

That's Christmas

Christmas feels like excited children and cold snow

Christmas tastes like Christmas pudding, chicken and advent calendar chocolate

Christmas smells like Christmas dinner cooking and Mum's candles

Christmas looks like shiny, sparkly lights, Elf on the Shelf and a big Christmas Tree

Christmas sounds like Jingle Bells and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

Freddie (5)

trio

That's Christmas

Christmas smells like magic

Holly and Ivy on the door

Ringing and jingling bells

I think it's amazing!

Stockings and elves

The elf is so naughty

My favourite thing is the presents and

All the family being together

Santa's coming -

Merry Christmas All

Jago (8)

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FEBRUARY TRIO

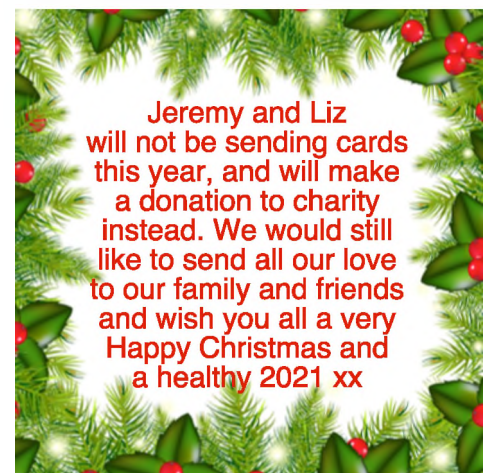
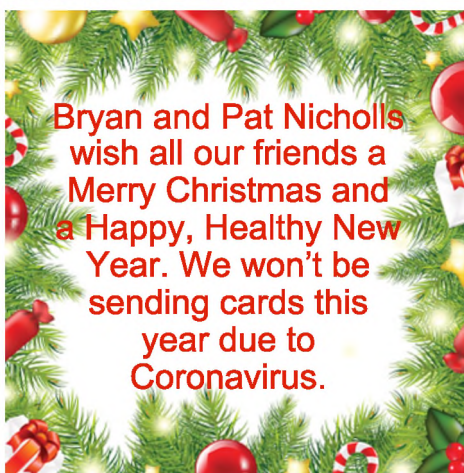
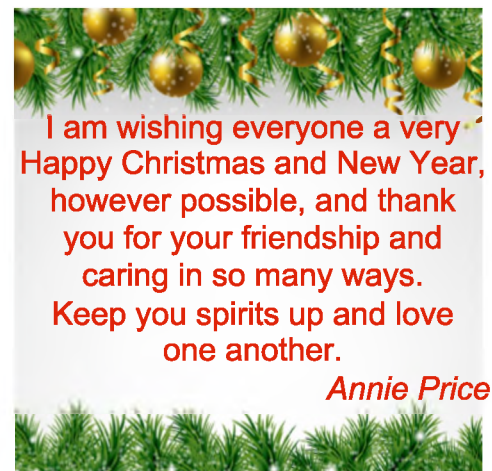
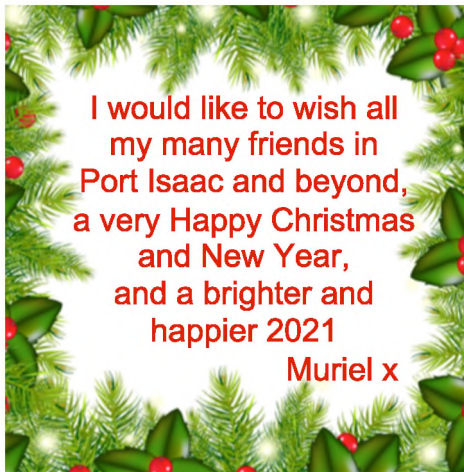
Don't forget there is no January Trio but the February one comes out a little earlier. The copy date for the February issue is January 20th 2021

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We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Port Isaac Colour in and Cut out Christmas Card

It's been a difficult year and so hard for our community to get together and enjoy each other's company. We can't do our Christmas Light's Parade, we can't get together and sing carols ... in fact, nothing is quite right at the moment (although fingers crossed it will be soon). But Christmas is a creative time and Caroline has designed a little activity to appeal to all those little (and big) fingers that like to cut, colour and sprinkle glitter. If you've got lots of little fingers in your house and want some more cards (or if your copy is missing from inside your Trio) just email Trio - triopi@mac.com or call Dee on 01208 880905.

We are so lucky to have such a lovely community.
Merry Christmas to everyone and a Healthy and Happy New Year.



**WELL DONE
TO ALL THE
AMAZING
VOLUNTEERS
IN PORT
ISAAC!**

I was very surprised to receive a card in the post from the Queen's representative for Cornwall! How posh!

Whilst, as you all know, I'm great at getting online and rounding everyone up. However, I have to say I was only called a small number of times to help people who were self-isolating. This card is for **EVERYONE** who selflessly signed up to be on our self-isolating help posters! I put a shout out on Facebook for volunteers and within minutes had a pageful of numbers to put on the poster. We made the posters straight away and over the next few days about 30 more people were in contact asking to have their phone numbers on the posters! That shows what kind of village this is!

SO THIS IS A BIG WELL DONE TO ALL OF US!

Kat Mac

LET'S SPRINKLE A LITTLE MORE CHRISTMAS CHEER!

When the snowman brings the snow....we'd just like to let you know, that we'll put a smile on every single face.....!

I've hatched a plan with the indomitable Kat Mac and head Chef Tristan Halliday, to cook and deliver a chilled Christmas Dinner to all who'll be missing out on our usual Christmas cheer. Dinners will be delivered chilled to be warmed to eat on the day, or frozen to be enjoyed another time.

We have a chef ... kitchens... and a sprightly cluster of elves we trust to deliver...and bags of enthusiasm to get this project off the ground! We want to deliver NINETY + Christmas dinners before the day, so that's where you lovely folks come in. We've set up a GoFundMe page. Any funds raised over our target of £700 will be donated to a local food bank. Happy Christmas all! *Nicola Vickery*

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/st-endellion-christmas-lunch-fund>
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This year we have gone down a slightly different route with our handmade Christmas trees which are dotted around the village and decorated by locals. At the time of writing, I haven't seen what everyone has done but I know they will all look wonderful. Thank you to the adopters for their donations.

Huge thanks to everybody who as "Adopted a Tree" and to the small band of installation elves, namely, Dan, Keith, Michelle, Dave, Damo, Tom B, Tom P, Mark and Johnny Mc.

Unfortunately not everyone who asked got a tree due to time, money and storage issues ... maybe next year.

Mr "Christmas Lights" Lanyon



and a little Christmas lights footnote ...

The Lights team love putting up the Christmas Lights ... but we don't particularly enjoy having to traipse through doggy doo doo!



Have you ever wondered what Chris Lanyon's real name is? Is it Christopher? Is it Christian? No! It's Christmas, hence why he is Mr Christmas Lights.

And did you know, Mr Christmas Lights is not just for Christmas. No, he spends all year planning and making and raising money so that our village can have Christmas lights and displays and in a normal year a big Christmas Lights procession.

This year was always going to be a challenge but he rose to it - you could say he had a lightbulb moment - and rather than waste three months in lockdown, he got Dan making the wooden trees that have appeared all over the village. So a great big thank you to Dan.

So Mr Christmas Lights, this is just to let you know that we do appreciate all your hard work. Thank you x

Friends of Port Isaac School Christmas Fundraisers

We are aware it has been hard times for many, but anything you can provide will be gratefully received. School has put a couple of large requests in for funds since September, so now we need to 'top the pot up' ready for the next time. *We are planning:*

A special post box for Port Isaac School children to send their Santa letters (December 1st-14th).

A secret gift service – we would be grateful for donations of small gift, eg socks, a candle, unopened gift sets, soap ... anything an adult would like to receive. If you have anything to donate please contact Kat McDonnell who will be collecting everything - by December 11th so we can quarantine everything for 72 hours.

Any child who brings £1 will be able to pick and wrap their gift to take home.

A BIG Christmas Raffle - £1 per number (more info via Facebook and posters) This will be drawn on Wednesday December 16th (please place money in an envelope ATTN: FOS Raffle with your name and we will add you to the raffle list).

The Quiz - £1 each (please place money in an envelope ATTN: FOS Quiz with your name and we will get a quiz sheet to you). Completed sheets will need to be handed back by 14th December 14th and Winner announced on Wednesday December 16th.

We are hoping to have a **Takeaway Curry evening** - please get in touch if you are interested so we can look at numbers.

If you have anything you would like to donate please get in touch with one of the FOS members or call school - 01208 880494.

Chair – Gemma Cleave, Secretary - Andrea Pengelly, Treasurer – Pam Holer and other members - Laura Graham, Andy Borders and Kat McDonnell.

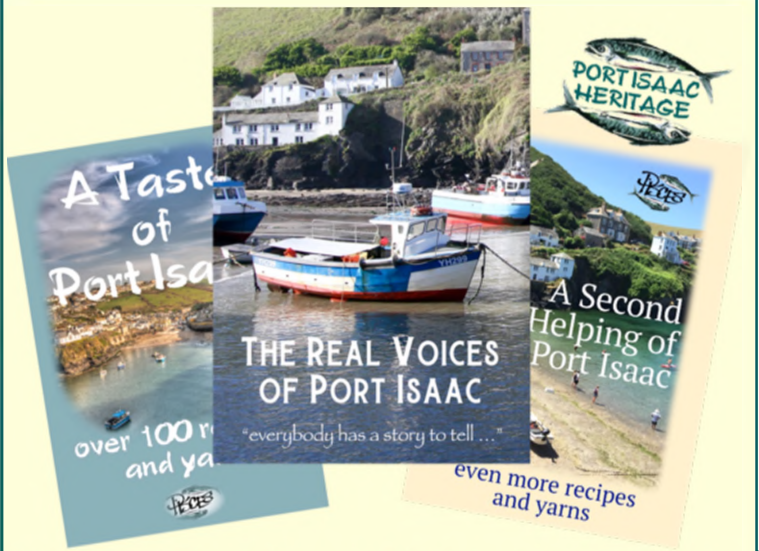
MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

WANTED - HOUSE TO RENT - PORT ISAAC AND SURROUNDING AREA

With sadness, Bev & Steve from Terrace Tearoom B & B, will be closing in February, due to the lease expiring on their property, and are now looking for a rental property to live in, either in the village of Port Isaac or surrounding areas.

Must be dog friendly.

If anybody knows of a house/cottage available, please contact either Bev or Steve on **01208 880837 or 07908 436262**



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plus



these are not just
Christmas Cards ...

these are
Port Isaac Heritage Christmas Cards

*Sally Stratton's Port Isaac in the snow photographs,
Christmas recipes and Christmas memories*

**£1.50 each or
6 cards for £6**

ALL PROCEEDS TO PORT ISAAC HERITAGE

Cheryl will be selling these cards from her car. in the Co-op car park at various times in the run-up to Christmas!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL**

Thankyou ...



So I've just had an email from Dee asking me to proof read the Village Hall centre page spread in this months *Trio* and is there anything or anyone that's been left out. It's a big list and the local involvement is incredible

However I must talk about the wonderful, talented, industrious, and indeed persistent group who are the Village Hall committee and helpers who made this latest chapter in Village Hall history possible.

It soon became evident that even with three builders on the committee we weren't going to be able to build an extension of this magnitude with just voluntary work. But how do we get this built without a big injection of cash?

We really needed to boost the committee numbers to help with the huge fundraising ahead. Fate was on our side. Paul Honey, Rosie Brogan, Roy Smith and Liz Brown joined Annie, Cheryl, Dee, Martyn, Roy and myself giving a well needed boost to the positive 'can do' attitude. And the estimate of £80,000? No problem, let's get on with it!

One skill we lacked was writing grant applications. We had tried several times in the past and failed. Well, our luck was holding, enter Sharron with her magic money tree or expertise in grant applications as its better known.

Add in Berties help with the Crowd Funding and the Port Isaac Shanty Festival fundraiser, and the money was there for work to start. But this merry band didn't stop there. Determined to get the best deals possible - suppliers were contacted for prices, emphasising the community nature of the venture, getting fantastic deals. And all the while the steady trickle of successful grant applications kept coming.

Work began and Martyn left the committee and joined Roy, working on the kitchen, carpentry and landscaping. Behind all this was Dee, disseminating information and keeping a close watch on the money that was now going in the opposite direction as the work progressed. Incredibly, due to all the diligent hard work and planning we have come in on budget with enough over for a new BBQ!

We've just had an end of project 'Zoom' meeting. What was on the agenda? New projects to improve the Hall including repointing the outside walls, new outside lighting and a new roof!

So I would like to say, on behalf of everyone who uses our Village Hall, a big thank you to the committee and helpers, past and present, for all the work that has been done to get us to where we are. An amazing group and I am privileged to be part of it.

Andy Penny
Port Isaac Village Hall Chairman

Fancy a look round the Village Hall?

The Hall will be open on Tuesday December 8th and Tuesday December 15th from 10.30am-12noon if you fancy popping in for a look around. You will need to wear a face mask and might have to wait if there is a crowd (probably not!). If you can't make those times and still fancy a look round, call Dee on 01208 880905 and she will meet you there.

Another HUGE and ENORMOUS thank you to Port Isaac Co-op and its customers for their support

Thank you to the Co-op Community Fund for their support again this year. Usually we celebrate this support instore with cake but, like everything else, Covid-19 put a stop to that this year.

Thanks to the Co-op and all the customers who supported Port Isaac Village Hall we have received a record £1868.52 for the period from November 2019 to October 2020. All of this money went into our now completed "extension"project. Thank you.

We are lucky enough to have been chosen as one of the charities for the next round of funding and, in line with the new Co-op criteria, we are aiming to provide a range of trips, activities and entertainment for the older members of our community (as soon as we are allowed). This is particularly important now that the Golden Circle has disbanded and we hope all our supporters will continue to pick us as their Co-op charity - we will keep you informed of what we do and where we go.

Just go online and select Port Isaac Village Hall as your chosen charity - and if you don't do online, just ask Craig instore as he is always happy to help (thank you Craig). 2p of every £1 you spend on Co-op products goes to the charity of your choice and 2p goes to you. A bit like the old Co-op "divi" - hands up who remembers their mum's "divi" number that they had to recite every time they were sent to the Co-op for some shopping.

And don't forget the instore bookshelf - all the proceeds go to either the Village Hall or the Stay & Play Group.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Port Isaac Co-op staff
The village really appreciates your support
during this strange and difficult year.
You are the best team and have remained
cheerful and helpful and always
"go that extra mile".

No-one in our village was without food
and your were a very big part of this
community effort.



Websites of the Month

Online access to books has become quite popular over recent years, and checking back on previous columns, it looks like it was about 10 years ago that I last covered this topic. As that is a long time in the life of the web there have been some changes which I thought would be interesting to explore. But to start with some not so good news. Since that column in 2011 over 770 libraries closed their doors for the final time and the effect of covid-19 has left many libraries at increased risk of closure. The website Public Libraries News (www.publiclibrariesnews.com) is very comprehensive and if you are interested in libraries then it's a go to place for information. If you want to see about campaigning to keep them then <https://librarycampaign.com> has all the latest on what's happening.

The good news is that we have an excellent library service in Cornwall and with the announcement that we will be on level 1 over the next few weeks at least (fingers crossed) it's possible to visit and exchange books – this is what the current rules allow:

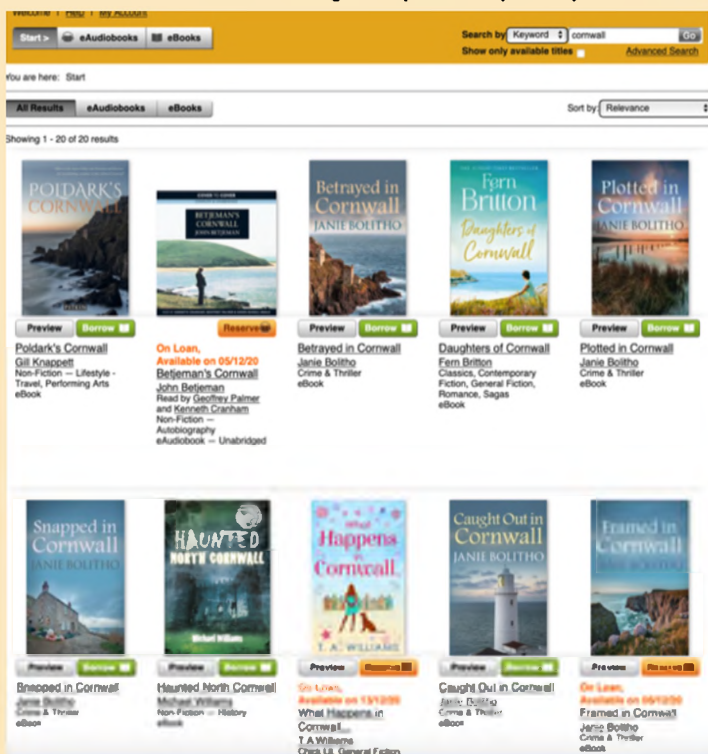
"Many of Cornwall's Libraries will remain open during the lockdown commencing 5 November, by welcoming you at the door with a click and collect service. Order your books online, then go to your nominated library to collect them from the lobby or entrance. You can also return items as well. Regular library activities such as story-time sessions will have to wait until we can fully reopen. They can't go ahead until it is safe. Please keep an eye on our social posts and publicity." (see <https://tinyurl.com/cornlib-rules>)

For most of the online access you will need your library card number – mine is 14 numbers long so good idea to have it to copy and paste if needed – and for some like the research database you need to be inside the library network and as far as I can see that means being either in the library or logged onto their own wifi. However, most services are available without that.

To find books to borrow – and to see if they are available you go to the Cornwall library website and there are lots of instructions with a range of options <https://tinyurl.com/cornet-how>

For ebooks, audiobooks and electronic versions of magazines - these are also available to download and read – and all the instructions are here <https://tinyurl.com/commagebooks>

They are using a system called "Borrowbox" for the ebooks and audiobooks (see screenshot) and you get a nice interface where you can see the available books and can either download or reserve them. It's an impressive service and the more we use it the more likely we are to keep it.



Alongside our local library there are also amazing free digital books websites from which you can download, and the range is now very large indeed, so here is just a small selection.

My favourite is Project Gutenberg (<https://www.gutenberg.org>), named after Johannes Gutenberg who invented the printing press https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johannes_Gutenberg. The project has been steadily digitising books and now has over 60 thousand free ebooks that you can download. A quick search for Cornwall found some old books – for example, one from 1900 by S Baring-Gould - that is in four parts covering many aspects of Cornish life with really nice illustrations. You can read these books on a computer, smart phone or tablet

A good summary of other places for free books can be found here <https://reedsy.com/discovery/blog/free-books-online>

Tony Wainwright

Reece's Spewing Susan wins Carnival Competition



Port Isaac Carnival Committee would like to thank everybody for the effort put into the Halloween Pumpkin Carving Competition which ran over the half term week. There were over 45 entries from lots of children (and adults!!) in the village.



It was so so hard to pick an overall winner as the talent was so high but eventually our judge, Jo Taylor, came to a conclusion and chose Reece Collins' pumpkin which he had named "Spewing Susan"! We were so happy to be able to give all entrants a sweet cone prize and Reece received a big box of chocolates for his winner's prize. Special mention also goes to Sonny and Tyler's "Gruffalo" pumpkin and Bill's "dinosaur" pumpkin!

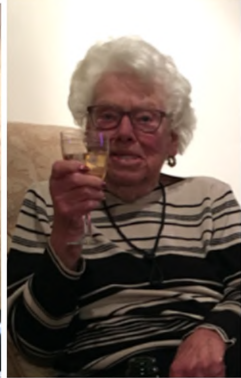
Housekeeper/ Cleaner wanted

We are looking for a new Housekeeper / Cleaner for a large property in Port Gaverne sleeping 14, with a Friday changeover day. Ideally would suit a couple or two people with previous experience.

For further details please contact Jerry Ratcliffe: jerry@jeremyratcliffe.co.uk
07767 266063

Muriel happy 100th birthday

As January 1st 1921 dawned, George V was King, David Lloyd George was Prime Minister and a New Year Baby was born ... she was named Muriel ...



St Endellion Parish Council – Contract & Maintenance Supervisor update

Planning Applications

Members considered these planning applications and made the following responses to Cornwall Council:

1. *PA20/08444, 34 New Road, Port Isaac* – proposed various works to dwelling (re-design of Application No. PA18/09549). Members supported this application.
2. *PA20/08993, The Annexe Stonelands, Trewetha, Port Isaac* – single storey extension to side of property. Members supported the application provided the permission is conditioned to remain an adjunct to the main dwelling as an 'annexe'.

Planning Applications Approved by Cornwall Council –

- i. *PA19/11260, Gwel Arvor, Tintagel Terrace, Port Isaac* – re-submission of Reserved Matters application PA18/09791 following Outline Approval PA17/09691 dated 12th December 2017 for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale.
- ii. *PA20/03608, Long Cross, Trelights* – change of use of hotel (Use Class C1) to residential (Use Class C3).

Contract & Maintenance Supervisor – Miscellaneous Items

1. *Local Governance Review* – Cornwall Council had recommended no change is made to the boundary of this Parish Council.
2. *Cemetery Bench* – Members have agreed to purchase a semi-circular teak bench for the cemetery.
3. *Swings* – Members have agreed to purchase replacement swings.
4. *Pentus Wall* – a quotation from Mr John Mac had been accepted to repair the wall at an approximate cost of £350.

Meeting Dates

At the time of writing Meetings of the Parish Council have been cancelled indefinitely during the current Coronavirus pandemic. Members will be conducting the usual business of the Parish Council via email. Members of the public may still comment on any item listed on the "virtual" agenda which will be issued a week prior to the second Monday of each month.

Gillian Thompson
Parish Clerk / RFO

Email: stendellionpc@gmail.com
Website: www.stendellionpc.com

Hi, you may remember that I was appointed as Contract & Maintenance Supervisor for St Endellion Parish Council and introduced myself via Trio. As I have now been in the role for over 6 months, not including time I was on furlough, I thought it would be a good idea for an update. This gives an opportunity to see some of what goes on, for the functioning of the Parish, which has usually been overseen by the Parish Councillors on a purely volunteer basis.

Don't worry I'm not about to tell you how many times I've visited the public toilets or how many miles I've walked the parish footpaths and nearly fell down a Holy Well!

But you might be interested to know that: In Port Isaac; cctv has been installed at both the Main and New Road WC areas and car parks. The Pump Shelter opposite St Peter's Church has been refurbished and decorated. Drainage holes along Overcliff footpath have been cleared, to help avoid flooding that usually occurs during heavy rain downpours. A kissing gate erected at the dog walking field, below the Main car park. In Port Gaverne; a new railing to replace a broken one at the top of Tags Pit and placement of a new memorial bench on the Main.

Along with monthly inspections and maintenance of the play area and regular grass cutting throughout the parish; including the road side verges, play area, Main car park and public footpaths. The 3 public toilets in Port Isaac have been cleaned and checked daily since the first lockdown was lifted (sorry I said I wouldn't mention that, but...) and the standard of cleanliness has much improved from last summer. However, there are ongoing issues which arise from wear, tear and carelessness which have been sorted out to ensure the public WCs continue to be in a fit for purpose condition.

Other issues that have arisen and been reported to Cornwall Council or sorted by local contractors include; blocked highway drains, broken road signs, broken stiles and broken way markers along with other footpath problems. Also, animal carcasses on the beaches at Port Isaac and Port Gaverne, including a massive grey seal. I don't know if you saw it, but it was huge!

That's what's been going on, but looking forward there are several projects which will keep me occupied for the coming winter months. Such as arranging replacements for the broken swings in the play area, installation of a water bottle refill station at Little Hill and following up on footpath issues. On top of the daily checks of the public toilets (sorry I mentioned them again!), keeping an eye on the street cleaning and walking my dogs along the public footpaths, just to make sure the paths are in good condition, of course!

Maybe in the next issue I'll write less than Scott Mann!

If you would like to contact me regarding any Parish issues my mobile number is: 07494 589 638 or email: clarejonsten@gmail.com

The North Cornwall Book Festival News

Autumn 2021 will see the return of the North Cornwall Book Festival at St Endellion, near Port Isaac, with the amazing line up of writers, artists and performers that were to have presented in October 2020.



In lieu of the 2020 Festival a series of short films have been produced. They are 5-15 minutes long and contain interviews with many of the authors who were due to attend.

They can be found on www.ncornbookfest.org/north-cornwall-book-festival-at-home or look for North Cornwall Book Festival at Home on YouTube, Facebook, Instagram or Vimeo.

They include interviews with several authors including Patrick Gale - an esteemed author and the Festival's Artistic Director, Petroc Trelawney of BBC Radio 3 fame, discussing his memoir about trains and a Cornish boyhood, Amanda Craig talking about the tension around second home ownership in Cornwall in "The Golden Rule", Rachel Joyce talking about a proper adventure story for women "Miss Benson's Beetle", the traveller and sailor, Philip Marsden - discusses his voyage from Cornwall to the "Summer Isles" plus lots more.

we will remember them ...

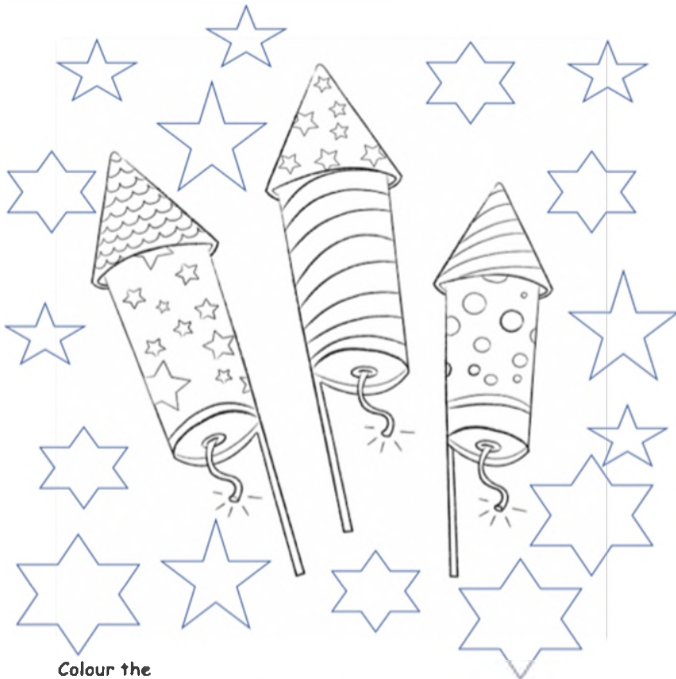


the stunning Remembrance display that Gemma Cleave and her girls, Gracie (10) and Olivia (4), made and put up outside Trelawney Garage for everyone to see as they came into the village

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2020

Thank you to everyone for their hard work, help and support for this year's very different Poppy Appeal. We raised an amazing £1164 which is so good considering how Covid-19 has affected everyone and everything this year.

Annie Price, Poppy Appeal Organiser



Colour the
small 5 pointed stars blue
large 5 pointed stars red
large 6 pointed stars yellow
small 6 pointed stars green

How many stars altogether? How many points altogether?

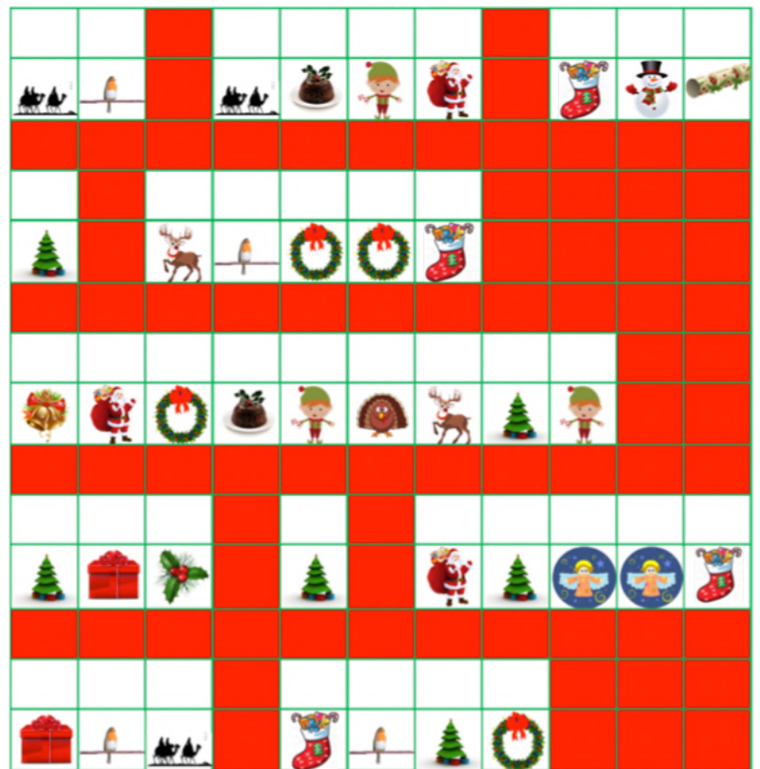
New Year's Eve Fireworks

It's going to be a funny old New Year's Eve as well this year. The Old School would normally be arranging their New Year's Eve fireworks at this time of year but, with the continuing restrictions, they have decided it wouldn't be responsible to put on a display this year and have lots of people congregate on the Platt.

The Old School have put on the fireworks for so many years now it is a Port Isaac tradition and we will all miss it. Thanks for all the previous years ... what an amazing display for such a little village. This time next year ...

FIND THE CHRISTMAS GREETING

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We're not going to forget Christmas 2020!

This Christmas is going to be one we will never forget (although maybe we should!). So here goes for a few different Christmas recipes to help us all get through the festive season!

To start Christmas off we will need a drink so we'll start with ...



Apple Cider Sangria



This spiced, sparkling punch brings on big flavours with the lemon, ginger, oranges and seasonal fruits.

You can use Prosecco, Cava or any dry sparkling wine, including sparkling Rosé, to add the fizz to this Christmas cocktail.

INGREDIENTS:

2½ cups Apple Cider
¼ cup of Brandy
½ cup of Orange juice
¼ cup of Lemon juice
1in piece of peeled and thinly sliced Ginger

4 Clementines, thinly sliced

2 Apples, sliced (Pink Lady or your favourite)

750ml Sparkling wine of your choice

2tsp Orange Bitters (if you can get them)

METHOD:

In a large container stir together cider, brandy, orange juice, lemon juice, ginger and bitters. Stir in clementine and apple slices. You can now refrigerate for up to a day.

When you are ready to serve, add sparkling wine. Serve over ice with a few pomegranate seeds (if you have them).



The BEST Roasted & Glazed Ham



INGREDIENTS:

Ham joint
1 navel orange, thickly sliced
1 red onion, thickly sliced
1 pineapple, rind removed, one half cut into thick slices, the other half roughly chopped
1 bottle Ginger Beer
½ cup light brown sugar
2tsp Soy sauce

METHOD:

Heat oven to 180°C.

In a roasting tin put sliced oranges, onions and pineapple slices and put a cooking rack on top.

Lightly score ham joint and place on rack. Pour ¼ bottle of Ginger Beer over the ham, cover with foil and bake for approx 1½ hours.

Meanwhile, in a blender, puree remaining chopped pineapple and Ginger Beer until smooth. Transfer to a saucepan, stir in the brown sugar and soy sauce and bring to the boil and simmer until syrupy and reduced.

Uncover ham and brush with ⅓ of the syrupy mixture and bake for a further 15 minutes. Repeat this step two more times, baking for 15 minutes after each brushing.

Then all you need to do is ENJOY!!!

and from Mrs L ...

Quick Pea, Mint and Ham Soup

I know I have done this one before but it is such a quick and easy way to use up any bits of ham (see my husbands recipe above) what is in the freezer for a real winter warmer!

INGREDIENTS:

2 Stock cubes (veg or Chicken or turkey to your taste) - of course you may have some real stock left after Christmas if you are really posh!
1 pkt frozen peas (size depends on how many you are feeding)
2 pints water
Handful of fresh mint leaves
Left over ham/gammon from Christmas or ham chunks which most supermarkets sell

METHOD:

Boil the kettle and add 2 stock cubes or those fancy new jelly ones to 1 pint of water in a large saucepan (the other pint of water is saved for later). Bring to the boil and once boiling add the whole bag of peas, and salt and black pepper to taste. Once it comes to the boil let it boil for a further minute.

Add the mint leaves and then blitz with a hand blender. If it too thick for you, add a little of the water until you get the right consistency.

Get out several big bowls and put some chunks of ham in the bottom pour the soup over.

A dollop of crème fraiche (low fat or not) will add even more flavour. Serve with chunks of bread if you want to be cheffy.



On 28th October CJ at The Mote contacted me to say there was a small seal pup on The Platt and maybe in need of assistance. I gathered my marine mammal medic kit and headed down there. He was uplifted and taken to a holding facility run by British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDMLR) who have a specialist veterinary team on standby. The pup was very underweight but will hopefully make a full recovery.

If you see a seal that may be abandoned, thin, ill or injured, then call for advice and assistance: BDMLR RESCUE HOTLINE: 01825 765546 (24hr)

Our Lost Buildings

St Illick's Chapel

There are several formerly important buildings in our parish which no longer survive. One such building is St Illick's Chapel, which was right at the head of Port Gaverne Valley just below Treore and Pendoggett. The first mention of St Illick, as Dilic, is in the 12th century Hartland list of the children of Brychan, which included our own Saint Endelient, and also Saints Menfre (*Minver*), Tedda (*Teath*) and Maby, the patrons of our nearby parishes. Possibly the chapel dated from that time. The D had already been lost by the time of the first written record in 1302 where it is mentioned as *ecclesiam Sancta Electe*. There are records of priests appointed to say services in the 14th and early 15th century.

Nicholas Roscarrock's *Lives of the Saints*, written c1620, gave the following details, with a story of Saint Illick miraculously drifting over from Ireland on a harrow or hurdle, rather than being a daughter of the Welsh Brychan –

There was a Sainct called St Ilick or Telick which had a chapple dedicated to her in St Endelient Parrish in the hundreth of Trigg in Cornwall, & hath a Well of her name and had a Feast in former time observed verry solemnlye the Saterdaye next following the Epephany or Twelfth day as wee call it. And the inhabitantes there vused to saye by Tradition that shee came Miraculously out of Ireland on a Harrow or Hurdell and that she lived there in the time of St Endelient, which by Ghess we maye think to be about the yere 550, and the Path wherin they vused to walk or pass on to the other is noted at this daye by the inhabitants to be greener then anye other part especiallye after Tillage. There was a Tree over her Well which those that attempted to cutt downe had ever harme, so as they gave over to cutt it, Till one more bold then the rest did cutt it down, whoe hurting himself was noted to dye shortlye after. The like is observed to have hapned to one that cutt downe the walnutt Tree at Glastenburye, and both these accidentes happned in our tyme.

Nicholas Roscarrock was born at Roscarrock Farm in the late 1540s to Richard and Isabel Roscarrock, who were the most important family in our parish during Elizabethan times. Richard was Sheriff of Cornwall in 1550 and 1561. Nicholas was a Roman Catholic, and was imprisoned for his faith many times, including almost 6 years in the Tower of London between 1580-6 where he was tortured as 'a dangerous papist'. Another Catholic prisoner there at the



Saint Illick House & Chapel as they formerly stood.

same time was Lord William Howard a son of the Duke of Norfolk. Persecution of Catholics eased when James 1 ascended the throne in 1603, and in 1607 Nicholas had joined Lord William at his Castle of Naworth near Carlisle, where he was to spend the remaining 26 years of his life studying his passion, the saints, and writing the *Lives of the Saints*.

There is an illustration of the chapel in a watercolour drawing by John Watts Trevan in his 1835 *Summary Memoirs of the Parish of Endellion*. It shows a small chapel alongside a house within St Illick's Tenement, which he describes as

"Once the property of the Cheneys, as here the family chapel was situated, which the annexed drawing will represent as it formerly stood but it has been taken down about thirty years since. A burying ground was also attached thereto but was carried out for manure at the same time when great numbers of human bones were thrown out, but afterwards carried to the churchyard of St. Endellion and there buried. St. Illick is a pretty little tenement composed of five or six well sheltered, fertile meadows. It is now the property of Earl Fortescue but on lease to Mr. F. B. Hambly and tenanted by Mr. T. Bishop. The house here is occupied by a labourer, Henry Martins. Number to family - 10."

Trevan has noted his illustration 'About 1800 JT', which is in line with his comment that it was taken down 30 years ago. Roscarrock refers to the chapel in the past tense, and it may well have fallen out of use after the Reformation under Henry VIII, which was completed in 1537. In Sir John Maclean's 1873 *Parochial and Family History of the Deanery of Trigg Minor* he has this to say about St Illick

'This Chapel we take to be that now called St. Illick, situate in the beautiful sequestered and woody glen which stretches up from Port Gavern. Here is a small tenement containing 9 acres 2 roods 11 perches, and at the bottom of the valley is a dilapidated cottage with some ancient walls and wrought granite, certainly not brought there for the erection of a mere cottage. The beams and joints supporting the floor of the chamber are of solid oak, with chamfered edges and otherwise ornamented. A little garden surrounds the cottage, in which ancient coins have been found in considerable numbers. On the eastern side are ridges, which would seem to indicate that the ground had been cultivated as a garden in terraces.'

Roscarrock, Trevan and Maclean all lived locally so would have been writing from experience. Taken together, my inference is that by Trevan's time the chapel had fallen out of use much earlier than 30 years previously, and his illustration of the property he already knew was probably fairly accurate, but the chapel alongside a mere conjecture. Sir John Maclean's comments, most likely from personal inspection, suggest, not unreasonably, that the chapel's materials were incorporated in the building of the house here, possibly a century or more before Trevan.

The first large scale Parish map was drawn only a few years after Trevan, in 1839, for the Tithe Apportionment. This shows the house at St Illick in pink, representing a domestic property. There was an attached building (as

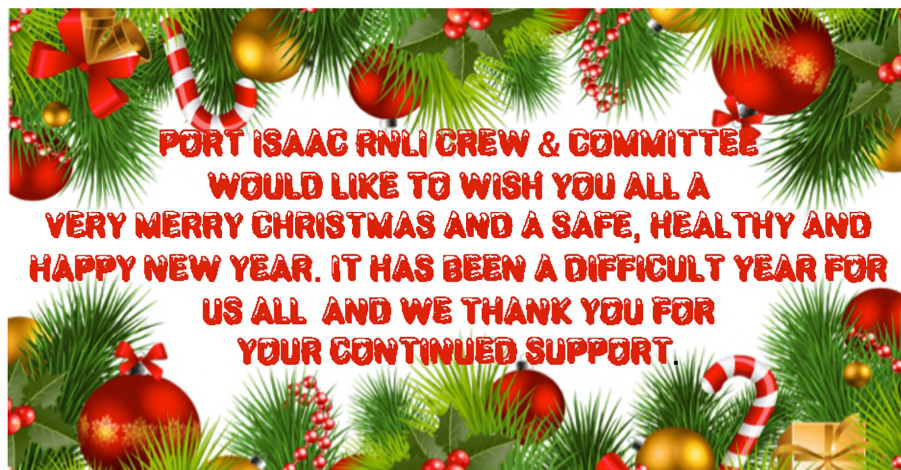


OPERATIONAL REPORT FROM SENIOR HELM

With lockdown bringing many restrictions for us all the crew has been very frustrated but can now exercise again as the restrictions have been eased. Tom Brown, Andy Hallam and Ben Spicer have all been working on Helm Development and are very competent. At Christmas, Phil Tidey (Station Mechanic) will be standing down. James Uglow (Shore Crew) will be working with Phil in readiness to take over this role.

Some of the crew need to attend training courses at Poole as soon as this becomes possible post Covid.

The new boat and trailer are working well but the tractor has been away for a major repair.



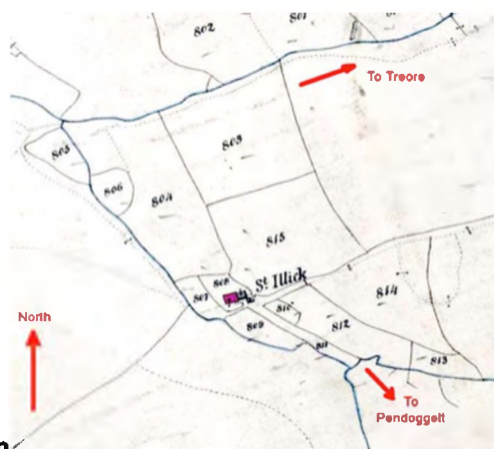
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in Trevan's illustration) in grey, representing a non-domestic building. Possibly this was used for keeping animals. In the 1841 census return the house was occupied by 60 year old agricultural labourer, Henry Masters, with his wife Betsy (40) and daughters Elizabeth (20), Maryann (9), and Rebeckah (4) and son William (7). They had moved to Port Isaac by 1851, when it was occupied by 31 year old John Thomas and his wife Ann

(30). It was unoccupied in 1861 and 1871. The house is not shown on the 1881 Ordnance Survey large scale map, so was likely demolished by then.

If you wish to walk to the head of Port Gaverne valley to visit this area, having crossed the stream and immediately stepped over the stile, the chapel would have stood right in front of you. About 25 years ago, when it was much less overgrown, I looked in amongst the nettles around the area where the house and chapel would have stood, and found many broken slates on the ground, no doubt remnants of their demolition.

Nicholas Roscarrock mentions there was also 'a well of her name'. There are no springs in the immediate area which might represent her well. The tithe map has field number 874, on Trewetherth land, which is called St Illick's Well. This is right where St Illickswell Gully (*the first deep valley north of Port Gaverne*) is marked on the current Ordnance Survey map, some half a mile north of St Illick. There are several springs marked on the cliffs here that may represent her well. There was also a feast on the Saturday after Epiphany or Twelfth Night, which is Saturday January 9th 2021. If on that day you still have some food left after the holiday binge, raise a glass, scoff a pasty, and think of that colleen from the Emerald Isle who floated into Port Gaverne on her harrow 1500 years ago.



Scott Mann writes

This year we remember all those who have fallen in the service of our country in a different way, as the global pandemic has changed the way in which we remember. It is no less meaningful or important, and I also want to



take time to recognise our current members of the armed forces, who have been supporting the public health effort this year in Cornwall. I attended a small service at Bodmin priory on Remembrance Sunday, and I would like to thank those of you who have organised remembrance events in North Cornwall under difficult circumstances, as we remember those who have given their lives for our freedom.

I know this year has been very difficult for everyone, especially our senior citizens and people with health concerns. I am glad that we seem to be ending 2020 on a positive note with news of a vaccine for Coronavirus, which may prove to be the way to end the crisis. History shows that when we have major events like this life does not always return to the way it was before. We can take positives from this, because our community is stronger and more united than ever before. I am heartened by the stories of help and support from across North Cornwall and I really hope we can continue to help each other out even after the pandemic.

I must of course pay tribute to several important groups of people in the constituency. Firstly, our emergency services, who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to support our communities during this crisis. The NHS workers, doctors, nurses, and health care professionals who have kept us safe during this long year really deserve a lot of credit, but I also want to pay particular tribute to our social care workers and volunteers. Carers have been on the very front line of this pandemic, and in many cases, are the only point of contact for the elderly and vulnerable. I am immensely proud of the way our carers and volunteers have handled the last twelve months and I will never forget what they did for North Cornwall during this crisis.

Responding to and then beating Coronavirus would not have been possible unless we all came together this year. I must also pay tribute to North Cornwall's, Parish, Town, and Cornwall Councillors, who have worked tirelessly to support their communities during this past year. Not only have we managed to work together against Coronavirus, but we have also managed to keep moving forward on important community issues like our schools, and green spaces.

As always if my team and I can be of assistance in any way, do not hesitate to get in touch via scott@scottmann.org.uk.

Malcolm Lee

Come and see St Peter's Church

When lockdown ends we hope to open the church each day from 10-30am until 3-30pm for everyone to come and find a quiet space to sit and perhaps say a prayer of thankfulness and hope that we can see family and friends during the Festive season. You will be able to see the improvements we have made and the area where the Port Isaac Heritage group (PISCES) will mount their new exhibition in the new year.

Due to Covid restrictions the toilet will remain closed and only be open during services. We hope to hold a Candlelit Service on Sunday December 6th at 4pm and then at 9-30am on December 13th and 20th. A Christingle Service will be held on Tuesday 22nd at 4pm and our Christmas Eve Service on the 24th is at 10pm. These services will only be held if the government give permission for them to take place. Any changes will be put on posters around the village. You will see we have used the blue chairs to indicate where individuals can sit for services. Families will be able to sit together. Numbers for services are restricted due to the regulations.

If you have any queries please contact me on 880969.

The church will be cleaned at closing time and if you visit St Peter's will you please use the hand sanitiser which is on the table in the porch as you enter.

You will realise that nothing is set in concrete at the moment and any changes will be posted on the notice boards around the village.

*Pat Pearson
Chapel Warden*

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

December 6th

St Peter's, 4pm, Carols by candlelight

December 20th

St Endellion, 6pm, Carol Service

December 22nd

St Peter's 4pm, Christingle

Christmas Eve

St Peters, 10pm, Holy Communion
St Endellion, 11.30pm, Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

St Endellion, 11am, Eucharist

Michael John Edkins

October 16th 1961-November 4th 2020

It is with great sadness we announce that Michael passed away on November 4th 2020. Many will remember him as the Landlord of The Golden Lion here in Port Isaac. He will be greatly missed by his family and all who knew him.

Michael's family would like to thank everyone for their support at this difficult time and to thank everyone for such a heartfelt send off on November 23rd. It was a very emotional day and meant so much to all the family for the fondness and love that was shown for Michael.



We would like everyone to remember Michael as the fun loving, happy-go-lucky charmer that he was, with a skip in his step and a twinkle in his eye which was always full of mischief.



I had 15 great years working in the Lion alongside Mike. We definitely had his best years ... so many happy memories.

I have had quite a few of the youngsters who worked with us back then get in touch to send their love and, to a man, they have all said how he always looked out for them and had their backs ... and they all remembered his ridiculous Dad jokes.

He truly was a good man, a proud man, a proper hella.

Rest easy Mike. Let's raise a glass

Nicki B



We wanted to briefly share our fond memories of Mike Edkins

When he was landlord of the Golden Lion, we all remember the great Friday nights in the pub ... packed full of locals all having a great time. In many ways it was 'the good old days' when you knew all the faces as you walked in the door.

We had several village ski trips together with all our families, children included, which brought many hilarious adventures which make us smile as we think of them. Nowadays, increasing age and achy limbs have long since prevented a repeat of those ski trips but Mike was always a part of that gang.

The village seems a different place now, but we have many fond memories of Mike and family in those happy days and we send our condolences to his family.

Love Bill, Barbara, Jo & Faye, Marion and Nigel





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Exactly two years ago, in the December 2018 *Trio*, the Village Hall Committee put out a plea for help ... and the rest, as they say, is history ...

That help came in all sorts of ways ... locals and local tradesmen gave their time to help us get lots of jobs done and made a start on the drainage for our long-talked about new extension. But to get the extension built we had to raise some money, a lot of money ... and then one Sunday morning when we were all hammering and sawing and painting, along came Sharon. She declined our offer of a bacon sandwich (probably thought we looked too dirty to cook) but she said she would like to help us apply for grants. And help us she did - two years on and we have completed the extension with a multi-access toilet, ladies toilets and storeroom and extended and refitted the kitchen plus improved the garden with new stainless steel rails, seating and BBQ areas and a new lawn. It is an amazing transformation and we are all extremely proud of what has been achieved.

A HUGE THANKYOU TO ALL THE ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO HELPED US WITH GRANTS AND DONATIONS

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ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England)
North Cornwall Area Fund
Molesworth Lodge
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plus anonymous donations

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and it's a HUGE thank you to everyone who supported our Crowdfunding Campaign and the first Port Isaac Shanty Festival in 2019

and we were there ... we had £72,228.69 to fund our project

Keeping it Local

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Work started in early March ... it was happening ... and then came lockdown and work stopped until May, but to our builders credit and hard work, completion of our project was only extended by a few weeks. It's now all finished and oh how we wish we could have a grand re-opening and show you your lovely Village Hall - until such time as we can, there is a little video on our facebook page plus some photos here that give you a feel of what went on and the finished job

VILLAGE HALL



And so, as this strange year draws to an end, we can look back on it with a great sense of achievement. We might have "lost a year" but we have definitely gained a much improved Village Hall ... a Hall that can't wait for everyone to use it again.

We have a pretty full calendar for 2021 with events that were cancelled during 2020 and some very special local events but there's still lots of space for your event.

Of course we have more plans, plans to carry on making your Hall the best it can be. In the meantime we will keep you up-to-date with the Covid-19 regulations and how they affect our Hall. We have everything crossed for a much more normal 2021 and wish everyone a very Happy Christmas with loved ones in some way or another.

The Port Isaac Village Hall Committee
www.portisaacvillagehall.co.uk



The BIG Trio Christmas Quiz

answers on page 24

CRYPTIC CLUES TO SONGS and CAROLS

1. Wanted in December, two forward incisors

2. This lad is a diminutive percussionist

3. Embellish the interior passageways

4. Small municipality in Judea, south east of Jersualem

5. Far off in a hay bin

6. We are Lear, Kong and Nat Cole

7. The Yuletide preceding all others

8. Sir Lancelot with laryngitis

9. An event arriving on a cloudless hour

10. Listen, the celestial messengers produce harmonious sounds

THE KID'S ROUND

1. From which town does the Grinch try to steal Christmas?

2. What's the name of the snow monster that guards Elsa's palace in *Frozen*?

3. In *Home Alone*, what song does Kevin mime along to in front of the mirror?

4. What does Dumbledore give to Harry Potter during his first Christmas at Hogwarts?

5. Name the spy who hangs round the house reporting back to Santa on who has been naughty or nice.

NAME THE CHRISTMAS SONG or CAROL

ie I.D.O.A.W.C - I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas

1. I.S.T.S.

2. D.T.K.I.C.

3. L.I.S, L.I.S., L.I.S.

4. W.A.C.I.B.

5. O.C.T.

6. H.Y.A.M.L.C.

7. M.B.C.

8. W.I.A.W.W.

9. I.W.I.C.B.C.E.D.

10. F.T.S.

11. M.A.W.

12. W.S.G.S.U.T.C.

11. S.B.

12. W.S.W.T.F.B.N.

A LITTLE FOODIE ROUND

1. In the song, what was "roasting on an open fire"?

2. What do you call the sausages wrapped in bacon that you eat with your Christmas dinner?

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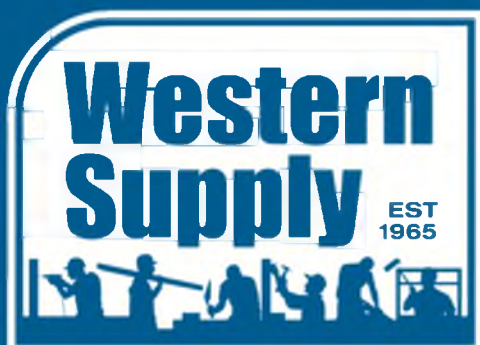
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5. Away in a Manger
6. We Three Kings
7. The First Noel
8. Silent Night
9. It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
10. Hark the Herald Angels Sing

NAME THE CHRISTMAS SONGS/CAROLS

1. I Saw Three Ships
2. Do They Know its's Christmas
3. Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow
4. When a Child is Born
5. Oh Christmas Tree
6. Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
7. Mary's Boy Child
8. Walking in a Winter Wonderland
9. I Wish it Could be Christmas Every Day
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falling and tumbling into a hedge.

It's snowing again, the car is stuck,
but hurray, it's the snow plough truck.
Digging us out, saving the day,
we say 'Thank you', and then go off and play.

My toes are tingling from the cold,
our family time will never get old.
The roasts in the oven, the kettle is on,
the carollers are arriving to sing us a song.

The feeling is festive, there is love in the air,
all the Christmas trees are decorated with care.
The presents are wrapped, finished off with a bow,
everyone has had fun in the snow.

We're all back inside, warming up by the fire,
cuddles in blankets as the flames flicker higher.
We open our presents from under the tree
Laughter and smiles are lovely to see.

Family time is special and fun,
we play games and enjoying seeing everyone.
This year will be different, with some family far away,
we look forward to New Year and seeing them someday.

Emily Appleby. aged 10

**this year's Trio Christmas
Competition winners, plus
Jago and Freddie
(see front cover)**

Christmas Day

Christmas Day is lots of fun,
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Big one, small ones, funny ones too,
adults don't know what to do.

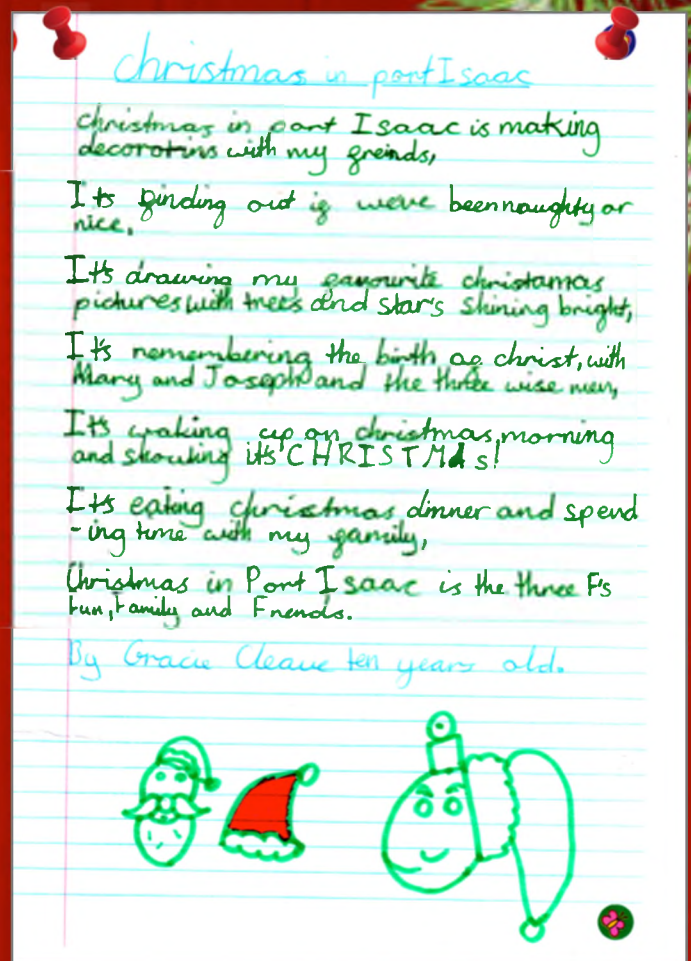
Dad on the spuds and Mum on the stuffing,
Grandparents sleep and get to do nothing.
The cat stuck up the Christmas tree,
and Auntie is trying to set it free.

Sprouts and turkey, our plates are full,
we all pick up a cracker to pull,
inside is a toy and a funny joke,
we go into the lounge to give the fire a poke.

Near the fire it warms our toes,
all the way up to our nose.
We open the door and the carolers sing,
and we listen to the joy they bring.

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