

I remember that? That's funny! Did that really

Memories

Last week I went visiting old friends and renewing old acquaintances. There was dear Annie who was sat on the trap-door to evade the Customs men in the TV version of "Haul for the Shore" 20 or more years ago; Clara who taught me how to cook perfect roast potatoes and Jim whose accent was so broad I sometimes had difficulty in understanding. There were also Dick, Roger, George, Bill, and countless others known over the years. Some people might have thought it was a sad occasion as the visit was to St. Endellion Churchyard, but I came away with so many happy memories and a feeling of continuity through the older grave-stones bearing the familiar local family names.

S.J. July 1982

ROLLER [COAST]ER PATH

How many of you have walked the new path along the cliffs from Pine Awn to Port Quin? It is some path! To start with there are 100 steps leading up in one straight flight which, in their pristine state, look like an escalator - which would be a help as the climb is strenuous. While I was counting the steps, taking them five at a time with rests in between, I found it was a fairly non-tiring way to tackle the ascent.

You can't lose your way round the cliffs because a wooden stock-proof fence has had to be erected along the path on the landward side. On the seaward side, there is nothing except fresh air and wonderful views out to sea. From Scarnor, down 78 steps, and along Reedy Cliff, the views are quite new and some of them are breathtaking. Where the path comes down nearer to sea-level, it curves backwards and forwards among the granite outcrops, rising and falling, reminiscent of a roller-coaster in a fun fair!

The one-and-a-half-hour walk, so well worthwhile though, and the sight of Port Quin haven as you come around Kellan Head, with Pentire in the distance, is absolutely unforgettable.

Robin Penna. May 1985

WE GO ELECTRONIC

A new electronic exchange manufactured by STC and installed and commissioned by local British Telecom staff at cost of approximately £413,000 was opened at 7am, Wednesday 3rd July, at Port Isaac.

In the 1920's subscribers were served by switchboard operator. In 1939 the automatic exchange was installed but long distance 'trunk' calls were connected by operators at Wadebridge. From May 1964 Wadebridge went automatic and trunk calls were connected by Bodmin operators until Subscriber Trunk Dialling (STD) was introduced in 1972/3.

The new exchange has been provided as part of British Telecom's modernisation policy to cater for growth in the telephone network and to ensure that rural communities enjoy the same benefits as are available in the larger cities.

All our numbers have now become 6-digit 'Bodmin' ones by prefixing with '880', e.g. 'Port Isaac' 299 becomes 'Bodmin' 880299.

The area code for calls made from other parts of the country is shortened to '0208'.

Most of the local codes have also changed and we give you a list below, taken from Table one, page 14, of the 'Phone Book'. We have been very careful to get these right but can't accept responsibility for any errors!

July 1985

THE LATE SIR JOHN BETJEMAN
With sadness and grief we heard of the Poet Laureate's death at his home in Treberthick in May, yet we should rejoice that he died in his beloved Cornwall and was buried at St. Endoc. Sir John had been a welcome and regular worshipper at St. Endellion and had in fact been at the Sung Eucharist on the two Sundays prior to his death. On May 22nd, the day of his funeral, a Requiem Mass was said for him at St. Endellion by Father Hugh Fryer at which members of Sir John's family and close friends were present, including his lifelong friend and counsellor Fr. Harry Williams of the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield. The moving service was accompanied by two of Sir John's favourite hymns - 'Rock of Ages' and 'Love's Redeeming Work is Done'. After this service, Fr. Hugh attended the funeral service at St. Endoc to represent the many good friends which Sir John had at St. Endellion.

June 1984

NEW SURGERY
On Saturday 9th November, the new doctor's surgery in Hillson Close was formally opened. People connected with the practice gathered to witness the ceremony and enjoy a drink and light refreshments. In his introduction, Dr. Barker related how a roof repair at the old surgery revealed that a new roof would be needed next time. This started urgent plans for a new surgery. None, however, could provide premises able to offer the range of services now required from a doctor's practice. At this point it was decided to find a new site. Unveiling the official plaque, Mr. St. John Hattersley, Chief Executive of Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Family Health Services Authority pointed out that although funding was available from the Health Services Authority, most of the money had come from the doctors' pockets. He congratulated the staff on the move which had been well-organised and smoothly carried out. Afterwards, there was a thorough inspection of reception, the consulting rooms, treatment room, dispensary, administration, and the common room with its grand view

December 1991

The Port Isaac Chamber of Commerce Shield, for pool, was won by Kevin Gadam.

The O'Brien Trophy, for darts was won by Belinda Beriman.

July 1982

SHAKEN VAC
350 gr.
FROM SPAR
PORT ISAAC

May 1982

EDITORIAL

Each year the season seems to start later and finish earlier. So much for the theory that the M5 motorway would lengthen the tourist season in Cornwall by shortening the time it takes to get here! The season was longer in the days when Cornwall was more inaccessible. A mature Port Isaac lady said recently that when she was a teenager she started work in a local (now holiday) nargalows. This was sometimes held on the Platt which must have been great fun, especially on evenings as warm and still as these we've enjoyed recently. The Platt obviously wasn't as

cluttered as it is these days. Then, as now, Saturday was devoted to change over. One reason for the disappearing season is bound to be socio-economic: another is probably the result of change. There are fashions in places as much as in everything else. It is pointless to say that the people who come here are not what they were: the traveller has changed as much as the mode of travelling. In yesteryear the tourists came by train and spent more time in the village. Would today's visitors spend more time here if there was more for them to do? Port Isaac is a lovely village in a very beautiful setting. Enough for some, but not for everyone - especially if it's raining. We cannot compete with places like Newquay (heaven protect us from those who would have us try) but perhaps we should take a leaf from our predecessors' book and do more to make our visitors feel welcome. They offered holidaymakers good, clean, ununsophisticated fun in return for the money they spent here: money on which a lot of them depended for a livelihood, as a lot of us do today.

July 1983

COMPETITION
The lucky winner to last month's picture puzzle - it was 'Clematis Cottage' at Treleighs - was sent in by C. Scaudry of Port Isaac, and won the £200 prize which should be collected from 18 New Road, Port Isaac. Other correct solutions from: Miss V. Baker, Tolleragott, Antonietta Dave, Pennant, Suzanne Richards, Bodannon, and Jeremy Coshall. Mrs. C. Gifford, Mr. C. Honey, and D.R. Stroud, Port Isaac. This month a sketch of the Port Isaac fishing boats at their moorings. The prize of £200 will be awarded to the lucky winner who sends a list giving the name, number, or owner's name of each of the boats. Entries to 18 New Road, before Friday 27th September.

August 1985

A voice heard speaking in strong Cornish accents recently: 'They'm comin' in yere, left right 'n' centre, and telling we what to do.'

September 1986

Pryntjy Spemen Dhu
PRYNTYANS - LIVES-SCRIFANS
CARTENNON A MEIGS . . . PAPER NOTYANS
RORYN VYTON . . . LYFRYGOU . . . HA KEN RE . . .
18 FORTH NODETH, FORTH YSAK, KERNOU, PL29 3SE
PELLGOSER: BODMIN 880292

August 1984

Dear Sir, I read in the March issue of Trio, that a cottage which appears to be mine; is about to be demolished. May I say that I have not put Trebrevock Cottage on the market, nor have I any plans for it to be demolished.

Mrs. M. Graham Picken. April 1987

BBC RADIO CORNWALL
A very big thank you to everybody in Port Isaac for giving us such a warm welcome and making the two-day programme such a success. A woman in Roseland telephoned us to say she enjoyed hearing the programme which really brought Port Isaac to her. A 2-hour tape will be available in about a week, for a small charge from BBC Radio Cornwall. - The 'Cornwall Daily' Team in Port Isaac.

Radio Cornwall gets Trio every month - it is not surprising that they knew where to come when they needed a list of local celebrities. It was very interesting to see how the programme is made, with Rebecca Pickford, Daphne Skinnard, and Tamsin Thomas nipping around all over the place with their tape machines, and conducting interviews in the Old School Hotel 'studio'.

May 1991

A letter from a visitor was read, complaining of the amount of dog dirt in Port Isaac. Mr. Bolton was amazed that anybody could see it under the 'sea of human filth!'

September 1983

VE DAY STREET PARTY
What a Great Success
Lil would like to thank everyone for coming and enjoying their selves. Also David Phelps for going for the Bass and help with tables, etc.

Thanks Lil and Joey for a Great Party on VE Day.
Pearl and Nick
Congratulations on a wonderful VE Day street party! Thanks for inviting us to join in the celebrations, and thanks to all who organised, provided the beer, and cleared up afterwards - a wonderful day!
Terry and Sheila Harris (Port Isaac and Trowbridge)

All of us who took part in the super VE Day Street Party would like to give three very loud cheers to Lil Thomas who organised the whole thing. The atmosphere was fantastic with everybody sharing food and booze. It was lovely listening to and joining in with songs that actually had tunes and words. The dancing had all the 'golden oldies', and the youngsters, on their feet all the time. And the 'Bass' was beautiful! Once again, many, many thanks Lil for a great day. The grapevine says that there will also be a VE Day Street Party.

See you all then!
Fred Thompson.

DEAR PORT ISAAC
What can I say? I have been overwhelmed with cards and phone calls wishing me well during my latest encounter with the Great Reaper, which seems to have worked with me winning again, as I am now home, somewhat bruised and battered, but getting stronger all the time - although there's a long way to go yet. So, Jack Spry and Ted Childs, and the rest of you so-called domino players, it is no use bribing the surgeons to do for me as you have just done. I am still going to come down and take your money off you once again. Thank you from a humble Port Isaac lover.

Peter (the) Savage. April 1995

EDITORIAL
In earlier days in Port Isaac the milkman was also the barber and it was pleasant and amusing to put out a note asking for two pints and a short back and sides. Coming from a large city, working daily among thousands of strangers, it was a special joy to be greeted by name each time one stepped outside the front door; to know just only the names of your neighbours but the names of your neighbours' dogs! Walking up Fore Street can be like a Royal Progress: a smile here, a wave there, a nod, a gossip (an essential ingredient of village life even if it does often resemble a game of consequences). The risible boundaries of living thus, so inksome to some of the young, are the very things which help us retain, or regain, our own identity. The natives, born and bred; the foreigners who've only been here twenty-five years; newcomers and Fomets, mingle in infinite variety in which there's something for everyone, and all within easy reach. Each of us has something to give the community and, with few exceptions, share a common bond... we choose to live here. (I count myself lucky - don't you?)

May 1982

It is earnestly hoped that by the time you read this editorial the strike by water workers will have become a thing of the past. At the time of writing, however, it is very much 'on' so we thought that we would print this editorial in place of the one planned for this month as it has a topical theme.

We're so used to turning on taps and getting an endless supply of clear, fresh water that it is hard to remember that only about fifty years ago all the water had to be fetched in large cans from the nearest pump, well, or spring. Rain water was collected in butts or the slate tanks that you can still see here and there, and used for washing but not drinking. Even after mains water was introduced some houses still had two taps - 'mains' and 'tank' water. The water from the mains used, as indeed it sometimes still does, to stain things brown and so the pumps stayed in use until about thirty years ago. One of the mysteries was that in dry weather a pump would seem to run dry then be 'revived' with just one bucket of water poured in at the top. What actually happened was that the leather washer would get dry and not create the necessary suction and the water moistened it so that it worked again.

January 1983

COMPETITION
The correct solutions to last month's puzzle are as follows:
1. PW 250 'Blue Hooker' Neville Andrews.
2. PW 364 'Orcaades' Jim May.
3. PZ 600 'Palores' Jeremy Brown.
4. PW 197 'Modesty' Bernard Baker.
5. PW 98 'S.R.J.' Bruce & Charlie Rowe.
6. PW 359 'Du-Et' Ed Fletcher.
7. PW 180 'Island Ranger' Ed Fletcher.
8. PW 53 'I'm Trying' Joey Thomas.
9. PW 33 'Diana Marion' Mike Larkin.

June 1986

PINK ELEPHANTS?
Have you seen the colour that they've painted the Golden Lion? June 1986

June 1986

PORT ISAAC TO THE RESCUE
We are living in an age of high technology and many of the old skills are being forgotten. It was a double pleasure, therefore, to see on television the other evening that when somebody was needed to start an old oil engine at St. Bernard Quay, not only was there still a man who knew how to do it, but also that the man was Jack Best of Port Isaac.

June 1986

THE BEACH CAFE
Port Gaverne opens Easter week under the management of Julie and Bernice Corrigan. Free on Good Friday only. Hot cross buns for adults, cream eggs 50p. 7 DAYS A WEEK. MORNING COFFEE 10.30 - 7.30

August 1986

PORT ISAAC POTTERY
A crowd of local people gathered on the misty afternoon of Friday 12th July for the official opening of the new pottery in the former Methodist chapel on Roserock Hill, and more visited the venue during the rest of the day, entertained by the afternoon by music on the organ played by Norman Honey, and robust singing from the men's choir in the evening.

August 1996

Dear of 'em
Overheard in the pub: 'What's in a crab sandwich?'
A visitor, on being told the time of the eclipse was 10 o'clock, said: 'Is that morning or night?'

October 1999

AND THERE WAS LIGHT!
After months of badgering SWEB and the Parish Council to get the street light working at Victoria House, I got so angry at stambull along Temple Bar on my way home the day that I rang District Councillor Bill Dave at 11. To my utter surprise one week later the light was back!

December 1992

HONEST PORT ISAAC
Four open-topped sacks full of Coalite were mistakenly delivered to the front of a cottage in the old village on December 17th. They stood there, unmolested, until the 27th, when the occupants of the cottage arrived. In how many places could that happen nowadays?

January 1987

Thankyou and goodnight - Port Isaac 2000 is no more
That's it, Port Isaac 2000 is now officially closed for business. The Muddled Wine on the Platt on New Year's Eve was our finale and it's now all over bar the shouting. They money that's left in the kitty will pay for the BMX track up at the Playing Fields and any surplus will buy new tables and chairs for the Village Hall.

What started with Tracey Greenhalgh getting a few people getting together to plan what the village was going to do for the Millennium took off in a way that no-one ever expected. The main worry was, would we be able to raise enough money to pay for the fireworks for New Year's Eve 99. We did, and then some.

A coffee morning at Janet C's launched the fundraising and this was followed by an Auction of Goods and Pledges. Cream Teas at Calenia and Roy and Sam's Big Fish Competition took place in both 1999 and 2000. Port Isaac Chorale held a concert for us. All the donations made during the Port Isaac 2000 Music Festival weekend

went into the kitty. We provided refreshments at the Murder Mystery Evening. We held a Barn Dance, the Village Christmas Party and Cajun Night. The Fishermen's Friends sang for us. We held a Music Quiz and various raffles. We produced and completely sold out the Port Isaac Calendar for 2001. In fact, it's been quite a busy two years.

Then, with all this money we raised we funded the Port Isaac 2000 Clock on the roof of the fish cellars - a permanent tribute to the new Millennium. The original clock from the old village school has been refurbished for the Village School. A spectacular firework display and muddled wine heralded the beginning of the year 2000 and every child in the village received a unique commemorative mug. We were able to make a donation to the new Port Isaac Christmas Lights. We laid on muddled wine again for New Year's Eve 2000. The Golden Circle thoroughly enjoyed a trip to Newquay for a special Christmas lunch. The Monsters and their Mums and Dads all went for breakfast with Santa at Trelawney

Garden Centre. And all this despite being turned down for a Millennium Grant!

We've had our last meeting - no more chocolate cake and red wine! We've had a good two years and had a lot of fun together and we're still all friends! All that's left to say is the most important thing of all - THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SUPPORTED US OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS.

Janet Chabband, Andrew Dingle, Jackie Dingle, Tracey Greenhalgh, Sam Littlechild, Bryan Nicholls, Annie Philp, Dee Randall, Jan Rowe, Muriel Spry, Janet Townsend
February 2001

A visitor went into the paper-shop to get a tide table. On being given the Port Isaac Tide Table he said, 'Have you got one for Port Gaverne?'

CHANNEL 4 TV

As soon as the necessary adjustments can be carried out, Channel 4 will be available in Port Isaac. August 1983

THANKS

To Port Isaac Relays for going up to the aerial in terrible rain and wind on Christmas Day, and restoring the television service to the Old Village. The aerial had been wrecked by vandals so we nearly had a Christmas with no television entertainment! January 1984

TV RECEPTION

Port Isaac is not forgotten. BBC engineers have formally agreed that it is a coverage deficiency area meriting a relay station and will be carrying out transmitter site tests next spring which could result in a operative station within two years. Progress has been slow due to the very many similar requirements to be handled all over the country. January 1985

NOISY PARTIES

Visitors and locals alike in the lower part of old Port Isaac are suffering a spate of noisy parties of young people. Due to the fine warm evenings, cassette player: are brought out into the courtyards, and sleep is rarely possible for those in adjoining cottages before about 1.30am. July 1984

Beware of Sheep

During the lambing season there is a danger of sheep jumping out onto the roads. Drivers please take care. March 1983

BREAK IN AT RECTORY

No sooner is the Revd. Hugh Fryer installed at St. Endellion than he has burglars - on his first Sunday as well! Luckily the collie dog Kelpie upstairs made so much noise that the thieves ran off with only a small amount of money. February 1984

FREE BUS WITHDRAWN

The shopping bus which has been taking people into Bodmin free of charge for the last four years has now stopped. Thank goodness we still have four provisions shops, two butchers, three fishmongers, and a mobile greengrocer. May 1986

OUR SHOPS

We are lucky to have such good shops. Go to some villages and you will find some very miserable examples - or even none at all! We have got: two newsagents, four grocers, two butchers, three fishmongers (increased to six in the summer), a travelling greengrocer - who has just opened a small shop as well, two post offices, and a dairy; here is even a new shop selling exotic chocolate, coffee, and delicatessen. There are, also, of course, all the gifts, paintings, and antique shops in 'the season'. December 1989

The eclipse of our lives

It was billed as a 'once in a lifetime experience' and that's just what it was - and more!
The predicted cloud was here in Port Isaac but the fact that we didn't actually see the moon eclipse the sun didn't really matter. The extraordinary light, the darkness, the cold - it was something most of us will never encounter again and will never ever forget.
See the poems in this issue written about the eclipse.

September 1999

PROJECT '2000'

David Phelps had reported at December's Parish Council meeting his belief that many people in the village would like a new community hall. The present Village Hall is not suitable for some functions as it has no parking facilities and is not adapted for use by the disabled. He proposed a scheme to be known as 'Project 2000' and to form a committee to investigate the possibility of building a new hall somewhere near the playing fields or by the doctors' surgery. He said the present hall could be sold to fund the project and that grants are available. The steering committee comprises David Phelps, David Welton, Mark Provis, and Eric Stokes and a meeting has been held with an official from Cornwall Rural Community Council and members of the village hall management committee. January 1994

'Extraordinary', 'amazing', 'the experience of a lifetime', 'I wouldn't have missed it for the world', 'wondrous', 'pagan', 'humbling', 'world beating', 'spiritual' - just some of the descriptions heard. It's easy to understand how, in days gone by, people thought the end of the world had come.
The great moment passed by so suddenly it almost seems foolish to attach too much significance to it. The light, that had for an hour or more darkened with increasing menace from the west, began to go out as if on a celestial dimmer switch. Towards Tintagel we could see down, towards the Rumps night-time. Then the crowds on Lober cheered as the moon passed directly in front of the sun and we shared our little bit of the great shadow that had run from Nova Scotia and was heading towards Islamabad. One felt uneasy for there was nothing that could be done to stop this thing. But we knew that it was an eclipse and had been told what to expect and we thrilled at the wonder and our children ran off across the field like bullocks with the whip. The seagulls headed back to roost then flew off confused towards the dim light at Tintagel. We cracked open the bubbly and felt the cold and smiled at one another. Thank God we knew what it was, for when we glibly pronounce that people used to be terrified and think that it was the end of the world, I think we can all now understand why.

September 1999

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It seems like only

"You are a very close village community and have so much fun together and yet you welcome outsiders to join in. We feel privileged to have been part of your music weekend."
(this was a note put into one of the collection boxes)

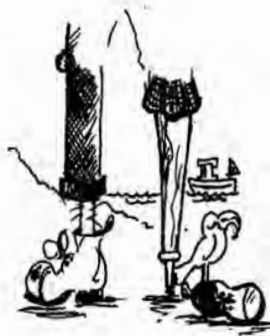
June 2000



Get on. Here, where be'an all to? They visitors. I've heard some reasons now - 'tis the weather; 'tis the Royal Cornwall Show week; 'tis the football; 'tis the strong pound. Next week it will be Wimbledon that's keeping them away.

Do you think that Port Isaac makes the most of itself? I suppose we could improve it by managing the traffic better and culling a few gulls. Couldn't some of the fishermen dress up a bit? Baseball caps are all very well but how long Jim May dressing up as Long John Silver - there must be a spare parrot somewhere!

Or maybe Jeremy lopping off one of his legs and clumping around the decks with a wooden one in search of Moby Dick or Gordon the Great White Shark?



What about a mutiny on the 'Sharkmar' with Richard setting Martin adrift in a fish box some ten miles off Tintagel Head with just a compass and a yeast bun?

Why can't we all live in early Victorian squalor, all oil lanterns and salt fish and ten or twelve children to a family? We could get rid of the inflatable lifeboat and get one with oars and a sail. We could cure pilchards and kill the fattened pig and tuck our forelocks to the square. In short, Port Isaac could become an historical theme park.

July 2000

The 'Thorough Guide to North Devon and North Cornwall' of 1908 describes Port Isaac as:
'The village is devoid of interest but prettily situated, and possesses a dingy inn or two where substantial refreshment may be had.'

April 2002

Pet of the Month Matilda



Age: Not known
Breed: Brown Hen
Nickname: Tilds
Owner: Tom Penny
Best friend: Mr Pheasant
Loves: Cat food and meeting the neighbours
Hates: Local modern artists
Naughtiest act: Digging in the flower pots

Matilda was rescued after apparently 'escaping' from the lower part of the village - somewhere in the region of Dempsey's back garden!

May 2008

John O'Groats to Lands End for Max

THEY DID IT!

The six cyclists rode into Lands End at 4.30pm on Sunday July 25th after 13 days of gruelling pedalling. Almost every day since they left Scotland they faced heavy rain and strong head winds, with wet tents to sleep in most nights - the conditions were pretty bad. However... once in the West Country the sun shone for them and they rode into Lands End in brilliant sunshine and a wonderful reception from friends and family.

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In October 2009 Max was playing for Truro School in a rugby match against Kelly College. In the final few seconds, Max ran with the ball and was tackled to the ground. His head hit the ground first and he immediately felt a rush of energy leave his body. Straight away he knew he was paralysed. Max broke his spine leaving him a tetraplegic. He has limited movement above the chest and limited arm movement.

A huge thank you to everyone who has sponsored the boys, it is greatly appreciated by Max, his parents and the riders. The running total so far is about £6000 and hopefully there's more to come in. It's not too late if anyone wishes to contribute. Please make cheques payable to 'John O'Groats to Lands End for Max' and pass on to Ben Andrews at Hathaway, Port Isaac.

Back on English soil



August 2010



Follow GFL's advice and re-use your bath water for the garden!

August 2001

Congratulations



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

February 2005

Seal Release at Port Gaverne

All of Port Isaac School went down to Port Gaverne beach to watch two seals called Arrow and Alpha be released back into the sea.

The seals were cute and they had little yellow hats on their heads for identification. If we see the seals anywhere we can email the Seal Sanctuary to let them know where the seals are. The seals were placed to be back in the sea.

By Sophie, Year 5



March 2005

First ever set of quads for Anne & Barry

We have kept sheep for over 30 years and this year has been exceptional. 'Twas the night before Christmas but this year we have had eight sets of legs and, to our great surprise, our first ever set of quads. They arrived without any assistance and are doing well. The only downside is that we are hand-rearing eleven lambs on the sabbie - they are fed three times a day. The good news is that, after five or six weeks they will be weaned onto concentrates and then on to grass.

Anne & Barry Collins



May 2008

The Last Post

Port Isaac may not have felt any large tremors on the 8th day of this week, any volcanic eruptions or other extreme forces of nature. But we have seen the end of an era. After 35 years, Barry Collins has retired as the Port Isaac postman, quietly and with no fanfares or great fuss, as befits the nature of the man himself.

Barry started as postman on November 21st 1970, under the then postmaster, Mr Russell, working alongside Rob Carter. Over the years, he has had many successors to work with and to relieve him. You know what I mean, notably Eric Thomas, Les Honey and Stan Harper. He has had to contend with torrential rainfall, force 10 gales, hailstones, snow and ice. He has had to overcome Port Isaac's underlying hills, with the equivalent of a sack full of bricks on his back; indeed, Barry is the first postman ever to have been issued with crampons and a Union Jack for when he reached the summit of the round! He has had to suffer attacks from dogs, even from his own dog, and has been one-bombed and spat upon by vicious seagulls.

Barry has been confided by second homeowners and holidaymakers who have assumed that he possessed an innate sixth sense to realise the specific whereabouts of 'Dave - Port Isaac'. Equally, people have expected him to immediately pick it up when they dispense with their house number and call their cottage by name only - 'Fisherman's Cottage', Port Isaac - don't you know that there are 15 other 'Fisherman's Cottages'? Please.

Perhaps most of all, Barry has faced the Royal Mail Supervisor who came to know as 'The Bearded Woman' and he was not turned to stone. If you are (continued on page 2)

Dr Lunny retires

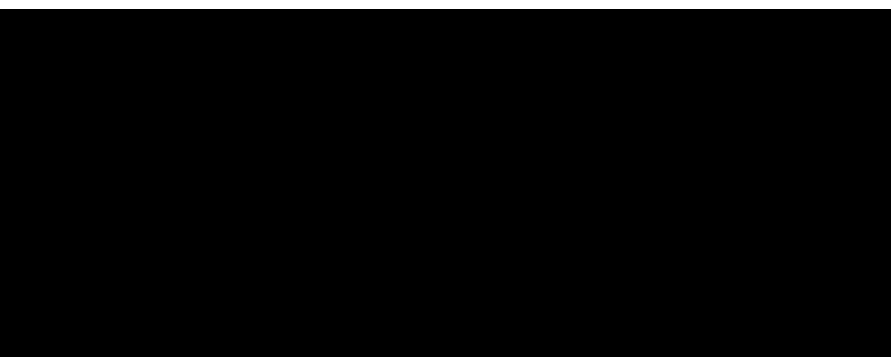
After 25 years serving the local community, Dr Lunny retires on May 2nd 2008

Caught up with him in between appointments and home visits to find out a little bit more about this man who has been one of our doctors for a quarter of a century.



Dr Lunny at work

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August 2010



How many 4x4s does it take to tow a rib trailer? This is what happens when you launch at low tide! They all got well and truly stuck and Marshall Deave had to come down in the end to pull them all out!

October 2008



Port Isaac resident Chris Hallatt uses the new Post Office service that now operates from St Peter's Church Rooms on Monday mornings and Friday afternoons.

March 2012

Foot and Mouth has overtaken the whole country and nobody is unaffected. 'Despite attempts to keep the disease out of Cornwall, animals with Foot and Mouth had already arrived even before any symptoms had been identified elsewhere in the country' said our local MP Paul Tyler.

April 2001



Janet Chadband MBE

Port Isaac's very own Janet Harrison Chadband has been awarded an MBE in the Queen's Jubilee Birthday Honours. Awarded for 'services to the community in Port Isaac', Janet feels strongly that the award is an honour for the village and recognition of the community spirit that thrives in Port Isaac.

A letter from 10 Downing Street dropped through her letterbox at the beginning of May advising her that her name had been forward for the honour. Janet was not convinced. Was it a wind-up? 'You can do clever things with computers these days' she said, so the embossed envelope and Downing Street letterhead did not quite

convince her! She really couldn't believe it was real but completed the acceptance form and tried not to think any more about it.

The day before the Honours were announced she received a phone call from Radio Cornwall asking if they could interview her. 'What for?' asked Janet. 'Because of your MBE', came the reply. 'My what?' It all seemed so unreal and weeks later she still can't quite believe it.

'It's not the sort of thing that happens to people like me', she told Trio. 'All I've done is what I wanted to do and what I've enjoyed doing'. People in the village can understand why she has been honoured. They see (and taste) her involvement and commitment at most fund raising events - and have been doing so for many years.

Born into the May family of Port Isaac, Janet spent her early childhood in Staines, Middlesex before the family moved back to Archer Farm, Port Isaac. She is married to Alan and they have two children, Cathy and Jackie.

It's quite a coincidence that Janet was awarded her MBE in the Golden Jubilee year. Back in 1952 when the Queen came to throne, Janet was the Port Isaac Carnival Queen. In 1977, the year of the Silver Jubilee, he daughter Jackie was the Port Isaac Carnival Queen. So watch this space in 25 years time!

July 2002



"One pronounces thee 'Maid of the British Empire' 'I've brought pasties and scones for after...' 'Phillip! Put the kettle on!..."

Broadband comes to Port Isaac

From April 6th broadband will be available in the Port Isaac area. actnow is an objective one funded project, has been set up to help businesses develop using broadband technology.



Signing up to broadband through actnow gives Cornish businesses the opportunity to achieve:

actnow
BROADBAND
CORNWALL

- 1 Up to 40 times faster internet download times*
- 2 'Always-on' internet access
- 3 Savings of up to £10 on your monthly charges (up to 15mths)
- 4 FREE specialist advice and business support
- 5 The ability to make and receive phone calls whilst online

Once signed up with actnow, businesses are eligible for the actnow accelerator service. accelerator gives businesses free, impartial advice and potential subsidies on the cost of ICT improvements such as website development, network servers and VPNs (virtual private networks).

If you would like to find out more about broadband contact a member of the actnow team on 0800 800935 or email info@actnowcornwall.co.uk

April 2005

Jan T gets the MBE

Nothing could have prepared Janet Townsend for the contents of the letter that was waiting her return from her holiday in Australia. Amongst the pile of junk mail and bills was a letter asking for her acceptance that her name be put before the Queen for the MBE. 'It was totally surprised and absolutely delighted', said Jan, 'and the hardest thing was not being able to tell anyone'. 'What a difficult time she must have had keeping such exciting news to herself!

To the people who had nominated and supported the application, it was no surprise when Janet's name appeared in the Queen's 2010 Birthday Honours list. Everyone is thrilled for her and the award - for Services to Music and the community of Port Isaac - is so well deserved. The whole village was buzzing with the news and Janet is still receiving cards and congratulations daily - Port Isaac is very proud of her.

Trio caught up with Janet to chat to her about her life in Port Isaac and all the work and things she has been involved with that have resulted in her accolade. It's quite a list! Brought up in the West Midlands, she first came to Port Isaac in the way that many ladies did, to work for the summer. It was 1959 when she came to work for her parent's friends, the Reece family who ran the Slipway Hotel - and like so many people, she fell in love with the village. Port Isaac got into her blood and she came back for a couple more summers, during which time she first met and got to know the man who was to become her husband, Mark Townsend.

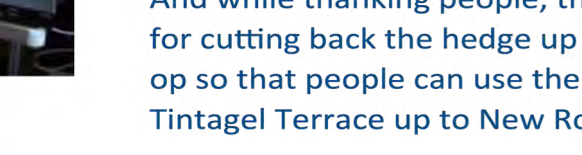
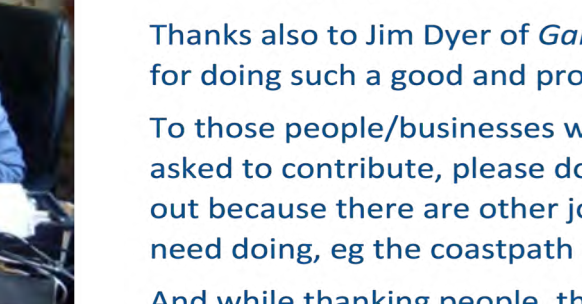
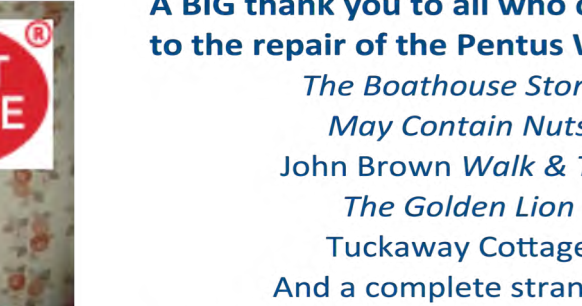
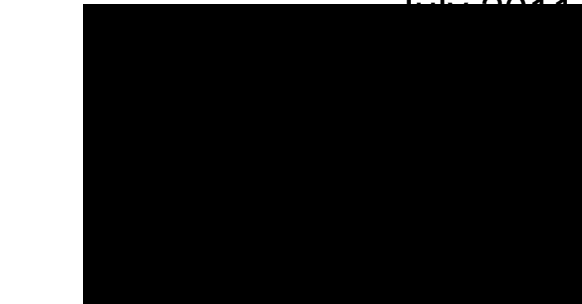


July 2010



The Task!

Team JB - Andy Penny, Nigel Andrews, Nicola Williams, Kevin Purter, Saul Sull, Dave Morgan and John Brown



The Longest Day



What a great concept Caroline. We all loved the marking of the summer Solstice. The huge sun and it's rays up on Lobber field was quite breathtaking. It was a really wonderful and original idea which gave pleasure and wonder to many people.

Thank you for the work you put into it. It was very much appreciated.

Betty Shoebox
July 2011

If you're not convinced after reading this month's Trio that Port Isaac is the place to be this summer then read the August edition of Woman & Home magazine and its feature 'The Bare Necessities' about holiday beauty. One section is called 'Best of British' and guess where the 'Perfect Place' in Britain is. Yes, you've got it, it's 'Port Isaac, Cornwall (average daily temperature in August 18C/64F)'. It then reads, 'Surely one of Cornwall's loveliest treasures, the *Daily Telegraph* listed Port Isaac as a must-visit place for 2000. So far unspoilt, Port Isaac nestles in a steep valley on the wild, north Cornwall coast, surrounded by natural, rugged beauty. Film and television companies use its atmospheric 18th and 19th century locations. It offers a picturesque harbour, rock pools on the beach and good seafood.'

Didn't we know we lived in a perfect place anyway?
August 2000

LOST
Two electricians in the Bodmin area
Answer to the names of Steve & Nigel
NO REWARD
Just sentimental value
Phone: Sam L. on 01208 77716

Update on the lost electricians

Here are just some of the many replies to last month's plea:

Good luck, you'll need it!!
Get in the queue!
Trev Gills said he had seen them but, alas, it was the postman's van!
Linda from Brays said she had seen a red van doing about 50mph but there seemed to be no occupants inside!
Someone said Colin Shepherd had hijacked them!
Alan Obi said, 'I hope the t...s are found, he owes me two pints!'
Billy from the pottery was almost in tears. He said he had waited the compulsory six months and now they are lost!
News just in!
To all concerned - they have been found safe and well. Nigel was in hospital with a broken toe I think and



May 2002

cakes ... homemade never makes you fat!

My grandma always said that homemade cakes never made you fat, 'only bought muck'. A good motto to live by.
Question girls: Bread Pith or homemade chocolate brownies? Don't get me started! My mouth is watering already, all that gooey chocolate lingering in the bottom of the bowl!!!
So here are three completely different recipes to try, all a good excuse for afternoon tea (or lunch or breakfast or midnight snack). The first one I've chosen is a good one called 'The Queen Mother's Favourite Cake'. It is slightly stodgy and sticky, very easy to make and keeps well in a tin - actually I lie, as we've never tested that theory!



March 2008

Soul food ...

Cooking is more than just feeding the body; we often express ourselves through our culinary efforts in the kitchen. We can provide love and caring for those we care about through our simple baking skills.
There is many an excellent cook in Port Isaac and it's my mission to find the secret of their success. My starting point is Janet Chadband who must have baked enough scones over the years to feed the British Army. I asked Janet to tell me her story.

Moving back to Port Isaac with her family as a young girl, her mother stated firmly that she wasn't going to do the cooking. At the time they ran Archer Farm, both as a farm and a guesthouse, and so the culinary finger pointed to the 13 year old Janet. Not only did she milk three cows each morning before school, she also did all of the breakfasts and a milk round. After the milk round Janet and her brother Rob had milk cocoa and yeast cake with clotted cream - 'It is slightly stodgy and sticky, very easy to make and keeps well in a tin - actually I lie, as we've never tested that theory!'

Amy May and Olive Cann taught her how to cook the traditional Cornish fare of pasties, spits, yeast buns and make her own butter. Everything was cooked on the range, when temperatures were either 'hot enough' or not!



Janet looking particularly glamorous at last year's Village Hall Medieval Banquet

August 2008

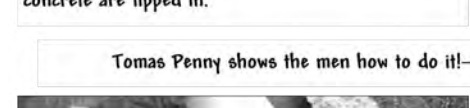
The Main Port Gaverne

A good team of volunteers turned out with two mixers, two wheelbarrows, lots of buckets and an enormous amount of hard work and the steps have been repaired and are open again, so that people can use the quay and the new bridge.

Friends of the Main



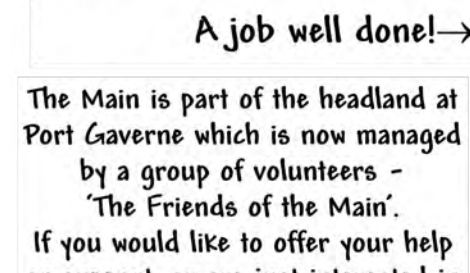
The shuttering's up and the first buckets of concrete are tipped in.



Tomas Penny shows the men how to do it!!



Filling holes!



A job well done! ->

The Main is part of the headland at Port Gaverne which is now managed by a group of volunteers - 'The Friends of the Main'.

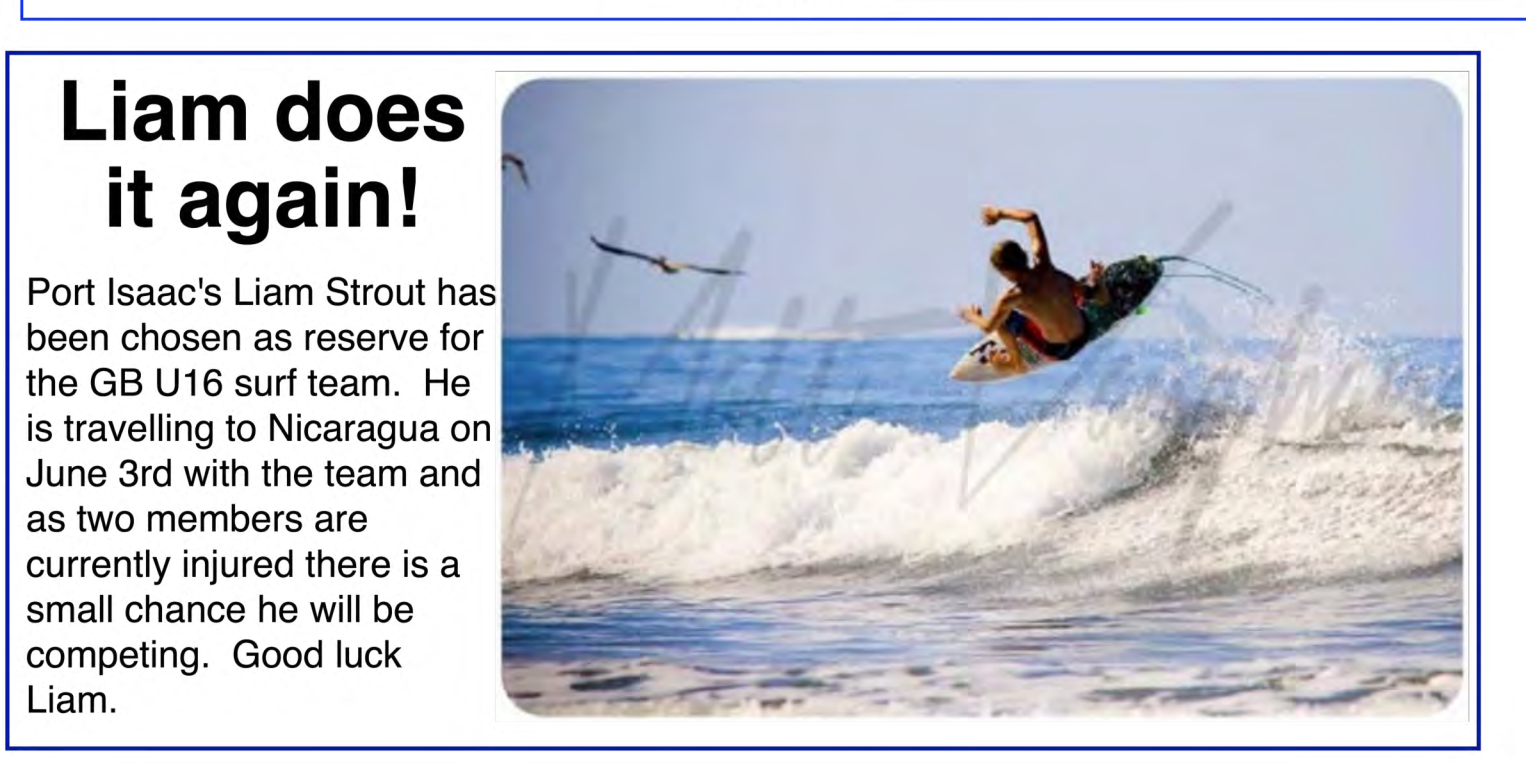
If you would like to offer your help or support, or are just interested in finding out more contact Chris Bolton on 01208 980256 or email trweth@globalnet.co.uk



August 2005

Our day at the Olympics

Port Isaac's Bob (age 7) and Joey (age 5) Sproull report:
This summer we went to London on the train. The next day we got up at 6 o'clock to get the tube to the Olympic Park.
We saw two basketball games. It was very noisy with lots of cheering and clapping. We did a Mexican wave. We had our photo taken with Wenlock.
Bob and Joey Sproull
Age 7 and 5



June 2013

Liam does it again!

Port Isaac's Liam Strout has been chosen as reserve for the GB U16 surf team. He is travelling to Nicaragua on June 3rd with the team and as two members are currently injured there is a small chance he will be competing. Good luck Liam.



June 2013

More things that we cannot miss out ... and of course, TOILETS!

Port Gaverne Toilets

The PC agreed a proposal that the Port Gaverne public toilets are not opened this season. This will save about £2000 and may even enable the PC to reduce its Council Tax precept next year. Alternative facilities are available just up the hill in the Port Isaac main car park.

March 2001

Public Toilets

A large public attendance at a Parish Council meeting usually means just one thing - traffic/parking problems. Not the case at the April meeting - this time it was the impending closure of the public toilets on Roscarrock Hill that meant for a long meeting with 26 villagers being given the opportunity to have their say. Our County Councillor, Andy Penny, tells us of the outcome of the meeting:

"Thanks to everyone who came to the Parish Council meeting on April 14th - mostly there for one reason, 'What's happening with the toilets?' The Parish Council got to hear your views which, in the main, were what I was hoping to hear. The general consensus was that 'pay' toilets were the sensible way forward. The PC then went on to agree to buy the New Road toilet block and ground surrounding it for £1 from Cornwall Council.

The plan now is to install pay machines on the Ladies & Gents toilets asap, the cost of which should be recouped this summer. The longer term plan is to convert the Gents and the shelter area into something between a visitors centre and a shop - lots of scope for entrepreneurial ideas!

The concern of the PC was that we should keep two sets of toilets open while not landing residents with a large increase in Council Tax. Cornwall Council's figures put running costs for the New Road facilities at around £12k. Boscastle Public Toilets, which have pay machines, take around £7k a year. Add the rental from the shop, plus I am sure we can run them cheaper, the long term situation looks OK. Other options include someone taking on the gents/shelter area, uncovered, on a long lease that includes the running of the toilets. If anyone has any ideas let the PC know. The objective is as above - public toilets at no further cost to residents.

Roscarrock Hill toilets will continue to be open this summer, paid for by Cornwall Council. However, I cannot, as yet, get any guarantee as to their future. In the meantime, the PC will continue to fund the New Road toilets.

Andy Penny
County Councillor
May 2014

Local initiative re-opens Port Gaverne toilets

The Public Toilets at Port Gaverne are open again. In a summer when Port Gaverne beach has been the playground for local people and children as well as visitors it is a very welcome and necessary facility.

September 2001



Highways put a whole load of hessian sacks in the hole on Tuesday afternoon as a temporary measure. This was totally ineffective as they got washed out, and the hole is now twice the size.

April 2014

In the papers - but for all the wrong reasons!

Once again Port Isaac is in the papers with the Cornish Guardian (15/06/12) reporting "Visitors shocked by attack on car" and the Daily Telegraph (23/06/12) headlining "Cornish vandals target 'rich incomers'". However, our local PC, Malcolm Taylor told Trio, "Following tremendous local response to these newspaper articles and our house-to-house enquiries, we are gaining more information regarding the incident."



Every picture tells a story and the damage done to the visitor's Range Rover was extensive with deep scratches and the wing mirror smashed. The vehicle was parked illegally on Church Hill in a passing space within a restricted zone. Residents informed the driver of this but were ignored and the vehicle did receive a parking ticket. However, the owners told the Cornish Guardian that "We saw no sign that it was a private parking space, nor was our vehicle blocking anyone's way".

At least three local witnesses were woken in the early hours of Bank Holiday Monday by 'animal like moaning'. One of them told Trio that she "witnessed a lady in a nightdress wielding a very large knife. Over a half hour period this lady 'knifed' the car extensively.

July 2012

CATCH OF THE DAY

Thank you to everyone who supported our first Port Gaverne Fishing Competition on June 14th. The weather was wonderful with calm seas, perfect for a days fishing. Bass, Pollack, Mackerel and even a couple of Squid were caught and the winning fishermen were:

Best Bass - Ben Spicer
Best Mackerel - Emma Honey
Best Pollack - Sam Johnson
Overall 'Catch of the Day' winner - Sam Johnson

A big thank you to Ian McNeice for coming down to present the trophies and special thanks to The Mote and The Crab Pot for their generous donations of food and drink.



Possibly the best moment of the day was seeing Ian McNeice virtually speechless when young Sam Johnson asked for his prize money for the Best Pollack to be donated back to the Port Gaverne Community Fund. I'm sure I saw a tear in the corner of Ian's eye. Thanks Sam.

We also had on display promotional material from Cornwall Inshore Fishing & Conservation Authority (CIFICA). They are responsible for the seas around Cornwall up to six miles out. There are currently changes going through as to what recreational fishermen can catch - the number of Bass per day is three. Size increases are being discussed by the EU. Shellfish landings are also under discussion and a new byelaw is currently being drawn up that, if approved, will increase the landing of shellfish to five, provided that the number of lobster and/or crayfish does not exceed a total of two. More information and minimum landing sizes for all fish can be found at www.cornwall-cifa.gov.uk

Andy Penny

July 2015

The Port Isaac Emergency Plan

The Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee are jointly involved in the preparation of an Emergency Plan for the village that will be put into operation in the event of any type of emergency. A sub-committee has been formed to formulate the plan and they are: Cheryl Webster and Dee Littlechild - Plan Co-ordinators and Mike Coles, Andy Penny and David Raynor - members. Other members are currently being invited to join and if you are interested in being part of the group please contact Dee on 01208 880905.

Monthly updates on the plan and its operation will be published in Trio.

November 2015

The Parish Diamond Jubilee Beacon



Our beacon, organised by Robert Solman, is getting bigger by the day. It seems to grow overnight! There won't be a chance of anyone missing it when it is lit at

10.01pm on Monday June 4th

The Jubilee Beacon on Lobber



June 2012



The Flower Festival

Thank you for all the wonderful floral displays which went to making a lovely Flower Festival in St Peter's Church. From the line-up of 'rainbow' wine bottles from the Stay & Play mums (oh yes?) to the flower filled wellies from the Carnival committee, it was an inventive and exciting display. And very grateful thanks to Janet, Pat and everyone who served such delicious refreshments. We made nearly £400 over the three days, which closed with a children's harvest festival led by our new vicar, Rev Elizabeth Wild. Afternoon tea rounded it off before everyone went home laden with fruit and flowers.

Barbara, Cheryl, Dee, Liz & Marion
October 2015

Rafael's story

I moved here when I was two years old and today I felt like writing about where I live ... in a beautiful village called Port Isaac.

I don't exactly remember when I first arrived but my mum told me the first day I was here I scootered down the hill and the only thing that stopped me was a washing machine someone had put in the road. Maybe that was my first lesson here.

When I arrived I did not know who was friend or foe, and it looked like all of them were foe - but I realised there were more friends of mine than foe.

July 2016



Dear Paul, we are so sorry that you felt the need to write about your problems with the gulls - We understand your plight.

I've thought about your worries with the birds and somehow find that an Alfred Hitchcock movie from the sixties comes to mind.

Please do not stop delivering for that would be a sin. We need you here, so please be brave Don't let the seagulls win!

The bills will still be coming for those who aren't online And we will be in trouble if they don't get paid on time.

Us old folk in the village Often wait to get a letter For a hospital appointment That will make our bodies better.

And birthdays come and birthdays go It would seem rather harsh Not to receive our birthday cards (When they could be our last!)

If our mail returns to Bodmin However will we cope? Please, make friends with our seagulls - This is our only hope.

We understand your worries - Your concerns about the mess And I cannot help but wonder - Have you thought of fancy dress?

A seagull suit might save the day Although some folk might grin Or I've got a penguin onesie That you'd look fantastic in!

And, come next Spring, I hope the gulls Realise they've judged you wrong - You're not a threat but a very nice man - I'm sure you'll get along.

If you could be friends together I would be rather glad For Port Isaac without seagulls Would be really very sad.



Following last month's Trio, Olive Strout has asked us to advise that Seagulls are a protected species.

October 2015

A tale of HOPE for Christmas

Once upon a wild wind swept beach in Nantucket, Massachusetts, an 11 year old boy named Grant threw a bottle in a wide arc into the sea. His father, who worked the New England waters on a cement boat, had always helped him with his school work and always thought of exciting ways to encourage him to write. He knew a big storm was coming and suggested Grant write a letter and put it into a bottle sealed with wax and see what might happen.

The letter talked about life on Nantucket and asked questions to whoever found it. How old are you? What's your name? Where do you live? A special PS was added which said "I drew you a picture ... It was beautifully illustrated with flying birds and diving fish and a little bottle floating on the sea.



As he let it go he thought ... I HOPE someone finds it ...

Eighteen months later on a fishing trip out of Port Gaverne a local man, Thomas Hawkin, pulled in his net and found a mussel encrusted bottle with the note still nestled undamaged inside.

He filmed the find put it on You tube and was excited when the story was picked up by Fox News in the USA, but what he really wanted was to get the letter back to 'the boy'. He knew that Jon and Caroline Cleave were going to New England so gave them the letter in the hope they might detour to Nantucket. Contact was made with Grant's family and everyone kept their fingers crossed.

New England, like Cornwall, slows down at the end of the season and ferries between islands are infrequent so the actual delivery of the letter wasn't that simple. At one point it seemed that Thomas' wish would not be possible as the timings between leaving one ferry point and travelling to the next simply didn't work.

However, as the story spread everyone from a touring whale watching Amish family, brilliant ferry operators, locals and a football team travelling to Nantucket were all really helpful and encouraging, all wanting and wishing the letter to get back to Grant despite the travel complications. It seemed everyone loved the idea that a small boy had thrown out a bottle with hope in his heart.

Eventually, on a beautiful New England morning, the ferry pulled into the harbour of the remote island of Nantucket, the place that had inspired Herman Melville to write what is arguably one of the greatest works of American literature, Moby Dick.

Eighteen months had turned Grant from a little boy into an awkward teenager but the present of a Port Isaac baseball cap soon put a smile on his face. He loved holding his letter in his hands and took us on a whistle stop tour of the island with his family before we caught the next ferry back.

Standing with him on the wind swept beach where he had thrown the bottle into the sea he smiled and said, "I hoped someone would find it" ... 3095 miles later and someone did!

December 2015

In the mid 1950s a visitor on Port Gaverne beach asked, 'Where is the toilet?' She was told that if she could hang on a bit they are talking of building some up the hill.

Port Gaverne Toilets

With August Bank Holiday behind us, the season will draw to a close before we know it. As usual, Port Gaverne has been pretty busy this year, with a huge number of people from Port Isaac and surrounding areas coming down to sunbathe, swim, barbecue or to launch their boats.

Last year there was a huge outcry against the Parish Council when they decided to close the toilets. Listening to this, and getting fed up with people disappearing into corners all over the place, I took a day off work and collected some pledges of financial support, got a lease from the council and opened the toilets.

This year I have a lease direct from the National Trust and have opened them again. Trouble is, I can't spare the time to travel the village asking for money to keep them going and, at the end of September when the insurance runs out, if the 'books' are as heavily out of balance as they are at the moment, the toilets will have to close for good. I don't want this and I'm sure most of you don't, so please, please contact me if you can spare some money towards keeping the toilets open and helping me with the cost of the last two years and we'll see how things go.



Many thanks to those who donated this year and last and to the Peapod for consumables.

If the costs are shared between many of us they are negligible, but with the major part of it coming out of my pocket it can't go on any longer.

So, if you use Port Gaverne for any reason, or would just like to help, please call me on 880296.

Richard Cook

September 2002

Our new Co-op - WOW!



"A big thank you to Port Isaac Co-op. Your miniature shop worked well for the locals. The new shop looks absolutely super. Well done from a very satisfied customer."

Peggy

"Thanks to everyone for bearing with us and the Pop-up Shop during the transformation of the Co-op - we hope you agree that it was worth it!"

Darren

March 2015

Duchess of Cornwall celebrates the link between Port Isaac and disadvantaged children in Kosovo

On Tuesday July 19th, HRH The Duchess of Cornwall was the special guest at a reception celebrating the relationship between Port Isaac and some of the poorest children at the other end of the continent.

August 2016



Paul and Laura do Port Isaac proud

Paul Grills, running in memory of his dad and for the Brandon Trust and Laura Gaby (nee Brown), who ran for Meningitis Now, both successfully completed the London Marathon.

Huge Congratulations to you both.

May 2016

overheard outside Secrets:

"... and that's Louisa's school"

"The sign says it's The old School Hotel, do you think it was once a school?"

"No, they will have called it that to cash in on Doc Martin!"



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A proper Port Isaac night

A fantastic evening of home grown Port Isaac music rang out of the packed to capacity Village Hall on Saturday April 16th.

May 2016