



PORT ISAAC HOSPICE DAY



Port Isaac's 'New Look' Hospice Day

Saturday March 13th

11.00am - Port Isaac Village Hall

**Coffee, Home made cakes, New Stall
Raffles & Lunch**

If you have anything to donate to the 'New' stall please drop it in to Secrets or call 01208 880905 for collection. Ring the same number if you would like to help. All offers of homemade cakes etc and raffle prizes would also be very much appreciated.

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IMPROVEMENT OF THE PLAYING FIELDS**

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The next flu pandemic

At a dinner party last night we all enjoyed copious amounts of alcohol. I awoke this morning with flu-like symptoms; headache, nausea, chills, sore eyes. As a result, I have unfortunately tested positive for what a cadre of experts are now calling Wine Flu. This debilitating condition is serious – and it appears this is NOT an isolated case. Reports are flooding in from across the country of others now being diagnosed with Wine Flu. To anyone exhibiting the aforementioned symptoms, experts recommend a cup of tea and a bit of a lie down. However, if your condition worsens, you should immediately rent a DVD and call in sick. Then take the only drug proven to combat this usual type of flu – a fried breakfast. If that doesn't work, further application of the original liquid has been shown to do the trick.

Wine Flu does not NEED to be life threatening! If treated early, it can be eradicated within a 24 hour period.

NOTE – If you find you are complaining a lot, it may be that the virus has mutated into Whine Flu.

This is particularly common in men and can spread to their partners whose symptoms may include a serious case of eye-rolling.

ILLEGAL PARKING

All illegal parking issues, yellow lines etc, are now dealt with by the Civil Enforcement Parking Team, who are based in Truro. They can be contacted on

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Rowland's Way

Many years ago, the area around the allotments near Lobber was known as Rowland's Way. It was said that a fisherman named Rowland, who lived at Trefreock, walked over the fields and climbed down into Searchy Gug (Silvershell), where he kept his boat moored. Apparently he thought that this was a quicker way than walking down Church Hill. I have never seen or heard of any proof of this.

Recently I was looking at the photograph on page twelve of my book 'The Fishermen of Port Isaac', and it appears there is a boat alongside the very old pier, which is outside of Searchy Gug. I have enlarged that portion of the photo and indeed there is a boat there, which may be moored. Also there are clearly two fishermen walking away from that area carrying a fish box. All other activity appears to be in the centre of the beach. I wonder if the boat referred to belonged to Rowland. The photo was taken in 1895.

I am now working on my second book on Port Isaac, again connected with the sea and the lifeboat. If any *Trio* readers outside of Port Isaac wish to contribute they may contact me on 01566 775820 or on geoff@provis.orangehome.co.uk

Pubwatch

Licensees in the village have formed a Pubwatch scheme similar to others already operating in Cornwall.

Although there is generally not a lot of trouble in the village, the licensees felt that it would be a good deterrent to anyone thinking of spoiling other people's nights out.

Chairing the group is Tony Cunningham of the Crow's Nest, Roy Smith of the Co-op is Vice Chairman and Graham Sylvester of the Port Gaverne Hotel is Secretary. Said Tony: "We don't have many problems in the village but we want to send a clear message that we will not tolerate bad behaviour. We want people to be able to enjoy a night out without it being spoilt by the anti-social minority. Banned from one, banned from all is a daunting prospect for any potential trouble makers."

Under the scheme anyone causing trouble on licensed premises in the Parish will be referred to the Pubwatch Committee who will consider whether that person should be banned from all the licensed premises in the village and surrounding area.

Pubwatch is run by licensees and support by Cornwall Council and the Police. Licensing Officer Steve Hobden said: "Cornwall Council, as the Licensing Authority welcomes the formation of the Port Isaac Area Pubwatch. The scheme has proved to be highly effective in reducing alcohol related crime in other towns in the county. Whereas any licensee can ban someone from their premises, the effect of that person being banned from every licensed premises in the village, including off-licenses, has a huge impact on that person".

St Austell Brewery also supports the scheme and has donated the signs to be displayed at the member premises.

Local Books available in Secrets, Port Isaac

Walk Talk

A paw-picked selection of local dog walks, chosen by Spot & Winnie - £3.50

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 - £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

2010 LOCAL TIDE TIMES - £1.30

The Fishermen of Port Isaac by Geoff Provis - £9.99

A Permanent Home For 'The History of Port Isaac' - an Update

It was a miracle that anyone turned out on the 11th January, considering the odds against us, on such a bitterly cold night. It was therefore wonderful to see about 25 people brave the elements and come along and give support for this new venture. Thank you to you all and also to those who couldn't make the meeting but contacted me to register their support. To date there are over 60 names on the list who have offered to help. A more enthusiastic launching we couldn't have wished for.

On 18th January Caroline Cleave, myself, Marion Larkin and Margaret Cann met with the Diocese from Truro, who came to listen to the proposal to use the Church building. They were generally in favour, but asked for full details of the scheme to be presented at their next Diocese meeting in Truro. This we will do. Subject to any further queries from them, we hope it will be approved.

What happens next?

Having got the ball rolling the next step is to obtain funding. Caroline and myself, with help from STEER and others are making grant applications. David Raynor and I are attending a "Meet the Funders" day, which should be informative. Fingers crossed.

In the meantime we have had some very generous offers of photos and memorabilia to exhibit. It will be wonderful to see all these beautiful old photographs on public display.

Another meeting

When everything falls into place we will have another meeting to start our rolling programme of exhibitions. I realise that I'm acting on the principle that 'ignorance is bliss' when it comes to launching a new project and all the obstacles that may lie ahead. However, if this promising start is anything to go by, I'm sure we will get there.

Finally...

However high your sights are set in life, it always comes down to basics. The lack of toilet facilities is therefore a bit of a concern. Any churchgoers out there will be interested to learn that our request for a quotation for long-term hire of a portable loo "includes a weekly service". A bit of a squeeze but a possible alternative for a smaller congregation!

Thank you all once again.

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Port Isaac Village Hall

AGM

**Thursday April 8th
6.30pm in the Hall
everyone welcome**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Cider &
Pasty evening in
the Village Hall
on Saturday
January 30th
has been
postponed until
later in the year

**Happy 40th
Birthday to
Richard 'The
Street' cleaner**

**from Chris, Pam
and all the family**

**a big Happy Birthday and
thankyou Richard from
Trio, for all you do to
keep the village clean**

Village website

For a couple of years or so there has been a very underused village website - www.PortIsaac.org.uk

This site was set up by STEER - take a look. You'll see there is plenty of space for local and voluntary organisations to be included plus local businesses. The plan is to update the site over the next few months so if you would like to include any information on the site email it to dee54@mac.com Alternatively, drop your handwritten copy into Secrets or post to Dee Littlechild, Calenia, 3 Trewetha Lane, Port Isaac, Cornwall PL29 3RN.

Christmas Tree Festival – what a success!

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped make the first Christmas Tree Festival in St Peter's Church such a great success. There are too many individuals to name but a special thanks must go to Annie Philp (the trolley dolly), Janet, Dee, Marion L, all the refreshment ladies and a special thank you to Mark for the electrical work - we couldn't have done it without you all.

The Church looked magnificent with 24 beautifully decorated trees and the concerts held over the weekend were just brilliant. I think everyone who visited the Festival would agree that the atmosphere was very special.

A sum of just over £850 was made for St Peter's, which really was the icing on the cake.

Marion and Liz



A small selection of the beautiful trees that filled St Peter's



*Above: The Simply Aweful Sinfonia entertain on the Saturday night and
Below: The newly formed Children's Choir perform on the Sunday afternoon*



The congregation of St Peter's Church would like to thank everyone who was involved with the fantastic Christmas Tree Festival, which was such a success during Advent and Christmas. Particular thanks to Liz Brown and Marion Andrews whose idea it was.

It was lovely to see the trees so beautifully decorated by the many organisations in Port Isaac. The attendance was marvellous and it was wonderful to see the Church become a focal point for the community.



Fishermen's Friends record new



Usually a quiet month for the Fishermen's Friends, January 2010 has been a bit of an exception. The boys have been busy in St Kew Church recording a new CD. They had been keen to do the recording in the village but test recordings late last year in St Peter's Church had the raucous accompaniment of seagulls! The net was cast a bit further afield and St James' fitted the bill; good acoustics, few seagulls and an added bonus – it's next to the pub!

Producing the CD was Rupert Christie who has a list of credentials a mile long including working with U2, Green Day, Kate Bush, Coldplay, Lou Reed, Scissor Sisters and Russell Watson to name just a few. He'll now be able to add the Fishermen's Friends to this list!

To accompany the CD, award-winning photographer Steve Schofield is coming to Port Isaac to take some photographs of the Fishermen's Friends. For the time being though, you'll have to be content with *Trio's* pics.

Rumour has it that the CD will be on sale in the spring so watch this space and hopefully *Trio* will bring you some more news next month.

In the meantime, the Fishermen's Friends singing on the Platt in the summer, that everyone enjoys so much, has certainly benefited many local organisations and charities. In 2008 the boys



Rupert Christie, the producer

donated £2000 to the Precious Lives Appeal, and then added a further £350 from last year's collections. Collections were down a bit last year due to 'bad weather stopping play' but they still managed to donate well over £1000 between Cancer Research UK, the



Above: Enjoying the mid and apres recording activities!



Above: the test recordings in St Peter's last year



PIGS

ROSERROW 2009

As another year came to the end of the PIGS adventure, a respectable 17 golfers turned up at a wet, yet dry Roserrow for our annual Christmas bash. A hearty breakfast was delivered by Dave and his team with copious cups of coffee and plenty of relaxed chat.

Yet again I only managed half my breakfast due to eager men getting rather excited at the prospect of a good dry days golf and throwing money at me, willy-nilly. I felt like one of those ladies who dance on the laps of sweaty old men – I felt used and abused! But then again, money is money.

Our resident old man, namely Des Weston managed to blag a buggy for he last nine holes when the rest of us couldn't. It must be the posh accent and a wad of £50 notes!

As most of us missed the first threesome to go off, it was decided, after watching Dan 'The Milky Bar Kid' Grills tee shot off the first sail over the hedge on the right, which was quite a feat in itself, the days fines would start early. For a change those of us who hit the fairway on the first (and yes, I can name myself as one of those) would be fined.

The golf course played well, despite the heavy rain it had swallowed over the previous month, and kept us all within twelve shots of each other, except for one person who shall remain nameless and whose nameless name shall become synonymous with Roserrow, 2009. He won everything – 2's competition, Nearest the Pin, The Christmas Shield, the raffle, a case of Experience wines, a weekend break at the Slipway and he also had his name of the Longest Drive until Anthony le Dyer pipped him for that coveted award. Anthony is from our French contingent.

The course did take a couple of casualties in the shape of Andy Penny and Geoff Harris by flooring them and causing upset to Andy who had to ask Alison to wash his gear, but it caused more anguish to Geoff who had to wash his own!

Anyway, after a couple of beers at the nineteenth hole and plenty of backstabbing by members, Port Isaac beckoned with the promise of much merriment, great food and fines. The evening didn't disappoint. The merriment started in the Slipway with drinks flowing and some of them larger



than others – Tim and Steve! Then over to the Mote and a very friendly welcome was received from CJ, Gary and Martin who gave us everything we asked for, and more. And here is an apology to CJ who I felt dealt with one of our members exceedingly well. Unfortunately, due to Government guidelines, it is now law that any group over the number of sixteen must take out one of the senior citizens in the community, so it wasn't our fault, it's the law!!

Anyway, the fines followed a fantastic dinner. They ranged from Cowboys on Tour – George and Neil, to Jon Poupard who was presented with flowers and pink wine for being the first PIG to come out of the closet, although after seeing the photographs I don't think he will be the last! A certain PIG who won everything on the day and then didn't make dinner was so posh he sent a representative to pay his fines. And Jonno Forbes vowed, after incurring constant abuse, never to do that for his dad again!

Mr Neil Buckley has put in a claim on our insurance concerning damage to his neck whilst being forced to wear a 25kg sombrero on his head for one and a half hours. Our insurance was willing to pay out until video evidence came to light showing Mr Buckley and several accomplices filling the brim of the hat with everything that wasn't nailed down. This blatant act of fraudulent behaviour was reported to the police but a police spokesman said: "We ain't got time for this load of old tosh, guv'nor, deal wiv it yourself." So a review of their handicaps is ongoing.

Shot of the day goes to Mark, no, not that one, the other Mark, Grills who managed to shoot the hat off a statue from 15 years with a champagne cork. The shot was so good it got a standing ovation and we also gave him his fine back.

Congratulations to all the PIGS who have won something over the year and to all of us who haven't! It doesn't matter because we've had a good laugh no matter what the weather.

BUDE & NORTH CORNWALL GOLF CLUB 2010

It's a new decade but little has changed. Bad weather caused the first postponement of the year, but only for a week. It was truly amazing to see the transformation that occurred in only seven days. The Monday we were due to play gave us snow, ice, cold winds and very little hope that we would get any golf in at all through January. Amazingly, just one week later, Bude Golf Club welcomed the customary eight hardy PIGS to a warm, sunny and, it must be said, golf course in remarkable condition, and with the addition of buggies!

Now, I can already feel a few of you wincing at the thought of certain members of our group in buggies but I can put you out of your misery. We were all very well behaved and drove very responsibly, apart from Steve and Karl who had to use evasive action when they were chased down the fairway by a rather large Alsatian (we found out later that it was an ex Customs & Excise dog). That dog would have been very useful if it had been around the fourth hole when Mulberry got a very good two on the 140yard par three. After that shot he was given a test for performance enhancing drugs but was given a clean bill of health! Remarkable.

Shot of the day went to Andy Penny on the par three, 170 yard eighth when, after not being able to hit a drive on the previous seven holes, he managed to drive one straight ... into Dan Grills golf bag, which was about 15 years in from of him attached to a golf buggy. At this point we must apologise as a foursome – myself, Jon, Dan and Andy – if we upset or put off any other golfer by our laughing. We are sorry.

Anyway, after checking the score cards our Handicap Marshall for the day, Geoff 'Soft Top' Harris (Paul was on holiday) gave the results to me, but after several players checked it and most of them coming up with different results, it was finally agreed that Steve won on a countback from Jon Poupard.

Three nearest the pins were won by Andy, Steve and Mulberry and Mulberry also won the 2's competition.

The next PIGS is at Holsworthy Golf Club (a new venue for us) on Monday February 8th.

The Lard Man

Christmas Lights

The lights went up pretty quickly this year as we had learnt from our previous mistakes. As usual there was a very small band of helpers and it took us a couple of Sundays to get the lights up. Sam Williams was a great help with his machine so a big thank you goes to Farmer Williams senior and junior for the loan and help. We also made some stars with the old rope lights for the Fish Cellars roof and we are going to add to them for the next display.

A big thank you to Trevathan Farm for the lovely Christmas tree that looked lovely bedecked with memory ribbons in its traditional spot on Little Hill.

As seems to be the norm, we had trouble with the lights. We have now decided to throw away all the unreliable ones and start afresh this year with some new low powered sets. The icicle lights were very popular and looked lovely but they came with problems. Having ordered 32 sets, only 16 worked properly so we had to get emergency replacements. These went up in Rose Hill and looked fantastic so we intend to replace the street icicles with this type. Apologies to anyone who didn't get icicle sets; we ran short due to the broken ones and because there were so few of us we ran out of time putting them up.

Thanks to The St Breward Band for playing carols on Switch on Night. We raised £156, which is amazing as we went up against the 'X Factor' final and 'Strictly' semi final. Next year we will have some carol sheets so we can have a good old singalong!

Thanks to the Golden Lion for helping with the Whisky Draw. The whisky was generously donated by David Bissett-Powell and Barry & Ann Collins donated a whole lamb that was cut in half. Winners of the whisky were Dee, Andrew Grills, Paul Pollington and Steve Found. Trev Beare and Nigel Sherratt won the lamb.

Overall we have raised about £1000 so far and we have a few events in the pipe line so watch this space... It means we can have some lovely new lights for Christmas 2010.



We're a long way off from giving Blackpool a run for its money but with a bit more local help we will get there. The majority of the people who put up the lights don't even live in the village! Moaning about things will not get us anywhere; if you want to see changes and improvements to the Port Isaac Christmas Lights get involved and HELP!

Which just leaves me to say, once again, a HUGE thank you to everyone who did help in any way – you all know who you are. And I'm hoping for lots more people to thank next year!!

Nicki B

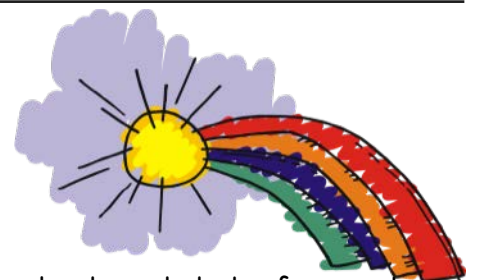
Port Isaac Rainbows

A very Happy New Year to all the Trio readers from all at Port Isaac Rainbows

Christmas seems such a long time ago, but what an eventful time it was this year. We would like to say a huge thank you to Marion and Liz for enabling us to take part in the first Port Isaac Christmas Tree Festival. We all thought the Church looked wonderful and were so proud to be part of what, we hope, will become a fabulous Port Isaac tradition.

All the Rainbows were thrilled to see Santa at our Christmas party. We need to say a big thank you to him for taking time in his hectic schedule to come and visit us in Port Isaac. We also crowned our Rainbow of the Year just before Christmas. This trophy is given to a Rainbow who is kind and giving, who joins in with enthusiasm and is patient and (in this case) always tries to come in her uniform!! Our Rainbow of the Year is Kayleigh Paddock – well done Kayleigh and keep up the good work.

A new year, a new term and we will be as busy as ever. We will be looking at the emergency services and all they do for us. This will include visiting a local fire station and visits from some important figures from the services. The annual arts and crafts fair in Wadebridge is also dedicated to the emergency services and so we will be painting, gluing and glittering in true Rainbow style!!! Plus we will be doing some serious fund raising this year, not only for funds to enable us to have some super



adventures but also for our chosen charity, which is the Precious Lives Appeal. We begin with a Coffee Morning and Suitcase Sale in Port Isaac School hall on Saturday February 13th. Please come along and support us and bag a bargain!

Port Isaac Rainbows is open to all young ladies aged 5-7 years old. We meet every Monday from 4.45pm- 6.00pm and generally have a ton of fun! For more information or to go on our waiting list (we are full at present), please call Magpie (Marie) on 880977.

Thank-you for all your support Magpie and Puffin.

Magpie



news

the evening, funds in excess of £470 were raised for the RNLI - a light hearted end to a busy year for Port Isaac RNLI Committee and their supporters.

Just 30 hours following these Old Year celebrations - at 10-15 hours on Wednesday morning December 30th, volunteer crew members Nicki Bradbury, Matt Main and Ian Johnson with Helmsman Nigel Sherratt responded to a call out received from Falmouth Coast Guard to search for a dog over the cliff at Varley Head. Two people were reported down on the rocks trying to recover the severely injured animal.

Our new Inshore boat Copeland Bell launched. On reaching the casualty the two adults, believed to be father and son and the dog, which had sadly died on impact, were recovered and returned to Port Isaac harbour. The lifeboat returned to Station at 11-15 hours, a sad ending to the year for the family involved and our crew members.

Looking ahead, the AGM for Port Isaac RNLI will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday March 25th at 7,00pm (further details in the next issue of *Trio*). All are welcome and it's a great opportunity to come along to meet your RNLI Crew and committee members and hear about current RNLI operations.

This summer will also see the formal naming ceremony of our new Inshore IB1 Lifeboat Copeland Bell. Always a very special event in the history and development of a Lifeboat Station, we hope to combine this with our Annual Lifeboat Service on the Platt. Meetings are due to take place very soon with Operational Crew and Divisional Inspectors to fix a suitable date and again, details in the next issue of *Trio*.

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of our volunteer Committee and Crew, to wish readers of *Trio* a very Happy and Healthy New Year and to thank you all for the tremendous support given during 2009 helping the RNLI to always put Life First.

Bob B
Chairman

News from Port Isaac Brownies

We are back starting a new year and we are already busy with many different activities. We have started work on our World Culture badge, so we are learning about how people live all over the world as well as our own culture, especially the Cornish culture, like traditions, food and dress.

We are also having a few trips this term. We are off ice skating at the Eden Project, bowling and swimming. I shall update in next months issue. A note for you all though.....

We are having a EASTER BINGO at the end of March, date to be confirmed. Please check Trio and lamp posts for more information next month.

A big welcome two new Brownies, Emily and Rosie - we hope you enjoy your time with us

Short and sweet, a big catch up next month!

Wren

The Trelights Slider

Oh, what a month January turned out to be. Every different weather apart from a tsunami. Torrential rain, sleet, hail, snow, more rain, winds then sun and almost tropical heat (maybe a slight exaggeration there!).

The first hailstorm that beckoned in the cold snap almost got me run over as a car, half way up Church Hill, hit the hail and started sliding. Being a man with a slightly warped sense of humour, I did have a little giggle, but strangely enough, the closer the car got to me the less I wanted to laugh!

Anyway, you know its cold when next morning you can retrace your steps from the night before in your own footprints. The other quaint thing is seeing the animal tracks in the snow - seeing where the badger had come out of the field, walked up the lane, snuffled for something and then gone back into the hedge by Trefreock, and fox prints down by the turning for Graham Woods' house, and of course the huge variety of bird prints.



Now, you would think Church Hill would have been my biggest hurdle stopping me from getting to work, but due to the remarkable properties of the salt air it wasn't - Longcross Corner was.

Being a non-driver, I always thought that an hour watching Top Gear every Sunday night was an hour I would never get back, but subconsciously I must have taken some of the 'information' in, as I did manage to negotiate the corner without falling over. Whether it was the use of under-steer, over-steer or just plain slow going I managed it most nights, but not all.

Anyhow, the thaw set in and maybe that's it, but somehow I don't think so. So let's hurry up and welcome in springtime.

The Lardman

Dan Rogerson, our local MP, writes ...

January's main story seems to have been snow! I met with the Chief Executive and the Conservative Leader of Cornwall Council to try and impress on them the acute disappointment of so many local traders I spoke to, who had opened up and asked their staff to come into work, only to find that the Council had made little or no effort to grit town centre pavements. One road sweeper even asked for grit, so that he could improve conditions while on his regular round, but was refused! More rural parishes have also made it clear that they would be more than prepared to keep a stock of grit – perhaps under lock and key – and to organise volunteers to see to their village centres during acute conditions. Again, the Council is reluctant, preferring to hoard control in Truro.

I contributed to a Radio Cornwall programme on this subject shortly before this article went to press. When debate raged about the merits of moving to just one Council, the plan was always to decentralise power from County Hall to each of Cornwall communities through area offices, committees of Cornwall Councillors from particular areas and parish councils. Instead, the administration is considering a plan to sell off £11 million pounds worth of Council property to reinvest more than six million in renovations at County Hall. That seems to me to be completely the wrong direction to go in, and I hope that they will rethink. The Council urgently needs to lay out a tariff of powers which could be taken up by the parishes – with appropriate support and funding – so that the new authority doesn't become entrenched in a "Truro knows best" culture.

In *Trio's* patch, I've been pressing the Council to respond to local residents' demands on parking in Port Isaac. There is already such limited space so it's no small wonder people are alarmed that parking on the beach has been reconsidered. Naturally it's a reasonable objective to want to keep the sands clear of cars, but there is such pressure on parking. I've written to Tom Flanagan, the Director of Planning and Transportation in Truro. As ever, I'm happy – indeed keen – to help residents get this sorted out; I understand there is already a meeting planned with officers and councillors who are in a position to get something done. It's one reason I want to see more power devolved from County Hall to towns, villages and parish councils, so that when problems like this arise, local people and elected representatives have the opportunity to find and implement a solution that works for people in the area rather than one which meets with the bureaucratic convenience of officials in Truro.

Back in Westminster, I recently contributed to a debate on the future of local radio. Radio Cornwall is the most listened-to regional station in the country, and our quality independent stations aren't far behind. I've been working with Pirate FM and Atlantic to highlight their concerns that the switch to digital – "DAB" – could leave vital services like theirs behind. The present DAB signal is unreliable at best, and in some cases non-existent, so it's no wonder listeners are alarmed to discover that the FM signals for all current radio stations are likely to cease as of 2015. The transfer of familiar services like Radios 1, 2, 3 and 4 to DAB will mean many sets will become defunct, and the new



digital services may well work on regional transmitters, meaning that Radio Cornwall, Pirate and Atlantic would need to broadcast beyond the Tamar, probably to both Devon and Cornwall. This could cause the commercial services in particular some problems, since their listener base is firmly in Cornwall, and it may prove quite difficult to get sufficient advertising revenues to meet the cost of a full upgrade. Ministers' answer to these concerns is that FM will be maintained for community radios, but my colleagues and I are not yet persuaded that this will avoid stations in areas like Cornwall and the Scottish Highlands falling between two stalls: neither small enough to count as "community" – and stay on FM – nor large enough to be "regional" and transfer to digital. We'll be keeping a firm eye on the Government's plans as they develop, and insisting at every turn that the switchover when it happens should benefit every listener, and all local radio services, not just the big players in large urban centres.

Dan Rogerson MP

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Something else for those of you who are worried about your weight

A poster featuring a young, thin, tanned woman appeared in the window of a gym. It said, "This summer, do you want to be a mermaid or a whale?" A middle-aged woman, whose physical characteristics did not match those of the woman on the poster, responded publicly to the question posed.

To Whom It May Concern: Whales are always surrounded by friends (dolphins, sea lions, curious humans). They have an active sex life, get pregnant and have adorable baby whales. They have a wonderful time with dolphins, stuffing themselves with shrimp. They play and swim in the seas, seeing wonderful places like Patagonia, the Bering Sea and the coral reefs of Polynesia. Whales are wonderful singers and have even recorded CDs. They are incredible creatures and virtually have no predators other than humans. They are loved, protected and admired by almost everyone in the world.

Mermaids, on the other hand, don't exist. If they did exist, they would be lining up outside the offices of psychoanalysts due to identity crisis. Fish or human? They don't have a sex life because they kill men who get close to them, not to mention how could they have sex? Just look at them ... where is IT? Therefore, they don't have kids either. Not to mention, who wants to get close to a girl who smells like a fish counter?

The choice is perfectly clear to me: I want to be a whale.

**Got a family event coming up?
A birthday, an anniversary,
an engagement, a wedding
reception, a retirement party?**

**Don't fancy the mess of
a children's birthday
in your home?**

**Fancy putting on a concert, a
show, a play or a gig?**

**The Village Hall is licensed for
alcohol and music and is available to
hire for all sorts of events. There's
loads of room for games and
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We've got lots of great activities for the new year, thanks to the donations from various groups in the village. If you've got a baby or toddler come along, start the new year as you mean to go on. The first session is free and we are very welcoming - we'll even make you a cup of tea.



The youngest member of Playgroup, Florence meets Father Christmas.

We're going to be:

February 2nd - Self-portrait painting (draw round child and paint)

February 9th - Valentines - decorate heart shaped biscuits. Music and Bubbles with Chairman

February 23rd - Tie dying t-shirts

March 2nd - Mother's Day Cards plus children to make their own sandwich for snack

March 9th - Plant water cress pots and activity equipment (slide, see-saw, hula hoops, hopscotch, football)

March 16th - Trip to National Lobster Hatchery - meet at Rock Ferry

March 23rd - Egg & Spoon race and stanced glass Easter Egg sun catchers

March 30th - Easter Egg hunt and make easter baskets

Bessie Selway

1912-2009

It is with great sadness that we write to tell our friends in Port Isaac of the sudden death of Bessie Selway at Treliske on Thursday 10th Dec. She was the second oldest village resident.

Bessie's mother, Annie Selway, formerly Bishop, was one of four sisters; Mary, Bessie, Annie and Susan Bishop. Annie met John Selway at Port Gaverne when he was on holiday on the Westminster Bridge Road Church Camp. They married and moved to Lambeth, London where the two Selway sisters were born, Muriel on 21.08.1909 and Bessie 11.06.1912. The Selway family returned to Cornwall when John bought the hotel in Port Gaverne and it was called Selway's Hotel. The girls now teenagers worked hard in the hotel, but enjoyed their leisure time on the beach; in Roscarrock Hill Methodist Chapel activities and other girlish ways, but under 'strict control' of kind, caring parents. Muriel met and married John Tucker and they went to live at Penderris, Tintagel Terrace where my elder brother Ernest, myself Patricia, and Keith were born. John Selway died in December 1928, the hotel was sold and Auntie Bessie with Gran (Annie) moved up to live in "Uplands" opposite the church rooms. Bessie enjoyed playing Badminton, she sang in the Choral Society and took part in all Roscarrock Hill Chapel activities.

During the war Auntie Bessie with two others from the village went away to Bristol to help the war effort. They went to the Bristol Aeroplane factory and Bessie worked as a Secretary in Rodney Hall and in the Rodney works where they made aero-engines. She went to Eden Grove Methodist Church and lodged with a Mrs Savoury until her return to Port Isaac. The Bristol Aeroplane company became Hawker Sidley and 23 years later Bessie's nephew Keith got an apprenticeship with them. He went to Eden Grove Church, and was looking for lodgings and behold he joined a Mrs Savoury! The same lady who Auntie Bessie had stayed with during the war, and on a visit to Keith with mum and dad she met Mrs Savoury again!

When Gran Selway died in 1953 Auntie Bessie came to live at Penderris with us - we were lucky "we had two mums", a love for gardening was growing. Auntie Bessie worked at "La Movette" a boutique in the village for several years, then worked at the Ransoms Guest House on the Terrace. She joined the Drama Group and performed in 2 seasons of shows in the Temperance Hall. When John died in 1982 mum and Auntie stayed at Penderris - gardening became their shared love and their garden was a joy to see - brightly coloured and always well kept. When mum died in 1996 Auntie moved to a bungalow in Mayfield Close - here first "own" home!, and she joined the Golden Circle going on trips, and thoroughly enjoying life. I always enjoyed getting her to talk about the past, and her memory allowed her to recite poetry she had learnt by heart at school. She was a great source of local knowledge. Her sense of humour was wonderful and she was a truly independent lady. She loved Code Word puzzles, and Sunday was never the same if she didn't get her Express General Knowledge Crossword. Those clues she didn't know she would wait until Margaret, came to see her who helped solve them, she loved her visits and enjoyed talking about the "old days". I was always challenged to play her at scrabble - she was hard lady to beat!

Sadly her eldest nephew Ernest died in 2002, but his children together with Pat's gave Auntie Bessie 2 Great Nephews and 3 Great Nieces - 4 of whom married! So together with 10 Great Great Nephews and Nieces our family along with Pat, Keith and Ernest's widow, Margaret grew to 22 in total; but Auntie never forgot a birthday! and always looked forward to "seeing the family".

She died suddenly at Treliske on 10th December, and will be sadly missed by her family and friends. Her funeral took place at St Endellion on 21st December 2009. The bearers were Great Nephews Jeremy and Mark, Mairi's husband Guy and Heather's husband Grant. Pat, Keith and all the family wish to express their thanks for the many kind wishes we have received. Many thanks to Mary and Pearl for their help and to Cousin Janet and Ann thank you so much for the welcome refreshments after her funeral.

Thank you to the Revd. Andrew Lewis for officiating at the funeral, and his comforting words. Bessie's Great Niece's Mairi gave the address and Heather read the lesson and Penny Manders led the prayers.

The family has been re-united Auntie Bessie "rest in peace"

Prayers for the New Year

I have the distinct impression that Jesus wasn't too keen on long prayers. In Matthew's gospel he says, 'When you're praying, don't heap up empty phrases,' and, 'Don't say long prayers for the sake of appearance.' He doesn't mean we shouldn't spend a long time in prayer; after all he himself did, but he warns against thinking we'll be heard because of our *many* words.

Short prayers get straight to the point and are easier to remember. Sometimes it can be helpful to repeat a short prayer- so that gradually, saying it over and over again, we move from the words into a silence where we can hear what God is saying to us.

My first suggestion for this New Year is a prayer from the Anglican Book of Common Worship.

'As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you, now and for ever.' Amen.

It's a prayer our clergy team uses every morning in this North Cornwall Cluster of churches. At the start of a new day we say thank you to God that we're alive (even if we're if not always awake!) and it's a good prayer to use at the beginning of a New Year, too.

My second prayer suggestion is an arrow prayer- one of those brief exclamations to God sometimes of joy and praise, but more often a cry for help when we're in trouble. I'm writing this a few days after the disastrous earthquake in Haiti when many such prayers are being uttered. 'O God, please help me.'

Many of us will be sending donations or trying to raise funds to send to their aid - why not also offer up an arrow prayer? 'O God, please help them.'

Judith Pollinger

St Peter's needs a representative for the annual Women's World Day of Prayer service. It's not onerous task - it simply means attending one committee meeting and the service, which is always held on the first Friday in March. If you are interested and think you can help please contact Judith Pollinger on 01208 880181.

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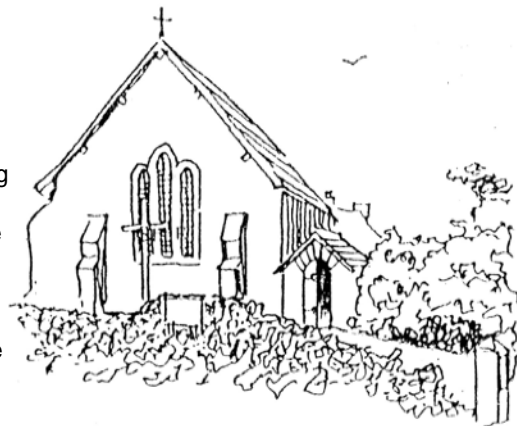
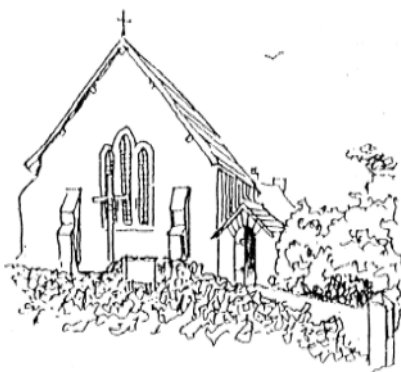
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Church Diary Dates

Tuesday February 2nd

7.00pm Celebration of Candlemas - St
Endellion Church

Wednesday February 3rd

7.30pm Healing Service - Trebeth, St Minver

Sunday February 7th

9.45am Sung Eucharist - St Peter's Church,
Port Isaac

11.00am Sung Eucharist - St Endellion
Church

Thursday February 4th

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

10.45pm Emmaus Course - Trebeth, St
Minver

7.00pm Local Pastoral Ministers - St
Endellion Church

Friday February 5th

7.00pm Emmaus Course - Cornish Arms,
Pendoggett

Saturday February 13th

9.30am Marriage Preparation Day- Perceval
Institute, St Minver

Sunday February 14th

9.45am Sung Eucharist - St Peter's Church,
Port Isaac

6.00pm Evening Worship with Taize Chants -
St Endellion Church

7.15pm St Endellion PCC - Church Hall

Ash Wednesday February 17th

7.00pm Sung Eucharist with Ashing - St
Endellion Church

Sunday February 21st

9.45am Family Eucharist - St Peter's
Church, Port Isaac

11.00am Sung Eucharist - St Endellion
Church

Thursday February 25th

7.00pm Lent Course begins - Rock
Methodist Church

Saturday February 27th

10.00am - 3.00pm Celebration of
Wholeness & Healing - Truro Cathedral

7.30pm Concert Truro St Mary's Singers - St
Endellion Church

Sunday February 28th

9.45am Sung Eucharist - St Peter's Church,
Port Isaac

11.00am Sung Eucharist - St Endellion
Church

websites of the month

The cold snap in January was a timely reminder that winters can sometimes be quite hard in England although my friend, who lives in Trondheim in Norway, was saying it was cold there, and to her that meant around 42 degrees centigrade below zero <http://tinyurl.com/y17b67h>. That is cold!

Does this mean that global warming is all a lot of hot air? You wouldn't expect me to say it was, but here is the reason. The effect of warming up the planet overall is to make the convection currents that control weather less predictable, which means we could have all sorts of weather locally, from really hot to really cold. Because of this I thought this month, convection currents could be my topic.

For those of you who remember your school science lessons, you can show convection currents at work by dropping some coloured dye into some water and warming it up. A demonstration of this effect can be seen here <http://tinyurl.com/yceoxk7>. Convection currents are driven by the difference in temperature between the warm and cold points. You can also see convection currents in air, if you put your hand over a radiator you can feel the pressure of warm air going up, and it is also the reason that smoke goes up a chimney.

These currents are the same ones that control the weather, ocean currents like the gulf stream, and the movement of the tectonic plates which produce earthquakes - so they are crucial to understanding how our planet functions.

If you take the example of the radiator, if you turn it down so it is on low, you don't get much of a stream of hot air coming off it. If you have it on high, the stream of hot air is very strong. The same applies to global warming. Put more heat into the system and the convection currents get stronger. They also get less predictable. If you have the radiator on low, the air movements will be smooth and gentle. Turn it up and there may be much more turbulence.

This lack of predictability/turbulence is one of the features of our changing climate. The precise position of the jet stream, for example, (see previous issue of Trio for details or here <http://www.metcheck.com/V40/UK/FREE/jetstream.asp>) has a major impact on our weather and the battle between the northern icy weather from the arctic, which gave us the cold snap, and the more temperate weather from the south which I am enjoying while I write this, comes from where the jet stream ends up. The predictability of this system will be reduced as the climate system as a whole warms up and we are also likely to get many more extreme weather events - like floods and snow, as well as very hot and dry weather (see BBC blog <http://tinyurl.com/n38wr5> for details).

So the cold snap is not to do with global warming in the sense that cold weather is something we have always had. But it certainly doesn't disprove it either.

And convection currents are behind the awful tragedy which has befallen the people of Haiti. Earthquakes are produced when the tectonic plates which make up the continents suddenly slip past each other - driven by convection currents in the hot core of the earth. The power is enormous, and like the weather, these are very hard to predict. The Tsunami in 2004 was caused by an undersea earthquake, and the human cost of these natural disasters is huge.

While we can't do anything to stop earthquakes (unlike climate change) we can learn more about them I suppose, and the educational material on the web is quite good (see http://www.iris.washington.edu/hq/programs/education_and_outreach) and we can contribute to recovery and support through the website for the Disasters Appeal Committee is here http://www.dec.org.uk/donate_now/

Tony Wainwright

Have you got a poem or story you would like to see in print? Do you have an event you want to publicise? Are you tempted to write a letter to Trio? Send your articles to triopi@mac.com, drop into Secrets or post to Trio, 3 Trewetha Lane, Port Isaac, Cornwall PL29 3RN

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League One

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2	1	THE MULBRINATORS	Chris Witherden	690
1	2	NO MIDLIFE CRISIS	Kevin Grills	688
7	3	SHEIK YERBOOTY	Andy Penny	654
5	1	HARTLAND RD ALLSTARS	Bryan Nicholls	628
4	5	JOSHIES ALLSTARS REVISITED	Karen Grills	599
3	6	THE GALACTICOS	Andrew Grills	584

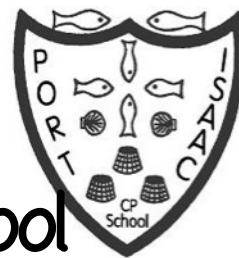
League Two

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2	2	MINUS 10	Richard Hambly	653
3	3	TREWETHA LANE 11	Jill McDonnell	631
5	4	MOTS FLYERS	Tom Cleave	589
6	5	CENTRAL SPORTS	M Roskilly	577
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The wintry weather inspired some writing in Class 2

One Snowy Night

As I stepped out into the crispy snow I took a deep breath and felt the joy it gives to children. As the silence took place a shiver of joy fizzed down my back like coca cola fresh from the freezer. The trees were dead still in the moon light. The clouds looked like candy floss floating heavenly in the moon lit sky. The moon looked like a bundle of glitter glowing gracefully as I stared in wonder.

Asa Year 6

As I stepped slowly out into the snow I got smacked in the back of the head by a snow ball. There in front of me was a snow man melting in the moon lit sky. The snow crunched under my feet like a hamster eating a carrot. The tree stood there like a bird falling asleep.

Liam Year 6

As I stepped out into the frozen world I felt like I was on the moon. The snow crunched under my feet like popcorn crunching in my mouth. There in front of me was snow covering roofs of houses like a cake with silk white icing.

Tom Year 6

As I stepped out into the snowy night, I felt like I was walking on broken bones. The clouds looked like they were fake as I stared at them. My toes were numb from the frozen snow. The trees were silhouetted by the glimmering moonlight. As I stood it was as quiet as children writing a story. I had a slight feeling it was a snow flake was running down my back.

Mark Year 5

As I marched into the frozen world it felt as if I was the only person that existed. I spotted that nobody had stepped on the virgin snow yet. My feet started to tingle and go numb. The trees were dusted with snow and had beautiful silhouettes made by the sparkling moonlight. It felt like I was walking across crisps, they were crunching under my feet. My hands were icy because I had been playing in the snow.

Jess Year 6

HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

Birthdays celebrated in November:

- Suzanne 11

Birthdays celebrated in January:

- Kieran 4

Birthdays celebrated in February:

- Tom 4
- Fay 6
- Braiden 7
- Cheyenne 10

Class 2 were learning about persuasive writing last term and as part of this topic they all wrote letters to the Prime Minister arguing the case for longer Christmas holidays. Here is one of the letters we sent off and also the reply from 10 Downing Street!

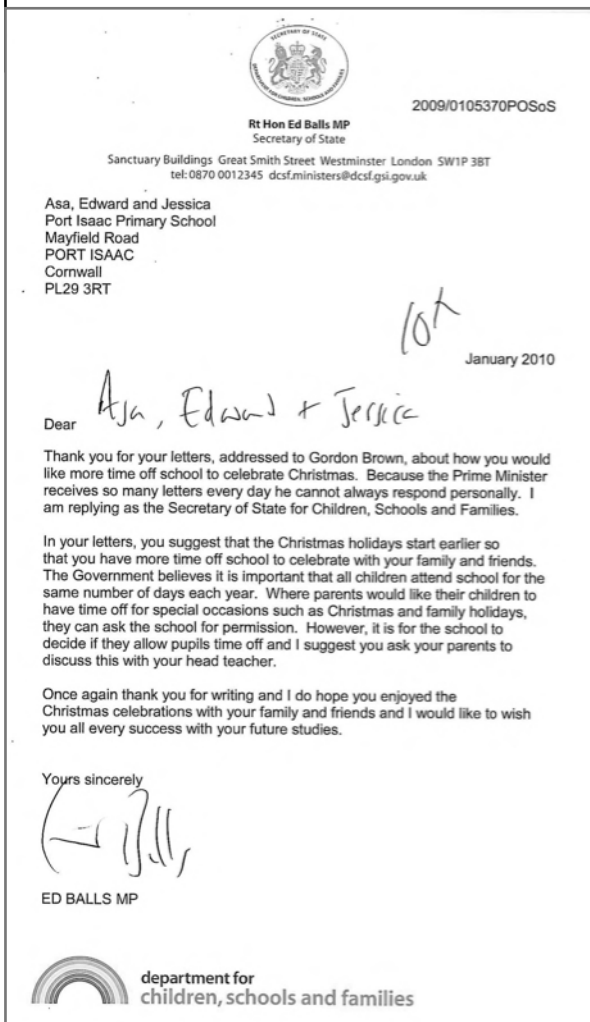
Dear Gordon Brown,

I am writing to tell you about the length of the Christmas holidays. I am 11 years old.

I would like to suggest that the holidays should start on the 1st December and finish on the 1st January. On the other hand you could say you wouldn't get as much education. The real truth is you would get longer to countdown and organize to Christmas. Also we would be able to spend more time with are families and relatives. At the moment we only have 2 weeks which is defiantly not enough. You would never be able to get your tree, decorations, presents and turkey in such a short time!

I hope after reading my letter you will change you mind about the length of the Christmas holidays. I hope you will make a difference for my life and my families' enjoyment of Christmas.

Yours Sincerely, Jessica Cooke



Snow Poetry

Snow makes me feel
like a stalking cat
ready to pounce,
Snow tastes like
magical stardust
Snow crunches like
someone carelessly
chomping crisps
Snow sounds like a
silent sea

Edward Year 5



Snow makes me feel
happy
Snow feels like frozen
pieces of water
Snow crunches like
paper being scrunched
up
Snow sounds like soft
white little balls

Jack Year 3



After School Clubs

This term after school the children can take part in Football Club, Computer Club, Recorder Club, Outdoor Adventure Club and a Multi Skills Club

PARKING ... TRAFFIC ... PARKING ... TRAFFIC ...

"This is a problem where we all need to compromise and work together and turn the whole thing round to benefit our local community."

Let's not lose our historical perspective....

August 1967 – Car parking problems in Port Isaac. Matter discussed by parish council alongside the usual pressing issues [dog mess, plaques on benches, litter, dog mess, uncut hedges, lack of funds, the toilets, dog mess etc].

December 3rd 1967 – World's first heart transplant.

December 23rd 1968 – Apollo 8 orbits the moon.

February 13th 1969 – First human egg fertilised in test tube.

April 9th 1969 – Maiden flight of the Concorde.

July 21st 1969 – Neil Armstrong is the first man to step on the moon. Neil was a Port Isaac boy who had served on the parish council for some years, finally resigning in exasperation at the impossibility of finding a solution to the car parking problem.

April 9th 1970 – The Beatles split, following years of success with hits such as 'She Loves You', 'Yellow Submarine', 'Hey Jude' and 'Ticket to Park and Ride'.

July 31st 1971 – Astronauts drive 'moon buggy' on the surface of the moon, but return to Apollo 15 after failing to find anywhere to park.

January 26th 1972 – Britain joins EEC [now the EU]. PM Edward Heath promises economic prosperity and a car park for Port Isaac.

January 23rd 1973 – Vietnam war ends.

1974 – 1977 – Bad hair and flares....

1977 – present....the Falklands War, Fall of Communist Europe, mobile phones, PCs, the internet, E mail, the rise of Islam, cheap flights, texting, the credit crunch, and of course, the turn of the millennium...

2010 – a proper car park for Port Isaac?
I think it may be a bit tricky....

"Playfields is NOT a car park!!"

As a concerned parent of four young children, I was disgusted to find out the plans that the Parish Council (PC) has, to take away the local children's playfields, for cars belonging to the visitors. I am one of many parents who are angry at the fact that the PC want to take this away. Why should this be allowed? We live in a very popular village and we are pleased that we can share the village with so many others but why do we need to take away the only thing the children have, their recreation ground. The PC went to the trouble of banning the dogs and their walkers from the park because of health and safety. The cars will bring a lot more safety concerns. It feels like the PC want to help the visitors more than the people who live here.

We are all aware parking is an issue and as a mother I was alarmed to see the way the cars were parking in and around the park area. The pavements meant for walking were taken up with cars. Adults, children and our older residents had to walk on the road to get from and to the park and Hillson Close and Mayfield Road. One incident was that of a visitor who was parked on the pavement. I was not prepared to go on the road to walk as I was heavily pregnant with a pushchair and with other children. I was directly informed to move away from the car, they then made a comment, "If you have damaged my car, you will be asked to pay for it!!" I could not believe what I had heard. I indeed had the right of way as it was the pavement and was outside my road in which I have used everyday for the last ten years at least, because I live there. I informed him he was illegally parked and pedestrians had the right of way. I then swiftly walked away from the arrogant man. I am not saying that all visitors think and talk this way. On the whole the visitors I have seen and met are very pleasant, but when you have even one person disrespecting the local people then I feel a bit annoyed. The PC has other fields which can be used; even a park and ride scheme is possible. We need a long term solution not a quick fix solution which will effect the lives of many local children

There are many ways being considered for turning our children's area into the car park, but whichever idea you have there are major issues for the safety of our children and it is wrong. There have already been two children knocked down by cars outside the park over the last ten years. There have been many more near misses. There have also been many animals killed along that stretch of road too. What do we have to have happen before the PC and others see that the playfields and park is not a place for cars but for children to play in safe place? This is the only place the children can be guaranteed space to have fun and games in the village. If this is taken from them there would be nothing for the children. This is disgusting; it's the children of today that will keep the village alive in years to come!

Another thing to think about is, how will it be paid for. The children have been asking for more equipment, such as new goal posts, basketball nets and more for the park for years. Many promises have been made and nothing has come of these promises. The children have lost faith in the village people, they feel that their opinions don't count. Where has all the money given to the children from the film crew, for the use of the park during filming, gone? This was supposed to be for the children but what has been bought with that money? So before anything goes ahead and decisions made we need a public meeting with everyone involved as it is all been one-sided, with no consultation with the parents who have children in the village. The children also need to be allowed to voice there opinions too. At the end of the day the PC has to show they are not taking sides and voice the opinions of everyone, not just those that shout the loudest!

**A concerned parent,
Name & address supplied**

"A major benefit of a car park would be the generation of an income that could in the first place provide local employment and secondly provide money for the improvement of and addition to leisure facilities at the fields."

PARKING ... TRAFFIC ... PARKING ...

Let's grab this Good Fairy with both hands

When the beach car park closes every day as the tide comes in, we all see the effect this has on the upper part of the village. Day visitors drive around and around, lost and confused, and then dump their vehicles outside of your houses in Tintagel Terrace, Hartland Road, Mayfield, Silvershell, Trewetha Lane, New Road, Lundy Road and Hillsons. When the beach car park is permanently closed, this will become a permanent problem for the residents of Port Isaac. The vehicle blight will be inconvenient, unsightly and dangerous for everyone. This is wholly **unnecessary and avoidable**.

Our current Parish Council, who are faced with the unenviable job of trying to find a solution to this, is one of the smallest and most impoverished in the county. All parishioners suffer through it's lack of funding and, under current conditions, it is obvious that this situation will not improve. So play equipment will deteriorate, benches will need painting, hedges need cutting etc etc – all the day to day things that we niggles the Parish Councillors to put right need to be paid for throughout the parish, and they plead to us that they have no money.

Wouldn't it be unbelievable if the good fairy came down and waved her magic wand and put it all right? Well, for once these things don't just happen in fairy tales. By using a little of our ingenuity and enhancing the Parish Field, **all** the parish can benefit... Provide the children with a much larger play area with equipment/benches on the lower side of the football field [where, incidentally, the play equipment was before]. This has the immediate advantage of being safely **away from the increasingly busy road**, out of the prevailing winds, and having the benefit of the finest view of any play area in the country for those accompanying their kids. Use the section of the field that runs alongside Trewetha Lane for parking; it will provide the Parish Council with **a substantial income** that would at least treble their current one.

or

And this is the unbelievably good bit, if the majority want the play area to stay where it is [next to the busy road], it can. Let the visitors park in the bottom half of the field where, if we're really honest, not many people go anyway.

Of course, if the good fairy also said that come this summer, you can use the field next door which is also yours, for even more play area and equipment and parking than you could possibly imagine you would ever need, *and* it could all be self funding, you would think that she was joking. But no, it's true. It is not a joke. This is the incredibly fortunate situation that we are in. St Endellion Parish Council would then be in a healthier financial position to spend on projects **across** the parish, so that all parishioners benefited, not merely those in Port Isaac.

There are, I know, moves afoot to provide a car park on land not owned by the Parish up at the hamlet of Trewetha. That idea does *not* address our dilemma. Because this is so far out of the village, visitors will simply drive past in the hope of finding somewhere closer to park, and we will end up with exactly the same situation as we have now – traffic chaos and parking all around the residential areas. Plus, the Parish Council will lose the heaven sent opportunity to substantially increase it's income and improve the facilities it can offer.

We cannot prevent change, it happens. It is often imposed on us, as in our current circumstances. All we can do is embrace it as an opportunity to improve things for ourselves. If we do not compromise on the use of the parish field, we will end up with the worst of both worlds – an increasingly poor parish, a village blighted by cars, and an angry community still moaning that 'something should be done'. Surely, no one in their right mind wants to go on like that?

Jon Cleave

STOP PRESS:

At the suggestion of the Harbour Commissioners a meeting was held at the school on the 25th January with representatives of the Parish Council and Business Community. As a result of this the Commissioners have delayed the closure of the beach car park until the 30th June 2010 to give the "powers that be" time to make alternative parking arrangements. The Harbour Commissioners' Chairman Dugald Sproull said "The Commissioners have always been keen to take account of the views of those who live and work in the village which is why we called the meeting. I have been amazed at the support we have received for our decision to close the beach to cars and reclaim it for boats and families. One Parish Councillor said at our meeting that it was the best thing that could possibly happen to Port Isaac. Let's hope that the breathing space that we have agreed to will give the Authorities time to galvanise themselves into action. I understand the Parish Council are to have an emergency meeting within the next few days."

"If no parking solution is found it will be detrimental to the local economy and in turn our local children"

Rumours and Facts

It looks like Port Isaac rumour mill is firing on all cylinders - the annihilation of the playing fields and the end of the world as we know it!

Hasn't anyone has noticed the cars parked all over the village for eight months of the year. Cars queuing up new road with the expectation of getting into one of the 98 spaces available in the main car park. Cars driving on the pavement at Hillsons just to get passed the cars parked on the bend, opposite the playing fields entrance. That's the rant over with now the facts!

300 cars are coming this way at Easter. What is safer? Cars clogging up our roads blocking emergency vehicles from getting anywhere - and I don't just mean fire and ambulance. Our village first responders, lifeboat crew and coastguards are constantly being called out throughout the summer, *or* A balanced and considered proposal to reorganise the playing fields with playing areas for our kids and increased visitor parking on the existing field while our plan of utilising the second field can become a reality.

It seems to me that Parish Councillors who have the foresight to include visitor parking are also the main driving force behind the playing fields project. If the level of ignorance regarding the 'loss of the playing fields' continues, I can see an opportunity for some cheap sheep grazing land becoming available again.

Dee has offered the Parish Council space at the Hospice Day in the Village Hall on Saturday March 13th to present the draft proposal from our landscape designer, MOR design, for comment by you. Your comments will then be considered and added (or subtracted) to the plan.

The Parish Council has been looking for years for space to put cars, but we always run up against either the planners who won't agree or Highways have an issue. The choices are running out. Compromise is the only way we will keep this village working as it should. You are keeping your playing field and there is room for increased parking as well. Attend the odd Parish Council meeting, read *Trio* (not the Guardian). Council minutes are posted outside the Co-op. You maybe no wiser, but you will be better informed!

Andy Penny

things Parish Council ...

the Parish Clerk's report

CAR PARKING

Port Isaac's businesses turned up in force at a meeting of St Endellion Parish Council on Monday in Port Isaac primary school, demanding it give up part of the village's recreation ground for more visitor car parking. The picturesque fishing harbour, the location of the fictional 'Port Wenn' in ITV's 'Doc Martin' comedy series, has experienced a surge of visitors that has overwhelmed the Cornwall Council owned village car park and the narrow streets, and the harbour commissioners have taken an 'in principle' decision to close their beach car park.

Cornwall Councillor Brian Gisbourne said he had arranged a meeting this coming Friday between parish councillors and the county's Assistant Director of Transportation, and suggested that the businesses send two representatives. Before any scheme to put visitor parking on the recreation ground could be considered Cornwall Council would have to agree to lift a restrictive covenant on the land that limits its use to public open space, playing field and children's recreation. He warned one businessman, who interrupted him with the suggestion that the covenant should be ignored, that if the parish council did that it would be blocked.

Jon Cleave, proprietor of the *Boathouse Stores* and author of popular children's books about 'Gully' the naughty seagull said he supported the decision to close the beach car park because the harbour's narrow streets were ruined by visitors cars. Dee Littlechild of *Secrets* art gallery said a compromise was needed between the businesses and those who wanted to preserve the recreation ground. The village needed to work together. Fish merchant Dennis Knight said there had to be alternative parking by Easter and Marion Andrews of *Hathaway Guest House* suggested rubber matting could be laid on the grass surface of the soccer pitch.

Parish Councillor Andy Penny proposed that the parish council agree to provide temporary visitor parking and suggested there could be up to 130 spaces. Cllr Martin Bell said the village was deeply divided over the issue. Previous council meetings had heard equally strong representations from residents who wanted the recreation ground protected. (The December council meeting received a letter from Mrs Margaret Cann, former chairman of the parish council and the village school governors, who was involved in creating the recreation ground 35 years ago and said it should be protected for future generations of young people) Cllr Martin Bell said the crisis was partly due to Cornwall Council car park officials refusing to reinvest revenue from the main village car park by extending it, and he accused them of 'playing politics' in the community by actively encouraging the proposal to use the recreation ground instead.

Cllr Brian Nicholls said the idea of depriving village children of part of the recreation ground sickened him, he had been asking for years for Cornwall Council's main village car park to be extended and his fellow councillors should think about the youngsters and the village school on the other side of the road that used it for sports.

Council chair Barbara Bell said that St. Endellion was one of the smaller parishes in Cornwall, it had never provided parking before and if the parish council voted to provide it she expected the business community to meet the cost and allocate people to organise it.

Six councillors voted in favour of Cllr Penny's proposal. Cllr Nicholls abstained. There were no votes against.

APPLICATIONS AND NOTICES

Application 2009/01701 Removal of existing boiler house and replacement with new domestic and swimming pool boiler house with associated oil tank enclosure. Mr K Schilling, Homer Park, Port Isaac. It was proposed by Mrs J Townsend and seconded by Mr A Penny that the Parish Council support this application.

Application 2009/01652 Retain as existing a storage container in the rear service yard. Co-operative Group, 31 New Road, Port Isaac. It was proposed by Mrs J Townsend and seconded by Mr M Bell that the Parish Council support this application.

Approvals & Refusals

Application 2009/01473 Enlargement of existing single storey side extension to south side including roofing with hipped roof, erection of single storey lean-to rear extension

to west side and replacement of existing oil storage tank and repositioning close to lane. Mrs A Welsh, The Barn Owl, Trewetha, Port Isaac. Cornwall Council APPROVED this application

Application 2009/01446 Construction of farm Managers dwelling. Messrs RD, KJ & DRW Harris, Tolraggott Farm, St Endellion, Port Isaac. Cornwall Council APPROVED this application

Application 2009/01211 Rear two-storey extension. Mr S Bushel, 2 Tintagel Terrace, Port Isaac. Cornwall Council APPROVED this application.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

St Endellion Parish Council has two vacancies for councillors following the resignation of Mr David Philp and Mrs Elizabeth Rowe. Anyone wishing to join the Parish Council please contact the clerk, Mrs Elizabeth Uglow, West Balsdon Whitstone, Holsworthy, Devon, EX22 6LE or stendellionparishcouncil@fsmail.net

MOR DESIGN

The Parish Council has received updated designs for the playing field, Cllr A Penny will make arrangements for a consultation day with the village.

Letter to Trio

It has been heartening to see the concern shown by so many with regard to the parking issue and the recent Parish Council public attendance was good to see and generally good-natured. However, some of the many letters received on the topic, and the attitude towards the parish council as a body or individuals, have been very critical, offensive and hurtful. This it must be said is generally the feeling towards the Parish Council as witnessed in past articles in Trio.

The Parish Council is made up of volunteers who give their time and are doing unpaid work for the benefit of the community. It is constrained by limited powers, little money, legal restrictions and, perhaps above all, the fact that it has to look at the long-term implications of its' decisions. I fully understand the frustrations of the population of the village, but our job is not easy and we do our best.

In my experience, the people who complain loudest are those who do nothing for the community. At the next election there will be vacancies; several are just fed up with the continual vilification they receive or have done their bit. Also we have a vacancy at present. Please let us have a volunteer for that place and think about it for the future. We need someone willing to join the PC, see how it works, and make a contribution, and if you are not willing to take part, don't continually criticise those who are trying on your behalf.

Janet Townsend

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Martin's romantic truffles!

For many people, Valentine's Day is a great excuse to eat lots of chocolate. Cuddling up with your lover is very nice, of course, but the sensation of rich, velvety chocolate melting on your tongue, filling your mouth with creamy richness is a great aphrodisiac.

Science has proven what we have always known: chocolate makes you feel good. A compound in chocolate called phenylethylamine raises the endorphin levels in your brain, helping you feel calm and happy. According to The Exploratorium, chocolate even "contains pharmacologically active substances that have the same effect on the brain as marijuana ..." Well, it's nice that scientists are spending their time on such important research.



Cream chocolate truffles

this is a buttery-creamy chocolate truffle recipe

Encase your fresh chocolate truffles in any of the couverture chocolates that you love. White, milk, or dark chocolate - all delicious with this basic vanilla-chocolate truffles recipe.

This recipe makes about 45 chocolate truffle sticks of 2.5cms (1") lengths.

Ingredients

150ml double cream
1 vanilla pod
1 egg yolk
25g caster sugar
150g plain chocolate, broken into pieces look for chocolate with a high cocoa content.
25g unsalted butter, softened
150g chocolate for coating (white and or dark)

Place the cream and the vanilla pod (split open to release the seeds, or you can use vanilla essence) in a small heavy-based saucepan. Bring to the boil, cover, and remove from the heat.

Leave the mixture to infuse for 20 minutes. Remove the vanilla pod.

Whisk the egg yolk with the sugar until very pale and thick.

Whisk the egg mixture into the cream mixture and return to a low heat. Heat gently, without boiling, until the mixture begins to thicken, stirring all the time. Remove from the heat.

Add the plain chocolate and stir until completely melted. Refrigerate the mixture for about one hour until firm.

Using an electric whisk, whisk the softened butter into the chocolate cream mixture.

Spoon the mixture into a piping bag fitted with a 1cm nozzle and pipe 2.5cm lengths onto a flat baking sheet or plate. Freeze for about an hour.

To decorate the truffle mixture, temper the chocolate. The double pan method is where a heat-proof bowl is placed over a saucepan of simmering water, not boiling: break or chop the chocolate into roughly equal pieces and place in a heatproof bowl. Place the bowl in a saucepan containing hot water. A glass bowl is best so you can keep an eye on the simmering water below. It is important for the water in the glass bowl to only barely simmer. The two most important things to remember when you are melting chocolate are firstly to use gentle heat, and secondly, to avoid water getting into the chocolate.

Once melted use the chocolate to coat the truffle sticks, half in white chocolate, half in milk. If the truffles are kept hard frozen, you could dip them.

Alternatively, pour melted chocolate over them. This is a nice idea - make milk chocolate and white chocolate truffles and then coat in a contrasting chocolate, then you can decorate the truffles with a contrasting melted chocolate - dribbled in stripes over the truffle from a spoon. To make raised ridges just draw a fork across the chocolate coating surface before it sets.

Keep in the fridge until the truffles are set and enjoy.

Mx



If you look at this recipe and think it's just going to pile on a few more pounds, read on. It is a little known, but interesting, fact that

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Taking things for granted ...

When I last wrote we were on Ascension Island with temperatures of nearly 100 degrees centigrade and 90% humidity. Well, as we know, here in good old UK we have had a rotten time recently with snow, ice, plunging temperatures and restricted movements around the country due to the weather conditions. On thinking back, I can't imagine how I coped with the sweltering heat, and only a year before survived -35 degrees centigrade on South Georgia - yet I took it all in my stride. I can only assume that, as we get older, we find temperature extremes harder to deal with and, of course, we have all the mod-cons such as cars, shops, having to get to work by road or public transport, electricity, using up all our oil for central heating and attempting to get about with inadequate clothing and boots. I guess that in our cold conditions on South Georgia, we didn't have any of those luxuries, except the five layers of correct clothing and correct boots - we were lucky and never complained!

Back to the heat and attempting to film the wildlife on Ascension - not an easy task. As you know we had a Range Rover, which was a godsend, but there was only one major tarmac road on the island, so much of the filming entailed either walking over the volcanic ash and clinker, or driving cross country which was lethal on the tyres and pretty hairy when skidding on the volcanic ash and sliding downhill. On numerous occasions I jumped out the car as Cindy attempted to control the car from behind the wheel. Getting out of these situations was no fun I assure you.

One major film to be made was on the GreenTurtles, which come ashore to make their nests on various beaches on the islands. However, apart from their short time ashore to lay their eggs, they spent all their time at sea, so Cindy and I took a course in Scuba diving prior to our departure so that we could film them in their own environment. Cindy took to diving naturally; I wasn't so lucky, mainly because I suffer from claustrophobia and hated diving when the sun wasn't shining from above! I had appalling luck with my underwater camera which kept filling with water, so eventually I chucked it and spent my time searching for the most beautiful shells with the help of a buddie. I didn't buddie for Cindy, because she would shoot off to unbelievable depths, and then appear eventually at the surface with no air left. No way, I wasn't going to put myself through that!

But we did get some fantastic film of the turtles at sea, on the beaches laying and returning back to the sea. However, one

morning, we went down to the beach to check the nests we had marked, only to be hit twice by rogue waves of 10 plus feet high. Suffice to say, Cindy and I were totally redesigned by being tossed onto the volcanic rocks, and ended up in hospital, pouring blood and having stitches everywhere. We did look a pretty sight covered in pink liquid to stop it all going septic in the heat and humidity. Cindy was furious because we weren't allowed out for three weeks which meant no filming. I loved it. I slept most of the time!

We got permission to collect fifty eggs from various nests so that we could film them hatching in controlled conditions in our spare bedroom. This was a first, especially as the Green Turtle is now a protected species. The night the little

things started to peck their way out their shells was unbelievable and fabulous to witness. Once hatched, we placed them in the bath with water, so they thought they were in the sea, and released them the following night (so that birds didn't take them for their dinner), and they all wriggled happily down to the shore and out to sea. We didn't lose one, and it was a great moment to have achieved a first in filming and be there at such a crucial time in their lives. It made all the hard work so worthwhile, and I won't take any of that time for granted.

Next month I will tell you about filming on a tiny island with over half a million birds for company and not a soul for miles. Utter bliss, a first again, as no one had ever been stupid enough to stay for even one night there, let alone twelve - and the footage was fantastic.

Annie Price



The St Endellion Climate Friendly Parish project will be holding its AGM on Saturday 17th April at Port Isaac Village Hall starting at 12.00noon. Like last year we will have free food.

Each year the AGM is part of a Green Fair type meeting. Last year it was on local power generation and we had local speakers talking about how they have installed wind turbines, solar water heating and so on. The overall theme of the event this year will be 'How Green is your Plate? (and also your cup) - food, drink and sustainability. We will have stalls from local food and drink providers who can explain about their wares. We are still in the process of approaching the groups and final arrangements should be in place by the time the next issue of *Trio* is in the shops.

The themes likely to be:

- Allotments, community gardens and growing your own
- Supporting local farmers and growers
- Local sustainable retailers
- Food for free - foraging, seaweed, mushrooms
- Conservation projects
- Bees and beekeeping
- Sustainable brewing

The project has been going now for just over three years and during this time the effects of climate change have been becoming more and more clear. Also, certainly at a National and International level, the difficulty in doing something about it has also become more and more clear. At an individual level, however, it is still the case that there are things we all can do which can make a difference. These small things also, on the whole, do us good. Insulating our homes, for example, uses less fuel and also saves us money and at the Green Fair we will have some cards so people can come up with their own ideas of what they can do over the coming year - a sort of St Endellion Parish Sustainability Pledge!

At some point during proceedings we will have the exciting business of the actual AGM where you will have the opportunity to hear what progress the project has made over the year, and join the committee to help with next years work.

If any readers have projects they would like to tell people about please contact me tonywainwright@hotmail.com or Robert 01208 880022 so we can add you to the exhibitors.

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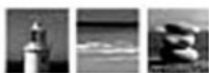
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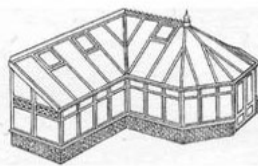
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DIARY DATES

Monday February 8th

St Endellion Climate Friendly Parish Group meeting at Garrick, 34 Trewetha Lane – 7.30pm

Parish Council meeting – Port Isaac School – 7.30pm

Wednesday February 10th

Kerbside Recycling – bags out by 7.00am

Saturday February 13th

Rainbows Coffee Morning & Suitcase Sale in Port Isaac School Hall – 10.30am

February 15th–19th

Local School's Half-Term

Tuesday February 16th

Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Day

Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall – 7.30pm

Wednesday February 24th

Kerbside Recycling – bags out by 7.00am

Monday March 8th

Parish Council meeting – Port Isaac School – 7.30pm

Wednesday March 10th

Kerbside Recycling – bags out by 7.00am

Saturday March 13th

Port Isaac's Annual 'New Look' Hospice Day in the Village Hall

Sunday March 14th

Mother's Day

Tuesday March 16th

Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall – 7.30pm

Wednesday March 24th

Kerbside Recycling – bags out by 7.00am

Thursday March 25th

RNLI AGM in Port Isaac Village Hall – 7.00pm

Saturday March 27th

Music Hall Night with the Port Isaac Chorale in the Village Hall

March 28th

British Summertime (BST) begins – put the clocks one hour forward

Thursday April 1st

Local schools break up for Easter

Thursday April 8th

Port Isaac Village Hall AGM in the Hall – 6.30pm

Monday April 12th

Parish Council meeting – Port Isaac School – 7.30pm

Saturday April 17th

St Endellion Climate Friendly Parish AGM in Port Isaac Village Hall – 12noon onwards

Monday April 19th

Local schools back to school

Tuesday April 20th

Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall – 7.30pm

Monday May 10th

Parish Council meeting – Port Isaac School – 7.30pm

Tuesday May 18th

Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall – 7.30pm

May 31st – June 4th

Local School's Half-Term

Monday June 14th

Parish Council meeting – Port Isaac School – 7.30pm

Tuesday June 15th

Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall – 7.30pm

Sunday June 20th

Father's Day

Monday July 12th

Parish Council meeting – Port Isaac School – 7.30pm

Tuesday July 20th

Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall – 7.30pm

Thursday July 22nd

Local schools break up for the summer

Monday August 9th

Parish Council meeting – Port Isaac School – 7.30pm

Tuesday August 17th

Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall – 7.30pm

Thursday September 2nd

Local schools back to school

Monday September 13th

Parish Council meeting – Port Isaac School – 7.30pm

Tuesday September 21st

Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall – 7.30pm

Monday October 11th

Parish Council meeting – Port Isaac School – 7.30pm

Tuesday October 19th

Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall

October 25th – 29th

Local School's Half-Term

Saturday October 30th

Victorian Winter Celebration in the Village Hall – fundraiser for Cornwall Hospice Care

Trio Copy dates

March issue:

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REGULAR EVENTS

Port Isaac Stay & Playgroup - every Tuesday (not during school holidays) from 10.00am to 12noon in the Village Hall. Contact Sarah on 881124 or Julia on 880718.

Brownies - every Wednesday from 5.00pm-6.30pm, during term time, at Port Isaac School. Contact Jennie on 881044 or Marie on 880561.

Rainbows - every Monday from 4.45pm-6.00pm, during term time, at Port Isaac School. Contact Marie on 880977.

Yoga - Mondays, during term time, in the Village Hall from 10.30am-12noon. Thursdays, during term time, in Port Isaac 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.

CHURCH SERVICES

St Peter's Church, Port Isaac

Sunday - Sung Eucharist at 9.45am Every third Sunday - Family Service 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

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