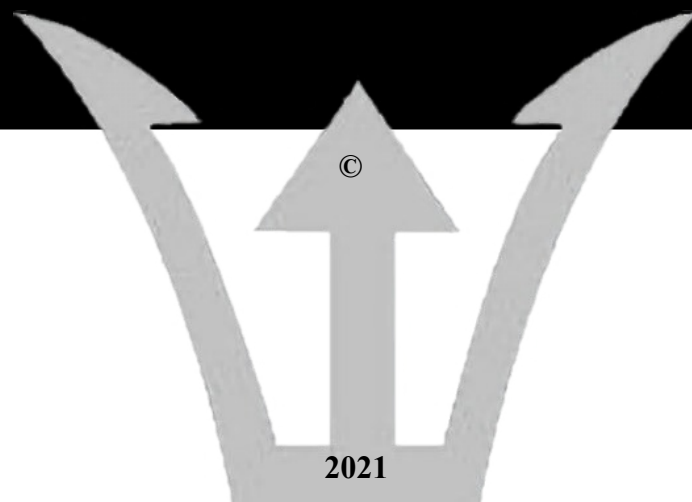


# PORTHLEVEN MUSEUM



## *Jim is new town chairman*

*THE new chairman of Porthleven Town Council says he is looking forward to working with local people and organisations.*

*Jim Stokes, who was elected chairman at last Thursday's meeting, takes over from long standing town and district councillor Godfrey Stephens.*

*Mr Stokes, 69, has lived in Porthleven since 1952 and joined the council three years ago to help push forward the town's ongoing sea defences project.*

*A former Lieutenant Commander, he joined the Royal Navy during World War Two and flew as a pilot and observer. Retiring in 1961, he went on to fly for the BOAC airline in the Gulf, the Mayflower air service at St Just and for Bryman Airways.*

**by**  
**Staff**  
**Reporter**

*Mr Stokes said he has always regarded Porthleven as the family home and added: "I'm just the chap that sits in the chair. Peter Morris, the town clerk, is the one with the finger on the pulse and Mike Carter, the vice-chairman, is very switched on."*

*His wife Joy is an artist and designer and they have two children. John, 42, is a captain flying Boeing 767s for Britannia Airways and Michael, 38, is the information sales manager for Reuters Asia and is based in Singapore.*



■ Jim Stokes...new Porthleven chairman

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DRY RUN: A 771 Squadron Sea King during a demonstration at Porthleven last year. Picture: COLIN HIGGS

by DAVID GREEN

THE lives of 124 people were saved last year by search and rescue helicopters from Cornwall's Culdrose naval air station.

The total was 19 up on the previous year though the number of rescue missions flown by 771 Squadron at Culdrose dropped by eight to 215.

Poor weather last summer kept the figure down, according to the squadron's commanding officer, Lieut Cdr Len Mathews.

"We go out into the community and preach the gospel that prevention is better than cure," he added.

A breakdown of the

# Poor weather gives rescue aces a breather

SAR incident statistics show that there were 40 medical evacuations last year.

The squadron's Sea King helicopters rescued 28 people from commercial vessels and made 22 cliff rescues.

Eight swimmers or surfers were picked up by helicopters which were also used for six civil

mercy operations. The largest rescue mission of the year was of the 15 crew from the Maltese registered tanker Grape One which sank last month off the Devon coast.

But as it was the night of 771's Christmas party, the operation was carried out by a crew from 706 Squadron at Culdrose.

Europe's largest helicopter base flew a total of 221 SAR sorties last year, compared to 235 in 1992 and 208 in 1991.

The 124 people rescued shows a significant fall from the 1989 figure of 216 when Cornwall last enjoyed a boom in tourism.

Lt Cdr Mathews said the squadron's helicopters were scrambled on 26 occasions last year to deal with incidents involving Culdrose-based aircraft.

The speed with which Culdrose can respond to call-outs and the number of emergencies which it tackles illustrates how vital a service the station provides in guarding the coastline around the South West.

## TUBBY GODFREY PUTS GYM TO THE TEST



RIPPLING: Councillor Godfrey Stephens on the exercise machine. Picture: COLIN HIGGS

# We're lucky to be alive

## Skipper and son escape death as trawler hits boat

A SHOCKED Cornish fishing skipper and his son are lucky to be alive after their trawler severely damaged in a collision with another vessel.

David Williams, of Porthleven, was within inches of being decapitated as the metal booms of a larger Jersey trawler just cleared the top of his wheelhouse.

But his 54ft boat Gamrie Bay sustained an estimated £30,000 worth of damage in the collision nine miles from Newlyn and she had to be escorted back to port.

The Department of Transport's Marine Accident Investigation Branch has been informed and is to carry out an inquiry into the matter.

The other vessel involved was the Jersey-registered Pieter J, owned by the Boorcier family, which was heading in the same direction as the Gamrie Bay.

Mr Williams, 59, said: "I suddenly heard a big bang, looked out my port window and saw the bow of a beam trawler, with its booms sweeping across.

"The booms were barely a foot over the wheelhouse. A bit lower and I would have been killed and my son Kevin trapped below.

"We were very lucky to survive.

"I have been fishing for more than 40 years and owned this boat for 18 years

by ROBERT JOBSON

without a scratch. This accident should never have happened.

"It occurred at about 1.30 pm on Friday. The sky was clear and the visibility good. I was in the wheelhouse. We were trawling and moving at about two knots.

"The other boat must have been doing about 12 knots. She was heading from the Lizard towards Land's End and going in roughly the same direction as us.

"I first saw her about a mile behind and thought her skipper would keep well clear and give us plenty of room because we were fishing."

### Repairs

After the collision the skipper of the Pieter J, who later declined to give Mr Williams his name and address, halted and accompanied the Gamrie Bay towards Newlyn before putting into Penzance and departing on Friday evening.

Another Porthleven fisherman Michael Orchard, skipper of the Golden Spinney, assisted Mr Williams at the accident scene and winched some of his lost trawling gear from the sea bed.

Mr Williams and son Kevin, 33, face a costly two to



**BADLY DAMAGED:** David and Kevin Williams back in Newlyn on the Gamrie Bay Picture: DAVID BRENCHLEY

three month lay-off while major repairs are done and the insurance companies of the two vessels involved try to settle the claim.

Peter Rayment, Penzance-based national fishing director of the Sea Safety Group, said that he had faxed details of the accident to the MAIB in London.

He said: "We are endeavouring to trace the owner and skipper of the Pieter J. We have all the necessary evidence and intend to take this matter further," he said.

"It is very lucky that we don't have another tragedy on our hands. Fortunately the Gamrie Bay was hit on her strongest point.

"She could so easily have been split open and sent straight to the bottom, with two lives lost."

■ Another daylight collision happened 12 miles from Falmouth on Saturday when the 38-ft gill netter Regina Maris was holed.

She involved in a collision with the 300-yards long Gibraltar-registered gas carrier Port Harcourt, which

was heading towards Falmouth Bay to be refuelled.

The badly damaged Regina Maris, skippered by David Kessell, of Falmouth, was later beached at Helford for repairs.

### Dangers

Local fisherman Clinton Powell, of Mylor, said that the accident highlighted the dangers of large tankers cutting corners around the Lizard and shortening distances when coming into Falmouth.

■ A windsurfer was rescued

by coastguards and ambulancemen yesterday afternoon after getting into difficulties and collapsing with hypothermia.

The man, in his late 40s and from Axmouth, near Seaton, ran into trouble in extreme weather conditions as he sailed near Exmouth.

He was taken to Warren View Rest Home, in Mudbank Lane, by an ambulance. The matron at the home offered the man a warm bath to help him recover and he did not need hospital treatment.

Sea tragedy at Porthleven claims its second victim

# Parents at bedside as boy, 3, dies

Family vow to improve safety on the quay

by **Staff Reporter**

RELATIVES of Nicky Shipman vowed yesterday to improve safety at Porthleven pier so that her baby and boyfriend will not have died in vain.

Kate Robinson, whose brother Giles drowned trying to rescue little Martin, told the Packet: "He died a hero's death.

"So that he will have died for a reason and in memory of him we are starting a fund to get safety measures at the pier so that nobody else dies there like that.

"There have been other deaths and it mustn't happen again.

"We want a barrier and a gate and a sign saying something like 'When this gate is closed, the pier is extremely dangerous. Please do not come near'.

"There will always be some people who will climb over but there won't be families with children going on there. Also we want lifebelts on the pier.

"Nothing will stand in my way. I have already started ringing people."

Mrs Robinson, who lives with husband George at Stennack, St Ives, has invited donations to be sent to undertaker Alec Strike at Porthleven.



**GILES PEACOCK...died in a courageous effort to save young Martin from the turbulent sea**

*See also Page Seven*

**NEW JOB**

Giles, whose friends called him Eddie, and Kate, 30, were both born in Wiltshire. The family moved to Scotland and their mother, Margaret, still lives there. She was travelling to Cornwall yesterday from the Isle of Harris to attend her son's funeral at Porthleven Methodist Church tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs Peacock will stay at Ashton, near Helston, with her sister and brother-in-law Joan and Tom Fisher and Giles's grandmother, who is in her nineties.

Giles and Nicky, who moved to Holman's Place in Porthleven the day before the tragedy, were planning to get married. Previously they lived at Constantine, where Nicky, 22, has spent most of her life.

Giles, 23, should have started a new job on Monday for a quarry firm at Truro.



**A CULDROSE helicopter raises Giles' body from the beach the day after the tragedy**

LITTLE Martin Shipman had both his parents at his bedside when he died on Tuesday. Although Nicky and Anthony Shipman are divorced, they shared their son's last hours together.

Martin, three, clung to life for 48 hours after being swept into the sea at Porthleven on Sunday afternoon by a ferocious wave.

He died in intensive care at Treiske Hospital in Truro after a constant but vain vigil by Nicky, 22.

Yesterday the grieving mother was mourning a double tragedy. Her boyfriend Giles "Eddie" Peacock, whom she was planning to marry, drowned trying to save Martin from the murderous waves.

His sister Kate told the Packet: "Eddie was holding Martin's hand. The force of the wave knocked them all over and he held on to him but couldn't keep holding on."

The boy vanished into the water and Eddie leaped in after him.

"Nicky was being knocked by more waves and had to be dragged away because she wouldn't leave them," said Kate.

**SCREAMS**

A steward from RNAS Culdrose, Gary Powell, heard the screams as he was walking along with harbourside with wife Jayne and son Ben. He jumped into the water and saw Eddie holding Martin up but the swell was too strong and Gary had to be pulled out.

A Culdrose diver, Petty Officer Aircrewman Sam Norris, got Martin out after about 20 minutes and they were winched up to a helicopter.

But Eddie had disappeared and the rough seas prevented his body being recovered until the next day.

Nicky said on Tuesday: "Martin was laughing at the waves but a huge wave came from nowhere and dragged us all off our feet.

"Martin was the only one thrown in. Eddie dived

by **David Robinson**

**'Mummy, help me!' he shouted from the sea**

straight in. He was holding Martin for five to ten minutes while Martin was screaming 'Mummy, help me!'. I was so angry because there was nothing I could throw to help get him out.

"There was nothing I could do. The current was dragging them further and further out."

Kate said: "I couldn't praise highly enough the coastguard and the police, especially WPC Alyson Blake — she couldn't have done more — and the coroner's officer, Mr Ken Wood, and the Culdrose helicopter crew."

An inquest on Giles, 23, was opened and adjourned by West Cornwall coroner Mr Derrick Pepperell on Tuesday morning. The funeral service will be at Porthleven Methodist Church tomorrow at 2.30pm with interment in the cemetery there.



**GARY POWELL, who jumped into the sea in a brave rescue bid, at home with his son Ben**

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□ Undertaker Keith Penrose (left) watches sadly as the tiny coffin is carried down steps by his sons David and Stephen Penrose. The funeral at Constantine Parish Church was packed with mourners

## Butterfly danced over tiny coffin

THERE was hardly a seat to spare at Constantine Parish Church for the funeral of little Martin Shipman, who drowned at Porthleven after being swept into the sea by a wave.

Among the wreaths was one from the village playgroup.

The mourners, who included Martin's mother Nicky and father Anthony and members of Eddie's family, sang *All Things Bright and Beautiful* and *Amazing Grace*. Organist Desmond Reynolds played Martin's favourite song, *The Runaway Train*, and the Vicar, the Rev Andrew Wade, read a poem called Martin, composed by the boy's grandmother.

Throughout the service, an unseasonal butterfly fluttered around the church and it danced several times over the tiny coffin.

Mr Wade said: "In his short, short life, Martin showed a love, a joy and an innocence that was infectious."

"The changing moods of the sea can so often take us un-awares. Some things in life leave us at the time with a sense of hopelessness, helplessness and faithlessness but even in the midst of the greatest tragedy there is hope."

### SORROW

"Martin will not live again on this Earth as we know it and our sorrow is natural. But with a child there is a special relationship with God."

With rain falling gently, the mourners filed across to the graveyard and said goodbye.

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● Seventeen-year-old Jenny Search, of Helston, tries out Porthleven Gig Club's new dry-land training aid — a rowing machine. Looking on are club chairman Ted Gundry (left) and other club members.



● Bryan and Doris Stephens, of Cliff-road, Porthleven, pictured on their golden wedding day.

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# In honour

# Account 'Dobingo by David Robinson



MRS MARY PERKINS of the Porthleven Old Cornwall Society raises the St Piran flag

CHILDREN from Helston School celebrated St Piran's Day at Porthleven on Saturday by doing their traditional dance routine.

The school has been involved in the annual ceremony for several years.

Local primary schools are usually also invited to take part but they were not represented this time because the event fell on a Saturday.

Mrs Mary Perkins, secretary of the Old Cornwall Society, raised the St Piran flag on the flagpole on the headland and then the children did their Cornish dancing on the lawn at the home of Mrs and Mrs Andrew Bell, of Curnow Shipping.

Mrs Beatrice Curnow Plummer, one of the founder members of the Old Cornwall Society and a past chairman, recited the legend of St Piran, who is said to have landed at Perranporth in a millstone and became the patron saint of tanners.

Mrs Curnow Plummer, who is also chairman of Porthleven twinning association, said: "There was a good gathering of local people who came for the ceremony. It was beautiful weather after clouds to start the morning off."

The children will present an extended version of their dance programme again on Saturday at the Cornwall championships at Perranporth. The school, which holds the trophy for Cornish dancing, will have entries in eight sections of the competition.

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GRANDSONS Phillip and Terry join Mrs Mary Perkins, secretary of the Porthleven Old Cornwall Society, beneath the St Piran flag in the grounds of Andrew Bell's home during Saturday's celebrations



HELSTON SCHOOL dancers Rebecca Higgins, Demelza Willey, Victoria Gibbs and Kimberley Cox celebrate St Piran's Day at Porthleven in the grounds of Gar-Tul on the cliffs

# Safety gear to be put on sea tragedy pier

NEW SAFETY measures are being introduced on Porthleven pier after the double tragedy four weeks ago.

The news follows the drowning of Giles Peacock, 23, who died in vain trying to save the life of girlfriend Nicky Shipman's three-year-old son Martin.

Mr Peacock, better known as Eddie, dived into rough sea after a huge wave dragged Martin off the pier. Despite holding him above the swaves for over five minutes the current carried them both away from safety. Mr Peacock's body was recovered from the beach the following day and, despite holding on for over 48 hours, Martin died in Treliske's intensive care unit the day after.

Mr Peacock's sister Kate Robinson, who lives in St Ives, immediately started an appeal to improve safety measures on the pier, vowing on behalf of both



Godfrey Stephens

families that her brother's death would not be for nothing.

Her words were realised last Monday when Kerrier and Porthleven council chairman Godfrey Stephens called a meeting to see how safety could be improved.

"I am pleased that

something has been agreed to this quickly, but I definitely feel that if there were warnings there in the first place this accident would never have happened," said Mrs Robinson.

The equipment to be installed, put forward on the advice of ex-coastguard Alex Strike, includes two lifebelts, one either side of the pier, and a painted road sign at the entrance saying 'Danger In Rough Seas.'

Meter high posts will be erected at the entrance and in bad weather a chain will be strung across with a further sign saying 'Danger

— You Pass This Sign At Your Own Risk'.

Mrs Robinson said details have yet to be formalised over how the equipment will be paid for but it is believed the appeal fund she started will go towards covering the cost.

Kerrier representative Liz Mitchell, speaking on behalf of Godfrey Stephens, said he was pleased that action had been taken so quickly.

"He is delighted that a way forward has been found to improve safety measures in a way that still keeps the pier open for the public to enjoy," she said.

## PORTHLEVEN

EASTER services started at Porthleven Methodist Church on Good Friday with a service arranged by Mr. and Mrs. David Bailey. There were good congregations on Easter Sunday, when the morning service was led by the Minister, the Rev. Roy Ormesher. In the evening the preacher was Mr. Bill Read. The organists were Sheila Richards and Mary Oliver.

A PROGRAMME of Rhythm and Song was presented in Porthleven Public Hall on Wednesday evening by the Helston School stage band and the Trelawney Singers. There were also two solos by Janet Eathorne. The Lions Club of Helston made the arrangements and served refreshments. Proceeds were for local charities.

Porthleven — Members of the Porthleven Floral Club held their annual show in the public hall on Saturday.

The attractively laid out schedule on this year's theme, "March Air," produced over 70 interesting exhibits. The judge Mrs V. Kempson, from Mevagissey, stressed that the standard was very high in all sections. According to Mrs Pat Adams, show secretary, the most popular was "Spring," and it was Mrs Marjorie Kerbey's interpretation of this class which won the award for best exhibit in show, depicting a basket arrangement of fresh flowers and foliage.

The club chairman, Mrs Jeanette Richards, warmly welcomed everyone to the event, and the vice president Mrs B. Gray presented Mrs Kempson, with a basket of fruit.

Cup and trophies were presented by Mrs Kempson to — best in show: Mrs Marjorie Kerbey; most points in show: Mrs Jill Walker; advanced section: Mrs Jill Tilsley; intermediate: Mrs D. Pawley; beginners: Mrs Jill Walker; children's section: Sarah Williams; best dried arrangement: Mrs Barbara Gray; simplicity: Mrs Ruth Williams; best use of colour: Mrs Patricia Adams; interpretation: Mrs Patricia Adams.

First prize winners — small is beautiful — advanced: Mrs E. Lane; windswept — advanced: Mrs J. Tilsley; in from the cold — advanced: Mrs B. Gray; beginners: Mrs J. Walker; spring — advanced: Mrs M. Kerbey; intermediate: Mrs D. Pawley; beginners: Mrs J. Walker; spring cleaning — advanced: Mrs P. Adams; Easter parade — advanced: Mrs J. Tilsley; beginners: Mrs J. Walker; children's section with Easter in mind: Sarah Williams.

Porthleven — A coffee morning for the Porthleven Town Band raised over £38 for their fund at the Luger Restaurant, Porthleven on Saturday morning, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs I. Greaves.

There were the usual stalls and the raffle winners were: Mrs R. Thomas, Stephanie Rosewarne, Mr I. Greaves and Miss Sonia Bryant.

Porthleven — Members of the Porthleven Wives Club visited the Hobbit Craft Centre, Redruth, where they enjoyed demonstrations on pottery, smocking and painting. Thanks to the hosts were expressed by Mrs Margaret Rosewarne.

Porthleven — Porthleven Methodist Church held its Spring Gift Day on Saturday, to raise funds for the church. Coffee was served in the Sunday school, and there were various stalls.



Some of the trophy winners: Standing, from left, Ruth Williams, Jill Walker, Daphne Pawley, Barbara Gray and Patricia Adams, with Marjorie Kerbey with her best in show.

## High standard at floral art show

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Walker; children's section, Sarah Williams; dried arrangement, Mrs. Barbara Gray; simplicity, Mrs. Ruth Williams; use of colour, Mrs. Patricia Adams; interpretation, Mrs. Patricia Adams.

First prize winners: Mrs. E. Lane, Mrs. J. Tilsley, Mrs. B. Gray, Mrs. J. Walker, Mrs. M. Kerbey, Mrs. D. Pawley, Mrs. P. Adams, Sarah Williams.

Saturday 26 March



□ Cup winners pictured at the Porthleven Floral Club Flower Show in the public hall. Left to right, back row, are Mrs R.Williams, Mrs B.Grey, Mrs D.Pawley, Mrs P.Adams, and sitting, Mrs M.Kerbey, Mrs J.Tilsley and Mrs J.Walker.

## SPRING SHOW 1994 INFORMATION

### CLASSES

Classes 1 to 6 are open to all Club members  
Accessories may be used in all classes.  
Height unlimited unless stated otherwise.

### PUBLIC HALL OPENING TIMES

The Public Hall will be open for staging on  
Saturday morning from 8.30am to 11.30am.  
The Hall will be cleared for judging at 11.45am.  
The Hall will re-open at 2.30pm for members and  
general public.

### JUDGING

Judging will be in accordance with  
NAFAS rules (8th edition).  
Entries not conforming to the specified  
requirements in this schedule will be disqualified.  
Cups will be presented at 3pm for Most Points in  
Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced sections.  
There are also cups for Most Points in Show; Best  
in Show; Best Use of Colour; Best Dried  
Arrangement; Simplicity; Interpretation; and  
Childrens Cup.

### ENTRY CLOSING DATE

Completed entry forms and fees, (15p for each  
class) to be sent to Mrs P Adams  
by 12th March 1994



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## PORTHLEVEN

MEMBERS of Porthleven Wives Club held their annual meeting, chaired by Mrs. M. Rosewarne. Officers elected were: Chairman, Mrs. G. Russell; secretary, Mrs. M. Rosewarne; treasurer, Mrs. M. Williams; committee members, Mesdames C. Moore, J. Hardaker, L. Thomas, J. Ford and M. Christophers.

PORTHLEVEN Christadelphians welcomed a number of visitors to their services at the weekend. They included Mr. T. Smally, from Halesowen, who was the speaker at the Bible Class on Thursday. Mr. Mark Shepherd, from Wolverhampton, preached at the Breaking of the Bread Service on Sunday afternoon. He gave a lecture in the evening.

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ONE of the longest serving surf life-savers in the country, Ken Mitchell of Porthleven, is still on regular patrol at Gunwalloe Beach, where he has spent most of his spare time over the past 30 or more years.

Ken, who works for Kerrier Council as works supervisor for public buildings, will be 60 this year, but he will continue his duties at the beach — off which there

By NOEL PERRY

called in by the club who wanted to build new changing rooms.

From that first experience, he became more and more involved and has since seen hundreds of members pass through the club. This year, there will be a departure from previous summers because Kerrier are to employ life-guards on the beach.

They will be supported by club members who, as they have done in summers past,

will patrol at weekends, helping bathers who get into difficulties on what has been described as one of the worst beaches in the county because of the rip tide on both sides.

Ken said: "If you stay on the sandbank, you are all right, but if you get taken off it, no matter how good a swimmer, you are you can't get back."



is a notorious rip tide — this summer.

Next year, though, he will help out only when called upon to do so.

He is president of the Gunwalloe Surf Life-Saving Club and vice-president of the national SLSC.

He is also an examiner, which he will continue to do and an auxiliary coast-guard, from which he has to retire at 60 so he thought that was also the time to stop regular patrols.

But he said he would still go to Gunwalloe. "Last year, I did every duty there was which gets a bit much for me at my age. I will patrol until I am 60 then just when they want me."

His connection with the club started in an unlikely way. It was 33 years ago and Ken was involved in the local building trade. He was

One of the most recent serious incidents Ken was involved in was the rescue of a father and son who got into trouble last year off the beach. He recalled that it was one of three incidents he and the club had had to deal with on the same day.

Last week, Ken's employers at Kerrier acknowledged his contribution to surf life-saving and he received a certificate of achievement from the then council chairman, Godfrey Stephens.

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## FUTURE NEWS SHEETS

In future News Sheets will be issued quarterly. They will be distributed during the months of January, April, July and October. Items for insertion should be received by the first day of the month prior to the month of issue.

## ISSUE OF TOWN MAYOR

Rarely do we experience such emotion over an issue.

Petitions were handed into the Clerk and members of the public attended the council meeting to air their views. People were so incensed over the issue that they said that they would stand for election to the council in May 1995. This we look forward to as Porthleven Town Councillors are there by default. No one was elected because the town failed to produce more than the 9 candidates needed to force a democratic election.

The issue of the mayor was originally rejected by 5 votes to 4. Following this a notice of rescindment, which requires 3 signatures, was raised allowing the subject to be discussed again. It was decided that a public notice should be issued. We are all aware of the results of this action.

Once again the proposal of changing from a Chairman to a Mayor was defeated.

### QUOTE

**TWO GREAT TALKERS  
WILL NOT TRAVEL  
FAR TOGETHER**

## DIARY OF EVENTS

**SATURDAY APRIL 9th**  
9.30 AM - 11.00 AM  
RSPCA COFFEE MORNING  
THE LUGGER RESTAURANT

**SUNDAY 8th MAY**  
PORTHLEVEN METHODIST  
JUNIOR CHURCH  
CELEBRATION DAY

**SATURDAY 2nd JULY**  
ST. PETERSTIDE FESTIVAL  
UNITED TEA TREAT

**SUNDAY 10th JULY**  
GIG DAY

**TUESDAY 26th JULY**  
ST. BARTHOLOMEWS  
FUND RAISING - HARBOUR HEAD

**1st - 5th AUGUST**  
CHILDRENS HOLIDAY CLUB  
IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

**THURSDAY 4th AUGUST**  
ARTHRITIS & RHEUMATISM  
COUNCIL - FUND RAISING

**SATURDAY 6th AUGUST**  
LIFEBOAT DAY

**TUESDAY 9th AUGUST**  
WENDRON CHURCH  
FUND RAISING

## PORTHLEVEN METHODIST JUNIOR CHURCH CELEBRATION DAY

You are invited to attend our

**CELEBRATION DAY**

on Sunday May 8th

Family Worship at 11.00 am

led by the teachers

and at 6.00 pm

led by Rev. Ormesher

At 2.30 pm

there will be a performance of

**"MAY YOUR MAJESTY  
LIVE FOR EVER"**

telling the story  
of Daniel and his friends

## FACT

Contrary to public belief, Porthleven's Town Councillors are all volunteers. They receive no remuneration whatsoever. Only the Chairman has a fixed allowance. This is limited to an amount below £100.

**YOUR NEWS & VIEWS  
REQUIRED FOR  
THE NEXT ISSUE**

## PORTHLEVEN AUXILIARY OF THE RSPCA

The Porthleven Auxiliary of the RSPCA, which was formed 10 years ago, recently held their Annual Meeting.

The Secretary, Mrs. AA Vincent, referred to the efforts of the hard working Committee throughout the ten year period and to the recent amalgamation of the Cornwall Branches.

Reference was also made to the new animal home about to be opened near St. Columb and the happy atmosphere created by everyone working together as a county.

The Treasurer, Mrs. J Bryant, announced that last year Porthleven achieved a record sum. Over £2380 was raised. Our forthcoming events are listed opposite.

### OPEN DAY

Wednesday July 6th - 10 am - 4 pm  
Mrs. Vincent - Porthleven

### COFFEE MORNINGS

Saturday April 9th - 9.30 - 11 am  
Saturday October 1st - 9.30 - 11 am  
to be held at The Lugger Restaurant

### HARBOUR HEAD STALLS

9.00 am - 4.00 pm

Wed. May 4th, 18th & Mon. 30th  
Wednesday June 15th & 29th  
Wednesday July 20th  
Wednesday August 10th & 24th  
Wednesday Sept. 7th, 14th & 21st.

*Thank You for your Support*

## PORTHLEVEN CLUBS & ASSOCIATIONS

Secretaries & organisers of Clubs and Associations are requested to send information to one of the names below.

Mike Carter - Tel. 562769  
George Shipman - Tel. 573245  
Peter Morris - Tel. 573154/290316

## CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

The Children's Playground will be fenced off and a dog ban imposed in this area.

## BUS SHELTER

The Harbour Head Bus Shelter which was damaged by storm and vandals, has now been repaired.

## SEWERAGE

The Porthleven Sewerage Scheme has commenced and is running according to schedule. The whole programme should be completed by Spring 1995.

When the scheme is completed it will improve the quality of local bathing waters, improve the inadequate sewer system and help prevent further flooding.

The Council will liaise with South West Water as the scheme progresses. The South West Water appointed consultants are Carl Bro Haiste who have a site office in the Withey Car Park.

The Resident Engineer is  
**TERRY PLUMMER**  
TEL. 0326 563368

## GARDEN RUBBISH

Are you faced with the problem of getting your garden rubbish to the 'tip' at Helston? Did you know that your household refuse collection service will take it for you? However, you do have to pack it in special bags. We understand that these are available from the Harbour Shop in Fore Street. They are priced at 33p each. Alternatively they can be obtained direct from Kerrier or from the refuse collection vehicle.

## PORTHLEVEN ASSOCIATION (Harbour Decorative Lights)

Plans are being made to run a Cake Stall at the Harbour Head on Friday June 24th and again on Friday July 15th, from about 9 o'clock in the morning. If you can help, please contact Joan Ford by telephoning 0326 563670. Fund raising for the Harbour Lights requires everyone's support.

## DISTURBING BUSINESS

We heard recently of a disturbance at the JMK Supermarket, when several youngsters became abusive to the female staff.

Tales differ as to what exactly they were up to. However we were told that one well known local personality, namely 'Pincer Martin', alone went to the assistance of the ladies whilst several others around at the time, chose to look the other way. If our information is correct, it's congratulations 'Pincer' and shame on any who opted to ignore the affair.

## PORTHLEVEN YOUTH CLUB

During March, members of the Club, together with Tony Cows and Mike Carter, attended a Youth Week arranged by Youth Clubs UK at Pontins Holiday Camp at Burnham on Sea. Many activities were available including Disco & live entertainment 700 young people from all over the UK attended and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The event was extremely well organised and proved to be a tremendous success. All our members said they would like to go again. In fact, the senior members, together with Tony are considering a week long holiday at a camp next year.

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**WELCOME  
CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP**  
As from the 7th March  
the ownership of Cowl's Newsagents  
in Commercial Road, Porthleven  
passed from Pete & Margaret Green  
to Grant & Shan Howard  
We wish them every success  
in the venture

## INTERESTING FACTS

Did you know that on any day more than a thousand people cross over Mounts Bay.

Only occasionally can you see or hear their passage, but they are there, seated comfortably, eating, drinking or sleeping.

These voyages are high in the sky on Airway Golf Four Delta which passes over a radio navigation beacon at Lands End, near St. Just Airport.

Most of the Aircraft are flying to or from Continental Europe and North America as part of an intricate airways system, controlled from an Air Traffic Control Centre at West Drayton, close by Heathrow.

Moment to moment contact is maintained by VHF radio. In fact, if you were to listen on 132.60 Megahertz you would probably hear a flight reporting to London Control as overhead the LND (Land's End) beacon.

At peak times this happens every few minutes and gives the aircraft Flight Callsign, position and time, Flight Level, next reporting point (Cork, if going West) and the estimated time there.

Be quick. The call only lasts about 10 seconds; no long repetitions.

Last summer, son John was captaining a Britannia Airways flight on a calm sunny Cornish Day. He said later "I could see the whole of the South West Peninsula from 35,000 feet, including Porthleven and the oily slick of sewage escaping into Mounts Bay".

He knew what it was. What did all those others looking down make of it, I wonder!

*James Stokes.*

# Floral club celebrates 20th anniversary



**MEMBERS** of the Porthleven Floral Club celebrated the organisation's 20th anniversary in the public hall on Wednesday.

Founder members and former members joined the party. Guests included Mrs. Joyce Manaton, the Devon and Cornwall area president of the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies, and the past area chairman, Mrs. Cruickshank.

The club's president, Mrs. Estelle Kitts, cut the celebration cake, which had been made by Mrs. Elaine Lane and iced by Mrs. Beryl Lane.

During the evening, four club members who drew the appropriate tickets did "on the spot" floral arrangements. They were the club's chairman, Mrs. Jeanette Richards, Mrs. J. Walker, Mrs. M. Kerbey and Mrs. A. Rogers. They were later presented with gifts.

A pewter "Viking Boat" trophy from Norway was on display, having been sent by Mrs. Barbara Bore in memory of her late mother, Mrs. Barbara Hagenbach, who formed the club 20 years ago and arranged the first session of classes. The trophy will be used for future club competitions.

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The raffle winners were: Mrs. Lucy Pearce, Mrs. D. Thomas, Mrs. A. Charlesworth, Mrs. C. Cookson and Mr. Manaton. The evening concluded with refreshments.

● The founder members of the club who attended the celebration are pictured above top.

President Mrs. Estelle Kitts is pictured above about to cut the celebration cake, watched by former and present members.

It was a shame, I could not attend the party, owing to an upset tummy on that very day. As I was a founder member, and have been on the Committee, for the whole 20 years. I did a lot of work, for the party, which was enjoyed by all.

# Celebrating Pentecost

Members of the junior church at Porthleven Methodist Church join in a weekend of events held throughout the country.

MEMBERS of Porthleven Methodist Junior Church, Shipshapes, took part in the national Celebrate the Birthday Pentecost Weekend with special events arranged by the teachers.

On Saturday, a coffee morning was held in the Sunday school, which raised £65 for the summer holiday club, with various stalls and activities for the children, including decorating the room with "tongues of fire" for the party later.

The tea later on was followed by a disco with games led by Terry Pinnington of St. Erth. Parents joined in the fun and the top prizewinners of the evening were Anita Pawley, Hannah Betts and Neil Laity.

Shipshapes met as usual on Sunday morning, this time for a Praise Party, with young people from St. Bartholomews Church welcomed, too.

There were short talks by Brenda Richards, Jane Shainberg and Paul Brown explaining the meaning of Pentecost and the events leading up to that time in the Bible.

Choruses of praise and worship were led by a band of musicians made up of Mary Louise Combellack, Tania Bryant, Lowenna Christophers, Kate Bell, Melissa Benney, Paul Brown, Nick Lakin and Paul Combellack.

The morning's collection of £13 is to be given to the special care baby unit at Treリス Hospital, Truro.



● Above: Helen Williams, Helen Rogers and Jane Shainberg ready to serve on one of the stalls.  
● Left: Shipshape members colour decorative flames.



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## Porthleven pitch is best in South-West league

PORTHLEVEN FC have won the Jewson South Western League's top groundsman award.

Gala Park has attracted much praise by visiting teams and most of the credit must go to Derek Richards, who has worked hard to keep the pitch in immaculate order.

# Crisis meeting called to save Legion branch

A CRISIS meeting of Porthleven branch of the Royal British Legion has been called to try to save it from extinction.

Last year's annual meeting had to be cancelled because so few members turned up. There were only three — chairman Selwyn Gilbert, secretary/treasurer John Williams and Normandy veteran Mike Gale.

Mr Gale, a branch member for 38 years, said yesterday: "We couldn't have a meeting without a proper quorum. I think it needs about a third of the



□ Mike Gale

membership of the committee, which would be four."

The county secretary will chair the crisis meeting at 7.30pm on Monday, August 1, in the public hall.

Mr Gale urged all ex-servicemen in the village to attend in the hope the branch can be saved.

Membership has dwindled over the years, partly through death but mainly, Mr Gale thinks, because the branch no longer has a membership secretary.

No one has taken on the job since Sid Davies died a few years ago. "In the old days Mr Davies's daughter used to go round and give people a receipt but nobody does it any more and people forget. I spoke to someone yesterday who said he had always been a member but nobody collected his subscription.

"When we have our Armistice parade, at least the old soldiers — whether they are members or not — turn up.

"The older members are dying off and we are getting smaller and smaller and the young ex-servicemen don't take much interest.

"We don't have a club — we meet at the secretary's house. It might make a difference if we had, like Helston, with a bar."

With membership dwindling, the branch has become less and less active, save for occasions like Battle of Britain and Guy Gibson celebrations.

If the branch folds, members will have to transfer to Breage or Helston.

"I hope we will get enough people at the meeting to show enough interest to keep the branch going," said Mr Gale. "The risk of folding is very strong and I will be very sad. I have been a member ever since I came out of the army in 1946."

## Obituaries

### Mr M. James

Many friends and neighbours attended the funeral at Porthleven Methodist Church of Mr Maurice James, aged 72 years, of Bethany, Sunset Drive, Porthleven.

Maurice was born at Porthleven and attended the local school. He started his career as a carpenter, but the big part of his life he spent as a fisherman.

Mr James had a wonderful gift as a singer and his fine bass baritone voice was in great demand singing in oratorios and solos throughout the county and he was known country wide and took part in many charitable concerts. He was closely associated for many years with Penzance Orpheus Ladies' Choir as their guest soloist. He also formed the quartette "The Trelawney Singers" and was a founder member of Porthleven Male Voice Choir and took part in many music festivals.

Because of his versatility he learned the guitar and formed a singing duo with Joycelyn Pascoe, "The Harmonys," singing in hotels throughout the county and Radio Cornwall. His other special interest was football in the days when local football was a main source of attraction and drew large crowds of supporters.

He became very heavily involved as a scout for Porthleven Football Club. This was neces-

sary in those days and Maurice James travelled the length and breadth of the county to recruit the more talented players.

The service was conducted by Rev Allan Bailey, of Marazion, and the address was given by Mr W. Kitchen, a friend and neighbour of Maurice. During the service the Penzance Orpheus Ladies' Choir sang "I Come to the Garden" and suitable music and hymns. "O Lord My God" and "In Heavenly Love Abiding" was played at the organ by Mrs Sheila Richards, the church organist.

Interment followed at Porthleven Cemetery.

Mourners were — Marjorie James, widow; Mr L. Wilmot, Mr and Mrs K. Pascoe, Mr and Mrs D. Toy, Mrs R. James, Mr and Mrs R. Bray, Mr and Mrs C. Stephens, Mr and Mrs J. Bolitho, Mr P. Pascoe, Mr and Mrs D. Parker, rep. Mrs E. Winn, Mr and Mrs B. Axford, Mr and Mrs R. Williams, Mrs G. Osborne, Mrs J. Fearon, Mr and Mrs J. Pascoe, Mr and Mrs E. Bawden, Mr and Mrs G. Turner, Mr and Mrs. R. Pascoe, Mr and Mrs. R. Pearce, Misses J. and E. Stephens, J. Knight, family relatives.

Chosen bearers — Messrs R. Williams, R. Pascoe, B. Axford and D. Richards.

Also represented — Marazion Apollo Male Choir, Praise Male Choir, Holmans/Climax Male Choir, St. Keverne Male Choir, Mousehole Male Choir, Newlyn Male Choir, Four Lanes Male Choir, Sithians Male Choir, Cornwall County Football Association, Porthleven Football Club, Treverva Male Choir, former members of Trelawney Singers.

Funeral director: David Mitchell & Son, Porthleven.

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Mrs. B. Gales, president, welcomed Mrs. J. Mills, VCO, and trainee VCO Mrs. L. Anderson.

Mrs. Gales also welcomed member Mrs. E. Williams back from her travels in Australia and New Zealand.

The resolutions were explained by Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Anderson and were discussed and voted on.

Mrs. J. Stokes gave a vote of thanks to Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Anderson.

Competitions. "Birthday Card" — 1, Mrs. J. Walker; Mrs. B. Gales; 3, Mrs. J. Stokes. "Flower of the Month" — 1, Mrs. P. Dale; 2, Mrs. B. Gales.



## Dentist marries beauty therapist

THE wedding of Miss Susan Thomas and Mr Lindsay Anderson took place at Porthleven Methodist Church. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev R. Ormsher. The organist was Mr Nigel Dower and a trumpet was played by Neil Bassett.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Thomas, of West End Cottage, Breageside, Porthleven. The bridegroom is the youngest son of Mr and Mrs Alan Anderson, Pibsbury Cottage, Huish Episcop, Langport, Somerset.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a silk ivory dress with rouched skirt with silk champagne roses on the shoulders and a short veil. She was attended by bridesmaids, three-year-old Emma

Bassett and six-year-old Lisa Reed, who wore ivory silk-tiered dresses with silk coral sashes and matching shoes. The page boys were five-year-old Tom Bassett and 12-year-old Jonathan Anderson.

The best man was Mr Quentin Anderson, the bridegroom's brother, and the ushers were Messrs Nick Priest and Nigel Hicks.

A reception for 94 guests was held at the Penmorvah Manor Hotel, Budock, after which the couple left for a honeymoon in Turkey.

The bridegroom is a dentist in Helston and the bride is a beauty therapist in Porthleven.

The couple will live at Per-ranwell Station, near Truro.

Photographer: Terry Johns

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It turned out to be an abandoned enemy scout car, with six bottles of French cherry brandy in the back.

"We had each been given half a tot of rum before we landed and then we got this cherry brandy," said Mr Gale. "We could have taken on the entire German Army then because we were feeling very happy — but we all had bad heads the next day."

Mr Gale, a native of Tetbury in Gloucestershire, married his wife Brenda before he joined up and after the war they settled in Loc Bar Road, Porthleven.

In 1955 he became a councillor and stayed in public service for the next 34 years, first at Helston and then, for four years, at Porthleven.

He was Mayor of Helston from 1964 to 1966, made an alderman in 1968 and given the Freedom of the Borough in 1985. For three years from 1977 he was also on Kerrier District Council.

He has also been senior governor of Porthleven schools, helped to found Porthleven Gala Week and the local Cancer Campaign branch, was treasurer of the town band for 30 years and has been chairman of Helston Chamber of Commerce and president of Porthleven Sea Angling Club.

Another project he nurtured from its beginnings was the twinning of Helston and Sasso Marconi.

He and Brenda have a daughter Ann (Angove), who lives in Wheal Rose, Porthleven, son David in Colchester, and five grandchildren.

Today the Gales celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary.

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THE annual Christian Aid collection in Porthleven amounted to £298.

THE musical "Silent Paddy and the Queen Vic" was performed in Porthleven Methodist Sunday School on Saturday by the Young People of Helston and Porthleven. This told the story of the Seamen's Mission of the Methodist Church in East London. Silent Paddy was played by Nick Lakin and the musicians were Elizabeth Tremayne and Paul Benney.

CHURCH anniversary services were held at Porthleven Methodist Church on Sunday. The preacher in the morning was Mr. Reg Neville and in the evening Mrs. Elaine Harris, of Sithney. Organist was Mrs. Sheila Richards.

MRS. Jeanette Richards, chairman of Porthleven Floral Club, welcomed members to the monthly meeting in the Public Hall. Mrs. Penno, of Launceston, demonstrated six arrangements on the theme of summer colours. She was thanked by Mrs. M. Kerbey. Competition winners were: Beginners, Mrs. J. Walker, Mrs. M. Liddell; advanced, Mrs. J. Tilsley, Mrs. B. Grey, Mrs. L. Pearce.

THE annual garden party for St. Bartholomew's Church, Porthleven, was again held at the home of Miss Pauline Rosewarne at Mill Close, and raised £204 for work on St. Elvan's room at the church. The event was opened by Mr. Eric Mildren, churchwarden at Sithney Parish Church. He was welcomed and thanked by Mrs. P. Head, secretary of St. Bartholomew's PCC. Mrs. Head also thanked Miss Rosewarne for her hospitality.

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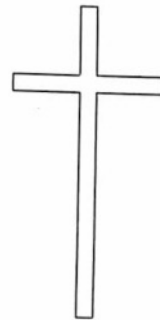
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## PORTHLEVEN TOWN COUNCIL

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The Children's playground has now been fenced off and a dog grid installed. A dog ban is now in force for this area.

A seat has been placed at the top of Blue Buoy steps.

The listed planning consent regarding new safety measures for the harbour Pier have been issued and supported by the Town Council. These should be in place soon.

South West Water have re-turfed the Harbour Head area and Wellmoor verges will be completed later. Major construction in and around the village was due to cease on June 3rd. Any work being executed in this area at present relates to essential repairs and does not constitute major work. Porthleven Town Council has been kept informed by SW Water regarding the progress made and your Council has supported SW Water in their efforts to bring this project to a speedy and successful conclusion. Hopefully other local government bodies will not delay the final outcome as the people of Porthleven have waited long enough.

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## DIARY OF EVENTS

**SATURDAY 2nd JULY**  
ST. PETERSIDE FESTIVAL  
UNITED TEA TREAT

**SUNDAY 10th JULY**  
GIG DAY

**SATURDAY 16th JULY**  
SUNDAY SCHOOL COFFEE MORNING  
in aid of this years  
Children's Holiday Club - "On Fire"

**TUESDAY 19th JULY**  
W.I.

**SATURDAY 23rd JULY**  
PORTHLEVEN TOWN BAND

**TUESDAY 26th JULY**  
ST. BARTHOLEMES  
FUND RAISING - HARBOUR HEAD

**1st to 5th AUGUST**  
CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CLUB  
in the Sunday School

**THURSDAY 4th AUGUST**  
ARTHRITIS & RHEUMATISM COUNCIL  
FUND RAISING

**SATURDAY 6th AUGUST**  
LIFEBOAT DAY

**TUESDAY 9th AUGUST**  
WENDRON CHURCH FUND RAISING

**THURSDAY 11th AUGUST**  
AGE CONCERN

## PORTHLEVEN POLICE

Inspector Burns from Helston Police informed the Town Council of new police measures to be taken in Porthleven. He stated that in the past Porthleven had not received the level of policing desired but that will be rectified in the very near future. He spoke with authority and sincerity. We wish him and his colleagues every success in their fight against crime and protecting the innocent.

## USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

A list of helpful telephone numbers are located on the Town Council notice board which can be found near the Harbour Head.

## QUOTE

**THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN  
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GENIUS HAS ITS LIMITS**

## PORTHLEVEN YOUTH CLUB

Porthleven Youth Club discovered yet another unpaid account from early 1993. The outstanding amount was for £100, owing to R. Jennings of Helston - for the purchase of a skittle alley. The agreed purchase price has been confirmed. The alley, having been dismembered for transportation, was never rebuilt by those concerned. It ended its life as fire wood with the remainder being taken to the local municipal tip.

This account was brought to my attention after the childish 1993 anonymous letter incident.

This final account resulted in a deficit of over £1000 when I took responsibility for the Club in early 1993.

The good news is that the Club must by now have paid off all of its inherited outstanding debts. We now have a bank balance thanks to the excellent support received from the residents of Porthleven and Kerrier Youth Office, plus the

efforts of our members.

Naturally, the Club will always have to pay for its running costs and will therefore always be in need of funds.

However, this does mean that I have completed my task as Club administrator. Tony Cows, who is well into his training, has now accepted full responsibility for the leadership and running of the Club.

Other offers of help have been accepted. More details regarding this will follow after we have had time to arrange the necessary meetings.

I would like to thank all of you for your help over the past year and I hope that the present and future young people of Porthleven can continue to count on your support.

*Michael Carter*



## PORTHLEVEN CLUBS & ASSOCIATIONS

Secretaries & organisers of Clubs and Associations are requested to send information to one of the names below.

Mike Carter - Tel. 562769  
George Shipman - Tel. 573245  
Peter Morris - Tel. 573154/290316

## LIFE SAVING

Porthleven Town Council is to sponsor three members of the Youth Club so they can be trained in the skills of life saving.

## ST. BARTHOLEMES CHURCH

The Church is seeking volunteers to sew replacement tapestries to recover their worn out prayer kneelers. All materials will be supplied.

## BREAGE SOCIAL CLUB

I have heard too many people saying "We cannot afford to go out these days" because they are pensioners or out of work - this is not so. Why not try Breage Social Club on a Tuesday evening for a Euchre Drive. Nobody takes it too serious, so you can relax and enjoy yourself in pleasant company.

When we say Visitors are Welcome, we mean just that. Other activities can be arranged, such as friendly darts matches etc. Ladies or Gents or mixed, Whatever is required.

Just contact Mr. P. Mead (Sec)  
TELEPHONE 0326 562779  
or visit us at the Club  
any Evening or Sunday Lunch Time

## PORTHLEVEN ST. PETERSTIDE United Tea Treat - Saturday 2nd July 1994

2.15 pm - Family Worship in St. Bartholemews Church.

2.30 pm - Parade of Witness led by Porthleven Town Band.

4.00 pm - Public Tea on the Moors.

ADULTS, £2.00 - CHILDREN 12 & UNDER, £1.00 - 3 & UNDER, FREE  
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So that everyone can feel included, the Committee has decided that some races will be arranged for all the children in Porthleven with prize money. These races will be announced separately.

6.00 pm - Its A Knockout.

Porthleven Town Band will play throughout the Tea Time and the evening and will march to the Square at approx 7.45 pm.

Junior Church members will receive saffron buns at tea time. Any additional orders can be placed with Mrs Jane Shainberg.

The Committee would welcome help in preparing the Moors and the Marquee on the Friday evening. Please meet at the Sunday School at 6.30 pm.

The Fun Fair has been booked and the organisers hope that everyone will join in the days activities.

## HELICOPTER LANDING PORTHLEVEN DOG SHOW

The helicopter that circled over Porthleven on Tuesday June 14th 1994 and subsequently landed in the Playing Field was filming another episode of Wycliff.

The helicopter company was granted permission to land after assurances that standard safety precautions would be adhered to. The company would have surveyed the landing site before attempting to gain permission to land from the land owners.

As a matter of courtesy, the local police should have been informed by the company.

Once again, the now annual event of the Porthleven Exempt dog show was held in the Public Hall.

Although this year was not as successful as last, those who took part thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Trophies were presented to the winners. The Best In Show cups will be held by the winners until next year.

## IDEAS

If you have any ideas for the betterment of Porthleven, why not contact the Council.

If you are aware of a problem in the area in which you live, why not contact the Council.

If we are kept informed, we may be able to resolve the problems.

Your Council is here to serve you and Porthleven.

HELP US TO ACHIEVE THIS.

### WELCOME

We welcome a new business  
to the village

PLANET LEV SURF SHOP  
in Fore Street  
and wish them every success

## INTERESTING FACTS

As near as I can make it (perhaps a SATNAV sailor will correct me) the Old Lime Kiln on Breageside is at Latitude 50 degrees 5 minutes North and Longitude 5 degrees 19 minutes West.

Directly on the opposite side of the Earth is Latitude 50 degrees 5 minutes South, Longitude 174 degrees 41 minutes East.

This is in a spot in the deep South West Polynesian Triangle in the South Pacific, south of New Zealand. Drilling straight down from the Lime Kiln our drill bit would emerge on the sea bed of the Campbell Ocean plateau in 288 fathoms (1728 ft) of water.

Disappointingly, in spite of being Polynesia, it is not at all tropical. Both Lime Kiln and drill bit are 2,395 nautical miles from the North & South Poles respectively. 'Drill Bit' is only just north of the Northern Limit of Drift Ice.

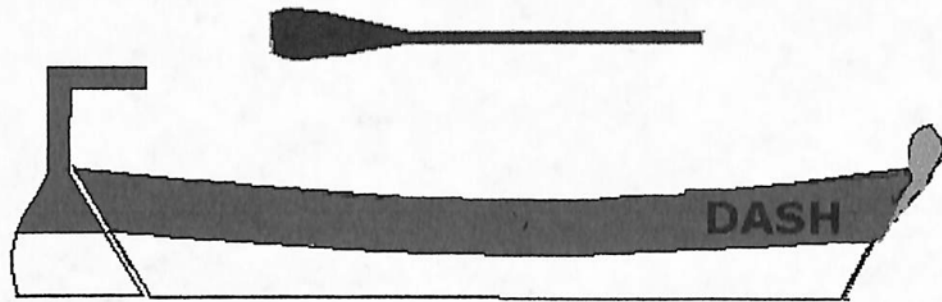
'Lime Kiln' gets the benefit of the Gulf Stream generated

weather and is much warmer, with the Southern Limit of Drift Ice up near Iceland.

The nearest land is some 220- miles away ; about the distance from Porthleven to Southampton. These uninhabited rocky Antipodes Islands are 350 miles South East of New Zealand (to whom they belong) and were discovered by British sea captain Henry Waterhouse on a voyage in the Reliance in 1800.

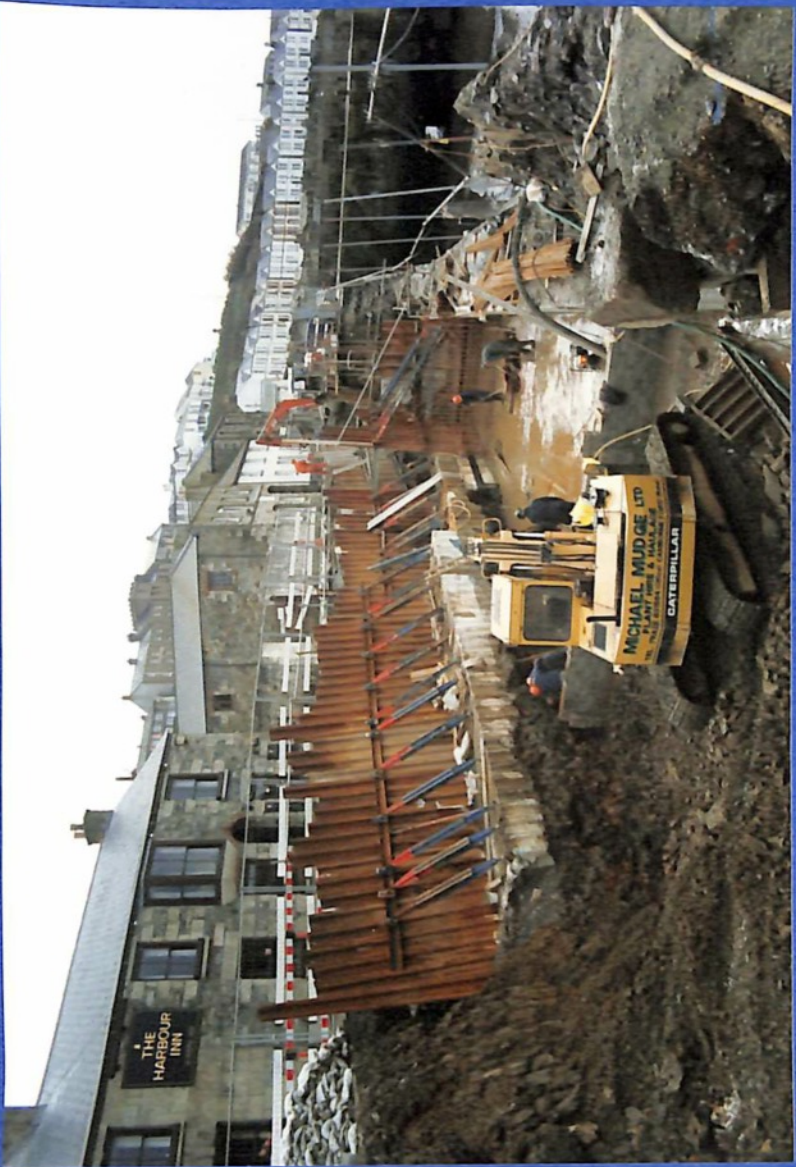
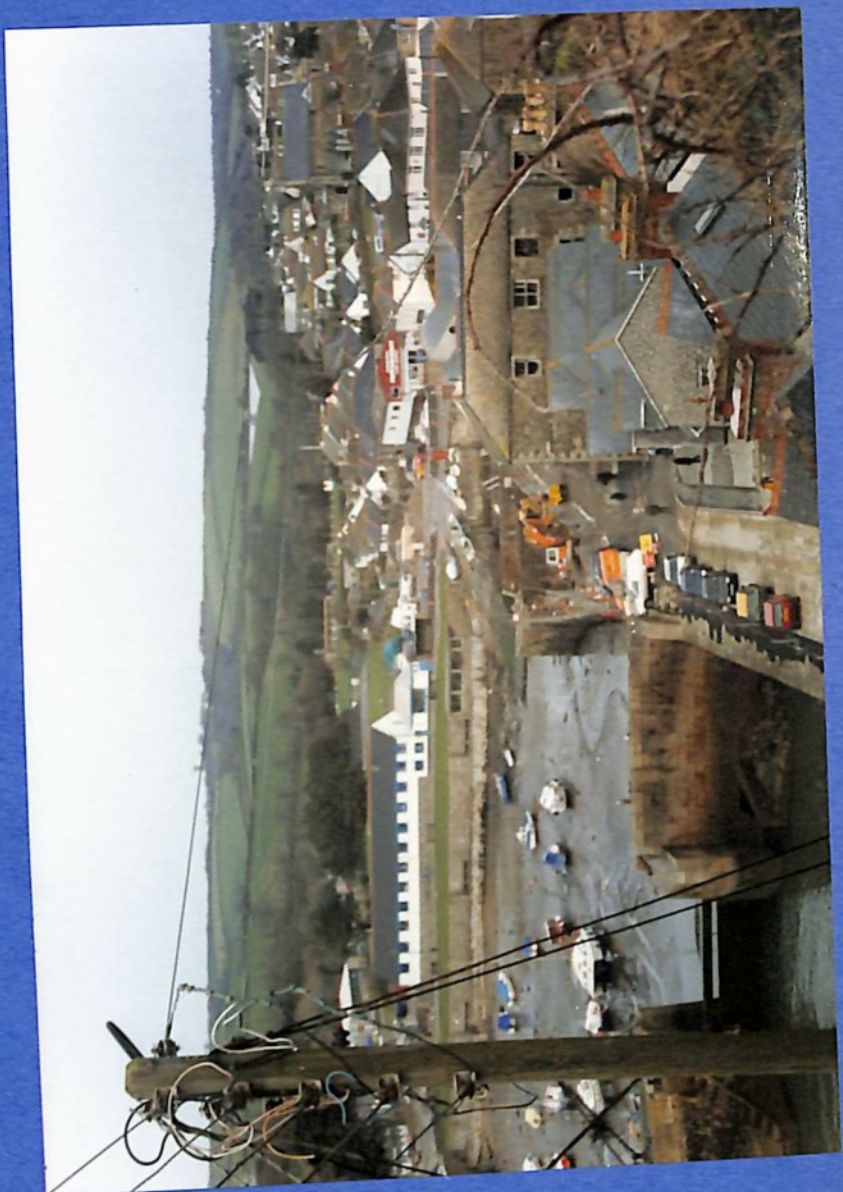
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□ Porthleven Town Band lead the Parade of Witness

## Fine weather blesses the united tea treat

THE St Peterstide United Tea Treat took place at Porthleven on Saturday and was again blessed with fine weather.

Family worship in St Bartholomew's Church was led by the Rev. Roger Pickering from Ruan Minor and the Rev. Allan Bailey of the Mount's Bay Methodist Circuit.

The Parade of Witness around the village was led

by Porthleven Town Band, followed by the St Peterstide banner.

### WREATH

The Rev. R. Ormesher laid a wreath at the war memorial.

The public tea in the marquee on The Moors Playing Field was followed

by Junior Church Sports, arranged by John Williams with some open races for all the children attending.

Later, the It's a Knockout caused fun for the older children which was organised by Spencer Richards and parents.

Porthleven Town Band played during tea-time and the evening and later marched to the square to close the event.

### PORTHLEVEN ST. PETERTIDE TEA TREAT

#### SATURDAY 2ND JULY

2.15 pm - Family Worship in St Bartholomew's Church.

2.30 pm - Parade of Witness around the village led by Porthleven Town Band. A wreath will be laid at the War Memorial.

4.00 pm - Public Tea on the Moors playing field with music from Porthleven Band.

Charges for the tea -

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6.00 pm - It's a Knockout, for those aged 10 and over.

After the evening concert, the Band will march to the square at approximately 7.45 pm.

Helpers are required on the Friday evening to prepare the field. Please meet at the Sunday School at 6.30 pm. The marquee and other equipment need to be returned again on the Saturday evening. Please help - many hands make light work!

## 30 years at school comes to an end



THE end of term marked the end of a "sparkling" career at Porthleven School, when Mrs. Jean Richards retired as site supervisor, after 30 years at the school.

She started work as a cleaner at the Church School, Porthleven, in 1961 and moved to Porthleven Junior School when it opened in 1975. At the

school's last assembly of term headteacher Mrs. Helen Williams presented Mrs. Richards with a garden chair and a gift voucher from children and staff, and Mr. David Richards presented her with a matching chair from the school governors. Year six pupil Reuben Green, above, presented her with a bouquet.

### AUGUST.



Andrews at the Falmouth MRCC last week. Mr. Strike said his colleague had had to retire because he had reached the statutory age of 60. He would be missed - "He was a valued member of the team, especially with 20 years' experience."

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**Darren beats all-comers for  
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ALTHOUGH competitors came from London, Somerset and South Wales to compete in Cornwall's strongest man competition at Coverack on Saturday, the eventual winner came from much closer to home — Porthleven.

He was Darren Hendy who took the title after eight strenuous disciplines, watched by the man who won the world's strongest man competition, Gary Taylor.

He judged the various events and presented the trophies and medals to the winners. Mr. Hendy gained top spot, seven points ahead of runner up Ian Goldsworthy of Camborne.

Individually, Mr. Hendy won the coal loading discipline and was runner up in most of the rest, including the 56lb weight throw, loading a wheel and tyre, the "farmer's walk", and the granite stone lift.

Time keeper for the day was David Lyne, the announcer was Lionel Goldsworthy and the organisers of the event, staged at the Little Trevothan Caravan park, were Robert Moore, Martin Jenkins and John

Campbell.

Proceeds were for the special care baby unit at Trelliske Hospital, Truro.

**PICTURES: Top — Darren Hendy during the vehicle pull. Below — Robert Moore, left, of Zoar, Coverack, with Gary Mason, holder of the World's Stronger Man title.**



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The schedule drew a record 487 entries from a wide area, with the cookery section achieving the greatest number.

Competition was keen in all sections and the judges remarked on the high standard throughout.

The event was opened by Mr. Philip Smith, and the cups were presented by Mrs. K. Mullin, who received a bouquet from Gemma Bew.

**CUP WINNERS**

Most points in show. Mrs. Jill Walker; Most points fruit and vegetables. Mrs. Jane Williams; handicrafts. Mrs. Jill Tilsley; home cooking. Mrs. Coral Scott; photograph. Mrs. Barbara Gray, Mrs. C. Hubber, Mrs. Jill Walker, Mr. P. Smith (equal); flowers. Mr. Stanley Richards; floral art. Mrs. Jill Tilsley; art. Mrs. Joy Stokes; decoupage. Mrs. E. Goldenbaum; embroidery. Mrs. Jill Walker, children's classes. Gemma Bew (junior), Katie Williams (senior); best art exhibit. Mrs. Joy Stokes.

**FIRST PRIZEWINNERS**

Fruit and vegetables: Jane Williams (four), Sybil

Mugford, Jane Sandford (three), Maurice Gilbert, Sarah Searle (two), Joan Richards (two), Barbara Gales, Paul Reid.

**Handicrafts:** Jill Tilsley (four), Jill Walker, June Smale, J. Shipman, Joan Ford.

**Decoupage:** Eleanor Goldenbaum (two).

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**Photography:** Jill Walker, Barbara Gray, C. Hubber.

**Flowers:** F. Warner, Jill Walker, Mrs. Tucknutt, P. Richards, Stanley Richards (four).

**Pot plants:** Judith Richards, Jane Williams.

**Floral art:** Jill Tilsley (two), P. Prowse, Phyllis Dale (novice).

**Art:** Joy Stokes (two), Jill Walker.

**Children, 5-11 years:** Laura Hubber (three), Emma Scott (two), Gemma Bew (three).

**Children 12-15 years:** Katie Williams (three).

**School entries, 5-11:** Tom Bassett, Luke Holland, Thomas Humphrey.

**School entries, 8-11:** Laura Newbury, Lois Culverwell, Richard Jewell, Julian Hocking.



● Stanley Richards with four of the ladies who won trophies at the show.

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# Fishermen's fury at empty hold

AUGUST 1994

PORTHLEVEN fishing operator Mike Hosking was seething yesterday after having one of his boats sent from needlessly from the Bay of Biscay.

The Alice Louise, skippered by his son Jeremy, came home with an empty hold under the accusation — found to be groundless — of using illegally long nets.

It was the second boat — the other a trawler from Padstow — to be falsely targeted at the weekend by British fisheries protection inspectors amid the ugly "tuna war" with the Spanish.

And the loss of four days' fishing for the Alice Louise — which was due to set sail again last night — came in the wake of what has been called a "pirate" attack by the Spaniards on Mr Hosking's other boat, the Silver Harvester.

He told the Packet yesterday: "It's getting silly."

Top Liberal Democrats in Cornwall, who called a press conference on the topic yesterday afternoon at Truro, have put the loss of earnings for one crew alone at £8,000.

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The Silver Harvester, said to have suffered losses of £5,000 in damage done to nets by Spanish fishermen and another £30,000 in catches, was back in the Bay of Biscay yesterday, with skipper Neville McCrindle keeping in constant touch with Mr Hosking at Penzance.

Among others caught up in the "tuna war" are Jocelyn Basher of Porthoustock and Dominic Newton of Mawgan — both in the crew of the Wendy Palfrey.

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# Still much work left to be done on public hall

WHILE a lot of work has already been done in renovating both the interior and exterior of the Porthleven Public Hall, there is much still to do, says the secretary of the management committee, Maureen Gautrey.

She and colleagues have been concerned that some members of the public, having seen work completed at the hall, are asking why fund-raising is continuing.

Mrs. Gautrey said: "We have had a lot of renovations done there and raised a lot of money but we are having a problem with people asking 'what do you still want to raise money for?'"

They did not realise there were a lot of ongoing projects including the replacement of windows and repairs to the roof of the building, which is used by many local clubs and organisations.

The committee have already put in disabled toilet facilities for which they have received grants, as well as having raised £10,000 in two years from their Harbour-road charity shop.

"At the moment we are improving the entrance to put a ramp around so there are no steps in the area," she said. "We are into phase two, then phase three is the windows and finally phase four, the roof."

The kitchen has been refurbished

and new toilets put in by the stage "but there is still much work to do," Mrs. Gautrey added.

The committee have received grants but have also made a strenuous fund-raising effort themselves, through sales from their shop and also other money-making events — a barn dance, for instance, is being staged on October 24.

So far as the shop in Harbour-road is concerned, Mrs. Gautrey said it was open most days during the summer for the sale of donated goods, which could also be done on a 50-50 basis.

She added that anyone who wanted to donate goods of any description for sale should take them to the shop.

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● CPO Mick Grogan (third from right) supervises the unloading of Dash at Porthleven.

## Lifeboat back in port for restoration

A PIECE of Porthleven's maritime history is back in the fishing port, with the return of a former lifeboat.

Called Dash, she remained on station until 1929 when Porthleven lost her lifeboat, but she remained in service elsewhere in the country until 1967. She was later recovered from Gweek.

She was transported back to the fishing port where she once served, in a project organised by the charitable Porthleven 2000 organisation whose aim is to restore her to her former glory.

This return was assisted by men from

RNAS Culdrose as part of a training exercise by the air engineering department and motor transport section at the base.

One of their normal roles at Culdrose is to salvage crashed or damaged aircraft after an accident, a task which is rarely carried out for real.

Officer in charge of the move, CPO Mick Grogan said he was delighted to have helped in the "extremely worthwhile project" and restore a piece of local history to its rightful place. Much training benefit was also gained by his team.



■ THE 50th anniversary of the death of Dambusters hero Guy Gibson was commemorated at a special ceremony in Porthleven churchyard last week.

Wreaths were laid at the memorial stone by Michael Gale, who first suggested the memorial in the churchyard, and by several former wartime colleagues of the ace pilot.

Among them were Frank Harper who flew with 83 Squadron and travelled from Widemouth Bay to be at the ceremony.



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The handicraft section was particularly impressive and the vegetable judge, Mr A C Foreman of Helston, was pleased to see a revival in this department after a few quiet years.

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□ Pictures by photo  
Gayle Hemsley

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# Church-into-flats stance 'no error'

LOGIC, not emotion, should be used in reaching planning decisions, a member of Porthleven Town Council has said, replying to criticism of the council by one of his colleagues.

Last week Les Edwards said the council's decision to support the conversion of the former Peverell-road Methodist Church into four flats was one of their worst ever errors, and suggested the church could return to use for Christian worship.

This week his council colleague Mike Carter said: "The democratic system is in place for debate and decision making using logic, not emotion. Gone are the days of those who shout loudest and longest just to get their own way.

"No doubt if we, as a council, had the financial resources and power, we would have purchased the building for the people of Porthleven. However, in the real world this is not the case and time has a habit of moving on.

"This, whether we like it or not, is known as progress".

Mr. Carter suggested that Mr. Edwards, who is chief financial officer with the Porthleven 2000 charity — which aims to regenerate the port and is separate from the council — should concentrate his efforts on raising enough funds to purchase "such items of interest".

Mr. Carter said he had spoken to several people regarding the closure of Peverell-road church, including the Superintendent Minister and Methodist Property Division in Manchester and the decision to sell had been taken by Trustees.

"This could not have been an

easy decision to make and may not have been popular with all of the congregation . . . all the arguments for and against, plus professional advice, would have been taken into consideration."

Events had been forced upon the trustees following the falling into disrepair of the adjacent Sunday School and its subsequent demolition.

"Mr. Edwards, who should be aware of the planning system, is entitled to his opinion regarding this issue but Porthleven Town Council did not make a mistake in its unanimous decision."

## Popular head warden is leaving estate

PENROSE Estate's long standing and popular head warden is hanging up his muddy boots for a life of early retirement.

But it will not be long before Mike Estall pulls them back on for his new job - doing exactly the same as he does now!

Mike, 52, is taking early retirement from his 17 year National Trust post to concentrate on a family run countryside management business. But he says he has no sour grapes and the 1,700 acre estate has only changed for the better.

"When it first came to the National Trust in 1974 it needed a lot of work to increase its amenities and we have generally worked with the public always in mind," he said.

Mike walked into service with the National trust the day after he pensioned out of the Fleet Air Arm and his management of Cornwall's largest single NT estate has altered it dramatically. A footpath now completely encircles Loe Pool, even across several marshes, and all footpaths and amenities have been improved.

Whenever a "blowout" knocked down trees they have also been patiently replaced with more friendly

British varieties.

For his swansong with the NT Mike has left a lasting tribute to his work with a boardwalk built single-handedly along one edge of Loe Pool. Using Marilyn Monroe's back as inspiration the smooth, gently curving walk has no rough edges and no bent nails.

"Last June the old footpath was washed out entirely and never got any better. It's an area of high botanical interest so we had to keep in mind natural seepage and flow while wanting a footpath as close to the pool as possible to keep walkers interested."

His achievement took three weeks to build and cost £3,000 in materials alone. It is this expertise that he hopes will make his business a success.

"I've never been my own man, I've only ever known the Navy and the National Trust so I've never had to worry where the next pound is coming from. So really I have to find myself and hopefully in retirement get the family business up and running so my sons can carry on but I must say my wife Vi has supported me totally, she's a real gem."

Mike's post will be filled by Nigel Davies, currently the NT's property manager for the Lizard.



● Alison Menhennett, of Porthleven, most points in flora art.

## Cury Show goes from strength to strength

I WAS THE FLORAL ART JUDGE.



Some like it hot! For his swansong with the National Trust, Mike, pictured here with his wife Vi, built a boardwalk alongside Loe Pool using Marilyn Monroe's back for "inspiration".

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SPEAKER at the harvest meeting of Porthleven Wives Club was the Rev. R. Ormesher who was thanked by Mrs. Marilyn Williams. Members brought gifts, later distributed to residential homes. A pasty supper followed.

SPEAKER at a meeting of the Ladies' Group of St Bartholomew's Church was Mr. Noel Stuart who talked about his work as a veterinary surgeon. He was welcomed and thanked by Mrs. Maureen Williams. The next meeting will be on November 14.

A QUIZ evening and harvest auction held in the Luger Restaurant raised £192 for the Children's Hospice South-West. The quiz, arranged by Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, was won by Mrs. M. Wright and Mrs. P.



● Beaver leader Jenesta Thorne, of Porthleven, has been presented with a medal of merit by the Chief Scout for her work for Scouting over the last 20 years. See story Page Four.

## Band forms guard at Gunwalloe

THE St Keverne Band played during the ceremony and formed a guard of honour for the wedding at Gunwalloe Church of Mr John Richards and Miss Sharon Christine Pearce.

The bridegroom is the eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.T.Richards of Porthleven, and the bride is the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.W.Pearce.

Given away by her father, the bride was attended by Jacky Richards, Judith Pearce and Karenza Sedgeman and Ross Thomas as the page.

Mr Dominic Newton was the best man

and the ushers were Messrs Kevin Ley and James Richards.

The bride wore a silk dress with sequins and pearls and carried silk flowers.

The bridesmaids wore pink and contrasting lilac taffeta.

The reception at the Falmouth Hotel was attended by 80 guests and later the couple left for a touring honeymoon.

The bridegroom is employed as a butcher in Penzance and the bride is a chef at the Poldhu Nursing Home in St Keverne.

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### PORTHLEVEN PUBLIC HALL

The Public Hall Committee have asked that the people of Porthleven be informed of the progress in the restoration and the latest situation on the Appeal Fund.

The refurbishment of the hall has been tackled in phases as funds became available.

PHASE 1 - Internal decorations and building improvements have been completed.

PHASE 2 - Start July/August and involves :- Improvement to porch North and South side with improvements to entrance for the disabled, re-

surfacing and handrails and gates.

PHASE 3 - Will be replacement of windows.

PHASE 4 - Finally, repairs to the roof (and this will be the big one!!!).

All this work requires considerable sums of money.

This is raised by the Committee arranging events such as Coffee Mornings at the Luger, thanks to Rachael & Ian, Helston Accordion Band concert and, hopefully, a Barn Dance which is being organised for the 15th October.

**PLEASE SUPPORT  
THE CHARITY SHOP  
AND THE  
VARIOUS FUNCTIONS  
ARRANGED  
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**YOUR PUBLIC HALL  
NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT**

# Architect of Penrose walks

ONE of the people largely responsible for making the Penrose estate - Loe pool area into one of the best walks in the county has retired.

Mike Estall, of Helston, was the National Trust warden for the area for 17 years and, said a spokesman for the Trust, he will be greatly missed by his colleagues and members of the public.

Mike, a former Royal Navy man — he was an armourer with 824 squadron at RNAS Culdrose — joined the Trust literally the day after leaving the navy 21 years ago.

He worked in North Devon before coming to Penrose, where he remained until his retirement.

Even approaching retirement he continued to ensure that the estate and the walks round it were as accessible to as many people who wanted to use them as possible.

His swan song, said the Trust, was to create a circular footpath at Carminowe Creek to the Loe pool to give improved access for the public, including those in wheelchairs.

He created a raised timber board walk,

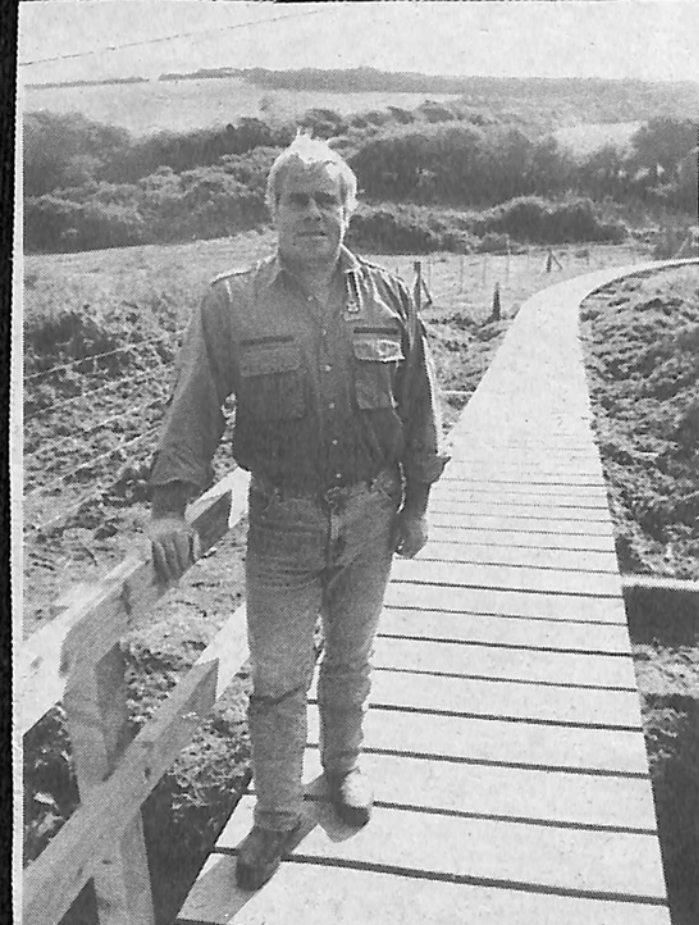
re-cutting 600 metres of footpath which had been damaged, constructing a new timber bridge over Carminowe river and 50 metres of raised board walk over protected wetlands.

Mike's work has improved conservation of the area and increased enjoyment of visitors to Carminowe creek and the Loe Pool, said a spokesperson for the Trust. "It will also be a lasting reminder of Mike Estall's dedication and hard work in caring for the Penrose estate for many years."

Mike told News Extra he was pleased to have been able to make the walks more accessible, especially to the "more robust wheelchair users".

He intends to remain involved with footpaths and their management and is setting up a business with his wife Vi and their two sons Marc and Kevin for countryside and footpath management.

He hopes to work with parish councils and the county council to help improve local footpaths, their management and marking. "I am hoping to to work for parishes from a repair and maintenance angle," he said.



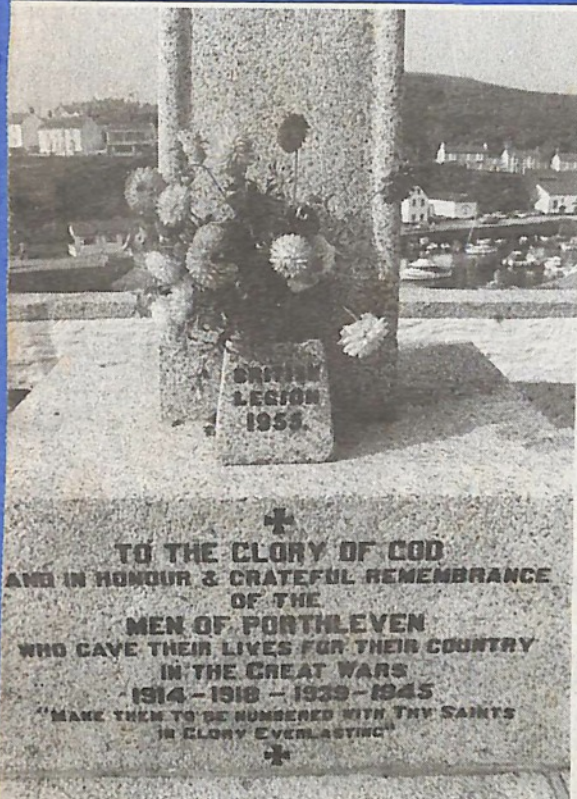
● Mike Estall pictured on the boardwalk at Carminowe Creek which he created.



● The Rev. Robert Ormesher and members of his congregation and their pets after the annual service of blessing at Porthleven Fore-store Methodist Church.

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## Cross bars . . .



THERE have been more calls for an inscription on Porthleven's war memorial to be renewed after complaints that part of it reads, "To the glory of Cod", rather than "God".

At Thursday's meeting of Porthleven Town Council it was said that the local branch of the Royal British Legion — now disbanded — which had once looked after the war memorial had been unable to effect the change.

Les Edwards questioned that, and Mike Carter suggested a stonemason be approached. But they were reminded that the council were currently not responsible for the memorial's upkeep.

Jim Stokes, referring to next month's Remembrance Day service, said: "What should be a solemn, reverential occasion is being turned into a petty squabble and I deplore it."

● Close inspection of the inscription shows that other letter 'Gs' resemble 'Cs'.

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Porthleven WI has just celebrated the 69th anniversary of its formation; pictured are Angela Rogers, Judith

Richards, Maud Matthews, Olive Hall and June Glendenning who received long service certificates.

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Sunday school room gable wall planning permission was obtained to demolish the vestries, Sunday school room, kitchen etc. This was for the sole purpose of repairing the dangerous boundary wall and to return the chapel to worship. (Conditions of the planning permission were that the site should be kept tidy and all granite from the demolished buildings should remain on site).

Within a few months of obtaining that permission the formation of one Methodist Society in Porthleven was brought about — despite a petition of 101 people requesting that the Peverell-road Society should remain. The chapel has not

opened for worship since June, 1989.

Several people and, I understand, "Porthleven 2000" have approached the agents for the Porthleven Methodist Circuit over the past five years to find out whether the property is to be sold. The reply has been that instructions for a sale have not been given yet and that, if sold, it would go to the highest bidder (Charity registration requirement).

I understand that objections to the plans for four flats have been lodged with the District Council. A petition containing more than 200 signatures against the change of use is shortly to be forwarded to the planning Authority for consid-

eration.

There are people from various walks of life and several Christian denominations who do not wish Peverell-road chapel to change from a place of Christian worship — the purpose for which our forefathers built it and entrusted it to following generations to maintain. There is a great need in this and all villages for Christian outreach and this building could once again help in this respect — a base from which Christian denominations could work, not in opposition but as a team.

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# Lessons in how to be creative — and have lots of fun

YOUNGSTERS at Porthleven Playgroup have always got something to show off to mum and dad when they go home — whether it's a picture made from pasta, a papier mache face or a hedgehog made from play dough.

For the sessions at the Scout hut on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings are all about creative fun and lots of play for the children, aged between two and three.

The playgroup runs from 9.15 am until 11.45 am, with all kinds of activities.

There is always painting and play dough to experiment with, and toys like cars, a slide and a climbing frame for the ever-energetic youngsters. Quieter activities like jigsaws and puzzles are also plentiful.

Committee member Michelle Hagerty said the playgroup numbers were now on the increase again, although there

By MURIEL CATO

was room for more children.

They join as young as 2½ when they have to be accompanied by a parent, and usually stay until they are 3½, when they join the nursery school attached to the village school.

The mothers are always busy fund-raising to keep the group going and hope to have a Christmas fair soon, as well as the usual Christmas party and visit from Santa for the children.

During the summer months they have visited the Roskilly Farm at St. Keverne and were sponsored to clean a fire engine at RNAS Culdrose. They have also used the play area at Penrose Park, Helston.

Any mother interested in sending a child to the playgroup can just turn up for one of the sessions to see for themselves what it is like or telephone Michelle on Helston 562724 for more information.

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□ Top left: Jenny Hagerty, aged two, plays quietly in the corner.

□ Bottom left: Marie Harries in charge of five youngsters having fun with the toy garage and model cars.

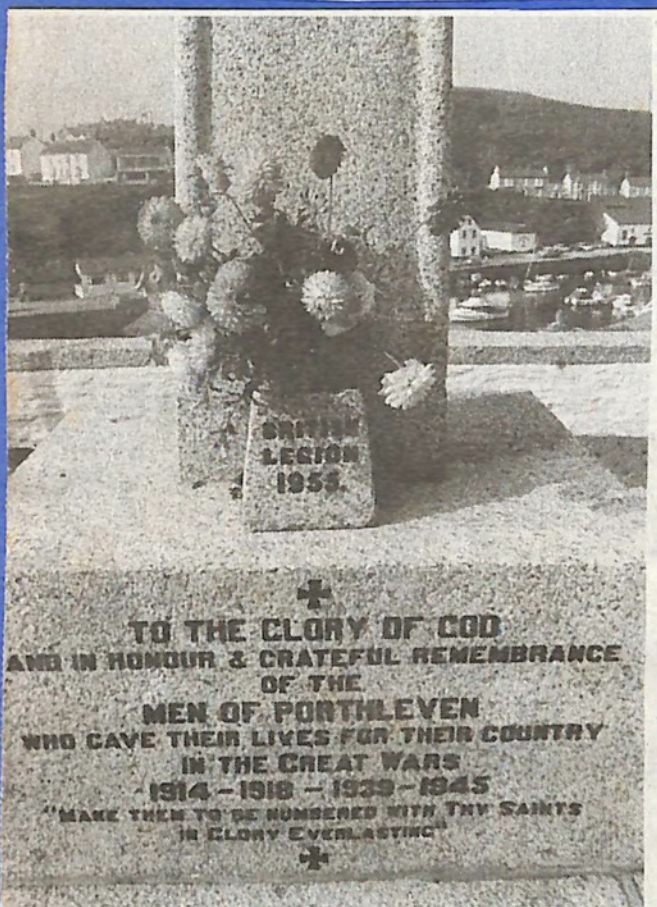
□ Top right: Laura Williams and Ryan Vincent, up to their elbows in paint, are watched by Jayne Frost from a safe distance.

□ Bottom right: Ashleigh Taylor in the cot as the baby with Claire-Louise Auguste (centre) and Georgina Betts making believe as Mum.





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# Liz goes on the run to help RNLI

LONDON dweller Liz Foster will be pounding the streets of another city — New York — in two weeks' time to raise money for a cause very dear to her Cornish heart.

For whenever she can, Liz travels home to her parents, Pat and Denis Foster who live in Mullion Cove, to relax and enjoy the stunning scenery all over again.

That's why she readily agreed to try to raise money for The Lizard lifeboat by getting sponsors for her entry in the New York Marathon on November 6.

At the weekend, she put on her running shoes and ran some 13 or 14 miles from Mullion Cove and back — in complete contrast to her usual routes through St. James's Park in London, along canals, and around Bethnal Green, where she lives.

Liz left Cornwall some 12 years ago, having been educated at Mullion Primary School, Helston

School and Cornwall College.

She now works for the American Chemical Bank as an inter-banker, dealing in interest rate swaps, and leads a life as far removed from her Cornish background as possible.

But she still manages to "come home" every two months or so and people in Mullion who know her are now busy raising sponsorship for her marathon effort.

She, too, will be trying to get sponsors in London. When she ran in the London Marathon earlier this year, she raised around £900 for sufferers of Alzheimer's disease.

"I ran that in four hours and 24 minutes. When I was only about four miles out, I met an old friend from Mullion and we ran together all the way round," she said.

She is hoping to complete the New York event in less time — unless she meets someone else from Mullion to have a chat with on the way round, that is!



● Liz with the lifeboat and, Dennis Lamerton



## Thanks for the memory says Ray



● Ray receives a framed reminder of some of his past "glories" at the base from Culdrose CO, Capt. Peter Fish.

DEALING with the media and the public was the most rewarding and satisfying period of his naval career, CPO Ray Henley said last week.

CPO Henty, assistant public relations officer at RNAS Culdrose for 2 1/2 years made the comment before starting training for his next appointment on the base, as aircraft supervisor with 820 Squadron.

He said: "There are so many good things going on at Culdrose and the personnel, both service and civilian, are so competent and professional that it has been a real pleasure to display their

many achievements to the public at large."

Base PRO, Sue Bradbury, said Ray had built up an excellent relationship with the local and regional media and had thoroughly enjoyed being one of the links between the public and the military.

He and his wife, Sandra, live at Falmouth and have two children, Garry (15) and 11-year-old Kelly.

Ray's temporary replacement is PO (Photographer) Bernie Petterson, who will remain in the job until a permanent civilian replacement is appointed.





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**PORTHLEVEN** manager Trevor Mewton has made another raid across the Tamar and has signed highly-rated striker Charlie Legg.

Mewton made his move after seeing Plymouth-based Legg in action for St. Austell this season, where he has found the back of the net eight times in league and cup outings, including two hat-tricks. Truro, Falmouth and Liskeard were also in the chase for the player's signature.

Mewton put in seven days notice of approach and the player agreed to join the Gala Park outfit last week.

He could form a lethal striking partnership with ex-Bodmin hit man Jason Charlesworth.

Legg's arrival gives Mewton a regular first team squad of 13 players.

Meanwhile, Gala Park chairman Bill

Tearney has a new-look hair style — "short and spiky"!

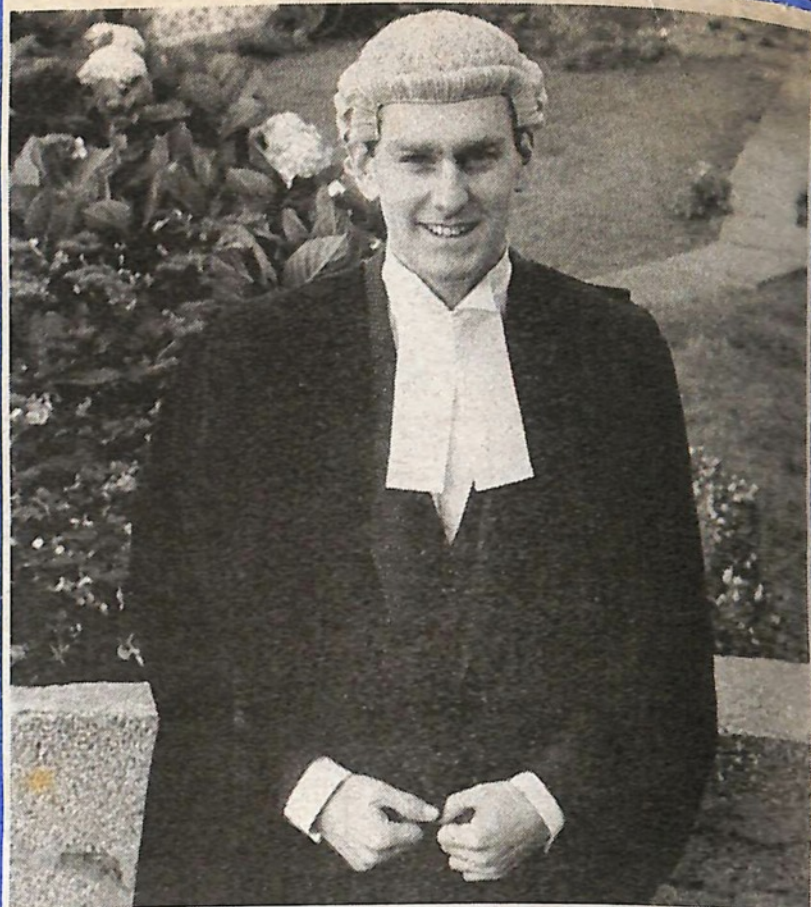
Mr. Tearney, pictured on page one, emerged from the clubhouse just before Saturday's home game with Falmouth with his hair cut and styled the same as skipper Dave Gardner's.

Mr. Tearney recently told players that if they won two hard games on the trot he would go under the hairdresser's scissors. They kept him to his word and Saturday was haircut day.

Gardner's hairdresser Michaela Moore, wife of player Tony Moore, duly arrived armed with scissors and comb and several snips later the job was done.

Never one to let an opportunity to help others pass by, Mr. Tearney made sure his haircut was sponsored and raised £100 for Children in Need.

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● Alan Jones, pictured at his Porthleven home after qualifying as a barrister.

## Scholarship for barrister Alan

**FORMER** Helston School head boy Alan Johns has been called to the Bar — and is one of three new barristers nationwide to be awarded the Lord Reid Scholarship by the Inns of Court.

Alan, the son of Alan and Paula Johns, of Porthleven, studied at Magdalen College,

Oxford, where he was also made a scholar in law. After Christmas, he is to tutor in constitutional law at the college.

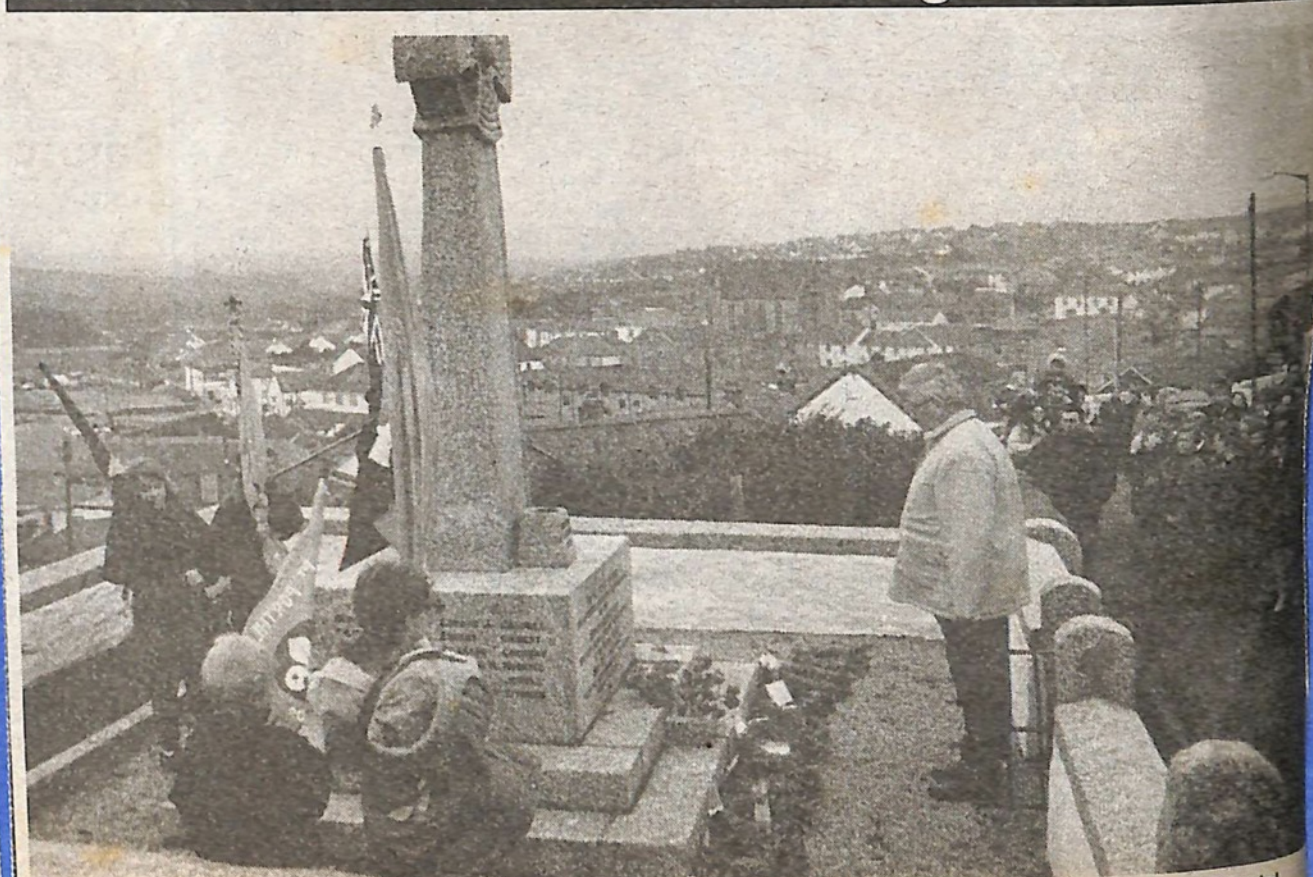
At present he is with the chambers of Robert Reid QC in Lincoln's Inn. In April he is moving to Bristol.

Alan is to specialise in chancery law, including land, wills, trusts and contracts.

## Services in tribute to those who gave their lives

**Porthleven's** service was organised for the first time by the town council, following the folding up of the local Legion. Council chairman Godfrey Stephens was very pleased with the turn-out.

Wreaths were laid at the war memorial overlooking the harbour by representatives of a number of local organisations. The parade marshal was Cmdr. John Rogers of Penrose, several youth organisations took part and Porthleven Town Band led the parade.



● Councillor David Richards bows in silent tribute after laying a wreath at the Porthleven War Memorial.

# 'Clean sweep' chaos leaves trail of diversions, noise and dust

by **Nigel Pengelly**

**SOUTH** West Water's Clean Sweep operation is causing chaos for Porthleven's few remaining businesses.

Due to the works there has been road diversions, noise and dust and a lack of parking space as well as unsightly excavations and materials left open. Many tour operators are avoiding the town.

The work on the harbourside is to replace the existing sewer to prevent flooding upstream and to build a new underground storage tank and pumping station.

## CONGESTION

There has been considerable traffic congestion as motorists are proceeding down Commercial Road to find that the road is blocked before Salt Cellar Hill and cars then have to turn around in the narrow road or reverse out. The only road closed sign is located at the dead end itself. This has led to some bad traffic jams.

Local traders are angry about the work which they say is proceeding at a very slow pace. Nauti But Nice, Colin and Helen Simmons' ice cream parlour opposite the excavations has completely shut down for the winter with a note in the window explaining that the shop would reopen in the



□ Closed for business...Commercial Road, Porthleven

spring when the 'excessive noise, dust and inconvenience of the sewage improvement scheme' had gone. Ironically, SWW has erected a sign further up the road saying 'Nauti But Nice-open as usual'

Levina Brown an employee of Salt Cellar Crafts said that their shop was much busier last year as customers are not walking as far as her shop due to the works.

Traders have been requested by SWW to make compensation claims but many traders doubt if they will ever see any fruit from these claims.

Claire Francis who runs a small hat making workshop on Salt Cellar Hill told the Packet:

"It will cost me money to get my accounts audited and then it will be hard to prove my losses as the

business is still expanding and other traders have had to wait such a long time for any money. Also with no car parking or passing trade our sales are definitely down on last year for the same period."

Grant Howard, who runs Cows Newsagents, on Commercial Road has commented on the slow rate of work being carried out.

"There are only four men working there at any one point and the progress seems very slow," he said, "with all the money SWW make, you'd thought they would be a bit quicker."

Malcolm Brown, the Waste Water Programme Manager for SWW, said that the scheme was a part of the 'Clean Sweep' project necessary to bring the seawater in Porthleven up to European bathing standards."



## Project to restore lifeboat

WORK has started on restoring to its former glory Porthleven's last working lifeboat, Dash, which has recently returned to the port.

Adrian Chanter of Tremearne-road, Porthleven, pictured above, is organising the project and urgently needs volunteers to help, especially carpenters and trimmers.

He is also appealing for donations which can be sent to Leslie Edwards, of Porthleven 2000, who co-ordinated the return and restoration of the vessel, at Beacon Crag, Porthleven.

Mr. Chanter thanked T.J. Brent, contractors, of Bodmin who have assisted in clearing waste ground on which Dash is to be sited, and also Stephen Williams of Porthleven for his assistance.

Mr. Chanter said: "It would be a nice gesture if many people at Porthleven could help support this project which is a little bit of history of their own village, or anyone who has an interest in lifeboats of the past."

He also thanked a number of people who have so far helped with the project whose ultimate aim is to place the refurbished Dash on permanent display at the port.

The hope is she can be restored to the state she was in when she left Porthleven in 1929. A top-house has been added since then and Dash remained in lifeboat service until 1967, at Brighton.

She was returned to Cornwall and was found at Gweek Boatyard before being transported back to Porthleven.



Howard Grant

NOVEMBER



THE wedding of Miss Helen Clare Ruberry and Mr Gary William Fry has taken place at the Porthleven Methodist Church with the Rev Ormesher conducting the service and Mrs Sheila Richards as organist.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. A. Ruberry of 10 Gibson Way, Porthleven and the bridegroom is the only son of Mr and Mrs A. G. Fry of 691 Wolseley Road, St Budeaux, Plymouth.

Given away by her father, the bride was attended by her friends, Louise Calton and Rachel Clay and the groom's sister, Julie Fry.

The best man was Mr Robert Julian and the ushers were Mr A. Prout and Mrs E. Pollard.

The bride wore a classic heavy-lace bodice gown with a full dupion skirt and carried a bouquet of dried flowers including peonies, tea roses and barley and the headdress had alternating roses and helichrysum with gypsophila. The two adult bridesmaids wore wine-coloured satin dupion dresses.

The reception was held at The Polurrian Hotel, Mullion for 50 guests where the couple stayed for a brief honeymoon.

The bridegroom is a conservation worker at Groundwork, Plymouth area and the bride is a training officer with the City of Plymouth Training and Employment.

The couple will live at 2 Tor View, Tremar, Liskeard.



## Doves for dairyman and bride

TWO white doves were released by the bride's father at the wedding of a newsagent and dairyman at Porthleven.

And the two cakes were each decorated in a dove theme.

The wedding, which drew a large crowd at Porthleven, was of Mr Roy Douglas Brazier, only son of Mr and Mrs A. Brazier, of Erdington, and Miss Janet Mary Gilbert, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Gilbert, of Porthleven.

The ceremony at Porthleven Methodist Church was conducted by the Rev Robert Ormesher, and the organist was Mr Gordon Oaten.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a full length white classic style dress in satin Dupion with train. Her dress had embroidered detail on the bodice, sleeves and overskirt. The white and gold bouquet was of roses, Chinese orchids, freesias, gypsophila and trailing fern and ivy. Her headdress was of silk roses, pearl drops and lace.

The bridesmaid was Miss Charlotte Gilbert, bride's niece, who wore a dress of gold Dupion with a floral overskirt and bodice, gold bows and ties and matching headdress. Her bouquet was of matching colours of floral material.

Caley Shepard, the bridegroom's granddaughter, was the flower girl, who wore a similar dress to that of the bridesmaid but in Bo-Peep style. She carried a basket of flowers.

Pageboy was Benjamin Williams, the bride's cousin, who wore brown velvet trousers, waistcoat and bow tie to match the bridesmaid's and flowergirl's dresses. He carried a cushion with wedding rings attached.

Best man was Mr Peter Davis, the bridegroom's uncle, and the ushers were Mr Harry Davis, uncle, Mr Maurice Gilbert, brother, and Mr Matthew Gilbert, bride's nephew, dressed in Cornish tartan waistcoat.

The reception was at Helston Middle School, attended by 50 guests, and there was an evening reception for 100.

For the honeymoon, the couple chose to tour the UK.

The couple cut the two wedding cakes, one made by the bride's mother and the other by the bridegroom's mother, both decorated in dove themes. The altar flower arrangement was by Wendy Wallis and was called "Wings of Doves."

## PORTHLEVEN

PORTHLEVEN Town Band held a coffee morning at the Luggar Restaurant, Porthleven, on Saturday and raised £72 for funds. The band played traditional Christmas music on the patio.

PORTHLEVEN Wives' Club enjoyed their Christmas dinner at the Luggar Restaurant. Mrs. G. Russell, chairman, welcomed everyone and later thanked the management for their hospitality.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S Church Ladies Group met at Porthleven public hall on Monday for their monthly activity and enjoyed a demonstration of "Painting on Ceramics" by Helen Smith and "Spinning" by Joan Ford.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S Church, Porthleven, held their Christmas party at the Harbour Hotel on Friday. After the meal, entertainment was provided by Ruby Thomas on her accordion. Thanks were expressed by Pete Head and Maureen Williams.

The local ARC held a Christmas Evening by permission of David Mitchell and Billy Russell in their workshop at Porthleven and raised £210 for funds. Entertainment was provided by Jangye Ryn Folk Group from The Lizard and Mrs. Arris and

## Porthleven Santa visits

Porthleven — The Christmas fayre held in Porthleven Sunday School on Saturday morning raised over £1,000, with donations for Methodist Church funds. Santa Claus welcomed children into his grotto, and a variety of goods were sold on the stalls. Rev Ormesher opened the fayre, and the morning concluded with a ploughman's lunch served by Pam and John Hall and friends. Competition winners were Lowenna Christophers, Matthew Frost, "Santa Claus" and Marjorie Seymour.

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THE Christmas dinner party of Porthleven Floral Club was held at the Harbour Hotel. A competition for a decorated parcel was judged by Mrs. Donald, and the parcels were later donated to patients of the Meneage Hospital. Competition winners were: Beginners, Mrs. Phyllis Dale; intermediate, Mrs. Marion Liddell; advanced, Mrs. J. Tilsley and Mrs. R. Williams (equal first).

AT THE annual meeting of the Porthleven branch of ARC it was announced that £4,000 had been raised and sent to headquarters. Mrs. S. Ladbrooke, the regional organising secretary, presented a certificate of merit to Mr. and Mrs. L. Courtis, of Breage, who have raised more than £3,000 since 1981. All officers were re-elected.

THE Shipshape carol service was held at Porthleven Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon. The Junior Church presented a musical Christmas story and teachers and parents served refreshments afterwards. The collection, amounting to £94, will be shared between the Junior Church and Action Aid. During the afternoon Bethany, daughter of Ken and Karen Chapman, was baptised by the Rev. R. Ormesher.

A COFFEE morning held in the Luggar Restaurant by members of Porthleven Cricket Club raised £25 for club funds.

DECEMBER.

## PORTHLEVEN

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S autumn fair, held at the public hall, Porthleven, raised £963 for church funds.

A CHRISTMAS fair held at Porthleven Sunday School on Saturday raised more than £1,000, with donations, for Methodist Church funds. It was opened by the Rev. R. Ormesher and a ploughman's lunch was served by Pam and John Hall and friends.

PORTHLEVEN Wives' Club heard a talk on "Aromatherapy" by Mrs. W. Lorens of Penzance and at a later meeting Mrs. B. Johns gave a demonstration of Christmas floral decorations. Gwen Russell presided on both occasions and refreshments were served.

## YESTERDAY'S CORNWALL



● Porthleven harbour in the early 1900s.

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S 50/50 CLUB** Thank you to all those who became members of the Club in 1994. £425 was raised by the Club which goes towards the cost of the formation of St. Elvan's Room. If you would like to join for 1995 please contact John Williams by Sunday 22nd January at the latest so that the new membership list may be compiled. The annual subscription is £10 but can be paid by instalments if you so wish. Money raised in 1995 will again go towards the cost of the formation of St. Elvan's Room.

## DECEMBER.



● Recipients of the service badges with Mr. Jagger (left) and Mr. Stephens.

## CHRISTMAS EFFORT FOR RSPCA

THE annual Christmas effort for the Porthleven Auxiliary of the RSPCA was held at the home of secretary Mrs. A.A. Vincent last week and raised £180.

The event was staged throughout the day with stalls, a raffle and refreshments.

Cornwall branch chairman Mr. J. Jagger presented badges to five committee members in recognition of more than five years' service.

They were Mrs. Vincent, Mrs. J. Wright (both founder members of the Porthleven group ten years ago), Mrs. J. Bryant (treasurer), Mrs. J. Ford and Mrs. J. Rosewarne.

Mr. R. Stephens, Cornwall branch secretary of Truro, attended with his wife.

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● The Rev. Peter Walker with the Ven. Raymond Ravenscroft (left) and the Bishop of Truro.

## New priest-in-charge installed

THE New Year has brought a new role for the Rev. Peter Walker who has moved to Porthleven with his wife and three children to become priest-in-charge of the united benefice of Porthleven with Sithney.

The family moved into a Victorian granite house on the corner of Pendeen-road, Porthleven, a few weeks ago, rather than the vicarage overlooking the harbour used by Mr. Walker's predecessor, the Rev. Stephen Jones, who was not married.

The family already know the county fairly well, having spent numerous holidays visiting family. Mr. Walker's wife, Lynne, comes from St. Austell originally and his brother has lived in Hayle for a number of years.

Before this appointment, Mr. Walker ran a conference and retreat centre at Rydal in the Lake District, with residential facilities, a youth centre and a camp site.

He and his wife had been there 11 years, with visiting Christian groups, charities and secular groups using the centre. He had also started a Christian lay community, with an average age of around 23.

This was the first quiet family Christmas his children — Matthew (11), Hannah (10) and Sarah (8) — had known, he said.

"It made a change for them to have a quiet family Christmas when they are used to sitting down with about 70 peo-

ple to Christmas dinner," he said.

The church at St. Sithney was full last Thursday for a united service for Mr. Walker's licensing and installation.

Taking part were the Bishop of Truro, the Rt. Rev. Michael Ball; the Archdeacon of Cornwall, the Ven. R.L. Ravenscroft; the Rural Dean, Canon J.T. McCabe and the lay chairman of Kerrier Deanery, Mr. E.C. Mildren.

Various denominations were represented and among the guests were MP David Harris, Anne Pascoe, chairman of Sithney Parish Council; Godfrey Stephens, chairman of Porthleven Town Council and Fred Heffer, vice-chairman of Kerrier Council.

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THE proceeds of a candlelit carol service held at St. Bartholomew's Church, Porthleven, amounted to £51.30 for the Save the Children's Fund.

SERVICES at Porthleven Methodist Church on Sunday were conducted by Mr. D.W. Burrell in the morning and in the evening by the Rev. R. Ormesher.

DURING a lunch for Porthleven Age Concern at the Harbour Inn, the chief guest, Mrs. H. Williams, head of Porthleven Junior School, presented prizes to members who had gained most points in monthly competitions — 1, Mrs. M. Seymour; 2, Mrs. E. Goldenbaum; 3, Mrs. O. Searle. Earlier, members had enjoyed a carols and mince pies afternoon with guest artistes Glynis Pawlyn and David Richards (soloists), accompanied by Margaret Bilkey, and piano playing by member Mrs. Tucknutt.

A COVENANT communion service at Porthleven Methodist Church was conducted by the Rev. R. Ormesher, who christened Jessica Kate Chapman. In the evening, the preacher was Elsie Balme.

### MEMORIES OF LONG AGO

We met and we married a long time ago,  
We worked long hours and wages were low,  
No TV, no wireless, no bath, times were hard,  
Just a cold water tap and a walk down the yard.  
No holidays abroad, no carpet on the floor,  
We had coal on the fire and we didn't lock doors.  
Our children arrived, no pill in those days  
And we brought them up without state aid.  
They were safe to go out and play in the park  
And old folk could go for a walk in the dark.  
No tranquilisers, drugs, and no l.s.d.,  
We cured all our ills with a good cup of tea.  
No vandals, no mugging, there was nothing to rob;  
We felt we were rich with a couple of bob.  
People were happier in those far off days,  
Caring and kinder in so many ways.  
Milkmen and paperboys would whistle and sing;  
A night at the pictures was our one mad fling.  
We all got our share of troubles and strife,  
We just had to face it, it's the pattern of life.  
I remember the blessings, our home and our love  
We all share them together, I thank God above.

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FEBRUARY 1995

## Former vicarage on the market

A HOUSE overlooking Porthleven Harbour which has been used as the vicarage in recent years, is being offered for sale by the Truro diocese because they have bought another house nearer to the church which they say is more suitable for a family.

The new Vicar of Porthleven and Sithney, the Rev. Peter Walker, is already living with his wife and three children in the new vicarage, on the corner of Pendeen-road.

The house occupied by his predecessor, the Rev. Stephen Jones, at Breageside is for sale through Stratton and Creber's Penzance office, with a price guide of £120,000.

Porthleven has had three different vicarages in recent years, but a spokesman for the diocese said the new one, occupied by Mr. Walker could almost have been purpose-built as it meets all the modern-day requirements of a vicarage.



■ STEVE and Jo Critchard outside their restaurant in Porthleven.

## Celebrities in two-day visit for TV show

THE popular BBC programme, Food and Drink, featured Porthleven and Mylor Harbour this week.

There was an item showing former Middle East hostage John McCarthy and TV comedienne Sandi Toksvig preparing a meal at Critchards in Porthleven and footage of dredging for oysters in the Carrick Roads.

The two celebrities stayed at Greenbank Hotel in Falmouth either side of filming at Critchards.

Restaurateurs Steve and Jo Critchard arrived back from holiday in the Canary Islands only the day before. "We were thrown straight in at the deep end," said Steve. "But it is great publicity for us. They had a fantastic time. John and Sandi were great fun. It was a super evening."

It was also a special event for Jo, for it coincided with her 33rd birthday.

The celebrities helped to

prepare fresh Porth Navas oysters, local smoked haddock marinated in West Country cider, and grilled red mullet. They also waited on.

"The idea was to promote Cornish seafood," said Jo.

To complete the local flavour, the Cadgwith Singers were among the guests.

The Critchards spent their honeymoon in Porthleven in 1984 and dined at the restaurant that was to become theirs six years later. It was then called The Granary.

They moved to Cornwall from Dorking in 1987 — Jo's sister Dee Hall, a teacher, was already living at Black Rock — and first ran the Mexico Inn at Longrock, winning it a place in the Good Pub Food Guide.

Critchards has also collected a good helping of awards.

## Karate club brings home nine trophies

MEMBERS of the Helston Sandokai Karate Club brought home nine trophies from the Cornish Open at Ludgvan.

The club had 11 members competing and the outstanding performance of the day came from Tony Woodhams, who has been training for just two months yet beat a lightweight black belt with eight years' experience.

Helston club members results:

Boys over 150cm kumite fighting: 1 Lee James Collick, 2 James Richards.

Girls under 150cm: 2 Kirsty Harvey.

Ladies open weight: 2 Alison Johns.

Men junior kata: 1 Andy Adams.

Team event: 2 Anthony Woods, Steve Richards, Tony Woodhams.

Kata: 2 Kevin Gilbert (a quarter point behind winner).

The contest is an annual event and attracts competitors from all over Cornwall.

Helston instructors Kevin Gilbert, 3rd dan, and Gary Martin, 2nd dan, said the club was earning a reputation for winning.

Gary said: "This is a good end to the year. Next year we will be attending a new tournament circuit at Penzance, Redruth, Helston and Camborne and we hoped to do well. Our club is starting to get a good reputation for our fighters and our friendly but noisy supporters."

## 814 ending Adriatic tour



HELSTON'S 814 Naval Air Squadron, based at RNAS Cudrose, are currently completing their tour of operations in the Adriatic, embarked in the aircraft carrier HMS Invincible as part of a UK task group maintaining a watchkeeping presence off the former Republic of Yugoslavia.

Departing for the Adriatic in August this second deployment to the area has been a significant increase in operational capability for the Squadron in its primary role of Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) and all opportunities to exercise with submarines have been fully utilised. A Ships ASW Readiness Effectiveness Measurement (SHAREM) carried out immediately after sailing produced a week of excellent contact with the USS Newport News (an American nuclear submarine) and ITS Fenice Di Cossato (an Italian conventional submarine). Whilst operating the Sea King Mk 6 Anti-

Submarine helicopter from the ship, the Squadron has also completed a wide variety of secondary tasking, including low-level mountain flying in Italy, stores support and numerous passenger transfers.

More unusual tasking was provided by a project from Landrover UK, and involved the flying of a new Range Rover on to the ship whilst at anchor off Corfu. Under the close supervision of the Joint Air Transport Establishment (JATE), the valuable load was airlifted on board, and despite the high temperatures a safe and careful transfer was successfully completed.

US Submarines Springfield and Annapolis brought the year to a close with some further ASW exercising for the whole Adriatic task group. HMS Invincible then spent Christmas alongside in Grand harbour, Malta where many members of the Squadron took the oppor-

tunity to fly out their families and relations for an unusual Christmas break in the pleasant Mediterranean climate. The New Year has resulted in more time on station in the Adriatic, where the Royal Navy is continuing to provide a clear and visible presence in support of the large British troop contingent ashore.

814 Naval Air Squadron is an affiliated NATO 'Tiger' squadron, membership of which is limited to units with a Tiger emblem in their squadron crest. Each year, if the members' operational programme permits, aircraft are painted up with Tiger markings and gather at a Tiger Meet to celebrate their unique connection. Due to operational commitments, 814 are unable to attend this year's Tiger Meet. However, Lieutenant Steve Whitehead (the Deputy Air Engineering Officer) suggested a slightly more ambitious colour scheme to be flown and photographed as the Squadron's contribution.

Approval was given and shortly after a visit to Palma in January, Sea King 68/XV659 was painted with a tiger's head on the nose and undercarriage sponsons marked in the squadron's Tiger colours.

Photographed during a routine formation sortie in the South Mediterranean whilst towing a White Ensign and flown by Captain Allan (on exchange from the Royal Canadian Airforce) and Lieutenant Ben Adams (Royal Navy), the aircraft provided an eye-catching sight which will be used for Royal Navy public relations purposes well into the future.

HMS Invincible will return to Portsmouth at the end of February, with the Squadron disembarking for some well earned leave after having spent twelve of the past eighteen months embarked. The aircraft carrier commitment in the Adriatic dictates further tasking in area for the Squadron, where they will return this year.

Picture by Neil 'Joe' Mercer, Fleet Air Arm

Smell of French cooking's in the air

## Chance meeting leads to port's new restaurant

ONE day a woman from Cornwall walked into Michel Lorion's hotel in Brittany. They became friends, Michel sold up and moved to Hayle with her — and now he is about to open a French restaurant in Porthleven.

He has redecorated the Fisherman's Wharf Cafe on the quayside and next month it will become Le Restaurant du Port, serving snacks in the daytime and a la carte French fare in the evening.

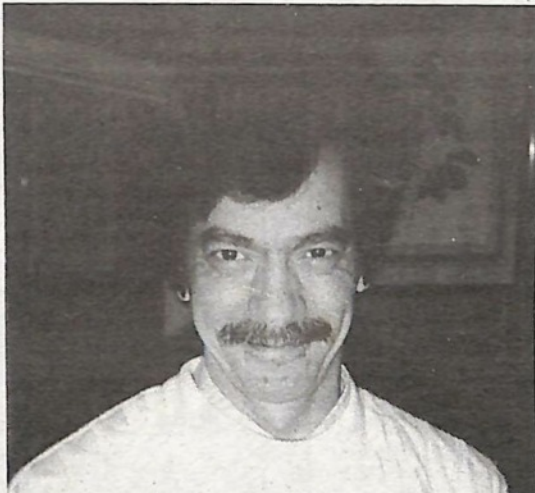
Michel, 42, has already introduced French cakes to the menu to give customers a taste of things to come.

A Parisian, he spent his first 30 years in the capital and learned his trade there. He used his experience as a chef to run a restaurant in the mountains for ten years and had the hotel in Brittany for two years before crossing the Channel.

His only knowledge of England was from a one-month holiday trip as a 16-year-old boy, but over the years the catering trade has honed his English to the standard of a native.

"I had to speak English

by David Robinson



PORTHLEVEN'S newest restaurateur . . . Michel Lorion

in the job because I had English customers," he said. "I never knew Cornwall, but it's very similar to Brittany. The weather is the same and I think the Cornish people have the same character."

He has been over here for a year and while sorting out the finance for his new venture he did two months as a chef at the Alverton Manor in Truro to get local

experience.

"I want to make a French restaurant here because I think there are not a lot around and I know people like French cooking," he said.

The new dinner menu will include starters like pate de foie de volailles (chicken liver) and main courses such as cote d'agneau aux herbes (lamb chop with herbs).

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# Safety barrier finished year after tragedy

by **David Robinson**

WORKMEN finished erecting a safety barrier at Porthleven pier on Monday — a year to the day that Eddie Peacock drowned there in a valiant but vain bid to save a toddler from raging seas.

His sister and brother-in-law, Kate and George Robinson, were there to see a chain and warning notice put in place and to leave flowers in his memory.

George said: "We saw a woman come and throw flowers in the sea. We don't know who she was. Obviously people remember."

Someone also left a bouquet at the far end of the pier.

The warning sign says 'Danger — you pass this sign at your own risk' and the words 'Danger in rough seas' are to be painted on the ground.

In another anniversary tribute on Monday, a local stonemason erected a headstone on Eddie's grave in Porthleven cemetery.

The barrier has been paid



□ Kate Robinson by the barrier erected at the entrance to Porthleven pier near where her brother Eddie drowned a year ago

for from a safety fund set up by the family after the tragedy but donations of some materials and labour — Westcountry Signs of Pool have provided the warning notice and S J Andrew of Redruth erected the steelwork without charge — means there will

be money left over.

The Robinsons propose to give the spare cash to one of the rescue services.

George said: "You can still walk around the barrier but at least you can't miss it. You aren't going to go along the pier now without knowing the risks."

Eddie, who was 23, dived into the harbour on Sunday, February 27 last year when his fiancée Nicky Shipman's three-year-old son Martin was swept off the pier by a huge wave.

The boy died in hospital two days later.

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## Porthleven

### Amnesty

The congregation and friends of St Bartholomew's church, Porthleven, attended a **Hunger lunch** at the home of Mr and Mrs John Williams, of Arcon, Sunset Gardens, in aid of Amnesty International and the event raised £77.

## Porthleven

### Pastor's tale

Members of the **Ladies Circle** met at the Helston Free church for a talk by Pastor J. Townley, who spoke on his experiences on becoming a Pastor. He was thanked by Miss Phyllis Arthur and the tea hostesses were Pat Hosking, Shirley Medlyn and Brenda Hosking.

## Porthleven

### Tea-bags

A family service was arranged at the **Methodist church** for Mothering Sunday when the preacher was the Rev. R. Ormesher.

Members of the **Shipshapes** distributed novelty tea-bags to the ladies present.

## Porthleven

### Floral club

Mrs Jeanette Richards, chairman, welcomed members of the Porthleven floral club to their monthly meeting, when six members of the committee demonstrated arrangements on the theme — "Church flowers workshop". They were thanked by Mrs Marjorie Kitchen.

The competition winners for - Five daffodils in a 2ft space were - Beginners, Blue, Mrs J. Walker; Advanced, Gold, Mrs J. Osborne; Blue, Mrs B. Gray.

## Porthleven

### Sang solo

Mr Raymond Wearne of Helston was the speaker at the **Methodist church ladies fellowship** and also contributed a solo. He was welcomed by Mrs Andrews and the pianist was Mrs A. A. Vincent.

Birthday greetings were extended to Mrs Day and Mrs Mullin and the tea hostesses were Mrs Skinner and Mrs Trace.

## Grant for gymnasts

GYMNASTS from Porthleven C.P School should be tumbling their way to success - thanks to a grant from Kerrier District Councils Amenities Committee.

The school gymnastics team, who came first in the south west regional gymnastics competition earlier this month, were granted £45 this week by Kerrier so they may represent the South West in the finals at Chelmsford on April 29.

The money will help pay for overnight accommodation for the team and travel costs.

The team are Ann-Marie Ward, Holly Powell, Laura Newbury, Wayne Ward, Tom Shainberg and Richard Chapman.

Mrs Pauline Ward, fundraiser for the gymnasts, said: "We are delighted at the response to the fundraising and we are going to buy a new team strip. This really is a very big thing for them."

However, Mr Edwards believes the building could serve far better functions locally such as Town Council Offices, a new Porthleven surgery or as a centre for collective worship.

"A petition is being drawn up against the planning application and there has already been two breaches of its listed building status," he said.

Miss Phyllis Arthur, the Church Council secretary of Peverell Road Chapel at the time of closure, said it was a shame that such a fine building had been allowed to deteriorate so badly.

The chapel was renovated at a cost of £25,000 in 1986 and a further £50,000 has since been spent to stabilise subsidence from the rear of the chapel.

The chapel, which still contains pews and the pulpit, has been broken into on several occasions.

Porthleven 2000 have put their ideas to Kerrier Planning and are awaiting the outcome of the application.

## Porthleven

### Cuppa tea

The **WRVS Emergency team** was called out last Thursday to the fires at Goonhilly. They supplied the fire fighters with tea, coffee, soup, sandwiches and biscuits during the late afternoon and the evening. The WRVS is most grateful to Cliff Road Stores in Porthleven who immediately helped out with supplying items of food.

# Chapel flats plan angers residents and methodists

by **David Robinson**

A FRESH row has broken out over the future use of Peverell Road Methodist Chapel in Porthleven.

Planning permission has been applied for to convert the chapel into two flats and this has upset local methodists and residents alike who would like to see the building used for some benefit to the community.

Mr Les Edwards, of Porthleven 2000, said that the chapel was built and paid for by the people of

Porthleven, including his grandfather, and the flats will be sold off to make a "quick buck" for the Methodist Church.

Porthleven Town Council are also opposed to the plans and have recommended refusal on the grounds of supporting local objectors.

A previous planning application to convert the

former chapel into four flats was rejected by Kerrier for technical reasons.

The chapel was last used for religious worship in 1989 when the Peverell Road Methodists joined forces with the Fore Street Methodists - a decision that caused some controversy at the time.

Ian Johnson, secretary of the Property Division of the

Methodist Church said the decision to convert the redundant chapel has been taken by local people.

"Planning permission has been applied for in order to market the property," he said.

"All money raised from the sale will be spent on upkeeping other chapels on the Mounts Bay circuit with a small fee going to the central office in Manchester." →

MARCH

A MAN who has twice battled to recover from operations to remove tumours from his brain has married the woman who has done more than anyone to speed his recovery.

Ron Strong met Jo Davies last July when she arrived at his home in Wheal Rose, Porthleven, as a community carer just after his second operation.

Jo, of Ashton, works for the Penhells Community Care Service in Helston and had been sent to do Ron's shopping while he could hardly walk or look after himself and was having other nursing care.

"It all stemmed from there," Jo recalled this week. "Within a month or two we were engaged."

"I admired his bravery. With all he had been through he was still always smiling. That was what I liked about him the first time we met."

And Ron had no doubts. "I just fell in love with her as soon as I saw her," he said.

The couple were married at The Willows register office at Helston on Saturday, with a reception afterwards at Porthleven Football Club for about 50 guests and a disco in the evening.



● Ron and Jo pictured after their wedding.

## By MURIEL CATO

Among the guests were Ron's fellow town councillors and former members of Porthleven Boxing Club, which he started in 1982 and ran until his first illness.

At that time, Ron was rushed to hospital in Plymouth in a coma with a brain tumour, brain haemorrhage and blood clot and nearly died twice in hospital.

When he went home he was unable to walk or talk and battled for months to get fit, teaching himself to walk and talk again.

His recovery was remarkable and during that time he joined the town council. But at Christmas, 1993, he received a letter telling him that tests had revealed a second tumour.

The news was devastating, but Ron faced the operation with the same courage. He spent five days in Derriford Hospital, Plymouth, last May and ten days in the Cottage Hospital, Helston.

A few days after going home, he met Jo — and his recovery was rapid.

They have a two-bedroom house in Wheal Rose. "We get along so well," said Jo. "We are really helping each other."

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### Porthleven

#### Cuppa tea

The WRVS Emergency team was called out last Thursday to the fires at Goonhilly. They supplied the fire fighters with tea, coffee, soup, sandwiches and biscuits during the late afternoon and the evening. The WRVS is most grateful to Cliff Road Stores in Porthleven who immediately helped out with supplying items of food.

### Porthleven

#### Band fund

The Town Band held a coffee morning at the Lugger Restaurant and raised £76.70 for Band funds. Raffle prize winners were: Mr Harwood, L. Williams, F. Ellis, J. Ellis, L. Miller, J. Cows and D. Mitchell.



## Nursery nurse weds RN steward

NURSERY nurse Julie Annette Thorne has married Royal Navy steward John Phillips.

The couple, who will live in Porthleven, were married at Porthleven Methodist Church by the Rev. Robert Ormesher. Organist was Sheila Richards.

The bride, who works at Roskear School, Camborne, is the only daughter of Mr and Mrs W J Thorne, of Wheal Rose, Porthleven.

The bridegroom, who is based at RNAS Culdrose, is the eldest son of Mr and Mrs Phillips of Dawlish.

Jade Edgecomb attended the bride, who was given away by her father, and wore an ivory silk pearl embroidered dress with cathedral-length veil decorated with lilac roses and carried matching lilac roses and variegated ivy.

The bridesmaid wore a lilac silk dress.

Best man was Henry Cooper and usher was Ian Thorne, the bride's brother.

There were 70 guests at the reception at Porthleven Football Club.

Photo: Peter Collins (Mawgan).

## Sshh . . . children at work

THERE was a chance for both the elderly and the not so old to go back to school or to see the school their children will be going to at Porthleven.

The local infants and junior school held an open day for the port which, said deputy head Penny Shilston, proved to be "very, very successful".

She said: "We had a lot of people looking round during the morning, including some of the older people of the village who had been to the old board school. They had a lovely time,

they enjoyed it all. The main comment was "it wasn't like this when I was at school".

She said that the school's usual lessons had continued as normal, giving visitors the chance to see the children at work.

Mrs. Shilston said it had been of interest to prospective parents, who had wandered around and had seen the nursery facilities, and to parents with children in the infants classes who would be going up into the junior department.



● Head teacher Helen Williams (right) with, from left: Marjorie Seymour, Elsie Laity and Olive Searle in the infants classroom.

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# Karate gradings



THREE members of the newly-formed Porthleven Sandokai Karate Club under its Sensi, Kevin Gilbert, third dan, took their gradings at Marazion recently. And all three were successful.

Ruth Moyle gained her white belt, Tony Woodhams his yellow and Andrew Adams his purple belt.

The club is looking forward to a successful year, taking part in competition in other parts of the country and further gradings throughout the coming year.

The club meets on a Monday evening in the public hall at Porthleven between 7.30 and 9.30pm. Male and female are most welcome. The first session is free.

# Karate men clubs put up great show

by **Staff Reporter**

HELSTON and Porthleven Sandokai Karate Clubs did themselves proud at a Champion of Champions event last week.

The contest, at Weston-super-Mare, was a world united martial arts rated tournament and attracted several hundred competitors in 62 events.

Five Helston and Porthleven members took part and built on their success in last month's gradings, when every member entered passed.

Andrew Adams came second in the Junior Kata (forms), Tony Woodhams was third in the 70kg Junior Points Fighting, Anthony Woods third in the 70kg Senior Points and second in the 70kg Continuous Fighting, Kevin Gilbert second in the 70-80kg Senior Points Fighting, and Steve Richards went out in the early rounds after narrowly losing to the eventual winner of his class.

All five members will be at another big event, at Evesham, on Sunday. There are five rated tournaments, after which the overall winner of each section will receive a large trophy which is much sought-after.

Senior instructor of both clubs, 'Sensi' Kevin Gilbert, a third dan, said everyone did very well and impressed people with their determination and technical ability.

The clubs train from 7.30pm to 9.30pm on Mondays at Porthleven Public Hall.



The award winners, left to right: back - Anthony Woods, Andrew Adams, Kevin Gilbert; front - Tony Woodhams, Steve Richards.



points fighting class. Anthony Woods came third in the under 70 kg senior fighting and second in the under 70kg continuous fighting section. Tony Woodhams was second in the junior under 70kg points fighting. Steve Richards lost in the early rounds to the competitor who eventually won his class.

Members of the Porthleven and Helston sandokai karate clubs did well at a contest at Weston-super-Mare which attracted many competitors in the 62 events. One of the clubs' instructors, Gary Martin, said Andy Adams was second in the junior kata competition, while Kevin Gilbert was second in the 70 - 80 kg senior

## Porthleven Plans made

Final arrangements have now been made for VE Day celebrations at Porthleven. These will commence at 11 am, with an informal laying of a floral tribute on the War Memorial, during which there will be a helicopter fly past.

At 3pm, a service will be held in St Bartholomew's Church, to be followed with cream teas. Tickets at 1.50 each are available from Mrs Maureen Williams.

In the evening at 7.30pm a concert will be given in the public hall by the Porthleven Town Band, Betty Gilbert and Peggy Toy (duets), Pat Brown and Phyllis Arthur (pianoforte duets), and Margaret Bilkey (accompanist). The MC will be Philip Smith.

Refreshment will be served at the close. Admission free. Also, members of the Porthleven Auxilliary of the RSCPA will be holding their first stall of the season on the Harbour Head throughout the day.



## Given away by her daughter

HELSTON Register Office was the setting for the wedding of Miss Belinda Crowhurst and Mr Jeremy Allen.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr Colin Crowhurst and Mrs Barbara Strike of Porthleven, and the bridegroom is the youngest son of Mr and Mrs N. J. Allen of Porthleven.

Given away by her daughter, Hannah Crowhurst, the bride was attended by Lucy Allen and Jasmine Wilkins. The best man was Mr Jonathan Allen.

### TWO-PIECE SUIT

The bride wore a two-piece cream suit and the bridesmaids wore three-quarter-length raspberry dresses, all made by the bride's mother and carried baskets of dried flowers. The cake was made by the groom's mother and iced by a friend.

The reception was held at The Angel Hotel, Helston after which the couple left for a honeymoon in the Thames Valley.

The bridegroom is employed as mechanic at Allen's Motor Repairs, Porthleven.

The couple will live at Loe Bar Road, Porthleven. Photographer: Mr Robin Willey, Porthleven.

# Bingo! Ellen scoops the £80,000 jackpot

A PORTHLEVEN grandmother has won nearly £80,000 at bingo — and plans to carry on playing. The champagne was flowing for Ellen Edkins and husband Michael after the big win — the top prize in Britain that night.

But the level-headed couple won't be splashing out. Mrs Edkins, 54, has bought a second-hand Volkswagen Polo to replace her 1972 MG Metro and contacted a financial adviser to plan how to use the rest of the money.

The win comprised a £75,000 national prize and £4,500 for the top card at the Ritz in Penzance last Wednesday night. It beats Mrs Edkins' previous best return by £79,300!

And the timing could not have been better, for she had to give up her sales job in Redruth last year through ill health.

Her 57-year-old husband, usually known as Eddie, is an aircraft engineer with 705 Squadron at RNAS Culdrose.

They have three children — Michael and his wife run the Golden Lion at Port Isaac, Peter works for South West Power Tools and lives in Garras, and

by **David Robinson**

Maria works for Brewer's the printers in Helston and lives at Carleen.

There are four grandchildren and a fifth is expected in November.

But Mrs Edkins, born in Londonderry and a Porthleven resident for 35 years, won't be shouting too loudly about her new wealth, for she has three sisters and ten brothers up-country.

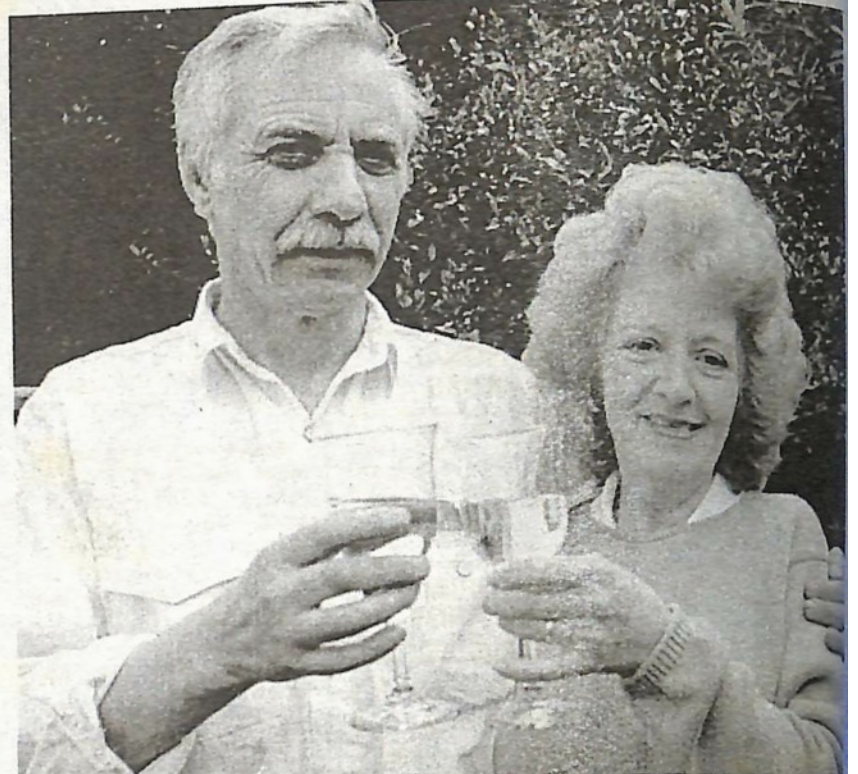
"They don't know I've won this money. There are too many of them," she said.

The vital numbers came

up after playing about twice a week at the Ritz for 25 years. Mrs Edkins missed out on the big one two years ago by a single number.

"I just couldn't believe it. I thought knowing my luck I haven't got it. Then I had 40 minutes to wait for the results to come through from London. That was the worst bit — my heart was fluttering and I could have done with a brandy.

"It hasn't really hit me yet. I've got someone coming from the bank to give advice. I'm not a spendthrift."



□ Bingo! Ellen toasts her big win with husband Michael

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PORTHLEVEN School's talented gymnasts: front - Holly Powell; behind, left to right - Richard Chapman, Anmarie Ward, Tom Shainberg, Laura Newbury and Wayne Wayne Ward.

## School fifth in championships

PORTHLEVEN School gym team came fifth out of 12 in the National Schools Championships on Saturday.

Headmistress Helen Williams and two other teachers, deputy head Penny Shilston and James

Kitto, joined parents and other supporters on the trip to Chelmsford.

### TEAMS

The contest involved 34 teams in all, with the Porthleven children — all members of the Helston

Swallows — competing in the under-11 mixed class.

Mrs Williams said: "It was a very good result. I was very proud to be there to watch them. They really gave of their very best in a situation where the standard was so high and to

come fifth was just wonderful.

"I would like to thank all the people who sponsored the children. They were able to buy their new strip with the sponsor money and they really looked smart in the school colours."

## *porthleven community news*

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### PORTHLEVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Town Clerk - Peter Morris

Chairman - Godfrey Stephens Vice-Chairman - James Stokes

### COUNCILLORS

Charles Budd - Michael Carter - Leslie Edwards

Beatrice Kerno - Ron Strong - Sue Swift - Graham Williams

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The number of Neighbourhood Watch areas in Porthleven have recently increased. The more areas covered and the more vigilant we are, the more difficult it becomes for the thieves. If you see anything suspicious make sure the person knows he or she is being watched. Make a note of the persons description and any distinguishing item that will be easily identifiable. Make a note of any vehicle registration number that you think is involved and then telephone the police. If you believe a robbery is taking place, do not hesitate to telephone the emergency services. You can now dial either 999 or 911. Both numbers will receive an emergency response. 911 has been adopted by our emergency services as a result of young people watching American TV programmes and then dialling this number in an emergency.

Porthleven Town Council are now in possession of the Neighbourhood Watch signs. These will be installed shortly, covering all the approach roads into Porthleven.

Please do not become complacent just because you live in a Watch area. Its success depends on every one of us being alert and observant. Protect yourself, protect your neighbour, protect Porthleven.

Anyone interested in setting up a new Watch area should contact:-

WPC MOYLE - TELEPHONE 01326 572414

### PORTHLEVEN

A library and reading room, supplied with London and provincial newspapers, was erected in 1884 and commands an uninterrupted view of Mount's Bay; the building is of stone, with granite dressing and has a massive clock tower 70 feet high; the cost, £1000, was defrayed by W. Bickford Smith Esq, of Trevarne. The Porthleven Harbour and Dock Company, first incorporated by Act of Parliament in 1811, has a pier here built upon the rock and projecting into the sea, 465 feet long, 26 feet high and 21 feet wide. The harbour is 100 feet wide at the mouth. Many improvements were made in 1885/86 - the total cost being upwards of £70,000.

**FOR THE COUNCIL TO BE ABLE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY  
THEY NEED TO BE INFORMED OF YOUR VIEWS & PROBLEMS**

The success of Porthleven's Town Council is in your hands

### PORTHLEVEN CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Will Secretaries please contact one of the below with any information to be included in the next News Sheet :-

Mike Carter - Tel. 562769

George Shipman - Tel. 573245

Peter Morris (Town Clerk)

Tel. 573154 / 290316

### COMPLAINT

During March of this year our Town Clerk received what can only be described as an irate telephone call regarding the children's play area. Unfortunately the individual concerned was not prepared to listen to reason and put the receiver down on the Town Clerk.

The playground equipment is inspected at regular intervals. Items are repaired or removed as necessary. Although such action is taken, this lady informed our Town Clerk that a piece of equipment had been faulty since August of last year. One must ask why it took so long to bring this to the attention of the Town Council.

Perhaps this is a good time to remind all the people of Porthleven that members of the public can, and are encouraged, to attend the Council meetings. A time is set aside for you to question or inform the Council of any relative problems. Also, Town Councillors are unpaid volunteers and are quite often out of pocket in their attempts to serve the community.

If you feel that the Council has not served you well over the past 4 years then stand for election in May 1995. If there are over 9 candidates then an election must be held.

We look forward to the new Council, its elected Councillors and their 4 years in office supported by the community of Porthleven.

### USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

A list of useful telephone numbers is displayed on the Town Council Notice Board on the Harbourhead.

### FISHERMANS WHARF CAFE

We have recently learnt that this cafe, on the west side of the harbour, has changed hands. The new owner, Michel Lorian, a French Chef, comes from St. Brieuc in Brittany (previously Paris). St. Brieuc is some 150Km east of Guisseny. Michel will be introducing a French Cuisine menu during the evenings. In addition, he will continue the existing cafe service opening daily from 10am to 5pm.

We wish him good luck with his new venture.

### FOOTBALL CLUB

Porthleven Town Councillors were amongst those invited to a meeting at the Football Club. The meeting outlined the hopes for the Clubs future development.

Whilst those Councillors present supported the ideals of the Club plans, it was pointed out that the transfer of the deed of trust was still being negotiated and that any proposals relating to this topic would have to be debated by the full Council.

One of the members, who was very vocal after the meeting, stated to Clr. Carter of Vicarage Road, he would supply him with historical information relating to Gala Parc. To date he has failed to do so.

Perhaps this will jog his memory and maybe he will be good enough to contact the Councillor concerned.

J.R. BISTRO

Fore Street, Porthleven

Good Luck in your new venture

### PORTHLEVEN YOUTH CLUB

Once again members of the club attended Youth Club Festival of Fun week end at Pontins, Burnham on Sea.

Members were invited to take part in a range of indoor and outdoor activities as well as discos during the evenings.

National coaches were good enough to sponsor the club by offering free travel for 10 of the club members.

Did they enjoy themselves? Tony Cowles, the club leader, is already planning to take the club again next year. This will be the third time that Porthleven has represented Cornwall.

### PORTHLEVEN ANGLING CLUB

APR 14-17 6pm/6pm (Rover)

MAY 5-8 6pm/6pm (Rover)

MAY 26-29 6pm/6pm (Rover)

JUN 10-11 7pm/1am (Praa Sands)

JUN 23-25 6pm/6pm (Rover)

JUL 14-16 6pm/6pm (Rover)

AUG 5 6pm/Midnight (Loe Bar)

AUG 25-28 6pm/6pm (Rover + Fishing Race)

HOLIDAY VISITORS WELCOME

Tel. 01326 563537

Austin Lees

### WANTED BY PORTHLEVEN RNLI

Is anyone prepared to donate a covered Market Stall to the Porthleven branch of the RNLI? It will be used for the sale of souvenirs and other items to raise funds for the Lifeboats at events such as Lifeboat Day on Saturday August 5th 1995.

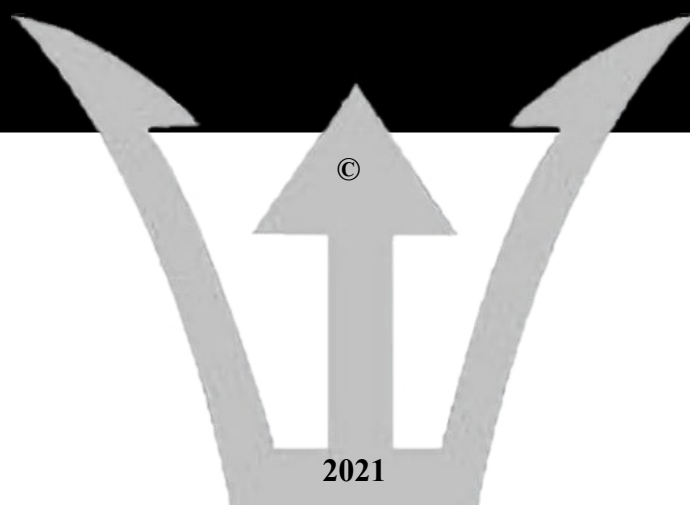
IF ANYONE CAN HELP

PLEASE CONTACT

Michael Carter

Telephone 01326 562769

# PORTHLEVEN MUSEUM



## *Jim is new town chairman*

*THE new chairman of Porthleven Town Council says he is looking forward to working with local people and organisations.*

*Jim Stokes, who was elected chairman at last Thursday's meeting, takes over from long standing town and district councillor Godfrey Stephens.*

*Mr Stokes, 69, has lived in Porthleven since 1952 and joined the council three years ago to help push forward the town's ongoing sea defences project.*

*A former Lieutenant Commander, he joined the Royal Navy during World War Two and flew as a pilot and observer. Retiring in 1961, he went on to fly for the BOAC airline in the Gulf, the Mayflower air service at St Just and for Bryman Airways.*

**by**  
**Staff Reporter**

*Mr Stokes said he has always regarded Porthleven as the family home and added: "I'm just the chap that sits in the chair. Peter Morris, the town clerk, is the one with the finger on the pulse and Mike Carter, the vice-chairman, is very switched on."*

*His wife Joy is an artist and designer and they have two children. John, 42, is a captain flying Boeing 767s for Britannia Airways and Michael, 38, is the information sales manager for Reuters Asia and is based in Singapore.*



■ **Jim Stokes...new Porthleven chairman**

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