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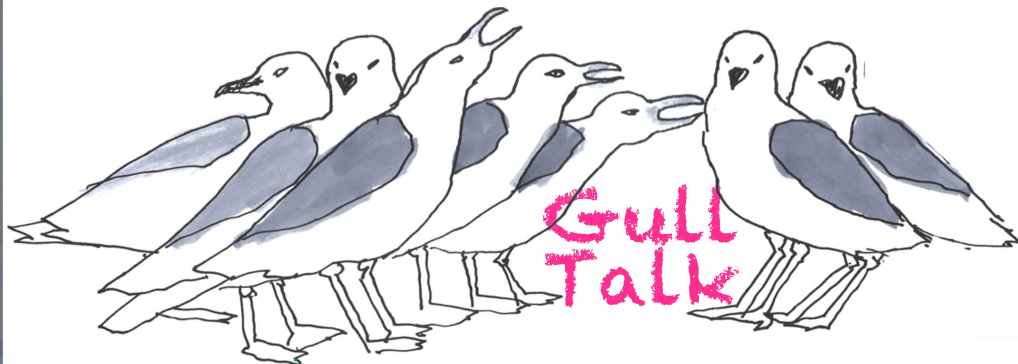
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Another great night with Chris Ricketts in the Hall and the best compliment of the night was, "It wasn't like an event in a village hall, it was like a family party".

We hope everyone who came along enjoyed themselves as much as we did. Who knew Human Roulette could be so competitive!

Plus we were able to donate £140 to the Air Ambulance from the evening, a charity that holds a special place in our hearts.

And you may have noticed ... we have a new Gull, Tara, who joined us on stage for a few songs. We're breaking her in gently ... there's a lot of words to learn!

Going forwards we are in shanty mode for the Falmouth Shanty Festival that takes place from June 13th-15th. If you happen to be there we will be singing on the Saturday afternoon and would love to see you.

And as the month's fly by we will be taking part in the Village Hall Summer Sessions plus our Wednesday Nights on the Platt. Dates will be in future issues



## The Village Hall Summer Sessions



### LIVE MUSIC, BAR & BBQ

### PLUS AN OPEN-MIC SLOT

Tuesday July 29th, Tuesday August 5th,  
12th, 19th & 26th and

Tuesday September 2nd ... watch this space

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in the Village Hall every Wednesday  
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# Port Isaac Village Hall news



## COME TO THE PICC

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TUESDAY MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>  
PORT ISAAC VILLAGE HALL

DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR 7.30PM £2 PER PERSON

BAR

## COMING UP AT PICC

(PORT ISAAC COMMUNITY CINEMA)

JUNE - BRIDGET JONES: MAD ABOUT THE BOY

JULY - THE SALT PATH



*Hands on Hooks* have put their poppy cascade back up on the side of the Fish Cellars ready for **VE Day on May 8th**

And whilst talking poppies, Kaye Strout has been in touch with the news that last year's poppy collections in Port Isaac and St Endellion, that were passed on to the Delabole group, totalled a whopping **£941.30!**

Kaye and her husband have applied to be our co-ordinators for the Royal British Legion so we should be better organised this year.



## PORT ISAAC VILLAGE HALL AGM

### TUESDAY MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> 2025

5.30<sup>PM</sup>

EVERYONE WELCOME

YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT  
YOUR VILLAGE HALL

## PORT ISAAC VILLAGE HALL



SATURDAY MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

TEAMS OF UP TO 6  
£5 PER PERSON

DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR 7.30PM START  
VILLAGE HALL BAR WILL BE OPEN

RAISING FUNDS FOR PORT ISAAC VILLAGE HALL



## Another packed Hall for our annual Easter Tuesday Bingo

Who can't enjoy our very special Wonder Woman Bingo Caller, Cheryl. And she even managed to drop in a few jokes. After the cash prizes had been paid to all the lucky winners, we raised over £200 profit for Hall funds. Thank you to everyone who came along. Won't be long before it is our Christmas Bingo night!





It's been a long time since I felt fit enough to take on the steps on the path towards Port Quin so when the spring weather came to the fore I thought it's about time I did it again. So off I went and thought I'd get the best of both worlds by going up Postman's Walk, leading me over stiles and open fields, and then down into the valley to then walk along the side of the stream towards Pinehaven and those famous steps.

Just looking at them is quite intimidating but bravado prevails and off I go. A third of the way up I stop to catch my breath and take in the view and this procedure takes place another three times until I reach the top. The views on this walk are amazing, but I've come to the conclusion that high cliffs and vertigo are not a good partnership and, of course, more steps but the pros outweigh the cons.

The thick Cornish gorse bushes leave their mark as I walk through them but the walk goes on and guess what ... more steps leading me to more wobbly knees as I get close to the edge again. And as I nudge closer to Port Quin, I come across huge slabs of rock that have nestled in their final resting place in the bottom of the valley and are covered in the most beautiful lichen ... the colours and shades are just wonderful to look at.

Then, you breach the next set of steps and round the corner you get your first glimpse of Doyden Castle, a very welcome sight as it lets me know that I'm not far away from my destination.

Just to see and be part of this amazing scenery is a gift and I embrace it but my sensible head tells me you've done it once now you don't need to do it again. So, if you see me up there again, it will be because I have taken the wrong turn as from now on the inland route is the one for me.

*The Trelights Walker*

*"A Spring walk is a blessing for the whole day"*

# PORT ISAAC ROWING CLUB NEWS

*"we row as one"*



A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Easter weekend cake sale on the Platt — it was a fantastic success! The sun was shining, the atmosphere was brilliant, and our club members' homemade cakes went down a treat. We're so grateful for the continued support from our community, and it was lovely to see so many friendly faces enjoying the day.

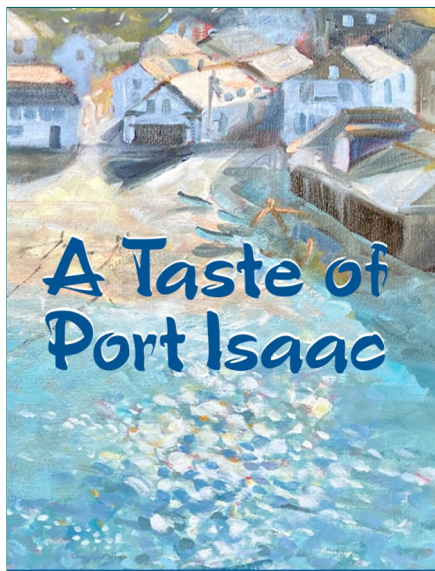
We're now back to our winter fitness training in earnest, with just two weeks to go until the World Gig Championships on the Isles of Scilly. We're incredibly proud to be representing Port Isaac once again on the world stage, and especially excited to have some new members racing at IoS for the first time! *Corsair* has had a fresh paint job and is ready for the season, whilst *Roscarrock* has already made her way to the islands and will be reunited with her crews on Thursday May 1st.

We've also launched a grand raffle to raise vital club funds — with amazing prizes including a holiday in Kefalonia, Fisherman's Friends tickets and a meal at Nathan Outlaw's. Tickets are available online, from the Port Isaac Co-op, or directly from a club member — and will also be on sale at our upcoming cake sales, Regatta Day July 6th and from our Co-op gig pop-up station (coming soon).

Rowing out of Port Isaac lately has been a joy — spring sunshine, smiling faces and waves from the Platt have made it extra special.







## A Taste of Port Isaac

NEW UPDATED EDITION  
now with over 145 recipes and yarns



We are planning to continue our very popular "Talks" over the next few months and also to repeat our "Open Day" in the summer. More details in next month's *Trio*.

**Port Isaac Heritage**  
"collecting and sharing  
the history of our little  
village by the sea"

### OUR NEW BOOK'S OUT

Can you believe it was 2012 when we published our first book? Due to popular demand we have updated our award-winning book, *A Taste of Port Isaac*. You might think you don't need this new version but, sitting alongside all of the original recipes and yarns, because they were too good to leave out, there are lots of new recipes and the stories behind them. Priced £15 it's available from *The Pottery, Secrets* and *Trevathan Farm Shop*.

### Our April 62 Club winners

**FIRST PRIZE OF £31 - ticket no: 10** Stephen Saywell

**SECOND PRIZE OF £20 - ticket no: 19** Michael Meakins

**THIRD PRIZE OF £11 - ticket no: 58** Peter Larkin

Hi folks,  
Chorale are enjoying a well earned break over Easter at the time of writing.

We look forward to welcoming Janet back from her globe trotting (visiting family down under) and taking us in rehearsal again.

Thanks to Gareth Stubberfield for helping us during her absence.

We have been preparing for the Liz Rowe Memorial Concert on Friday evening May 16th at St Endellion Church where, in addition to the Chorale singing a number of Liz's favourite songs, Atlantic Strings and the Simple AwEful Symphonia will be playing a number of selected pieces. This is a free concert with donations going to Breast Cancer Charities.

#### Future concerts:

June 22nd, North Petherwin (in aid of Church funds) - 3 pm

Tuesday July 22nd. Summer Concert in St Peter's Church, Port Isaac - 7pm



## Two Bays Trust



A huge thank you to the small army of volunteers who have worked incredibly hard to help create our Coastal Centre Community Hub. Particularly Kerensa, Guy, Gavin, Henry, Doug and Simon.

We have multiple volunteering opportunities coming up, so please do get in touch through the website, or come and visit us at the Coastal Centre at Trevathan Farm Shop.

Website:



Volunteer:



Donate:



<https://www.twobays.org>



### Join the 'Port Quin Sailing Club'!



Marine developers applied for a licence to dump a massive commercial enterprise in Port Quin Bay in North Cornwall. But they did not consult the community.

They had to write something in their 'Pre-Engagement Log', so they said they had consulted the Port Quin Sailing Club.

That, friends, is a big porky pie. The Port Quin Sailing Club has never existed.

BUT you can now get yourself a PQSC T-shirt to support us in showing the authorities that coastal communities matter, and that we don't like being lied to!

Any profits will go to the Two Bays Trust to help us deliver coastal conservation activities for the benefit of people and the environment.

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# HANDS ON HOOKS FUN PALACE

Hands on Hooks are privileged to be able to be a part of so many village celebrations and to have the opportunity to make people smile.

We were delighted to be able to install the Port Isaac Community Spring Garland in St Peter's Church for the Easter Sunday celebrations. The display is a vibrant celebration of community, springtime, new life and Easter, and will remain in place until Ascension Day at the end of May for everyone to enjoy. The garland will then be taken down and saved for future use, perhaps in a different guise.

Its making is an amazing example of collaborative work within the Port Isaac community, spanning all ages from toddlers to the elders. Congratulations and thanks to everyone involved. This is the first, and hopefully not the last project that has fully met the Hands on Hooks aim of including every one from 9-99 ... (6 months to 99, in fact!). The local groups involved include Stay and Play, Port Isaac Primary School, the Community Cafe, Port Isaac artists, St Peter's Church and of course Hands on Hooks.

The children created wonderful hand crafted paper flowers, some of which are absolutely enormous - very talented budding artists. The ladies and gentlemen of the Community Cafe had a fun morning of flower arranging, when they expertly decorated several wreaths with colourful flowers - many of the group had previously been responsible for the flower arrangements in the church, so they were delighted that their work would be part of the display. Port Isaac Artists donated an array of daffodil paintings in as many different styles as there were artists, truly adding to the artistic nature of the display. Hands on Hooks could as usual be relied on to dust off the hooks and needles, learn some new skills and create more than 550 unique daffodils and flower clusters - no mean feat as the daffodils were extremely tricky and time consuming.

The Hands on Hooks Afternoon Tea went down very well, with a selection of cakes, savouries and chatting being enjoyed by everyone. Alongside teas and the tombola, the sale of artwork and daffodil brooches contributed to the donation made to Macmillan Cancer Support. It was noted however, that no crochet or knitting was done on the day, however there was a bit of shared sewing to complete the last of our daffodils. St Peter's Church was made spic and span by church members, creating a welcoming space for the garland. As well as hosting the garland, they kept the church open over Easter weekend, providing teas and coffees for the many visitors who dropped in. The whole display is blooming marvellous.



By the time you read this, you may have noticed that the poppy cascade is decking the Platt again. We hadn't expected it to be displayed again so soon. However, it was considered to be a fitting backdrop to

## Port Isaac's celebrations on 8th May 2025, commemorating this year's VE Day

this marks 80 years since the end of  
the Second World War

On the morning, stop by for bacon baps,  
tea and coffee, served at the RNLI Station,  
raising funds for the RNLI

## What next for Hands on Hooks?

*Our next community project involves a bit of fun for everyone,  
whether you are a maker, a hider or a seeker*

We plan to knit and crochet little sailors and drop them throughout the village to be found, taken home or pass on to someone else.

*To give you some idea, a talented local wild swimmer has knitted her swimming friends, all  
tagged out (see photo at the top of the page - can you guess who they are?)*

A bit like the 'Follow the Star' event in the run up to the Port Isaac Illuminations last year, we hope that our sailors will travel as far as possible and that their finders will post a photo of them on Instagram or Facebook, raising a few donations for the Port Isaac RNLI in the process. At this stage that's all we can tell you as the details are still being ironed out, but we will be talking about it, planning patterns and casting on at the next Hands on Hooks Event, so please drop in to take part - knitters, crocheters and novices welcome.

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palaces

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## WHAT? Hand on Hooks Fun Palace

WHERE? The Golden Lion, Fore Street, Port Isaac      WHEN? Saturday May 17th, 10am-3pm

For more information, to join our WhatsApp group please contact  
Alison Mann on [handsonhooks@gmail.com](mailto:handsonhooks@gmail.com) or call 07817 873968





# SAVE THE DATE!

## FRIENDS OF PORT ISAAC SCHOOL INVITE YOU TO THEIR RACE NIGHT

Always a great night – don't miss it!

**Friday May 30<sup>th</sup> from 7pm**  
**Port Isaac Village Hall**

**Entry free!**

*(but don't forget your cash for betting fun!)*

Village Hall Bar  
Laughter Guaranteed  
Community Spirit

## Want to get involved?

Sponsor & Name a Race – £20 (businesses)

Sponsor & Name a Horse – £10 (the  
funnier the name, the better!)

Support the school and enjoy a night of fun  
and the chance to win some bucks!!

Get in touch to claim your race  
or horse ...

message or call Kat on  
**07984 787508**

or pop in and see her  
at The Peapod



## Easter at St Peter's

Easter is always a busy time for everyone and we were especially busy this year at St Peter's. During Lent there are no flowers in church so Easter Saturday is always a joyful day when we can decorate the church with flowers.

This year was exceptional with the Port Isaac Community Spring Garlands being used to decorate the church. So many people have worked very hard to make this display from the very young, pupils from Port Isaac School, to members of the older generations. We are very proud at St Peter's to keep this exhibition for the next few weeks until Ascension Day for visitors to see.

The church looks truly magical with the wreaths on the windowsills and the garlands draped from window to window. Local artists have painted pictures of daffodils which are also on display. The Lady altar and the Pulpit have both been decorated with crochet flowers.

We would like to thank everyone one who took part in creating the display. It will give pleasure to all our visitors for several weeks.

Special thanks to Caroline Cleave and Alison Mann who both inspired people to take part.

"There are many stories from the older generation of Sunday School walks to Pine Awn to see the primroses and how the Church was often decorated with flowers at this time of year. Therefore it has been lovely to keep a tradition alive and to include both the young and elderly who all seem to have enjoyed taking part creating the Spring Garland. It's always good to put everyone's small efforts together to create something which makes a statement about being part of a community. Hopefully everyone who visited the Church over Easter enjoyed the Installation that will be in place until Ascension"



Members of the Community Cafe with their Easter displays



# David Blakemore chats to Ray Berman . . .

## A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE AND INTERESTS OF RAY BERMAN

Ray was born in Uxbridge, near Shepards Bush, West London, in 1941 and lived there with his parents Sidney and Julia. He recalls the later stages of the Second World War and the effects it had on the wider population of London. Before the war Ray's dad, Sid, was a tailor but during the war he became a manager in one of the factories producing parts for wartime equipment. His mother, Julia, worked in a munitions factory. Many wartime jobs were very dangerous and Ray's grandad's part-time role as an ARP warden was no exception, often taking part in the rescue of people from beneath the rubble where unexploded bombs might still exist. However, it was Sid who came closest to disaster when the factory where he worked was reduced to rubble in an air strike, burying all the occupants. Sid was one of the lucky ones and was successfully rescued without suffering serious injuries. Ray has a few vivid memories of that time, one, the sight of St Paul's Cathedral still standing defiantly, surrounded by a large area much of which had been made a wasteland after several attacks. The other was when coming out of the local air raid shelter in Lambeth North underground station, to find that his house and most of the others in the street had been destroyed.

After the war Ray started junior school in Wandsworth which meant a two mile walk through the streets. His mother made sure he was safely on the right route where he would meet other children, including older ones who could make sure no one strayed. He was just approaching his eleventh birthday when his dad, Sid died of cancer, leaving his mother aged 28, with four children to raise on her own. About four years later she married Fredrick Smith, who owned a business comprising the unusual combination of greengrocery, secondhand furniture and furniture removals. The family remained living in the same area, which allowed Ray to continue his education at Honeywell Secondary School in Wandsworth. The school was in a vast historic building that Ray remembers being in a very poor state of repair which would never be considered safe for children today. He most enjoyed history, geography and RE and was an all-round sportsman playing football, rugby and cricket as well as attending gymnastics classes. He told me, with a grin, that he was never likely to win any medals. Many years later the school building was refurbished and is now a block of luxury apartments occupied by the rich and famous.

He had joined the Cub Scouts when he was nine years old starting what was to become, a long association with the movement. He later joined the senior scouts and especially enjoyed the camping trips. These trips were always to the West Country, and it was on one of these that Ray made his first visit to Cornwall when the troop came to Mevagissey for a week. One day a lorry came to pick them up to take them to St.Austell so they could connect with other transport for onward travel. Ray must have taken particular interest in the driver because, many years later, he was astonished to meet and recognise him again at a depot in Wadebridge.

Ray left school just before his 15th birthday and began working for the RACS Co-op which was the second largest in the country at that time. He was the youngest person to be promoted in the shop and was put in charge of provisions also acting in place of the manager whenever he was unavailable. Working at the same shop was Kath, whose daughter Pat would sometimes come into the shop to see her mother. Of course, Ray got to know Pat and eventually invited her to go to the cinema on a date with him, an invitation which she seemed keen to accept. They were happy in each other's company but drifted apart when Ray bought a motorbike, and they developed different friend groups. Some two years later, Kath dropped into the conversation that Pat had nothing to do. Ray offered to take Pat out for a ride on his motorbike which immediately led to a rekindling of the relationship. Perhaps being two years older and a little wiser they realized they were right for each other and the friendship developed. The following summer Ray came to Port Isaac for the first time, with Pat and her family, and stayed in a house on The Terrace. Shortly after their return to London, Ray asked Pat to marry him and, after Ray had received her father's permission, the happy couple were married in Wandsworth in 1962. Pat was



20 and Ray just a few weeks short of his 21st birthday.

Pat's parents were so impressed by their visit to Port Isaac that, within a year, they decided to move there and take the family, including Pat and Ray, with them. Sometime later the couple were lucky enough to be offered a council house and over the course of ten years, had four daughters, Debbie, Belinda, Paula and Julia. Ray's father-in-law, Fred, started to work for Mother's Pride Bakery in Wadebridge and discovered that the company needed someone to work in the office. Ray applied and was recruited as a dispatch clerk. Aided by two girls, Ray oversaw the logistics required to ensure the correct and timely dispatch of all the bread on ten rounds. After a year he became a roundsman himself because it offered him the chance to increase his earnings, and he spent the next eight years delivering bread in the local area including Rock, Polzeath and Port Isaac.

In his spare time Ray began to become more involved in the local community when he and Roy Smith played a part in setting up a darts team which played their home matches at the Lawns Hotel. A short time later Annie Philp, Roy and Ray founded a youth club in the village where young people could play table tennis, snooker or table squash. They also took the members to other locations to skate or swim and on some occasions made day visits to Butlins

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On Wednesday 9 April at 4:14pm. Port Isaac RNLI's inshore lifeboat The Pride of Port Isaac was launched following a direct tasking from Falmouth Coastguard. Reports indicated that a spear fisherman had got into difficulty in open water off Trebarwith Strand and was being swept away by the tide.

With crew Damien Bolton, Tom Brown and Mark Grills onboard, the lifeboat launched at speed and made its way to the scene. En route, coordination was established with Falmouth Coastguard, and confirmation was received that the casualty was a lone fisherman with possible injuries and in danger of drowning.

Upon arrival, the crew located the casualty floating on his back, eyes closed and appearing unresponsive. He was brought alongside and safely recovered onto the lifeboat. Although responsive to voice, the man was extremely lethargic and had ingested a significant amount of seawater. Lifeboat crew carried out a swift triage and determined that urgent medical intervention was necessary.

Rescue helicopter 924 arrived on scene along with Boscastle Coastguard Team who kept eye on the lifeboat and casualty and also searched for a possible missing second person. Following confirmation that a second potential casualty was safe and ashore, the RNLI crew conducted a high-skill underway transfer to receive 924 helicopter's paramedic. The fisherman was then winched aboard the helicopter for onward medical care with 924 and Cornwall Air Ambulance. After ensuring the casualty was safely airborne, the lifeboat was released from the scene and returned to station, where the boat was made ready for service and the crew carried out a structured debrief.

"This was a time-critical rescue," said Helmsman Damien Bolton. "We estimate the casualty had no more than one to two minutes before the outcome could have been very different. It's a stark reminder that even experienced individuals can get into



trouble at the coast. We urge everyone to check the weather, swell and tides before heading out, and to tell someone where you're going. If you find yourself in trouble, stay calm, raise your arm and shout for help. And if you see someone in difficulty, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard."

The RNLI also advises that visitors choose a lifeguarded beach where possible, and read local safety signage before heading out.

Our thanks go out to all involved in this multi-agency response and we wish the casualty a swift recovery.



**Port Isaac RNLI will be serving bacon baps at the RNLI Station from 10am on VE Day - Thursday May 8th**



## Port Isaac RNLI Charity Golf Day

**Friday June 20th 2025**

**Bowood Golf Club, Camelford**

**18 Hole Shotgun Start Texas Scramble**

**Teams of 4 Players**

**£50 per player (Bowood members £25)**  
includes Tea & Coffee on arrival and Carvery buffet after the game

**For more details or to book your place call Trevor Atkinson on 07837 828165**

**Prizes on every hole, Raffle, Auction and Prize-giving**

All golfers of any standard welcome, get a team together with friends for a great day out  
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*The Barn Owl*

Barn Owls eat mostly voles, shrews, mice and sometimes rats. Food is often swallowed whole - bits of fur and bone are then regurgitated and called an owl pellet. Barn owls screech, they never hoot, and have very long legs, toes and talons to help them to catch prey under long grass. They usually hunt at night (but can sometimes be seen early evening), and even in total darkness they can find the smallest vole. Their large eyes are very sensitive and can quickly spot a mouse moving in a gloomy barn. They have lop-sided ears - one is higher than the other, which helps them to pinpoint exactly where tiny sounds are coming from. Their feathers are super soft but they are not very waterproof and get soaked if it rains.

## What to do in the garden in May

Now is the time to prune Camellias. Prune after flowering to ensure that the plant has ample time to recover and prepare for the next blooming season without sacrificing valuable flower buds.

Plant out dahlia tubers after all risk of frost has passed.

Plant up hanging baskets and containers but keep in a greenhouse or porch to establish before putting outside.

Apply liquid feed to tulips, daffodils and other spring bulbs to encourage a good display next year.

Start feeding houseplants once a week with liquid fertiliser, continuing through to autumn, and water more regularly as temperature rises.

Mow lawns regularly and give first feed of the season.

Cut back and neaten up some of the earlier flowering herbaceous perennials.

Acclimatise tender annuals before planting out.

Regularly hoe weeds.



Sunflowers are probably the biggest, tallest and cheeriest annual flower you can enjoy in the garden. They're simple and fun to grow in full sun (ideally, they need 8 hours of sun a day) but need shelter from winds. Growing from seed is easy - in a sheltered spot and in good soil - add some well rotted manure or garden compost. Protect the young plants from slugs and snails, and water regularly, and you may need to stake them. Choose your variety carefully as dwarf sunflowers grow to around 50cm, whilst taller varieties can reach up to 3m! Discovered around 3,000BC, they were used by native Americans, the heads were harvested for oil and nutrient-rich seeds would be used as flour for bread, and today both seeds and oil are still important foods.

## This months quiz

- What are the two main types of secateurs called?
  - Bypass and anvil
  - Cutters and choppers
  - Loppers and croppers
  - Snippers and tippers
- Renovating an old, neglected tree that hasn't been pruned for years is known as what?
  - Superfluous pruning
  - Restorative pruning
  - Nostalgic pruning
  - Retrospective pruning
- Gardeners often use a technique on fruit trees to encourage a shoot to form either just above or below a shoot. What is the name of this technique?
  - Bruising and breaking
  - Splitting and scratching
  - Cracking and clicking
  - Nicking and notching
- Cloche comes from the French word for bell. What is a cloche used for in the horticultural world?
  - A bell used in Victorian walled gardens to announce lunchtime
  - A bell-shaped flowerbed
  - A French pruning technique to shape shrubs into bell shapes
  - A bell shaped cover placed over plants for protection
- What is a scion stick?
  - A rogue sucker from raspberries and other hybrid berries
  - A stick used to measure the correct planting depth for a tree
  - A shoot for grafting onto a rootstock
  - A pruning implement with an extended handle for extra height
- What is cloud pruning?
  - Shaping bushes into cloud shapes
  - Pruning all branches so they face upwards towards the clouds
  - Pruning bushes with a high, dense canopy to provide shelter from the rain
  - Pruning while listening to music held on a cloud

Answers: 1. a) 2. b) 3. d) 4. d) 5. c) 6. a)



# St Endellion Parish Council

## Contract & Maintenance Supervisor Report

When I wrote last month's piece for *Trio* I was anticipating the Easter holidays, now that's done and dusted; there seemed to be a fair few number of people in Port Isaac when I was out and about and the weather was reasonable too.

Of the three large trees I have been hoping Cornwall Council would remove only the one at Roscarrock woods has been cleared. The others, one on the path from Port Isaac to Tresungers and the other in Port Gaverne valley aren't restricting the path, but are minor obstacles. I've asked Cornwall Council again about these. I've added a few way-markers to the Tresungers route, after discussing it with the farmer, so that folks will know where they should be going as they get nearer to the farm. If you decide to walk Port Gaverne valley towards the B3267 that comes out close to Trigg Court make sure you have sturdy shoes as there's a lot of the smaller branches and twigs from when it was cleared between the road and the pond.

At Port Gaverne there are some new steps at Teague's Pit, aka Tag's Pit. A couple near the top had been damaged during the winter storms and one further down has been missing for years. The wet cement was adorned with initials and love tokens! eg AJ was here and TK ♥ PL etc! At first I was a bit annoyed, but as there's nothing rude I figure the graffiti adds a bit more grip for those walking up and down the steps!

The path between Trewetha Lane and Mayfield Road has become overgrown with Alexanders and other prolific weeds, Cornwall Council assures me that it will be cut before the end of April, fingers crossed! Also on this path were a few bags of gravel with grass growing in them and some flint chippings, which have now been removed. I needed a wheelbarrow and asked a resident if I could borrow their barrow, so I could tie moving the gravel in with getting compost to the flower bed at the War Memorial. Which has had time spent on it cutting back the shrubs, weeding and new flowering plants put in, some of these were kindly donated by a resident of Port Isaac. So thank you to these two people.

The annual play area independent inspection due for April might've been done by now, but as I'm not usually aware of when they're coming and haven't received a report yet I might be able to tell you more in May's *Trio*. The monthly inspection and report was carried out and a strange grave shaped mound, left in the football field from a filtration test for the prospective social hub's was removed.

At Trelights the grass verge work is almost complete. The ground has been levelled and reinforcing mesh has been laid to make it easier to get one side of a vehicle on the verge when parking. This provides more room on the road for vehicles to get through. The verge will be rolled and seeded with grass. I've tested the space to make sure there's enough room for cars to open the doors, just in case anyone was concerned about that, and it's fine. Well, it was for my Citroen 2CV! And the new bench has been ordered.

At the Main car park the new signage provided by the enforcement company is in place. I attended a meeting there with a guy from an arboreal company and Cllr Williams to discuss a suggested ongoing management plan for the car park green spaces, including the top bank in the dog walking field. No decisions have been made yet about what, if anything will be done, but it might involve more tree planting.

Other meeting attended include Trelights Village Green AGM, the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Full Parish Council monthly meeting. It sounds like a lot, but Trelights Village Green meetings are good for me to be able to catch-up on what's going on and the Annual Parish Council meeting is really not much more than a formality; mostly a round up of what's been going on in the past year and a register showing attendance of the Councillors. This year with it being the Chairman's last Annual Meeting David Raynor summed up all the changes to the parish since he became a Councillor, twelve years ago. There's a lot! Opening of the Main car park, taking on the public loos when Cornwall Council decided not to fund them, improving the play area, employing me and creation of the traffic calming scheme. Also ongoing projects with the



proposed levelling of the football field and building a social hub and the possibility of affordable houses at St Endellion, and that's just the highlights.

And now we're at everyone's favourite part. The parishes public toilets, that as previously mentioned are run by the Parish Council. A couple of bits of maintenance; two new loo roll holders were fitted at the Main car park WCs. Also at the Main car park, someone had pushed some used matches into the coin slot on the door entry system of the accessible cubicle, jamming it and breaking a bracket inside, resulting in the cubicle being 'out of order' until I could get the replacement part and fit it.

Port Gaverne toilets are open for the summer, having had a deep clean at the beginning of April and the meters read. The water meter is one of my least favourites to read as there's been a fake black widow spider living there. They look a bit like an aniseed ball with thin legs and they can bite, which is why I don't like them, to be honest I don't like any spiders! After procrastinating about going in there, I borrowed a big screwdriver, not to arm myself from the spider, but to open the manhole! And went in. How relieved was I? No spider! Phew! The electricity one was easy after that!

I've also taken photos of the other water meters in the parish that feed the public toilets. Danielle, our brilliant Clerk has forwarded them to the Water Companies as none of them are readable. The spaces are full of sand or water or the manhole is lost under a cover of grass.

At Roscarrock Hill WCs the internet is working, the electrical connection to the coin/card machines seems to have a temporary issue and there's

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# CORNWALL OPEN STUDIOS

## PORT ISAAC ARTISTS

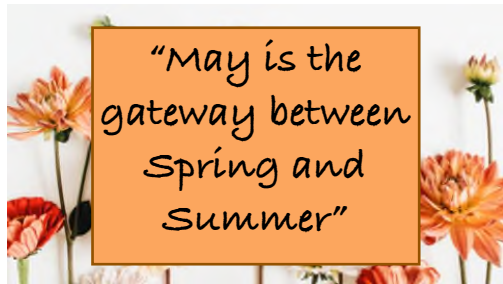
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still some snagging to be done. It will be such a relief, once the work is finally completed. These last few little issues seem to be dragging on and it's so frustrating.

Over the past few weeks I've received enquiries from three other Cornish parishes asking for information on how we get on running our public toilets. I've tried to help and now feel justified for hanging out around our loos for so much of my time!

Reports to Cornwall Council this month have included the litter bin at the bottom of Rose Hill, next to Nikki B's. It was trapped under scaffolding for months and isn't in great shape. Along with the footpath there. The rubble in black bags at the end of Temple Bar is all part of the same job and a request to the builder to remove it before Easter unfortunately didn't result in it being gone. But I hope it'll be done by now.

A couple of other things to mention the peacocks returned temporarily to Trewetha which caused some alarm, especially when they started creating a furore around the properties. And, incase you haven't heard the MMO have declined the licence for the seaweed farm at Port Quin.

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

[clare.jon@stendellionparish.gov.uk](mailto:clare.jon@stendellionparish.gov.uk).

This is a new email address, but I'll

still be checking the old one.

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The **Port Isaac Group** meets regularly and its aim is to invite speakers to talk about their specialist subject and connect with current exhibitions both locally and nationally.



**TALK - May 22nd, 7.30pm in St Endellion Hall  
CAROLINE CLEAVE**

### Open Studios

'An artist's studio is an intimate space or room, a place where art is born ...'

This talk will look at studios past and present.

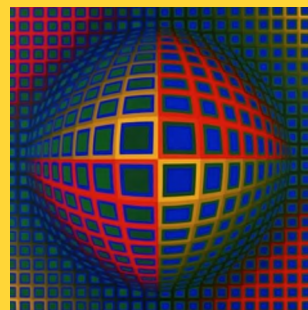
With the annual opening of the Cornwall Open Studios 2025, this talk is well timed as Caroline will share the history and relevance of this event whilst also sharing the importance of her studio and what influences her work.

Catalogues for all the Open Studios in Cornwall will be available at the talk.

**TALK - June 12th, 7pm in Port Isaac Village Hall  
RUTH PROUDFOOT**

### OP ART

During this talk we will look at what the term 'Op Art' means. We will trace examples throughout the ages, considering things like Egyptian art and textile banners, all precursors of the later movements. It will show a range of artists work, illustrating how they excelled in 'tricking' the viewers brain in different ways. The use of perspective and drawn rules will be considered, using the work of Hogarth, Escher and the optical artists Bridget Riley and Victor Vasarely. It will also touch on the style Trompe-l'oeil "to deceive the eye", a similar art historical tradition which fools the viewer and is often seen in street art



*Image: Victor Vasarely, Vega Nor 1969 Albrigh*



**TALK - June 27th, 7.30pm in St Endellion Hall  
VIRGINIA SYKES-WRIGHT**

### SILK

Silk has long been associated with luxury, taste and sensuality. The talk will discuss textiles dating from the 17th-20th century, including woven, embroidered and printed examples from England, Europe, Turkey and India.

Virginia will draw on her wealth of experience from the Textile Department of Spink & Son, as an Art Advisor to Getty and Fine Art Advisor to Bucherer and as her role as CEO LACA - London Asian and African Contemporary Art.

**To find out more information or be added to our What'sApp group please contact Caroline Cleave 07966 501156**





# Cooking with Chris

This month our world tour of cuisine takes us to Africa and the country of Djibouti. The cuisine from this country is a mixture predominantly of Somalian, Yemeni, Afar and French with a some South Asian influences predominantly Indian the local dishes use a lot of Middle Eastern spices ranging from saffron to cinnamon.

This one is widely recognised as the national dish and it's called

## Skoudehkaris

### Ingredients:

1lb diced lamb meat	½tsp cumin powder
½ a cup of long grain white rice	1tsp ground cardamom
White onion peeled and chopped	15oz tin of chopped tomatoes
1tbsp Ghee or vegetable oil	Salt and pepper
1tsp whole cloves	Water
¼tsp cayenne pepper	Fresh coriander

This dish is a one pot lamb and rice dish so you will need a suitable pot that will go into the oven.

### Method:

Heat the oven suitable pot to medium high then add the oil or ghee.

Sauté the chopped onions together with the cumin, cinnamon cloves cardamom and cayenne pepper. Cook until the onions are soft and translucent.

Add the diced lamb and toss with the sautéed onions and spices and BROWN. Then add the canned tomatoes and season with pepper.

Pour in enough water to cover the meat and place the pot in an oven which has been preheated to 350°F

After 45 minutes test the tender of the lamb and adjust the cooking time appropriately and add more water if needed.

When the meat is tender, remove the pot from the oven and place it on the stove over a medium to high heat. Put the rice into a sieve and rinse well and then add it to the pot. Stir everything together season with salt and cover the pot with the lid and allow to cook for about 15 minutes or until the rice is tender and sticky and all the water has been absorbed.

Garnish with the chopped Coriander and serve hot.

All this are not too much washing up ... what could be better?

So after our trip to Africa, we return to Europe where we land in Denmark. Now, the traditional Danish recipes are rooted in the peasant dishes served across the country before the revolution of 1860, based on the need to make use of natural Danish foods that were available on the family farm.

Around Denmark, you see rye bread everywhere and this dish goes perfectly well with it.

## Chicken salad with mushrooms and bacon on rye

this is enjoyed all year round but especially at Easter and Christmas

### Ingredients:

300g chicken breast	2-3 tsp Dijon mustard
1 red onion	100g of bacon
3tbsp mayonnaise	250g chestnut mushrooms
4tbsp crème fraîche	A few sprinkles parsley
1tbsp apple cider vinegar	A few chives
	Salt and pepper

### Method:

Please the chicken breast in a saucepan and cover with water and bring to the boil. Add 1tsp salt and simmer for approximately 15 minutes.

Allow the chicken to cool and then shred the meat with two forks.

Finely chop the red onion and put in a bowl with the shredded chicken.

Stir the mayonnaise, crème fraîche, Dijon mustard and apple cider vinegar to combine and season with salt and pepper. Mix this with the onion and chicken.

Fry the bacon until crisp and transfer to a plate lined with paper towel to soak up any grease.

Slice and fry the mushrooms in the same pan as the bacon and cook until golden, approximately five minutes. Season with a bit of salt and pepper.

Arrange chicken salad in a serving dish and top it with the crispy bacon and mushrooms and chopped fresh herbs and serve on a slice of dark Rye bread.

quick, simple and delicious on a warm sunny day





*A.B. Roger Hooke c1939 and his last ship HMS Ardent*

Port Isaac's Roger Hooke was born in the Droitwich Union Workhouse in January 1909 and likely never knew his mother. The 1911 Census records him as a two year old boy, where he was one of 57 'inmates' in the workhouse, including four other children under five and a further twelve children under 14. Twenty eight people there were over sixty, and of the seven women between 21 and 60, four are single women with their child. Of the five men between 21 and 60, two were widowers with their children. We can only imagine the sad tales of how they ended up there, but the Droitwich workhouse no doubt held a fairly typical mix in this remnant of a Victorian solution to deal with the poor.

Things were slowly changing, and many had been expressing concern about having destitute or orphan children mixed in with adults, some of whom may be suffering from mental health problems or dementia. Many Poor Law Unions providing children's residential care began to make use of what were known as cottage homes. Instead of a single large building, the cottage homes model placed them into family-style groups, typically of around 15–25 children. Around 115 Poor Law Unions in England and Wales set up cottage homes accommodation for children, and the 1921 census finds 12 year old Roger in one such cottage home in Bromsgrove along with 20 other children. These homes were no doubt an improvement over the workhouse, but unlikely to be any form of picnic. In March 1924, 15 year old Roger was sent to Canada on the SS Antonia by the 'Church of England Waifs and Strays Society', now The Children's Society. This was a Victorian charity set up in 1881 to give poor and destitute children a new start in life working in the colonies. This policy was then supported by governments who were more concerned with alleviating labour shortages than having any regard for the child's welfare.

Roger could not have stayed in Canada for long, since he joined the Royal Navy on 26th July 1925 as a 'Boy, Second Class', commencing his naval career at HMS Ganges, the naval training establishment at Shotley, near Ipswich in Suffolk. He was obviously a competent lad, as he was promoted to Boy, First Class in less than 7 months, a process normally taking 9-18 months. In May 1926, he joined his first ship; HMS Emperor of India, an Iron Duke class Battleship commissioned in 1914. This was followed in December 1926 by 3½ months on HMS Hood, then the largest warship in the world, with the nickname 'The Mighty Hood'. It was while on the Hood that Roger decided the Royal Navy was going to be his career and on his 18th birthday

signed up for 12 years' service. Over the next few years Roger had a variety of ships, together with spells at Devonport, including HMS Furious, a former Courageous class battlecruiser which was recommissioned in 1925 as an early type of Aircraft Carrier, on which he served for almost three years. In October 1933 he was transferred to HMS St Angelo, the Naval Base in Malta, where he served for 3 years on HMS Basilisk, a B-Class Destroyer only commissioned in 1931.

In September 1936, he was transferred back to Devonport for five months basic gunnery training, where he became a Seaman Gunner, a seaman who handles ordnance. In autumn 1937, while he was on leave, he married Lillian Grills in Port Isaac. In the October 1939 Wartime Register, she was living with her parents and their newborn daughter Mollie in Church Hill. The following month Roger joined his final ship, HMS Ardent, an A-



*Roger, top left, with the crew of the Ardent's X Gun*



# an ultimate survivor's story

class Destroyer, where he was now a Layer Rating 3rd class, a beginner in operating gunnery equipment. Between April and June 1940, Ardent was involved in the Norwegian Campaign, where Roger was part of the crew of X Gun, the ship's forward-facing main 120mm battery gun. On 31st May, the ship and the destroyers Acasta, Acheron, Highlander, and Diana escorted the aircraft carriers HMS Ark Royal, and HMS Glorious from the Clyde to the Norwegian coast to carry out air operations in support of the evacuation of Allied forces from Norway.

On 8th June, Ardent and Acasta were escorting Glorious back towards Scapa Flow, when the three ships were spotted at 15:46 by the German Battleships, Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, the two largest ships in the German navy. They changed course to investigate but were not spotted by the British until shortly after 16:00. Ardent was ordered to identify the German ships while the other ships remained on course. She turned back to rejoin them before the Germans opened fire at 16:27. Ardent and Acasta were engaged by the German's 150mm secondary armament, mostly by Scharnhorst, while both ships fired at Glorious with their main 280mm batteries. Ardent was hit in the first salvo in her forward boiler room which reduced her speed. The ship zigzagged to evade the German shells and laid a smoke screen to hide herself. She made repeated torpedo attacks whenever she emerged from the smoke, but they were all evaded by Scharnhorst. Ardent also fired her 120mm guns and made one hit, which proved insignificant. She was not seriously damaged until she emerged from the smoke at 17:01 and was repeatedly hit. Losing speed and on fire, she turned away, narrowly missing Scharnhorst with a torpedo at 17:13. HMS Ardent sank shortly after 17:25.

To give an idea of the David and Goliath battle, the two German Battleships each displaced 32,600 tonnes, the Ardent only 1,370. The Ardent was just under 100m long and 10m wide, whereas the Battleships were 230m long and 30m wide. Ardent had just four 120mm guns plus two 40mm anti-aircraft guns, whereas each battleship had nine 280mm guns and twelve 150mm guns, plus fourteen 105mm, sixteen 37mm, and ten 20mm anti-aircraft guns. The crew's bravery on these vastly outclassed British ships had a considerable effect on the Germans. Shortly after the war, Rear Admiral Günther Schubert, then a captain and the Scharnhorst's Executive Officer, wrote a report from memory and made these comments - *She fought with a dash which was outstanding in a hopeless situation. The destroyer received numerous hits and finally went down, her bow armament [where Roger*

*was] firing to the last and her engines apparently in order and driving her at high speed. Not only the tactical handling, but the audacity and pluck of the destroyers were outstanding. Every [German] officer taking part in the action was of the same opinion. Another officer wrote - I was on the upper deck, and I saw the Ardent leaning over, lots of smoke, and it shot and fought right up to the last. It made a great impression on me. They weren't enemies, they were opponents.*

The Ardent sank over 100 miles north of the arctic circle where, even in June, survival in the water was a matter of minutes. What happened next is in Roger's own words -

*Well, four of us decided to cut a raft from the torpedo tubes and get it in the water. I am afraid I did not see any of the other three after that. Owing to the ship not being able to stop, she was quite a few hundred yards away from me when she finally sank. Five men and myself eventually got on the raft, but it was impossible to help any of the others as we could not get the paddles from underneath the raft in time to be of any use in helping to rescue some more of our shipmates. We settled down to our fate as best we could as the raft we were on was very small and therefore it was a bit crowded with six men on it. Where we were there was no darkness at night, so one had to guess whether it was day or night. After one day on the raft,*

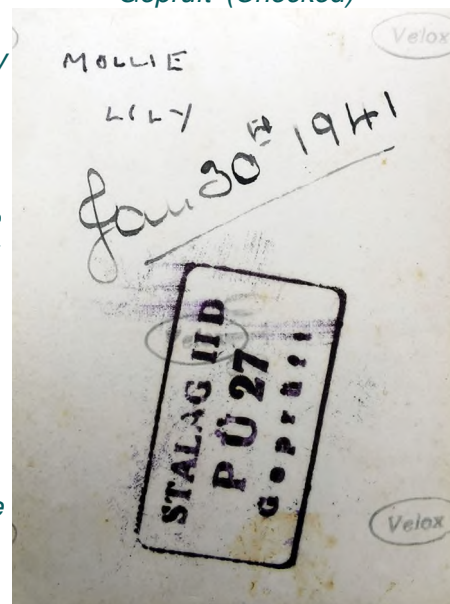
*one man died from the cold and sea. He was a stoker. Then, during the day, another man also passed away - an Able Seaman this time. We were beginning by now to wonder if there was any likelihood of anything coming to our aid, as with no food or water, things were not too good for us. Another man passed away the next day which left three of us. That man was an engine room artificer. Then, during the early hours of the following morning, we saw some ships coming from the direction of Norway. With the two paddles that we had, we tried to get toward them, but although the ships were quite plain to us, none was able to spot us. After they had passed us, we got down for a little sleep, as owing to the cold and sea, it was not very nice for getting very comfortable. Then later on in the day we saw an aircraft flying around. Our hopes began to rise as the flying boat, which it turned out to be, came nearer and nearer, then headed towards us, but then she turned away. Still hoping for the best, we carried on waving and shouting; they failed to see us. So once more we were left to the mercy of the sea and cold weather. Then, the same afternoon, another ship came into view, and with all our waving she did not see us.*

*Things by now were beginning to get a bit agonising. We had to lie down on the side of the raft to get a bit of sleep, as our strength was giving out fast. Once more another comrade passed away. Now there were only two of us left to carry on; for how much longer we did not know. On waking up from one of my short naps, I had a good look round the horizon and sky.*

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One of Roger's treasured photos of Lily and Mollie while he was at Stalag II D, the reverse stamped 'Geprüft' (Checked)





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Away on our starboard side I saw a seaplane. After shaking my comrade and telling him, I found it had by then flown close up to us. Well, she turned out to be German, and she had seen us. Flying round into the wind she made a good landing on the choppy sea. Coming towards us, the pilot got our raft between the floats and the navigator gave us a hand into the rear of the plane. I asked where we were being taken, and he said Trondheim. Our first words were to ask for a drink. Once we had been given a drink, we both lay down for a sleep, as it was much warmer, and one could stretch out quite comfortably. Then we were shaken and told we were at Trondheim. After being lifted from the plane, I saw a German soldier carrying a pot of coffee and I at once asked for some. Straight away I was given a cup, and I enjoyed it. Afterwards we were lifted into an ambulance and driven away to hospital. We were given very good treatment and, after nine days, moved on to Oslo. My remaining comrade, Seaman Robert Jones, passed away after a fortnight in Oslo, leaving myself as the sole survivor of the destroyer HMS Ardent.

Of HMS Ardent's complement, ten officers and 142 ratings were killed or died of their wounds, with Roger the only survivor. Of HMS Acasta's similar complement, only one man survived, and HMS Glorious lost 1,207 men, with only 38 who survived. After five days in an open boat on the Arctic Sea, Roger had lost many toes from frostbite and subsequently wore special shoes to alleviate the condition. After leaving Oslo, he was placed in Stalag II-D at Stargard in western Poland, and subsequently transferred to Stalag XXI-A, about 180 miles south east of Stargard at Ostrzeszów, Poland. While in the camps, Roger made an intricate and detailed tapestry showing his ship's crest, the Union Jack and the White Ensign crossed, a silhouette of the Ardent, and a banner bearing the words "Royal Navy". This is now held at the Imperial War Museum. In October 1943, Roger was repatriated to England due to his ill health, where he returned to Port Isaac to be with his wife Lily and 4

year old daughter Mollie, who he had previously only seen in the photographs Lily had sent to the camps. On 7th August 1944, Roger was invalided out of the Royal Navy to live the rest of his life in Port Isaac with his wife and family.

Roger had a further service

to his country when, as the sole survivor of the earlier HMS Ardent, he was the honoured guest at the commissioning of the new HMS Ardent in October 1977. Roger died in November 1979, so did not live to see the TV footage of this new HMS Ardent as it lay burning in Falkland Sound, to later sink, after being attacked by Argentine aircraft in the 1982 Falklands War.

A. B. Roger Hooke was a brave man who served his country well.

*Malcolm Lee, Port Isaac Heritage*



*The HMS Ardent tapestry Roger made during his incarceration*



*Roger with the Commander of the new HMS Ardent at its commissioning in October 1977*

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also took the members to other locations to skate or swim and on some occasions made day visits to Butlins Holiday Camp to enjoy the facilities provided there. The club was very successful but after eight years, Annie, Roy and Ray felt the time had come for someone else to take over. It wasn't long before Ray became involved with another community activity when he started a role in support of the running of the village football team.

It was during this period that Ray lost his beloved wife Pat at the relatively young age of 50, due to a brain hemorrhage.

Meanwhile Ray had moved from his job with Mother's Pride to join Precisparks, which as the name suggests, was a precision engineering company using spark erosion machines to produce high quality aircraft parts. He was made redundant when a fall in demand for the products occurred and moved on again to join the Nelson Stokes Company in Camelford. There he became a line manager producing rubber moldings and brake linings. He retired at 65 but did not remain idle for long before he was offered a part-time job working at the Co-op in Port Isaac for best friend Roy. After 10 years there, Ray finally retired due to ill health.

For several years Ray travelled extensively including visiting his daughter twice in New Zealand during the 3-year period she lived there. He really enjoyed these visits and took advantage of the opportunity to go whale watching and to see some of the other features which the country has to offer.

Hooked on travel, he and Roy visited many different countries, most notably Egypt on eight occasions. They always stayed at the same hotel, where not surprisingly, their names were known by most of the staff. Their travels also took them to Mexico, India, Spain and its Islands, the Greek islands, Tunisia and Gibraltar.

Ray has clearly made a significant contribution to the community of Port Isaac through his youth work and remains well known and respected. His pride in, and love for, his four daughters and their families, including 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, is very evident.

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# St Endellion Parish Council Report

## Annual Parish Meeting followed by Monthly Parish Council Meeting

### Annual Parish Council Chair Report

Once again, my Annual Report. Where did the last year go? However, this year is different, as this will be my last year.

I feel it's time to look back, not just over the last year, but what this Council has achieved in the last twelve years since I joined.

It started with the opening of the Main Car Park, which was a great success, but we soon realised it was not big enough and we decided to add an overflow, again needing planning permission.

Not long after that, the County decided to close all public toilets. As a result, we first took a lease on the Roscarrock toilets, but we realised we needed more toilets at the top of the village, so we then bought the New Road toilet block from the County for £1. We also realised that we needed toilets in the Main Car Park which we duly added with the addition of the kiosk. The toilets at New Road needed refurbishing so we decided to change them to unisex toilets and add on the Deli. The National Trust then asked us if we would open up and run the toilets at Port Gaverne, which we duly did.

About this time, with all the legal implications, we realised much of the land owned by the Council was not registered, so we set about registering the land. The last of which was the Green in Trelights which was completed in October 2023.

We added new play equipment to the Play Area for the children and it soon became obvious that looking after the Car Park, four sets of toilets, together with all the other duties, such as cutting the verges, bin emptying, footpaths etc that we needed help. We decided to employ our C&MS, Clare Jon.

Clare has worked wonders looking after the Play Area, sorting out our contractors, not to mention things like weeding the flower beds around the war memorial. We had already moved the memorial prior to the Church selling the Church Rooms.

Over the years we were aware of the danger to pedestrians at the junction of New Road and Back Hill, so we decided to have a pathway marked out and introduced a Traffic Calming Scheme. After a traffic survey, we installed humps to try and slow down vehicles passing the school and the entrance to the Coop.

We also erected a bus shelter at the Trelights stop and are in the process of installing a new seat in the village.

These are just some of the jobs this Council has completed in addition to the general running of the Council, including planning applications, general maintenance etc.

We have two major plans in progress, the first of which is to make a new football pitch and sports area on our existing play area together with a Pavillion cum Social Club, and I am pleased to report that after much discussion, the plans are now being sent to the County.

The other project is to try and provide more affordable housing and to this end Tre Haven CLT (formerly the Housing Working Group) are working on a scheme to develop the only available land at St Endellion.

Finally, we are about to complete the refurbishment of Roscarrock toilets. Again, we have changed them into unisex toilets which has taken longer than planned due to having to apply for planning etc.

This all requires a tremendous amount of work for our Clerk. Since I have been on the Council, we have had five Clerks, which has not helped us comply with all the regulations surrounding the running of the Council. However, I am pleased to say Danielle, our present Clerk, and Responsible Financial Officer is in my opinion by far the very best we have had so far.

I am very sad to be leaving, but I feel the time has come for a younger person to take on the responsibility. I hope to be around for some time to come and will always be happy to help in any way I can. I think you have an excellent team in this Council and wish you all the best for the future.

David Raynor

### Divisional Member Report

Cllr Mould acknowledges Cllr Raynor's contribution to the PC and how progressive he and the PC as a whole have been. As an example of this, Cllr Mould heaps

praise on the well run, clean and accessible toilet blocks in the parish. Cllr Mould thanks the PC for their dedication and hard work over the last term.

Cllr Mould refers to the Bodieve planning app.

There are further delays to the 5G pitch in Wadebridge, they are now waiting for an acoustic report. Residents opposing the plans have requested no noise after 6pm.

### Playing Field Development Working Party Report

Cllr Button absent. Cllr Raynor informs Members that the full planning application is going ahead as agreed.

### STEND\_HWG Report

Cllr Williams absent.

### Camel Valley Community Area Partnership Report

Cllr Mould attended the meeting on 24th March. The individual that runs the Hub in Lanivet has received funding to set up a local bus service. They have spoken to the Hub at Rock (St Minver) and will contact Ms Jon to see how/if it can benefit St Endellion.

They are waiting for the next round of grant and community funding which should be available September time.

### Planning Applications

**a) PA25/01913** Pennti Ros Lower Trefreock Port Isaac Cornwall PL29 3SR

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed - glass doors to front of outbuilding.

<https://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=SSYN67FGIAN00&activeTab=summary>

Members were asked by (absent) Cllr Williams to consider; *'in terms of our NDP Policy 6 Design Principles. Please note there is no mention of lighting in the app/whether internal/external/wall washing etc.'*

**Proposed** by Cllr Symons and **Seconded** by Cllr Cleave to **Resolve** that the PC supports the application as Members do not feel there is significant impact from the structure on the surrounding area.

continued overleaf ...



On Saturday 12th April I attended Bridge Medical centre where Port Isaac Practice held a spring COVID, Shingles and Pneumonia vaccination session. As at the ones held last October, a large number of practice staff – clinicians, reception and admin, were there to provide this important service. This is just a part of the preventative care services that are available from us.

I've given away my advanced age by letting you know this, as the latest round of this vaccination has been targeted at the over 75's! I was born a few months before the NHS was brought into operation as a result of the great need for free healthcare following the years of hardship during and after the second world war so have seen it grow and develop from the beginning.

I have seen the discovery of penicillin, antibiotics, steroid drugs and development of vaccines which have eliminated or dramatically reduced the level of diseases such as polio, smallpox and tetanus which used to kill or disable millions. More recently flu and covid vaccines have helped to dramatically reduce the danger from both of these illnesses. In my working career I provided many of the largest pharmaceutical companies with equipment and support and have seen enormous resources and money spent on developing modern, safe and effective vaccines. I believe prevention is better than cure to maintain health and wellbeing and any side effects from vaccines are minute, in comparison to the risks from the illnesses they prevent.

Port Isaac Practice provides services to its patients to help minimise or prevent acute conditions by advice, monitoring and screening. It offers clinical support for, among other conditions, diabetes, asthma, angina and cardiac issues. Each surgery has up to date ECG equipment so tests that previously would need to be carried out at a hospital can now be offered at both Wadebridge and Port Isaac.

Recently the practice has become part of a programme to increase the uptake for cervical screening to reduce the risk to women of cervical cancer through the HPV virus. You are eligible for screening up to 6 months before you are 25, then every 3 years between the ages of 25 to 49, every 5 years from age 50 to 64, and after 65 only if a recent test was abnormal. Like most conditions, if caught in the early stages treatment can be much more successful. One of our nurses, Louise, is heading this up and can offer telephone assistance and if needed a face-to-face appointment for patients to discuss the screening process. More information on this will be available on our website and Facebook page. If you are worried about symptoms you have, contact the practice without delay, if you can through our online Klinik system, giving as much information as possible so the practice can ensure you see the most appropriate clinician as soon as possible. If you are unable to use the online service please contact reception.

The PPG is here to help patients get the best out of the services available by keeping you up to date with latest news and making sure that the practice gets a feedback from patients. If you'd like more information, have suggestions of what you would like to see in these articles, or would like to join us, do let us know via the website – click the About the Surgery tab and follow the PPG link

In the meantime, enjoy good health during the beautiful Cornish Summer (fingers crossed!)

*John Quilter, Chair, Port Isaac Practice PPG*

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**b) PA25/01984** 16 New Road Port Isaac Cornwall PL29 3SB

Certificate of Lawful Development for a Proposed Use for the Demolition of existing chimneys to dwelling. Alteration of stud partitions to ground floor. Additional stud partitions to first floor bedroom accommodation and formation of first floor bathroom all within existing roof. Additional window to rear elevation at ground floor. Additional VELUX roof windows to rear elevation of existing roof. Alteration to existing low level front garden wall.

<https://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=ST0RT7FGJWG00&activeTab=summary>

**Proposed** by Cllr Webster and **Seconded** by Cllr Cleave to **Resolve** that the PC supports the application as most of the works have already been carried out.

### Cornwall Council Planning Decisions

**a) PA24/08606** 19 Rose Hill Port Isaac Cornwall PL29 3RL Replacement dwelling.

<https://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=SMTZV2FGH8W00&activeTab=summary>

### Withdrawn

**b. PA24/07218** 2 Cliffside Port Isaac Cornwall PL29 3RE Single-storey front extension. Revised design to existing dormer windows/roofs and the addition of 1no. dormer roof.

<https://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=SK07X1FGFWX00&activeTab=summary> **Refused**

**c) PA25/00133/PREAPP** Sea Glimpse Back Hill Port Isaac Cornwall PL29 3RE

Pre application advice for alterations and extension to existing dwelling.

<https://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=SR3QL9FG0IS00&activeTab=summary>.

### Closed - Advice Given

**d. Application Number:** MLA/2023/00307

**Proposal:** Seaweed Farm in Port Quin Bay

**Applicant:** Mr Dinnis Paul Blewett (CAMEL FISH LTD)

**Location:** Port Quin Bay **Decision:** **Refused**

Members are delighted with the outcome and appreciate the efforts of all those involved.

**Licensing Applications - None**

### Diary Dates

**Annual Council Meeting – Monday 12th May 2025 7pm**

**Rolling Meeting Date - Thursday 29th May 2025**

Full minutes from this meeting are available on the Parish Council website <https://stendellionparish.gov.uk/>

*D. Harrison, Parish Clerk/RFO  
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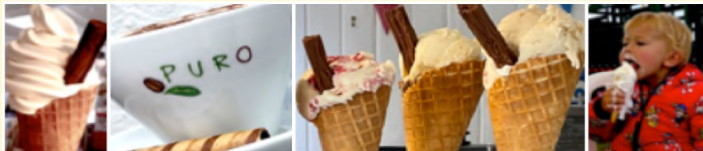
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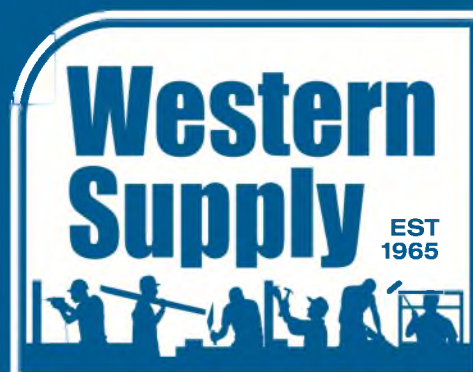
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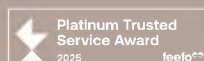
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## **Wednesday April 30th**

Community Cafe in Port Isaac  
Village Hall - 10am-12noon

## **Thursday May 1st**

Local Election Day - Port Isaac  
Village Hall and St Endellion Hall

## **Wednesday May 7th**

Community Cafe in Port Isaac  
Village Hall - 10am-12noon

## **Thursday May 8th**

Port Isaac VE Day Celebrations at  
the RNLI Station on the Platt - bacon  
baps, tea & coffee - 10.30am-12 ish

## **Tuesday May 13th**

Port Isaac Village Hall AGM - in the  
Hall - 5.30pm

## **Wednesday May 14th**

Community Cafe in Port Isaac  
Village Hall - 10am-12noon

## **Friday May 16th**

Liz Rowe Memorial Concert in St  
Endellion Church

## **Saturday May 17th**

Hands on Hooks in the Golden Lion -  
10am-3pm

## **Port Isaac Village Hall Quiz in the Hall - 7pm for 7.30pm**

## **Wednesday May 21st**

Community Cafe in Port Isaac  
Village Hall - 10am-12noon

## **Thursday May 22nd**

Art Talk in St Endellion Hall - 7pm

## **Tuesday May 27th**

PICC - Conclave in the Village Hall -  
7pm for 7.30pm

## **Wednesday May 28th**

Community Cafe in Port Isaac Village  
Hall - 10am-12noon

## **Friday May 30th**

Friends of Port Isaac School RACE  
NIGHT in the Village Hall - from 7pm

## **Sunday June 8th**

RNLI Service on the Platt - 12.30pm

## **Thursday June 12th**

Art Talk in Port Isaac Village Hall - 7pm

## **Friday June 20th**

RNLI Golf Day at Bowood

## **Thursday June 12th**

Art Talk in St Endellion Hall - 7.30pm

## **Saturday July 6th**

Port Isaac Rowing Club Regatta  
at Port Gaverne

## **Tuesday July 22nd**

Port Isaac Chorale Summer Concert in  
St Peter's Church - 7pm

## **Tuesday July 29th**

Port Isaac Village Hall Summer  
Sessions - Live Music, Open Mic, Bar  
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## **Tuesday August 5th**

Port Isaac Village Hall Summer  
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## **Sunday August 10th**

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## **Tuesday August 12th**

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## **Thursday September 25th**

RNLI Fashion Show in the Village  
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## **Saturday October 11th**

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## **Saturday November 29th**

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Monday May 5th - **Recycling & Food Waste Collection**  
Tuesday May 6th - **Garden Waste collection**

Monday May 12th - **Rubbish and Food Waste collection**

Monday May 19th - **Recycling & Food Waste Collection**

Tuesday May 20th - **Garden Waste collection**

Monday May 26th - **Rubbish and Food Waste collection**

## **Church Services**

**St Peter's Church**

Sunday mornings at 9.30am

**St Endellion Church**

Sunday Sung Eucharist at 11am

**Trelights Methodist Church**

Sunday Service at 6pm

Hands on Hooks Community Spring Garland will  
be on display in St Peter's Church, daily  
9:30am-4pm ish until end of May

## **MOBILE POST OFFICE**

Thursday mornings from 9am-10am on the  
hardstanding at Port Isaac Playing Field