

# The Duke of Kent visits Port Isaac Lifeboat Station - Summer 1990



Chatting with HRH the Duke of Kent during his visit to Port Isaac lifeboat station yesterday are local estate agent and lifeboat crewman John Coshall, his wife Chrissie, and their daughter, Leah.

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MEMBERS of the crew of the Port Isaac Lifeboat, together with their wives and families, met HRH the Duke of Kent yesterday (Wednesday) when he made the village one of his first ports of call on a tour of West Country lifeboat installations.

The Duke, who is president of the RNLI, arrived in Cornwall by rail and was flown from Bodmin Parkway to Padstow Lifeboat Station and then on to the North Cornwall village where he was introduced to Surg. Capt. F.W.Baskerville, president of the Port Isaac branch of the organisation.

He then met Mr David Castle, the lifeboat station's secretary, and members of the

lifeboat crew who had gathered with their families and members of the branch committee to greet him.

As the helicopter, carrying the Duke to his next appointment at Bude, flew over Port Isaac Bay the lifeboat was launched on exercise making for Tintagel Head so that HRH had the opportunity to see the craft and its crew in action.

The Duke was due to lunch at a hotel in Bude after visiting the lifeboat station in the town. He then went on to Appledore in Devon for a trip out to sea on the local boat.

The Duke of Kent became President of the RNLI in 1969 following the death of his mother, Princess Marina, who had served as president between 1943 and 1968.



The Duke chats with Frank McNichol (above) and Dr Baird (below)  
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The Duke chats with Surgeon Captain Baskerville, Lord Falmouth in the background



The Duke with Station Hon Sec, David Castle