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GET YOUR BAKE ON!! Port Isaac Village Hall's BIG JUBILEE CAKE COMPETITION

ANY SORT OF CAKE, BUT WITH JUBILEE THEMED DECORATIONS

PRIZES FOR ALL AGES

BRING YOUR CAKE ALONG TO THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY JUNE 2nd between 9am-10am

copie's Choice Award Monday June 20th **Port Isaac** Village Hall 7pm TICKETS **ON THE** DOOR **BAR OPEN** £4 members everybody £6 nonwelcome members A KENNETH BRANAGH JUDE HILL CAITRIONA BALFE JUDI DENCH JAMIE DORNAN **CIARÁN HINDS** PICC PORT ISAAC COMMUNITY CINEMA



PORT ISAAC'S PLATINUM

The Uillage Hall's All-Day Jubilee Party on June 2nd is going to round off in true Port Isaac style ... with some shanties ... and joining us are Barrett's Privateers who hail from the Cornish side of the Tamar Ualley. They went down a storm at last year's Shanty Festival. We are also being joined by The Little Chicks who will be opening the singing with the Gulls.

The line-up for the evening is

6.30pm - The Little Chicks & The Gulls

BBQ From	7рм - The Gulls	Bar Open
брм	7.30pm - Barrett's Privateers	
^{co} we and join us	8.30pm - The Gulls	everybody welcome
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9.45pm - The Gulls and Barrett's Privateers lead the singing of "A Life Lived with Grace", a song that has been specially written for the Queen and that will be being sung at the same time as the lighting of the Bonfire Beacons. Singers and choirs all over the UK and in the 54 Commonwealth countries will be united in song.



Despite the best efforts of the cattle, our Platinum Jubilee Bonfire Beacon, being built by the Sloman family, is getting bigger by the day.

The dump truck at the gateway on Washing Pool Lane (opposite Homer Park) is still in situ for everyone to fill up ... but remember its only green waste and wood that can be used so please don't fill with anything else. Roscarrock is a working farm so please be sure that you only add waste that will not harm man or our livestock.

Our Bonfire Beacon will be lit, along with fires throughout the country and in the 54 Commonwealth countries, at 9.45pm on Thursday June 2nd

St Peter's Church Platinum Jubilee Service of Thanksgiving

Sunday June 5th at 10-30am

JUBILEE PARTY THURSDAY JUNE 2ND JAM 'TIL LATE FOR ... BREAKFAST * COFFEE & CAKE CHILDREN'S GAMES & CRAFTS BAR FROM 12NOON * LUNCH AFTERNOON TEA & TEA DANCE EVENING BBQ & SHANTIES FROM 6PM

PORT ISAAC VILLAGE HALL'S

9.45pm: watch the Bonfire Beacon being lit on Lobber from the hall garden where Gulls will lead the singing of the Queen's platinum jubilee song EVERYBODY WELCOME TO OUR VILLAGE CELEBRATIONS

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH THE MOTOWN PIRATES Port Isaac Village Hall Friday June 3rd from 7pm

There are still some tickets left to dance the night away with the Motown Pirates in Port Isaac Village Hall on Friday June 3rd. The Hall bar will be open, the KazBar will be making British Cocktails. Don't leave it too late and be disappointed - tickets from The Peapod and Secrets ... or stop Kat Mc when you see her.

ORGANISED BY THE CARNIVAL CREW

Platinum Jubilee Picnic at the Playing field

from Iznoon on Sunday June sth there will be tables, chairs and music waiting for you, you just need to bring your picnic and the fun

PORT ISAAC ARTWEEK JULY 24TH-29TH ARTWEEK

The selling exhibition is now fully booked. St Peter's Church will be open daily from 10am-4pm with an exciting range of artwork for sale, all raising funds for Port Isaac Heritage and St Peter's Church

Special Preview evening - Sunday July 24th from 4pm-6pm

ART WORKSHOPS

Monday July 25th - 9.30am-12.30pm MIXED MEDIA COLLAGED LANDSCAPES with Lyndsey Bradbury for all ages and abilities - 10 places available - £15 per person - all paints and papers etc supplied

Monday July 25th - 1.30pm-4.30pm ACRYLIC SEALIFE PAINTING ON DELABOLE SLATE with Lyndsey Bradbury for ages 10+ and all abilities - 10 places available - £20 per person - all materials and equipment supplied

Tuesday July 26th - 1.30pm-4.30pm A BEGINNERS GUIDE TO OIL PAINTING with Louise Green for all ages and abilities - 15 places available - £25 per person - all materials included

Wednesday July 27th - 1.30pm-4.30pm CONFIDENCE WITH COLOUR with Katie Childs for all ages and abilities - 20 places available - £15 per person - paint surface provided

Thursday July 28th - 9.30am-12.30pm WATERCOLOURS FOR ALL ABILITIES with Barbara Hawkins for all ages and abilities - 20 places available - £15 per person - paper provided

Thursday July 28th - 1.30pm-4.30pm EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CREATING AN EXCITING PAINTING USING PHOTOGRAPHS FOR REFERENCE with Barbara Hawkins for all ages and abilities - 20 places available - £15 per person - paper provided

> Friday July 29th - 9.30am-12.30pm EXPLORING PASTELS with Corinne Tournay suitable for all abilities - £15 per person

All of our Workshops will be held in Port Isaac Village Hall. Places are limited and issued on a first come. First served basis. For more infor take a look at our Facebook Page

BOOK YOUR PLACE BY EMAILING info@portisaacheritage.co.uk



DATE ANNOUNCED FOR NEXT PORT ISAAC SHANTY FESTIVAL

APRIL 21st-23RD 2023

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL:

info@portisaacshantyfestival.co.uk



Louise Green Caroline Cleave Lyndsey Bradbury will be opening their studios - just follow the signs

We hope you can join us to promote this great annual Cornish event which promotes the arts .

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Eileen Atkins will She Do? Act One of a Life on Stage

Dame Eileen Atkins

(Aunt Ruth in "Doc Martin") will be signing her book Will She do? Act One of a Life on the Stage

at THE CHAPEL CAFE in PORT ISAAC on Thursday June 9th from 12noon - 3pm

The book will also be available for purchase

Boscastle & Port Isaac Federated Schools

We are looking for local people who have an interest in education; would like to support these super schools; want to make a contribution to important community institutions.

As a new resident in Port Isaac, I was delighted to be accepted as a governor. It's a joy and fun to be involved with the schools and the children as they start their educational experience.

If interested please e-mail me <u>andrew.newland@boscastle.cornwall.sch.uk</u>. I would be pleased to provide some further information. You won't regret it. Thank you.

Kind regards, Andrew

St Peter's Church moves into the 21st Century

St Peter's Church has now established credit card facilities for visitors to contribute to church funds. In April the finances for 2121 were published



and St Peter's had a deficit of £9,000. We were able to cover these costs but we need to raise funds to maintain our beautiful church for the future. Covid restrictions meant that the church was closed for long periods and we were not able to hold fund raising activities even when services were restarted.

However, Church members are now working hard to raise funds and during the summer we are to hold morning concerts when everyone can come and listen to music and have refreshments.

We are holding a special service commemorating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at 10-30am on Sunday June 5th and hope that many of you will join us. Pupils from Port Isaac School will be producing pictures celebrating this occasion to decorate the church.

In July we are working with Port Isaac Heritage hosting the selling exhibition for Port Isaac Art Week in church. Hopefully this will draw many visitors to St Peter's.

St Peter's Church has many friends who have moved away but keep up to date by reading the *Trio*. One such reader read about the damage caused by the storm in last month's *Trio* and sent us a cheque to help with the cost of repairing the roof.

We are already collecting for the joint Fete with St Endellion on August 10th and we are responsible for the book stall, children's games and toys and organising different competitions for youngsters. If you have any suitable items please contact me on 880969.

Everyone is welcome at our weekly Sunday services at 9-30 am. *Pat Pearson, Chapel Warden*

Coming to St Endellion

Saturday June 4th, 7.30pm - St Endellion Church **Carole Cerasi - Fitzwilliam Virginal Book** £10 / accompanied under 16s free

Saturday June 25th, 10am-3pm - St Endellion Church Arts & Faith: Capturing the Movement - A Reflective Day with Mary Chamberlain and Tim Steward £10

Saturday June 25th, 7.30pm - St Endellion Church **Regents Opera - Bizet's Carmen** £10 / accompanied under 16s free

Remembering ... Barbara McGill (Honey) December 24th 1931 - April 24th 2022



On Christmas Eve 1931, twin daughters, Frances and Barbara were delivered by a Dr Christmas to Francis and Mary Honey of "Kylestrome" next to the Temperance Hall. Barbara was given her grandmothers' names – Barbara and Charity. She hated her middle name as it was the cause of much teasing, especially in Sunday School, as it was a virtue often mentioned in Victorian hymns.

Barbara attended the village school but some of her education took place in Scotland as her father was in the navy and her mother was from the Highlands and would take the four children up on the train to stay with family for extended periods. Barbara attended Camelford Grammar School where she gained her school certificate and enjoyed playing hockey.

Barbara enjoyed being part of the Methodist Youth Club and going on outings and trips with them. She then went on to Rolle College in Exmouth to train as a teacher. She started teaching in Plymouth in 1952 and apart from a brief interlude teaching in Northern Ireland, she taught there for her whole working life, retiring in 1987. She must have thought it time to retire when the grandchildren of her first pupils started coming through the doors!

Barbara married Yorkshireman Neil, a Petty Officer in the Navy in 1957. They had a caravan and later a bungalow in Polzeath where they used to spend weekends and holidays when they weren't travelling to Scotland or further afield. Barbara was a great knitter of jumpers and characterful toys.

Barbara kept up with what was happening in her home village through brother lan and sister Margaret and through her subscription to the *Trio*.

She came home to be buried at St.Endellion on May 20th with husband Neil.



RNLI DIARY DATI

Open Gardens Weekend

July 2nd & 3rd - if you wish to open your garden for this please email Di Salisbury: dijohnsalisbury1@btinternet.com

Lifeboat Larks

Sunday August 28th from 11am on the Platt

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR NEW

Port Isaac RNLI are looking for volunteers to help run the newly opened shop at Smugglers. We can guarantee it'll be good fun with very flexible hours/days. Full training given. Just a few hours

great! Contact Liz Bolton 01208 880256 for more

Sunday June 12th 2022 at 12.30pm on Port Isaac Platt

Port Isaac Station

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a week would be information.

St Endellion's Housing Working Group: Housing Needs Survey!

Dropping through your letterbox from mid-June, among the bundles of leaflets with your post, will be probably the most critical Housing Needs Parish Survey ever undertaken!

St Endellion Housing Working Group was established with support from Cornwall Community Land Trust to help people in housing need living or working in the Parish. We know there is a desperate shortage of affordable housing here and few open-market rentals available. Local businesses struggle to recruit staff while young families leave to find homes. Our survey results will be critical in building the evidence base for planning proposals for Affordable Housing. We need to know all this ... and more!

- What type of housing would you opt for?
- · Do you want to build an affordable selfbuild plot?
- Do you need to downsize?

- Want to get on the housing ladder with shared ownership?
- Need the security of an affordable to rent home?
- · Are you living as a couple with family?

When this survey drops through your letterbox, either follow the link to fulfil https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/stendhns, scan the QR code, where you can enter our free prize draw to win lunch for two at Outlaws, New Road, or fill in, seal and return the Freepost survey.

Q&A SESSIONS from 10am-11.30am on Saturday June 11th in Port Isaac Village Hall or Sunday June 12th in Trelights Methodist Chapel





James Larkin photobombed by Stephen Fry

As part of his work, Port Isaac boy James Larkin, regularly attends charity events and recently got photobombed by Stephen Fry.

Professor Larkin left Port Isaac for Cambridge where he gained a first in Natural Sciences, going on to Oxford University for clinical taining and qualifying in 1996. He then won a Medical Research Council Fellowshiop at the Institute of Cancer and since then has gained a biography far too big to fit in this *Trio*. His research interests involve trying to understand cancer and its consequences better, as well as developing improved treatments, particularly with targeted therapies and immunotherapies.

If any *Trio* readers would like to to support people affected by cancer both in the UK and around the world then they can donate online at https://www.royalmarsden.org/donate





Election of Chairman – Cllr. Raynor was ELECTED as Chair of the Parish Council for 2022/23

Election of Vice Chairman – Cllr. Penny was **ELECTED** as Vice Chair of the Parish Council for 2022/23

Council Committees/Appointments to Outside Bodies – the following appointments to be made

NALC Representative - Cllr. Kirkman ELECTED

Planning Lead - Cllr. Williams ELECTED

Village Hall Representative - Ms Jon ELECTED

Playing Field Co-ordinator – Cllrs. Button, Cleave and Webster **ELECTED**

Trelights Village Green – Cllrs. Arnold, Dawe and Kirkman **ELECTED**

CMS Working Party – Cllrs. Raynor, Webster and Williams **ELECTED**

Playing Fields Working Group – email read on behalf of Cllr. Button

• The Public Consultation was held on Saturday morning and initial public feedback was very positive with everyone in attendance in favour of developing the playing fields site.

 Over 30 questionnaires have been submitted and feedback is being collated.

Consultation period will be open for next two weeks.

St Endellion Housing Working Group - Cllr Williams reported the previous meeting had been very positive.

Planning Applications – Members to consider the following, including any received after the agenda had been published.

a. PA22/02541 23A New Road Port Isaac Cornwall PL29 3SD

Replacement of existing sub-standard bungalow with new two storey family dwelling – https://planning.cornwall.gov. uk/ online-applications/applicationDetails.do? activeTab=summary&keyVal=R8Q7TUFGKOC00

Contrary to NDP Policy 2/Replacement Dwellings:

i...Demonstrate how they appropriately respond to the context of the site, local distinctiveness and local landscape character; b) Take up a similar footprint to the existing dwelling or demonstrate no increase in visual prominence and do not take into account the floor areas/volume of ancillary buildings. Proposed replacement dwellings should respect the proportion of the plot occupied by existing and neighbouring dwellings.

Members consider the proposal is overbearing and unneighbourly due to the impact of the first-floor terracing on resident's amenity in terms of overlooking/privacy and potential noise issues. Contrary to NDP Policy 6/Design Principles: *...a) will be visually well-integrated with nearby* structures in terms of form, scale, building details, local features, materials, finishes and colour, siting...'

Members find the material palette contrary to local vernacular, increasingly its visual prominence. **OBJECTIONS**

b. **PA22/03401** Central Garage 3 New Road Port Isaac Cornwall PL29 3SB Proposed re-development of Central Garage to provide a ground floor commercial unit, replacement ground floor garaging and a replacement four bed residential apartment on the upper floors. https://

planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online- applications/applicationDetails.do? activeTab=summary&keyVal=R9X1FIFGMNW00 Members applaud the developer's efforts to alter the design to sit more modestly thus integrating the proposal better in its setting. However, we cannot support due to the unneighbourly large balcony on the top floor which we agree would have an unacceptable impact on the neighbouring dwelling. In line with to VOA Guidance updated in May 2021: https://www.gov.uk/government/ publications/council-tax-domestic-properties-in-disrepair-or-derelict/counciltax-domestic-properties-which-are-in-disrepair-or-are-derelict#where-aproperty-is-in-severe-disrepair-or-dereliction

The proposal will be banded as a new property, and therefore NDP Policy 3/ (a) Principle Residency Condition should be applied which has the effect of fully aligning the proposal with NDP Policy 6F/Upper Village Core. We are emphatic that the Principal Residency must be integral to the proposal. **OBJECT**

Planning Applications Approved by CC

a. **PA22/00421 APPROVED** Tregenna Trelights Port Isaac Cornwall PL29 3TF

Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of Application No. PA21/09929 dated 20th December 2021 (Conversion of existing Love Shack and Vinery into an annexe and existing Stable into Gym/Study. Remove the various 20th extensions and re-ordering with new single-story extension to form Basement under terrace and rear dining room. Construction of 2No. detached garages with associated landscaping and swimming pool) **PA22/00421 APPROVED**

b. **PA22/00774 APPROVED** Maylands Port Gaverne Port Isaac Cornwall PL29 3SJ Proposed two storey extension to the side of existing dwelling

c. **PA21/03148 WITHDRAWN** Central Garage 3 New Road Port Isaac Cornwall PL29 3SB Proposed re-development of former Central Garage site to provide a commercial development of 3 no. Holiday Apartments and undercover and secure parking

Miscellaneous Items

Shanty Festival – members agreed for the event to go ahead on the planned dates in April 2023 utilising the Playing Fields.

Emergency Plan Update- access for fire tenders Church Hill, Items for report, Items for update and communication with the Fire Service re. lower village access and risks. Members agreed that a meeting with the members of the Village Emergency Plan needs to be arranged.

The Parish Council has returned to Face-to-Face meetings and members of the public are invited to attend; however, numbers will be limited and anyone wishing to meet with Members should Contact the Clerk by Noon on Monday 13th June 2022.

Beth Kendall, Parish Clerk Email: stendellionpc@gmail.com Website: www.stendellionpc.com

Mick's Ride for Precious Lives

Mick Allen of Tintagel Terrace is riding 215 miles (and lots of hills) for Children's Hospice South West on July 8th, 9th & 10th. Starting out from Bristol he will cycle to St Austell via Barnstaple visiting the three hospice locations en route.

"There is no amount too small to donate and everything anyone gives will be very welcome" Mike told *Trio.* "I am inspired by the fantastic work the Hospice does for children and their families - just take a look at their website" he continued, "and please gift aid any donations so that the most can be gained from each kind gift".

To donate go to https://www.justgiving/fundraising/mick-allen8

Port Isaac Chorale news

After the last couple of stop-start years, the chorale is back up and running and full of song! Regular rehearsals are taking place Tuesdays evenings at St Endellion Church Hall from 19.30 till 21.00 (with occasional visit to local hostelries afterwards for purely medicinal lubrication of one's vocal chords!).

We now number about 40 but we welcome new members and previous choral experience is not necessary. It has been shown that singing improves wellbeing, mental health and can lower blood pressure but above all else, it's fun!

Here are some dates when we will be singing:

Sunday June 12th Lifeboat Service the Platt, 12.30pm

Wednesday July 6th Wadebridge Festival Concert, St Endellion Church, 7pm

Thursday July 14th Scout concert, St Minver We hope to see you there at one of these or perhaps to be singing with us...

Any further info you can contact myself - 0797 057 4983 or Morwenna Vernon 0773 552904

Doc Sainsbury



Congratulations Liam

Liam Murray Strout

Liam came second at Watergate Bay in the English National Men's Open Shortboard Championship. Quite an achievement and a medal too! *Granny Ollie is very proud of him*

Call in and see the latest exhibition, as always celebrating life in Port Isaac.

It includes a 'hats off' to Doc



Martin as they film their final series,a 'Jubilee' look back to 1952, a celebration of the life and times of John Trevan, a chronicler of 18th century Port Isaac and a Happy Birthday to *Trio*.

The exhibition is open every day in St Peter's Church, entry is free

look what Clare spotted up on the Main

Early Years at Port Isaac School: Weekly Fees and Absences PORT

Throughout the UK, one of the most unjust things about the first state education system under the Elementary Education Act 1870 was that parents were made to contribute towards the cost through weekly fees. Since the earliest days, this failing was recognised, particularly as it was going to affect the children of the poor. The act gave the local school board the power to pay the fees of poor children, but in practice few did. This was no doubt since all these newly created boards did not have funds to do so, particularly in rural areas where there was a large percentage of low paid parents.

Three months after our school opened, the headmaster's report for 23rd July 1877 gave the weekly fees set by our local school board

'8d [just over 3p] should be the charge for 3 children from a family whether any are over 14 or not, with an additional twopence [just under 1p] for each other child from the same family.'

These sums seem trivial today, but we do not know typical earnings at that time. A newspaper reporter visited Port Isaac 35 years later and his subsequent article gives a clear picture of the poverty here

> 'The fishermen of Port Isaac are very poor indeed. Seven and sixpence [371/2p] a week was mentioned to me as by no means an exceptionally low scale of earnings."

Inflation over those 35 years was almost zero, so it is reasonable to believe such earnings were not untypical in 1877. A poor fisherman on these levels of earnings with four children at school would be expected to pay around 10% of his income to get his children educated, which is equivalent to some £3,000 a year at today's average earnings.

The school board debts for unpaid fees were no doubt mounting, and the headmaster's report of 27th May 1887 confirmed their action

> 'The Board commenced enforcing the payment of school fees. No child admitted without school money'.

It will come as no surprise that his next report stated,

'The enforcement of school fees is keeping away several children'

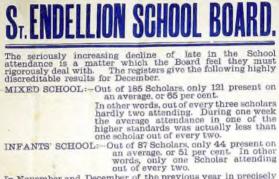
and on 6th June

'Had to send several home on Monday morning because they had no money.'

There was a growing clamour for free education, and in April 1891 Mr A B Forwood MP for South West Lancashire gave a speech in support of the proposed Elementary Education Act 1891

'No measure of modern times would appeal so directly to the people as the new Education Bill, for under its provisions hundreds of thousands of struggling poor families would be relieved of the burden of the weekly school fee, and the school-master exempted from the invidious task of having to extract the pence from the poorly paid labouring man'.

The act came into force on 1st September 1891 to provide free education for all, regardless of means.



out of every two. In November and December of the previous year in precisely similar circumstances, the average attendances was-Mixed School - B6 per cent. Infants' School - 77 per cent. This means that the decrease on this year for December alone, as compared with last year, makes a Government Grant loss of about £12; and to balance this loss ratepayers will have to pay a penny in the pound extra in one of their coming rates. N.B.-Simply for bad School attendance in one month! Going on like this for a whole year, a total grant loss would be incurred of nearly £150, equal to One Shilling in the pound extra in the year's rate. Batenayers (including the parents) are urged to do their

extra in the year's rate. Ratepayers (including the parents) are urged to do their utmost to assist the Board in removing this reproach, and bring their influence to bear on offending parties. Children are often seen openly playing about either in the streets or on the beach, when they should be in School. The Board are determined that if there be not a great and steadily maintained improvement in the attendance after the School Holidays, stringent measures shall be taken to enforce it.

R. JULYAN GEORGE, Chairman. H. H. WILLIAMS, Clerk.

Port Isaac, 22nd Dec., 1902

QUINTRELL & Co., PRINTERS, WADEBRIDGE.

Right from inception of state education, government grants were paid to local schools based on pupil numbers, but they were only payable if a certain level of attendance was maintained. These were major contributions to the costs of running the school, and in the headmaster's report in January 1881 he mentioned poor attendance due to illness and bad weather and went on to say how this would affect the school finances

...unless their attendance be very regular from present time to June 30th, they will not have made sufficient (250) times for a Grant, which grant (8/-) will then be lost.

The morning and afternoon sessions were regarded as separate times, so attendance by a pupil had to be at least 125 days or 25 weeks before the school got the 8 shillings [40p] grant for that pupil. As the school was then open for 210 days or 42 weeks each year, with a Monday to Friday week, as now, at least 60% attendance was needed for the grant to be paid.

Absences were a continual feature of the headmaster's reports. In that first year of 1877, some excuses seemed reasonable

Archibald and Edgar May asked leave of absence for the afternoon as their brother is leaving for Spain'

(18th May – the sons of Thomas May, mariner, and his wife Elizabeth), but others much less so

Many children are kept from school on very frivolous pretexts' (24th July), or 'About 20 girls absented themselves without leave, with no better object than to have a romp in the fields at 'Pine Horn' as they call it (26th July).

The head gave vent to his frustrations in those early reports

'If children found playing in the street, in the fields or on the beach were liable to be brought to school by the Board Officer, the disgrace would deter many from absence' (24th July) and 'Events confirm my opinion that compulsion should be in reserve for irregular children. Also, that to have some person outside the school to bring in vagrants, idlers and those illegally employed would be an advantage' (4th September).

Things were little better the following year, with some valid reasons for absence

'Mrs Thomas having sent a special request that the elder scholars ought attend

her child's funeral at 4, by special permission of the Chairman, the school was dismissed at 3' (21st May – for 8 year old Susan Hambly Thomas, daughter of Samuel Worden Thomas, Master Mariner, and his wife Ann) and some which hint at living conditions here

'Sent home Fred Honey to clean his boots this morning, he did not return. Sent to know the reason and the answer from his grandmother was "His boots are not worth cleaning- shall keep him home until his uncle arrives from sea and then bring him before the Board".' (24th May).

The 1881 census shows Frederick Honey, then 11, living with his widowed grandmother Johanna Honey (67) who was a charwoman, suggesting straitened financial circumstances. The uncle may have been her fisherman son, Samuel Honey. Her other son, William John Honey, was a shoemaker so presumably could run up a new pair of boots for his nephew.

In 1902, absence became such a strain on the school finances that the chairman of the school board, Doctor Julyan George, had a poster printed confirming one in three older pupils and one in two of the infants were not attending, with some openly playing on the beach or in the streets. He set out the financial consequences, and it is to be hoped that earlier education of the parents enabled the mathematics to be grasped.

For many poor rural families, the few pence earned by their children may be an important part of the family budget that would override the need for education, particularly when a harvest had to be got in or, as in Port Isaac, when large quantities of perishable fish needed processing. It is often stated that long school summer holidays were set in Victorian times for helping with the harvest, but recent research by Lee Elliot Major, a professor of social mobility at the University of Exeter, suggests it had more to do with Parliament and courts having similar summer breaks. This seeped into the wider middle classes, with public schools taking long holidays to cater for those parents, which later entered into the rest of the school system. Whatever the reason, it is clear that our headmaster's reports were being made during August into the early part of the 20th century, so six week summer holidays were not the norm here in the first 30 years, at least, of our school.

The school did make special provisions for authorised absence during the herring season. This was subject to sufficient attendance to protect the government grant. The headmaster's report of 4th November 1904 sets this out

[•]Fishing certificates granted to five boys. They have made the required number of attendances – 300 - exempting them from attending school until after Xmas according to the Bye-Laws'.

Two weeks later he reports poor attendance with children

'illegally employed',

presumably meaning those without exemption just bunked off school not caring the headmaster could see them all working on the beach below the playground. The arrival of the railway in 1895 gave rise to a new set of excuses for non-attendance – visitors. His report of 26th July 1906 states

'The place is filling with visitors and the children are getting more irregular. Many of the children are kept to run errands'.

I will end with one report of absence from March 1881

'Thomas Oaten has been away for 4 whole weeks'

In the 1881 census, Thomas was 8 years old and his father, also Thomas, was shown as an agricultural labourer. In the 1911 census, their census return was neatly completed by Thomas junior. As head of household, his father signed it, but with a cross. The enumerator noted on the return that this was his mark, so Thomas senior was illiterate. Was young Thomas' 1881 absence from school because of a lack of funds, or did his father not see the importance of education which apparently he had not needed? Thomas junior did not make the 1921 census, as he died on 2nd September 1915 in the Dardanelles campaign during World War 1. A few weeks earlier, on 14th August 1915, his wife gave birth to a son, Thomas Raymond Oaten, always known as Raymond, who would never have known his father. He joined the Fleet Air Arm and during World War 2 was serving on HMS Illustrious as an air mechanic. On 10th January 1941 his ship was attacked by German Stuka bombers northwest of Malta causing great damage and the loss of 125 officers and men, including Thomas Raymond Oaten. The Oatens are one of several Port Isaac families who have names on our War Memorial for both wars.





THE NORTH CORNWALL BOOK FESTIVAL is organising a number of AUTHOR EVENTS which will take place at St Endellion Hall, nr Port Isaac

June 30th: the cultural historian,

Gavin Plumley will be in conversation with the author Patrick Gale on his book of hybrid domestic history and European art, of memoir and landscape writing, **A Home for All Seasons**

July 21st: join Sophie Pierce and Matt Newbury as they reminisce about their adventures trying to write *Wild Swimming Walks in Cornwall*

August 11th: Sean Hewitt will be talking about his prose memoir All Down Darkness Wide



St Endellion Parish Council Contract & Maintenance Supervisor Report

I hope everyone's looking forward to the long Bank holiday weekend. Whether it's joining in with the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations for our incredible monarch or spending time with family and friends or both, there's plenty going on in the parish. With events in the village hall, Port Isaac, the beacon on top of Lobber and in Trelights. Bunting's already starting to go up here and there. Let's hope the weathers kind and everyone can have a great time. There are two new picnic benches on order for the play area to commemorate this milestone, although I'm not sure they'll arrive in time for the jubilee weekend.

The only work the play area has received is a new latch on the gate into the football pitch, the goal nets reattached to the posts and a bit of graffiti cleaned off. The standard of the writing made me think it was quite young people leaving their remarks! Thankfully before the annual inspection was conducted by The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) was carried out at the beginning of May. Everything was given a clean bill of health with a few very minor things to monitor and a sign to be placed near the basketball hoop as a warning; 'do not climb on the framework or nets, do not hang on the ring' and 'do not wear rings or other jewellery as these can get caught and cause injury'. Which seems a bit of a mouthful, so I'll try and find a simpler way to express the sentiments intended!

Some of the dog owners alerted me to two incidents where dogs had to be treated for snake bites after exercising in the field below the Main car park. It could be either adders or grass snakes. The reptiles can be quite difficult to spot and are unpredictable. It would seem that these bites are very unlikely to be fatal, but distressing all the same. The grass in the field should've been cut by the time you read this which will reduce the area the snakes populate, therefore reducing the risk. But it's advisable to stay vigilant.

At the top of Church Hill the rebound bollards are in place along with 4 skinny ones, although those ones are looking a bit shabby already. The bigger bollards will allow emergency vehicles access, should the need arise and if they get badly damaged will be easier to replace as the top comes off and a replacement fitted. From start to finish with a little back track in the middle has only taken seven months!

In the Main car park I can report that the new ticket machines have worked fine for a whole month! I received a couple of calls from folk parking, unable to get a ticket, but having talked things through its been a case of operator error!

The meteorological station has now been fitted to the roof of the Main car park toilets. But is not on line yet. Once it is I'll give you the links so you can access the data that's collected.

Over the past few weeks I've been to a few meetings for the Parish Council; the Playing Field Development Working Party Meeting prior to the consultation morning, taking the minutes. A full Parish Council meeting and a site meeting with Cornwall Highways and Cllr Raynor to discuss matters with the traffic calming scheme. I also attended a webinar to learn how to use the data software that is attached to the contactless card payment system at the Main car park toilets. This means I'll be able to monitor the usage and be able to advise the Parish Council about suspending use at less busy times of year.

Are you ready for the toilet issues this month? No? Well too bad! Roscarrock Hill loos have problems with the outer doors not closing properly. The door mechanism is connected to the coin machines and needs an electrician to work on them. An appointment's been made with a Cormac electrician and I hope the doors and coin machines will be sorted out soon.

Last month I mentioned the hand washing unit at Roscarrock Hill gents wasn't working and sadly it still isn't. The electrician who took a look at it felt that it's so old and even if he could identify the issue it would be almost impossible to get the parts. But I haven't given up hope and have contacted the company who fitted it, to see if they can help.

Also at Roscarrock loos the troublesome urinals are fully functioning now. The cistern which flushes them wasn't working properly, which is why there were problems with them becoming blocked. But now they are regularly flushed



through. Small victory, but made me very happy!

While collecting the cash from the payment machines at Roscarrock recently I was unable to get the key into the padlock. I'm not very good with keys and locks generally. Something that should probably have been asked at my interview! So I asked someone else to try the key. We came to the conclusion that the locks had been filled with superglue! That meant the locks had to be removed with an angle grinder and replaced with new ones.

At New Road the hand washing units there were in need of attention, but it was only a few minutes to adjust the hinges and at the Main car park there were some loose planks above the walkway which have been screwed back in place.

Port Isaac has had a couple of visits from Cornwall Council's Environmental Dept. recently resulting in new litter bins to replace some slightly tatty ones. The rest are looking pretty good too after a clean and polish. The parish has also benefitted from the road sweeper attending more often. It could be a coincidence that it's since I wrote a couple of emails enquiring about the regularity or lack of it, to the parish. The sweeper was seen in Silvershell, Mayfield and down Fore Street as far as The Old School.

I just hope that the mechanical sweeper that hit Treworran Bridge recently wasn't on it's way here! I'd feel terrible if I was partly responsible for the resulting closure of the bridge while its repaired!

Just want to mention one thing about black bags of rubbish. One was left in the New Road car park, seagulls had ripped it open, spreading the contents far and wide looking for tit-bits and I ended up having to re-bag the rest. This is fly-tipping and can be reported to Cornwall Council enforcement.

On 1st May I received a couple of emails saying that part of the top of the leat had collapsed in Middle Street, leaving a dangerous hazard for pedestrians. I met Parish ClIrs Penny and Williams with cones and we cordoned the area off, until Cornwall Highways could erect temporary barriers. It will be fixed in due course, but don't hold your breath it could be awhile!

The footpaths are looking amazing at the moment with the fresh spring growth, but it does mean that they are a little overgrown in some places. The contractors will get round to cutting them soon, in the meantime I've been taking my secateurs with me when I'm out walking to try and keep on top of the worst bits. I'd also like to thank a a couple of people who have cut back some stretches to make it easier to walk along the valley from Church Hill towards Trewetha.

At Pine Awn two lots of posts and rails have been erected to try and prevent members of the public walking out on the spits of land which don't lead down to the beach. There have been a couple of accidents there in the past few years. One involving the air ambulance attending. Cornwall Council were asked to provide a deterrent as this is part of the South West Coast Path and not really the responsibility of the Parish Council, however, it was clear that this spot wasn't regarded as a priority.

On Overcliff there are two gates which have caused concern, as dogs have scrambled underneath gaining access to the clifftops and the nesting seagulls. This has been remedied by attaching wire to the bottom of the gates.

Filming of *Doc Martin* continues so access to the public toilets and checking the locations are left okay after wrap is still a regular task. I've squeezed in a couple of days driving for them too.

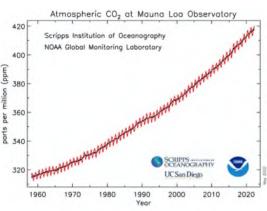
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Websites of the Month Climate Change ...

With so many other pressing issues climate change has slipped from the headlines so I thought a review of where we have got to would be in order. As a reminder, this column was started as part of the St Endellion Climate Friendly Parish initiative back in 2005 when Friends of the Earth, led at the time by Clayton Elliot, started their Climate Friendly Village campaign (and he has since trained as a counsellor and set up counselling for social change <u>https://www.counsellingforsocialchange.org.uk</u>). We adapted the climate friendly village slightly and so the Climate friendly Parish was born, supported by the Parish Council. The aim was to see how we reduce our carbon footprint by installing solar panels, insulating our roofspaces and similar efforts. It was wonderfully supported by many groups including Port Isaac School, the Church and many other individuals, and we had a number of public events. In retrospect we didn't probably make much difference to our carbon footprint, but it was good having the community working on this issue.

Over the years since then, there have been big conferences about what has increasingly been referred to as the climate crisis, the latest being COP26 <u>https://tinyurl.com/cop-co2-ccc</u> where all sorts of agreements were made on how to cut carbon emissions, and there has been some progress, in the sense that if some progress hadn't been made emissions would have gone up even further.

Looking back to Queen Elizabeth's Coronation, as we are celebrating her Jubilee this year, CO2 has increased during that time from just over 300 ppm to 420 ppm. And looking at the illustration taken at Moana Loa where CO2 is measured daily, (<u>https://</u> <u>gml.noaa.gov/ccgg/trends/mlo.html</u>) you can see that there is a steady rise in emissions – you wouldn't know there had been any agreements. In fact, April 2022 recorded the highest level of CO2 in the atmosphere in all of human history <u>https://tinyurl.com/</u>



CO2-April22 which is something of an achievement in an odd sort of way.

According to Professor James Hansen, <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Hansen</u> who was the first climate scientist to testify at the American Senate hearings in 1988 about this topic, much of what we see today was in the papers he presented there over 30 years ago. He has been writing a book and one of the chapters is about the Senate hearings and you can read this online here <u>https://tinyurl.com/hansen-book</u>. His recent blog post – it's a bit technical but contains a good up to date summary, <u>https://tinyurl.com/hansen-May22</u> the climate system is increasingly unstable and we are seeing weather systems across the world causing prolonged draughts and heatwaves (so hot they are seriously unpleasant), and prolonged downpours leading to flooding and landslides.

Cornwall council has a good website on what is happening locally <u>https://</u> <u>tinyurl.com/CCC-climate-change</u> and includes an analysis of trends and predictions for the future of Cornwall. You can sign up for their newsletter to keep in touch with what they are doing. They also have a project called Forest for Cornwall with a good website with information about tree planting <u>https://tinyurl.com/CCC-forest</u>

In conclusion, some inspirational ideas about how people are tackling this come from the Royal Foundation and Prince William with "The Earthshot Prize". <u>https://royalfoundation.com/programme/the-earthshot-prize/</u> The website describes last year's winners and how this year's will be decided. In Prince William's words:

"The Earth is at a tipping point and we face a stark choice: either we continue as we are and irreparably damage our planet, or we remember our unique power as human beings and our continual ability to lead, innovate and problem-solve. People can achieve great things. The next ten years present us with one of our greatest tests – a decade of action to repair the Earth."

Tony Wainwright

Jubilee Cooking with Kim and her husband

There was only one place to go this month and it's Her Majesty's favourite go-to pudding ... Chocolate Mousse. With her brigade of chefs I'm sure my recipe would be chastised and I'd possibly be sent to The Tower but this is my easy to make version.



Chocolate Mousse

Ingredients:

4oz butter 8oz good dark chocolate 4oz marshmallows Vanilla extract Splash of water 5fl oz double cream

Method:

In a thick bottomed pan, gently melt the butter, chocolate and marshmallows. Meanwhile whip cream to soft peaks (add sugar if you want) and add vanilla extract. When chocolate mixture is melted, add a splash of cold water and whisk into the mix and leave to cool. Once it's cool enough, gently fold in the whipped cream. Pour into glass dishes and put in fridge to set. Serve with fresh berries.

2 lemons or oranges

I pkt Amaretti Biscuits

300ml double cream

instructions.

1 pkt custard (whichever you like) or if you want it thick

make up some Birds Custard a bit thicker than the

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Kim's Cheat Platinum Jubilee Pudding St Clements Trifle

A lady called Jemma won a competition to design a pudding for the Platinum Jubilee. Her recipe is a lovely Lemon Swiss Roll & Amaretti Trifle, and the full recipe can be found on the BBC Food site. It takes over 2 hours to prepare and has 10 complicated steps ... to all of you who have time to make that go ahead and I am absolutely sure it will be wonderful! If, however, you are like me and work full-time, and have a family to look after and actually do want to enjoy a little time off over the bank holiday, I have taken every short cut I can come up with so that you can make a pretty good version in a lot less time! I have always liked a mandarin trifle so here goes with the EASY version.

Jemma's version serves 20 people so I have reduced this down by half (mostly because I do not have a trifle bowl that big!)

YOU WILL NEED:

1 x lemon swiss roll (Tesco do one but its sold out this week so I have used lemon cake)

I jar of lemon curd I pkt lemon jelly (I had to use orange as I could not find lemon)

2 tins of Mandarins

AND THIS IS WHAT YOU DO:

To Assemble in your trifle bowl, or any dish large enough to hold it ...

Slice the Swiss roll into 1.5 cm slices and spread one side with lemon curd. Arrange the slices around the inside of the bowl with the lemon curd on the inside. Once your dish is lined all around put the other slices in the bottom inside the slices. Put the drained mandarins in between the bits of cake, keeping some back to decorate the top of your trifle.

Make up the jelly as per instructions adding the juice and a little grated rind from the lemons **in place** of some of the water on the instructions (if you couldn't find lemon jelly use the juice from 2 oranges instead) to get a St Clements flavour. When the jelly has cooled somewhat pour it over the swiss roll in the bowl and allow to set. This can take a while - I would suggest leaving it overnight, but 3 hours should do it.

Pour over the custard when it's cool enough, and level it. Arrange some of the Amaretti biscuits over the custard, keeping a few for decorating the top of your trifle.

your finished trifle could look something like this!

In a separate bowl whip up the cream then spoon over the top, decorate the top with the reserved mandarins and the broken up left over Amaretti biscuits.

As I said earlier it's a cheaper quicker version and I don't pretend it will be as good as the real one but it tastes pretty good.

June is bustin' out all over ... in the garden with Pete

the poppies and cornflowers in my meadow

Jobs to do in June

1. The longer the grass, the faster it grows, so mow lawns as regularly as you can.

2. Cut back clematis Montana if it threatens to swamp other plants.

3. Shear off clumps of aubrietia and aribis to remove dead flower heads.

4. Watch for suckers on roses. They always spring from the base of the plant and the foliage often looks different from that of the proper rose. Pull the suckers off before they get too dominant.

5. Pinch out the tops of broad bean plants when they have set sufficient pods. The juicy tops are what black fly like most.

Plant outdoor tomatoes ...

providing each one with a sturdy stake unless it is one of the spreading varieties.

- Bush tomatoes need no pinching out. Others should be looked over every week. Tweek out the shoots that develop in the leaf axles of the main stem.
- High potash feed such as Tomorite, helps produce plenty of flowers and fruit. If the plants are short of water, however, too many potash dinners will result in a deficiency of magnesium. Yellowing leaves is usually the first sign of that problem.

A little quiz for you ...

1. Plant breeds that are known to be at less risk from specific pests or diseases are said to be what?

2. What name is given to a sugary liquid excreted by sapsucking insects, which often attracts a fungus known as 'sooty mould' ?

3. This curved grub with a brown head likes to chew on grass roots, what is it called?

4. What is the name of the airborne fungus that causes raised pink spots that cover tree bark and wood, and which can be fatal to woody plants.

5. Variegated shrubs and plants may sometime start to put out pure green branches in a process known as what?



Orange-tip butterfly

It's easy to see where these butterflies get their name - the males have bright orange tips on their wings! You can see them from early spring in meadows, woodland and hedges.

... and if you are growing tomatoes you should aspire to grow cucumbers too ...

Outdoor varieties of cucumbers can be grown up and over a compost heap or fitted into small niches in the vegetable garden.

and did you know?

The Roman Emperor Tiberius (42 BC-AD 37) had a passion for cucumbers and his gardeners strove to grow them all year long using portable cold frames. Henry VIII felt just the same,

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Answers to the little quiz: 1. Resistant 2. Honeydew 3. Chafer grub 4. Coral spot 5. Reversion

Joke of the month : tomatoes don't hurt when wrapped in their skin, but this one did when wrapped in a tin!

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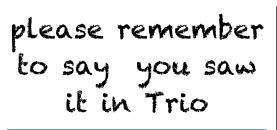
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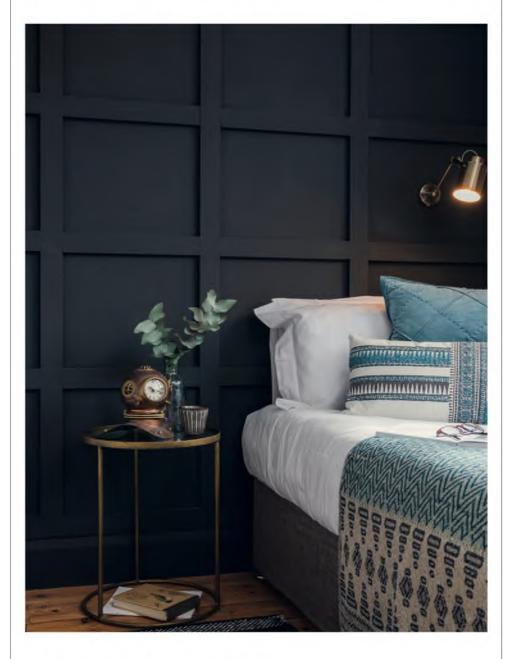
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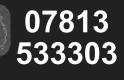


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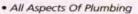
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Wednesday June 1 st Community Cafe in the Village Hall -10am-12noon

Thursday June 2nd PORT ISAAC VILLAGE HALL'S GREAT BIG QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE DAY - all day and into the evening in the Hall see page 3 for all the details and see you there!

Friday June 3rd BIG JUBILEE PARTY IN THE VILLAGE HALL WITH THE MOTOWN PIRATES -7pm

Saturday June 4th Trelights Jubilee Celebration at the Mill House - now fully booked by people are invited to come for a drink after 5pm

Sunday June 5th - St Peter's Church Jubilee Service - 10.30am

PORT ISAAC CARNIVAL'S PLATINUM JUBILEE DAY BIG VILLAGE PICNIC from 12noon up at the Playing Fields tables, chairs and music are all sorted, just bring along your picnic and the the fun

Wednesday June 8th Community Cafe in the Village Hall -10am-12noon

Thursday June 9th Dame Eileen Atkins will be signing her new book at the Chapel Cafe from 12noon-3pm

Saturday June 11th Q&A Session on Housing Needs in Port Isaac Village Hall - 10am-11.30am

Sunday June 12th Q&A Session on Housing Needs in Trelights Methodist Chapel - 10am-11.30am

Sunday June 12th Port Isaac RNLI Lifeboat Sunday on the Platt - 12.30pm

Wednesday June 15th Community Cafe in the Village Hall -10am-12noon



Monday June 20th PICC - Port Isaac Community Cinema showing Belfast - tickets on the door - 7pm in Port Isaac Village Hall

Tuesday June 21st Stay & Play AGM in Port Isaac Village Hall - 10.15am

Wednesday June 22nd Community Cafe in the Village Hall - 10am-12noon

Wednesday June 29th Community Cafe in the Village Hall - 10am-12noon

Saturday & Sunday July 2nd & 3rd Port Isaac RNLI Open Gardens Weekend

July 24th-29th - PORT ISAAC ART WEEK

Wednesday August 10th The St Endellion & St Peter's, Port Isaac Fete

Sunday August 28th Port Isaac RNLI Lifeboat Larks on and around the Platt

Saturday September 10th - Port Isaac Carnival

September 22nd-25th North Cornwall Book Festival

2023 April 21st-23rd The third Port Isaac Shanty Festival

Church Services St Peter's Church, Port Isaac Sunday mornings at 9.30am

St Endellion Church Sunday Sung Eucharist at 11am Trelights Methodist Church Sunday Service at 6pm



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