



# The annual Gig Push



The Gig Push dates back to our very beginning when, in 1992, we took on this arduous task on New Year's Day! Back then Port Isaac Rowing Club members pushed the Gig up Roscarrock Hill to Port Quin following the route that the old lifeboat, the *Richard and Sarah*, took in the 1870s when it could not be launched in Port Isaac due to extreme weather conditions and had to be pushed to Port Quin and launched there.

The "push" now takes place every year on the Sunday between Christmas and New Year, and it is as important to the Port Isaac Rowing Club members as mince pies and tinsel during the festive season. It's still an arduous and demanding route uphill through Port Isaac to Pendoggett, stopping, of course, for a pint at the *Cornish Arms*, before bringing the gig back to Port Gaverne, for more refreshments at the *Port Gaverne Hotel*.

This is one of our most important fundraising events of the year. As well as collecting en route, we run a sweepstake amongst club members on how long it will take to push the gig as far as the *Cornish Arms*, a distance of around 2.5 miles. This changes every year depending on the weather, traffic and the number of the pushers! This year, 22 intrepid pushers got us to the Pendoggett in just over 52 minutes.

2010



2012



2013



2011



"What an amazing turnout Port Isaac Rowing Club enjoyed on New Year's Day for their Annual Gig Push. On behalf of the club, Chairman, Gail Morwood was especially proud to present a cheque for £1100, a result of 50% of all money raised during 2011 to Mr Creagh, Consultant Oncologist for the Cornwall Leukaemia Trust, founded in 1981 to help patients with leukaemia and allied disorders in Cornwall. About 250 new patients with these diseases are seen in the Haematology Department at Triliske Hospital each year. [www.cornleuk.co.uk](http://www.cornleuk.co.uk)"



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