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Who says Santa doesn't exist!

I never thought I'd say it, but I think Santa does exist! After what seemed like constant wind rain and storms in November and the first week of December, our relaunch of the light parade with the kids looked like it may have been a washout. Clearly Santa must have thought we were good kids because he cleared the bad weather and gave us a fantastic backdrop for the kids and mums and dads and all their families and friends who filled the cliff path with light laughter and pure excitement. As the kids got into position, the Cornish piper and drummer led the parade from the car park and along the cliff path down towards the bottom of the village. They were greeted by all the shops decorated with the blue and white twinkling lights, mince pies, coffee, tea and drinks for the kids courtesy of the RNLI. And who can forget our very own cycling Santa (dear old Nigel, you've got too much time on your hands I think!).

The amount of work that Caroline and her cohorts put into composing the song and then teaching it in school, making the lanterns, setting up and producing the projection and generally bringing so much positivity is so infectious. I love you all x
Then I must thank especially Mr Nigel Andrews for all his help in putting up with my silly ideas and shooting up and down ladders with lights and cable ties in all weathers. Cheers mate.

Also to everyone who came out and helped putting the lights up, the tree and the light tunnel when things were getting a bit too close to call, two days to go and we weren't anywhere near it, so thank you.

Big thanks Mr Penny for driving to get the tree. I must say we went through bits of Cornwall I've never seen or heard of, so thanks for that.

Finally, thanks Santa you're the best!

Mr Lanyon

A great big thank you to Chris Lanyon and all the helpers for the wonderful Christmas lights and Caroline for the children's parade and not forgetting Nigel's biker Father Christmas! It feels such like a long time ago now, but all their efforts give everyone a smile and are really appreciated.

AS ALWAYS, THANKS TO PAUL FISHER FOR THIS MONTH'S COVER PHOTO

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PORT ISAAC SHANTY FESTIVAL

APRIL 19TH - 21ST 2024

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look how much these two enjoyed themselves last year!

"we had a great time helping out at the Shanty Festival - please ask us again next year"



Huge thanks to Nathan Outlaw and Pete and the rest of their team who cooked an amazing Christmas lunch for the Community Cafe members. How lucky we are.

A wonderful meal that was made even better by a visit by the children from Port Isaac School to sing Christmas Carols.

Thank you to all of you.



every Wednesday morning, 10am-12noon

Soup & Sweet Lunch dates

Thursday February 8th * Thursday February 29th
Thursday March 7th * Thursday March 21st

CALL 07814 462164 TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

Can you spare some time to help with transport for the Community Cafe please?

We have a very small rota of volunteers who pick up (in their own cars) some villagers for the Community Cafe and Soup & Sweet Lunches ... **but they need a bit of help.**

At the moment there are just 2 pick-ups, both in Port Isaac (4 people in total), on a Wednesday morning, to get to the cafe in Port Isaac Village Hall at 10am and then pick up to go home at 12noon. If we can get two or three more drivers this would be once every 5 or 6 weeks.

If you can help please call Dee on 07814 462164



Not a lot to chat about this month ... yep, we know you find that hard to believe!! Christmas is fast becoming a distant memory but we would like to thank St Tudy WI for inviting us to their Christmas Party. We had a great time (lovely food) and we think they did too - even if they were in fear and trepidation of what our games would entail!!

So what's happening going forward. Obviously there is the Shanty Festival that is fast taking over all Liz, Cheryl & Dee's lives. But before that we have our friend Chris Ricketts joining us for another concert in Port Isaac Village Hall on Saturday March 23rd. If you saw him when he was here in October you will want to come again and if you missed him you will definitely want to come. Plus we are going to be joined by local band, Blue Orion. And of course, there is the added bonus of us and we hope to be giving the first public performances of some new songs we are learning. More news next month.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE THE GULLS TO SING AT YOUR EVENT PLEASE GET IN TOUCH
 GULLSPI@ICLOUD.COM
 07814 462 164



Look at our Fisherman's Friends on Strictly - what a surprise for everyone watching ...

and look at this photo Port Isaac Heritage has been given from the old days, possibly 1995, the early FFs singing in the Village Hall. How young they all look ... how missed are those who are no longer with us.



ENDELIENTA ARTS

Arts and Spirituality in North Cornwall

FEBRUARY EVENTS AT ST ENDELLION (PORT ISAAC, PL29 3TP)

**Will Keating and special guests
 St Endellion Church
 Friday February 9th, 7.30pm
 £10, free for accompanied under 16s**



Join us for a unique evening of entertainment with the award winning Cornish singer-songwriter and member of popular Cornish male singing group *The Oggymen*. Will Keating will be joined by a line-up of amazing special guests including sax and whistle player Daniel Woodfield, accordian player Matthew Bray and Matthew's 16-year old son Finley on mandolin and banjo.

Tickets available at: <https://endelienta.org.uk>

**Endelienta Arts Make Club: BIG DRAWINGS
 St Endellion Hall
 Saturday February 10th, 10am-12 noon
 £5 per family**

Each month we have new creative ideas to keep the whole family busy. The Make Club is a fun space to explore, create and get messy. This February we will be drawing on long rolls of paper. Why not map our an adventurer's journey, design a new world or create a life-sized self portrait.

Tickets available at: <https://endelienta.org.uk>

**From Malachi to Matthew: The Apocrypha as history and literature
 St Endellion Hall
 Saturday February 17th, 10am-3pm
 £10**

Join us for a reflective day led by Prebendary of St Endellion, Andrew Lewis, as he continues his series of reflective days looking at the historical background of the Bible. Tea and coffee provided. Please bring your own lunch.

Tickets available at: <https://endelienta.org.uk>

**St Endellion Easter Festival 2024
 March 30th - April 7th**

Happy New Year to everyone



As we enter 2024, we thought that it would be good to update everyone about where we are with our lovely old Hall. We have worked so hard over the past several years to get where we are today ... and obviously there are plans to make things even better going forward ... our new oil tank and a garden makeover are next on the agenda. More news on that next month. But first, we thought we would tell you our "story" about our recently completed *Energy Saving Project*.

The work commenced in July 2023 and was carried out on a phased basis and was completed in early December 2023.

Our Project Story

Original applications for funding for our Energy Saving Project were made in April 2023 with an estimated project cost of £24,773.60. The project was a specific piece of work broken down into its various elements. This therefore enabled us to prioritise which parts of the work we could complete on a phased basis if necessary, depending on the funding levels we achieved.

The Energy Saving Project involved the following;

- replacement of both sets of external entrance double doors using Tricoya material that is impervious to water and will not rot
- replacement of all six windows from single glazed to double glazed
- replacement of external slate window sills & construction of internal window sills
- installation of a new set of internal double doors between the entrance foyer and main hall

- painting of all new doors and windows externally and internally
- The work was completed on a phased basis this year. This was partly due to the timing of funding received and also availability of when the Village Hall was free of events to enable the installation work to be carried out with minimum disruption to users of the Hall.

In July 2023, Rock Joinery, made both sets of the external entrance double doors and Bright Solutions sprayed the doors in their workshop prior to fitting and installation at the Hall. Then towards the end of August 2023, the new set of internal double doors and two sash windows on the front elevation were made, sprayed and installed. Then towards the end of September 2023, the four side elevation windows were made, sprayed and fitted. After each element of this project was installed, the additional internal and external decorating work and the making and fitting of windowsills (by Roy Speakman) was carried out with everything complete by early December 2023. The story board at the end of this report provides images of the work undertaken throughout the project.

The whole project was completed within six months. In addition the actual project costs came in slightly under the original estimate. This was due to the work associated with the external and internal windowsills taking less time and reduced material costs. The original estimated project cost was £24,773.60 and the actual final project cost was £24,378.60, a saving of £395.

Funding for our Energy Saving Project was achieved through the following;

- Grant - The National Lottery Community Fund
- Grant - Doc Martin Fund
- Grant - Elmgrant Trust
- Grant - Garfield Weston Foundation
- Grant - Cornwall Community Fund
- Private Donation
- Fundraising - some of the profit from the 2023 Shanty Festival

There were no real challenges during the project. The three separate local businesses responsible for each element of the project worked very well together and had a very co-ordinated approach to completing the work and minimising disruption to the running of the Village Hall. They kept the Management Committee updated on progress and timescales.

As a result of this project we have achieved our goal of completing another major improvement to our Village Hall. So many users of the Hall have commented on how smart the building is looking with the new doors and windows and most importantly how much warmer the Hall is! The new doors and windows are really helping to retain heat and energy within the Hall and going forward we hope to see a reduction in our energy costs.

Don't forget that our Hall is the ONLY community space in the village and through your support you have helped us achieve our aim of ensuring it is fit for purpose and sustainable for its longer term use by future generations in the local community.



Left: The doors being made and sprayed in the workshop

Right: The new doors fitted at the back and front doors



Left: The windows being made and sprayed in the workshop and ready for installation

Right: The new front and side windows



Annie Price

1949-2023

On December 15th 2023, Annie died peacefully in her sleep in her own bed at home after a long illness. Her front door is now closed and no longer do we have to add an extra half an hour to our visits to the Co-op so that we can stop and chat to Annie.

Annie was a stubborn child, full of get up and go and a bit naughty! Are we surprised? She was nearly got chucked out of her first boarding school! As she got older she became an outstanding horsewoman and in her school's first teams for tennis and lacrosse.

Her first job was in a large advertising agency in London and this is where her interest and love of photography began. Her photography skills led to wildlife film-maker Cindy Buxton, her lifelong friend, inviting her to work with her in the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, Ascension Island, the Isle of Wight and New Zealand. For ten years Annie revelled in uninhabited islands, isolated and harsh living conditions, all the time keeping their home, whatever it may have been, as clean and comfortable as possible. In fact she always insisted that visitors to their little hut on South Georgia removed their boots before coming in.

Describing her friend who she had known for 63 years, Cindy described Annie as "... kind, gentle brave and fun, a girl who loved to party and talk". Yet they spent thousands of hours silently sitting and watching and learning about the wildlife they were capturing on film.

In 1996 Annie moved to Harbour Way Cottage in Port Isaac, carrying on with her photography of wildlife, tennis and weddings. She loved the air, climate, scenery and the community spirit and the chat ... she was good at chatting!

Annie loved her family and not long after moving to the village she went back home to look after her mother, staying



Home Sweet Home


Annie and Cindy outside their hut on South Georgia

with her to the very end. Her mother was part of the British Legion and Annie helped her for years with this job. So it was no surprise that when she moved to Port Isaac she helped Allan Chadband with the British Legion, taking over from him when he retired. It is estimated that she helped raise over £50k for the charity during her years as organiser in Port Isaac and she was awarded a 25-year service medal from the British Legion in 2022.

Her other love was the RNLI. She served on the RNLI fundraising committee, was Chairman from 1994 to 2005 and then deputy chairman becoming an Honorary Committee member in 2023.

She was also Falklands Association Committee executive and a Fellow of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

But to Annie the simple things in life were the best, her family and her friends, her home and her little dog Winnie.

Rest in peace Annie x 



What an amazing Christmas lunch was held at Trevathan Farm in memory of lovely Yvonne Cleave ... made even better by a few songs from the Fisherman's Friends and friends.

Nearly 100 of Yvonne's friends were there to remember a very special lady who is much missed.

Bledhyn Nowydh Da! (Happy New Year)

I hope you have all had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas.

The Chorale was busy during December with all our Carol concerts both in Churches and the popular Carols in the Pub nights. It was great to have so many of you joining in with the singing.

By the time you are reading this, the Chorale will have restarted rehearsals for the coming Spring and Easter Concerts. As per usual rehearsals are every Tuesday evening 7.30pm at St Endellion Church Hall. I will make a list of concerts, once dates are confirmed.

We will again be competing in the choir section of Wadebridge Music Festival at the end of February. I will let you all know the date we are competing once confirmed.

Yeghes Da!, Alan





a proud Lifeboatman with his grandchildren Esmae, Alfie, Louie, Riley and Poppy



DARREN MILNER

It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that we have to announce the loss of our crew mate, friend and local gentlemen Darren Milner.

Darren joined Port Isaac RNLI back in 2011 and soon passed out as a crew member, a role he proudly served in for many years.

Once Darren's health began to deteriorate he took the tough decision to stand back from active seagoing duties. However, his passion and love for the station continued and we wanted to keep him as part of the team, so Darren retrained as a deputy launch authority where he was instrumental in many shouts.

Darren has left a big void in our team, station, the RNLI and the village as a whole. We will miss seeing his 125 scooter coming round the corner to help get us afloat but more importantly we will miss you Darren.

The crew and committee would like to send our love, thoughts and support to Sam, Darren's wife, his family and wider friends.

FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS



Darren's funeral service will be at Glynn Valley Crematorium at 4pm on Friday February 9th

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The work required on the club's gig Roscarrock has been completed and the boat has returned from the boat builder in Fowey. it's now stored at one of our club members property at Colquite. There will be regular working parties to get it looking ship shape and ready to go to the Isles of Scilly for the World Championships at the beginning of May. These will be sociable sessions, maybe involving enticements such as a bacon butty!

The AGM of the Cornish Pilot Gig Association, the governing body of gig rowing, was earlier this month and our club safety officer was able to attend on behalf of the club.

It is hoped to start a regular training session in the Village Hall Port Isaac for club members prior to the clocks changing in March when the training will be focused on being in the boats, on the water, either in Port Isaac Bay or when conditions aren't favourable and the tide's right, at Wadebridge, on the river.

There are a couple of invites to rowing events already. Boscastle club invited Padstow, Rock, Bude and Port Isaac to a social row on the estuary at Rock and the Three Rivers Race from Caradon at the beginning of March.

If you'd like more info about gig rowing and the club please contact Ann at: Butterworth_ann@hotmail.co.uk



Websites of the Month

One of the best things about the turn of the year is the realisation that the days are now getting longer, and we can look forward to the Spring flowers and warmer days. Nice to have that in mind when (at the time of writing) it's freezing cold. So, this month I thought something about the natural history of Cornwall would be a good topic.

It has been studied for a long time. An amazing book from 1758 is a good start on this history. You can buy it but it's quite expensive, or you can download for free. It has a long title:

"The natural history of Cornwall. The air, climate, waters, rivers, lakes, sea and tides; of the stones, semimetals, metals TIN, and the manner of Mining; the constitution of the stannaries; iron, copper, silver, lead and gold found in Cornwall. Vegetables, rare birds, fishes, shells reptiles and quadrupeds; Of the inhabitants, their manners, customs, plays or interludes, exercises, and festivals; the Cornish language, trade, tenures, and arts."

It was written by William Borlase https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Borlase. It has been digitised by the Wellcome Collection and can be downloaded from <https://wellcomecollection.org/works/tc9g6bvr>. It has a 'new' map of the county (which shows St Endellion but not Port Isaac as far as I can tell) and 28 pictures, including one of Wadebridge. As it is over 400 pages long it's not possible to summarise it here but if you can cope with the interesting 18th century spelling it has much of interest. It starts by saying:

"It cannot be questioned, Gentlemen, but that Natural History is a most extensive science, taking in all animate and inanimate substances and which Land, Air or Water contain; explaining their relations, properties and uses; and, in short, giving a recital and detail of the whole visible Creation."

So you can understand why he needed 400 pages. One section describes our local area. I have kept the original spelling, e.g. Bodman for Bodmin. *"We proceed to the greatest river on the North of Cornwall, at present commonly called the Camel (that is, the crooked River) from the may turnings in its course, especially from the sharp angle it makes near Bodman, where from a South South West course of twelve miles or more, it bears for the Sea North North West."* The author also mentions Camelford "where the banks are



famous for two considerable battles; the first in which King Arthur received his mortal wound' thus recorded by the poet - in Latin

"Naturam cambela fontis mutata stupet effe fui transendit in unda sanguineus torrens ripas et ducit in aequor corpora caeforum plures natate videres et petere auxilium quos undis vita reliquit"

translated by Google Translate
"The nature of the camel's spring has been changed, and I am amazed that I have crossed it in a wave, blood pouring down the banks and leading to the shore, you would see many dead bodies swimming and asking for help from those whose life had left the waves"

Further on in this part of the book is an interesting description of the building of the bridge at Wadebridge, 'the largest in the Country' to replace the ferry that plied the river in 1460.

There is also a good deal about the local geology and wildlife. Other free books like this can be found on the Project Gutenberg site <http://tinyurl.com/cornwall-books> with a wealth of historical information about Cornwall and Scilly.

More recent accounts of the wildlife in Cornwall, and what we can look out for in the coming months can be found on the website for the Online Recording Kernow and Scilly <https://ercis.org.uk/share-sightings> which has a dual function - it allows you to record your own sightings of plants and animals across the county, and also see what has been recorded in recent times.

Tony Wainwright



Port Isaac Heritage

Our “85 Club”

We have had over 20 lucky winners since June last year, why don't you join them? For just £2 a month you can join the club and have the chance to be a winner.

We are grateful to all those who have supported this fundraising scheme and look forward to celebrating more winners!

Winners

Our December winners were

FIRST PRIZE OF £41 - ticket no: 41 - Sarah Taylor

SECOND PRIZE OF £26 - ticket no: 77 - Mary Hopkins

THIRD PRIZE OF £18 - ticket no: 67 - Tony Vine

Our January winners were

FIRST PRIZE OF £41 - ticket no: 2 - Rebecca Littlechild

SECOND PRIZE OF £26 - ticket no: 8 - Kim Lanyon

THIRD PRIZE OF £18 - ticket no: 33 - Trevor Atkinson

Thank you to all our 85 Club members for supporting Port Isaac Heritage

Books

We have three award-winning books to our name and we are looking to relaunch an updated new edition of our first sell-out book

A Taste of Port Isaac

We're looking for a few more new recipes please! Especially those with a Port Isaac link. Please send any recipes or tales to Dee, either via email dee54@mac.com or pop through the door of *Secrets*.

Copies of *A Second Helping of Port Isaac* and *The Real Voices of Port Isaac* are available from *Secrets* or *Port Isaac Pottery* or from our online shop on our website

www.portisaacheritage.co.uk priced £12 each.

From the same outlets you can also purchase our

Meet the Doc booklet priced £5
and our *Memory Booklets*

Memories of Life at Archer Farm by Janet Chadband (£4)

A Very Happy Childhood by Joan Murray (£3.50)

Daidie's Diaries taken from her war diary (£4.50)

Some of the Stories behind the Names
by David & Marilyn Hambly (£3.50)

Down Memory Lane by Rita Cowling (£4.50)

Those Were the Days by Jennie Hills (£3.50)

The History of Roscarrock Chapel (£4)

A Short History of St Peter's Church (£4)

Welcome to our programme of events for 2024

By the time you read this we will have already held our first Port Isaac Film Night ... and what a success it was. Truth be told, after the start to the day with snow and the freezing cold we wouldn't have been surprised if nobody had turned up! But turn up they did and everyone had a great evening recognising people they knew and in lots of cases themselves.

Some of you may already be familiar with the old Port Isaac movies and they have been shown at the Community Cafe but everyone time you watch you see something or someone you have missed. So look out for our next showing as we will be repeating them again throughout the year. Our aim is to collect all the names of those on screen so we do need your help.

An evening with John Brown

Thursday February 22nd (doors open at 7pm)
experience the “Walk & Talk” around Port Isaac from the comfort of the Village Hall with the bar and refreshments.

Port Isaac Village Hall/Tickets £5 on the door

Dates still to be set for:

‘Old School Days’: we are hoping to arrange a get-together evening with a chance to see the old school logbooks, and hear school stories from days gone by (with refreshments, of course!)

A John Trevan evening (May half-term): an illustrated talk with Malcolm Lee sharing the secrets and gossip from 1884 taken from John Trevan's original handwritten journal of daily life in the village

New painting Prize Draw - to be announced soon

A Village Trail: COMING SOON - A fun, informative booklet to guide you around Port Isaac - for all ages!

Thank you for supporting us
Our aim is to collect and share the history of Port Isaac ...
“everybody has a story to tell”
www.portisaacheritage.co.uk

PORT ISAAC HERITAGE EXHIBITIONS

ROSCARROCK HILL CHAPEL IN THE CHAPEL CAFÉ
run and supported by fundraising from volunteers with help from *The Doc Martin Fund* and *Heritage Lottery Fund*

Rowena (Nina) Oliver

Nina passed away
peacefully at home on
January 14th

Her funeral service will be in
St Peter's Church at 11.30am
on Saturday February 3rd
(relaxed dress code relevant to
celebrating a life of 93 happy years)
a lovely Port Isaac lady who
will be much missed

Church news

December was a very busy month for St Peter's Church starting with the Carols by Candlelight in early December when we were joined by the Port Isaac Chorale. The school held their Carol Concert in church with the Friends of the school providing mulled wine and mince pies. Luckily the weather was kind when the pupils had to walk down to church for the rehearsals.

The Johnny Cowling Concert was a great success and money that was raised has gone to St Petroc's Christmas appeal for the Homeless and The Children's Society as well as a donation going to the school.

Another successful Hands on Hooks crochet Day was held in December. The Wednesday Craft group will meet for the first time on Wednesday 24th January and again on February 7th. Contact Pat on 01208 880969 for details.

Plans are being made for new activities to take place in church in 2024 and these will be announced in the next *Trio*. If anyone would like to use the church for any community activities please contact Pat.

HANDS ON HOOKS FUN PALACE

Happy New Year

We are now at the start of 2024, a new year and perhaps you have made some New Year's Resolutions. Have you decided that you need a little 'me time' or that you would like to learn a new skill? Perhaps *Hands on Hooks* could be a fun solution to support you in keeping at least one of your resolutions.

If you have been following our regular articles in the *Trio*, you will know that in Port Isaac our own Hands on Hooks community skill share has been running since October. Over two workshops, around 16 people dropped in to share their crochet skills or to learn some basic stitches. We hope that it will continue to be a regular event, welcoming everyone from the community of Port Isaac and the surrounds.

In the second workshop we had some new learners - it was exciting to meet them, for them to try to learn something different and of course to meet others with the same interests. This time, as well as granny squares, we crocheted samplers of different types of crochet stitches. One crocheter, who was improving her skills, has begun to sell her handmade crochet work at events in the community. Attending the workshop was a boost to her confidence as she patiently shared her skills with new learners.

I'm sure that many of you visited St Peter's Church during the Christmas period and noticed the Hands on Hooks' Christmas Tree amongst the many imaginative decorations on display. Taking inspiration from one of our grand project ideas, we made a not so mini crochet Christmas Tree. Check out the images of the finished tree in our photos, complete with metal stand, coloured lights and most importantly topped off by a sparkling crochet angel.

As mentioned, one of the initial ideas for our grand scale community project was to combine our granny squares into an enormous Christmas Tree for the Platt. However, after a short and windy walk up Fore Street, clutching the mini Christmas Tree, it was almost blown out of my arms! It was clear that a giant Crochet Christmas Tree on the Platt would not survive a single stormy high tide - like the lost bench it would probably be found in Bude in the Spring. So, current ideas for our unique colourful community art installation are a granny square 'stained glass' window mounted in St Peter's Church or bunting made from outside crochet (or knitted) poppies to decorate the lower village for Remembrance Day 2024.

In February, we invite all levels of willing crocheters to drop into *The Golden Lion* for a fun hour or two, meeting new people, learning a new skill or sharing your skills of this heritage craft. With FEAST funding still in place, *Hands on Hooks* remains free - everything you need is provided. To enable us to continue, we would appreciate a small voluntary donation, if you can. Please join us while we continue to establish Hands on Hooks as part of that special community culture of Port Isaac, celebrating everyone's skills, encouraging new connections and having fun creating something lasting and inspiring.

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN A NEW SKILL
AND CONTRIBUTE TO A COMMUNITY PROJECT?

WHERE? The Golden Lion, Fore Street, Port Isaac

WHEN? Saturday February 3rd, 10am-3pm NOTE DIFFERENT VENUE & TIME

WHAT? Hand on Hooks Fun Palace - Crochet Skill Share

Drop in for an hour or two ... together we can create!

For more information, to join our WhatsApp group, or with suggestions for a grand project, please email Alison Mann on handsonhooks@gmail.com or call 07817 873968





Kicking off our 200th year

A must-have guide to what's happening throughout this momentous year for the RNLI

Our 200th anniversary will be officially commemorated on Monday March 4th 2024, but there are endless opportunities for you to mark 200 years of lifesaving in our community throughout the whole year. Everything that is done to mark 200 years of lifesaving is to commemorate those who have gone before us, celebrate our incredible volunteers and lifesavers of today, and inspire the next generation in our mission to save every one.

What is already going on?

We might just be starting off the year, but so much has been happening already:

200 Voices podcast

With one episode being released every day until March 4th 2024, you can hear from voices across the RNLI as they talk about how our charity has impacted them. We hear from lifesavers, those they have saved, supporters, fundraisers, and some familiar voices. You can find the podcast on the RNLI website and your usual podcast platform.

RNLI shops 200th collection

A unique range of products, including 200th hats, scarfs, badges, lanyards, baubles and much more, is available to mark this incredible milestone.

200th anniversary rose

Peter Beales, a world leader in classic roses, has bred a unique rose exclusively to mark 200 years of lifesaving that will be unveiled at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in 2024. RNLI volunteers, staff and supporters chose to name the rose 'With Courage', and more details about where the rose can be purchased will follow later this year.

As we start the year, look out for these exciting developments:

RNLI coins

The Royal Mint has included the RNLI in their set of commemorative coins for 2024. They have recognised the bravery and courage shown by lifesavers for over 200 years. The RNLI features as part of a commemorative set and is on the iconic 50p coin. The full set can be purchased now on the Royal Mint Website, and more information will be available soon on how to purchase the individual coin.

What is to come and how to get involved

There are many ways to keep in touch with all-things 2024:

- You can read more on www.rnli.org/200
- Follow the RNLI's social media channels, including Facebook, X, Instagram and Tik Tok.

Trevor Beare joined the RNLI as a volunteer crew member in 1972. During this time a new type of lifeboat was being rolled out by the RNLI – a fast rescue craft with fewer crew, which could respond speedily to incidents when a few minutes could make a crucial difference. The boat was a rescue inflatable measuring 15ft and is what we now know as the Inshore Lifeboat (ILB) which has become the workhorse of the RNLI's fleet. Trevor served on Port Isaac's first inshore lifeboat D-139. He recalls that Port Isaac RNLI was the first station with an ILB to train with the RAF Search and Rescue helicopter. They used to take the lifeboat up to Clovelly to join the 70-foot Clyde-class lifeboat and train with the Western Whirlwind Search and Rescue (SAR) based at RAF St Mawgan. Trevor went on to train with the Wessex SAR and then the Sea King. He retired from crew in the late 80s to become the station's training officer and then onto shore crew after that.

Richard Hambly joined in 1985 at the age of 19 and progressed to become a helmsman a couple of years later. In more recent times, Richard has become one of the station's Launching Authorities. In 2004, as the longest



Trevor Beare, Andy Cameron, John Collins and Richard Hambly celebrate a combined 150 years of service with Port Isaac RNLI Lifeboat Station

-serving helm on the crew, Richard represented Port Isaac at the opening of the RNLI Training Centre at Poole by HM The Queen, one of his proudest RNLI moments. In 2019, Richard was part of the local RNLI team that ran the Virgin London Marathon, raising over £10,000 towards the appeal to fund the station's new D class lifeboat. Richard's son Harry has followed the family tradition, and now serves on the lifeboat crew.

A year later, 16-year-old **John Collins** was asked to join the crew by the late Honourable Secretary, David Castle. John was working in the Port Isaac fish cellars and it was felt he'd be a great addition to the crew. The lifeboat was in seasonal service only back then so he completed his training over the winter months, then served as crew when the lifeboat was operational the next summer. John went on to serve as volunteer crew for 19 years before moving over to the role as Launching Authority and still serves as shore crew today.

Andy Cameron joined the Port Isaac lifeboat a month after he moved into the village, at the age of 25. He'd always been on or in the water and it was an ambition

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Hi everyone hope you all had a great Christmas & New Year and welcome to 2024



It's funny what you find when you're looking through stuff that you ain't seen for a long time. When I found this cookbook, it brought back so many memories of sitting in my mum and dad's kitchen in Falmouth and the smell of fresh bread. And flicking through this book which had permanent residency on our kitchen table, one recipe that seemed to be used a lot, more than any other, was lamb stew, or, what I later was taught at college (yes I was trained) was the famous

Navarin of Lamb

this dish was also a staple recipe on the table d'hote menu at the Port Gaverne Hotel

Cooking time two hours on the top or in the oven

Ingredients for 5-6 portions

3 tbs oil
2lb lamb or mutton, breast, neck or shoulder with no bone
2 level tsp salt
½ tsp of pepper
A good pinch of sugar
3 tbs tablespoons of flour
1½ pints of water
3 cloves of garlic
12 small onions
2lb small potatoes, new if possible

Method

Remove excess fat from the meat and cut into pieces weighing about 2oz.

Peeled and crushed the garlic, peel the onions and potatoes and cover the latter with with cold water until required.

Heat the oil and fry the meat adding the seasoning and sugar during frying.

When well browned pour off excess fat and then sprinkle on the flour and cook till it browns.

Add the water and stir well and bring to the boil then add the garlic. Simmer for one hour on the top of the stove.

Meanwhile fry the onion in a little hot oil until brown and drain well on kitchen paper. Add to the meat together with the drained potatoes. Simmer till cooked, about ¾ of an hour.

Before serving remove any fat from the top of Navarin. The best vegetables to accompany this dish are peas and green beans. For a slightly richer gravy you can add a couple of tablespoons of tomato purée to the water.

Lovely memories

ANSOM

Welcome to 2024 and for my first dish of the year I've gone through the freezer and the cupboard and come up with this beauty.

Prawn in tuna fried rice

this seafood fried rice can be made entirely from what you have in stock

Ingredients

½tbsp of coconut oil or rapeseed
1 chopped onion
½tsp of chilli flakes or fresh chilli deseeded and finally diced
1 chopped garlic clove
1cm of root ginger, chopped
1 red pepper, deseeded and chopped.
100g of prawns, raw or frozen and defrosted
100g tin of tuna
200g of Chinese vegetables or cabbage, diced
Two eggs, beaten
Handful of coriander, torn
200g of rice
1tbsp of Thai fish sauce

Method

Firstly cook the rice as per what the packet says and once cooked cool under running water.

Heat the oil in a wok and fry the onion, chilli, garlic and ginger for one or two minutes before adding the red pepper. After five minutes add the rice and after a minute or so stir in the prawns and cook them until they are pink. Continue to fry gently for another few minutes and then make a hollow in the centre of the wok in which to scramble the eggs.

Stir them through season and garnish the dish with the coriander

A nice healthy way to start the year

Chris

Kim xx

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to be part of a crew. Three years after qualifying as crew he passed out as a helmsman. He has lots of memorable moments on the crew from the Boscastle flood to a shout on New Year's Eve in 2011. By the time the crew had rescued the casualty from Tintagel Head and returned to the village in bitterly cold weather, they had forgotten it was New Year's Eve and when they walked into the pub the party was in full swing, everyone thought they were in fancy dress!! (Then they realised and bought them a pint!) Andy was also the last RNLI crew member to be lifted into a Sea King Search and Rescue helicopter before they were decommissioned. He didn't realise this until he was in the helicopter where the crew were quite emotional. Andy says it took him a while to understand what was happening, it was a great memory.

Port Isaac Lifeboat Operations Manager, Kevin Dingle said 'I am fortunate to have served with Trevor, Richard, John and Andy. We are lucky to have so many crew at Port Isaac who have committed to volunteer for such long periods of time and we are all very grateful for their dedication'.

St Endellion Parish Council

Contract & Maintenance Supervisor Report

As I'm writing this the evenings are already starting to pull out and the dark days of deepest winter are behind us. It's lovely to see the early signs of spring beginning to show, with snowdrops and some daffodils poking through.

During the last couple of months there's been the usual housekeeping such as the play area inspections and walking the footpaths. These have required some maintenance due to the storms Gerrit and Henk. Quite a few large branches and small trees came down along stretches of Port Gaverne valley, on the footpath from Trewetha to Port Isaac and Postman's Walk. I've invested in a folding saw, which is legal for anyone with a reasonable cause to be carrying it. I also take a small first aid kit with me, just in case! The saw is great as it's light weight and as an accompaniment to my secateurs I'm prepared for most things!

A couple of weekends ago I decided to work along the newer part of the walk at Pine Haven which cuts through the valley. Little did I know that a running event was also planned that day. It had been raining up to a few days before, so quite muddy. I started trimming at various bit of overgrown vegetation when some people headed towards me in a bit of a hurry. Followed by more and more! I had to keep dodging out of the way, not easy when the mud was almost ankle deep and the runners were making it worse!

I managed to clear both Margaret's Lane and Meadowstile before Christmas, when they would be used more. The work is mostly removing fallen leaves and trimming the overhead branches. This was done again early in the New Year with the assistance of Paul from Biffa and his trusty leaf blower. Doctor's Meadow could do with a tidy up, so I'm hoping that that's done by the time you read this.

Although neither of my tools were any good to remove a padlock from the chainlink fence along Overcliffe. It was probably attached in memorial of a loved one, but unfortunately when there's one usually more join them and it becomes a thing, so it's been taken off.

Other tidying up work involved cutting the vegetation along the hedge adjacent to the Cornwall Council car park in New Road, next to the public loos. I thought it would be a quick job as the regular contractors look after this stretch. But Phil B and myself filled up three dumpy bags of cuttings. Mostly brambles which are really spiky and attach themselves to everything, coat, gloves, boots, jeans, and even the dumpy bags! We were joined by a member of the public who happened by with their dogs one minute and returned the next with their own hedge trimmer in hand and pitched right it. So thank you very much to them for helping out!

A flatscreen tv was dumped in the Main car park and with the storms a lot of broken slates were strewn along a stretch of New Road near the old garages. Both the tv and the slates went to the dump. I filled a couple of black bags with the slates. It was surprising how many were scattered along the road.

In the cemetery at St Endellion there was a sign giving relevant prices of various services that are offered by the Parish Council. Some of the lettering looked like it had melted and was sort of sagging in a weird way and the prices were very out of date. It's been removed and a new one will be installed as soon as it's ready. The changes to the costs will only apply to non-residents.

I accompanied one of the Parish Councillor's on a fact finding trip to Lanivet Community Centre to glean info that could be useful when it comes to our own proposed social hub. The set up they have is a real inspiration of how to design, raise money, run and enjoy a building which can provide many different uses and be financially sustainable.

At the beginning of December I received a message to say that there was baby seal stranded on the beach at Port Isaac. This is never good news as they are often ill or wounded and usually underweight. When I got there a volunteer from the British Divers Marine Rescue (BDMR) was there with the seal. As I've assisted with previous rescues I offered to help. Baby seals look really cute, but when they feel threatened as in this situation they can give a really nasty bite. Between the guy and myself the rescue went well, although one of its fins was injured. It was taken to the BDMR hospital.

Other work in Port Isaac has been to paint the inside of the old bus shelter at the top of Fore Street. This is in preparation for Port Isaac Heritage to be able to erect some display boards, showing some examples of local history and invite people to check out the exhibits in the Chapel Cafe, Roscarrock Hill. Just opposite the bus shelter is a post with multiple road signs on it. I noticed a few months ago that one of them said 'recycling banks' and pointed further along New Road. This recycling facility was removed at least 4 years ago, so now has the sign!

The week before Christmas, one of the ticket machines in the Main car park went down. I arranged for an engineer to come and fix it after I'd already tried all the techniques I've learnt. With it being so close to Christmas I was hoping he would be able to get it running again. However, there were two issues, the battery was flat and the machine required a replacement part which he didn't have, but he promised to get it working. I arranged to have the battery charged and he returned on 21st December and sure enough it was fixed. Phew!

Also at the Main car park, public toilets a coin machine's screen had become detached from its front. It was very fiddly as all the wires and workings are right in the way, but it's been glued back into place. In the accessible cubicle, the spout which guides the hand washing unit had been broken off. A new piece was ordered and between Phil B and myself we managed to replace it.

In December's *Trio* I mentioned that the accessible door's strike plate at New Road was being very awkward and not behaving itself. It's now been replaced and is working beautifully every time. In another cubicle at New Road a toilet pan had become dislodged from the floor and was leaking water onto the floor. A call to one of the local plumbers and a few hours later all done.

At Roscarrock Hill WCs we are a step closer to getting the work started; at this month's Full Council meeting it was agreed to engage James Mac Donnell to carry out the general building work on the refurbishment of the building. So, he and his brother may well have started by the time you get to see this, if not it won't be long.

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





The evacuation process was typically done by school, with children and teachers being evacuated en-masse to the same place. The largest group of evacuees to Port Isaac came from Lionel Road Primary School in Brentford. It was interesting to note that Mrs Ashton, who ran the *Bide-A-While Hotel* in Port Gaverne (now *Gullrock*), was a primary school teacher in Brentford prior to coming here in 1920. Perhaps she still had contacts there and suggested Port Isaac as a suitable location. The school was originally evacuated to Buckinghamshire, not arriving in Port Isaac until June 1940 when the war began to hot up. The article reported Miss Hattersley, headmistress at Lionel Road School, giving these quotes from the children about their experience here –

“Auntie and Uncle took us for a picnic”; “Uncle took us on the sea and we caught seven herrings”; “Auntie has taught us some lovely songs with descants. One boy can now play the piano and Auntie is going to teach me the violin”; “Auntie made me a new frock”; “Uncle takes me for spelling”; “We had a lovely birthday party yesterday”; “Auntie has made her puddings - we had a stir and a wish”. Others wrote that they helped milk the cow, helped in the garden or with the harvest. One letter read: “Dear Mum and Dad, I don’t want to come home until the war over, but I would like you to come and see me sometimes”.

One can imagine the excitement, perhaps tinged with some trepidation, of a young child from London being taken out on the sea for the first time, then catching seven herrings which were no doubt eaten fresh for tea when they got back. Miss Hattersley must have required all letters home to go through her to act as some sort of censor, so she may well have been selective in her choice of quotes. However, those children’s delightful comments are consistent with the other stories we have received from evacuees, reflecting an enjoyable time here with caring surrogate parents. She also reported that the children were doing their share in all Government activities ‘camouflaging nets, war savings, collecting salvage day by day, collecting stamps, [rose] hips, and black-berries’. The headmistress ‘comprehensively thanked all who had assisted in any way. “I do want to thank you one and all for all you have done for us during the past 19 months”.

During wartime, there was a national week in late September for collecting rose hips, which contain 20 times the vitamin C of oranges, to make into rosehip syrup, an important vitamin supplement. Older residents may remember being given a regular spoonful of ‘*Delrosa Rosehip Syrup*’ as an infant. (I thought it was disgusting but preferable to cod liver oil!). For the child who hoped his parents could come and see him sometimes, the government provided two free train tickets a year for parents to visit the children. Indeed, present at the pantomime was one of the parents, a Mr A G Dale who had two children billeted at Port Isaac. He commented ‘The foster parents had taken the children not only to

When researching pantomimes for the December TRIO, I came across a December 1941 newspaper article reporting that our evacuees put on a pantomime, ‘Cinderella at Home’, for their temporary foster parents. The whole article covered much more than the pantomime and was a treasure trove on all aspects of evacuee life and opinions, with comments from locals, the children’s teachers, a parent, and the evacuees.

their homes but to their hearts. He did not think more could be done for the children and wished to thank the foster parents whose kindness was not only appreciated now but would be in the years to come.’

On behalf of the County Education Committee, of which he was a member, our always active Mr T H Dyer, explained how the task of billeting so many children in Cornwall had gone.

It had been no easy task to put about 30,000 children from London, Plymouth and other places into the life of the Cornish community and give them the education which was their due. He was glad to know that the failures in regard to billeting had been infinitesimal compared to the successes and he believed the foster parents had grown to love the children. He was sure when they returned home they would be none the worse for their Cornish visit and perhaps it would have done them good.

The vicar of St Peters, the Rev CW Stenson-Stenson, wondered ‘whether the children could see what their coming among them had done for the people who looked on Cornwall as their home and realised how terribly they would be missed one day when they left them. All the teachers had thrown their weight into everything, irrespective of what was demanded of them in their school hours, being unceasing in their help in connection with local affairs. The children too had made their contribution to the Church of England and in the chapels as well. “You have given us a great deal - I want you to feel we do appreciate that - and when the time comes that you will, please God, be united with your parents and this bogey of war is a thing of the past, I hope you will remember us, and I can assure you we shall not forget you”.

Mrs Stenson-Stenson was a member of the local evacuation committee and made this comment - One of the proudest things for Port Isaac and St Endellion parish was that no single child was forcibly billeted. Homes were offered to the children, and they were homes indeed. For the foster parents she said they had had the loyal co-operation of Miss Hattersley and her staff. We were not given the baby and left to hold it; they have helped us throughout.

The headmistress was clearly efficient, as she

Our Wartime Evacuees from Lionel Road School in Brentford



ensured the parents back home were informed of the children's welfare. The Middlesex Independent of 8th February 1941 reported receiving a letter from Miss C Hattersley letting the home borough know the happy descriptions of Christmas and New Year celebrations, with special parties for the evacuee children in Port Isaac, and a grand party for all evacuees in Trelights. This was funded by a house to house collection organised by our local Toc H organisation, supplemented by sums raised with concerts by the school staff including songs from Port Isaac's nationally renowned baritone, Jack Collins, augmented by contributions from Brentford and London councils. The local children were, of course, included and the party was for 400 children, who each received a present, with cakes, lemonade, and jelly aplenty. The letter added 'I would like to express on behalf of the staff, the children, and their parents, deep gratitude to the foster parents of Port Isaac and Trelights for the wonderful hospitality they are extending to our children who are so well cared for and loved by them.'

Another piece of evidence for an enjoyable time here has come from a small album of photographs showing the Lionel Road children at *Bide-A-While* with Mrs Ashton around 1941. These were provided by Dave Gomm, who was evacuated here with his brother Peter and used to live in Lundy Road before retiring to St Breward. He fortuitously rescued them from being thrown out by his brother, as he happened to visit him in London one weekend and saw the album lying on top of a skip of rubbish awaiting collection. Two of these images are reproduced here, one showing all the children, and the other showing the girls dancing on the lawn. Note the grins on all the girls' faces as they are joined by one brave boy who was quite happy to be photographed energetically dancing with 'soppy girls'.

About 10 years ago, I was delighted to receive several images of Mrs Ashton at *Bide-A-While* from her distant relatives in Australia, including a charming, if cockeyed, picture of Mrs Ashton in a deckchair knitting, while surrounded by her happy and smiling evacuees. Mrs Ashton had no

children herself and was happy to be a surrogate mother to so many at *Bide-A-While*. One boy, Reginald Vincent Brooks who had lost his mother, was treated like a son. From the earliest days, she recognised and encouraged his latent musical ability, and the *Cornish Guardian* of 24th May 1945 reports that he quickly gained a distinction in Grade 4 of the Royal School of Music, skipping the first three grades. With the aid of the County Welfare Officer, she got him an audition with Dr Henry Phillips, the director of music at the Canterbury School of Music, then evacuated in Carlyon Bay. He got a glowing report, and became a scholar at the Canterbury Choir School, and a chorister in the Cathedral Choir. Mrs Ashton was honoured to receive an invitation to the enthronement of the new Archbishop of Canterbury in the cathedral and took her very first nights away from *Bide-A-While* for the event. She was so proud to see Reginald taking part as one of the leading choristers.

That *Cornish Guardian* article recorded that Mrs Ashton was an accomplished musician, playing the violin, cello and piano. She was the organist at St Peters and was actively involved in introducing the children to all matters musical, with the *Bide-A-While* evacuees becoming the mainstay of the church choir during the war. Perhaps she was the 'auntie' who 'taught us some lovely songs with descants' and was 'going to teach me to play the violin'.

Host families were not expected to look after the children for free, as the government paid weekly allowances of 10s 6d (53p, equivalent to about £25 today) for the first unaccompanied child and 8s 6d (43p, about £20 today) for each subsequent child. The sums paid were certainly not overly generous, but in a fishing community, income could be sporadic and dependent on the weather, so no doubt the regular income would ease strained budgets in lean times. Mrs Ashton had given up her hotel business to care for the children, and the 1945 *Cornish Guardian* article reported that, after eight months of looking after the evacuees, she found this allowance was insufficient to feed all those hungry mouths. Reluctantly, she had to advise the billeting officer she would have to restart her business and to find other places for the children. With her experience of dealing with the children, this caused quite considerable consternation. Wadebridge Rural Council quickly came up with the solution and requisitioned the hotel as a hostel in March 1941, asking Mrs Ashton to take over as matron, a solution heartily welcomed by Miss Hattersley and the school authority. She carried on in this capacity throughout the war, during which time over 100 children passed through *Bide-A-While*. In January 1946, she sold the hotel and retired to Heybrook Bay near Plymouth, where she died in 1958.

This was a period in our history for which the parish should be justifiably proud; stepping up to the plate without hesitation, to give these displaced children a happy and caring home life.

Malcolm Lee
Port Isaac Heritage
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Clematis

Clematis are one of the most popular climbers we grow in our gardens and there are many different types. With a little planning it's possible to have clematis in bloom for much of the year, from mid-winter through until late autumn. Flowers come in all colours and sizes, and the foliage also varies with some varieties being evergreen.

Clematis are divided into 3 groups, depending on when in the year they flower. Group 1 flower from mid-winter to mid-spring, group 2 from late spring to mid-summer, and group 3 from late summer into autumn. The group the clematis are in, determines when the plant should be pruned, so even if you don't know the name of your plant or have lost the label, by noting when it flowers you can tell what group it's in and when to prune.

To get plenty of blooms this year, group 3 varieties such as clematis jackmanii, clematis texensis and other late flowering hybrids you need a good cut back now before new growth begins. Because they flower on the current season's growth, the new shoots made this spring and summer will produce flower buds. Pruning is very easy and is simply a case of cutting the plants back hard using a pair of clean, sharp secateurs and cut back to approx 15cm from ground level. Remove all old growth from the trellis, or if growing through shrubs and evergreens, pull out the cut-off stems. Using garden compost or well rotted manure, mulch around the base to keep soil cool and moist. Feed in spring with a general fertiliser to encourage strong new shoots that will produce beautiful flowers in late summer.

Group 2 should be pruned in early spring and group 1 does not require regular pruning except for the removal of faded flowers. In subsequent years, some thinning maybe necessary.

Winter-prune Apples

Now is the time to prune your dormant apple trees using sharp secateurs and a pruning saw when the weather is pleasant and not too cold. Remove the dead, diseased and dying wood. Take out any branches that cross and any that are too close to the ground, bearing in mind though, that the more you prune, the more the tree will replace the leafy growth and the less fruit it will produce.

Did you know until recently, it was thought that apples had evolved from the wild crab apples found in the English countryside. However, new genetic research has revealed that our apple varieties began life in the fruit forests of the Tien Shan in Central Asia. Initially seeds were spread by bears and birds, but travellers and their pack animals also ate the fruit and so spread the seeds beyond their native region.

Long tailed Tit

The long-tailed tit is a tiny bird of hedgerows, woodland, parks and gardens. It builds a domed nest out of moss in a bush or fork of tree and camouflages it with cobwebs and lichen. It lines the nest with as many as 1,500 feathers to make it soft for the 8 to 12 eggs it lays. In winter they form flocks with other tits.



Dahlias

Every garden needs a few dahlias, whether they're for summer bedding, filling borders or for cut flowers. Unlike most summer bulbs, each plant will bloom profusely for many months.

Dwarf bedding dahlias are easily grown from seed, but the best flowers are grown from tubers which are available to buy now. There are several ways to treat tubers. You can keep them cool and dry and plant them in the border in early March where they are to bloom, but really it's best to start them in pots under cover first. This means that you'll be planting out growing plants so you'll get earlier flowers, and you can divide the sprouted tubers or even take cuttings so you can get two or more plants from each tuber.

Pot tubers so the top of the swollen roots at the base of the stem are at soil level. The new shoots of the plants will grow from the base of the stem and not the actual tubers. Keep the potted tubers moist and at a temperature of above 10°C. It's important they're in a bright place so the shoots will be short and sturdy.

Guess what! I saved £1 per day for every day it rained in 2023 - and I accumulated £228! Just goes to show what a wet year it was!



St Endellion Parish Council Precept 2024

St Endellion Parish Council would like to notify you all that we have not requested an increase in our precept amount for the sixth year running. This is despite inflation being at its highest for many years.

The precept is the money the County Council give to the Parish Council each year from the money each household pays in their rates or Council tax.

The services required to help keep the parish running have increased their rates exponentially over the last twelve months, but we endeavour to use our precept to cover these costs without impacting the residents of St Endellion.

The precept amount requested by parish councils each year has a direct effect on council tax rates. The primary cause of increases from 2018 onwards has been due to second-home owners registering their properties as businesses which enables them to pay less in council taxes. We hope to see changes to policies around this in future but in the meantime, we aim to help towards keeping rates as low as possible.

“Bledhen Nowydh Da!”
from all at St Endellion Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on January 15th 2024

Present

Cllrs Raynor (Chair), Cleave (Vice Chair), Williams, Webster, Symons, Button, Pierpoint, Smith, D Harrison (Clerk), C&MS Ms Jon

Apologies

Cllrs Hills, Dawe, Collings and Divisional Member Mould

Organisations and Reports

- a. **Parish Council Chair** – Members to receive a report.
Cllr Raynor welcomes Cllrs Pierpoint and Smith to their first full Parish Council meeting.
Cllr Raynor reads out the correspondence received from Springbourne Homes (Central Garage). It was received in response to the Clerk requesting permission for a street sign for visitors to cross the road before the blind bend. They have issued a complaint by email regarding a parish Cllr parking on their land. The complaint has been forwarded to the relevant department at Cornwall Council.
- b. **Divisional Members Report**- Members to receive a report.
Cllr Mould unable to attend. No report.
- c. **Playing Field Development Working Party** - Members to receive an update.

Cllr Button is meeting with the head of Port Isaac School this week to gather thoughts and views from one of the main stakeholders. He will feed any outcomes back to members. The Clerk will respond to Daniel Sproull regarding the Playing Field Agreement between Port Isaac Community Primary School and St Endellion Parish Council once directed by Cllr Button.

Cllr Button has met with a subcommittee for the PFDWP to establish the views of other key stakeholders. It is deemed necessary to engage active volunteers with the required skillset to help get the project moving. Cllr Button is familiar with Lanivet community centre and feels it achieves 70-80% of the PFDWP plans but it does not have a licensed premises. The subcommittee will utilise the Survey Monkey subscription in the next six months to gather data from the wider community. The project is likely eligible for grants/financial support for additional costs such as upgrading the access via the car park.

Cllr Webster addresses rumours in the village regarding the Village Hall

and the new playing field development. The project aims to compliment village hall not to replace it. It may that there is some crossover with activities more suited to one location than the other for reasons such as parking and access, but this will only be apparent when the project is completed.

d STEND_HWG – Members to receive an update.
Cllr Williams is hopeful the pre app advice will be due soon, the festive period slows application outcomes down.

e Camel Valley Community Area Partnership – Members to receive a report. Last meeting was on January 8th in Wadebridge.

Cllr Raynor reports back on the Sustrans Cycle Routes which use byroads to link different council areas. They install signage to highlight them as cycle routes which has been found to slow traffic down and keep other road users such as horse riders safe.

Cllr Raynor highlights the work of the Cornwall Voluntary Sector Forum, an organisation aimed at promoting the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

Cllr Raynor discussed Georgia's Voice based in Falmouth which offer a safe place for women with mental health concerns. They primary support women aged between 18-25 but will make referrals to anyone who contacts them.

Adam Birchall, head of planning and housing, gave a talk around the new rules for local plans to take effect by the end of the year. The next meeting is on 22nd April 2024.

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

PA23/05938 Tre-Pol-Pen 8 New Road Port Isaac
Demolition of existing dwelling and re-development to provide 1 retail unit with 1 bed apartment and 3 No town houses.

Support

PA23/09640 91 Fore Street Port Isaac
Application for Non-Material Amendment to PA23/02872 for a proposed demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling., namely 1) proposed plant room.

No Comment

Cornwall Council Planning Decisions – information only.

PA23/08865 Brennik House 23A New Road Port Isaac
Non-Material Amendment (1) to Application No. PA22/02541 dated 14th July 2022 for Replacement of existing substandard bungalow with new two storey family dwelling, namely, an increase in height of parapet by 250mm.

Approved Unconditional

PA23/01292/PREAPP Land North of Pennant Farm Port Isaac
Pre application advice for 21m Lattice mast housing 3 antennas with associated radio units, 2 Dish antennas, ground-based equipment cabinet within a fenced compound and ancillary development works thereto, including new access point and track. **Closed - Advice Given**

Environmental / Amenity Matters

Cemetery – Update to procedures.

Clerk shares a table outlining potential increases to match Delabole's cemetery prices. The increases will affect non-parishioners. After discussion a 50% increase for non-parishioners is agreed.

Corserv cleaning contract renewal – Ms Jon informs members that from April, the cleaning costs alone will increase by over £7,000 compared to last year. There is a 22% admin charge on top of cleaning costs, which may be negotiable. St Minver Highlands and Lowlands are in the same position as St Endellion. The role, if we were to seek another provider, would require two-three people with a vehicle and storage space. It is not a full-time post for our parish alone but if the surrounding parishes agree to tender the contract for the same business, it could make it an attractive opportunity for a local cleaning company. C&MS will organise an advert to encourage any persons/

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businesses who may be interested. C&MS informs members that legionnaires testing is no longer a requirement due to the water being in use daily.

Estimate for replacement car park ticket machines – Flowbird quote December 2023: Compact S3 TOUCH, mains powered, Ethernet or 4G, coin, contactless A1000, mounting frame kit, standard colour - £4,507. Compact S5 Mobile, mains powered, Ethernet or 4G, coin, contactless A1000, mounting frame kit, standard colour - £6,493. Cllr Raynor confirms that £10,000 will be added to the reserves for machine maintenance/replacement. All support.

Deli-Box - Tenants would like permission to put out a banner along the railings in front of the shop to show their services etc. Approx 8 - 10 feet in length & to be displayed daily when they're open. All support.

Roscarrock refurbishment - next steps C&MS outlines what happened in the recent meeting to discuss the planned works on the toilet block. Three quotes from local builders contractors are shared and discussed along with drawings to show new access points and new layout. Works will involve removing the entrances and making both cubicles unisex. The planning permission has been in place for over 12 months. There will be an upgrade to the disabled toilet. C&MS suggests Wallgate for replacements such as hand dryers. There will be £70,000 put into reserves for the completed works. Members request the contractor chosen to take on the works provide a variation of the quote in writing to ensure costs for contingency. All in support of James McDonnell's quote. A majority of members support unisex toilets.

Highway Matters

Plans to resurface B3314, post shared to parish council Facebook page and parish council website in December. C&MS would also like a copy of the map sharing to members.

Documentation / Correspondence – not covered elsewhere on the agenda, including any items received after the agenda had been issued. Cllr Williams references lack of support for objections to PA23/02665 from Divisional Member Mould and the designated case officer. She had discussed the matter with NDP author, who felt the shortcoming arose for the Historic Service determination. She noted the PC comment reflected solely concerns with height and failed to note massing. As she had a declared interest, she felt this may have affected the outcome.

Diary Dates

Full Council Meeting – Monday 12th February 2023 7pm St Endellion Hall

Rolling Meeting Date for third Thursday of the month, although February will become fourth Thursday

Full minutes from this meeting are available on the PC website www.stendellionpc.com
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Local student wins the John Bray Cornish Holidays Christmas Card Competition

North Cornwall's holiday letting experts John Bray Cornish Holidays were delighted to once again run their art competition, offering children across the region the chance to design the company's 2023 Christmas card. After receiving masses of fantastic entries, the winner was chosen as Pandora Mackie, age 10, from St Minver School, for her design titled "Cornish Choughs at Baby Bay".

The children were asked to design something that not only celebrates Christmas, but also acts as a reminder of North Cornwall's beauty, and the need to protect and conserve the region - a challenge the children in the area rose to wonderfully. After much deliberation by the judge, Pandora was triumphant for her nature inspired creation, winning herself art supplies worth £50 and a bundle of Christmas cards in her own design to share with friends and family - plus St Minver School has received £200 for its art department.

Katy Falconer, Operations Manager at John Bray Cornish Holidays said "It was fabulous to see the children's artwork. There are so many talented children here in North Cornwall, and the creativity was so impressive. A massive thank you to every child that entered - you should all be very proud of yourselves.

She continues "Our parent company Sykes Cottages has recently achieved B Corp accredited status, recognising the positive contribution we as a group make to the people, the planet, and the community we serve. As such, it is a delight to see the how the children view our surroundings, and their understanding of the important part we all play in protecting it."

The judge of the competition, landscape artist Lucy Gunning, who grew up in Cornwall and has a true love of the county, said "It was such an honour to be asked to judge this competition, I was thrilled to be involved. I have really enjoyed admiring all the entries, and it was fun seeing how the children responded to the brief. The originality of the designs was incredible. Well done to everyone that took part, and congratulations to the worthy winner, Pandora."

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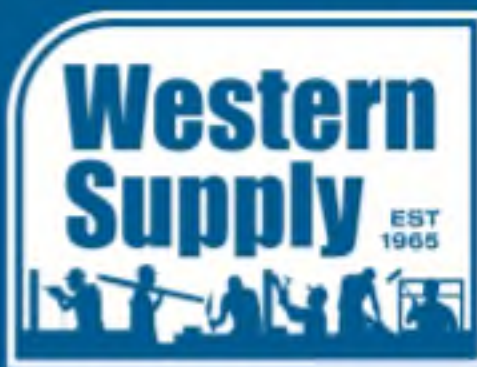
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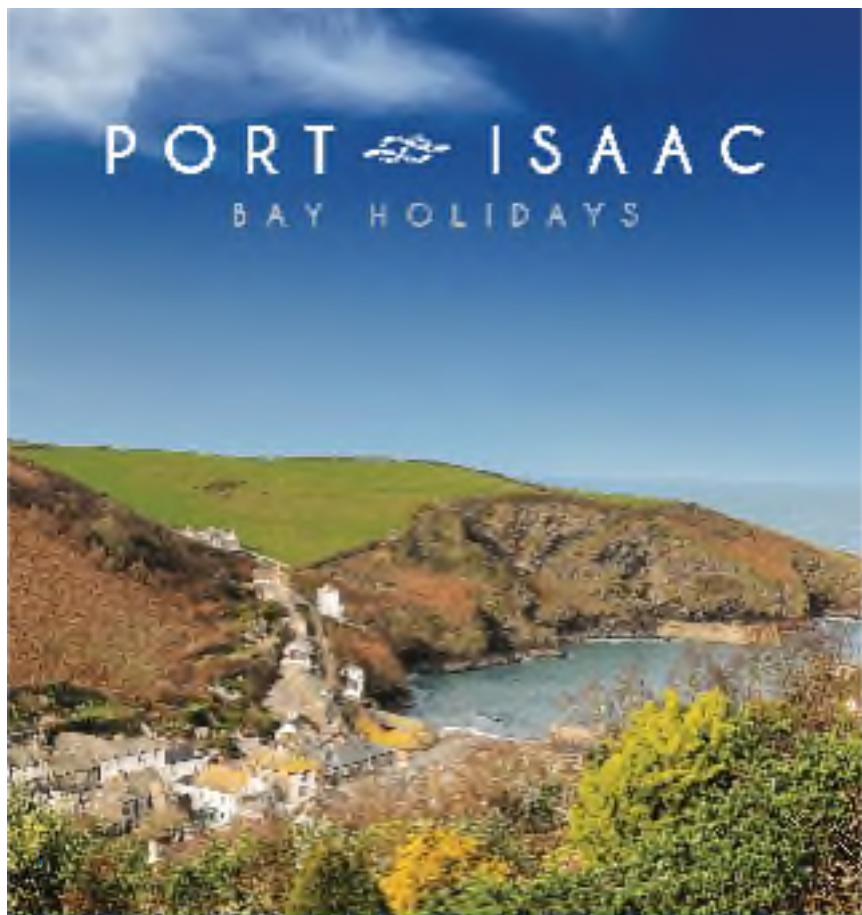
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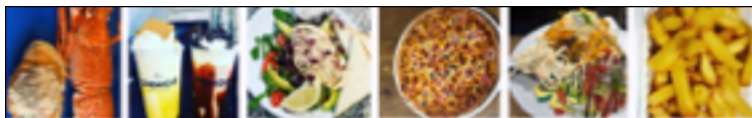
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Monday February 12th

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