



TRIO

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Forty years young!

The Golden Circle commemorated its 40th anniversary in style. The festivities in the Village Hall began with a special celebratory lunch for around 40 members, cooked by Janet Chadband. Said Janet, "The Hall was really buzzing when everyone arrived and then, when the food was served, as if by magic the room suddenly became silent!"

After lunch came a birthday tea to which the village was invited. Hilda Rainsford, the Golden Circle's oldest member, had the honour of cutting the birthday cake. She finds it hard to believe she has been a member of the group for some thirty years. "The time's gone so fast" she said.

It was February 18th 1964 when, after a successful party given by the Mother's Union for the over 60s, it was decided to form a club and things

went from there. In those days the group met weekly with games, bingo and community singing being the main entertainment. The bingo sessions were started to raise

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Another helping of Old Rope!

Back again by popular demand, The Old Rope String Band pay their third visit to Port Isaac Village Hall on Monday March 8th at 8.00pm.

For those who haven't had the pleasure, The Old Rope String Band are, in a nutshell, three strange men who play beautiful traditional music whilst indulging in strange and hilarious antics and bizarre visual nonsense. Apparently 'from Shetland to Surrey and from Hong-Kong to Cork, all kinds of people everywhere in huge, great festivals, large prestigious theatres and tiny, little village halls have become intoxicated by, and even addicted to this wild trio!'

There's a licensed bar and tickets for the performance, priced £5.50 each, can be obtained from *Secrets* or reserved on 01208 880862 or 880905.

BARGAINS GALORE

Delicious home-cooked lunches, home-made cakes, coffees & teas, new & nearly new, curtains & linen, small furniture, lighting, books & toys, glass & china, white elephant, raffles

LUNCH FROM 11.45am

Saturday February 28th * 10.30am
Port Isaac Village Hall

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Buffalo Pictures invites you to a Public Meeting

to discuss the forthcoming filming of
a six-part ITV series starring
Martin Clunes as Doc Martin
to be filmed in and around Port Isaac

Monday March 1st 2004

7.30 for 8.00pm in Port Isaac Village Hall
refreshments provided

*More information from Location Manager,
John Bamford on 07710 915418*

Christmas lights

Byron and I would like to thank all those people who helped in any way with the Christmas Lights 2003/4. Our grateful thanks to Jeff and Nita Davies, to Maggie Buse, to Steve Hewitt and Nigel Sherratt, to Nikki Bradbury and Mike Edkins, to all the ladies who made mince pies and sausage rolls, to the St Breward Band, to the Fishermen's Friends, to Trevathan Farm for their wonderful Christmas tree and to all those who turned out on a cold, damp night to see the 'switch-on' and who made it all worthwhile.

Bob Monk

**Isn't it funny how every-
one seems normal until you
get to know them!**

From the Editors

For those of you who still haven't grasped how *Trio* works here, yet again, is a very simple explanation. We edit and publish what is given to us. What is printed in *Trio* is what's given to us. We don't always agree with it. If we write something that is our view we put our names to it. Can we make it any clearer?

If you read something in *Trio* that you disagree with, by all means put pen to paper and unless it is libellous or downright rude and offensive (which we do get) we will print it. Occasionally things may be held over until the next month if space is limited.

By the same token, things are not reported in *Trio* because those involved have not seen fit to send information to us. *Trio* is a village newsletter and not a newspaper. We are not reporters - we do have day jobs!
Sam & Dee

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money for the annual coach holiday and photographs of these, and many other, happy days were on display in the Village Hall for the 40th anniversary.

During the party the first 'Golden Circle Good Neighbour Awards' were made. These were presented by County Councillor, Helen Richards to Ronald Newman and Denise Randell for their 'exceptional help to an older person in the local community'. Said Golden Circle organiser, Penny Manders, "We have awarded these certificates to record our appreciation of the quiet work of 'Good Neighbours' at those times when we need a little help from our friends'.

To find out more about the Golden Circle call Panny Manders on 01208 880022.



Ronald Newman (left) and Denise Randell (right) receive their 'Good Neighbour' awards from County Councillor, Helen Richards

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November	October 25 th	November 3 rd
December	November 29 th	December 8 th



Forties Food & Fun

Come to a 'Forties Night' in the Village Hall on Friday April 16th.

There'll be 40s food, 40s music and 40s games and entertainment.

Unfortunately, things won't be at 40s prices but other than that we're hoping for a pretty authentic evening with the opportunity to dress 40s style - prizes for the best dressed! Full details in next month's *Trio*.



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by Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen



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The Snooker Room

Port Isaac's Snooker and Billiard Room in the Liberal Club, Fore Street has been going along successfully for nigh on a hundred years. The full size table is over a hundred years old. Originally it was in the old

Conservative Club at Church Hill and on its closure the table was transferred to the Liberal Club.

Not many youngsters join these days, which is a great shame as us oldies are gradually thinning out. It would be a great loss to see yet another village amenity disappear forever through lack of interest.

The Club is open daily from 9.00am to 10.00pm. Membership is £10 per year for adults and £5 for 16-18 year olds plus 50p per half hour game. All cues and equipment are in the Club if needed.

Congratulations

I was very pleased and proud to know that my grandson Aaron (the son of Allan & Wendy) passed out on January 30th 2004 at Catterick Barracks to become a fully-fledged member of the Parachute Regiment.

Congratulations from your very proud 'Nan'.

Joan Murray

Yet again, the lady who thinks she knows everything didn't!!

Thank you to everyone who helped me celebrate being 50 and for all the lovely cards and presents. It was a lovely surprise that I will not forget. But I was right about the takeaway!

Same time, same place next year!

Dee

Port Isaac Village Hall Hire Charges

GENERAL USERS - £5 per hour
 20% discount for advance block bookings of six or more sessions

NON PROFIT MAKING PARISH CLUBS/ORGANISATIONS/ASSOCIATIONS etc INCLUDING CHILDREN'S GROUPS - £4 per hour
 25% discount for advance block bookings of six or more sessions

ALL USERS - 24 hour period - £30

Note: hire covers the Hall and Kitchen. Cups, saucers and tea plates, teapots and kettle are kept in the kitchen for general use.

Central heating and electric are both via £1 coin meters

ADDITIONAL CHARGES if required:

Crockery for a meal for 100 people plus boiler - £30

Outside commercial bar fee (this is in addition to the licence fee paid directly to the Licencing Authority) - £20

Minimum Cleaning fee (if required) -£30

Out of Hall Table Hire - £4 each, 4 chairs - £1 (24 hour period)

Bookings and info:

Janet Chadband - 01208 880262



Monk's monthly mutterings!

Eye-opener in Boscastle

In the latter part of January, I had cause to go to Boscastle. I left Port Isaac at about 9.30am. Apart from one lonesome lady watching her dog pee up against a wind blown, bedraggled potted palm outside the Post Office and one of Dennis Knight's trucks parked outside the Lifeboat shed, the village was empty - not a soul moved in the streets!

On arrival at Boscastle at about 10.00am, I was amazed to see the car park half full, visitors walking around, shops, cafés and restaurants open, goods being displayed on the pavements, people walking up and down the cliff paths - a lively, friendly atmosphere.

I returned to Port Isaac about 3.00pm. Two alcoholics were meandering up New Road from the Co-op clutching their carrier bags with their 'six packs'. Apart from the lonesome lady still waiting for her dog to finish its pee, the village was empty. A very dim light faintly gleamed through the pub window; a notice on the door said 'Use the other door'; a notice on the other door said 'No Dogs Allowed'. Every café, restaurant, hotel and shop, as far as I could tell, was closed. Even Dennis Knight's truck had gone. Notices on sheets of rain smudged paper announced 'Open in March', 'Closed until February 14th' or just 'Closed'.

Now, I had always looked upon Port Isaac and Boscastle as being much the same; the same ratio of second homeowners to residents; roughly the same amount of rented accommodation; the same number of pubs; both villages scenically attractive with pleasant coastal walks and harbours etc etc.

Now, I'm an unsociable b____r who couldn't care less if the village is empty or full. A next-door neighbour's nice to have but not essential. I couldn't give a damn if people come down and spend money or not. But all those local whingers, moaning about lack of jobs, lack of housing, lack of amenities and how the second homeowners, the summer visitors and the 'incomers' are to blame for the 'village dying', the traffic jams, the piles of rubbish and everything else ought to think about Boscastle and what it is that sorts out their problems.

Could it, perhaps, be that Port Isaac businesses don't open in the winter; that Port Isaac businesses would appear not to give a damn if they serve people or not; that Port Isaac businesses would rather shut down in the winter than make money; would rather sell off a shop for a second home for a quick profit? I wonder!?

Bob Monk

PS - To all those people who pointed out my spelling mistake in last month's *Trio*, I apologise (*Ed: Why?*). I wish I could say it was a deliberate error! However, my word 'comprehensible' is a far, far, far better word than comprehensible (even if it's not in the Oxford English Dictionary. Comprehensive means fully exclusive; Comprehend means to understand. I can be as pedantic as the best pedant in the county so, in the immortal words of the Great Bard, "Up Yours!")

Ed: Question Bob. Sara and Julian at the Peapod would like to know just what is wrong with the names 'Sara and Julian'?

(Monk's Mutterings-February 2004)

Monday May 10th
**Health, Hair
& Beauty
Show**
Port Isaac Village Hall
If you are interested in having a stall or giving a demonstration for this evening please phone Sharron on 01208 880069/881188
All money raised will be split between the Village Hall and the Christmas Lights

Mobile Police Surgery



The Community Police Van is coming to Port Isaac

Wednesday March 17th

10.30am - 11.30am

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To all friends of Frank McNichol, 1911-2003

The McNichol Memorial Trust

Since Frank's sad passing on October 3rd 2003 a memorial fund has been created from the generous donations received, and his family has appointed trustees. Currently the fund stands at £895-01.

Many of Frank's friends have expressed their interest in the possibility of a suitable permanent memorial being created to mark his artistic contribution to North Cornwall and to Port Isaac and Port Gaverne in particular, the area he loved and painted in it's many moods and seasonal changes.

In addition to his unique, varied and individual artistic ability, Frank was always ready to encourage others and gave freely of his time and knowledge in teaching art, from which many of his students developed their own skills, going on to find a market in their own right. The seasonal exhibitions, of which he was a moving force, set a very high standard and attracted visitors from near and far. It is indeed good news to hear that Annabelle and Graham Sylvester have invited Katie Childs to continue this tradition by organising the Annual Art Exhibition at the Port Gaverne Hotel, as Frank did for so many years.

Many charities benefited from Frank's art, not least of which was the RNLI, with whom his name became synonymous together with Surgeon Captain FW Baskerville RN, affectionately known as "Bask", who over 25 years organised the Port Gaverne Hotel Summer Exhibition dedicated to the RNLI which took place at the kind invitation of Midge and Freddie Ross. In more recent years Frank's enthusiastic support continued with some evocative paintings illustrating the launch of the Port Isaac pulling Lifeboat - an event that can still be remembered by some of our Port Isaac senior folk. Frank donated both his original paintings and publishing rights to raise funds for the RNLI and the demand for Christmas Cards and printed notelets over the past three years has run into many thousands. This past Christmas the McNichol card produced in his memory sold out within two months of being printed and the local school children's creations went further to raise all important funds.

There have been a number of suggestions made to the trustees as to how Frank's memory may best be celebrated and they have given fullest consideration to various possibilities, bearing in mind that it would be good to have a permanent but practical memorial within the area of Port Gaverne where he lived and painted. To this end an approach was made to the 'Friends of the Main, with the knowledge that the bridge has to be replaced on the Main this year, for which plans are currently in hand. At the most recent meeting of the 'Main' committee, a proposal was put forward that the McNichol memorial trust provides part funding for this project and for the bridge to incorporate a suitable hard wood carved panel and associated engraved slate panel set into the rock face relating to Frank McNichol. This proposal has been accepted by the 'Friends of the Main' so the next step is to work out the final details and to commission a carved wood panel. The slate panel is being laid out by Katie Childs with a local scenic design, which will then be carved into slate.

In addition to this it is the intention of the Trustees that funds should continue to be raised throughout the year in order that an annual memorial prize be awarded to a selected artist within the local area, details of which will be published later in the year. So as to refresh the memorial fund, Frank's son Don has proposed to have an auction (date to be announced) of artwork, artist's materials and reference books associated with his father, the proceeds of which will go towards an annual prize. Additional to this, a limited number of reproductions of some of Frank's most sought after paintings will be offered for sale at the Auction and other selected outlets.

This year an old friend and art student of Frank McNichol, Mr Roy Ritchie of New Polzeath, has generously donated a painting in memory of Frank which shows the Port Isaac Pulling Lifeboat being brought down to launch. It will be on show at the RNLI AGM at the Village Hall on the evening of March 24th and following that in Port Isaac Pottery from where framed prints may be ordered and Draw tickets purchased to win the painting when drawn at the RNLI Christmas Market.



Roy Ritchie's painting

If you would like to have further details or to subscribe in any way to the memorial trust please contact Port Isaac RNLI Press Officer, Bob Bulgin on 01208 880765.

Spring Exhibition

A whole new collection of work is on display in the new Spring exhibition at the Port Gaverne Hotel showing originals, ceramics, prints and much more by local artists, among them Jill Aldridge, Faye Hawkins, Maureen Kershaw, Nicky Stanley, Caroline Cleave, Peter Lord and myself. As well, we are lucky enough to be exhibiting the prints by Roy Ritchie and Frank McNichol.

All commission from the artist's work sold will be donated to charity, with all proceeds from this Spring show going to Marie Curie Cancer Research.

Katie Childs

RNLI AGM

Another year gone by and we will be holding our Annual AGM at 7.30pm on Wednesday March 24th in the Village Hall.

I promise to keep my report short and the necessary stuff will be dealt with very quickly. A few very much-deserved awards will be presented followed by a break so everyone can fill their glasses (beer and wine) and eat all the food provided by the fundraising committee.

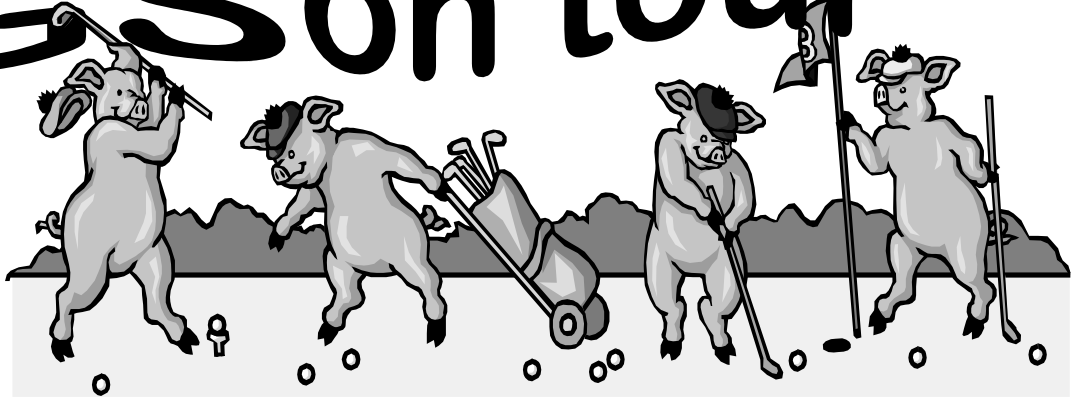
Dave Nicoll, our Area Organiser South West, will then give a short talk on the history of Cornish lifeboats. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you all.

Annie Price

'I live in my own little world; but it's OK, they know me here.'

PIGSON tour

Trevoze



The therapeutic qualities of golf were put to the test at Trevoze Golf Club. For five days prior to the tournament it had lashed down with rain, blown hurricane force winds and had been freezing cold making it a rather depressing and stressful week. Should we play or should be cancel? (that reminds me of a song).

On visiting the course the day before we were due to play my depression hit rock bottom. You couldn't see 20 yards in front of you and it was freezing cold but after talking to the Club Secretary who assured me that it wouldn't rain on Monday and the course would be fine, my response was "Oh yeah!" or words to that effect.

After calling all the relevant people they all seemed willing to accept the Secretary's word so we headed towards Trevoze on what can only be described as a lovely Monday morning.

The therapeutic qualities showed themselves on arrival at the Club. The course looked magnificent, if slightly windswept, and to cap it all the mood totally changed with the arrival of Marian and Barbara who, just by their appearance, brought a ray of sunshine to a somewhat overcast day.

I think some of our members had read too much into the weather forecast because I have seen Ranulph Fiennes wear less on his arctic expeditions.

A few of our 'better players' made an impression on the dozen or so senior Trevoze members, who were waiting to tee off, by showing them a variety of shots namely shanks, slices, hooks and daisy cutters. The tutting from the Trevoze Seniors was followed by a very old farmer type (with a very posh voice) muttering, "Bigger this boys, let's tee off the 12th". Probably a very wise decision.

Myself and Kevin Punter had the pleasure of playing a round with Marion and Barbara, a pleasure which we hope we can do again (don't tell your old men though girls, OK).

Congratulations must go to the staff and management at Trevoze for making it a great day.

The golf itself was won by Billy 'The Turtle' Hawkins; second was Tony 'The Diver' Dyer; and third was Dan 'The Van' Brewer.

Nearest the Pin (12" from the flag) was Steve 'Bring me a Bag' Bunt as was the Longest Drive.

The next match is at Bude Golf Club on March 1st, tee off 1 o'clock.

The Lard Man
FOOTNOTE

Police are investigating a case of internal combustion which occurred on the morning of the Trevoze trip. A spokesman said, "A pair of golf shoes were found gently smoking in the Platt area of Port Isaac". If anybody has any information about this strange occurrence please contact 880625.

Virus warning There is a dangerous virus being passed on both electronically, orally and by hand. This virus is called 'work'. If you receive 'work' from any of your friends, colleagues or your boss, via e-mail, 'phone or anywhere else, do not touch it under any circumstances. This virus wipes out your private life completely.

If you should happen to come into contact with 'work', immediately put your jacket on and take two good friends to the nearest pub. Purchase the antidote known as 'beer'. The quickest acting is called 'Stella'; but this is only for those who can afford it. The NHS equivalent is 'Carling'. Take the antidote repeatedly until 'work' has been completely eliminated from your system.

You will find that 'work' has now been completely deleted from your brain. Pass this virus warning immediately to at least five friends. Should you realise that you do not have five friends, this means that you are already infected by this virus and 'work' already controls your whole life.

 ★ *March 20th* W The BIG Five O W *March 20th* ★
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 ★ *Happy Birthday to Sandie May* ★
 ★ *from the Cleave Clan at Port Gaverne & St Teath* ★
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Need a painting or a pint, an electrician or a gardener, a builder or a hairdo, an architect or an osteopath?
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Parish Council news

The following report is not based on approved minutes signed by the Parish Council.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING/SPORTS FACILITIES

Mr Lee reported on a meeting at NCDC offices in Wadebridge on the 23rd January on the Affordable Housing and Sports Facility Project (in association with Port Isaac School). Items discussed at the meeting were size of the Football Pitch, size and spread of housing, location of play area, location of the Sports Hall and cost and relevance of the overflow car parking. The major criterion of this project is sourcing matched funding partners for the Sports Facility as without this the concept could not go forward. NCDC has offered assistance in trying to find such partners, possibly via the link with affordable housing. In the meantime, Parish Council members will look at local new sports facilities already in existence with a view to enable costings to be produced.

FOOTPATHS

The Footpath Committee met with Mr Chris Garside, the Definitive Map Officer for the North Cornwall area, to go through a list of Parish footpath problems and anomalies. He was very helpful with advice on a wide range of problems and will come back to the Committee at a later date regarding those problems that need further research. The survey of the footpaths for this year's cutting contract is going ahead and should be completed for the March meeting of the Parish Council.

TRAFFIC CALMING ST ENDELLION

The Council examined the plans for traffic calming at St Endellion and agreed it was a good plan provided the calming started further west of Wentworth Cottage and also suggested that a speed limit be imposed.

PORT GAVERNE TOILETS

The Council voted unanimously to make a contribution of £100 towards the upkeep and maintenance of the Post Gaverne Toilets.

PORT GAVERNE MAIN COMMITTEE REPORT

A meeting between Friends of the Main and St Endellion Parish Council was held on 21st January at Trewetha Farm. Present for Parish Council - David Phelps (PC Chairman), Malcolm Lee and June Yates. Chris Bolton (FOM Chairman), Kim Lanyon, Richard Cook, Tony Wainwright, Roy Speakman, Sam Littlechild had attended on behalf of the 'Friends of the Main'.

Malcolm Lee reported that at the meeting CB had advised on FOM activities over the last 12 months. A lot of energy had been devoted to the quay repair, now completed. A Blackthorn Clearing Day was held in February. Ragwort pulling had been carried out. Vandalism on the footbridge hand rail and the nearby post and rail fence had been attended to. A Friends of the Main website (<http://www.friendsofthemain.org.uk/>) had been set up to publicise the group, and had many pictures and information about the Main. CB advised that two signs had been made with details about FOM management of the property, and contacts. One had been erected on the slate quay, but he was concerned over the proliferation of signs and wished to know if the one sign already erected would be sufficient.

Mr Lee reported that a Progress on Production of Management Plan had not yet been drawn up. This is specified in clause 1 (h). It did not have to be too elaborate, but needed to specify the work and management anticipated over the four years.

Progress on items listed in Schedule of Works - Items 1 & 2 at Cartway Cove: No progress. FOM to undertake a risk assessment. Item 3: Teague's Pit Barrier: It was anticipated this would be done in the autumn. Item 4: Slate Quay: This has been completed. ML stated that an excellent job had been

done on the quay. Maintenance Items Cutting Footpaths - This is monitored, but had not been needed in the dry summer of 2003. ML confirmed that he had found the paths most satisfactory whenever he had walked the Main throughout the year. Seat Maintenance - Monitored. As a result of replacement of the old concrete-ended seats in the gully, very little maintenance would be anticipated. Maintenance of Assets - Monitored.

FOM anticipated work plans etc in 2004 - There would be another Blackthorn clearing day next month (date to be advised). ML said the work carried out in 2003 will lead to a considerable habitat improvement here. It is likely that the full results may take more than one year to show through, and a set of photos taken each spring would be useful to show the year on year improvement, particularly in the wild flowers. The major project would be the footbridge replacement, scheduled for the weekend after Easter. The Railings at Teague's Pit would be attended to in the autumn.

The council agreed that the one sign erected on the slate quay by FOM will be sufficient to meet the terms of the agreement with FOM. It was also agreed that a suitable carving in memory of Frank McNichol may be erected by the footbridge.

NCDC LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Malcolm Lee reported on North Cornwall Local Development Framework. The Local Development Framework (LDF) report contains 72 pages, with a 24 page questionnaire, covering a total of 87 questions, for completion. In most cases the report gives suggested policy options and your answer specifies which you prefer. There is also space for written comments. You can complete as many or as few questions as you want. Anyone can complete a questionnaire, and responses may also be made by letter, fax or e-mail. The report and questionnaire are available at Wadebridge Library, and on NCDC's website.

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Past times

March 1986

Mount Edgcumbe Hospice – A coffee morning resulted in a cheque for £111 being sent to the Hospice.

Home Farm Trust – Janet Chadband thanked all those who helped in any way with a special lunch that raised £580 for the Mentally Handicapped.

Sponsored Slide – Over £100 was raised from a sponsored slide for the Playgroup.

RNLI – The Lifeboat is back in service for the summer season.

Art Exhibition – The Chief Constable of Devon & Cornwall, Mr Donald Elliott, opened the annual art exhibition in aid of the RNLI. A framed certificate from the director of the RNLI was presented to Frank McNichol in recognition of his work



January was a fairly quiet month in the Delabole shop, due probably to the weather, all those post Christmas bills that appear all at once and of course, we were closed during part of the holiday period. Consequently, the total sales takings for January were lower than usual at £173.

Tickets will be on sale during March for the Easter Draw (prizes to include Easter goodies) which will take place on Friday April 2nd at 10.00am.

Talking of which, there are still quite a few unclaimed prizes left from the Christmas Draw so please check the list in the shop to see if you have won anything. If prizes are not claimed they will be put out in the shop for sale in early March.

Normal opening times are posted on the door but are subject to the availability of volunteers.

in organising the exhibition for the past 18 years. Crewmember, Barry Slater was presented with a Service Certificate having served on the lifeboat for ten years.

St Peter's Church – Thanks were expressed to all who contributed to the 'Gift Tree' for the Parish Church of St Peter. Over £300 was raised.

Church Roof – Over £1500 of the £3000 needed to repair the Church roof has been raised. Tickets are being sold for a concert to be given by the 'Roof Raisers' in the Church Hall during April, from which all proceeds will go to the roof fund.

March 1995

A Seal in the Cellar – An injured seal, suffering from hypothermia,

was found on the Platt. He was rescued by Mike and put in the cellar until help came from the Seal Sanctuary at Gweek. 'Lion', as he was named, went on to make a full recovery and be released back into the sea.

Friends of the School – A St Valentine's Evening in the Golden Lion raised £130.

St Peter's Church – Ian Honey has been busy in the Church making a frame for Frank McNichol's mural in memory of Nicky Hicks that had been relocated from Roscarrock Hill Methodist Church on its closure.

A service of dedication of the mural will shortly be held.

Bess Coates

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND NOTICES

Application No. 2004/00090 - Erection of single storey side extension to enlarge kitchen. Full Planning. Delegation possible. 18 The Ingles, Tintagel Terrace, Port Isaac. Mr TF Grills. **The PC is in support of this application.**

Application No. 2004/00087 - Alteration to front bay window to form porch area. Full Planning. Delegation possible. 14 Tintagel Terrace, Port Isaac. Mr & Mrs Speakman. **The PC is in support of this application.**

Approvals & Refusals

Application No. 2003/01869 - Erection of a pair of semi-detached three bedroom houses. Mr C Greenhalgh & Mr D Brewer, Land adjoining Shillingstones, Port Isaac. NDCD **APPROVED** this application.

Application No. 2003/02514 - Conversion of ground floor shop to bedroom. Miss A Rowe, 14 Fore Street, Port Isaac. NDCD **APPROVED** this application.

Application No. 2003/02742 - Erection of two bedroom bungalow with integral garage. Mr & Mrs C Bunt. Beulah, Trelights, Port Isaac. NDCD **APPROVED** this application.

Application No. 2003/02479 - Conversion of Barn to form two bedroom dwelling. Mr T J Cleave, Barn adjoining Carlinsmore, Port Gaverne, Port Isaac. NDCD **APPROVED** this application.

Application No. 2003/02747 - Alterations including erection of new side extension, bay window and conservatory and re-roofing of kitchen extension and two rear dormers. Mr & Mrs R Rowland, Brambledene, Trelights, Port Isaac. NDCD **APPROVED** this application.

Application No. 2003/02663 - Listed building Consent for the renovation of attached green house to its original form. Mr & Mrs CH Meek, Park Villa, Trelights, Port Isaac. NDCD **APPROVED** this application.

Application No. 2003/0458 - **APPEAL DECISION** – Extension to dwelling. Mr D Dawson, Land at The Old Vicarage No 2 Trewetha Lane, Port Isaac. The appeal is **ALLOWED** and planning permission granted subject to conditions.

Application No. 2003/02378 - **APPEAL** – Demolition of hotel buildings and erection of residential development. The Castle Rock Hotel, Port Isaac.

Robin Elgar, Parish Councillor

We haven't heard from 'EP', our regular cookery correspondent this month so, after a bit of arm-twisting, local chef Chris Lanyon (aka Christian Yon) has stepped into the breach. So here is his recipe that is, and I quote, 'for all those sad, lonely people who have suffered sticky dates before!'

Sticky Date Pudding with Toffee Sauce

175gm stoned and chopped dates
1 tsp bicarb
125ml boiling water
50gm butter plus a bit more for greasing the dish
175gm caster sugar
2 beaten eggs
175gm SR flour
pinch baking powder

and this is what you do:

- Put the dates into a bowl with the bicarb. Pour on the boiling water. Cover with clingfilm and leave to soften for about 30 minutes.
- Preheat the oven to 375°F/190°C/Gas Mark 5
- Grease a 1.7ltr basin (not a plastic one) and then line the bottom with a circle of greased baking paper. Sprinkle with a little caster sugar.
- Cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy.
- Slowly beat in the beaten eggs until nice and smooth.
- Fold in the flour and baking powder.
- Add all the date mixture and gently mix well.
- Tip into the greased basin and cover with foil.
- Place in a roasting tin that is filled with boiling water so that it comes half way up the side of the basin (otherwise known as a bain marie). Cover the whole thing with foil.
- Bake in the preheated oven for about 50 minutes until risen and springy. To check if it's cooked, stick in a skewer and it should come out clean.
- Serve with toffee sauce (recipe below) or custard.

Toffee Sauce

Put 3oz caster sugar into a heavy based saucepan. Add a dash of water and boil until it caramelises. Gently add $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of double cream and simmer for about 10 minutes until it has reduced. Serve with the pudding.

Handy Hint to clean your saucepan after it is all burnt after making the caramel - Add some water to the pan and boil for about 4 minutes. Empty and then your pan will easily scrub clean.

And always remember - NEVER lick a steak knife!

Birthday Greetings to Tom Cleave

on March 31st

also to **Marshall and Andrew**

on February 13th

Love from all the family, especially
Gabriella, Tamsyn & Gemma



The Rules of Life

You only need two tools in life - WD40 and duck tape. If it doesn't move and it should, use WD40; if it moves and it shouldn't, use duck tape. Sorted!

Gig Club news

As I write this finishing touches of paint are being applied to both Unity & Corsair, in advance of our annual intrepid trip to the Isles of Scilly. Our Bude members will once again be borrowing Unity in order that they can compete under their own flag in the World Gig Rowing Championships. They have a gig on order, but will not take delivery of her until early summer, so we gladly help them out.

As I have already mentioned, the heat is on us to fundraise this summer in order to commission our own gig. We have chosen the man for the job, a young Master Boatbuilder from Fowey. This will be Peters' first gig, but we have no doubt of his talent and ability to build a superb gig for us. We have watched his work over the years, and indeed Peter has carried out all the remedial work on our gigs for the last few years. It was he that remedied the twist that Unity had acquired over the years, and re-ribbed her to keep her straight. The money for the timber is already set aside, so that Peter will be able to source & season the timber in advance of next winter, when we hope to have the funds in place to allow work to commence.

Our first fundraising effort is in the shape of the welcome return of popular local band LOW HANGIN' FRUIT, on Sat 10th April (Easter Saturday)@ The Village Hall, from 8pm. Tickets in advance from me Nicola 01208 880834, or on the door, are £5, and will, I know from experience be in short supply. SO DON'T LEAVE IT TO THE LAST MINUTE!, or you may well be disappointed, remember, the Easter Holiday will be in full swing and I fully expect lots of visitors on the door! The most fun you will have without the Easter Bunny!!



Monday May 10th - Port Isaac Village Hall

Health, Hair & Beauty Show

includes hair and make-up demonstrations, manicures, magnet therapy, reflexology and massage

more details on 01208 880069/881188


Tickets £5 to include bubbly on arrival

All money raised will be split between the Village Hall and the Christmas Lights


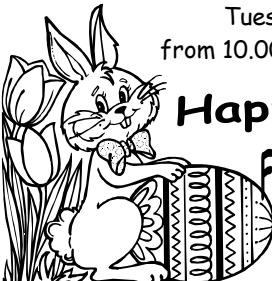
90th Birthday wishes to Winnie Honey on April 22nd 2004

With all our love and best
wishes from

*Jenny, Alan,
Martin, Linda,
Gloria, Graham,
Merle and all your
grandchildren
and great
grandchildren*



PORT ISAAC PLAYGROUP


Everyone is welcome, so come on, get yourself
and your children down to the Village Hall

Tuesday and Thursday mornings
from 10.00am to 12noon (not school holidays)

Happy Birthday to
*Finn and Kayleigh who are both one
and Emma who is two*

During April we are visiting St Peter's Church with
Judith for an Easter Egg Hunt
Plus a day out to Trethorne Farm

There's lots of fun and games planned so come and join us and get involved. For more info call Emily on 01840 880707.



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* To Great Nan Winnie on her *
* 90th birthday *
* from *
* Fleur, Ronnie, Bryony, Gemma, *
* Charlie and Alice *
* xxxxxx *

**Birthdays are good for you;
the more you have,
the longer you live**

Salon Tips

Nails - to save
time use a
hand cream that also nourishes your
nails. Make sure you massage the cream into your
cuticles, pushing them back at the same time.

Hair - never rub your hair dry, just blot it with
a towel.

'no quango we!'

Dear Trio

After reading last month's edition, I had thought I'd been promoted without anyone telling me. Because of this thought and the excitement it stirred within me, I thought I'd look up what I was supposed to be the head of.

I cannot quote the Oxford English Dictionary's definition but my dictionary states that a quango is '*an autonomous body set up by the government and having statutory powers in a specific area*'.

Excitement followed by disappointment. Unfortunately, the Village Hall Committee is an elected body with no specific powers but lots of responsibility. No quango we.

The committee is elected every year at the Annual General Meeting. This meeting is open to all the public and is held once a year, hence its name. The usual turnout is very poor - the committee, regular user representatives and Robin.

On only one occasion can I remember a larger turnout and that was not an AGM but an Extraordinary General Meeting. Motives for attending that meeting were mixed but a fair account was put in the quango letter of last month.

One can only assume that the lack of turnout is due to general satisfaction with what is being done. The same logic can be said of the Parish Council,

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another elected body. Yes, elected, unless of course there are no candidates.

If the Parish Council is a quango, made up of only appointed councillors, it is only because the likes of us do not put our names forward to be elected. So if you do not want these bodies to be seen as quangos, then put your names forward and be elected by the public.

Don't forget Robin, the Village Hall Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday April 21st at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Come and let your voice be heard.

Steve Appleby
Current Chair,
Village Hall Committee

'we need a public debate'

Dear Trio

I am concerned to read the Council's view on affordable housing and that they believe they have overwhelming community support. This is contrary to general comments around the village. I did not feel that the venue or time chosen to carry out their research was appropriate and that a public meeting to discuss this issue only would have yielded a more realistic impression of the views of the community and allowed residents who work during the day to make their comments.

I feel the following comments need to be given serious consideration:

1. If 2/3 bedroom houses are built, they will not address the future needs for starter homes as houses of this size would be suitable for most families long-term and would not force occupiers to move on up the property ladder thus releasing the starter home for further new home owner requirements.
2. If a non-profit clause is built into the starter home package, then the occupier will have no incentive to improve or maintain the property and will be excluded from keeping track with ever increasing prices. This will restrict the occupiers potential to move up the property ladder forcing them to remain in the property.
3. One-bedroom maisonettes, which would provide at least two accommodations on the same size site as a 2/3-bedroom house, could be offered on a part ownership/rental basis. This would offer a starter solution to both couples and singles in the area and would encourage them to move to meet their growing family requirements.
4. The location for the proposed starter homes is totally inappropriate. Firstly, this area was designated for the village youngster's sports and recreational requirements and secondly, as many of the new starter homes residents may have babies, the proposed new play area to be situated adjacent to the new development would only create disturbance problems for the new residents. I can already picture the heading in the *Trio* for a public meeting to get rid of or relocate the play area.
5. I would like to know how the proposed new sports hall would be funded with regard to construction and ongoing maintenance, running and management costs? It also needs to be asked whom the sports hall would be built for? If it is for the youngsters in the

village - after all this land was designated for their use - who would supervise? We are all aware of the shortage of help to run a youth club in the village. If it were intended as a multi-function hall, which of course would generate revenue, this would be in direct competition to the church room and Village Hall.

6. When the second field was purchased it was intended to improve the sports and recreational facilities in the village. Unless you include watching cows graze, this has not been done. The existing play area has been slightly improved but no major developments have taken place.

The Parish Council should listen to their electorate and arrange a public meeting at a suitable venue and time, advertised clearly and well in advance and give everybody the opportunity to debate the issue fully. They may even feel, due to the importance of this issue, that a show of hands at the conclusion of the meeting may be appropriate.

Sharron Witcomb,
Port Isaac

to Trio



HAVE YOUR SAY!

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'one questionnaire too many, one debate too few!'

Dear Trio

In the last issue of *Trio*, I wrote a letter that was acerbic and did not altogether reflect my views (a) about the Parish Council and (b) about the Village Hall Committee.

I have subsequently attended a Parish Council meeting and apologised for the letter. One member found my letter 'disgusting'. I am sorry that he found it so. In my defence I have to say that it was written in haste and at a time when I was in a bad mood. I had asked a member of the council if there was anything of importance on the agenda for the January meeting. I was told that there was not – but I should have read the agenda outside the Co-op. In fact the subject of affordable housing was raised which is probably the only topic during 2003 in which I am truly interested. Hence my letter and the references to quangos. I should have realised that there would be a pedant or two who would check with the Oxford English Dictionary.

The antipathy I have is against un-elected bodies. To suggest that the Village Hall Committee is such a body is wrong. They operate in an entirely open and reasonable way and, if I could get enough people interested and supportive of my views about the Village Hall, there is no reason why we could not go to their AGM and vote them out of office. It's a little more complicated than that, but that was the way that the Temperance Society framed the terms when relinquishing the Hall to the village. No offence was intended and I apologise for being wrong. Even I, with my original anti-Hall views, admit that Steve Appleby and his committee have done, and are doing, something positive for the village. I can't grovel any more otherwise I would throw up!!

My annoyance was, and still is, with the Parish Council over the question of affordable housing. Firstly, I mistrust a SYSTEM where five from eleven members are co-opted. The Council is obliged to fill vacancies. It is the fault of the parishioners, not the Council, that this is so. The Chairman, quite rightly, challenged me as to why I have not put myself forward for election. I am not interested enough to concern myself with the minutiae of Council detail. I would not join an organisation to which I would be unable to give the time and energy it deserves. Lack of interest? Of course! But, with one exception, no-one else on the Council is interested to come to meetings of the History Group. That's OK by me. I don't berate them for exercising their choice. To return to the housing issue.

In the winter of 2002 a Parish Plan questionnaire was sent to all houses in the village and probably to all house owners. Good! As far as I know, the results of that questionnaire (Q1 in future) have not yet been published. In my view, the Council had decided from the outset that they were in favour of selling off part of the playing field for affordable housing and the possibility of obtaining a Sport's Hall.

A questionnaire, I consider, unless it is exceptional, is biased in favour of the views of those asking the questions. This is understood and, if it were followed by a public debate, I would not have had any problem with the result, even if its results were contrary to my views. But this did not happen. Instead, we were given a second questionnaire (Q2) replicating the first, set by a body whose views are similar to those of the Parish Council and NCDC.

My main concern, all along, has been that there has been no public debate. I have been accused of being a bad loser by a vote of 2 to 1 approximately, according to Q2. This is probably correct, but no-one likes to lose, especially when the cards are stacked against one. Outmanoeuvred! Comprehensibly. The questions I have been asking are still relevant.

- 1) What was the need for the second questionnaire?
- 2) Why has there been no public debate?

Let me reiterate the points made in the pamphlet headed 'affordable housing and more sports facilities'. The pamphlet states that, in the first instance, the houses will be for those in need within the parish. If you agree with subsidies then that is a laudable aim. Next, they will be for those with strong former links (very questionable!). Then for those in need within adjacent parishes and finally, for those in need within North Cornwall. These last two criteria are debatable to say the least.

One question posed referred to ribbon development towards Trewetha. I am not sure that the replies totally assuaged my fears on this point. Apparently NCDC has intimated that it is willing to withdraw the covenant allowing the playing field to be used as a playing field only. The Local Plan governs what is allowable, and building residential homes outside the existing boundary is not permitted. Question: Is this a LEGAL binding or, at some later date, could NCDC reverse its decision if the government wishes to build yet more housing?

There are questions I would like to ask with regard to the Sports Hall. Theoretically a good idea. With land sale proceeds, monies from the school and the LEA and grants, the approximate cost of £300,000 may be reached. But who would be expected to raise any shortfall? Parishioners? Probably not the Parish Council, Bryan Richards being the last member to do any fundraising from that body. Then there are the questions of maintenance, caretaking and vandalism. This leads me to the really big question. Does St

If you can keep your head when all around have lost theirs, then you probably haven't realised the seriousness of the situation!

Quote of the month

A few days after badly injuring his hand in the prop of a boat, Roy Speakman was explaining the correct way to do something to Damien. He ended by explaining that, "You'll get more sensible as you get older!" 'Nuff said!

Get well soon Roy!

Dear all who sent letters, cards, flowers and asked about me during my stay in hospital.

It was lovely to hear from you all. I'm much better now and no longer look like a Cling-On! [although Damien said it was an improvement!]

See you soon and thankyou.

Liz

'people will think we're deranged'

Dear Trio

I was born in Chicago House, Port Isaac, 62 years ago. My parents were evacuated. The village I was born into had a community that accepted my family with kindness and warmth. Many people (too many to mention each individual) helped my Mother with her three children whilst Dad was away fighting in WW2, that we immediately felt at home. We, in turn, accepted this kindness and the village the way it was and did not try to change it. Why should we? Here was a community that pulled together through some pretty bad times, yet we had a great social life with a cinema (in the Rivoli), weekly dances (in the Temperance Hall and the Rivoli), a carnival and pantomime.

I am not one of those people who think that things should never change. But, reading recent issues of *Trio* and especially the December one, I can hardly believe what we have come to. The amount of bitterness, downright nastiness and backstabbing would make anybody from outside the village think we were all deranged.

Although these articles and letters were written in a mood of being 'funny' and micky-taking', they are a thinly disguised way for some people to express extreme and unacceptable views. Views that I know do not reflect the feelings of the whole community. If you are not brave enough to say what you want to the people you do not agree with, please do not hide behind others, especially the *Trio*, which used to be a village newsletter and has now become a vehicle for certain people to 'have a go' at anybody they feel needs to be put down. (Ed: Ssee page 2)

Lil Thomas, Port Isaac

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Endellion, with its population, merit such a facility? Consider the number of Port Isaac people, especially the young, who avail themselves of the facilities offered by the Gig Club. Annie Price had one parent willing to help her run a youth club. Peter Rowe, Bryan Richards and Ray Berman ran a successful football club. Through no fault of theirs it collapsed. It is far easier to ruin a club than it is to start it up again. There are usually only a few public-spirited people in any community and they are usually spread thinly on the ground.

Questions, such as those I have outlined, at boring length, need to be addressed and this is best done, I maintain, through public debate. As I stated about an hour ago, I went to the last Parish Council meeting. I can only applaud

members, elected or co-opted, who give of their time and energy on our behalf, to sit on hard chairs in badly heated rooms. I was wrong - they should be given umpteen hearty cheers, even the one who found my last letter 'disgusting'. I learnt something about the school that I had not known before. But then, that was due to the debate before the meeting got underway.

On this one occasion David, I suggest that we have had one questionnaire too many and one debate too few.

Finally, I would like to quote from the report from the second questionnaire: 'some parishioners filled in the questionnaire for OTHER MEMBERS of their family' (my emphasis). I maintain that this damns the results of the questionnaire.

News from the Carn Awn Singers



Practices were resumed in early February and the next few weeks will be taken up with rehearsing items for forthcoming concerts. Everyone is looking forward to learning several exciting and interesting new items to add to the repertoire, including some favourite songs from the shows, spirituals and a variety of other new items which, together with existing 'old favourites' should make up a programme to suit all different musical tastes.

For the first concert of the new season, we have been invited to Stoke Climsland Chapel on Sunday March 7th at 7.45pm. We are especially looking forward to this concert, as it will be a new venue. There are several other concerts being planned including our annual concert in St Peter's Church, Port Isaac in July - more details nearer the time.

Should you require further information or are arranging a concert please contact Barbara Richards on 01208 880575.

Nursed on Fore Street

The impasse occurred on a fine and sunny day outside the Harbour Seafood Restaurant. A car was left locked, parked and driverless and blocking the road to the nation. Traffic both ways could not pass, never mind Mike the Fish, Greenfingers Dave and Geoff Harris going about their day-to-day business. All came out to have a good gander. There was no way to pass or to be passed.

Oh, what a calamity. We speculated that the driver had gone to the post office. Who knows? However, the miscreant eventually appeared, oblivious to the situation she had caused to those going along the Queen's highway. However, having unlocked the car and resumed her driving position, she then had time to comment that the Merc parked in front of the Lifeboat Station was infringing the law! It was there unlocked and constantly attended all the time we were waiting - I had not abandoned my car! Geoff Harris

Screech Owls in School A lady called Angela came into school from the Screech Owl Sanctuary and she brought three owls with her. One was from Africa, one was a Barn Owl and one was a Tawny Owl. Angela took the owls out of their boxes and put them on perches. She told us lots of interesting facts about owls, such as they hover in the air and grass and when they see food they pounce on it. Then we were all allowed to stroke them gently on the belly. It felt smooth and cuddly. Some of us were able to put on the special glove and hold the Barn Owl. It was an exciting afternoon.

Deklyn, Year 1

A BIG thank you

Many thanks to all those who have contributed their Co-op dividend points to school funds. So far we have used this money to pay for a visit from the Screech Owl Sanctuary, prizes for our children's Christmas parties and part of the transport costs for our visit to the Flashpoint health and safety centre.

Fancy a trip to St Ives?

On Thursday 4th March the whole school are visiting The Tate Gallery in St Ives. We will be traveling in a coach and there are approx 10 seats which will not be used by us. If you would like to visit the Tate, The Barbara Hepworth Museum or spend some time in St Ives we are offering seats to anyone in the community for a £1.50 contribution. We will leave school at 9.00 am and return around 4.00 pm. Please phone Jan at the school to book your seat - 01208 880494.

UNICEF - A day for change

We had a non uniform day in school to support Unicef in their day for change campaign. They are raising money to change the lives of children in Ghana and Vietnam. We raised £24.80 which will go towards providing drinkable water in these countries and we got to wear our own clothes in school for a change!!

Corinna, Year 5

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Open Day and Awards Ceremony

Many thanks to everybody who attended our Open Afternoon and Awards Ceremony. We were very pleased to see so many of you (not only parents) at what was a fantastic occasion

When everyone had had a good look round our school and seen our work and met our teachers we had an Awards Ceremony. Everyone got an award for achieving something.

I got one for always having an answer ready for questions I am asked. Sinead got one for her enthusiasm and Harry got one for his sense of humour and being grown up. We went up one by one as Mr Bishop announced our names. It was good when everybody clapped their hands for us!

Liam, Sinead and Harry, Reception

Our trip to Flashpoint

On Tuesday the senior and junior class went to Flashpoint Safety Centre. When we got there we had to put on safety jackets and we were put in groups with volunteers. Then we went into the Safety area. Inside there was a pretend car crash and Rosie Collings was asked to make a 999 call. There was also a bedroom on fire where we had to shut the door and put blankets along the crack underneath the door. We had to look at lots of different scenes and say what was dangerous and how we could make it safer.

The whole afternoon was excellent. We really learned a lot about keeping safe in different situations.

Rosie and Sophie, Year 4

A visit from the fire officer

A lady called Rachel from the Fire Brigade came into school talked to us about fire and the damage it can do. She showed us some burnt things like glasses and melted iron and told us that the firemen, when they go to fires, have to work out if these things had caused the fire or just been burned by it. Rachel told us how important it is to call 999 if there is a fire. She had a phone with her and we all practiced making an emergency call - so everyone who didn't make a call at Flashpoint had a chance to do it in school.

Stephen, Year 4

December 100 Club winners

1. Suzanne Barriball
2. Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen
3. Bob Monk
4. Sue Richards
5. David & Carol Raynor
6. Lil Thomas

I'm Free!

by James Platt

Once upon a time, a bulky hotel, named *Dunoon*, dominated the left hand side of New Road, located about half way up the hill between Jack Hicks Family Butchers shop at the bottom and the National Bus Garage adjacent to the Co-op at the top. In the middle of one fateful night, *Dunoon* was consumed by fire, fortunately with no casualties. Those like me who were unlucky enough to miss the excitement owing to being asleep at the time were even more miffed when they heard Charlie Smith's eyewitness account that reported the exploding slates on the roof going off "like bleddy machine guns".

Miss Cassie Saundry, who lived in a neat bungalow almost directly across New Road from *Dunoon*, and who therefore had a ringside seat for the conflagration, would have suffered from no such slumbering disadvantage. Cassie's bungalow was set back from New Road behind a garden, and so she would have been clear of the heat of the fire, although maybe not quite out of the casting distance of some of its warmth. Cassie was blessed with a directness of gaze that lagged behind the quality of being wild-eyed by little more than the balance of a hair trigger. Although not entirely handsome in looks, she dressed well, and her naturally frizzy dark hair was usually as well groomed as it was possible for it to be. Cassie's figure erred in the direction of bulkiness, but she carried it with dignity. The fact was that, in the local context of place and time, Cassie held on to a position of some power in the community. She exercised that dominion up at the Co-op, where she ran a section of that enduring establishment in which drapery, footwear and clothing were sold. Given the choices of either exercising her sway objectively for the benefit of her customers, or of using it subjectively to strike fear into their hearts, Cassie seemed to have elected to set off on the objective straight and narrow. Yet, power was power and, perhaps in spite of herself, Cassie moved inexorably over to the subjective course. Cassie controlled her Co-operative domain, and knew it. It was an imperative for customers that they should remain in her good books if they wished to complete a purchase successfully.

The front wall of the National Garage building, which would have been a leading runner in any contest for the outstanding eyesore in Port Isaac, was set right at the edge of New Road, and since the adjacent Co-op building was located twenty feet or so back from the road, the former served to obscure the latter from the view of anyone coming up New Road, whatever their intent. By contrast with the National Garage, the Co-op, in which Cassie toiled to her own satisfaction, could only be nothing less than more attractive. The Co-op was solidly built of cement blocks coated on the outside with roughcast mortar. It was long, deep and chunky, adorned in front with two big plate glass windows and an entry door on either side. As you faced the front of the Co-op the left hand door opened into the grocery department, and the right hand door into the Cassie run drapery department. Lightness (if not sweetness) reigned on the left side, twilight on the right. In essence the Co-op was a department store. Once you were inside you could walk from the one department into the other through a passageway towards the rear. The Co-op stock was kept in adjoining rooms backing both departments. The paraffin tank out at the back was close enough to the grocery counter to make no secret of its presence.

In formal terms, the manager of the Co-op was a certain Mr Auger. He lived for some time in one of the elevated terrace of bungalows across from Harold Spry's coal yard in lower Trewetha Lane. Mr Auger, resembling the great character actor Raymond Huntley in one of his definitive characterisations of a pompous civil servant, played the part of Co-op manager as if he were born to it, and generally managed to force a draw. He controlled the grocery side of the Co-op with the brisk authority of a severe martinet in the subservience of the young and trembling girls who staffed his counters. However, in the dim and mutinous precincts of the Co-op drapery section Mr Auger received few marks in his well-practiced art of bristling, for in Cassie's empire the shadow of Mr Auger's command was a faded force. The drapery section of the Co-op was a virtual no-go area that Mr Auger dared not invade, unless personal defeat was his objective. If Cassie was ever aware of one thing, it was that the drapery section was hers and hers alone to rule. Since the presence of assistants could only serve to dilute Cassie's power to influence or otherwise direct her customers for good or ill, Cassie was a one-woman show. For this reason the drapery section was never referred to as anything other than *Cassie's*. The fact that a sign heralding that name never went up over the right hand entry door of the Co-op did not imply that Cassie had not contemplated it.

The drapery section was a maze of dark shelves and gloomy corners that God's good daylight may never have touched. Only Cassie knew what goods *Cassie's* really contained. It was rumoured that there were forgotten pre-war items sitting back on her shelves somewhere. What unified the inventory was that Cassie considered everything involved under her fiefdom, right down to the last shoelace or stray thread of cotton, to be her personal property and not to be liberated lightly to customers. You had to justify yourself to buy anything from *Cassie's*. It wasn't enough to merely have the ready funds and points in hand to make a purchase. Your face had to be acceptable to Cassie on the day, even if it might not have been acceptable yesterday or might not be again tomorrow. You had to show Cassie the correct amount of solicitousness and humility that were the due accord to her royal presence within *Cassie's*. Last, and by no means least, Cassie had to decide whether you were truly worthy to be allowed to take away what you really wanted from her hoard. It was alleged that were some items that she would not sell at any price, and there were some people she was not prepared to sell to no matter who they were. In the realm of social class *Cassie's* was neutral ground.

Mr Auger, who perhaps could have stopped the snowballing growth of Cassie's power while there was still time, may be held to have failed in his duty. The rear passage between the grocery and drapery sections at the Co-op became as a result a sort of no-mans land into which Mr Auger was seldom seem to stray. *Cassie's* functioned beyond the pale as a totally independent state fortified by Cassie's resolve to rule and continue to rule at whatever cost to the Co-op's balance sheet.

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The Church is for everyone

A recent edition of *Trio* said that there had been a meeting chaired by the Rector to set up a committee to oversee the future development of the Church Hall. I was perturbed for I know I'm getting on a bit (a BIT??!!) but I could not remember the meeting not surprising because the *Trio* article was referring to a meeting held about ten years ago.

What is more perturbing is that in spite of that meeting so long ago, nothing has been done to make the Church Hall a community facility, which we all agree it should be. STEER's survey has renewed our resolve to do something. The Church is in the process of seeking grants to make the building more attractive and practical for everyone.

The Church and Church Hall exist for you. We want to see them used. Use the Church for worship, weddings, baptisms and funerals but also for parties, concerts and rehearsals. An unusual but potentially very exciting event is a Victorian Evening - watch this space.

Use the Church Hall for meetings, exhibitions, sales - a visitor centre would be a great idea. The Hall is so accessible and could be made more so if we get money from the grants which are available.

Some activities don't need a building (Jesus didn't use one very often). Everyone is welcome to take part in the Deanery Youth Walk on Saturday April 3rd starting from St Breward Church at 10.00am and ending in Camelford Car Park at 1.00pm. Bring a picnic - the event is free. Everyone is also welcome to the Children and Family Activity Day at Cardinham Woods

Do you need someone to talk to?

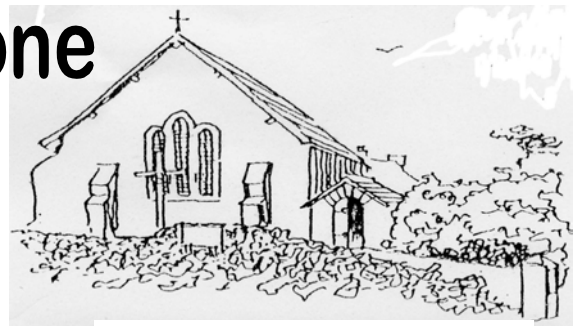
The Local Pastoral Ministers of St Endellion, Port Isaac and St Kew are available to visit the sick, the bereaved, the lonely and newcomers to the area.

Telephone Katrina Gill (co-ordinator) on 01208 850465.

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Mr Auger, perhaps frustrated by the denial of any opportunity to extend his authority over *Cassie's*, elected to impose the said authority with extra vigour over the section of the Co-op that he did control, namely the grocery section. He flitted hither and thither, subjecting the customers to a probing scrutiny from a safe distance, and the counter staff to such close order review that they might have been puppets pulled by string at his behest. The girls who worked for Mr Auger were generally recent primary school leavers, impressionable, inexperienced, and not difficult to be subordinated to his will. Their job was to serve customers with whatever customers wanted, although when handling the more perishable purchases took on an element of complexity, such as in slicing bacon, cutting cheese or patting butter or margarine, Mr Auger might be drawn into adding his own hands to the transaction. His vigilant hovering presence was not designed to put the girls at their ease, and only served to increase their propensity to make the kind of nervous mistakes that Mr Auger seemed to love to identify, pounce on and berate the miscreants for in the full presence of customers.

In spite of their having completed primary school, or even perhaps because of it, Mr Auger would not permit his girls to add up bills, take money, or deliver change. He and only he did that. He did it slowly and painstakingly, lingering over every last farthing and leaving the customers in no doubt that he was doing them a considerable favour for which they should be most grateful. Mr Auger appeared not to be aware that no matter what heights of education and literacy any given Port Isaac resident might have scaled, or for that matter what respective depths they may have plumbed, there was not one among them who would not have known in an instant that they had been short changed. Receiving more in change than was their due was quite another matter however. Few would recognise a mistake like that, and even fewer would battle that Mr Auger had set himself to combat and win, having lost the war against *Cassie's*.



on Saturday June 26th from 10.00am -3.00pm. Please bring a picnic. This costs £2 and booking forms are available from Judith Pollinger on 01208 880181.

Father Michael

How's this for a bunch of pickled pirates?

The USS Constitution (Old Ironsides) as a combat vessel carried 48,600 gallons of fresh water for her crew of 475 officers and men. This was sufficient to last six months of operations at sea. She carried no evaporators (fresh water distillers). However, let it be noted that according to her log,

"On July 27th 1798, the USS Constitution sailed from Boston with a full complement of 475 officers and men plus 48,600 gallons of fresh water, 7,400 cannon shot, 11,600 pounds of black powder and 79,400 gallons of rum." Her mission: "To destroy and harass English shipping".

Making Jamaica on October 6th, she took on 826 pounds of flour and 8,300 gallons of rum. Then she headed for the Azores where she provisioned with 550 pounds of beef and 64,300 gallons of Portuguese wine. On November 18th she set sail for England.

In the ensuing days she defeated five British men-of-war and captured and scuttled 12 English merchantmen, salvaging only the rum aboard each. By January 26th, her powder and shot were exhausted. Nevertheless, she made an unarmed night raid up the Firth of Clyde in Scotland. Her landing party captured a whisky distillery and transferred 40,000 gallons of single malt Scotch aboard by dawn. Then she headed home.

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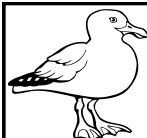


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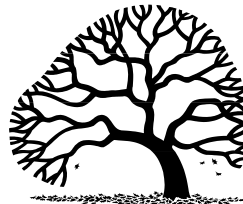
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PIGS on Tour - Bude Golf Club - tee off 1.00pm

Thursday March 4th

STEER Forum Meeting in the Village Hall - 7.30pm

Monday March 8th

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Sunday March 14th

Evening Worship with Taize Music by candlelight in St Endellion Church - 6.00pm

Monday March 15th

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Tuesday March 16th

Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall - 7.30pm

Wednesday March 24th

Trelights Village Green Committee AGM in the Methodist Schoolroom - 7.30pm

RNLI AGM followed by a presentation on the History of Cornish Lifeboats - in the Village Hall - 7.30pm.

Monday March 29th

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Thursday April 1st

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April 4th - 11th

St Endellion Easter Festival

Monday April 5th

PIGS on Tour - Perranporth Golf Club

Saturday April 10th

Port Isaac Gig Club 'Gig' in the Village Hall

Monday April 12th

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Friday April 16th

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Tuesday April 20th

Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall - 7.30pm

Wednesday April 21st

Village Hall AGM in the Hall-7.30pm come along and find out what is happening to YOUR Village Hall.

Monday April 26th

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Thursday May 6th

what's on

STEER Forum Meeting in the Village Hall - 7.30pm

Monday May 10th

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Tuesday May 18th

Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall - 7.30pm

May 28th - 31st

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Thursday June 3rd

STEER Forum Meeting in the Village Hall - 7.30pm

Tuesday June 15th

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Sunday June 20th

RNLI Annual Lifeboat Service on the Platt - 12.30pm

Thursday July 1st

STEER Forum Meeting in the Village Hall - 7.30pm

Saturday July 3rd

Port Isaac Gig Club Day at Port Gaverne

Tuesday July 20th

Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall - 7.30pm

July 27th - August 6th

St Endellion Summer Festival

Thursday August 5th

STEER Forum Meeting in the Village Hall - 7.30pm

Saturday August 14th

Port Isaac Gig Club 'Gig' in the Village Hall

Sunday August 15th

Lifeboat Funday - a day of fun for all the family

Tuesday August 17th

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Thursday September 2nd

STEER Forum Meeting in the Village Hall - 7.30pm

Tuesday September 21st

Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall - 7.30pm

Tuesday October 19th

Whist Drive in St Endellion Church Hall - 7.30pm

Tuesday November 16th

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Saturday November 20th

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