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HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

by Dennis Knight

This new book, written by Port Isaac's Dennis Knight, is available to buy from *Secrets*, or the man himself, price £10.

Read about some events in his life that have made him the local legend that he is!!



St Endellion and St Peter's Port Isaac Fete

The annual fete was held in the most glorious weather - no anxiety worrying about the rain or wind this year! Teas and the book stall were stationed in the cool hall, and everything else outside in marquees or gazebos. The fete was very well attended and armfuls of bargains and prizes were carried away by happy people.

We welcomed the St Minver Silver Band, augmented with friends from far and near, who entertained with a great selection of music adding to the festive atmosphere. The small children (and their parents) were captivated by the puppet show while sitting on the grass under the shade of the tree and shouting out the pantomime responses with great gusto.

We had great help from the whole community and owe a big thank you to everyone who aided us in so many different ways - setting up, giving cakes and produce and other items to sell, helping on the day and clearing up afterwards.

It proved a wonderful community event and, although we haven't the final total, it raised in the region of £5800 which is an amazing amount.

Many thanks to anyone who contributed by helping, giving or attending and we hope you enjoyed it so much that it is already in your diary for next year.

Jan Townsend

**REMEMBER,
YOU CAN SUPPORT
PORT ISAAC
VILLAGE HALL
WHEN SHOPPING
IN THE CO-OP ...**

Cover pics thanks to Elle Tomlinson, Pete Tomlinson & Liz Brown

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Summer at St Peter's

Port Isaac Heritage held a very successful Selling Art Exhibition in St Peter's Church at the end of July. The work of 20 artists was on display. Several church members made cakes which were sold with drinks for the many visitors. Money from the event was raised for both the church and Port Isaac Heritage.

The numbers in the congregation at our services increased during August with our influx of visitors. Marion Larkin and Barbara Lewis helped to organise the services at church and to run the St Peter's stalls at the joint Fete with St Endellion whilst I was out of action. Janet Townsend's grandson and friends provided the muscle transferring books and tables from St Peter's to the fete. The joint fete raised £5,800 and was enjoyed by all.

There was a wedding at the end of August where the bridal party walked down to the Platt for a photo session before holding their reception in the Village Hall.

We look forward to organising a harvest Festival service working with children from the school. It is also hoped to organise a weekend in the Autumn where everyone can display their craft activities, to include everything from crochet, knitting and sewing to pottery.

Pat Pearson, Chapel Warden



PORT ISAAC

CARNIVAL

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH

**FUN STARTS AT THE
PLAYING FIELD AT 3PM**

**Burgers, Ice Cream, Coffees, Cocktails,
Crepes, Licensed Bar, Lucky Dip,
Glitter Face Painting, Inflatable Fun,
Afternoon Disco**

THE GRAND CARNIVAL TOMBOLA

4.30PM: FIELD OPENS FOR FLOATS

5.30PM: JUDGING

6PM: PROCESSION (ROAD CLOSED FROM 5.45pm - 7.15pm)

7.15PM: PRIZE GIVING

7.30PM: KIDS DISCO followed by **LIVE MUSIC**

from the fantastic **SHARKNADO**

It is with great sadness that we announce the very peaceful death of June Bryant on Monday August 29th. What a lovely lady she was. An obituary will be printed in the October Trio.



Websites of the Month

The Drought

Although the day I am writing this, there has been some very welcome rain, in many parts of the UK at the moment there are hosepipe bans in place (see <https://tinyurl.com/banhosepipe>), and it's been reported that across Europe we may be experiencing the worst drought in over 500 years. So, I thought this column could cover something about water and how precious it is.

The met office has a useful summary of what we know about the link between drought and climate change (<https://tinyurl.com/metoff-drought>), and the conclusion, in summary, is that it's complicated and at present it is not possible to directly attribute a particular drought to the changes in the climate system due to the greenhouse effect.

One of the consequences of extended periods of dry weather is the increased risk of fire, and we have seen that locally with wildfires breaking out in Cornwall. Across the world there has been trend for more and larger wildfires <https://tinyurl.com/metoff-fire> .

A charity that has done wonderful work concerning water and its importance is Water Aid <https://www.wateraid.org/uk/> . On their website you can read about the campaigns - their aim is to end the water, sanitation and hygiene crisis together - for everyone, everywhere. They explain that 1 in 10 people worldwide do not have access to clean drinking water near their homes. They have a section of the website devoted to stories of what can be achieved <https://tinyurl.com/water-stories>

Cornwall's water comes from many sources and the most ancient of these are the holy wells, and the one at Trelill in North Cornwall is a scheduled monument (see <https://tinyurl.com/trelill-well>) . Cornwall has around 200 Holy Wells.

Water is the key to life in many ways, which is why the new James Web telescope has been searching for signs of it on distant planets and has found it <https://tinyurl.com/JW-water> , but given these planets are a very long way off indeed, we will need some serious new physics to be able to go and see for ourselves directly. And water is also amazing in that it can reveal the colours in the light all around us - rainbows, sometimes double ones (see picture). How rainbows are created is explained here <https://tinyurl.com/rainbow-how>

The Met Office website says there are four types of droughts:

- **Meteorological drought** – when rainfall in an area is below average for the region
- **Agricultural drought** – when lack of rainfall or dry soil affects farming and crop growth
- **Ecological drought** – like agricultural drought, but when lack of water affects the local environment as well
- **Hydrological drought** – when water supplies such as streams and reservoirs are low, which can be caused by low rainfall, lack of snow melt, or other reasons

These types of droughts are interconnected, but if there is an effective irrigation system, you could have no agricultural drought, in the context of meteorological drought. In any event, the patterns of rainfall and the heating up of the planet does contribute to these events. In the UK there has been an increase in overall temperature and more frequent heatwaves <https://tinyurl.com/metoff-heat> (as we all know). Rainfall has also been increasing <https://tinyurl.com/metoff-rain> and that is testimony to the floods we have had in recent years. But the increase in rainfall doesn't necessarily mean we won't have droughts as well, as we could have one part of the country having floods and another having a drought.

Tony Wainwright

Can you help please? DESPERATELY SEEKING DRIVERS



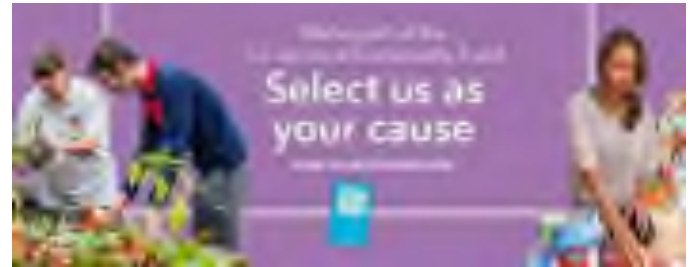
It's four years this month since the Community Café opened for the first time and it has been a huge success, going from strength-to-strength.

However, four of five of our Coffee Mates, who all live in Port Isaac, now need a lift to the Hall and we are looking for a group of volunteer drivers to pick them up on a Wednesday morning at 10am and taken them home again at 12noon. If we get several people offering their help it will mean perhaps once every six or seven weeks to help. We promise you will enjoy being part of the Café team. We have a similar rota for the Café helpers and it works really well and we all love it. And we are always looking for extra Café helpers if you fancy lending a hand with that?

If you would like to offer your services or want to know more give me, Dee, a call on 01208 880905 or 07814 462164 or email me at dee54@mac.com

As well as being a weekly meeting place for everyone, young and old, the Community Café has also taken over from the Golden Circle and additional events such as theatre and cinema trips, lunches, film afternoons etc are partially funded by the Co-op

Local Community Fund (the one where you select Port Isaac Village Hall as your local charity on your Co-op membership card and the Village Hall gets money every time you shop in the Co-op). We've just had a great evening at the Regal Cinema in Wadebridge to see the new Fisherman's Friends film and come October our Community Lunches will be starting up again. Watch this space.



Fancy joining a new Port Isaac Darts team?

We're looking for anyone who would like to join our new Darts team playing out of Port Isaac Village Hall.

We're not looking for brilliant players, just a bit of commitment to Friday nights from September 9th through to Easter.

Home matches start at 8.15pm in the Hall and there will be a full bar at local prices.

Away venues in
Camelford,
Wadebridge,
St Breward and
St Minver.

Transport available.

Contact Andy Penny
on 07532 478 451 or
James Strout on
07494 748 425

We also have a table tennis table, kindly donated by Ian McNeice, that we can set up on the stage.

So if you don't fancy darts come down for a drink and a game of ping pong!

Remembering Daisy Hicks

1931 - 2022



Rachel Daisy Winn was born in St Breward in 1931, the youngest of three with her brother, Albert, and sister Vera. Like many children of her day she left school at 14 and went into domestic service. As if in preparation for her future life she first worked for a butchers family in Camelford.

Her second job took her to Surrey. When the cook was found drunk in a cupboard, Daisy was given her job. Only in her mid-teens, she grabbed whatever books and recipes she could and became an excellent cook.

In her late teens she came back to Cornwall and worked as a nanny and then a waitress in Wadebridge – where she met Jack Hicks a widower butcher with two children, Mary and Wendy. Daisy married Jack in 1953. Her new household included Jack's father known as Boss John and his elder daughter.

Daisy had three children: Jackie, Carolyn and Nicky. Jackie was born prematurely and was not expected to live. Fate reckoned without Daisy who nursed Jackie through several near-fatal illnesses. She then travelled the country to get Jackie's potential diagnosed and find an appropriate setting for her. Daisy was particularly delighted when she managed to find Jackie a place in the Scope home in Camborne where she happily spent most of her adult life. Daisy was well-known for her fundraising for that home, Gladys Holman House – particularly the huge displays of books outside her house (what affectionately became known amongst locals as "Daisy's Corner").

Daisy accompanied daughter Carolyn on work trips to Australia, South Africa and China. She enthusiastically took all this travel in her stride, even the food, although at home she was strictly a meat-and-two-veg person. Daisy particularly loved South Africa – but she was not oblivious to its past and visited both Soweto and Robben Island.

Her son Nicky was a bright and happy child despite suffering a severe accident as a toddler. Nicky loved Port Isaac and never envisaged living anywhere else. Sadly for Nicky, the family and his friends he died tragically in his early 20s.

Alongside her family life and serving in the butcher shop at 7 New Road, Daisy was an astute businesswoman. Not long after she married, she found Jack had inherited some tumble-down cottages that he was putting up for sale. She asked to take them over. Raising money through selling homemade pasties and sausages she renovated the cottages and built them into a thriving holiday business.

She continued her lettings until her mid-70s when she had heart problems and displayed symptoms of dementia. It ended dramatically when a garage fire spread to one of her lettings at 5 New Road – and despite her dementia she got all the residents out safely.

Daisy was what you would call an old school 'feeder' and she would never waste the opportunity to try and pass on her Saffron Cake addiction to all members of the family. Visitors would barely have been in the house for two minutes before a cup of tea and slice of the stuff was thrust into their hands.

Daisy did find time for leisure: darts, dominoes and whist. She played in the village darts team, went to many whist drives and often played dominoes in the *Golden Lion*. Even in her final days she could play a mean game of whist.

She also remained an active citizen and to the end she exercised her right to vote – on the grounds that people (particularly women) had died for that cause.

Daisy also was a great supporter of the St Endellion Music Festival each summer

and took great pride in Carolyn's very talented musical family.

It was an incredibly tough decision for Daisy to move up to Hertfordshire and away from Port Isaac but she was a real hit amongst the staff at *Elmside Care Home* in Hitchin, Herts and had a happy and restful time there. Carolyn would pop round for a cup of tea and chat almost every day and Daisy absolutely loved her weekly Whist sessions that Carolyn would run on a Saturday morning as well as Sunday roasts or pub lunches out in Hitchin and the surrounding area. She kept in touch with events in Port Isaac and made a substantial donation to the breakwater fund.

Despite her dementia taking hold, visits to the care home would be full of her stories and memories of Port Isaac from years gone by, always with a mischievous grin on her face and a chuckle about the glory years but insisting that one day she was going to come back home when she had had a rest and was feeling better. She will be greatly missed by her grandchildren Kate, Joe, David, Lorna and Alastair.

Daisy's philosophy was not to dwell on the past but to move forward and seize the moment. She was a glass half-full person, positive, indomitable: a life well-lived.

Rest in peace Daisy -
back home in Port Isaac.

Mary (Mellor) & Alastair (Kisby)



August: the Platt echoed with music



Some extra Gulls on the Platt

The Gulls sang every Wednesday night ... the plan was to sing on the Platt but one week we did decamp up to the Village Hall as the forecast was particularly bad. I say the forecast because the weather wasn't and we ended up singing in the Hall garden!

The heatwave was only evident for one of the other four nights and one memorable Wednesday we got soaked singing to an intrepid group of ladies who sat under blankets and brollies and had a great evening. To be fair, so did we and we are really happy that we have raised over £1000 for the harbour / breakwater repairs.

Repairs to the Breakwater

Some people have been enquiring as to what progress we are making with the breakwater repairs. With everybody's generosity we have accumulated what we hope will be sufficient to cover the bill.

The John Grimes Partnership from Ivybridge are the Harbour Commission's Specialist Surveyors who are dealing with getting the repairs completed. The main problem is identifying contractors with expertise in working on tidal harbours. All the likely contractors, apparently, because of their current workload, "don't have availability for some considerable time".

Apart from identifying somebody to do the work, we have also had to involve MMO (Marine Management Organisation). The MMO have requested that "you run your proposed works through MMO Interactive Assistance Tool". This will include details of the "Construction Methodology" which can't be confirmed until a contractor has been engaged!

The Surveyors tell us that Natural England will also need to specify any requirements.

John Grimes is preparing a new "Tender Package" and is inviting potential Specialist Marine Contractors to submit a tender return.

The bureaucracy and delay is really frustrating but the John Grimes Partnership are Specialist Surveyors who have acted for this Harbour, and many others, for a long time and we have little choice but to leave matters in their hands, but don't hold your breath!

The Harbour Commission

Just like the old days ... Fisherman's Friends on the Platt



Gulls with Imelda May, our new best friend!

MJ-UK sang for the Chris Treglown Fund



The talented singers from MJ-UK, also did a night on the Platt and a concert in St Endellion Church, raising funds for the Chris Treglown Foundation Fund. It was another damp one on the Platt but MJ-UK were brilliant as ever.

Meet Sacha and George

A couple of buskers performed on the Platt throughout their holiday in the village, and amazed the audience with their talent.

They also sang and played for MJ-UK in the Village Hall after their performance on the Platt.

Sacha and George both sing in their local church choir at home and George is also an amazing pianist.



Art Talk & Trips 2022

Talks & Trips is a group who meet in Port Isaac Village Hall and has an Arts focus. It is linked to Tate St Ives through their *Look Group Programme* initiated in 2009. This enables Cornwall-based *Look Groups* to enjoy regular visits to exhibitions and special events and activities - tate.org.uk. For a fee of £5 and proof of your local address you have access to a locals pass which also gives you admission to other exhibitions in the future.

'One of the things about rural areas, there are plenty of people about, but meeting people with common interests can be hard; it's been really good for that, and our friendships are quite strong' Tate Look Group

The Port Isaac group meets regularly and its aim is to invite speakers to talk about their specialist subject which then relates to a planned excursion.

If you would like to be added to our growing Whatsapp group please contact Caroline Cleave 07966 501 156

We have the following programme of Autumn Talks & Trips and these will be held in Port Isaac Village Hall at 7pm (bar open):

16th September Talk: Iconoclasm - Why do Individual Groups Destroy Images?

led by Ruth Proudfoot Art educator & Polyfusion artist This talk will focus on more contemporary examples of iconoclasm. Inspired by recent programmes and books, this discussion responds and expands some of the ideas cited for the motivation of destructive acts towards works of art.

It will dip into history to consider the psychological, political and sociological backgrounds linked to violent responses.



8th October Tate St Ives Trip: AD MINOLITI

experience Ad Minoliti's colourful and geometric paintings.

Artist Ad Minoliti draws on the rich legacy of geometric abstraction in Latin America and presents alternative universes influenced by feminist and queer thought. The exhibition will also feature Minoliti's ongoing project The Feminist School of Painting, transforming part of the gallery space into an active classroom.



21st October Talk: Cornish Memory Game

a Curious Collection of Cornish Delights

With Christmas around the corner, what better time to connect with a truly Cornish creation for families and children. In this illustrated talk the creator, Merryn Threadgould, explains why she wanted to make a memory game entirely about Cornwall and the extensive research, copyright clearance and development it involved. Antique magic lantern slides, vintage postcards, commissioned artwork and museum pieces all went into the mix, demonstrated in the accompanying slide show.

From the great Polperro Fingerprint Experiment to the forgotten polkas written in honour of Mary Kelynack, the octogenarian marathon walker from Penzance, and some lockdown graffiti from Bude, the result spans 300 million years of Cornish history aimed at children through play.



LIFEBOAT LARKS PICS





LIFEBOAT LARKS RAISES OVER £4000 FOR PORT ISAAC RNLI

After a two year absence the fundraising committee were delighted to once again be able to hold RNLI Lifeboat Larks.

The event got underway with music from St Minver Silver Band whilst people browsed the stalls of Port Isaac RNLI merchandise, cards and toys whilst enjoying a cream tea. There was fun for the children with face painting and traditional games such as splat-the-rat, golf and welly throwing!

The afternoon was welcomed in by the Penny Royal Jazz Band and food and refreshments at the BBQ and Pimms & Sharps bar.

The stations D-Class lifeboat put on a wonderful demonstration showing the rescue of people from the rocks by using a rescue technique that involved veering down on the rocks in a swell.

The day was a huge success.



Photos courtesy Faye Archell and Pete Tomlinson



LIFEBOAT LARKS



At 16:07 on Monday 8th August Port Isaac RNLI were tasked to reports of two people in the water after their boat had capsized. The volunteer crew made their way to the scene and were able to safely recover both persons and returned them to nearby Boscastle harbour. Also in attendance was Boscastle Coastguard Team who monitored from the shore and received the casualties in the harbour. Thanks to all who responded.



Please remember that when boating you should always wear a lifejacket. If you enter the water, it can increase your chances of survival by up to four times.
<https://rnli.org/safety/lifejackets>

Fish & ... cake!

Kim's Carrot & Sultana cake

3 med carrots, about 250g
3 large eggs
100ml sunflower oil plus extra for greasing
100g light brown sugar
200g self raising flour
100g sultanas
Finely grated zest of medium orange
1tsp ground cinnamon
½ tsp grated nutmeg
1½ tsp baking powder

Preheat oven to 190°C fan. Grease a 23cm round loose based cake tin with a little oil and line the base with baking parchment.

Peel the carrots and grate them with a medium fine grater.

Beat the eggs in a large bowl with a large whisk. Add sugar and sunflower oil. Stir in the grated carrot, then add flour, sultanas, orange zest, spices and baking powder.

Stir together until just combined. Pour into the prepared cake tin and smooth the surface.

Bake in the centre of the oven for 20-25 minutes or until cake is well risen and feels springy to the touch. It should be just starting to shrink back from the edge of the tin.

Leave in the tin for about 5mins then turn out and remove lining paper. Leave to cool on a cooling rack then transfer to a serving plate

Decorate with sifted icing sugar and scatter with grated orange zest. And now the most irrelevant piece of information ... this cake will last 3 days in the fridge !!!

OH NO IT WON'T!

Kim

Roasted Cod with Parma Ham & Peppers



1 red and 1 yellow pepper deseeded and cut into 3cm chunks
2 med courgettes cut into 2cm slices
1 med red onion peeled and cut into thin wedges
1tsp olive oil
4 x 150g thick cut skinless cod fillet
4 slices of Parma or prosciutto ham
10g dry white breadcrumbs
10g finely grated Parmesan
2 tbs finely chopped parsley
2-3 tsp quality balsamic vinegar
Flaked sea salt
Fresh ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 220°C fan. Put all prepared veg in a roasting tin and drizzle with oil. Then season with sea salt and black pepper and toss everything together. Roast for 20 minutes until softened and slightly charred

Next pat the fish dry, season with fresh black pepper and wrap each piece loosely with a slice of ham.

Remove veg from oven and make gaps in the veg to put fish "parcels" in. Mix breadcrumbs, parsley and Parmesan and scatter over fish and veg. Return pan to the oven for 12-15 minutes or until fish is cooked, the ham has crisped and the breadcrumbs are lightly browned. Serve hot drizzled with a little balsamic vinegar.

The best about this dish ...
IS JUST ONE SOLITARY PAN !!!

Chris



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2022

This year's Poppy Appeal is looming and it is time for me to order all the wreaths and merchandise. Therefore could you let me know if you **DO NOT** wish to order a wreath this year. The cost will be £20 for wreaths with personalised centres (ie Services) and £18 for all other organisations.

This year (at the moment) we aren't governed by Covid restrictions, so I would like to place boxes in shops, hotels etc as in the past. If you **DO NOT** wish to have one, please let me know.

Finally, I am asking if anyone could spare a few hours during the day to sell our merchandise from the table in the Co-op. We will not be doing house-to-house collecting or street collections as we don't have enough volunteers!! If you can consider all the above, please ring me on 01208 880660. Many thanks

Annie Price, Poppy Appeal Organiser

FOR SALE One Ivory/cream standard armchair

H.23", 60cm
W.37", 94cm.
D. Front to
back, 35", 89cm
In good
condition
£40 ono



Half Moon rug

80cm x 20cm
Pale blue
background/
embroidered
Unused
£14 ono



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St Endellion Parish Council

Contract & Maintenance Supervisor Report

Walking around the parish after all the hot weather everything looked very parched. However, with just a few downpours the ground is starting to recover, the brambles and nettles are already showing how tenacious they are. I carry my secateurs with me when walking the footpaths and cut the sneaky growers as I go!

Most of the footpaths are in a good condition and have received their second cut. Although the cliff path from New Road car park to the top of Port Isaac was weed killed, the contractors didn't get round to cutting and clearing the vegetation which was taking over large parts of the path. A morning's work and the path was cleared with the help of John Brown. We had plenty of encouragement from visitors and locals alike! Especially when he told people the work was better than being in a young offenders institute (and he's older than me!).

The groundwork contractors will be able to start the autumn program of work at Trelights on the Horse Chestnut tree on the Village Green. Plus they should be able to begin work on a couple of the grass verges along the B3267, as mentioned in last months *Trio*.

The play area has been well used over the past few weeks. It's great to see all the equipment being enjoyed. I carried out the monthly inspection at the beginning of August. There wasn't much to do; a sharp screw in the hut and slide was removed, brought to my attention by a member of the public. I also used some wood filler at the top of the slide, as a temporary fix - this is a much used item in the play area and I'm hoping it will receive some attention at a quieter time.

It's been a little frustrating this past month. There have been a number of things which I've attempted to sort out but to no avail. There are some potholes in Mayfield Road which I reported to Highways. Initially they agreed to carry out some work. The work was reportedly done but when I went to check, nothing had changed, still potholes. I re-reported, and this time I was told no work was required, but the condition of the highway would be monitored! Another problem was something I mentioned in last months *Trio*, the footpath between Trewetha Lane and Mayfield Road, where only a narrow strip of ground was cut, leaving the banks encroaching the pathway. Reporting this twice, to two different departments has not worked and no work has been carried out. I'll continue to pursue these issues along with the grass banks in New Road car park, where one bank was cut earlier in the year, leaving the other three looking very neglected.

I've mentioned that I regularly litter pick around the parish. When I'm walking about I pick up litter and am armed with dog poo bags for the waste that dog owners don't pick up (don't get me started on that topic...!). Over recent weeks I've also litter picked the Main car park, play area and football field, on a regular basis and also, Port Isaac beach twice, Port Gaverne beach, Poltreworgey lay-by and swept up the leaves in Meadowstile Lane. I'd like to thank members of the public who have carried out voluntary litter-picking while on beaches and other areas in the parish. Some are visitors, some are second home owners and some are residents and they all feel this is such a beautiful place and that it's a shame to see it degraded by detritus either washed in or not disposed of in a proper manner.

Still on the subject of rubbish, there is supposed to be an early evening collection of litter from bins in Port Isaac and Port Gaverne, a service much needed, especially with so many food outlets providing takeaways. However, the staffing of this service has been sporadic, so a number of these collections have been missed. The bins become overfull, our clever seagulls never miss an opportunity for the chance of a tasty morsel, pull the waste out and spread it all around. The resulting mess is cleared by the street operatives, so by the time most people are up and about and taking in the beauty of the villages they would be none the wiser. These guys have worked tirelessly in the heatwave and do a great job of looking after the parish.

In previous editions of *Trio* I've raised the regularity of the road sweeping lorry to the parish. There is a standard to be maintained by this service which Cornwall Council provide through Biffa - every four weeks in Port Isaac, six for Trelights. This service



has been hit or miss. Well, I can report to you that on a Saturday during August there were three mechanical sweepers in Port Isaac! One would be a welcome sight, but three?! And not one of them managed to get to Trelights! Cornwall Council are now aware and are looking into it.

One good thing that's been done in Trelights is the replacement of a large piece of slate to finish off the top of the old village pump. It's received some TLC courtesy of Trelights Village Green Committee and now looks great, not functional but very attractive.

While the weather was good I've walked quite a number of the parish footpaths. I won't bother to list them, but glad to say that they are in pretty good condition. There is a broken stile at Lower Trefreock and a rotten boardwalk which is in the process of being replaced.

Concern over the level of the water in the leat in Middle Street was highlighted to me, as the gate had been lowered causing a build up of water behind it. Having established the responsibility for it is with the Parish Council, I have now added it to my list of things I check when walking around Port Isaac. If you should notice any problems with it or anything else I might be able to help with, let me know.

I think it's now time to tell you about the trials and tribulations of the parish loos. At New Road just one small problem with a door catch not closing properly. The toilet block at the Main car park has suffered from

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two blocked sinks, but much worse is the door mechanisms not functioning. I used all the knowledge gained from when engineers have attended previously to try to fix it, but failed. The engineer should've been and gone by the time this goes to print. The loos have remained open, but the door locks haven't been working, I'm sure there have been some shrieks from within when the doors have been unexpectedly opened! Roscarrock Hill toilets have also had problems with blocked urinals, coin machines and a loo roll holder pulled off the wall. Most of the issues, apart from the doors at the Main car park, were dealt with by me. I've learnt so much since taking on this role, some of which I'd be happier not knowing; like how to unblock a urinal!!

Not many meetings to attend this month, apart from a couple to discuss the building of a new website for the parish. And I took the minutes at the last Full Parish Council meeting, as Beth was unable to.

One thing which I wasn't involved with, but received a call from the National Trust about, was an incident at Port Gaverne when there was a leak of sewage early one morning. South West Water were called out and having found and fixed the problem continued to monitor the situation for the following couple of days, to ensure no further raw sewage leached onto the beach.

If you'd like to contact me about any parish issues my mobile is: 07494 589 638 or email: clarejonsten@gmail.com



Zorro's home

Just a note to thank everybody for their kindness and help in trying to find my cat. I had really given up hope that I would ever see him again and then, out of the blue, he strolled in after having been missing for 11 days. Many thanks.

Helen Sproull



Report from Full Council Meeting August 8th 2022 in Port Isaac Village Hall

Parish Council Chair reported on the recent break-ins and police attendance in Port Isaac and the possible links to other incidents in surrounding areas. - County Councillor Mould agreed to follow up on the recent break-ins and the validity of the door-to-door sales personnel that had visited during the same time frame.

Playing Fields Working Group - Cllr Button reported as per his email to members *Aug 2022 Playing Fields Update and ASI Report* received 8/8/22. Members Agreed to go ahead with requirements essential to progress with outline planning.

STEND_HWG – Members received an email of the draft survey results and it stated that '*In 2013 CC records our parish as being 44% second homes. It is a salutary warning indicating the current trend to realise the percentage has risen to a shocking 56% in the ensuing years.*' Cllr Williams was absent so there was no further report.

Planning Applications

- a. **PA22/06135 / 061366** 21 Middle Street Port Isaac Cornwall PL29 3RH Replacement of roof coverings **SUPPORT**
- b. **PA22/06536** Marine Management Organisation (MMO) consultation for a seaweed farm. The Platt Fore Street Port Isaac Cornwall **SUPPORT**

Environmental / Amenity Matters

Port Gaverne - there was a sewerage leak, 6/8/22 South West Water were in attendance and will be monitoring the situation.

Port Gaverne parking - vehicles parking at the top of the hill on land adjacent to the Headlands Hotel are causing an issue with home owners in the vicinity. The owners of the Hotel should be informed, so that perhaps the fencing could be expanded to reduce the available space.

Highway Matters

Port Isaac Highways Scheme - The Public Consultation is now in progress. There are a variety of ways for the public to comment, including Facebook and the information will be available on the Parish Council's website.

Speed Limits – Members were read an email received 8/8/22 from Oliver Jones, Cornwall Council highways Dept. '*The trial 20mph schemes that have been rolled out in the Camelford Community Network Area have seen mainly a default from the existing 30mph to 20mph, I suspect this will be the same for Port Isaac, however this will be confirmed if the proposals are rolled out on a Countywide basis, we should know more early next year and then any changes will be consulted with the Parish Council in the first instance.*' Along with an update on the 30mph signs for Trelights: '*This has been nominated to the Community Network Area highway fund, it is currently in design along with another 10 Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) schemes, I should have a further update in the Autumn when all the schemes have been costed and a decision is made as to which ones are affordable.*' **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, S.16A**

Full minutes from this meeting are available on the Parish Council website www.stendellionpc.com

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 12th September 2022 at 7pm in St Endellion Hall Members of the public are invited to attend however anyone wishing to meet with Members should Contact the Clerk by Noon on Monday 12th September 2022.

Beth Kendall, Parish Clerk

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TOP TIP: GET THE WIFE TO MOVE THE HAY!



Chiffchaff

Some Chiffchaffs can be seen all year round but most arrive in late March and migrate in September to Africa. They are called Chiffchaffs because of their simple chiff-chaff song. The female builds a domed nest near the ground concealed in brambles or other dense vegetation and normally has 5 or 6 eggs. After fledging, the young stay in the vicinity of the nest for three to four weeks and are fed by and roost with the female.

Due to the hot weather my wild flower meadow has finished earlier than normal, so I have been scything, clearing the beds, collecting seeds and getting meadow prepped for seed sowing later this month. The picture above is of my wife pitch-forking the hay after scything!

Jobs to do in September

Check your borders and remove any dying leaves, stems and weeds.

Cut back any shrubs that have overgrown.

Deadhead spent flowers and if possible saving seeds in paper bags for germinating next year.

Once borders are neat and tidy, either spread a layer of mulch or compost over the soil to help retain moisture and protect roots of plants.

September is a good time to take cuttings of many tender plants. Some plants such as half-hardy perennials or tender shrubs may not make it through the winter so by taking cuttings you can ensure that you can enjoy them the following year. You can take semi-ripe cuttings from this year's growth - these are woody at the base and soft at the tip. Cut just beneath a leaf node (stem ideally 5"- 6" long) and take off leaves leaving 2-3 pairs of leaves on stem. Put gritty compost in a pot and place cuttings around the edge and cover with a plastic bag to create humidity. Leave for several weeks until you see signs of fresh growth. Pot on in small separate pots and keep in a greenhouse/cloche or sheltered position for planting out next year.

This months little quiz Mix and match

Match the animals with the correct words to create the common names of some popular trees and shrubs.

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| 1. Monkey. | A. bark |
| 2. Dog. | B. ear |
| 3. Horse. | C. puzzle |
| 4. Snake. | D. flower |
| 5. Butterfly | E. berry |
| 6. Goose. | F. tail |
| 7. Mule. | G. chestnut |
| 8. Lion | H. wood |
| 9. Elephant. | I. bush |
| 10. Bat face. | J. fat |

Set up a water butt

As we've just been given a hosepipe ban (the first one for 26 years), now is a good time to set up a water butt.

Pure rain water is perfect for watering plants as tap water is not nearly as good for them.

Go for a butt with a lid and make sure the tap on your butt is high enough to get a full sized watering can underneath. Most water butts have a stand that supports them safely.

Did you know ... it was illegal to collect rainwater in the US state of Colorado until 2009. New research carried out found that 97% of rain that fell however, never reached a stream - it was used by plants or evaporated on the ground, so the ban was lifted.



Runner beans

I have had a great season with runner beans this year and have grown them over an archway. Keep picking them to encourage more beans.

Did you know ... runner beans twist the 'other' way from most beans, climbing clockwise up support canes. Nearly all other beans turn the opposite way.

This month is also good for planting spring bulbs (ie daffodils, crocus, snowdrops, hyacinths). As a general rule, bulbs need to be planted at a depth of 2-3 times their size. Tulips are best planted in late October/November as they prefer colder weather.

Little Quiz answers :
1C, 2H, 3G, 4A, 5I,
6E, 7J, 8F, 9B, 10D

1912: Living conditions in Port Isaac and the building of the Council Houses

In 1912 a correspondent from the 'Daily News and Leader' newspaper visited Port Isaac as part of a national campaign to establish the facts on the conditions of the poor and attempt to improve their housing. This newspaper was founded as *The Daily News* by Charles Dickens in 1846 who was its first editor. Always a crusading newspaper, it was purchased in 1901 by the chocolate manufacturer and Quaker, George Cadbury, who used it to campaign for old age pensions and against sweat shop labour. In 1912 it merged with the Morning Leader to become the Daily News and Leader.

The subsequent report - see opposite page - of the correspondent's visit was published in the *Cornish Guardian* of 11th October 1912, and I have included it here in full as an important contemporaneous account of what conditions were like in Port Isaac just prior to World War One. Regarding the state of the water supply in Port Isaac, only 18 years earlier there had been an

outbreak of Typhoid as a result of contaminated water at the pump in Middle Street which killed two schoolchildren here. It was not until April 1926 that the first pipes were laid in the village to provide a decent supply. The Mr John Burns mentioned in the article was an MP and London County Councillor, who was active in getting the first council housing in the UK built at Battersea's Latchmere Estate in 1903.

World War One put everything on hold and that national campaign culminated with the post-war demand to build 'Homes fit for heroes'. Things took longer to move in Cornwall, as the entreaty to Bodmin Rural Council to consider Mr Burns' statements was to take a further 13 years to come to fruition, and Port Isaac was chosen to be an experiment for the first council housing in Cornwall. In the *Cornish Guardian* of 20th March 1925 appeared the following report 'The District Councillors (Messrs. T. H. Dyer. S. N. Stephens and W. Symons) at a recent

meeting gave details of the new housing scheme which the Bodmin Rural District Council are about to embark on. Satisfaction was expressed that four houses are to be built at Port Isaac as an experiment and the hope was voiced that more would follow.' This initial scheme was subsequently extended to include two houses at Rock. The council report in the *Cornish Guardian* for 22nd January 1926 stated our four houses were nearing completion and rents had been set at 4 shillings (20p) a week. Thirty people had applied for these houses and difficulty was reported in choosing the lucky four. There was a demand to extend the scheme whilst the builders were on site, and on 23rd April 1926 it was reported that four more were in the course of construction by Mr S Prout. The first eight council houses in all Cornwall still stand overlooking Trewetha Lane.

Malcolm Lee
Port Isaac Heritage



Cornwall's first Council houses

August has been a busy month for us. Our Art Week ended at the end of July and we had all the admin work following that to sort. We are happy to say that both we and St Peter's Church received some much needed funds from the selling exhibition. We also had a table at Lifeboat Larks - thank you to the RNLI - selling our books and bric-a-brac and again raised a bit more money to keep us going.

We also held three Port Isaac Heritage nights in the Village Hall, all led by Malcolm Lee. Two were illustrated talks about John Trevan's 1834 memoirs and the other a film night showing old footage of Port Isaac and the area.

We probably take for granted Malcolm's vast local history knowledge and he is always there to answer the many enquiries we have via our website - and put us right on things! Plus write his local history articles in *Trio* each month.

The biggest thank you Malcolm for sharing your knowledge.



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The Conditions of Port Isaac

WHAT A "DAILY NEWS" COMMISSIONER THINKS ABOUT IT.

THE DOOMED POOR OF A CORNISH VILLAGE.

A special correspondent of the 'Daily News and Leader' who has been visiting our county writes as follows on a visit paid to Port Isaac.

For sheer picturesqueness, I suppose, there are not many places on the coast to excel this quaint little fishing village of Port Isaac. It is built at the bottom of a steep valley running down hundreds of feet to a beautiful blue bay that stretches to the noble headland of Tintagel on the one side and to Varley Point on the other. Artists must find Port Isaac a continual source of joy. It is a village which you cannot come upon gradually. From the heights by which you approach it you see nothing what-ever of Port Isaac until you see the whole.

Then you get an extraordinary vision of decaying dwellings of grey stone and slate - an austere grouping of cold shades which acquires a curious attractiveness from the contrast it affords to the glorious spaciousness and the splendid colouring of the scenery. Then, if you are at all interested in the housing of the working classes, you walk around and take a look at things.

In its small area Port Isaac affords an astonishing and comprehensive example of most of those housing evils from which enlightened communities are freeing themselves today. Numbers of cottages are built right into the sides of the hills - thereby, of course, depriving them of anything in the nature of thorough ventilation. Others are back to back, and scores are huddled away in narrow alleys, where pure air and sunshine must be rarities,

IN NARROW PASSAGES.

I had to walk sideways to get through one passage to several groups of these slum dwellings, and to reach others it was necessary to climb narrow hills, precipitous and uneven - with no indication that anything was ever done to make the way safe at night. And such cottages! The uttermost limit of necessary repairing, in the minds of owners of this class of property, seems to

be the smearing across the fronts of several buckets of whitewash. That is the experience in Port Isaac, as elsewhere. The build-ings are so obviously tumble-down that no attempt at serious improve-ment seems to be thought of.

There is nowhere else for the poorest people to go, and so long as that remains the case terrible slum property will continue to yield its owners steady incomes. Walls may be crumbling away, staircases may be rickety and perilous, roofs leaky, floors damp, and the whole overcrowded dwelling unsavoury, inconvenient, and uncomfortable - where else in Port Isaac are the poor to live? Even among the cottages that front the main street, alongside the tiny beach, the visitor may see the cracking of the time-eaten walls of workmen's cottages; but these signs of decay are as nothing to what is to be found in other parts of this hillside village.

NO SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

All this, however, is but a small part of the hardship that afflicts the very poor in Port Isaac. Here, in this little community of a thousand souls, there is no drainage system. There are dozens of cottages which have no sanitary accommodation whatever - I mean this to be taken literally, with all that it implies! Here is no case of sharing necessary conveniences with half a dozen other families. The position is simp-lified by the absolute non-existence, for group after group of cottages, of any sort of convenience at all!

Through the middle of the cluster of houses and hovels runs a little stream released by a miller in the hills some miles away. Into this stream many of the Port Isaac house-wives throw domestic refuse. There are no sinks and no other way of getting rid of it without journey-ing up the hillside or down to the sea. Sometimes, in the hot weather, it does not suit the distant miller's business to keep the water running. Then the stream becomes a stagnant ditch, and the air in the shut-in courtyards takes on an odour which can only be borne for any length of time by those who have become inured.

There has been a faint local agitation lately

about the water supply; but the Bodmin Rural District Council governs the Parish Council of Port Isaac from over ten miles away, and it does not appear likely that much will come of this. The work-people of Port Isaac obtain their water from one of the two public pumps. There are bitter complaints that the water thus obtained is subject to contamin-ation. Well-to-do residents, of course, have their own private pumps, but this is a luxury quite beyond the majority of the people.

UNAVAILABLE BUILDING LAND.

There is plenty of building land to be bought, I understand, above the little town in the valley, but the district is one of the beauty spots of Cornwall, and insuper-able difficulties arise as usual on that question of the economic rent. The fishermen of Port Isaac are very poor indeed. Seven and sixpence [37½ p] a week was mentioned to me as by no means an exceptionally low scale of earnings. Even allowing for the extent to which they catch their own food and for the extras the visitors may bring in the summer, it is obvious that more than a shilling or two a week for rent is beyond them.

Nobody, so far as I could discover, contemplates the possibility of providing better dwellings for them; the highest thought of the reformer does not soar beyond the hope that means may be found of repairing some of the deplorable cottages that exist. It was only a few weeks ago, however, that Mr. John Burns told the Swaffham Rural Council that the Local Government Board would not stipulate for the self-support of Council-built cottages in certain circumstances, and the Bodmin Rural Council might be invited to consider Mr. Burn's pronouncement.

Certainly, no community of a thousand souls should be permitted, at the present time of social progress, to live under the conditions of primitive deprivation which are to be found in this lovely corner of the Cornish coast.

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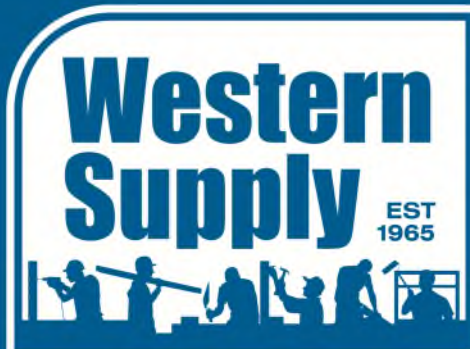
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Saturday September 10th - Port Isaac
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Wednesday September 14th
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Friday September 16th
Art talk: Iconoclasm - Why do
Individual Groups Destroy Images? in
Port Isaac Village Hall - 7pm

Monday September 19th
PICC (Community Cinema) - The
Duke in Port Isaac Village Hall - 7pm

Wednesday September 21st
Community Cafe in the Village Hall -
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September 22nd-25th
North Cornwall Book Festival

Sunday September 25th
Port Isaac Community Artisan
Market next to the Play Park and
Main car park - 11am-4pm

Wednesday September 28th
Community Cafe in the Village Hall -
10am-12noon

Friday October 21st
Art Talk: Cornish Memory Game in
Port Isaac Village Hall - 7pm

Sunday October 23rd
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Saturday December 3rd
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Sunday December 4th
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