadron, thereby ensuring such a stunning flying display for all to enjoy. Thanks also to Byron Buse and Phil Tidey for donating the days record car parking takings to the RNLI.

*Ian Jewell, an active crew member with the Aberdyfi RNLI forsook the trusty lifeboat and outboard engines for a kayak and a set of paddles on a fund-raising trip around the Cornish coast. He expertly timed his stop in Port Isaac to coincide with Lifeboat Larks and his arrival was one of the highlights of the day.*

Our next RNLI event will be the Harvest Festival evening Auction at The Slipway Hotel on Friday October 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 7pm. A chance to enjoy a light hearted evening with our Auctioneer Extraordinaire, Jon Cleave, and bid for a bargain or two.

*Bob B, Chairman*

*28 year old Ian is an instructor at the Outward Bound centre in Aberdyfi and has been kayaking most of his life. He decided to do this expedition as a tribute to his late Grandfather who passed away earlier this year and as a way of raising funds for the RNLI station at Aberdyfi. His journey started in Plymouth and ended in Bude and as well as taking a break here he also stopped in Penzance for a family remembrance service for his Grandfather.*

## FOR SALE

Complete set of Encyclopedia Britannica, 45 volumes. Excellent condition. All reasonable offers considered. No longer needed, got married last month. Wife knows everything.

## Some memorable comments made by NBC sports commentators during the Olympics:

- Paul Hamm, Gymnast: 'I owe a lot to my parents, especially my mother and father.'
- Boxing Analyst: 'Sure there have been injuries, and even some deaths in boxing, but none of them really that serious.'
- Softball announcer: 'If history repeats itself, I should think we can expect the same thing again.'
- Basketball analyst: 'He dribbles a lot and the opposition doesn't like it. In fact you can see it all over their faces.'
- At the rowing medal ceremony: 'Ah, isn't that nice, the wife of the IOC president is hugging the cox of the British crew.'
- Soccer commentator: 'Julian Dicks is everywhere. It's like they've got eleven Dicks on the field.'

Log on to **www.port-gaverne.com** and take a look at the website for Port Gaverne

## "a policy of non-cooperation"

**D**ear Trio  
I have been told that Buffalo Films intend to make yet another series of Doc Martin, starting to film in April 2009 and continuing through to August – over half of the summer season. It will, I assume, be shown on TV in 2010-11 with repeats in 2012-13, with visitors continuing to flood in during 2014-15. Another seven years of this disaster which has hit the village over the past three years. It does not take much effort to realise the calamitous effect that the last series has had on a large number of folk living at the bottom of the village, which is now starting to affect the whole village from Port Gaverne to Hillson Close.

The whole area has become jammed solid, day after day, week after week, month after month, from 11.00am to 4.00pm, with cars and pedestrians, visitors most who have one thing in mind – to visit the holy shrine of Doc Martin, the surgery. They do penance by climbing up Roscarrock Hill to have their photos taken outside the holy of holies before doing the other lesser shrines of the School House, the head-mistress's house, the police station, the chemists, the restaurant and the pub, all of which have been blessed by that rather ugly, bad tempered, imaginary GP, in the telling of his stories.

A few local people have made money out of the programme – good luck to them. But to a large number, the after effects are one long nightmare. A few have presumably received a boost to their egos by seeing themselves as big star extras. This whole disaster was foreseen by a small number of us who had witnessed similar catastrophes in other places. The question now is, can we stop the damage caused, or being caused, or at least lessen the effects? Can we stop the children's playing field being turned into a car park? Can we stop the roads being turned into ever narrowing gaps between parked cars? Will ambulances and fire engines be able to ever again get down to the bottom?

The answer is no. But we can reduce the effects by stopping Buffalo Films making this new series in Port Isaac. How? We cannot forbid them or refuse them entry to the village. We cannot stop them filming in the village. Or can we? With a policy of non-cooperation they would be unable to operate without any of us breaking the law. Firstly, it is only fair that Buffalo Films are advised of our intentions at the earliest possible moment, giving them time to make alternative arrangements. If they still insist on coming back then the following actions can be taken. Local villagers, car drivers, pedestrians, who so wish, can refuse to be held up by their 'traffic blockers' during filming. Villagers, builders, plumbers, fishermen, can refuse to keep quiet during filming and can continue to use lawn mowers, saws, angle grinders, hammers, boat engines, cars, lawnmowers etc. Any film vehicle that parks in a restricted zone, or is causing an obstruction or danger for longer than ten minutes (loading/unloading time) can be reported to the police immediately. Any alteration to or covering of street signs can be reported to the police immediately. Any alteration to either listed or unlisted buildings, however temporary, can be reported to the authorities. Any pedestrian who wishes to walk on the public footpath cannot be stopped by anyone without authority. Horns can be sounded as warning to other road users when the driver deems it necessary. Any unauthorised entry to someone's property can be reported to the police immediately. People can display window notices saying "Go Home Doc Martin" or something of a similar vein. It is a great pity that we cannot be forced to take these actions but I can foresee no other partial or complete cure for this horrific problem that Buffalo Films have created for so many people in Port Isaac. We did not cause the problem but we must have a good try at rectifying it before other film companies get ideas.

Bob Monk,  
Port Isaac

## a visitor's point of view

**D**ear Trio  
I write to you in response to the headline article in the *Cornish Guardian* dated 13<sup>th</sup> August "Ban Doc Martin from 'Port Wenn' say villagers."

As a regular visitor to Port Isaac over many years I have observed a change, as I am sure many local residents have, from a tranquil fishing village with local services such as general store, butchers, baker and green grocers etc which met the needs of the local community living within Port Isaac, to a community that has become more dependent on tourism for its survival.

On reading your headline article it would be easy to conclude that this change is solely a result of *Doc Martin* being filmed in Port Isaac. However I would suggest that it maybe a causal factor, but not the causal factor. I suggest the Southwest has become more accessible for tourism due to transport infrastructure improvements, which makes it a more attractive holiday destination than perhaps it was some twenty plus years ago.

I have observed the parking problems within Port Isaac and in particular New Road and traffic attempting to access the Old Port Isaac itself. I would agree there is an issue, which requires a resolution, but I would question that banning the filming is not the answer. My observation of the changes that have taken place over the last twenty plus years is that Port Isaac's economic survival is dependent on welcoming tourism and anything that enhances tourism, such as the filming of *Doc Martin* should be accommodated.

Clearly there is a problem with the volume of two way traffic through Old Port Isaac. It is a major issue, particularly for local traders and fishermen whose livelihoods depend on unhindered access as do all emergency services and in particular there is the Lifeboat Station situated in the harbour area.

I have been aware in recent months of a proposal for Parish Council land adjacent to the playing field could be used as additional off road parking to accommodate increased number of visitors.

I trust the meeting with "all relevant bodies" on Tuesday August 19<sup>th</sup> to "find some satisfactory solutions" will address the concerns raised at the meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August 08, that due consideration is given to all proposals, that the collective decision of the Parish Council is not railroaded by those with vested interests to the detriment of the economic interests of the local community. I would suggest that an increase in off road parking is vital for Port Isaac to remain a village community that is loved by residents and visitors alike.

B J Cooper, Sussex

more of your letters  
on page 18

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# Letters to Trio

## "let the parish vote!"

Dear Trio

I agree with Ray McCrohon's letter regarding a Parish Residents vote on whether Port Isaac should allow more filming of Doc Martin. This would be fair to everyone not just those with the loudest voices.

Whatever the cause it is obvious that the parking situation in Port Isaac is now becoming very dangerous and before long someone may lose their life. The number of visitors has increased and the parking has certainly got worse since the Doc Martin TV series. In fact, after trading in Port Isaac for some 17 years we have had to resort to employing a Wheel Clamping System to stop inconsiderate parking on Central Garage Forecourt. It had become so bad that one Sunday while fetching some papers from the office I found that a car had parked so close to the office door that the only means of exit would have been to climb over the bonnet. Being a well endowed lady of a certain age this was not an option.

Many visitors seem to leave their consideration and manners at home. Most are not interested in the beautiful scenery or charming old buildings but only where Doc Martin lives or if they are in Port Wenn!

Obviously an extra car park and perhaps a Park and Ride scheme would help but either yellow lines or restricted time parking is also needed as Polite Notices do not seem to have any effect. This however is useless unless enforced (perhaps by clamping or fines). It would be a great shame if the small villages of Cornwall are allowed to be spoilt by overcrowding and over commercialisation.

Anita Roskilly  
Central Garage, Port Isaac

## "majority not against filming"

Dear Trio

With reference to Raymond McCrohon's letter in last month's *Trio*, the majority of us are not against filming in Port Isaac and I am sure some local businesses appreciate the extra business it generates. The problem lies with the lack of parking facilities provided for the influx of visitors.

Buffalo Films were not ungenerous in their contributions to the Parish Council but unfortunately this money has not been used to alleviate the disruption to residents. Car parking by visitors at the top of the village has been a nightmare this summer; blocking residents' drives and, on occasions, preventing ambulances from gaining access to elderly patients. Maybe because some of our Parish Councillors live outside the village and are not affected personally this matter has not been high on their list of priorities.

Instead of wasting yet MORE money on extending the already adequate and rarely used sportsground, would it not be wise to providing extra car parking AS A MATTER OF URGENCY or, at the very least, taking up the Park and Ride option already suggested?

I assume the footpath to Trewetha promised to dog owners by the Chairman at a previous meeting has already been forgotten.

It would be so nice if our Parish Council considered ALL local residents when deciding on how to spend our money.

Jan Green, Port Isaac

## Robin's Jazz Night

Dear Trio

I would like to say a belated thank you to Robin Penna for arranging the Jazz Night in the Village Hall. What a great night. The evening was well attended and enjoyed by all and I heard several people asking "when is the next one?" Well done Robin. I know it was a big worry but it was more than worth it in the end. Many thanks.

Ian Fuller

## "exhaust fumes and the smell of burning clutches"

Dear Trio

I have very mixed feelings about the Doc Martin issue. Personally, I have had several bed and breakfast bookings from people who want to see where the programme was made. The downside is the increase in the amount of traffic in the lower part of the village and the dangerous parking on the top road leading out. Plus more people means more rubbish – so we either provide more bins or have the ones we have emptied more often. To stop the filming now probably won't make any difference – the repeats will be shown for a few more years yet.

I am working in *Charmed* and there is an unbelievable amount of traffic travelling up and down Fore Street every day. Exhaust fumes and the smell of burning clutches fill the shop every day. Illegally parked cars from below *Charmed* way back to past the Post Office certainly don't help the situation (many of these cars are owned by locals). The parked cars make passing impossible. Visitors ask the same questions daily: 'Why don't you ban cars in lower part of village?'; 'Is there another way out? I don't want to drive back up this road from the beach'; 'Can't they make it one-way?'

It is not pleasant to drive or walk through the village. Most visitors would not attempt to drive down to the bottom of the village if they were made aware of a) the narrowness of the road and b) that the traffic was two way. Better signage is definitely needed.

My suggestion would be to use as a car park the field the Parish Council bought for the village. Revenue from parking could be used to benefit the village. Some sort of park and ride could be operated for people who don't want to walk – dropping off and picking up by *Secrets*.

Also, I feel very sorry for the people who queue to get into the main car park and then walk along the cliff path. It really is in a shocking state – giant puddles and lots of mud. I did write to the Parish Council about this but haven't had a reply. Perhaps this is the solution – make the village so unappealing that no-one will return!

The majority of people living here rely, or have relied, on tourism in some shape or form. We should make visitors welcome and provide adequate parking facilities.

Jill McDonnell  
Port Isaac

## "Not a single business in this village would survive without tourism"

Dear Trio

I am sure it's never will upset one or two people but I believe a few things need to be said. Doc Martin - good or bad for the village? This appears to be the only topic of conversation at the moment. I cannot understand what planet the objectors are living on but it certainly is not planet earth. The whole country is experiencing the worst financial situation for many years and obviously, I would have thought, tourism is suffering as a consequence. Strange isn't it that Port Isaac appears to be one of the most popular tourist villages in Cornwall with tourists flocking in struggling to find a parking space? Could this, possibly, be due to the worldwide free publicity we get from the Doc Martin TV series?

To put the situation in some sort of perspective we had family staying with us over the Bank Holiday weekend and to keep them amused we became tourists and visited some of the other villages around Cornwall. We popped into Tintagel, straight into a parking space, and wandered through the uncrowded streets, visited quiet shops and didn't even need to queue for a pasty. We found the same situation at Boscastle, Polperro and Fowey. We even parked right outside Rick Stein's fish and chip shop in Padstow. Talking to shop owners and staff on route I soon discovered that they have not had a good season and when I mentioned I was from Port Isaac they all, without exception, said how lucky we were to have Doc Martin filmed here and how amazing that free publicity must be for trade. When I told them that some of the locals would like to see it stopped they said we must be mad and they would gladly welcome them with open arms.

There is not a single business in Port Isaac that could survive long term without tourism. Without tourists we would not have a Co-op and all eating and drinking establishments would close. This would lead to massive job losses which would force even more locals to leave the village for good. We all depend on tourists and instead of complaining about it we should be sorting out the most efficient way of handling them once they are here. I have lived in Port Isaac for 10 years, (I know some will say I have not lived here long enough to have an opinion), and every year everybody says we need to sort out a park and ride car park at the top of the village but it never happens. I call on our parish council to make this a priority and lets see a park and ride scheme up and running for next season. It can be done and it makes sense. To finish off don't forget when you moan about tourists that's exactly what you are when you go on holiday. I wonder if they moan as much about you.

Ian Fuller, Port Isaac

## "The national press have painted a picture of warring factions of locals"

Dear Trio

Another season has come and almost gone and again the age-old problem of traffic raises its ugly head. Why can't anything be done about the tourist traffic in the heart of the village and the idiotic parking at the top of the village and sometimes even on the outskirts of it? Let's face it, Port Isaac is getting busier for longer and the car parking, which was once adequate, is now woefully inadequate to cope with the influx of people for eight months of the year. Unless something is done, it won't be long before Hillson's, Mayfield, Silvershell and Hartland have to become gated communities just to be able to secure residents a parking space.

Then we come back to the car park next to the playing field. Why not let the Harbour Commissioners run it as they do the beach car park, thus relieving traffic in the village. Then put it a park and ride system to drop people off at Secrets corner and then take them back again. Also, why not put in 'stop and go' traffic lights (like the ones at Treworman Bridge) to allow residents, fishermen and workers access to the village, without the chaos that constantly ensues? Why not get the majority of deliveries made between 8 and 11 in the morning and make Port Isaac a much more pleasant place for people to come to? Let everybody look at the scenery instead of where the next car is coming from.

END

Before the bandwagon gets full to overflowing about filming, parking and everything else, let's not forget the other problem in Port Isaac - the weather. The weather can make or break a business and after having two summer seasons of inclement weather, next year it will be even more difficult to attract tourists to his beautiful part of the world because, let's face it, with the national press painting a picture of warring factions of locals fighting against film crews, would you want to holiday here?

Don't remember what you thought when you read about the 'snob jobs' in Rock. My thoughts were, "I wouldn't go there if my life depended on it!". So the old saying of "the publicity is good publicity" is a load of \_\_\_\_\_!

Chris Lanyon, Trelights

## "Enough Buffalo"

says a second homeowner

Dear Trio

Four filming-years on and I agree with the Trio letter and the *Telegraph* article in August: that Port Isaac has had enough of Doc Martin. The disruption in the valuable holiday season is wholesale and must put a fair proportion of holidaymakers off.

Normally a regular visitor myself, I make a point of keeping away during the lengthy filming schedule. I don't like being told to 'move away' or 'keep out of shot' and I don't like my regular vehicle access to the village being compromised by the omnipresent filming (I appreciate that Buffalo take care to be accommodating but it's hard for the whole film-making paraphernalia not to be intrusive).

I have witnessed enough times how the tiny band of programme-makers 'take over' the whole area they're using, and anyone coming to Port Isaac for a relaxing holiday might question returning after experiencing Port Isaac being turned into a film set.

I understand that next year Buffalo are talking about a filming period extending from May to August. Surely this is madness. Imagine the beginning of the holiday season, May and June, and the busiest months, July and August, with the picturesque village of Port Isaac being at the mercy of film crew, cameras, lighting equipment, location vehicles etc - all vying for prime space with the innocent put-upon holiday-makers! Imagine the total disruption. Is it really worth it?

So I say enough is enough, Buffalo! Find somewhere else to film, please. I hear Rock's nice ...

A Second homeowner  
Name & address supplied

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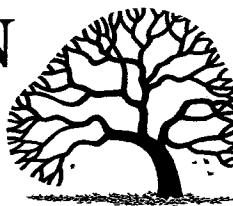
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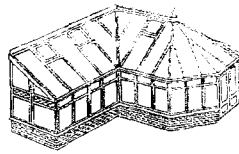
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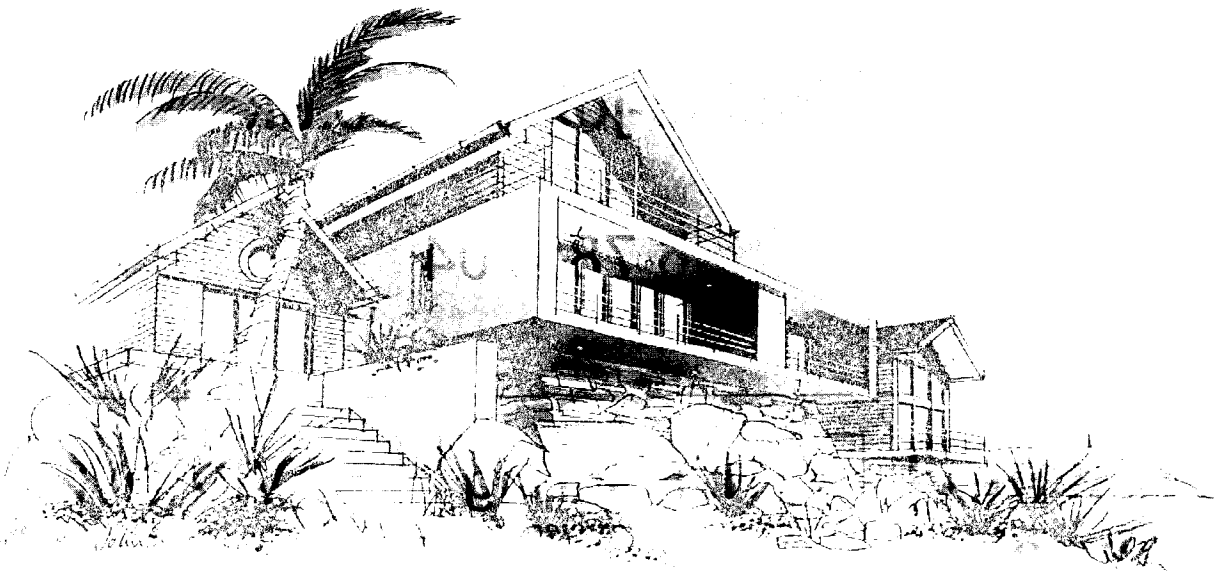
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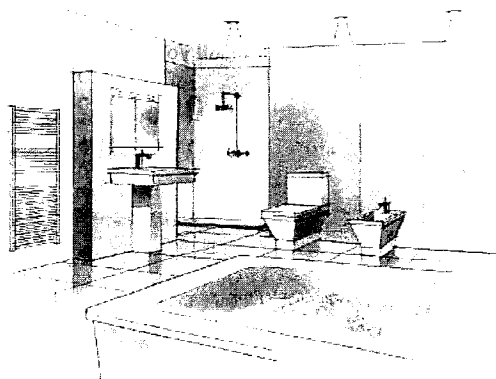
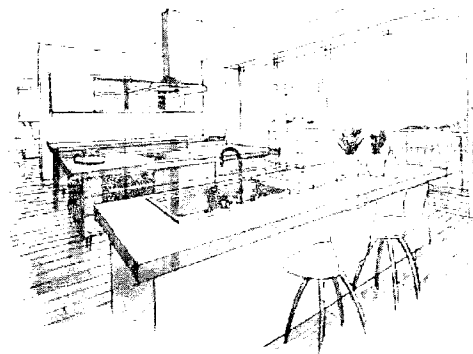
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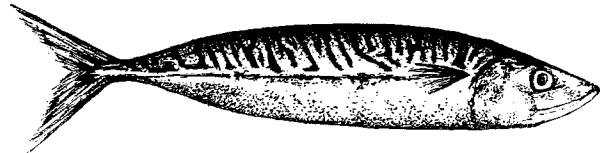
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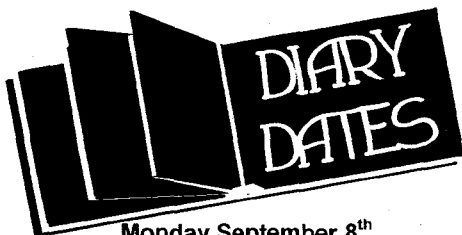
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Kerbside Recycling Day – bags out by 7.00am

Parish Council meeting at Port Isaac Primary School – 7.30pm

**Thursday September 11<sup>th</sup>**  
St Endellion Church Quiz in the Church Hall – 7.30 for 8.00pm

**Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Trelights Methodist Church Harvest Festival Celebrations – 6.00pm

**Monday September 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Trelights Methodist Church Harvest Service, Sale & Supper – 7.00pm

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

**Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Kerbside Recycling Day – bags out by 7.00am

**Friday September 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Port Isaac joins the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' for Macmillan Cancer Support – Port Isaac Village Hall – 10.30am

**Monday September 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Ray Balkwill Painting Talk & Demonstration at the Pottery – 9.45am

**Monday October 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Kerbside Recycling Day – bags out by 7.00am

**Monday October 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Parish Council meeting at Port Isaac Primary School – 7.30pm

**Wednesday October 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Village Hall Banner Restoration Day in the Hall – 10.00am – 4.00pm

**Thursday October 16<sup>th</sup>**  
St Endellion Church Antiques Roadshow in the Church Hall – 7.00pm

**Friday October 17<sup>th</sup>**  
RNLI Harvest Festival at the Slipway Hotel

**Monday October 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Kerbside Recycling Day – bags out by 7.00am

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

**Wednesday October 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Marty Joseph in Concert at Port Isaac Pottery

**Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup>**  
British Summer Time ends – put the clocks back one hour

**Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Kerbside Recycling Day – bags out by 7.00am

**Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Annual Firework display at Port Gaverne

**Monday November 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Parish Council meeting at Port Isaac Primary School – 7.30pm

**Wednesday November 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Panto scenery painting day in the Village Hall – 10.00am onwards

**Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup>**  
St Peter's Church Christmas Mini-Market in the Church Rooms – 10.30am

**Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Johnny Cowling sings the Gospel songs of Elvis at St Endellion Church – 6.00pm

**Monday November 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Kerbside Recycling Day – bags out by 7.00am

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

**Tuesday November 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Golden Circle/Trio Christmas Shopping Trip to Tavistock

**Thursday November 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Panto scenery painting day in the Village Hall – 10.00am onwards

**Saturday November 29<sup>th</sup>**  
RNLI Xmas Market in Port Isaac Village Hall

**Monday December 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Kerbside Recycling Day – bags out by 7.00am

**Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Janet's Annual Bingo for the Mentally Handicapped in the Church Rooms

**Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Fisherman's Friends Christmas Show at the Pottery

**Monday December 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Parish Council meeting at Port Isaac Primary School – 7.30pm

**Monday December 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Kerbside Recycling Day – bags out by 7.00am

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

**December 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> & January 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
The Port Isaac Pantomime in the Village Hall – 7.30pm. Tickets on sale from October 3<sup>rd</sup> - see next month's *Trio*

**Monday December 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Kerbside Recycling Day – bags out by 7.00am



### TRIO 2008 COPY/PUBLICATION DATES

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>Copy date</u>	<u>Publication date</u>
October	September 25 <sup>th</sup>	October 2 <sup>nd</sup>
November	October 27 <sup>th</sup>	November 8 <sup>th</sup>
December/Xmas	December 8 <sup>th</sup>	December 15 <sup>th</sup>

### REGULAR EVENTS

**Port Isaac Stay & Play Group** – every Tuesday (not during school holidays) from 10.00am to 12 noon in the Village Hall. Contact Sarah on 881124, Clair on 880469 or Julia on 880718

**Brownies** - every Wednesday from 6.30pm-8.00pm, during term time, at Port Isaac School. Contact Claire on 880878 or Jennie on 881038

**Rainbows** - every Tuesday from 4.45pm - 6.00pm, during term time, at Port Isaac School. Contact Jennie on 881038 or Marie on 880977

**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

**Port Isaac Chorale** – Every Tuesday from 7.30pm-9.30pm in Port Isaac Village Hall. Contact Janet Townsend on 01208 880505

**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

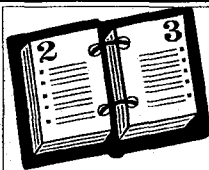
**Thai Kick Boxing** - Every Wednesday from 7.00pm - 8.30pm in the Village Hall. Contact Sal on 07875 698285

### CHURCH SERVICES

**St Peter's Church, Port Isaac** - Sunday - Sung Eucharist at 9.45am  
Family Service every third Sunday at 9.45am  
Every Thursday - Holy Communion 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



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