

PORT ISAAC LIFEBOAT

News of services in July and August (up to Monday 11th. August).

Our late Hon. Sec., David Castle and his wife Kathleen, have now left the village and are safely arrived in the Canary Islands where they have set up home. They ask us to pass on their deepest thanks to all especially Crew and Committee members, for the many messages of good-will which they received, especially regarding the recent serious illness of their son, also David. The latest news of David (junr.) is good, he is now out of hospital. (I have the address of David and Kathleen if anyone wants to write to them.)

Our thanks must go to Jon Cleave who has been acting Hon. Sec. until my arrival as a full-time resident. I am now finding it almost a full-time occupation!. Now to service news

Monday 15th. July: ILB [Inshore Lifeboat] launched to assist with a man cut off on cliffs at Tintagel. He was rescued by coastguards. Crew: M. Provis, A. Walton, P. Pollington.

Friday 26th. July: ILB launched on exercise to recover a sheep, seen and reported to the coastguards by Dugald Sproull in his boat 'Boy John'. It turned out to be a lamb which was recovered and returned to the farmer at Port Quin.

Monday 29th. July: ILB launched to investigate a report of 'children' in inflatable boats off Port Gaverne. They turned out to be a father (36) and son (14) fishing, in toy inflatables. They were returned safely to the beach. Crew: A. Walton, C. Scott, R. Parkyn.

The ILB was launched again the same day to assist three people in the water at Trebarwith Strand. Two of them were lifeguards who successfully landed a swimmer through heavy swell and surf. Crew M. Provis, A. Walton, K. Dingle.

Sunday 4th. August: Whilst on exercise at the Rumps, the ILB was diverted following the finding of a bomb on Pine Awn beach by Oliver Childs, who, with three other persons and their large dog, was later brought back by boat to Port Isaac. The bomb was guarded by coastguards until the arrival of the Bomb Disposal Unit from Plymouth. The bomb was exploded and destroyed at 4.20pm. Crew: A. Walton, K. Dingle, J. Coy.

The ILB has been exercised very regularly this year and many visitors come into our boathouse which is open every day from 8.30am. until dusk. Souvenirs are on sale every Thursday evening while the St. Breward band plays on the Platt.

Saturday 10th. August was our Lifeboat Day. Souvenir sales and collecting boxes outside the boathouse raised just over £300. Many thanks to all who helped with sales and collections.

Ted Childs, Hon. Sec.