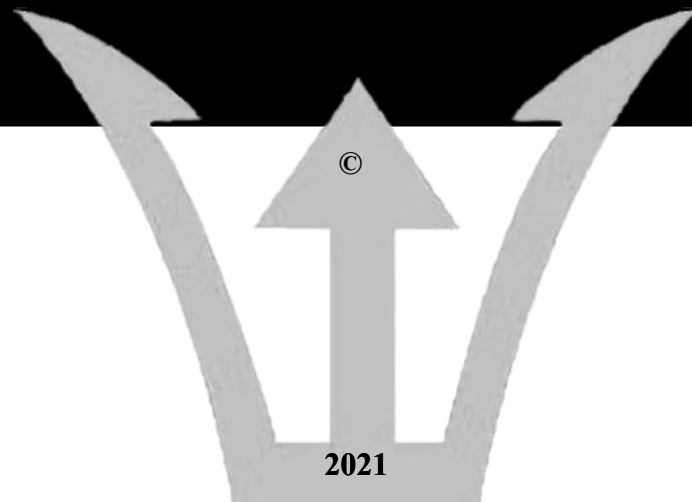


# PORTHLEVEN MUSEUM



● Elsie Balme. *Picture – Paul Yockney*

## A warm welcome for Elsie as she starts her new job

**THE** new clerk to Porthleven Town Council, Elsie Balme, will work a few hours a week more than her predecessor, Peter Morris who died suddenly while on holiday in Egypt.

Mrs Balme, who lives in Sunset Gardens, Porthleven, began her new job on Saturday, and will be available at the council offices for five mornings a week, Tuesdays to Saturdays.

Chairman Charles Budd welcomed Mrs Balme to the council at Thursday evening's meeting. She was one of five people on the shortlist for the post, but one was unable to get to the interview.

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**PORHLEVEN TOWN COUNCIL**  
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**DIARY DATES**

**RNLI COFFEE MORNING AT THE LUGGER.**  
**SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER 1996**  
10 am

**CHRISTMAS CARDS - DIARIES - CALENDARS**

**HARBOUR LIGHTS**

We are all too well aware and sorry that, as the result of the repair work to the Harbour wall, the usual Harbour lighting display has not been looking its best this past season. Hopefully the situation will be improved soon and in due course the Christmas display will be up to its usual standard.

However, I must say that the reduced lighting around the Harbour has thankfully meant lower electricity bills. And, as we have to rely very largely on voluntary donations, the lower bills have helped us considerably.

Yes folk, I'm afraid our financial situation is becoming increasingly difficult with the general fall in our receipts. I'm afraid we're in desperate need of a Fairy Godmother to wave her wand to ensure that we can keep the lights going again next year.

Could I therefore ask you all to please remember our collecting boxes located around the village or better still, if you can, make an individual donation.

The Treasurer, Porthleven Association

(Mrs Jean Lloyd)

Sea Breezes Peverell Terrace Porthleven.

TEL: 01326 - 561607

Whilst making this appeal for assistance, would the person who stole the Harbour lighting support poles, which had been dismantled to facilitate the Harbour wall repairs, kindly return them so that the Harbour lighting can be reinstated. We appreciate that by now the returning of the poles may present some difficulty, especially if they have been used to support something.

However a suitable anonymous donation to the above address would help make amends for this stupid vandalism.

**QUOTE**

When we ask for advice, we are usually looking for an accomplice.

**THE MILLENNIUM**

The public meeting held on the 2nd September 1996 was well attended. Residents of Porthleven were able to see a visual display produced by the Steering Committee showing the up to date position. Andrew Bell, one of the Trustees chaired the meeting for the evening. He was joined by Trevor Osborne who presented the findings of the Workshops. The facts extracted from the workshops can be found in a booklet. Library copies are available from Grant in Cowis Newsagents. Our original plan for each household to receive its own copy was abandoned due to production costs. At the end of the presentation, Andrew Bell asked for volunteers to help with Porthleven's future. At least 35 people came forward.

A further meeting was then organised for Thursday 5th September 1996 specifically for the formation of working groups and the election of a new steering committee.

Once again Andrew Bell chaired this meeting. The old steering committee resigned on block so that a new committee could be elected by the group.

Although numbers have increased in the three days following Monday's meeting anyone is welcome to join the working groups in the adventurous projects.

The newly elected Steering Committee is

Chairman - Alan Ziemann

Deputy Chairman - Gordon Dunnell

Tem Secretary - Mrs Maureen Gautrey

Treasurer - Michael Carter

Brian Buxton, Penny Williams, Sam Blewett,

Arthur Rogers, James Stokes.

Contact numbers for the above can be found

on the Council notice board.

Porthleven Millennium Trust will be a

registered charity.

The Trustees are:

Mr A Bell - Mr S Critchard - Mr I Greaves - Cllr

D Richards - Mr P Smith and two Town

Councillors to be elected each year.

Comm. J P Rogers of Penrose has agreed to be

the Patron for the first year.

The Trust is still seeking two more Trustees to

make nine in total. If you are interested,

please contact one of the committee.

Porthleven's future remains firmly in your

hands.

**PORHLEVEN'S TOWN COUNCIL**

The current Town Council exists to serve the people of Porthleven. Keep us informed and we will continue to do the best we can for the people of Porthleven and the village. We may not always be successful, but rest assured we will try.

**LIFEBOAT DAY AUGUST 1996**

Lifeboat day this year was held on a Sunday and proved to be very successful. A large increase in the number of visitors made the day one of the best in the history of Porthleven's lifeboat day, which commenced in 1976. The amount raised for the RNLI was £3259 the third largest amount recorded, 1986 and 1987 being the largest years on record.

Many of our local traders had a very good trading day thanks to the work of the Lifeboat Committee.

Early in September Porthleven experienced a hoax shout. The SAR helicopter was scrambled from RNAS Culdrose and the Penlee lifeboat arrived in the outer harbour. The search apparently lasted approximately 90 minutes. Whilst this was a waste of time and resources, it does give some comfort to know that we have this rescue service.

It proves that our fund raising lifeboat day plays a large part in supporting the service which any one of us may need as long as we live and work with the sea. Thank you for your generous support one again this year.

**VICARAGE ROAD DEVELOPMENT**

Residents of Vicarage Road had cause to contact their local councillor regarding the state of the old allotments.

Kerrier District Council informed our Councillor that the site had been sold to Mr Johns of Porthleven Construction.

The land was originally cleared but recently it has become overgrown with thistles and it was the seeds from these that were causing problems for local residents. Some gardens were covered in the white. No doubt a mass of seeds in the air could also create a health hazard for anyone with allergies.

Mr Johns when contacted said he would see what could be done. Apparently residents are still experiencing problems.

**AGE CONCERN PORHLEVEN**

Would love to hear from anyone, aged between 25 - 70 years, who could spare some time as a voluntary driver of their Minibus. A test drive will be arranged. Please contact in writing

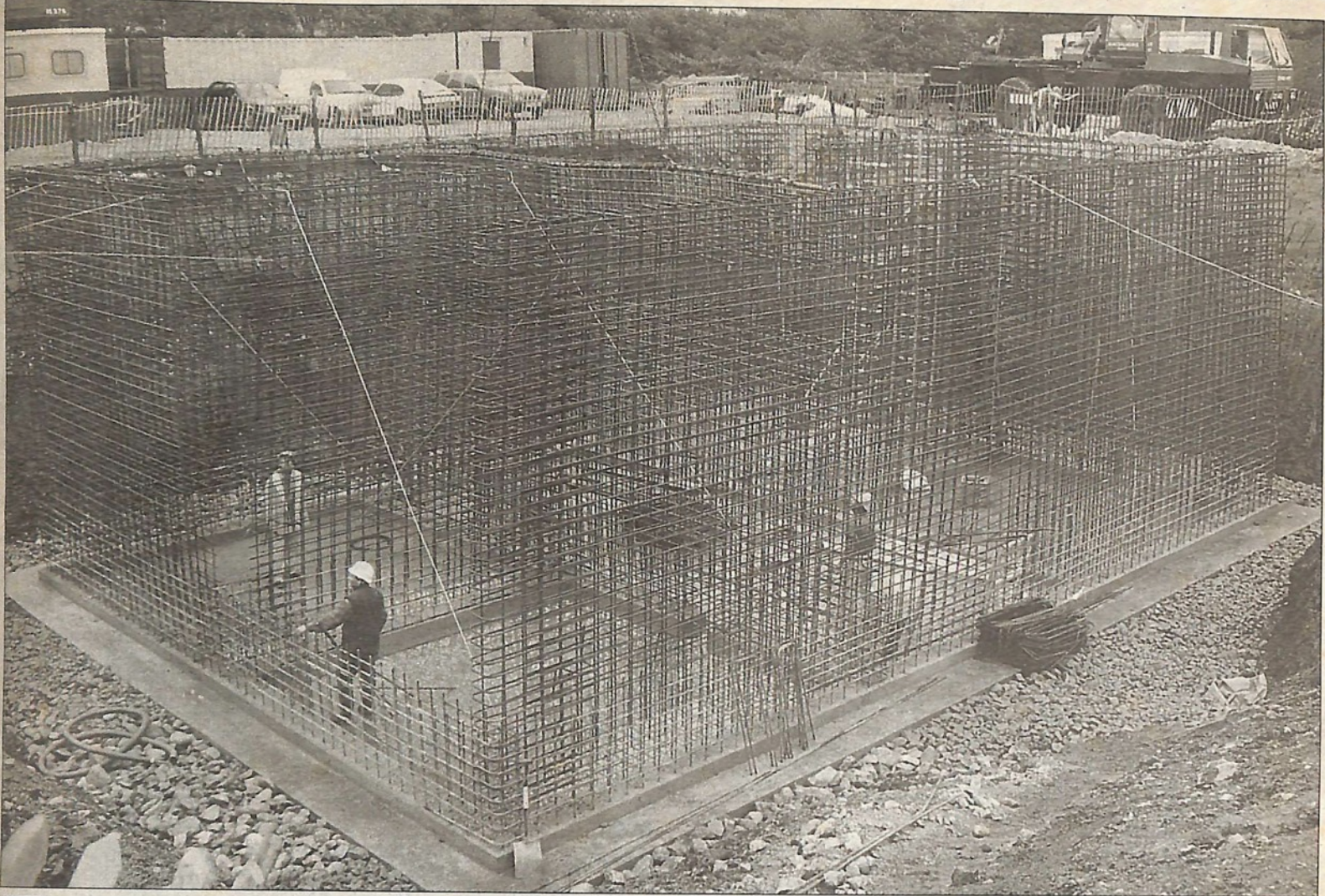
Mrs N Reynolds, Hon Sec.,

20 Methleigh Parc Porthleven, or telephone 01326 - 561783

**PORHLEVEN YOUTH CLUB**

Recently it was discovered the maintenance of the flower garden in the square was the responsibility of Porthleven Youth Club. This was part of the agreement with Trevor Osborne for him allowing the club to use the premises in Shute Lane for a pepper corn rent. You may have noticed that the garden has been cleared and will be replanted as soon as possible. People have already been kind enough to offer donations of flowers. An idea of building a wishing well in this location is being investigated. Money raised in this manner would go to the upkeep of the garden and maybe help support the club. Of course there would be no objections should Porthleven's Gardening Club wish to maintain this garden area.

## Work at Treza Valley will improve sewerage conditions in the port



● Work on the new sewerage treatment works at Porthleven is currently ahead of schedule, and looks set to be finished by next year's holiday season.

Picture - Paul Yockney

# Battle of 20 years set to pay off

**W**ORK to provide long-awaited sewerage treatment works for Porthleven remains on schedule - in fact, ahead of it - and should be in operation by the time of next year's holiday season.

By Noel Perry

Construction work is currently under way on land in the Treza Valley, and is reward for locals who who have been battling for

improved sewerage systems in the port for more than 20 years.

Giles Oliver, of consultant engineers Montgomery Watson, which is overseeing the multi-thousand pound scheme, said about 20 people were currently working on the site for contractors M J Gleeson.

Construction work began at the end of July, and Mr Oliver said that the dry weather during the past few weeks had been partly responsible for the good progress made so far on the project.

The sewage works are being built to a plan approved by county planners

earlier this year. At one stage it was feared work would be held up when South West Water submitted an amended design.

However, public objection was strong enough to persuade the company to eventually revert back to the original.



● The talents and abilities of members of the congregation at St Bartholomew's Parish Church, Porthleven, were there for all to see last week. They contributed to a special one day craft show at the church. It was not only adults who took part; children from Porthleven School and the Sunday school also brought in items. Pictured from left (standing) are 'Pete' Head, Mona Hooper and Mamie Wright, and (seated) Maureen Williams (left) and Rosalind Lansdowne, with one of the displays.

Picture - Paul Yockney

# Support for Dunblane memorial

PLANS for a garden at Porthleven in memory of the children who died in the Dunblane tragedy were likely to get the go-ahead yesterday at a Kerrier Council meeting.

Members of the Porthleven Gardening Club want to transform

By Muriel Cato

a small grassed area in the village, owned by the council, into a memorial garden for the children.

The land at the junction of Tor Close and Wellington Road would be

planted with bulbs, and a small memorial plaque would be provided by the town council.

Kerrier's housing committee, meeting yesterday afternoon, was due to agree a recommendation from Chief Housing Officer Graham Manuell to allow the memorial.

Club secretary Carol Ruberry said the grassed area was near the main road into Porthleven, so people travelling past would be able to see it.

"It is something that will remind us all of the children who died at Dunblane," she said. Members already have some bulbs which could

be planted, and a small palm tree. "We are just waiting to hear if we can go ahead, and as soon as we do, we can make a start," she added.

Neil Dutton, Kerrier's deputy chief housing officer, supported the idea. "We are pleased to be able to help a local group in this venture," he said.

## Resident urges action over traffic dangers

THE speed at which traffic travels along Methleigh Bottom, Porthleven, is worse than in some areas of London, according to local resident John Burden.

Mr Burden, having lived in the capital, said the speed of traffic in Methleigh Bottom was something he particularly noticed, especially when attempting to take his grandchildren across the road.

Member Mike Carter told him at a meeting of the town council on Thursday that they had attempted to obtain signs to urge motorists to slow down, but the county council, as the highway authority, said the signs were unnecessary, pointing out there had been no fatalities.

## £2,139 raised for injured tourist

THE total cash raised for the appeal for a German tourist injured when a pole fell on him as he walked around Porthleven Harbour was £2,139.52.

The money was raised by villagers, with the help of a £1,000 anonymous donation.

Now the cash has been changed into Deutschmarks and paid into Dietmar Klebon's account. Barclays Bank did not charge the £8 transfer fee.

Mr Klebon was believed to have been paralysed after the accident in which the top part of a pole fell on to his back from 30 or 40 feet up.

## Floral Club

The 22nd annual general meeting of Porthleven Floral Club was held on Wednesday evening with the president, Mrs Rogers, in the chair.

Officers elected were - President, Mrs Rogers; vice-presidents, Mrs L. Pearce and Mrs J. Tilsley; chairman, Mrs D. Pawley; secretary, Mrs P. Adams; treasurer, Mrs M. Kirby; minutes secretary, Mrs R. Williams.

The annual trophies were then presented by Mrs Rogers. The winners for most points gained for the monthly events other the year were - Intermediate, Mrs J. Walker; advanced, Mrs M. Liddell. The "Barbara Hagenbach" Trophy for the most points gained over all competitions over the year was won by Mrs M. Liddell. The "Pat Adams" Trophy for "achievement" over the year was won by Mrs J. Nockels.

The evening concluded with refreshments served by Mrs M. Liddell and Mrs R. Williams.

## Porthleven

**LEPROSY MISSION:** The Methodist Junior Church reminds people that the Leprosy Mission still needs people to collect used stamps for their Countdown to Cure campaign. Please bring along your stamps to the church's Wednesday coffee morning, or send them to your correspondent, Mrs Bryant.

**TOYS FOR BRADFORD:** Toys and gifts were collected at the Methodist Church to be sent to the Bradford Mission for Christmas. The morning preacher last week was the Rev Robert Ormesher, and the evening service was led by the Rev Philip Williams, now living in Newlyn.

**GIFT DAY:** The annual gift day and Christmas bazaar of the Methodist church will be held in the Sunday school on Saturday, November 23, from 10am. A ploughman's lunch will be served at noon.

**BAND BAZAAR:** Porthleven Town Band will hold their Christmas Bazaar in the Methodist Sunday School on Saturday from 10am. There will be various stalls, Father Christmas and a children's competition, *An Edible Necklace*.

**HARVEST AUCTION:** The harvest auction and collection at St Bartholomew's Church raised £345 for the Ministry of Welfare appeal.

**COFFEE MORNING:** A coffee morning at the home of Mrs F Ziemann at Bay View, Porthleven, raised £105 for the St Bartholomew's Church fund.

OCTOBER 1996.



KEEPING up the family tradition, Ian Strike of Porthleven, was awarded his 20 years auxiliary coastguard service medal last week.

received his medal from the Sector Officer Don Buckfield. His father, Alec, and grandfather, Frank, also hold the 20 years service medal.

## Prizewin



## Did strange lights precede county's biggest shock wave for 30 years?

SUNDAY'S incident was by no means the first time the earth has moved for Cornish folk.

The British Geological Survey in Edinburgh have records showing a much stronger quake in 1757, which measured 4.4 on the Richter scale and had its epicentre about 12 miles north east of that on Sunday.

The BGS said the largest of many "events" with epicentres in the Helston/Constantine area occurred in 1966 and was felt as far away as the Isles of Scilly, with faint traces in Exeter. That measured 4.1 on the Richter scale.

The most recent "big" tremor was in 1981. Again, it affected Helston and Constantine in particular and caused some damage. Its strength was recorded at 3.5.

Sunday's earthquake came just a week after a Channel 4 television documentary, *Equinox*, investigated an alleged link between mystery lights in the sky, which were shortly followed by earthquakes. There were reports on local television last week of strange lights over Helston, Camborne and the north coast.

## British Geological Survey wants your quake experiences

# Cornwall's all of a tremor

By Noel Perry and Muriel Cato

complete questionnaires with details of what they saw or heard.

Spokesman Paul Henni said: "What we are trying to do is get as many people as possible to complete it."

Mr Henni added it was not possible to say whether there would be further major tremors in the next few weeks. Each year in the UK, there was an average of 300 tremors of varying magnitudes.

The epicentre on Sunday was in Mount's Bay, but the shock was felt throughout a large area of Cornwall.

Graham Williams, of Porthleven, said he heard - and felt - a loud rumbling. "It seemed to come in from the back field... I honestly thought it was an explosion."

He went out into Gibson Way to see what was happening, as did many neighbours.

Another Porthleven resident, Peter Hichens, of Gibson Way, was in the Harbour Inn drinking coffee.

"The windows rattled and the floorboards shook."

"Dust came down from the beams," he said. When he stood up, the tremor went through him. It looked as if granite posts were moving.

When it stopped, there was a deathly silence outside. "The

whole population of seagulls suddenly went up into the air, screeching all around the harbour."

In Helston, rooms shook and ornaments rattled. One resident said: "I thought 'what was that?' Then I heard a low rumble, which I thought was thunder. I went outside. It was as if a plane had crashed some distance away."

At Praa Sands sub post office, Steve Priest said bottles in the office licence rattled. Several customers had reported pictures falling off walls, and one person had a crack appear in an internal wall of his home.

Accounts of earthquake experiences can be sent to: British Geological Survey, Penzance Earthquake, Seismology Research Group, Edinburgh, EH9 6LX

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## Pictures:

- ① Staff at Porthleven to create a...
- ② Demonstration of throat razor, by Gavin Johns and Queen Victoria...
- ③ These young Victorian houses...
- ④ Dressing in Taylor, five, tr furs.
- ⑤ Queen Victoria Ford, and some dressed up - in Claire Laity, D Tamsin Christ Hardiman; from Baines, Ian Lo Greaves, Grace Brooks.
- ⑥ The reception celebrate Kati day.

# Porthleven School steps back in time to the Victorian era

**Q**UEEN Victoria paid a visit to Porthleven CP School on Monday complete with lady-in-waiting. Pupils and staff at the school were delighted to dress up for the day in Victorian costume and listen to an illustrated talk given by Queen Victoria, alias Margaret Ford, and her daughter, Sara Cross, of Newquay. Youngsters were shown a number of Victorian artefacts used in everyday life, experienced Victorian games and enjoyed a traditional pasty for lunch.

**Pictures:**

- ① Staff at Porthleven School join in to create a Victorian atmosphere.
- ② Demonstrating the use of a cut-throat razor, brave six-year-old Gavin Johns has a close shave with Queen Victoria.
- ③ These young ladies learn about Victorian household items.
- ④ Dressing in style, Ashleigh Taylor, five, tries on some Victorian furs.
- ⑤ Queen Victoria, alias Margaret Ford, and some of the pupils who dressed up - left to right, back row: Claire Laity, Danielle Williams, Tamsin Christophers and Avril Hardiman; front row: Megan Baines, Ian Lockett, Thomas Greaves, Grace Rudlin and Daniel Brooks.
- ⑥ The reception class dress up to celebrate Katie Evans' fourth birthday.



*Staff and pupils dress up for the day*



# 'All you could hear were birds'

TOWNS and villages across The Lizard peninsula fell silent on both Sunday and Monday as residents - and especially the young - remembered the sacrifices made on their behalf in conflicts over the years.

In fact, the number of younger people at the various parades and silent tributes on the two days was noted by some of the older generation.

At Helston, where the annual Remembrance parade and service took place as per tradition on Sunday afternoon, Mayor Danny Keay believed it was the best turnout in the town for many years.

"I consider it was the biggest parade I have seen for a long, long time," he added.

Led by Helston Town Band, the parade consisted of veterans from the three services, right down to members of the town's youth groups, including Scouts, Cubs, Guides, Brownies, Air and Army Training corps and St John Ambulance cadets.

Mr Keay was particularly appreciative of the number of children who took part, both in the parade through the main streets and the service and wreath-laying at St Michael's Parish Church, conducted by the Rev David Miller.

Two minutes' silence was also observed in the town elsewhere on Sunday and Helston RFC's minis and juniors' section stopped training to remember in silence.

Perhaps the two minutes of reflection was less well observed in Coinagehall Street on Monday, although many shops and businesses took part; while some people stood in silence, others walked by, seemingly either unaware of, or disinterested in, the event.

Maroons were launched from Penrose amenity area to signal the start and the end of the two minutes.

The chairman of Porthleven Town Council, Charles Budd, was also pleased with the number of children and young people at the council-organised parade and service in the port on Sunday morning.

"It was quite a good turnout, we were quite



● A long line of ex-Servicemen parade from Porthleven Chapel to the wreath-laying ceremony at the village hall.

Picture - Paul Yockney

pleased. The amount of young people taking part is growing steadily, year by year."

Members of local organisations marched from the Public Hall to the Fore Street Methodist Church and thence to the war memorial. The joint service was conducted by the Minister, the Rev Robert Ormesher, and the vicar of Porthleven with Sithney, the Rev Peter Walker.

Villages on The Lizard were no less active on

both Sunday and Monday, with one onlooker being particularly impressed by St Keverne's. "All you could hear at 11am on Sunday were the birds," he said.

St Keverne Band led the parade into the square, with the Royal British Legion, local coastguards, the fire brigade, Scouts, Brownies and others taking part.

Douglas Moore was the parade marshal and

John Venning the standard bearer. Local preachers, the Revs John Pearce and Tim Hawkins, took the service in the square where Marika Dungey played the Last Post.

After wreath-laying, the parade went to the local Methodist Church for a service.

● A round-up of services and Remembrance Day commemorations elsewhere in the area are reported on Page 8 (News in Brief).



□ The reception class at Porthleven School greet Santa and his helpers, Chief Aircrewman Mick Fletcher, right and Lt. Mark Coupland.

## Porthleven

**WRITER PARTY:** The annual winter party for members of St Bartholomew's Church, in Porthleven, will be held at the Harbour Hotel on Friday, December 20 at 7pm.

**AUTUMN FAIR:** The recent autumn fair for St Bartholomew's Church, Porthleven, raised £1,188 for church funds.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** Porthleven Methodist Church held its Christmas bazaar on Saturday morning in the Sunday school. All ages were involved and church members served coffee and arranged stalls. "God Squad" ran competitions and "Shipshapes" made a coin picture of the Star of Bethlehem. Caitlin Strike was the handkerchief girl and a ploughman's lunch was served. All proceeds were for church funds.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** The annual Porthleven Town Band Christmas bazaar attracted good support and raised £363 for their fund. There were the usual stalls, and refreshments were served throughout. Father Christmas paid a visit and the winner of the children's com-

petitions for "an edible necklace" was Jessica Searle. Thanks were extended to all who helped the event in any way. The next event for the band will be a barn dance to be held on November 29, at 7.30pm in David Mitchell's yard. Music by the Les Paul Duo. Admission will be £2 including a pasty supper.

**CHRISTMAS EVENT:** The annual Christmas event for the Porthleven Auxiliary of the RSPCA will be held at the home of their secretary, Mrs A A Vincent, Bonhill, Porthleven, on Wednesday, December 11 from 2-4pm. There will be the usual stalls and raffle, and mince pies with tea or coffee will be served throughout.

## Jan's a high achiever



A PORTHLEVEN woman has received an award for the highest achievement in the Amspar diploma in health service reception.

Jan Wandless was presented (above) with the Mary Quantrell silver salver by Mr Quantrell at a presentation at St Austell College.

The award was created in memory of Mrs Quantrell, a lecturer at the college, who died last year. Jan was a

former student of Mrs Quantrell. Jan, who is the service co-ordinator for Helston Medical Centre, is the daughter of Bert and Grace Wandless of St Peters Way.

Martha Beattie of Helston, senior receptionist at Helston Medical Centre, and Marisa Etwell of Mullion, branch manager of Porthleven, both achieved distinction.

**Porthleven & District Branch**

**PORTHLEVEN & DISTRICT BRANCH**

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1996

The Porthleven and District Branch of the RNLI has raised over £4,000 so far this year for the saving of lives at sea.

We are always seeking enthusiastic committee members so why not come and join us. you would be most welcome. If you feel that you haven't the time to serve on a committee but would like to offer your help for organised events we would be pleased to hear from you. You do not have to serve or help to be a branch member, all you need to do is pay £1 to the membership secretary who is:

JEAN LLOYD  
SEA BREEZES  
PEVERELL TERRACE  
TEL 01326 - 561607

Current membership is over 40 and still increasing.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**

The coffee morning at the Lugger Christmas fayre raised £323.16.

Supporters were entertained by the branch treasurer, playing carols on the keyboard.

Christmas cards, diaries and calendars are still available from

Joan Carter, 1 Vicarage Road, Porthleven and Grant, Cowls Newsagents, Commercial Road, Porthleven.

**CRICKET BAT DRAW**

The limited edition autographed bat, supplied by St Austell Brewery and signed by the South African Touring side and Somerset County Club raised £200.

The winning ticket belonged to Peter, our branch Secretary.

Arrangements for another raffle will be made at a later date.

However, should anyone wish to make Peter a good offer, he is prepared to sell the bat, the proceeds going towards the saving of life at sea.

TEL: PETER TRUEMAN 562002

**INDIVIDUAL FUND RAISING**

There is nothing to stop individual Branch Members organising their own events such as coffee mornings, bring and buy sales etc., should they wish to do so.

Why not give it a try? Such events would be fun and at the same time help to increase the funds of the RNLI.

Please send any donations to our treasurer.

MIKE CARTER - Sunnylea, 1 Vicarage Road, Porthleven. TR13 9HP - TEL 562769

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

On Friday 13th December 1996 the Branch is holding its annual social evening in the Lugger. This will cost £8 per head and commence at 7.30 pm

A maximum number that can be catered for is 45. Seats are available but will have to be allocated on a first come priority.

**MENU**

CHICKEN AND LEEK LASAGNE  
SALMON QUICHE  
MIXED GREEN SALAD  
COLESLAW  
GARLIC AND HERB BREAD  
CHOCOLATE AND STRAWBERRY ROULADE/  
APPLE PIE WITH CLOTTED CREAM  
TEA OR COFFEE WITH DINNER MINTS

Last year was a sell out. Everyone said it was a good way to start the Christmas celebrations.

INTERESTED - please contact the Branch Secretary Peter Trueman tel 562002

**FLAG DAY**

House to House collection raised £349.98  
Flag day raised £100.03

**LIFEBOAT DAY**

Thanks to our regular supporters, we were able to send over £3,292 to HQ this year.

To date we have raised over £56,000

Thanks Dawne for the loan of the market stall used on lifeboat day for the sale of souvenirs. Perhaps we can do the same in 1997.

**PORTHLEVEN BRANCH COMMITTEE**

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	PAT ADAMS	561564

HOUSE TO HOUSE & FLAG DAY ORGANISER:  
TERESA SEAMARK

**THANKS LADIES**

Carol and Margaret have donated their services and skills on lifeboat day for many years, counting the money taken on the day.

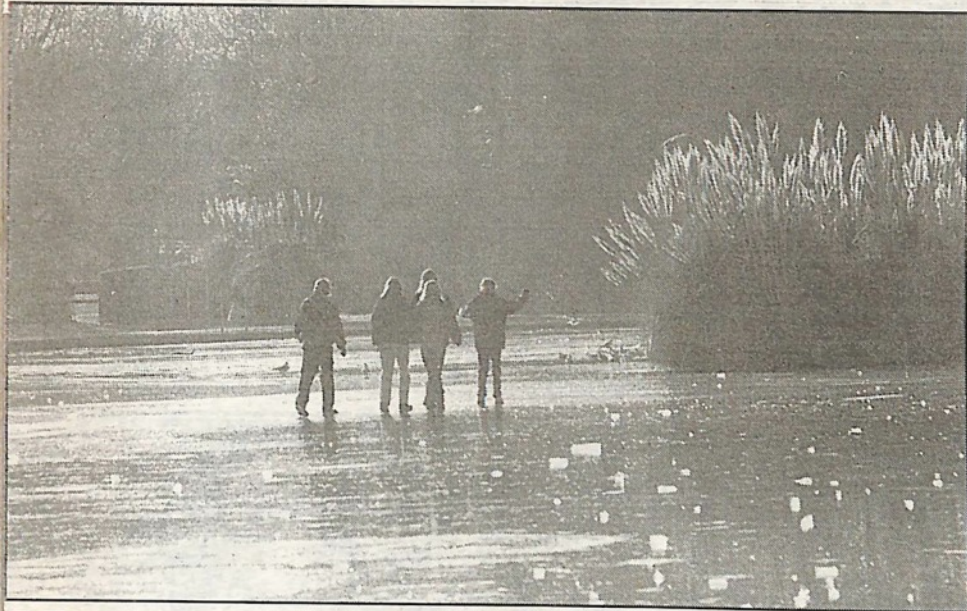
Unfortunately they can no longer help. I am sure you would all like to thank them for their continued support over many years.

Jill Lugg kindly stepped in to continue the tradition. Hopefully Jill will find a friend to help her in this task.

# Back to school – with mop and broom



□ Fran Baecher, Clive Pickard, Dianne Eddy and Michael Richards mopping up at Porthleven after burst pipes caused havoc.



□ This group were near one of the islands in the middle of the lake.

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□ Headteacher at Porthleven, Helen Williams, inspects a damaged ceiling in a classroom.

## Council continues fight to persuade owners to clean up Dog fouling 'a disgrace'

TOWN councillors in Porthleven feel just as strongly about the amount of dog mess in the fishing port as others who have complained recently.

And they say they are continuing their fight to try to get dog owners to be more responsible.

But very few people have taken up their offer of free "poop scoops", available from the council, and new by-laws

By Muriel Cato

being brought in by Kerrier Council are not yet in force.

The town council has received two letters of complaint about dog fouling, one from Andrea Peters, highlighted in *The West Briton* two weeks ago, and another from a visitor from Hampshire.

The visitor, who knows the port well, said he was ashamed at the state of Porthleven during a recent visit, because of "dog excrement and litter everywhere".

He claimed the footpath walk to Loe Bar was "a constant hazard", and he queried what had happened to the village's civic pride.

Mrs Peters said the amount of dog excrement on the pavements was a dis-

grace, and she was prepared to take up the matter with local MP David Harris.

In replies to the letters, councillor Mike Carter said he had personally placed anti-fouling stickers around the village, and the town council had spoken to Kerrier's dog warden.

He also pointed out that while the council did have civic pride, it did not have the money itself to deal with the problem.



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**PORTHLEVEN TOWN COUNCILLORS**  
**HOPE YOU HAD A MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
**AND**

**WISH YOU A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.**

**PETER MORRIS**

No doubt you are all aware of the death of our Town Clerk whilst on holiday in Egypt. Peter was aged 72 when he died from a heart attack. He had been suffering with Leukaemia for a long period but continued to serve Porthleven throughout. He joined the Town Council, bringing with him much needed expertise. With his skills and a change of council, Porthleven's bad press diminished and the council moved forward.

Peter was progressive in thought and deed. He was of the opinion that the council could achieve, should achieve and would achieve more as we approached the Millennium.

He was highly thought of in many fields and tributes to him continue to arrive at the office. In his memory, the Town Council, on your behalf, donated the equivalent of one month of the clerk's salary to the haematology unit at Trelisk.

Peter will be sadly missed by all the councillors. An advertisement for a replacement clerk is receiving a good response. The closing date for application forms is 31st January 1997. A new clerk will be appointed shortly afterwards.

**FOOTPATH AND SPEED RESTRICTION**  
**ON B3304**

Porthleven Town Council's efforts to acquire a footpath from Sunset Gardens to Penrose Hill and a speed restriction received a negative response from County Council due to the current pressure on budgets.

**POLICE REPORT**

PC Cracknell reported on a number of crimes in Porthleven. The council were informed of persons having been charged with possession of drugs and drink

**QUOTE**

A great deal of what you see depends on what you are looking for.

**HARBOUR LIGHTS**

Every year we have the pleasure of the Christmas lights. Once again, we would like to thank those who freely volunteered their services this season.

However, it is obvious that not everyone appreciates the decorations and we are sorry to say the harbour head display again suffered the mindless attention of the 'moronic' vandals in our midst. So much damage was caused that some decorations are irreparable. Wiring round the tree became dangerous, so the committee had no alternative but to dismantle the display before the twelfth night.

For those of you who appreciate the lights, we can only say sorry and blame the little gang of mindless 13 and 14 year old children seen around midnight damaging the display and one other who is old enough to accept responsibility for his actions and should know better.

One also wonders what parents think of their children, allowing them to be out unaccompanied at this time of night.

The Porthleven Lights Committee question whether it is worth while continuing their efforts to bring a little colour around the harbour at Christmas.

There is now a "distinct possibility" that all the harbour lights will be dismantled because of the "cost of repairs", general upkeep and the fact that the installations badly in need of complete rewiring.

**GALA PARC**

The transfer of the ownership of all the land relating to Gala Parc is nearing completion. It is expected that the transfer of deed will be registered with the Land Registry shortly.

Porthleven Town Council has agreed to grant the football club a new lease of thirty years duration in support of the clubs efforts to construct a new club which will include facilities for the community.

Although the length of the lease has been agreed, the terms and conditions have to be decided upon.

**ACCOUNTS FOR AUDIT**

**NOTICES REGARDING THE ACCOUNTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE COUNCIL NOTICE BOARD SITUATED ON THE HARBOUR HEAD AND INSIDE THE GATE AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES.**

**PLANNING**

Should anyone wish to view Mr Osborne's plan for developing his vacant plot of land alongside his house, located in Ocean View, may do so by calling Porthleven Management offices, The Shipyard, Porthleven, where they will be made available.

**LIFEBOAT DAY AUGUST 1997**

Lifeboat day, which was held on a Sunday last year, proved to be very successful. We seemed to attract many more visitors, possibly due to the holiday change over day being mainly Saturdays. The committee decided to select another Sunday to compare the results of last year. Sunday 17th August 1997 having the most advantageous tide has been selected.

Over £6,000 has been sent to the RNLI this financial year. As a result of this Bristol, our Regional Office wrote thanking the Committee and the people of Porthleven for their support.

The Porthleven and District Branch Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th April 1997 commencing at 8pm in the Atlantic Inn. Come and join us.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

In the future it appears it will be necessary for Parish Councils to accept more responsibility for their own villages as more and more pressure is applied to County and District budgets.

This may seem to be another system of Buck Passing by the authorities, but it will offer Porthleven the opportunity to resolve many of its own problems such as those high-lighted in the town survey.

**TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE**

By Easter it is hoped that a computerised TIC will be installed in the entrance to Cost Cutters. The system is operated by a touch sensitive screen with drop down menus which will guide you through its files of information.

In addition, the Council are currently arranging for Porthleven to appear on the World Wide Web. We are also hoping to develop our own CD for promoting Porthleven.

**AGE CONCERN PORTHLEVEN**

Would love to hear from anyone, aged between 25 - 70 years, who could spare some time as a voluntary driver of their Minibus. A test drive will be arranged. Please contact in writing

Mrs N Reynolds, Hon Sec.,  
20 Methleigh Parc Porthleven, or telephone 01326 - 561783

**PORTHLEVEN YOUTH CLUB**

Kerrier District Council agreed to support Porthleven's young people in their attempt to develop a drop in youth centre. The Withy field car park, leased from the Harbour and Dock Company, will be the agreed site for the building. Trevor Osborne has already agreed to lease the site to the youth on very reasonable terms.

Porthleven Town Councillor and Kerrier Councillor Roy Bradbury, who serves on the relevant District Council Committee supported the idea as did his colleagues. We would like to thank everyone for their support in the initial stages of planning the future development for the young people.

## Wind and rain - and the awesome power of the sea at Porthleven

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● The ebbing tide races in to test the Gravesend sea defence wall at Porthleven.

Picture - Paul Yockney

● Phyllis Arthur, left, receives a plaque from Kerrier District Council chairman Tommy Bray for her 41 years of service.

Picture - Cornwall & Isles Press



## Phyllis steps down from public service after 41 years

AFTER 41 years serving the public in local government Porthleven resident Phyllis Arthur has called it a day.

To mark her retirement Miss Arthur was presented with a plaque by Kerrier Council chairman Tommy Bray.

Miss Arthur, Porthleven born and

bred, joined the old Kerrier Rural District Council in 1955 and began life as a civil servant working in the council's clerks' and treasurer's department.

After local government changes in 1974 she joined the audit section of the treasurer's department and rose to become senior audit

assistant. After leaving Helston Grammar School she worked at RNAS Culdrose, first in the drawing office and then in the NAAFI.

Looking back she has no regrets about moving into local government and found her various roles a challenge. She is a member of the Porthleven Public Hall committee

and a member of the port's Millennium sub committee. She said of her new-found leisure: "I am enjoying every minute."

Her remaining ambition is to write a book about the port.

She has already written the introduction and now plans to get down to some serious work.

## A warm welcome for Elsie as she starts her new job

THE new clerk to Porthleven Town Council, Elsie Balme, will work a few hours a week more than her predecessor, Peter Morris who died suddenly while on holiday in Egypt.

Mrs Balme, who lives in Sunset Gardens, Porthleven, began her new job on Saturday, and will be available at the council offices for five mornings a week, Tuesdays to Saturdays.

Chairman Charles Budd welcomed Mrs Balme to the council at Thursday evening's meeting. She was one of five people on the shortlist for the post, but one was unable to get to the interview.



● Elsie Balme.

Picture - Paul Yockney

# Weaving an Arabian fantasy

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**PORTHLEVEN** basketmaker Geraldine Jones is on a high - a Kneehigh, in fact!

For a number of her baskets are currently being used in Kneehigh Theatre's summer production of *The Arabian Nights*, which has just finished a run at Nottingham Playhouse and is due to re-open as an open-air show at Bedford Hotel Gardens, Tavistock, later this month, before summer appearances throughout the South West, including at The Minack.

The show's artistic director, Bill Mitchell, was searching for a basket for his genie, and found the perfect answer in Porthleven.

That is where he discovered Geraldine, who makes and displays traditional and unexpected baskets at her Salt Cellar Workshops on the harbourside.

Once he saw her work, he commissioned her to produce several colourful and exotic baskets for the production.

Geraldine has been practising basketry since 1980, her first teacher being Tom Aldridge, an elderly man from a family of gypsy basketmakers. Since then, she has run workshops on basketry, held willow hut-making events at fairs, been commissioned by film makers, interior designers, and, more recently, of course, Kneehigh.

She was "basketmaker in residence" on board the SS *Advance* during the last Brest Boat Festival.

She settled in Cornwall 15 years ago and she and her husband live at Rosudgeon.

Prior to moving to Cornwall, they travelled constantly as a family throughout England and abroad.

"I find willow weaving and basketry constantly exciting from both the creative and research aspects, and feel that it is an underestimated art form.

"It could well have been the very first creative expression of prehistoric man and woman, and has probably played a far more important role in the history of art than is generally recognised," she said.



● Geraldine in her workshop, creating one of her baskets. Picture - Paul Yockney.

Cookson, and Carole Elliott presented the current year's report. Officers elected: Chairman, Brenda Bravery; vice-chairman, Phyllis Arthur; second vice-chairman, Maureen Williams; secretary, Maureen Gautrey; treasurer, Carole Elliott; committee members, Dianne Dart, Mary Davies, Barbara Gales, Eric Goldsworthy, Mrs Godfrey Stephens.

**METHODIST CHURCH:** Tony Nicholas was the preacher on Sunday morning, with the theme, *Giving Your Best to God*. The service included the annual prizegiving for the Junior Church, with awards presented by Olive Polglase, a former superintendent. Highest attender for the past year was Gavin Johns. Melissa Benney read the lesson, and the Shipshapes musicians led the hymns and worship songs. Evening worship was led by the Rev Ormesher.

**PARADE:** The local Scout group marched to St Bartholomew's Church for their St George's Day parade. The service was held on the previous Sunday, conducted by the Rev Peter Walker.

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** A Corpus Christie service with solemn mass, procession of the Blessed Sacrament, and benediction, will be held at St Bartholomew's Church, at 7pm, on Thursday, May 29, followed by refreshments.

**GIFT DAY:** A gift day will be held for St Bartholomew's Church on Saturday, May 10, when the Rev Peter Walker will be in the church from 10am until noon, and outside the Luggar Restaurant from noon until 4pm, to receive gifts.

**RIBBON ROSES:** Fifteen members of Porthleven Floral Club and one visitor enjoyed an interesting and informative talk by Yvonne Toms, of St Columb, who demonstrated how to make ribbon roses and ribbon embroidery. She brought along samples of her work for members to see. She was welcomed by Daphne Pawley, chairman, and thanked by Marion Beach. Competition results for *A Miniature*: 1, Mrs J Osborne; 2, Mrs J Tilsley; 3, Mrs C Kent and Mrs R Williams.

**LADIES' CIRCLE:** Members met at the Helston Free Methodist Church, and enjoyed the evening speaker, Paul Sherbird, who talked about his Christian experiences. He was thanked by Phyllis Arthur, and prayers were led by Beth Bray. Tea hostesses were Shirley Medlyn, Pat Harvey and Brenda Hosking. Chairman Miss Arthur referred to their recent, very enjoyable coach trip to Mevagissey and Heligan Gardens, and outlined final arrangements for their next outing to Cotehele House and the Kernow Mill Centre, on Wednesday, May 28. Anyone wishing to join them can obtain details from Miss Arthur and May Searle.

**LENT PROJECT:** The joint Lent project for St Bartholomew's Church and St Sithney Parish Church raised more than £609.

**AGE CONCERN:** Members were recently entertained by Mrs Williams and pupils from Porthleven Junior School. Last week, members provided their own entertainment with songs, music and poems. The competition for *My Favourite Pet* showed cats to be the most favoured. The April bring and buy stall raised more than £80.

**TENNIS CLUB:** Members met at the Bickford-Smith Institute on Monday evening to discuss the forthcoming season. Chairman Spencer Richards reported on a successful 1996 season and the hope that tennis in the village will be promoted again this year. He recorded the club's gratitude to the proprietors of Cowls Newsagents for their co-operation in making the courts available to residents and visitors throughout the summer. There had been particular enthusiasm among the junior members, and it is hoped that coaching sessions for them will be possible again this year. Treasurer Sue Howley gave a favourable financial report. For senior members, club evenings will be Mondays and Fridays, commencing on May 5, at 6.30pm. For any other information, contact Mr Richards on 01326 561363.

**LEPROSY MISSION:** The Methodist Junior Church reminds people that the Leprosy Mission can sell used stamps to collectors, and raise about £18,000 each year for its work. Stamps can be brought along to any Sunday service, to the Wednesday coffee morning in the Sunday school, or they can be sent to Mrs Bryant, at 2, Mill Close, Porthleven.

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## Three generations dive in



● Three generations taking up the swimming challenge... Roy Bradbury, daughter Carol Bowman, and grand-daughter Katie Bowman.

Picture - Paul Yockney

**PORTHLEVEN** grandfather Roy Bradbury and members of his family have picked up the gauntlet and accepted the Sharron Davies Mile Swim Challenge.

Roy, aged 71, daughter Carol Bowman, and grandchildren, Katie, Edward and James, will dive into action some time between May 17 and 21.

The venue will be the swimming pool at Helston School, and the money they raise will go to the Cancer Research Campaign.

Roy suffers from polymyalgia, a rheumatic condition which affects the muscles.

He receives steroid treatment and, fortunately, leads a fully

active life, which includes swimming and cycling.

A Kerrier district and Porthleven town councillor, he is taking part in the challenge because he is keen to raise funds for cancer research, this year's main beneficiary.

"I really enjoy exercise, and by doing the Mile Swim Challenge it gives me the opportunity to raise money for worthwhile causes along the way," he said.

All those taking part in the challenge receive a certificate and sticker, and there are also awards for raising sponsorship.

Entry forms are available from participating pools or the Swim Action Line on 01382 451146.

## Porthleven

**POSTPONEMENT:** The "Everybody Praise" weekend with Legacie, at Porthleven Methodist Church, planned for this weekend, May 3 and 4, has had to be postponed due to illness. The Junior Church teachers, who have made the arrangements, are anxious that everyone who intended to be part of the activities is contacted, and would appreciate your help in this. However, the Junior Church renews the invitation for you to join them for their celebration day morning worship at 11am. Members will still be holding their seventh birthday party on Sunday.

**PUBLIC HALL:** The annual meeting of the public hall was held, with few members of the public attending. Those who did heard the secretary, Mrs M Gautrey, report that bookings have increased, especially for parties, and one wedding reception had been held there. This is no doubt due to the improved facilities at the hall, and the committee plans to make even more improvements as and when funds become available. The purchase of china and cutlery is high on the agenda, so that more functions can be held there. Mrs B Bravery, chairman, endorsed Mrs Gautrey's report, and hoped that members of the public will support the various events already arranged for the summer. These include coffee mornings and Alexandra Rose Day collections, where a percentage of the income is returned to the public hall funds. A barn dance, on August 16, will be arranged by Lester Scott, and it is hoped this will include some line dancing. Mrs Bravery said the committee does not want the hall to close because of lack of support, and invited some of those present to put themselves forward to serve on the committee. Thanks were expressed to retiring treasurer Carol Cookson and former auditor Graham Kitts. Tania Bryant is to be thanked for auditing the 1996 accounts. Phyllis Arthur presented the 1996 financial statement in the absence of Mrs

# PORThLEVEN MILLENNIUM TRUST

No doubt you will have heard that the village failed in its attempt to get Millennium Commission funding. This was a great disappointment to all those who had worked hard to prepare the documentation for the application.

However, when writing to the Porthleven Committee, Michael O'Connor, acting Chief Executive of the Millennium Commission said that, "...your application met out key criteria for millennium projects, but was not judged to have as distinctive an impact as others we received ... We do hope that the momentum you have built up, and the partnership support you have identified, can help your project, or part of it, progress."

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT BY LOCAL BUSINESSMAN** - since learning that the Millennium bid was refused on the 31st January, 1997, restaurateur Steve Critchard has kindly given the Trust Committee £500 to finance further research into obtaining alternative funding.

**QUEST FOR FUNDING CONTINUES** - there are funds available that will allow us to improve the overall environment of the village. But what has to be decided is, what parts of the original plan should we now proceed with.

First, we should define a new strategy by commissioning a Civic Trust report, in conjunction with the Harbour & Dock Co., District and County councils. While this is in progress, we can move ahead on non-strategic projects, most of which fall under the title of environmental improvements. This can be achieved by writing formally to Kerrier DC asking for partnership help on the *first phase* of environmental projects, implementing them as funds are won.

Before we can pursue and win funding on the *strategic projects* as a *second phase*, we have to firmly establish the partnership between the Trust and the Harbour & Dock Co., so that we can demonstrate there is a common vision of the strategy being pursued. This is essential, as the Harbour & Dock Co., is a key player in helping to both define its own long term intentions, and in forging a partnership with the County and District and others, to implement the strategic projects.

**FUNDING RULES** - each potential fund has different 'rules'. Deadlines vary. Requirements for matched funding vary. Upper and lower limits of project costs vary. The percentage of aid available varies. So a lot of work has to be done deciding whether for example, "Do the characteristics of any on particular project fit the criteria of the fund being applied to?" "Is it the most likely source of aid?" "Will that still be true when we apply?" "Can the partnership necessary for a successful application be put together in advance?" We have to be aware that the goalposts move. Therefore expert advice on an "as needed" basis is likely to continue to be useful.

**PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED** - show that Environmental projects, which represent 78% of the total work envisaged, accounts for 25% of the cost; and that Strategic projects, which represent 22% of the total work planned, accounts for 75% of the costs.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS** - include, harbour roads, areas by the Harbour Hotel, harbour head, old timber yard, public seating, litter bins, area by the lime kiln, open areas, play areas, Gala Parc, pier signs/railings, exterior of lifeboat house, Victorian street lights, beach entrance, railings/fences/paths/walls, signposting, senior citizens shelter, Gravesend, Frankies.

**STRATEGIC PROJECTS** - include, Sea Life Centre, Overhead Cables, Ship Repair, Youth Club, Community Centre, Health Club, Gig Club, Inner Harbour, Baulks, Lime Kiln Preservation..

**PROSPECTS** - remember there are many avenues to be explored for funding. Most schemes are candidates for ERDF funding under measure 4.1. This runs to December, '99 and can provide 50% funding. On land reclamation projects, funding may derive from English Partnerships. The District and County Councils may be supportive in addition to those just mentioned.

Gala Parc may attract Lotteries Sports Funding, as might the Gig Club and other recreational needs. Public toilets are a statutory provision, so only signposting will attract outside funds. With regards to railings, fences and walls, routine maintenance would not attract funds. Repairs will! Lottery charity funds might be supportive to the Youth Centre. Cornwall has applied for Objective 1 funds, (similar to that available to the Highlands and Merseyside), these provide 75% funding.

## PORThLEVEN HAS ALL TO GAIN

**IF YOU ARE PREPARED TO HELP, COME ALONG TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN THE PORThLEVEN PUBLIC HALL, ON WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY AT 7.30PM**

**LOGO WINNER** - To further identify the work and future plans of the Trust, the Committee is pleased to announce the winner of the 'Logo' competition that was held in December. This is:- Mrs. Helen Smith, 4 Warren Close, Porthleven.

Congratulations to you Helen.

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PORTHLEVEN TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN CLERK - MRS ELSIE BALME

CHAIRMAN - CHARLES BUDD VICE CHAIRMAN - MAUREEN GAUTREY  
COUNCILLORS

Roy Bradbury - Michael Carter - Leslie Edwards - Roy Lovell -  
James Stokes - Ron Strong - Katherine Williams

### NEW TOWN CLERK

Porthleven Town Council is pleased to announce that Mrs Elsie Balme is the new Town Clerk. From the number of letters of congratulations received, it is obvious that Elsie, a native of Porthleven, has proven to be a popular choice.

No doubt, with Elsie's knowledge of Porthleven and its people, she will be a valuable asset to Porthleven and the council as we continue with our efforts to serve Porthleven.

The Clerk's office will be open from 10am until 12.30 pm Tuesday to Saturday inclusive.

Photo copying and other publishing facilities can be made available by contacting Elsie at the council offices.

All Porthleven Town Councillors welcome Elsie and wish her well in her position as Clerk.

Porthleven Town Council would like to thank everyone who expressed their feelings regarding the death of Peter Morris. Peter served Porthleven Town Council well during his time as Town Clerk. Many letters were received praising him.

The land known as the Recreation fields and Gala Parc is now at the Land Registry Office being registered in the name of Porthleven Town Council who are to act as Trustees. A management committee has been established and this consists of representatives from the original Trustees, each of the sporting facilities using the land and three members of the Town Council.

In agreement with the Management Committee a new 30 year lease is about to be issued to the Football Club to assist them in their efforts to acquire funding enabling them to build their new facilities.

Porthleven Town Council wish to thank both Kerrier District Council and Helston Town Council for their co-operation, ensuring the land was returned to Porthleven.

### DOG FOULING

Once again Porthleven is suffering from an epidemic of dog fouling. You may not believe this but Porthleven Town Council has received letters relating to this subject, not only from our own residents, but from other counties and countries. One even questioned whether the people of Porthleven have any civic pride.

The law has recently been amended to allow for heavier fines for guilty owners and Kerrier District Council has had its first successful prosecution.

It takes little effort to clean up behind your animals. It could prove costly if you fail to do so. Some pet owners already try to keep Porthleven clean, why don't the rest of you make the same effort. Everyone would benefit.

### RNLI PRESENTATION

Porthleven Branch presented the crew of the Mabel Alice lifeboat with a framed photograph of their boat in action. The crew were pleased to receive the picture as it depicted the weather and sea conditions in which they operate. The usual photographs show them operating in a flat calm sea on a summers day. The photograph will be added to the gallery in the crew house.

A photograph of a SAR helicopter from 771 Squadron, based at RNAS Culdrose, exercising with the Mabel Alice, was presented to Paul Lange, an American who is serving with 771 Squadron. As Paul is currently on a tour of duty in Europe, his Commanding officer accepted the photograph on his behalf.

### LIFEBOAT DAY

SUNDAY 17TH AUGUST 1997

#### YOUTH CLUB

Porthleven Youth Club has been closed by the agents of the Harbour and Dock Company whilst health and safety checks are carried out. The local Fire Safety Officer has been consulted and we are awaiting his recommendations. We have received a letter from Trevor Osborne stating that he hopes the problem can be resolved as soon as possible. Mr Osborne allows the young people of Porthleven to lease the building for £1 pa over a three year period. The members of the club thank him for his concern and continued support.

A large number of CD's, on loan to the club appear to have been removed. Would the person who has obviously taken these home for safe keeping, kindly return them to Tony Cows, the club leader.

### GIG CLUB

Porthleven Gig Club is inviting the younger members of our society to come and join the club. Its fun, healthy, sporting, challenging and very competitive, not to mention a Cornish tradition.

To learn more about the Gig Club and its activities all you need to do is contact.

**TED AND JOYCE GUNDRY**

TEL: 01326 - 561784

**GIG DAY IS SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST 1997**

### PORTHLEVEN MILLENNIUM TRUST

The winner of the PMT Logo competition was Mrs Helen Smith. We would like to thank all the entrants as well as all the local businesses who donated towards the prize for the competition.

The Leader Project's MISTI, a computer friendly information data base, has been installed in Porthleven Supermarket by kind permission of the management. Thanks Cost Cutters. PMT Tourism project group generated the opportunity for MISTI to be housed in Porthleven. Why don't you take a look for yourself.

### HARBOUR HEAD BOOKINGS 1997

JULY 16TH	- WEDNESDAY	ARC
JULY 29TH	- TUESDAY	ST BARTS CHURCH
JULY 31ST	- THURSDAY	AGE CONCERN
AUG 7TH	- THURSDAY	WI FETE
AUG 12TH	- TUESDAY	WENDRON CHURCH
AUG 14TH	- THURSDAY	BREAGE LIGHTS
AUG 16TH	- SATURDAY	BOSLAND ASSOC.
AUG 17TH	- SUNDAY	RNLI
AUG 21ST	- THURSDAY	TOWN BAND
AUG 30TH	- SATURDAY	GIG CLUB

**RNLI - PORTHLEVEN BRANCH AGM**

**TUESDAY 22ND APRIL 1997**

commencing at 8pm in the Atlantic Inn

**RNLI COFFEE MORNING & RAFFLE**

**SATURDAY 31ST MAY 1997 10am IN THE LUGGER**

**HAND CRAFTED GLASS FROM ROMANIA**

QUOTE

Diplomacy: thinking twice before saying nothing

# A good year for the RNLI

THE 1997 AGM of the Porthleven and District branch of the RNLI has now been held and was well attended.

The chairman, Brian Buxton, reminded members of yet another busy year they had had, including the sale of draw tickets for a signed cricket bat, a presentation evening during which framed photographs were presented to Culdrose and Penlee, coffee mornings and, of course, the highlight of the year, Lifeboat day.

The treasurer, Mike Carter, told members that financially it had been a good year of which they could all be proud. A total of £7,341 was raised by the branch overall.

Due to another branch having their AGM on the same evening, David Jones, the area organiser, was unable to attend but Andrew Young, the regional manager of the RNLI, was most welcome in his place.

He gave a very informative report and started by saying how very pleased he was to have the chance to visit

## By staff reporter

Porthleven and endorsed the previous statement that the year had financially been very successful. His thanks went to all supporters of Porthleven and District branch. Of all the monies raised by the branches of RNLI, 19% of it was raised in the South West.

This year's spending will be £70m, £3m above budget, due to several new Trent and Severn boats coming on station.

The RNLI receive more legacy money than any other charity, some £39m. It is estimated that some five million people go out in boats at sea but just 250,000 of them are members of Shoreline.

Apologies must go to any householders living in Cornwall who received a letter worded "as a Devonian living in Devon would you please help the RNLI" - this wording was a mistake and should never have been sent to Cornish homes.

In recent years an annual draw has been held offering a Volvo car as a prize. It is time for a change and it has been

decided to offer, instead, holiday vouchers for \$5,000, which will include £1,000 spending money.

Tickets will be available any time now. A concert is planned, featuring Peter Skellern, to be held in June at Grampound Road, again in aid of RNLI funds.

All members of the committee were prepared to serve another year but two members exchanged positions. Joan Carter, who has been souvenir secretary, changed with Pat Adams, who has been her assistant.

The house-to-house collection will be between Monday and Friday, May 12-16, with street collection on May 17. New collectors are always welcome.

Lifeboat day will be on Sunday, August 17. Last year some young men of Porthleven did a sponsored run from Land's End to Porthleven, arriving at the harbour during the morning.

They are keen to raise funds again this year and are to walk from Plymouth to Porthleven. Sponsorship forms will be around in the town before the event.

## Successful year for port's RNLI branch

THE Porthleven and District branch of the RNLI raised more than £7,000 during the last financial year, it was reported at the annual meeting.

Treasurer Mike Carter said it had been a good year and members could feel proud of their achievements.

Chairman Brian Buxton, said it had been a busy year, including the sale of draw tickets for a signed cricket bat, a presentation evening during which framed photographs were presented to RNAS Culdrose and Penlee, coffee mornings and, of course, the highlight of the year, the annual Lifeboat Day in the port.

The RNLI's regional manager, Andrew Young congratulated the branch on its fund-raising.

All committee members agreed to serve another term, although two members have swapped roles. Joan Carter, who has been souvenir secretary, changed with Pat Adams, who has been her assistant.



Philippa Tiddy, left, aged 14, receiving her Baden-Powell Trefoil award from Sue Roberts, right, of Porthleven, an ex-guider with Emma Johnson, centre, former youth leader of Porthleven Guides holding the standard.

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## House-to-house collection for RNLI did well

CONTRIBUTIONS were slightly up on last year during the week of house-to-house collections and Flag Day held recently by members of the Porthleven and District branch of the RNLI.

In all £466.39 was raised - £356.32 from the house-to-house collection and £110.07 from Flag Day.

### COFFEE

The week following that event, a coffee morning was held at The Luggier Inn, Porthleven. Souvenirs were on sale, along with glassware from Romania of which the vendor made a donation to funds. Along with the raffle, the sum of £134.39 was raised.

Porthleven branch public relations officer said: "Thank you to all those who helped or supported the RNLI in anyway."

## WI's programme is best in Britain

PORTHLEVEN WI has beaten off all competition to win the prestigious national competition for the institute with the best programme.

More than 8,000 WIs throughout the country submitted programmes for consideration, but Porthleven won the top award of a cash prize.

"We are all thrilled," said Maureen Williams, president of Porthleven WI, adding: "Our small committee has worked really hard to produce a programme which provides both useful information and entertainment."

The group's programme had previously been voted best in Cornwall.

"But we did not think we would be the best in Britain. We have been receiving congratulatory letters from all over the country," said Mrs Williams.

In addition to regular monthly meetings, Porthleven WI also organises a busy schedule of social events, including craft workshop afternoons, quiz evening, coach trips and a popular summer show in August, open to everyone.

Mrs Williams said the group had 47 members and was very active, holding its monthly meetings in the port's public hall.

"We heard the news about 10 days ago. We had no previous inclination and the letter just came out of the blue," she added.

She is now waiting to hear how much the cash prize is worth.

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## WI celebrates federation success



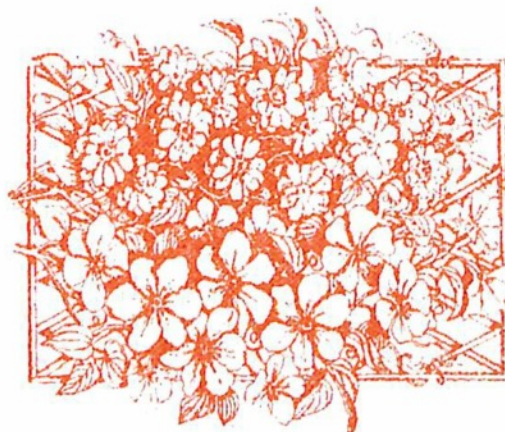
Porthleven Women's Institute president Maureen Williams (seated) and committee members after receiving the certificate to mark their success in the National Federation of WIs 1997 programme competition.

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## Porthleven Floral Club

### PROGRAMME

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□ The Porthleven Town Band leading the procession at the start of the St Peterstide celebration.

## Baptism marks the start of St Peterstide celebrations

THE baptism of Stephanie Kate Sidaway, daughter of Kevin and Kim Sidaway, of Unity

Road, Porthleven, marked the start of the St Peterstide celebrations on Saturday.

The baby was christened in Porthleven Methodist Church during the service conducted by Rev Robert Ormesher and Rev Peter Walker, Vicar of St Bartholomew's.

After the service, the villagers assembled outside to be led by Porthleven Band through the streets and alongside the harbour to the war memorial

for the traditional laying of the wreath.

Villagers then enjoyed refreshments at the Moors playing field. Children were entertained by games, face painting and donkey rides.

Mr Ormesher said: "It was a very enjoyable day and the St Peterstide committee were very ably led by Mrs Olive Polglase and the whole village expresses their appreciation to her."

## Porthleven

The annual summer fete for St Bartholomew's Church, Porthleven, will be held on the Porthleven Harbour Head on Tuesday, July 29, to commence at 10am. There will be stalls, games, hot dogs and raffle. All proceeds for church funds.

### Summer Stall

The proceeds of the second RSPCA summer stall held on the Porthleven harbour head raised £210 for their fund.

### Garden Party

There will be a garden party held at the home of Miss Pauline Rosewarne, Mill Close, Porthleven, on Saturday, July 5, at 2.30pm. The event will be opened by Mrs Dorothy Walker, and there will be stalls, raffles, and refreshments, to include strawberries and cream. Proceeds to be divided between The White Cross Mission to Romania and St Bartholomew's Church.

### Supper and Auction

A savoury supper and silent auction will be held at the home of Mr and Mrs J Williams, of Sunset Gardens, on Friday, July 11, at 6.30pm. Tickets are available from Mrs Williams at £3 each (to include a glass of wine). All proceeds are for St Bartholomew's Church, Porthleven.

Investigation work will cost £1,000

# Gardens may be over shaft

By Emma Browne

KERRIER councillors have agreed to spend £1,000 investigating the possibility of a mine shaft in back gardens at Porthleven.

In April last year, Kerrier's housing department was warned of an area of subsidence in the play area at Bickford Crescent.

Since then site investigations have taken place, and a mine shaft has been identified and capped.

However, while the work was being carried out, a further ground depression was discovered, and a previously capped mine shaft was exposed and a concrete slab lain over it.

Clive Williams, a housing officer, told members of the housing committee last week that residents have suggested that a further mine shaft may be present in the play area.

However, the site was excavated and nothing was found.

Work carried out by the council's services department indicates that another possible location of a shaft is in the back gardens of some council-owned flats in Bickford Crescent.

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FOR over two decades Quayside Fish located at The Harbourside, Porthleven near Helston has been supplying fresh, frozen and smoked fish, shellfish and seafood although the word "supplying" is rather an understatement as proprietor John Strike has accolades a plenty to demonstrate his company's commitment to the highest standards of quality and customer service.

Voted Britains Best Fishmonger - Quayside Fish's modest beginnings and expansion on its present site allows for the maximum choice for both trade and private customers. Apart from supplying fresh and fresh frozen Cornish fish to customers all over the country, they also have their own Smokehouse the aroma from which confirms the highest quality Smoked Fish is available at Quayside. Add to this the tremendous range of



Quayside Fish, Porthleven

Shellfish, from their own tanks and a ready-to-cook service for restaurant customers for seafood dish ingredients and the breadth of diversity of this Cornish success story begins to fall into place.

Any customer to Quayside Fish will immediately be struck by the way the fish is presented in the retail shop. Perfecting the art of filleting and presentation have

been matters on which second best has not been good enough. These skills have won numerous awards including The Seafish Industry Authority "Best Fishmonger of 1989," and connections with the BBC's Good Food Roadshows.

A delivery service is available and value packs are usually on sale in the shop providing the best

quality and variety at the lowest prices. Fishmongers are very proud of their art and the threats from large more diverse enterprises which offer fish as a "add on" do offer competition, but when you look at what is on offer at Quayside Fish you can see why they have such a loyal and satisfied following. For more details call John Strike on 01326 562008.

## Bowls



□ Porthleven WCL team. Back row, left to right: R.Bicknell, M.Kerwood, D.Mann (captain), J.Judd, F.Haddon, R.Izatt, D. Mitchell. Front: B.Hardy, J.Penaluna, B.Rosewarne, R.Hexter, D.Richards.

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# From Cornish lanes to cycling in Indian heat



FOUR cycling members of Helston Lizard Inner Wheel Club will be switching from leafy Cornish lanes to the heat and dust of India.

Wendy Wallis and Ase Smith, of Helston, and Angela Dawson and Ann Russell, of Porthleven, are getting fit to tackle 400 miles in January, raising funds for Leprosy - the charity concerned with leprosy.

The four, who enjoy cycling, are pleased at the way sponsorship is coming in for their marathon, which will cover 10 cycling days, with more than 60 miles on some of them.

They pay their own fares and expenses, and every penny raised goes to the charity.

Farmer's wife Mrs Wallis said they were doing the cycle ride after reading about it in *The West Briton*.

"I thought I would like to do it," she said, "it will certainly be an experience of a lifetime."

The four fly out from Heathrow to Calcutta, on January 24. Then follows a six-hour train journey to Bhubaneshwar and a two-hour bus ride into the mountains to start the ride.

"It is a part of India that is not available to tourists," Mrs Wallis said. "It is where leprosy is more rampant, and where Leprosy has many centres." The cycle route circles the Khondmal hills.

Just in from a 40-mile tone-up ride, Mrs Wallis said she had been cycling for many years and now rode a hybrid bike with 21 gears.

Mrs Smith, and her husband, a local doctor, have been to India, but only on holiday. Mrs Dawson, whose husband is also a farmer, is the Inner Wheel overseas fund-raising chairman. Mrs Wallis and Mrs Russell are past presidents.

Mrs Wallis, who lives at Penventon Farm, Helston, said the four would be happy to receive donations or pledges.

● In practice for their Indian trip... (from left) Wendy Wallis, Angela Dawson, Anne Russell and Ase Smith.

Picture - Paul Yockney



● Porthleven's annual Sea Sunday Service was well-attended. A procession from the church to the harbourside was led by Porthleven Band. At the harbour, prayers were said for the fishing industry. A cross was cast into the water and retrieved by Hannah Walker, aged 12, the daughter of the Rev Peter Walker, who conducted the service.

Picture - Paul Yockney

## They that go down to the sea in ships ...

THE annual blessing of the sea at Porthleven was carried out at the harbourside on Sunday. Porthleven Town Band led a procession from St Bartholomew's Church to the harbour.

After the singing of the Cornish Fishermen's hymn, Fr Peter Walker led the crowd in a short homily and prayers for all seafarers and



the local fishing industry.

A cross was thrown into the sea and retrieved by 14-year-old Hannah Walker. Following the

singing of the mariners' hymn and a blessing by Fr Walker, the procession returned to the church for refreshments.

ABOVE: Fr Walker leads the congregation in the harbourside service.

## Porthleven

**FETE:** Members of Porthleven Arthritis and Rheumatism Council held their annual summer fete on the harbour head, raising more than £123 for funds. There were the usual stalls, and raffle winners were H Greave, B Diston, M Hooper, A Williams, Karen, P Smith, J Hendy, D Mason and J Smith.

**SHINDIG:** Porthleven Town Band is holding a summer shindig in a marquee on The Moors, Porthleven, on Saturday, August 2, at 8pm, with dancing to The Other Band. Admission is £3, with accompanied children free.

**CONCERT:** After a concert, arranged by Helston Rotary Club, held in Porthleven Methodist Church, £300 was presented to Porthleven Arthritis and Rheumatism Council. Taking part were Holman/Climax Male Voice Choir, and Camborne Circuit Wives' Club, with guest soloist Angela Thomas. The proceeds were given to the Rotary Club's chosen charities.

**COLLECTION:** A street collection for the Porthleven auxiliary of the RSPCA raised £121.

**METHODIST CHURCH:** The Sunday morning service was led by Mrs E Balme, and the theme was *Sincerity*. Organist was Godfrey Richards. The evening service was led by Mr P Benney, and the organist was Mary Oliver. There were congratulations for the Rev R Ormesher and his wife, Diane, who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on Tuesday. The preachers this Sunday

morning will be Mr Ormesher, who will include the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and the evening service will be led by Miss S Archer, of Breage.

**AUCTION:** A silent auction and savoury supper at the home of Mr and Mrs John Williams, of Porthleven, raised £178 for St Bartholomew's Church.

**DONATION:** Members of Porthleven Arthritis and Rheumatism Council appreciated a donation of £121 from Mr and Mrs L Courtis, of Breage, received by them in lieu of gifts, for their golden wedding anniversary.

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## Porthleven

**SHINDIG:** Porthleven Town Band held a summer shindig in a marquee on The Moors, Porthleven, with music by The Other Band. The lucky number ticket winner was Mr P Burden. Raffle winners were E Gilbert, L Jewell, M Kelly, J Bray, G Stephens, B Matthews, T Kennedy, A Evans and P Pringle.

**FETE:** The annual St Bartholomew's Church fete was held on the harbour head in brilliant sunshine, and raised more than £1,516 for church funds. There were the usual stalls, games and hot dogs. The first prize of £100 in the raffle was won by Mrs M F Hitchens, of Penzance.

**LEPROSY MISSION:** The Rev Woosley, of the Leprosy Mission, will be visiting St Bartholomew's Church on August 31. If you collect used stamps for the mission, please pass them to any church member or to the correspondent, Mrs Bryant, of 2, Mill Close.

**SHIPSHAPES:** Local children, visitors and parents are invited to join the Methodist Junior Church Shiphapes on the beach, next to the clock tower, at 10am each Sunday in August for teaching, games and fun.

**METHODIST CHURCH:** The Sunday morning service was led by Gerald Richards, and the theme was *Everyone Working Together*. The evening service was led by the Rev Philip Williams, who spoke on *Light*. Organist at both services was Sheila Richards. Every Wednesday, members of the church organise a coffee morning in the Sunday school hall from 10am until noon. Each week, locals and visitors enjoy a chat together over a cup of coffee in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The preachers next Sunday will be the Rev Robert Ormesher in the morning and Bill Reed in the evening.

## Porthleven

**TOWN BAND:** Members held a coffee morning at the Luggar restaurant and raised

£112 for band funds. Raffle winners were Mrs N English, Mr G Stephens, Dr L Miller, Mrs Walker, Mrs M Seymour and Mrs E Thomas.

**STALL:** A stall arranged by the Porthleven auxiliary of the RSPCA raised £246 for funds.

**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S DAY:** This will be celebrated at St Bartholomew's Church on Sunday, August 24. At 8am, there will be Holy Eucharist and, at 10am, procession, solemn mass and junior church, when the preacher will be the Rev Peter Walker. The service will be followed by wine and savoury refreshments.

**GARDEN PARTY:** A garden party for the Porthleven auxiliary of the RSPCA will be held at 2 Mill Lane, Porthleven, the home of Mr and Mrs B Howes, on Friday, August 15, from 2-4pm. It will be opened by Mrs V Mostyn, of Helston, secretary of the Helston auxiliary.

**CAKE STALL:** A cake stall for the British Leprosy Relief Association will be held at the harbour on Friday, August 15.

**METHODIST CHURCH:** The Sunday morning service was led by the Rev Robert Ormesher, who spoke about relationships. The service included the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The evening service was led by Sheila Archer, of Breage, and organist at both services was Sheila Richards. Evening prayers will be held in the chapel throughout August. A different member of the congregation will lead prayers each day from 8.45-9pm. The preachers this Sunday will be Gerald Richards in the morning, while the evening service will be led by the Rev Philip Williams.

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**Porthleven Community News**  
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**TOWN CLERK**

The Town Clerk's office is now open from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm Tuesday to Saturday inclusive.

Photo copying facilities are available for all of Porthleven's organisations. Anyone wishing to use this service should contact the Town Clerk.

**NEW CHAIRMAN**

Maureen Gautrey has taken over the Chair of Porthleven Town Council from retiring Chairman Charles Budd. Charles, who had a successful year as chairman, said he was quite pleased to leave Porthleven in the capable hands of Maureen and Elsie. Maureen is the first lady to hold this office in Porthleven. Hopefully others will follow. Cllr Roy Bradbury was happy to accept the position of Vice Chairman. Roy represents Porthleven on Kerrier District Council.

**PORTHLEVEN ON THE WWW**

As part of the council's efforts to attract people to our village, it was decided to place Porthleven on the Internet. Porthleven's Web Site will be set up initially by a Truro based company called Web Direct. If any business based in Porthleven wishes to be included on the Council's web site please contact:  
 Cllr Michael Carter - tel: 01326 - 562769

**BE PROUD OF PORTHLEVEN CAMPAIGN**

John Burden is seeking volunteers to assist in keeping the harbour area tidy. John already clears the rubbish from the playing field area and the river. Mechanical devices for picking up the rubbish are available and a receptacle for the rubbish is being supplied by Trevor Osborne. This will be located in the Shipyard. Interested? Contact the Town Clerk.

**DOG FOULING**

You may have seen the Dog Fouling posters circulated around the village by the Town Council. We are happy to report a noted improvement as many more responsible owners are now cleaning up behind their pets. The Council thank these people and encourage other owners to do likewise. The law has recently been revised allowing for heavier fines. Kerrier District Council are now successfully prosecuting guilty owners. Everyone benefits if Porthleven becomes a cleaner place to live. It takes little effort to clean up behind your animals. It could prove costly if you fail to do so. Please take Pride in Porthleven

**YOUTH CLUB**

Porthleven Youth Club remains closed. Communications are continuing with Trevor Osborne regarding the future of the Youth Club and the possible development of a young peoples drop in and training centre.

**LIFEBOAT DAY**  
**SUNDAY**  
**17TH AUGUST 1997**

**FOOTBALL CLUB**

We were sorry to discover the club were refused funding for their project after so much effort. However, the Town Council urges the Club to continue with its efforts and try again for funding at the first available opportunity.

**TOURIST SIGN**

With recent changes in legislation Porthleven may qualify for a brown direction sign to be placed on the main Helston to Penzance Road. The Town Council is to apply to County for the erection of a sign at the next submission date which is 1st October 1997, which is unfortunately too late for this season.

**GIG CLUB**

Porthleven Gig Club is inviting the younger members of our society to come and join the club. Its fun, healthy, sporting, challenging and very competitive, not to mention a Cornish tradition.

To learn more about the Gig Club and its activities all you need to do is contact.

**TED AND JOYCE GUNDRY**  
 TEL: 01326 - 561784

**GIG DAY IS SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST 1997**

**SEAGULL POSTERS**

Please do not feed the Seagull posters have been placed around the village in an effort to reduce the risk of such incidents as those occurring in St Ives. At the same time, it is hoped to minimise the level of annoyance caused to some of the residents of Porthleven and to assist the gulls in remaining as part of the coastal wildlife.

**HARBOUR HEAD BOOKINGS 1997**

JULY 16TH	WEDNESDAY	ARC
JULY 29TH	TUESDAY	ST BARTS CHURCH
JULY 31ST	THURSDAY	AGE CONCERN
AUG 3RD	SUNDAY	CRICKET & RANGERS FC
AUG 7TH	THURSDAY	WI FEITE
AUG 12TH	WEDNESDAY	WENDRON CHURCH
AUG 14TH	THURSDAY	BREAGE LIGHTS
AUG 16TH	SATURDAY	BOSLAND ASSOC.
AUG 17TH	SUNDAY	RNLI
AUG 21ST	THURSDAY	TOWN BAND
AUG 30TH	SATURDAY	GIG CLUB

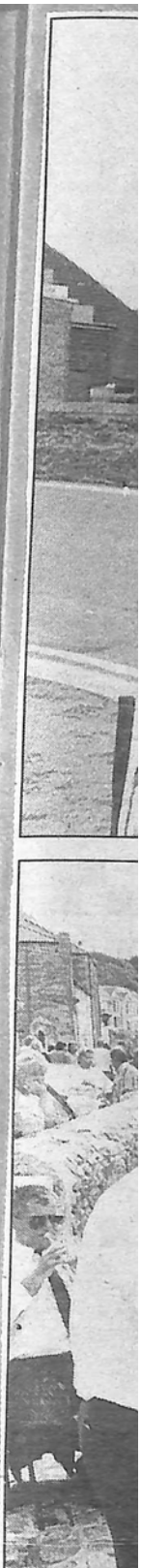
**COMMUNITY DIARY**

It has been suggested that the Town Council produce a diary of events which is to be updated on a regular basis. The Diary is to be placed on the Town Council's notice board.

We are happy to arrange this, but for it to be successful, it is necessary for all organisations to supply Elsie, the Town Clerk, with the relevant information

**QUOTE**

One never notices what has been done: one can only see what remains to be done



# Porthleven Lifeboat Day

THERE can be few lifeboat days that are so well known as that held in Porthleven.

The fishing village, which lost its own lifeboat many years ago, still strongly supports the RNLI and looks upon the Newlyn based vessel Mabel Alice as their own.

On Sunday, the people of the village

**By Stephen Ivall**

turned out in support of the 1997 lifeboat day and along with the numerous visitors who packed on to the harbour side for the fun it was a day to remember.

Commentator for the event was a

voice recognised by many. Ted Gundry, a radio broadcaster who lives in Porthleven and so was able to add the personal touch and get people to dig deep into their pockets.

The day long list of events included the ever popular demonstration by the search and rescue helicopter from Culdrose and the lifeboat from Newlyn as well as demonstrations by canoeists,

a bath tub novelty race and the now famous Dash II - Porthleven's miniature lifeboat originated by Stan Lloyd and which has helped raise thousands of pounds for the RNLI over the years by taking people for rides down the old slipway.

Porthleven's Lifeboat Day has raised thousands over the years. Last year alone it topped £3,290 having raised just

£500 in its first year of 1976 after being founded by Stan Lloyd and a group of fishermen led by Herbie Uren. Today, Porthleven has its own RNLI branch led by chairman Brian Buxton.

Since 1976, however, more than £56,600 has been raised for the RNLI on lifeboat days. By the time the Packet went to press over £3,000 had been raised this year.

❑ TOP: The Cockney Pearly King and Queen and Prince are Gerry and Helen Arrowsmith with Esther Humpage. Here they persuade a young visitor to the open day to part with some coins for the RNLI fund.



❑ CENTRE: Porthleven Town Band provide some lively music for the day of fun in the sun.



❑ BOTTOM: Donkey rides are always a popular way to raise money for charity causes. Here Shirley Gilbert and Dick Curnow (left and right) give rides to Ashley Taylor, Josh Tapp, Georgina Cradock, and Toni Cradock on donkeys Basil and Chocolate (mother and son).



❑ Shirley Hopkins pirating coins from the crowds for the RNLI.



## Porthleven

**COACH TRIP:** Members and friends of Porthleven Ladies' Circle enjoyed a coach trip to Dartmoor and Torquay. A morning stop was made at Princetown for coffee and, on the homeward journey, a break was made at Indian Queens for fish and chips.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS:** With the annual Lifeboat Day over, members of the Porthleven and District branch of the RNLI are looking forward to the sale of Christmas cards and a coffee morning as the next stage of their fund-raising. Cards are already being sold, and anyone wishing to view and buy should contact Pat Adams at 3 Tremearne Road, Porthleven, telephone 01326 561564. The coffee morning will be held at The Lugger, Porthleven, on Saturday, November 1, when cards and souvenirs will also be available.

**APOSTOLIC CHURCH:** On Sunday, parents and friends of the children and youth of the church met for a cream tea. This was followed by a family service which proved a fitting climax to the church's "Adventures in Prayer" for August, with its theme of "Children and Youth". The service was led by Neil Bassett, and a group of teachers and youth fellowship members led the congregation in worship. The scripture was read by Andrew Chapple, of Ambassadors for Christ, who talked on "What the Church can do for Young People".

**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH:** A number of holidaymakers joined the congregation for the patronal festival solemn mass. Following the service, a glass of wine and refreshments were served.

**STALL:** A further summer stall on the harbour head was arranged by members of the Porthleven auxiliary of the RSPCA, and raised £122 for funds.

**METHODIST CHURCH:** The morning service was conducted by Cyril Andrews, of Goldsithney, who took as his subject "Treasure in Heaven". The evening worship took the form of a *Songs of Praise*, led by the Rev Robert Ormesher, with hymns chosen by members of the congregation. This was followed by the Communion service.

**PRAYERS:** More than 200 people, including many visitors, some from abroad, attended evening prayer sessions at the church during August.



□ The young ladies of Porthleven get ready for the procession. Left to right are Averil, Donna, Hayley and Sarah.

## The torchlight triumph

ALMOST 500 people joined in a torchlit procession at Porthleven on Bank Holiday Monday, organised by the Boslan Residents Association. The event, together with a carolare held earlier this month, raised over £1,000 for the residents' funds.

Organised by David Moon, his wife, Kay and Ann Miners for the first time, there were many comments from residents and visitors alike that it was the "best one they had seen in years".

The procession was led by St Keverne Band from the harbour head around the village.

A barbeque was enjoyed by the crowds and a firework display, organised by Graham Williams, was later held at Breageside.



## PORTHLEVEN TOWN COUNCIL

The Chairman (Councillor M Gautrey) and Councillors  
request the pleasure of the company of

*Mrs Pat Adams & Mr Adams.*

at a Civic Service to be held at  
Porthleven Methodist Church  
on Sunday, 7th September 1997 at 2.45pm

RSVP to The Town Clerk, Institute Cottage, Porthleven  
by Friday, 22nd August.

# Mayors visit to attend civic service



□ Mr Mike Thorne and Mrs Debbie Charles escorted Porthleven's Cubs, Scouts and Brownies as they made their way to the Methodist chapel



□ Porthleven Town Band provided music for the marchers. In step behind the musicians is Helston's mayor, Graham Williams and other local dignitaries

## Dignitaries on parade

THERE was a large congregation at Porthleven Methodist Church on Sunday for the annual Civic Service. Representatives from almost every local organisation in the town took part in the service which was also attended by the Mayor of Helston, Councillor Graham Williams.

The ceremony was con-

ducted by the Rev Robert Ormesher and the address was given by the Vicar of Porthleven the Rev Peter Walker.

The town band led the parade of uniformed organisations to the church and the junior band with duetists Lowena Christophers and Matthew Hosking played musical items inside the chapel.

Invited guests at the ser-

vice included Sue Swift, chairman of Kerrier District Council; Chris Lawrence, Mayor of Redruth; and Alan Fairweather, Mayor of Marazion. Other local councillors and a representative from RNAS Culdrose joined the parade and service.

The Royal British Legion standard was carried by Audrey Williams, of

Breageside, and the Old Cornwall Society banner by Eileen Richards.

The 1st Porthleven Cubs and Scouts, with their uniformed leader, Mr Mike Thorne, marched shoulder to shoulder to the chapel with members of the 3rd Porthleven Brownies. The young girls were accompanied by their leader, Mrs Debbie Charles.



□ Ready for the parade - Mrs Audrey Williams who carried the Royal British Legion standard



● Representatives of local organisations gather to attend the civic service at Porthleven Methodist Church.

Picture - Colin Ross

SEPTEMBER.



● TASTE OF THE WESTCOUNTRY: Janet and Sid Denness offer TV chef Ross Burden a Cornish pasty

# Pasty shop gives away its secrets

CORNISH bakers Sid and Janet Denness will be sharing some – but not all – of their secrets on national television next month.

GMTV celebrity chef Ross Burden and a television crew were at the couple's Pasty Shop, in Fore Street, Porthleven, yesterday.

Janet, a Porthleven girl, and Sid, who has been in the area for 30 years, pride themselves in creating the very best in

## MICHAEL TAYLOR

traditional Cornish fare, not only pasties but also cakes and saffron buns.

They say they are delighted that Ross has come down to Cornwall to find out more about what makes such traditional products so good.

Ross is visiting five areas of the country in his search for good local food –

Scotland, Wales, the North of England, the Midlands and the South West.

The Pasty Shop is the only Westcountry enterprise chosen to participate.

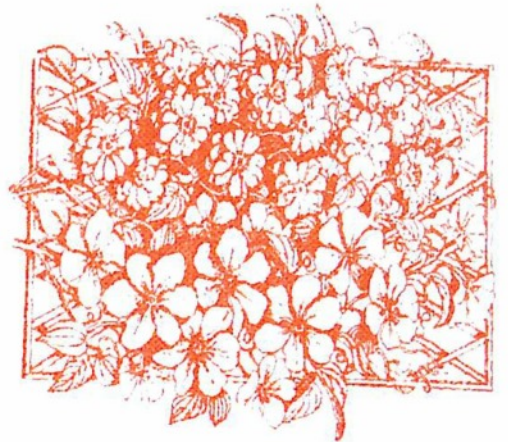
Sid and Janet said yesterday they were "pleased and honoured" to be picked to take part and to represent the best from the Duchy and the region.

The programme is due to be screened during the week October 6 to 10.

## Porthleven Floral Club

### PROGRAMME

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**HARVEST OF THE SEA:** Porthleven Methodist Church held its annual harvest of the sea celebrations on Sunday. The guest preacher for the day was Bobby Jewell, a former Porthleven fisherman. The men's choir sang at both services, accompanied by John Gilbert on the organ. The choirmaster was David Richards, and the lessons were read by the preacher's wife, Dorothy Jewell. The speaker at the Tuesday afternoon fellowship class was Bill Reed. The preacher next Sunday morning will be the Rev Robert Ormesher, who will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The evening service will be led by the Rev Philip Williams.

OCTOBER

### Porthleven

**FLORAL CLUB:** Members held their annual meeting in the public hall, with retiring chairman Mrs Rogers presiding. Officers elected – president, Lucy Pearce; vice-president, Jill Tilsley; chairman, Ruth Williams; secretary, Pat Adams; treasurer, Marjorie Kerbey; show secretary, Marian Liddell. Competitions winner for the year was Marian Liddell, who won both advanced and overall. The meeting ended with refreshments.

OCTOBER.



● THERE were flowers galore for an award-winning gardener and his wife when they celebrated 50 years of marriage last week. Stan and Emmie Richards, of Gibson Way, Porthleven, marked their golden wedding anniversary with an evening at the Lugger Inn, where they were joined by many members of their large family. The couple have seven children – all of whom live in West Cornwall – 20 grandchildren, and an ever-increasing brood of great-grandchildren. Stan, who was born at Helston, and Emmie, originally from Penzance, were married at Helston Register Office in October, 1947. For Emmie, it was a second marriage – her first husband was Stan's brother, Edward, who was killed in the Second World War. While Emmie was bringing up their four boys and three girls, Stan worked as a coal merchant. On retirement, he was able to develop his interest in gardening and, for several years, won the top trophy in Kerrier Council's garden competition against competition from gardeners all over the district. Stan was devastated when, in June 1993, his prize garden, along with others in Porthleven, was flooded after water burst through a wall and swept through the town. "It ruined all our plants, they were just washed away," said Emmie. "The garden was never the same after that." She added: "When you marry, you have to learn to take the bad times along with the good, and that's what's kept us together for 50 years." *Picture – Colin Ross*

## On target for a bike ride round India

● Pictured at the Lugger Inn are cyclists (from left) Ase Smith, Ann Russell, Angela Dawson, Wendy Wallis and Sue Baker.



*Picture – Colin Ross*

FIVE women in training for a charity cycling marathon in India in January are close to reaching their fund-raising target.

Wendy Wallis, Angela Dawson, Ann Russell and Ase Smith, who all live at Porthleven, and Sue Baker, of Breage, are among 30 volunteers taking part in the gruelling trek, organised by Lepra, the British Leprosy Association.

Each has to raise £1,050 for the charity's work, plus £750 as an entry fee for the cycle ride.

Around 40 friends and relations of the five sat down to a fund-raising meal at the Lugger Inn, Porthleven.

Angela said: "I was talking to Ian Greaves at the Lugger about Lepra, and he said he'd like to do something to help, which was lovely."

The meal was just the latest in a series of events she and her fellow cyclists have held in and around Porthleven, including car boot

sales, barbecues at caravan sites, a coffee morning, a disco evening and a barn dance.

"People have been ever so good," she said. "We've had a great response."

A shared love of cycling brought the women together, and when Wendy signed up for the Lepra trip, the other four were quick to follow her example.

But they are well aware that the expedition will be rather more demanding than their usual jaunts round the Cornish countryside.

"We're all training hard, and before we go, we'll have to do several long days to prepare ourselves," said Angela. "Once we're in India, we'll be doing 12 miles on the first day, 60 on the next two, and 45-50 on the other seven."

The volunteers will spend some nights camping and others in Lepra hospitals, where they will be able to see first-hand the work the charity is doing to cure and treat leprosy victims.

## OCTOBER

### Porthleven

**RSPCA:** A Christmas afternoon for the Porthleven auxiliary of the RSPCA will be held on Wednesday, December 10, from 2-4pm, at the home of local secretary Mrs A A Vincent, Bonhill, Porthleven. There will be a Christmas gift stall and raffle, with mince pies served throughout.

**FLORAL CLUB:** The Christmas show will be staged at the public hall on Saturday. The hall will be open to the public at 2.30pm.

**BAZAAR:** On Saturday, Porthleven Methodist Church held its annual Christmas bazaar and gift day in the Sunday school building. There were a variety of stalls, and a good time was had by all. The Sunday morning service was led by Cathy Henshaw, of Goldsithney, and the evening service was led by Elsie Balme, who spoke on Happy Endings. The organist at both services was John Gilbert. The speaker at the Tuesday afternoon fellowship was the Rev John Pearce. The preachers next Sunday will be Ruby Brown, of Leedstown in the morning, and in the evening, Gerald

Richards, of Porthleven.

**BAZAAR:** The autumn bazaar for St Bartholomew's Church, held in the public hall, raised more than £1,111 for church funds.

**FELLOWSHIP:** Mrs D Williams presided over Porthleven Methodist Ladies' Fellowship, and welcomed speaker Paul Brown, who also accompanied the hymns and his wife's solo. Refreshments were served by Mesdames E Richards and English.

## NOVEMBER

### Porthleven

**METHODIST CHAPEL:** The Sunday morning service at Porthleven Methodist Chapel was led by Ruby Brown, of Leedstown, and the evening service by Gerald Richards, of Porthleven. Both preachers spoke on the Advent theme and the organist at both services was Sheila Richards. The preachers next Sunday will be Pat Jory from Ashton in the morning and the Superintendent Minister, the Rev Tony Pudner, in the evening. The Christmas bazaar and Gift Day raised £1,071 for church funds.

**FELLOWSHIP:** The Rev John Pearce, from St Keverne, was the speaker at the Porthleven Methodist Church Ladies' Fellowship. He was welcomed by Mrs A A Vincent, who presided and accompanied the hymns. Refreshments were served by Mrs N English and Mrs E Richards.

**WIVES' CLUB:** Pastor Graham Kitts was the speaker at the Porthleven Wives' Club meeting. He spoke on his position as a school governor. He was welcomed by Mrs Gwen Russell, and refreshments were served at the close.

**CONCERT MAKES £146:** A concert was given in Porthleven Public Hall on Sunday evening by the Praze Male Voice Choir, and raised £146 for the public hall fund. The chair was taken by Mr Philip Smith. A welcome was extended by Mrs Brenda Bravery, committee chairman, who also thanked Mr Smith and the choir for such an entertaining programme. Tea and mince pies were served at the close.

## NOVEMBER

## Wedding of Porthleven couple's daughter

A PORTHLEVEN couple's daughter was married at St Erme Parish Church, Trispen.

The bride, Miss Anne Benney, is the youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Barry Laity of 27 Wheal Rose, Porthleven, and the bridegroom, Mr Lyndon Norman, is the only son of Mr and Mrs Lionel Norman of Maintop, St Piran's Parc, Porthleven.

The bride is a customer services manageress at Sainsbury's, Truro, and the bridegroom is an industrial radiographer at Devonport Dockyard.

Given away by her father, the bride was attended by Mrs Michelle Treharne.

Best man was Mr Simon Cadman and the usher was Mr Richard Treharne.

The bride wore an Alfred Angelo satin dress, heavily beaded with pearls with a long train. She had a pearl tiara and matching veil and carried a bouquet of fresh flowers. The bridesmaid was in an empire line Dupion silk dress in Terracotta.

The reception was held at the Alverton Manor, Truro, attended by 40 guests, and later the couple left for a honeymoon in the Canary Islands.

*Photo: Mike St James*



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*WHAT HAVE WE ACHIEVED  
SINCE THE  
LAST NEWS SHEET*

*SPECIAL DRAWS*

The special draw for the autographed cricket bat signed by the South African Touring side and Somerset County Cricket Club was won by our Branch Secretary. The bat's fate is under consideration

*LIFEBOAT DAY*

This year was held on a Sunday. Once again there was a notable increase in the number in attendance. Lifeboat day was advertised on Porthleven Town Council's World Wide Web site. Financially it was one of the better days allowing us to send over £3,000 to HQ., which was similar to last years figure.

*FLAG DAY*

Raised £110.07 and the house to house collection £356.32. Thanks to all our collectors, donators and last years organiser, who has now resigned from the Branch Committee. If any member would like to volunteer to organise this event for 1998, please contact our Treasurer by telephoning 562769

*IN MEMORIAM*

This is always the saddest of times but families often have donations for charities in place of flowers. This year we have received £238.

*MONEY TO HQ.*

During this financial year we have been able to send £3,806 to date. Last year we sent approximately £5,000

*PRESENTATION*

Porthleven Branch presented the crew of the Penlee Boat with a photograph of Mabel Alice exercising in stormy seas off Porthleven's beach.

*TRIP ON MABEL ALICE*

The Branch Committee were extended an invitation by the Penlee Crew to experience the lifeboat at sea which was very pleasant. However we decided to continue with our fund raising and leave the life saving to those who dare.

*NAUTI BUT ICE*

Continues with its unique way of filling collection boxes for us. The next time you have an ice-cream ask to use the wc. Worth every penny just to read the caption housed in the wee room.

*YOUR IDEAS NEEDED*

If you have any ideas relating to water activities that may entertain the public on lifeboat day, we would be pleased to hear from you.

*BOXES ABROAD*

Stan Kennedy, the box Secretary has sent a box overseas in his passion for fund raising. In addition the Wreck and Rescue centre has an RNLI display with a collection box that does very well. Why not go and have a look.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

*INDIVIDUAL FUND RAISING*

Although we have mentioned in previous news sheet that we would be happy if individual members, such as yourself, would arrange your own fund raising events, only one took up the challenge.

Myles Ashton, organised a steam exhibition in his garden in Tolpounds Road, raising £72 for the Branch. We thank him for his donation and we look forward to the next event.

You don't have to be a committee member to organise fund raising events. So come on, how about you organising a little something during the course of the year.

*CHRISTMAS CARDS*

Come and Join us for our coffee morning, to be held in the Lugger on Saturday 1st November, 1997.

**RNLI  
Christmas  
cards,  
calendars, diaries  
and souvenirs  
will be on sale  
from  
10 am to noon  
(Raffle)**

*VOLUNTEERS*

Volunteers to help run events on lifeboat day and to help the working parties are always needed. Why not join in and help save lives. It would be a great help if you could just spare ONE HOUR to assist with the clearing up at the end of the day, usually 6 to 7 pm.

**Porthleven saddened by Thelma's death**

MANY people were saddened to hear of the sudden death this week of 88-year-old Thelma Tucknutt.

She and husband Bill were having the time of their lives in their new home in Australia. Thelma, an

Australian, met Bill nine years ago when she was holidaying in Porthleven.

Both had been married three times before, but got on so well they were married within four months.

In May 1995, at the age of 87

Bill decided to emigrate to Australia with Thelma, even though he'd lived in Porthleven for nearly 60 years.

Before they left for Australia Thelma said how much they were looking forward to their new adventure together.



● A Truro man has been researching his family tree and the results could lead to a new television series. Simon Cows is one of two contestants in *The Gene Team*, a pilot for a proposed television show which the producers hope will be commissioned by Channel 4. The aim is for two teams, comprising a member of the public and journalists or researchers, to race against time to see how far back the person can go in his or her family history. Simon discovered, for instance, that one of his ancestors was a postman in Porthleven last century who witnessed first hand a freak storm that wreaked havoc in the port. In order to research further, Simon visited Porthleven with director Ian Leese (pictured with camera) where he also met present day postwoman Jane Schofield. Simon's rival contestant is Tara Dickinson from Exeter. If *The Gene Team* is commissioned for a series, it will probably be transmitted in the spring.

Picture - Colin Ross



## Rowers change sweatshirts for haute couture

**R**OWERS from Porthleven Gig Club swapped their vest tops and cycling shorts for evening dresses and smart casual wear when they took part in a fund-raising fashion show.

The event, at the Harbour Hotel, was organised by club member Nicky Hodge, who managed to persuade 20 members to climb on to the catwalk.

"Even the lads were very good about it!" she said. "It makes a change to dress up when we're more used to sitting in sweaty rowing gear, shivering on the slipway!"

The clothes were supplied by three Helston shops - New Look, Whirlwind Sports and En Vogue - and hats by Porthleven designer Lynn Wood, while Nicky herself dealt with hair and make-up.

Businesses in Porthleven donated raffle prizes, and although the amount of cash raised is still being counted, Nicky says it was undoubtedly a successful evening. "We'll probably do another one next year," she said.

The money is likely to go towards a new gig for the club, which was founded around eight years ago, and now has five men's, women's and junior teams.

For Nicky, gig rowing is in the blood - her parents, her sisters Caroline and Michelle, and her brother Jonathan are all members of the Porthleven club.

And her daughters Charlotte and Sophie, aged seven and nine, can hardly wait until their eleventh birthdays, when they will be eligible to join the junior team.

● A touch of the Orient at the Porthleven Gig Club fashion show.

Picture - Ian Arthur



## Helen takes trip into the unknown

A 19-YEAR-OLD Porthleven girl has been accepted as a volunteer on a project to bring education to children and adults in one of the poorest countries in Central America.

Helen Quick is currently studying for A Levels and working as an assistant at Manaccan Primary School - but this time next year she will be a teacher in Honduras, where 60 per cent of the population is illiterate.

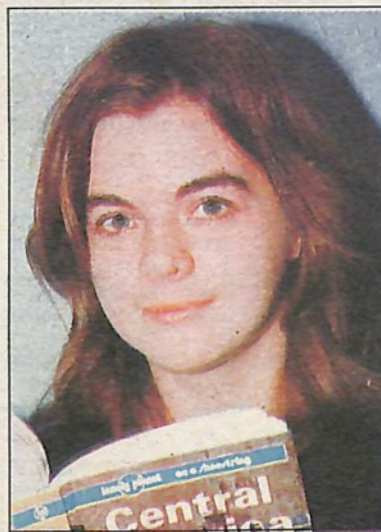
Helen's placement has been arranged by the Project Trust, an educational charity which gives young volunteers the chance to gain a wider understanding of the different cultures of the world while working on practical projects.

It will take her away from her home and family for a full year - a daunting prospect for a girl who, until now, has never travelled further than France.

"It's very much the unknown," she said. "I haven't got a clue about the culture there. And I'm a bit nervous about the insects - I keep hearing about blood-sucking bugs!"

But Helen is also excited about what she is sure will be a great adventure. "I love seeing new sights," she said, "And I've had wonderful reports from friends who have already been off travelling."

Following her application to the



● Mission to Honduras... student Helen Quick.

Picture - Colin Ross

Project Trust, Helen had to endure a gruelling selection course on the Isle of Coll, Scotland, which tested physical stamina, endurance, leadership qualities and teaching ability.

Having passed with flying colours, her next challenge is to raise £3,175 to fund her trip. She has been busy sending letters to businesses and

grant-making organisations in the hope of gaining sponsorship, and is organising a variety of fund-raising events herself, ranging from a raffle to a parachute jump.

Helen has another task before she is due to fly out to Honduras in September - acquiring a basic knowledge of Spanish, as few Hondurans speak English.

Most of her time will be spent teaching children aged between six and 14, who, she has been warned, are likely to be hyperactive and hard to discipline.

"I'm sure it will be great fun," she said. "There will also be opportunities to teach adult education classes in the evening and provide one-to-one tutoring in the local community, as well as to devise our own projects. I am planning links between my school in Honduras and Manaccan School."

Helen comes from a family of teachers, but has yet to decide whether she wants to make her career in education.

Her passion for the performing arts has led her to take an active role in producing a play at Manaccan School, and she hopes to kindle a similar interest in drama among her Honduran pupils.

Anyone who wishes to help Helen can contact her on 01326 565795.

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● Cilla Dugan, winner of the prizes for the best overall exhibit, best interpretation and best dried arrangement at the Porthleven Floral Club's latest show.

Picture - Ian Arthur

## Festive creations at flower show

CHRISTMAS was the theme of Porthleven Floral Club's latest show, and it inspired members to produce more than 50 festive creations.

The most popular class at the show, which was held at Porthleven Public Hall, required entrants to interpret the title "A Christmas Tree".

Other seasonal themes were Pantomime On Ice, The Carol Singers, Scrooge, Sugar And Spice And All Things Nice,

Winter Wonderland, and A Christmas Card.

Cilla Dugan won the award for the best exhibit in the show, and Marian Liddell received the trophy for the most points.

Cups were presented by Mrs Pearce, the club president. Judge Mrs Crookshanks from Crowan congratulated the club on obtaining so many entries.

Members and guests were welcomed by chairman Ruth Williams, and secretary Elaine

Lane thanked everyone involved for their help and support.

**Results.** Best exhibit, best dried material and best interpretation - Mrs C Dugan; most points in show, most points in advanced section, and best use of colour - Mrs M Liddell; simplicity award - Mrs J Tilsley; best exhibit in children's class - Miss A Pawley; first prize winners - Mrs M Liddell, Mrs J Tilsley, Mrs D Pawley, Mrs C Dugan, Mrs J Richards, Mrs R Williams, Miss A Pawley.

# A colourful sight at Porthleven

By Jean Bryant

THE public hall at Porthleven was again the venue for the local Floral Club Show which was this year entitled "The Christmas Show".

There were over 50 colourful displays covering the seven classes, with the Christmas tree class attracting the most exhibits.

The judge, Mrs Crookshanks of Crowan, congratulated the club, although a small one, in obtaining so many entries.

Mrs Ruth Williams, club chairman, welcomed everyone and Mrs Elaine Lane, the show secretary, thanked everyone for their support, and all the help she had received from members in staging the event. Refreshments were served throughout the afternoon.

The cups and trophies were presented by Mrs L Pearce, the club president, and the recipients were: Best exhibit in show, Mrs C Dugan; Best use of colour, Mrs M Liddell; Best dried material, Mrs C Dugan; Simplicity, Mrs J Tilsley; Interpretation, Mrs C Dugan; Most points in show, Mrs M Liddell; Most points in advanced section, Mrs M Liddell; Best exhibit in children's class, Miss Anita Pawley.

First prize winners: Class 1: Pantomime on Ice, Mrs M Liddell; Class 2: The Carol Singers, Mrs J Tilsley; Class 3: Scrooge, Mrs D Pawley; Class 4: Sugar and Spice and all that's nice, Mrs C Dugan; Class 5: A Christmas Tree, Mrs J Richards; Class 6, Winter Wonderland, Mrs R Williams; Class 7: A Christmas Card, Miss A Pawley.

## Relief for band

MEMBERS of Porthleven Town Band have the unanimous support of the town council for their plans to install a toilet and wardrobe cum equipment store at the bandroom.

Councillors have agreed to donate £250 towards the £2,500 project because, they say, the band is a tremendous asset to the village.

The new toilet is needed because the bandroom is so far away from the one public toilet in Porthleven, near the Bickford Smith Institute.

When band members give summer concerts on the quay next to the bandroom, anyone wanting to use a toilet has to be away from the band for some time.

Junior members practising at the bandroom during the winter months have to be escorted to the public toilets, which causes a major problem for the band.

# Gift to appeal would 'open the floodgates'

TOWN councillors in Porthleven have decided not to give money to an appeal to buy toys and equipment for a baby from Four Lanes who suffers from cerebral palsy, because it would "open the floodgates."

They decided that it was up to them as individuals if they wished to give to the Kirsty Fenn Appeal, but it was not something the council as a body should donate to.

"We get requests from all over the

By Muriel Cato

place," said chairman Maureen Gautrey, and Leslie Edwards added: "This is not really much to do with us."

Mike Carter said it would open the floodgates to other appeals but, if councillors wished to donate personally, that was up to them.

The appeal is being led by Kerrier councillor Tommy Bray, and has already raised more than £2,000 to help

Kirsty. Letters have been sent to town and parish councils all over the district.

The Porthleven councillor decide, however, to give their £25 grant to the Helston-based charity, the Cornish Heart Foundation, which offers help and support to heart patients and their families.

The charity has been chosen by Kerrier's chairman Sue Swift as a charity during her civic year.



PORTHLEVEN FLORAL CLUB  
PROGRAMME 1998

# A great result for Porthleven

**Porthleven 3**  
(D Waters, C Long, M Gritton)

**Arlesey Town 2**  
(B Seago, A Paris)

ALAN Carey's Gala Parc terriers, trailing by two goals to one at the interval, rapped in a second half brace to dump fancied Arlesey Town out of this year's FA Carlsberg Vase competition, and storm through to the last 32.

Arlesey, who won the Vase in 1995, were two goals up within the opening 17 minutes, but the plucky Fishermen never gave up and were justly rewarded for their great fighting spirit.

Bryan Seago put the visitors ahead in the third minute following a free kick by Sandor Gaylog, and Andy Paris cracked the ball in the back of the net after 17 minutes to further increase his team's advantage.

Porthleven settled and changed up a gear to put the visitors under pressure. A dangerous cross by David Chambers was cleared, but there was little visiting defenders could do in the 35th minute when Kevin Whitford made ground and whipped the ball to David Waters, who fired in a low shot from 25 yards.

Porthleven were now on top, and George Torrance pumped the ball into the danger area where it

was cleared. Midfielder Bruce Jane then forced a corner which, taken by Waters, was the final threat of the first half.

The all-important equaliser came early in the second half. Front-runner Charles Legg forced the visitors to concede a corner.

Waters flighted the ball over from the flag, and Legg headed towards goal, where the experienced Chris Long was on hand to nod in.

Legg then linked up with Chambers, who crossed the ball into the danger area, where the visiting keeper did well to get his hands to it while being challenged by Gritton.

The vital winning goal came via the boot of Gritton, who ran on to a long ball by Penhaligon and made no mistake with his final touch.

At the other end, Gaylog had an effort tipped for a corner by Penhaligon, who later came off his lines to save at the feet of Paris.

As the game drew to a close, Legg flashed the ball over the woodwork from a free kick.

**Porthleven:** G Penhaligon, D Chambers, K Whitford, M Hope, I Pattison, C Long, B Jane, D Waters, C Legg, M Gritton, G Torrance. Subs: D Gardner, K Rule, M George.



□ Geraldine Jones, a basketmaker from Porthleven, pictured with one of her impressive creations. Geraldine is one of the many local craftspeople whose work helps brings wealth to the county

## 'Porthleven' (A TRIBUTE)

Here in 'Porthleven' by the sea  
a place of great antiquity  
I'm privileged to live my life  
with happiness untouched by strife  
a haven both by night and day  
the southeast end of fair 'Mounts Bay'  
truly a most delightful place  
ever filled with charm and grace

This little port is surely blessed  
with beauty that outshines the rest  
the ever changing sea expanse  
that oft times leads a merry dance  
waves that lap upon the beach  
are often calm and filled with peace  
but when with rage the breakers roar  
nought is safe upon the shore

But in the magic of this scene  
there is a hint of love supreme  
for those who reside hereabout  
are gentle people, have no doubt  
and should you need a friendly face  
look not elsewhere this is the place  
you'll never find a better creed  
than people of 'Porthleven' breed

So stranger should you travel far  
be it by train or motor car  
you never will forget Porthleven  
the nearest place on earth to heaven  
and in the stillness of each dawn  
you'll lie awake and all forlorn  
thinking of those who still remain  
and vow you will come back again

Welcome here you'll always be  
if you will take advice that's free  
don't try and alter how we live  
a proud race who will not forgive  
those of you who come to change  
will only meet with stubborn rage  
from Cornish men and women tall  
who proudly stand, "for one and all".

J. D. P.

PORTHLEVEN. 1994.  
D. BAKER.

**CAROLS:** At Porthleven Methodist Church, on Sunday morning, Shipshapes held their annual carol service, entitled Countdown to Christmas. The service included a Nativity play, and was followed by coffee and mince pies. The evening preacher was the Rev Gerald Williams, who was conducting his final service in the Mount's Bay circuit, as he intends to work only in his home circuit from now on. At the end of the service, Mr Williams received a presentation from Mr Pudner, superintendent of the Mount's Bay circuit, in gratitude for all the assistance he has given in local churches for a number of years. The Wednesday coffee morning took place in the chapel instead of the schoolroom, so that everyone could enjoy the Christmas decorations. Next Sunday's preacher will be Mr N Lakin. At 6pm, the chapel will be holding its annual candlelit carol service.

**WIVES' CLUB:** Members held their Christmas dinner at the Harbour Hotel. Chairman Gwen Russell welcomed all present and led grace. During the evening, prizes were won by Betty Lugg, Barbara Hendy and Rosemary Polglase.

**AGE CONCERN:** A trip to Kernow Mills and Trago Mills, Liskeard, was enjoyed by 54 members and friends. A week later, members visited the Hall for Cornwall, where the Age Concern (Cornwall) art and handicraft exhibition was held, coming away with 15 prizes, which was very gratifying. On Thursday, members had their carols and mince pies afternoon, accompanied on the piano by their secretary.

**FAIR:** Porthleven Town Band held a Christmas fair in the public hall, and raised £330 for funds. Raffle winners were A Hosking, D Rubery, J Searle, I Beckerleg, M Gilbert, B Searle, T Belf and P Grace. On Saturday, at 7.30pm, the band will be holding a carols and coffee evening in St Bartholomew's Church.

## Porthleven

**SURGERY:** At the annual meeting of Porthleven Surgery, officers elected were:

chairman, David Richards; vice-chairman, Brenda Bravery; secretary, Judith Richards; treasurer, Graham Kitts. Due to pressure of work, former treasurer David Morton has had to resign, and he was thanked for his loyal service over the last five years. During the previous year, two nebulisers, two blood pressure monitors and two Tens machines for pain relief have been bought, as well as several smaller items such as neck collars and wrist splints. Also, a special baby scales, a mobile and bouncer are now in use at the clinic. The next purchase will be a spirometer, which will help doctors in their work with patients with severe breathing difficulties. Several fund-raising events are planned, the first of these being a cake stall tomorrow.

**CAKE STALL:** Porthleven Methodist Junior Church Shipshapes held a cake stall on the harbour head, and raised £81.31. All proceeds were for Action Aid, the charity through which members sponsor Sivapriya, in India. This is the fourth year of their sponsorship.

**BONNETS:** Age Concern Porthleven recently held an Easter bonnet competition, which attracted 24 beautiful entries. Ann Berry judged and Margaret Walman won, with Ken Mitchell second, and Pam Eastwell third. Last week, there was a programme of music by the Black and Gold accordion band. It was a good mixture of favourite old songs and modern ones, and was enjoyed by all.

**METHODIST CHURCH:** The Sunday morning service was led by David Balme. Evening worship was conducted by the Rev Tony Pudner, whose theme was seeking. John Gilbert played the organ in the morning. Sheila Richards in the evening. The Women's Fellowship preachers will be Sister Betty Riley, of Bradford, and the Rev Robert Ormesher.

**JUDO:** Thirteen members of Porthleven Judo Kwai attended the area gradings at Carn Brea, on Sunday. In the primaries, Tony Humphrey got his second orange tab, Darren Rowe was double graded to his first green tab, George Hughes got his second green tab, and Paul Reynolds a third. Rebecca Orchard got her first blue tab and for Peter Hughes there was no change. In the juniors, Richard Bett got his second yellow tab, and Gary Knight his third. Terry Rowe got his first orange tab to his yellow belt, and Tom Humphrey got his second. Susan Reynolds got her first green tab to her orange belt, and Kielan Venear got his green belt. In the seniors, Marlene Jewell got her orange belt fourth kyn.

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PORThLEVEN TOWN COUNCIL  
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### TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's office is open from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm Tuesday to Saturday inclusive. Photo copying facilities are available for all of Porthleven's organisations. Anyone wishing to use this service should contact the Town Clerk.

### PORThLEVEN ON THE WWW

Porthleven's Web Site has been established by a Truro based company called Web Direct. The Town Council has an agreement with Web Direct enabling any Porthleven business to be added to the site for a fee of £25 + VAT. Two establishments have already joined us. Should any other business based in Porthleven wish to be included on the Council's web site, please contact:

Cllr Michael Carter - TEL: 01326 - 562769

### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Cornwall County Council recently made an inspection of the Christmas lighting arrangements for our village. The lighting around the harbour head did not meet the required standards; however, it has now been amended to comply with current day requirements. The previous practice of stringing Christmas lights in Fore Street had to be abandoned, at least for this year, whilst alternative ideas are investigated.

We should like to thank all those traders and residents who have decorated their premises for the festive season this year, especially in Fore Street. If anyone has any ideas for next year's decorations, perhaps you will be good enough to send them to the Town Clerk. George Shipman, who has faithfully supervised our Christmas and summer lighting for many years, feels he should now hand over to a younger person. Have we a volunteer? George will gladly advise and assist.

### TOURIST INFORMATION SERVICE

TECHNOLOGY HELPS LOCAL BUSINESSES

Local shops, pubs and restaurants are being urged to take advantage of the latest technology to promote their business. 24 Touch-screen information kiosks sited across West Cornwall are currently promoting around 600 businesses to local visitors.

There is a one off payment of £80 to cover the cost of imputing the data and images on to the system and an annual fee of £15 per year.

Statistics show that the kiosks are extremely effective with over 90,000 people using them in July and August alone. For more information please contact

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### PORThLEVEN FLORAL CLUB

1998 PROGRAMME

January New Years Dinner  
25th February Slide Show on Cornish Gardens  
by J Reed  
28th March Members Spring Show - open to the public  
22nd April A Demonstration (This & That)  
by Mrs A Guppy  
27th May Bring & Buy Stall & Workshop  
24th June A Demonstration (Going for a Song)  
by Mrs V Vigus  
22nd July A Demonstration (Pleasure of Summer)  
by Mrs E Smith  
23rd September A Demonstration  
by Mr Mark Nicholas of Hayle  
28th October A.G.M.  
November A National Demonstration  
to be arranged

We meet in the Public Hall every 4th Wednesday at 7.15 pm except during August and December 1998.

Further information available from

Mrs Pat Adams - Hon Sec., Telephone 01326 - 561564

### LOCAL HOSPITALS

The Campaign to save our local hospital continues, but it is in danger of slowing down and becoming non-effective. Please endeavour to attend all local meetings.

We also encourage every household to write letters of support showing, not only the local health authority, but also central government, that we will not accept the erosion of our health care in rural Cornwall.

Recently at one meeting, a Panel that had been formed to answer questions relating to the health care cut backs refused to answer ANY QUESTIONS from the floor because of the presence of tv cameras and the press.

WHY? because there would be a permanent record of what was said, which could later be compared with the reality.

It is said that "The future is what really happens whilst we are planning something else"

The future of our health care will be the reality and not what is being muted by those presently responsible.

They may have already made their decisions, the only way to change this situation is the solidarity of the 500,000 + community of Cornwall.

### QUOTE

YOU MAY HAVE TO FIGHT A BATTLE  
MORE THAN ONCE TO  
WIN IT

In reply to one of our letters of support written to the Department of Health, Baroness Jay of Paddington writes "It is the responsibility of local health authorities, working with GPs, to assess the health care needs of their population, to draw up strategies and commissioning plans in collaboration with local people and other organisations and to secure a range of hospital and community health services to meet those needs. Anyone who listened to Dr Ken Whittle at recent meetings will know that he hasn't been listened to by our local health authority. I suspect other doctors in the area have the same claim to fame.

Remember, for the want of a nail the shoe was lost, for the want of the shoe the horse was lost, for the want of the horse the rider was lost, for the want of the rider the battle was lost. DON'T GIVE UP THE FIGHT.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

Worst storms since 1987 hurricane



Waves lash the sea front at Porthleven in west Cornwall during yesterday's storms, which saw winds of more than 100 mph

PHOTOGRAPH: SIMON BURT

STORM. SUNDAY. 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1998



- The harbour road at Porthleven had to be closed on Sunday when ferocious waves crashed over the sea wall. The winds also ripped tiles off the roof of the Sunday School and surrounding buildings, and brought a chimney pot on a house in Thomas Street crashing down.

Picture - Ian Arthur



- Mountainous seas batter Porthleven's defences.

Picture - Apex



Picture by David Brenchley

# Storm of the decade

**HURRICANE-FORCE winds of 110mph battered the Helston area at the weekend bringing major disruptions to roads and power supplies.**

The storm was the worst to hit the region in the past ten years and left tens of thousands of homes without electricity as power lines were torn down.

The atrocious weather uprooted numerous trees, blew tiles off buildings and sent debris flying.

One of the worst hit buildings in the area was the Hilltop Garage, Helston. Police closed the A394 after debris was blown onto the carriageway.

Police spokeswoman Sharon Moyle said: "It started at 9am. The plastic facias were breaking up and the canopy seemed likely to go, slates were coming down and even the reinforced glass panels were loose. The road was kept closed until 8am on Monday."

The ferocious winds caused several alarms to be set off throughout the area.

In Helston, the Somerfield store was closed on Monday after the glass foyer suffered structural damage. Staff were sent home and the store was cordoned off from 10.30am as supports were put in place.

Deputy manager Chris Elliott said: "People were complaining that they had come to do their shop-

*100mph winds devastate Helston and The Lizard*

**By Beverly Spina**

ping but we couldn't risk it. The glass side of the foyer was blown in by the winds and slates from the side of the roof were blown into people's gardens. We are now awaiting the builders."

A garden wall collapsed in Station Road, fences came down in Bulwark Road, the Christmas light decorations were blown down in Meneage Street and the kennels were flooded in Godolphin Road.

At the height of the storm, mountainous seas battered Porthleven, forcing the closure of the harbour road.

Mr Richard Palmer and his wife Pat, of the exposed Tye Rock Hotel, watched in amazement as the waves crashed up and hit the bay windows of the hotel and winds of over 100mph battered the building, threatening to lift the main roof.

The cliff-side swimming pool also suffered extensive damage and started breaking up as the side of the cliff subsided.

Over 100 tiles from the holiday flats were thrown around like confetti and garden furniture that usually takes two men to lift was thrown through the air.

Mr Palmer said: "It has been very frightening but the old house has stood up to it very well. The storm has kept us on edge all the time. For three days we have been battered by 100mph winds -

the main roof needs emergency repairs and the pool is breaking up. We have seen mountainous waves hit the hotel and water come in through the bay windows - it was like being on a ship. Our German visitors thought it was spectacular."

Mr Palmer paid his respects to local builder John Perkins and his son Michael, who braved the storms to make emergency repairs to the holiday flats. "He came out within half-an-hour and was a hero," said Mr Palmer.

Tiles were ripped from the Sunday School roof, a chimney pot came off and the roof was damaged at a property in St Thomas Street. Cliff Road was closed as pensioner Denis Giles, of Glendene, had his roof ripped off. Cars were evacuated from Commercial Road, St Keverne, on Sunday when at the height of the storm a large part of the roof was ripped from the Old Post Office, home of St Keverne fire officer Dave Smith and his family.

Sue Smith said: "I was dishing up lunch when I heard an unholy crash. The winds had lifted the tiles and smashed them into the greenhouse and out into the road, where a lot of cars were parked." Mrs Smith, whose husband was on duty, called the fire brigade to take charge of the situation as slates and timber were flying down the road.

Another house in the same road also lost part of its roof as gale force winds continued to buffet the

village. Fallen trees were reported to have blocked the roads at Trelanvean and Porthallow and a number of farm buildings throughout the area suffered damage.

Trees were blown down like matchsticks near the West Star Holiday Camp, Mullion, and between Gweek and Mawgan. A tree blocked the road at Breage and a 25-foot tree came down near Zoar Garage, St Keverne. At Mullion harbour, the recently restored wall was damaged.

Corrugated sheets were blown from a barn into the road at Stopgate between Helston and Penzance. Telegraph poles were uprooted and hanging on the cables on the Gweek to Trewennack Road. Power lines were brought down at Boskenwyn, Nanpean Farm and Wendron.

Carnkie village was without electricity from 5.30pm to 9pm on Sunday. The roof was torn off a garage in the centre of the village and blown into the garden of a neighbouring bungalow. At the same time the roof was also blown off an out-building a few yards away. The quick action of neighbours secured the roof of a second garage before it was also blown off.

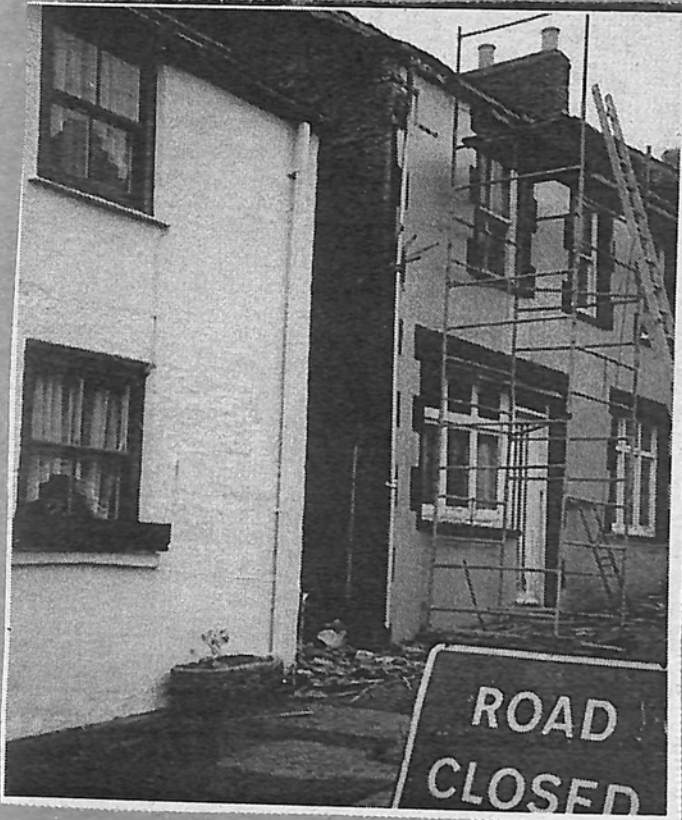
Winds eased over the region during the night but were still strong on Monday with squally showers.

*More pictures on pages 8 and 9*

# After the storm



LEFT: Cliff Road, Porthleven, is closed after the roof of the house belonging to pensioner Denis Giles is ripped off



Richard Palmer of the Tye Rock Hotel, Porthleven, stands at the edge of the swimming pool which is in danger of collapsing as the cliff underneath it has subsided

## Porthleven

### Age Concern

Age Concern Porthleven ended 1997 with their Christmas luncheon at the Harbour Inn where the Christmas cake was cut by Mr and Mrs Johns who celebrated their Diamond Wedding on Christmas Day. Their first meeting of the Pop-In will be held in their new meeting place which is the Porthleven Methodist Church at 2.30pm on Thursday, January 15, when members old or new will be most welcome. Happy New Year everyone from Age Concern Porthleven.

### Shipshapes

The preacher at Porthleven Methodist Church on Sunday morning was Mr Colin Pascoe, and during the service members of Shipshapes distributed calendars which they had made to members of the congregation.

### Mount's Bay Circuit party

Porthleven Junior Methodist church "Shipshapes" will host the Mount's Bay Circuit party on February 7 in the Public Hall. Tea will be at 4.30pm followed by a disco and games.

### First rehearsal for "Pharisee"

The local Christian Musical group "Rescaped" invite you to join them for this year's production "Pharisee". The first rehearsal for this is at Cury Chapel on February 27 at 7.30pm. More details are available from Paul and Mary Louise Combellack of Porthleven.

### United Epiphany party

Members of St Sithney Parish church and St Bartholomew's church, Porthleven held their united Epiphany party in Porthleven Public Hall on Saturday evening. The fancy dress competition, judged by Mrs Williams, head-teacher of Porthleven School, was won by: Children's class - Hannah Walker (Puss in Boots); Adults class - Mike Sandercock (Scotsman).

Father Peter Walker and his wife, Lynne, organised the games and thanks were extended to them by Mr Phillip Smith.

The lucky ticket number prize was won by Mrs Mona Hooper and the evening concluded with a pasty supper and other refreshments and carol singing.

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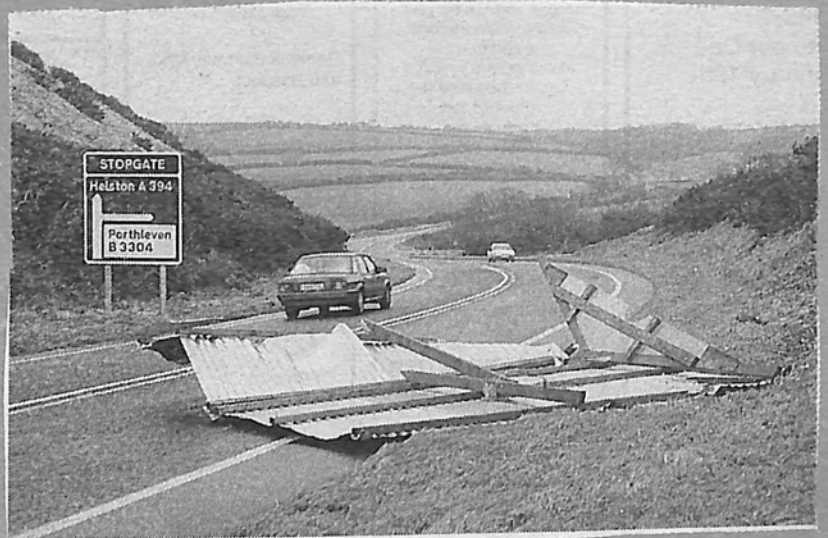


A dangerous place when the sea is running... Waves crash over Porthleven Pier.

Picture - Ian Arthur

Right: The roof of a farm building, blown hundreds of yards on to the Penzance-Helston road.

Picture - Ian Arthur





● Porthleven once again bore the brunt of the weekend's storms, just eight years after the fishing port was last devastated by the elements. Houses and other properties were damaged – at least one owner found a gaping hole in his roof – while trees were blown down by gusts estimated at more than 100 miles per hour.

Just outside Porthleven, the Helston to Penzance road had to be closed because of fallen trees, and also the danger posed by tiles blowing from roadside properties.

Council workmen are pictured removing at least one offending tree from the road.



**Floral Club**  
Members of the Porthleven Floral Club visited the Harbour Hotel, Porthleven, for their annual meal. All arrangements were made by Mrs Pat Adams, secretary.

**World Day of Prayer**  
The annual Interdenominational Women's World Day of Prayer service for the Porthleven area will be held at the Carleen Community Church on Friday, March 6, at 2.30pm.

### Case adjourned

A PORTHLEVEN man accused of criminal damage was released on unconditional bail after appearing before magistrates this week.

Paul O'Connor, of Tregonning View, is charged with causing £89.59 worth of damage to a window on December 9.

Falmouth and Kerrier magistrates agreed to a request for an adjournment and O'Connor, 30, is now due back before them on March 5.



### Community News

#### Porthleven

On Monday, the Friends of Porthleven Surgery, together with Doctors Drummond and Duckworth, were invited to the Carleen Community Church. They were greeted by Pastor Kitts who gave a brief history of the centre and an outline of their care in the community work.

The doctors welcomed this opportunity for an informal get-together to explain their interest in asthma, bronchitis, emphysema and other illnesses that cause breathing difficulties. The Friends agreed to work toward raising money to buy a spirometer to help their studies, research and alleviation of symptoms of these respiratory illnesses that are unfortunately so common in this part of the country. Excellent refreshments were then served by Mrs Kitts.

#### Ladies' Fellowship

Mrs Care of Burhos was the speaker at the Porthleven Methodist Church Ladies' Fellowship and was welcomed and thanked by Mrs C Andrews who presided. The pianist was Mrs A A Vincent and the afternoon concluded with refreshments.

#### Collectables

Mrs Jackett-Simpson gave a very interesting talk on "Collectables - Yesterday/today" to members of the Porthleven Wives' Club. She was welcomed by Mrs Gwen Russell, chairman, and thanked by Mrs Joan Ford. Refreshments were served by Mrs E Laity and Mrs M Seymour.

● Five boys who sang carols for shoppers at the supermarket in Porthleven before Christmas have presented the proceeds to the Cancer and Leukaemia in Childhood Trust. A total of £376.56 was raised for the charity's South West branch by twins Mark and David Pollard and fellow Helston Community School pupil Chris Higgs, together with Mark and David's younger brother Matthew, and Chris' younger brother, also called Matthew. Both Matthews are pupils at Porthleven Primary School. The boys are pictured at Helston School with CLIC representative Alan Sykes.

Picture - Ian Arthur

## Sudden death of popular golfer Ken Pascoe

A FOUNDER member of Praa Sands Golf Club died on the 16th hole of the course last week after suffering a heart attack.

Ken Pascoe, aged 72, who had won a prize for the original design of the course when the club opened 27 years ago, was playing in an OGRES (Olderly Gentlemen Reaching Elderly Status) competition.

Club proprietor Kate Phillips said: "Ken will be very sadly missed. He was one of the club's absolute characters with a great sense of humour, and will be remembered for his love of the game."

Mr Pascoe lived in Porthleven all his life, and was residing in the Breageside area at the time of his death. He leaves a widow, Jocelyn.



● Ken Pascoe.

He started his working life as a trainee mechanic before becoming a boy messenger at Helston Post Office.

During the war he joined the Royal Air Force as a mid-upper gunner, but on his

first flight his aircraft was shot down over Lincolnshire.

He returned to post office work in Truro and later became postmaster in Helston. He retired in 1985 after 45 years with the Post Office.

Mrs Pascoe said that golf was his great love. He had previously been a member of Mullion Golf Club and played three times a week. He had also been a pool player.

She said he had been "thrilled" with Porthleven Football Club's progress in the FA Vase, and was sad that he had missed their big game last Saturday.

Mr Pascoe spent 21 years as secretary of the Porthleven branch of the Royal British Legion, and was assistant secretary of the village's Gala Week.

## Doctor reminisces on 26 years' service

# 'Near-perfect' years as a GP



● Dr Whittle receives a home meteorology kit from David Richards, bought from money raised by well-wishers. On the right is his wife, Penny. Picture - Ian Arthur

RETIRED family doctor Ken Whittle has described his 26-year stint at Porthleven surgery as a "near-perfect experience".

Dr Whittle, who enjoyed a presentation evening in his honour at the town's public hall last week, reflected on his time there in an interview with *The Helston and Lizard Briton*.

"I have found life in Cornwall very interesting, but difficult to anticipate. The Cornish are independent, they are their own people, and I have had some marvellous times and experiences working with them," said the 53-year-old, who lives at Ashton.

He said that practising never became boring because of its unpredictable nature, and added that there had been some dramatic moments.

"Everything would seem all right one day, then I would suddenly be confronted with family crises or fears about dreadful illnesses. I just had to calm people down."

There were other trying occasions. In the early 90s, Dr Whittle spoke out about the sewage problem in Porthleven, after he had treated swimmers for what he thought were sewage-related illnesses.

Security was also stepped up more recently after a violent incident in the surgery - thankfully, the only one he can remember occurring there.

He laments the fact that a grill now separates the reception desk from the waiting room.

By Matt Dixon

His proudest moments include detecting skin cancer at an early stage, and performing a skin graft before it became too serious, something he describes as "very satisfying".

He is also pleased to see more patients seeking advice about illnesses that they have heard or read about.

"The vast majority of people take a very reasoned view. I think it is possible to guide them in practical ways in order to deal with their anxieties.

"Most people are very content to be told they do not need treatment and will go off and do what they can to make themselves better. I haven't needed to do a lot of finger wagging," he said.

He was also heartened by patients in the waiting room who would voluntarily give priority to others, if they were in distress. He cited several examples of patients allowing crying babies to join the front of the queue.

In retirement, Dr Whittle is hoping to embark on an ecology project near his home and, in doing so, will devote his time to caring for a different form of life.

He remembers with affection Porthleven residents who have told him they look up at his house on the hill above Porthleven, and say, "Goodnight doctor".

Perhaps some have now added, "and goodbye".

## Surgery says farewell to popular GP

ONE of the district's most popular doctors was honoured at a retirement presentation held at Porthleven last week.

In front of an audience of clients, friends and supporters of Porthleven Surgery, Dr Ken Whittle was presented with a weather station by chairman of the Friends David Richards and a cheque representing the balance from the money collected for his retirement present by receptionist Brenda Bravery.

Richard Rayment, 14, who has been encouraged by Dr Whittle in his ambitions to become a doctor, presented him with a bottle of whisky. It was bought with the pocket money given by local children, who also wanted to show their appreciation for the man who has become so popular in the village during his 26 years in practice.

Speeches were made by partner Dr Lynne Davies and Dr Richard Drummond, who will take over from Dr Whittle.

Dr Whittle trained as a doctor at the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff,

HP THE PACKE



□ Dr Whittle and his wife Penny with chairman of the Friends of Porthleven Surgery, David Richards.

completing maternity training at Brecon in Wales and gynaecology and obstetrics training at Yeovil before moving to Cornwall. He was a very keen sportsman, earning a shot putting medal while at medical college and holding the veterans Cornish record for shot putting.

Married to Penny, the couple have three daughters, Sara, Katie and Emily, two

## Band are sorry to see Michael go

A PRESENTATION was made last week to Mr Michael Gale at his home in Loe Bar Road, Porthleven, to celebrate his long service to the town band.

Mr Gale, who was band treasurer for over 30 years from 1954, recently retired as one of four band trustees. He was presented with an inscribed pen, and a card thanking him for his many years of service, by band president David Mitchell.

Mr Gale, a former mayor of Helston, and an alderman of the town, is an extremely well-known figure in Porthleven.

"He is a very popular gentleman," said band secretary Alan Polley. "It is a pity we are losing him."



□ Michael Gale, centre, receives his inscribed pen from David Mitchell, band president. Also pictured is Alan Polley, band secretary

A WONDERFUL WARM MONTH, THE HIGHEST OF ALL TIME, JUST LIKE SPRING. SHRUBS IN FULL BLOOM.



# Twin towers of Wembley a step nearer after memorable victory

# Soccer club celebrates stunning success

**PORTHLEVEN Football Club** are the toast of Cornish football after covering themselves in glory with an amazing triumph in the FA Carlsberg Vase on Saturday.

The club experienced the biggest day in their 100-year history when they defied all the odds by beating hot favourites Hucknall Town 1-0 to continue what is rapidly becoming the biggest sporting fairytale in years.

The fifth round tie, played before an ecstatic crowd of well over a 1,000, provided an occasion few will forget and the village club can be proud of their achievements both on

**By Leon Pryn**

and off the pitch. They are now into the last eight of a national competition and although Wembley is still some

way off, the thought must cross the minds of both players and supporters.

One thing is certain, no-one will be able to write Porthleven off as no-hopers, especially after this result, because Hucknall were one of those clubs fancied to go all the way. Unbeaten since early September, the Nottinghamshire side were never superior and on the day can have no complaints about the result.

Now all that stands between Porthleven and a place in the semi-finals is a daunting visit to Taunton Town, a club who have already tasted the atmosphere of a Wembley Vase Final.

For chairman Bill Tearney the result was all-important. "I must be honest," said Bill. "I can't say I enjoyed the football, the tension was far too great to enjoy the match. You want the result, you want to win, but going through all the emotions of a game like we had on Saturday does not allow you to enjoy it too much."

Bill might not have enjoyed the game, but he certainly enjoyed the occasion despite the huge amount of work which went into staging the game.

"We are a small club and have never staged a game as big as this, but I think overall we are very happy with the way it went."



**TIME to break open the champagne as Porthleven's soccer heroes celebrate their epic FA Vase victory over Nottinghamshire side Hucknall Town**  
Photo: Nigel Bennetts

That view will be echoed by many neutrals who cannot fail to have been impressed by the way the Fishermen went about their business.

On the approach road to the ground, supporters were greeted by a display of yellow and black balloons, the club's colours, which gave a carnival atmosphere to the day, the parking arrangements were excellent, and there was even a colour television as the top prize in a raffle.

On the last occasion Porthleven played at home in the FA Vase, there was a shortage of "top brass," but this time round they were there in force with the FA Vase's Mr John Christophers from London down for the



**Bill Tearney . . . "Our biggest day"**

occasion, and county and Jewson SWL officials also prominent at the picturesque Gala Parc ground.

On Sunday morning Mr Tearney was up at 7 am and that was just as well because the phone never stopped ringing with people offering their congratulations.

Their success has captured the imagination not only of supporters but also of the national press with Porthleven's exploits capturing the headlines.

"I've had Ray Prosser, the president of Truro City, ringing from London to offer his congratulations and the chairman of Falmouth Town, Malcolm Newland, was also quick to get in touch. The county FA's John Ryder was another to offer his congratulations and a number of papers have also telephoned.

"It's just been a tremendous occasion all-round for the club and it's certainly been our biggest-ever day," said Mr Tearney.

Pictures, match report, and views on pages 8, 38, and 40.

## Seven candidates contest elections

**TWO people will be standing as candidates in the March 5 by-elections for a town councillor for Helston's North Ward and five people are expected to stand for the district seat.**

The vacancies have arisen due to the recent resignation of Brenda Banfield. She decided to join her husband, Mick, who is working in the Middle East.

Retired teacher Dierdre Childs of 6, The Paddock, Church Hill, Helston and Leslie Edwards, Liberal, of the Old

Stables Bal Road, Lowertown, will be contesting the town council seat.

The vacancy on Kerrier will be fought between Niall John Campbell, Conservative, of 1, Boligey Terrace, Carnmenellis; Donald James Eddy, Independent, 21a, Meneage Street, Helston; William Charles Thomas, Labour, 24a, Meneage Street; Andrew Menzies-Grant, Independent of The Gables, 14, Church Hill, Helston and Leslie Edwards, Liberal of Lowertown.

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# Win is dream come true for club says long-serving Vidal



Vidal James

"TODAY'S result is a dream come true for Porthleven Football Club," said team secretary Mr Vidal James after the match.

"It's certainly the best day in the club's history and certainly the greatest day in my 40 years with the club.

"It's been a huge effort all round apart from the heroics on the pitch. We only have a small committee but they've done a fantastic job in getting everything right on the day.

"We've had magnificent support right across the local community including the contribution of Dave Gardner's dad, Phil Gardner, who

put up all the balloons and provided around 500 horns. He was at the ground at 8.30 a.m. putting up the balloons.

There was also the added novelty of a songsheet, but the chant wasn't heard too often . . . that was probably down to the number of words that had to be remembered quipped Vidal.

"The club would like to thank all its sponsors including Clive Biddick who provided a colour TV for the raffle and the match sponsors Flora Motors and Edmundson Electrical. Special thanks go to Packet Newspapers, Tossell Electrics, and Calloose Caravan

and Camping Park for sponsoring the match balls and to Duchy Estates (Penzance), Richmond's Patisserie, and Porthleven Construction for sponsoring the refreshments.

"I would like to thank the ball boys for the fine job they did and last, but not least, the supporters who made the day such a memorable occasion," added Mr James.

Chairman Bill Tearney echoed Mr James remarks and said that if they are lucky enough to get another home draw they would be well prepared to deal with it.

"All you can hope for at this stage is a home draw and after the

experience of this match we have a very good idea of what is required.

"We were hoping for a big crowd, but weren't sure whether it would be around 500 or over the 1,000 mark, so we are delighted with the response by everyone who has supported the club.

"When it comes to Cornwall, Cornish people will support all things Cornish and it doesn't matter that on another day they support another club, when it comes to occasions like this they will support you all the way. It's just like the rugby."

Mr Tearney also had a special

word of praise for Charlie Legg. "When he missed the penalty he could have let his head go down, but he didn't and although Martin there would have been no goal if Charlie hadn't gone on a run.

"I'm delighted for him because it is not easy to take a penalty in front of such a big crowd and with so much pressure attached to it. It showed real character on Charlie's part."

And how did the chairman feel after such an epic occasion. "How do I feel? I feel elated, but I can't really describe how I feel in words."



□ LEFT: Not this time . . . Hucknall's defenders clear the danger as Gritton and Legg hover

□ RIGHT: Port's Dave Gardner launches himself in mid-air to clear an attack



More pictures Pages 1, 8 and 38

## Great visit poor result

THE Hucknall Town party left Cornwall with many fond memories, but none of that could compensate for losing the match.

"We have had an excellent time in Cornwall," said secretary Mr Brian Scothern. "The hospitality has been great both at the hotel and at Porthleven Football Club, we have been looked after very well indeed. Nothing has been too much trouble.

"However, none of that can compensate for the disappointment we feel about losing the game. I didn't feel we played as well as we could and certainly not to our capabilities.

"That is not meant in any way as disrespectful to Porthleven and I wish them every success in the next round. Their name is in the hat and ours isn't.

"We prepared as well as we could for the match, we had our chances and didn't take them, but Porthleven took theirs, so we have no complaints.

"I shall be watching Porthleven's season with interest from now on."

# Port defy odds with epic win

**Porthleven .....1 Hucknall Town .....0**

A GOAL in the dying minutes of the second period of extra time sent Porthleven storming into the last eight of the FA Carlsberg Vase after an epic encounter with Hucknall Town.

It brought the curtain down on one of the best games ever seen at a packed Gala Parc which attracted a crowd of well over 1,000.

The tie was never one for footballing purists, but in terms of drama, entertainment, and commitment, this was a match that kept the crowd on its toes for the entire two hours of play - and a little bit more.

The man who did the damage yet again was striker Martin Gritton, but although he had the glory of bundling the ball into the net, the contribution of Charlie Legg was just as vitally important. Without his effort in the energy-sapping final minutes the goal would not have been possible.

Legg's contribution would have brought him immense relief especially after he could have ended the drama in normal time by scoring from a penalty in the final minutes.

Hucknall Town came with a big reputation, but reputations count for little when it comes to the game itself and on the day the Fishermen's all-action display carried them through a memorable match.

Porthleven played the game at a very high pace and that never allowed Hucknall to settle into any sort of pattern.

Town's powerful midfield was never able to get a grip on the game long enough to dominate, but up front they always looked capable of snatching a goal through the hard-working Matt Edwards and the tricky Gary Briscoe.

Throughout it all one man stood head and shoulders above the rest on either side - George Torrance. Torrance was a tower of strength at the back and apart from a number of mesmerising forays into the heart of the Hucknall defence, sprayed passes from all quarters of the ground to set up attacks for the Fishermen. Not surprisingly he won the Carlsberg man of the match award.

Porthleven began the match at a very high tempo and forced a couple of early corners from which Chris Long and Charlie Legg both had headers saved by former Welsh under-21 international goalkeeper Dave McCarthy.

Briscoe and Edwards were always busy up front for Hucknall, but it wasn't until the 17th minute that they created their first chance

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when Briscoe had a fine shot well saved by Gary Penhaligon following a good run.

Danger threatened after 19 minutes when Edwards' pace took him clear of Mark Hope, but when the ball came across the face of the goal Dave Gardner's uncompromising challenge was just enough to deny Briscoe.

Mark Hope picked up a booking in the 29th minute for upending Edwards and shortly after Gardner came to Port's rescue with a superb tackle on Briscoe after the striker had manoeuvred a yard of space for himself.

Port's front runners came in for some physical buffeting, especially with one or two tackles from behind and after Legg went close with a header from a free kick he was fortunate to survive a lunging 39th minute tackle from behind by Standing which earned the defender a booking.

As half-time neared Legg again went close with a header from Torrance's well flighted free kick and Chris Long did well to turn on a cross from Dave Chambers and fired shot just wide of the target.

However, in the fourth minute of injury time Briscoe found himself clear, but in a one-on-one with Penhaligon the 'keeper did exceptionally well to block the shot and keep Port on level terms at the interval.

The second half followed the first half pattern with the action swinging from end to end with Porthleven making another explosive start and forcing a corner after Gritton had a shot saved after he was set up by Dave Larsen.

Hucknall came straight back with Edwards leaving Gardner beaten for pace, but with just Penhaligon to beat failed to make the most of his chance as the 'keeper made another great stop to beat the shot away.

Chambers shot wide after Hope's free kick was only partially cleared and Torrance took on the Hucknall defence which was halted only by a foul.

Hucknall missed a great chance of taking the lead in the 55th minute when Gardner's back header failed to get any momentum, but Edwards lobbed the ball over Penhaligon and the bar as the gaping goal beckoned.

Legg and Gritton linked well inside the box, but as they found throughout the match, they

just couldn't get the yard of space they required to make the most of their chances as Pete Kenworthy came to Town's rescue.

Craig Maddison began to look dangerous with his runs down the flanks and when Edwards stole in on one of the crosses, Torrance made up the ground to make yet another great tackle.

Briscoe unleashed a terrific shot which just dipped over the bar, but strangely, after 69 minutes, he was substituted for Paul Tomlinson.

Tomlinson, lacking the finesse of Briscoe, was more of a battering ram and soon began to make his physical presence felt, but the Fishermen were not going to be deflected.

The game began to lose some of its impetus as the pace of the game began to take its toll, but Gritton and Legg were still able to unsettle the Town defence.

Tomlinson collected a booking in the 79th minute and four minutes later Gritton ran at the Town defence who were relieved to concede a corner.

The tension heightened three minutes from the end of normal time when Porthleven were awarded a penalty. Gritton and Legg worked an opening, but a rash challenge from Kieran Begly sent Legg sprawling. Unfortunately, Legg's placed spot kick was brilliantly saved by McCarthy.

Amazingly, Town could still have won the tie at the death when, after hitting a divot, Tomlinson's shot bounced up awkwardly for Penhaligon who failed to hold the ball, but incredibly, from almost on the goal-line, Craig Maddison hooked the ball over the bar.

Shortly after the ball broke nicely for Colin Thacker from a corner, but his blistering, goal-bound shot hit Hope on the shoulder and somehow scraped the bar on the way to safety.

The result was still up for grabs, but neither side managed to create the vital breakthrough in an energy-sapping first period of extra time.

Porthleven began to look the much stronger side in the second period as Hucknall appeared content to hang on for a replay, but with six minutes to go Whitford's pass found Legg and after getting to the by-line past Begley somehow got the ball across the face of the goal for Gritton to bundle it into the net off his thigh. Hucknall threw everything into attack, but despite the second period lasting 22 minutes Porthleven held on to pull off the biggest victory in the club's history.

## BIG MATCH STATS

Porthleven	Hucknall Town	
G Penhaligon	1	D McCarthy
D Chambers	2	C Maddison
K Whitford	3	P Standing
C Long	4	P Kenworthy
D Gardner	5	M Murphy
M Hope	6	K Begley
C Long	7	K Maddison
G Torrance	8	M Edwards
C Legg	9	G Briscoe
M Gritton	10	C Thacker
B Jane	11	J Roberts

Subs: D Wills, D Waters, I Pattison.

Subs: P Tomlinson, D Davis, S Brown.

Bookings: Hope 27m, Gritton 95m.

Bookings: Standing 39m, Tomlinson 75m, Begley 81m.

Subs: D Wills (for Jane), 106m, D Waters (for Gritton), 114m, I Pattison (for D Larsen), 116m.

Subs: P Tomlinson (for Briscoe), 69m, S Brown (for Standing), 77m, D Davis (for K Maddison), 84m.

Carlsberg Man of the Match: George Torrance

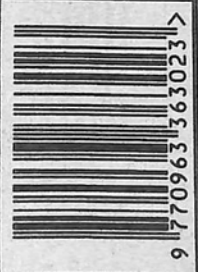
H-F: 0-0; F-T: 0-0

Referee: Mr R Desmond (Swindon).

Attendance: 1,031



NO way through . . . George Torrance intercepts yet another pass



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Taunton pose massive hurdle to place in FA Carlsberg Vase semi-final

# Porthleven face their biggest-ever challenge

PORTHLEVEN Football Club carry the hopes of Cornish football with them to Wordsworth Drive on Saturday when they take on Taunton Town in the sixth round of the FA Carlsberg Vase.

For Porthleven to get as far as they have is a triumph in itself, but that won't allow sentiment or being underdogs cloud their vision of the job in hand when they bid to become the first-ever Cornish club to reach the semi-finals.

The Fishermen have already scaled one or two peaks to get this far, but when they travel to the Cider county on Saturday to get the better of former FA Vase finalists Taunton Town, they will have to achieve the equivalent of climbing Everest with just their bare hands.

A daunting thought, but for chairman Bill Tearney it's a challenge which he says the club is relishing.

By Leon Prynne

"It's going to be a very difficult game for us," said Mr Tearney. "We wouldn't pretend anything otherwise because we are certainly going into this game as underdogs, but I suppose we've been underdogs in every game we've played."

"That suits us, but we are not going to Taunton just to make up the numbers. I think we have a very good chance because the team spirit within the club is very good."

"We don't fear anyone, we will obviously have respect for Taunton, but we feel we are in with a chance and having come this far feel we have as much of a chance as anyone."

The team will travel to Tiverton on Friday where they will stay at a country hotel that has

sports facilities. The team will have a light training session on the day of the game and after a light lunch will make the short journey to Taunton.

Whatever the outcome Mr Tearney is in no doubt the FA Vase run has been the biggest thing ever to hit the fishing village club.

"I'm delighted for the players and manager Alan Carey. He's done a great job for us this year whether we win this game or not or whether we win anything at all in domestic football."

"When I look back at the problems which we encountered before a ball was kicked it now seems even more remarkable that the team has achieved so much."

"I've been chairman for eight years and during that time we've had our ups and downs, but this certainly makes it all worthwhile."

## We've got nothing to lose-Carey

THE coolest man involved in this tie appears to be Porthleven manager Alan Carey who says whatever the result he just can't lose.

"I'm in a no-lose situation on the day and so are the players," said Alan. "All the pressure is on Taunton Town because they are top of the Western League, they're home, and they are expected to beat us."

"If we go out it won't be a surprise as far as most people are concerned and they will say that we have done so well to reach the stage we have. Of course, if we win we will be the biggest thing since sliced bread."

That, of course, is not to say that Carey doesn't have one or two things up his sleeve. "I've taken a look at Taunton and they are an extremely well organised side with three big central defenders at the back."

"I've seen a couple of things we might be able to work on, but we will have our work cut out because they are very strong in midfield and have Loram and Cutler up front and they are a real handful."

"But we will approach the game the same way we have in each of the past rounds. We will have the right attitude, we will work very hard, the players will certainly be up for it, and who knows, we might get something out of the game? We have won six games to get this far and you can't fluke all of them, so we are there on merit and it's all about what happens on the day."

"I am going to enjoy the occasion, enjoy the crowd, and enjoy the atmosphere and I will also be telling the players to go out and enjoy the occasion and then let's see what happens."



Alan Carey

## Taunton unbeaten in 21 matches

TAUNTON Town manager Russell Musker has been to watch Porthleven, but has described his journey to Gala Parc as a wasted trip.

"Porthleven produced their worst display of the season and was of no use to me."

"I know that they are not a bad side because they have already knocked out a couple of good teams, so I didn't really learn anything from the match against Liskeard."

Taunton fans' expectations are

much more demanding than the fans at Gala Parc and they see Porthleven as a stepping stone to the semi-final where they will hopefully avoid Tiverton to set up an all-Western League final at Wembley.

Taunton's current form makes impressive reading and they are undefeated in 21 matches in all competitions, winning 20. Add that to another impressive statistic that they have not conceded a goal for 470 minutes and you can gauge the size of the task.

The team is Devon-based with a strong Torquay connection, but assistant manager Derek Fowler, who still plays, is no stranger to Cornish football followers who will remember him being an influential member of Saltash United's sides during their Western League days.

The lynchpin of the side is Dave Ewens who plays in the middle of the back four and when he plays they are very well organised and when he doesn't they are not quite so impressive.

One thing in Porthleven's favour is that Taunton do not appear to be the force at home as they are away where all their league points have been dropped.

Taunton have bitter memories of their previous FA Vase final when they were eventually beaten 2-1 by Diss Town after extra time.

Diss did not score their equaliser until the 12th minute of injury time in normal time, a fact which even today the club finds difficult to accept.

# Porthleven dream of the perfect day

PORTHLEVEN Football Club is facing up to the biggest day in its 100-year history on Saturday when they take on mighty Taunton Town for a place in the semi-finals of the FA Carlsberg Vase.

Although no-one at the club is thinking too much about the dream of playing at Wembley just yet, it hasn't stopped the supporters from making the most of what is certainly the greatest occasion the club has ever experienced.

By Leon Prynne

Porthleven might lack the thousands of supporters who follow the Premiership teams, but it hasn't prevented the villagers from adding their own style of cup fever to the occasion. The atmosphere surrounding the big day has certainly taken a firm grip over the past few days and the team will travel to Somerset backed by hundreds of partisan fans.

Everyone in the village is talking about the game and at least four coach-

es will be making the trip to Wordsworth Drive and, coupled with the fans who will make their own way there, the team can be assured of vociferous support.

The club officials normally go about their business in a fairly laidback manner, but since the Fishermen's rise to national fame in the Vase they have been inundated with press and TV interviews to increase the daily tempo surrounding the match.

Supporters will also be adding even more colour to the occasion than in previous matches because the club has

taken delivery of new stocks of scarves and hats in the famous black and gold colours and they have been doing steady business all week.

Several local clubs have been attempting to rearrange games in order to add even more support for the game although Truro City were unable to agree to Mullion's request to switch their Jolly's Combination League game to Sunday.

Porthleven's manager Alan Carey said earlier this week that his side has nothing to lose. "We have done remarkably well to reach this stage, the players

have been tremendous. Of course, we will be going to Taunton to win but, win or lose, I want the players and the club in general to enjoy the day."

That was a sentiment echoed by hardworking chairman Bill Tearney: "The spirit within the team is tremendous and they never know when they are beaten. Before the season began no-one expected us to be in the last eight of a national competition and I am delighted for the players and Alan Carey who has done such a great job for us."

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## They'll score seven!

LITTLE Caitlin Strike may only be two, but she's definitely one of Porthleven Football Club's biggest fans.

And one of their most loyal too.

Some in the village might feel a little daunted by the prospect of a quarter-final FA Vase tie against highly-rated Taunton Town, but Caitlin (above) has no doubt her side will triumph on Saturday.

"I think seven will be enough," was the response when asked how many goals Porthleven would score.

And a girl who goes to watch the team every Saturday with dad, Tony, should know.

Born into a footballing family, Caitlin's dad, uncle, great-uncle and cousin have all played for the team. One grandfather used to be manager, and the other owns the football club.

Also a fan of Liverpool and Chelsea, Caitlin's longed-for birthday present will be some goal-posts for the garden at home so she can practise beating her dad, who now plays for Mawgan.

Mum Sharon says she encourages her daughter's love of the game because it means she gets a bit of peace and quiet on Saturday afternoons.

"She walked out with the team when they played Hucknall and started talking to the referee," she said. "He couldn't get rid of her!"

But all the family are now preparing for the coach trip to Taunton on Saturday, along with most of the village.

And Caitlin will be allowed to shout as much as she likes, particularly if it's her favourite cry: "Come on Port."

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# Mum returns to scene of tragedy

A WOMAN who lost her three-year-old son and boyfriend in a tragic accident at Porthleven in 1994 last week returned to the scene of the disaster.

Nicky Shipman, 25, whose son, Martin, was swept off the pier by a huge wave, went to the harbour on Friday, following the settlement of a civil claim against the Porthleven Harbour and Dock company.

Miss Shipman's boyfriend, Eddie Peacock, 23, died when he jumped into the sea in a courageous effort to save her son, but was knocked

unconscious on rocks by the ferocious waves.

Martin died in intensive care at Treliiske Hospital, 48 hours after being swept into the sea on February 27.

The family had been walking along the pier to watch a spectacularly stormy sea.

Following the tragedy, Miss Shipman and members of Mr Peacock's family raised funds to place warning signs and a lifebelt on the pier.

At the time of the accident, Miss Shipman spoke of her anger at there being nothing on the pier she could throw to her son and boyfriend who were struggling in the heavy seas.

Her lawyer, Graham Cole, said this week she hoped no-one would ever have to suffer what she had been through.

"She was determined such a thing would not happen again. She wanted to make sure some good would come out of the tragedy," he said.

Miss Shipman, who lives in the Porthleven area, said on Friday she had found it traumatic to go back to the pier.

Mr Cole would not reveal the financial settlement, and Trevor Osborne, the owner of the Harbour and Dock company, was unavailable for comment.

## Too much flesh: Men asked to save blushes and change in private.



● The Full Monty Porthleven-style, as demonstrated by surfers Richard McKinley, Jonathan Fletcher, Julian Hoskin and Adam Collier.

Picture - Ian Arthur

# Stripping surfers fail to impress town clerk Elsie

SURFERS getting changed in public near Porthleven harbour are embarrassing passers-by, and may be committing the offence of indecent exposure, says the town clerk.

Helston police have been asked to talk to the surfers, to ask them to use the port's public conveniences or somewhere else that's more private instead.

Porthleven's clerk, Elsie Balme, works from an upstairs office at the Institute Cottage, and is getting

By Muriel Cato

"a little tired of seeing men out there changing their clothes quite shamelessly".

"Modesty forbids me to say what I see when I look out of the window, but it involves large exposed areas of flesh that are not particularly beautiful," she said.

Mrs Balme, who is a Methodist lay preacher, was smiling as she voiced her complaints at last

Thursday's council meeting, and said she hoped she wasn't making "a silly point".

But she was worried that some people walking past the surfers would be greatly offended. "If you countenance crudity, it will go on," she said.

Often the surfers changed right outside the public conveniences, near the Bickford Smith Institute, which they could go in to get changed.

Councillors were laughing as Mrs Balme asked the police officer

present, special constable Nick Gardner, if the police could talk to the surfers.

Leslie Edwards' remark that four buses took their passengers, mainly elderly passengers, up Breageside, where surfers change in public, led Mike Carter to joke, "Why do you think the coaches go up there?"

But councillors agreed that, just because the surfers had been changing in the open air in public for years, didn't mean they should carry on doing so.

## PORTHLEVEN: Blockley-Webb - Wandless



● Christopher Blockley-Webb, the son of Mr S Webb and Mrs S Blockley, of Sheffield, married Janet Wandless, the daughter of Mr and Mrs Herbie Wandless, of Porthleven, at St Bartholomews Church, Porthleven. The groom is a leading seaman in the Royal Navy and the bride works at Helston Medical Centre.

## Community News

### Porthleven

The recent spring sale for St Bartholomew's Church, Porthleven, realised £226 for church funds.

### Summer Stall

The second summer stall arranged by the Porthleven Auxiliary of the RSPCA raised £210 for their funds. The next stall will be on Monday, June 8. This will also be held on the Harbour Head.

### Minute's silence

A minute's silence was observed by both teams before the home cricket match between Porthleven II and St Day II recently in memory of John Pascoe, a Porthleven committee member who died suddenly a few days earlier.

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### PORTHLEVEN ON THE WWW

Porthleven Town Council's Web Site, established and maintained by Web Direct, of Truro, has proven to be a success for Porthleven based enterprises. A lady from Switzerland, whilst dining at Critchards, informed Steve that she discovered the restaurant on Porthleven's Web Site and decided to pay a visit. An Mordros Hotel has also received bookings for this year and we have received a personal message from a young Porthleven lady working in America. If you would like to add your business to Porthleven's web site, further information is available from Cllr Michael Carter  
Tel: 01326 - 562769

### HARBOUR LIGHTS

A new committee has been formed to administer the lights around our harbour. No doubt you will see them hard at work raising funds to maintain the harbour and Christmas lights. We hope you will support the new committee and encourage the continuation and modification of the lighting. George Shipman, who inherited the lights from Stan Lloyd, has now retired and we thank him for his service over the years. George wishes the new committee good luck.

### QUOTE

**TO ESCAPE CRITICISM  
DO NOTHING - SAY NOTHING - BE NOTHING**

Why don't you clean up after your dog and help make Porthleven a clean and healthy place to live.

### GALA PARC

Porthleven Town Council has completed the registration of Gala Parc with the Land Registry Office. The areas relating to the registration are; The Football ground, Cricket ground, Tennis Courts, Bowling green, playing fields, and amenities area. The council is now charged with the responsibility of being Trustees of this land and will continue to work with the newly formed Gala Parc Management Committee.

It has been brought to our attention that certain individuals in our society are of the opinion that there is an amount of money available from the previous administration. Having previously discussed this matter, we are of the opinion that this is not the case, but if anyone can supply evidence to the contrary, please do not hesitate to pass this to the Town Council through the Town Clerks office. Should this information fail to appear, we expect such statements to cease. It is far better to resolve a problem than to find someone to blame for it. Perhaps one should consider the law relating to libel and slander.

### AMENITIES AREA

The bridge over the pond outlet will be replaced by Easter this year. Brian Buxton of Buxton Engineering located in Porthleven Shipyard is constructing the bridge. He is liaising with local builders Miners and Laity, who will build the concrete approach ramps.

As the amenity park once again belongs to the people of Porthleven, we would ask owners, exercising their dogs to make a special effort to keep the area hygienic

### BREAGESIDE RESIDENTS

Are planning a social event this summer, so keep an eye open for further information. The swimming pool at Breageside is due to be investigated and it is hoped that the findings will allow Porthleven Town Council to support the residents in their project to return the pool to a safe area where further generations can learn to swim in safety.



**LIFEBOAT DAY**  
SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST 1998  
**GIG DAY**  
SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST 1998



Porthleven Town Council would like to thank John Burden for his effort to keep the harbour area clean. As from 1st April 1998 KDC is returning a full time road cleaner to Porthleven.  
**PLEASE PLACE YOUR LITTER IN THE BINS PROVIDED**

### FORE STREET PARKING

Porthleven Town Council are investigating the possibility of instigating **NO PARKING** all year round in Fore Street. We are also making an approach to Kerrier District Council to seek their support in a parking experiment. We are considering renting two parking bays in Kitto's Field Car Park for a trial period. These will be solely for the use of Porthleven residents (free of charge) but the time limit for parking will be restricted to a very short stay, probably no more than 15 to 20 minutes. The details will be defined, should Kerrier offer their support in principle.

These issues were raised in the Survey executed by your council during 1995.

### TWINNING ASSOCIATION

During May, approximately thirty of our members will spend 5 days with our friends in Guissey.

### DISCOVER PORTHLEVEN

The Discover Porthleven Leaflet is in the process of being produced and it will be in circulation shortly. The 20,000 leaflets will be distributed throughout Cornwall and hopefully further afield as well as being displayed in local shops. These are being produced by Porthleven Town Council and Porthleven Millennium Trust with the assistance of Kerrier District Council. Advertisements have been included in the production ensuring there is sufficient income to produce the leaflet again next year. We are sure this will prove to be successful.

### PORTHLEVEN TEA HOUSE

Early in the 1900's Porthleven had a familiar land mark known as "Pascoe's Tea House". Its' destiny was determined by the mountainous waves generated by the punishing winter storms. As we approach the end of this century and the coming of the new Millennium, a more sophisticated Porthleven Tea Room is about to emerge in Fore Street, a safe distance from the ravages of the sea.

Porthleven Town Council welcome and encourage all new business ventures in our village as they may well generate the opportunity for employment. We wish the enterprise good fortune.

*PORTHLEVEN'S BROWN SIGN FOR A HISTORIC PORT  
HAS FINALLY BEEN APPROVED BY CCC*



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Porthleven & District Branch

WHAT'S NEW

**SPECIAL DRAWS**

It is our intention to raise funds once a year for the crew fund of the Mabel Alice. Money raised will be for the purchase of personal equipment used by the crew during a rescue.

**LIFEBOAT DAY**

Once again there was a notable increase in the number attending Lifeboat day 1997, which was advertised on Porthleven Town Council's World Wide Web site. As a result we were able to contribute £3,062 to HQ.

**FLAG DAY**

The House to House will be held the week commencing Monday 18th May 1998 and Flag Day will be held on Saturday 23rd May 1998. Your help and support would be appreciated.

**IN MEMORIAM**

This is always the saddest of times but families often have donations for charities in place of flowers. To date this year we have received £238.

**MONEY TO HQ.**

During this financial year we have been able to send £3,346 to date. Last year we sent approximately £5,000.

**PORTHLEVEN SCHOOL**

Members of Porthleven school have been working on a lifeboat project. Our branch supplied the school with posters, drawings and an RNLI flag, which is now on permanent loan to them. We hope the flag remains a constant reminder of the crews who risk their lives during a rescue and the possible danger of the sea.

**NAUTI BUT ICE**

Continues with its unique way of filling collection boxes for us. The next time you have an ice-cream ask to use the wc. Worth every penny just to read the caption housed in the wee room.

**YOUR IDEAS NEEDED**

If you have any ideas relating to water activities that may entertain the public on lifeboat day, we would be pleased to hear from you.

**WRECK & RESCUE**

The Wreck and Rescue centre continue to support our Branch. An attractive RNLI display can be found inside together with a strategically placed collection box. Why not go and have a look.

**BRANCH MEMBERSHIP**

It is that time of year when we need to renew our Branch membership. As you know it is just £1 per year. How about paying £2 this year and help us help both the RNLI and the crew of the Mabel Alice?

**INDIVIDUAL FUND RAISING**

It is hoped that Branch Members will be more supportive this year and arrange personal small fund raising events amongst themselves and their friends. So far only one person has made the effort. You don't have to be a committee member to organise a small fund raising event. So come on, how about you organising a little something during the course of the 1998.

**VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers to help run events on lifeboat day and to help the working parties are always needed. Why not join in and help save lives. It would be a great help if you could just spare ONE HOUR to assist with the clearing up at the end of the day, usually 6 to 7 pm.

COME ON - GET INVOLVED.

**LIFEBOAT DAY 1998  
SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST**

Last year we only had six Pirates collecting money from the visitors. Why not have a bit of fun this year and join us for the day. The whole family can work together as a team. An individual can make all the difference. Come and Join us.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO JOIN  
THE COMMITTEE

**TO HELP OCCASIONALLY  
FUND RAISING EVENING**

Come and meet the crew of the Mabel Alice Friday 24th April 1998 at the Atlantic Inn 8 pm. Posters will be around the village. It would be good to see some Branch Members supporting these events.

This social evening is to help raise funds for the Lifeboat Crew Fund. If you can't make it, why not send a donation to our treasurer, Michael Carter?

AGM

**PORTHLEVEN AND DISTRICT BRANCH**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday 28th April 1998 - Atlantic Inn - 8 pm**

**Everyone welcome**

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**PORThLEVEN ON THE WWW**

Garry Shainberg, who lives with his family in Fore Street has offered to demonstrate the use of the WWW and its advantages for Porthleven.

Some members of the business community have already shown great interest in seeing how the WWW works so we will arrange an informal gathering as soon as a convenient date becomes available.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT**

**MICHAEL CARTER**  
 Tel: 01326 - 562769

**HARBOUR LIGHTS**

A new committee has been formed to administer the lights around our harbour. Porthleven Town Council offered an interest free loan to replace all the lights, which was accepted. It is hoped that this loan will in fact be repaid out of funding donated by the former Gala Week Committee.

**ELLISTON & WESLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

Are Holding their summer fete Saturday 18th July 1998  
 11am - 3.30 pm

We wish them every success.

**QUOTE - OUR INTEREST SHOULD BE IN THE FUTURE BECAUSE THAT IS WHERE WE WILL SPEND THE REST OF OUR LIVES**

**GALA PARC**

As a result of an item that appeared in our last news sheet, Porthleven Town Council was pleased to receive confirmation of a balance of cash which has been made available to the council, (who are the Trustees of Gala Parc and all the lands pertaining to), from the old administration. You will find attached a copy of a letter from a member of that committee.

It proves that when the rumours stop and the co-operation commences progress is made and the unnecessary distrust generated by rumour, can fade into obscurity, finding its rightful place in a historic dustbin.

**THANKS TO KERRIER STAFF**


Karen Scobie and Jill Shuker of KDC should be congratulated on their positive approach to Porthleven and thanked sincerely for their efforts to help our village. It is quite refreshing to experience their positive approach. Keep it up KDC we need to work together as a team to achieve the best for the villages of our District Council.

**AMENITIES AREA**


The bridge over the pond outlet has now been replaced. A positive response has been received from those using the area. As the amenity park belongs to the people of Porthleven, we would ask owners, who exercise their dogs in this area to make a special effort to keep the place hygienic. Remember it is an area for everyone to use not abuse. It belongs to you so please take care of it

**BREAGESIDE RESIDENTS**

Breagesider's Summer Social proved very successful bringing the residents closer together as a community. Porthleven Town Council is still hoping to be able to support the residents in their swimming pool project in an effort to maintain a safe area for future generations to learn to swim



**LIFEBOAT DAY**  
 SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST 1998  
**GIG DAY**  
 SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST 1998



Porthleven Town Council would like to thank KDC for returning a full time road cleaner to Porthleven. We would ask residents to assist in keeping our village tidy.

**PLEASE PLACE YOUR LITTER IN THE BINS PROVIDED**

**FORE STREET PARKING**

The parking proposals for Fore Street have been rejected by KDC but your council is investigating other alternatives.

**PATH TO PENROSE PARC**

Our new chairman Roy Bradbury (also a KDC Councilor) is and has been trying for some time to obtain a footpath from Gibson Way to Penrose Parc. No doubt you are aware of the dangers of walking along this stretch of road. Support Porthleven Town Council in their efforts to achieve this by writing to us. Copies of your letters would help to persuade County Highways of the need. Who knows, should an accident occur, CCC may be accused of negligence.

**TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

During a recent trip to Guisseny our retiring Chairman, Maureen Gautrey (who, I am sure you will agree, proved to be exceptionally hard working for Porthleven) was presented with a hand crafted chess set for the people of Porthleven. The council hope to display this publicly in the near future.

**DISCOVER PORTHLEVEN**

The Discover Porthleven Leaflet produced by Porthleven Town Council and Porthleven Millennium Trust, with the aid of Kerrier District Council has been greeted with enthusiasm by the local business community and has proven to be a great success. Sufficient income has been generated to produce the leaflet again next year. Every year Porthleven businesses renew their advertisement the following years production is guaranteed.

**GOOD AND BAD NEWS**

**GOOD NEWS - PORTHLEVEN'S BROWN SIGN FOR A HISTORIC PORT HAS FINALLY BEEN APPROVED BY CCC.**  
**BAD NEWS - PORTHLEVEN WILL BE LUCKY IF THE BROWN SIGNS ARE IN PLACE FOR NEXT SEASON, LET ALONE THIS WHY?**

**TEENAGE VILLAGE AND SKATEBOARD PARK**

Porthleven Town Council and Porthleven Millennium Trust are currently investigating the possibility of establishing a teenage village and skateboard area in the playing fields in addition to the new play wall that has been erected for the young people.

ONE OF THE WORST ON RECORD. A BAD SUMMER. JULY. A LOT OF RAIN. & NOT MUCH SUN. (P.T.O)

PORTHLEVEN GALA WEEK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman - Michael G. Gale Esq.

Mrs Elsie Balme,  
Town Clerk,  
Porthleven Town Council,  
The Institute Cottage,  
Porthleven TR13 9EY

Hillgrove,  
Torleven Rise,  
Porthleven,  
Helston TR13 9AH  
30 April 1998

Dear Mrs Balme,

Porthleven Gala Week Management Committee.

The Lease of Gala Parc Recreation Ground and Bowling Green granted to the Porthleven Gala Week Management Committee by the former Helston Borough Council expired in 1986. Since that time continuous efforts have been made to determine which local authority, Kerrier District Council, Helston Town Council or Porthleven Town Council would ultimately have control of the land involved. It is pleasing to note from the current issue of the Town Council's 'Community News' that this has at long last been resolved. As we understand it the Porthleven Town Council now has direct control of all the land purchased by the efforts of the Gala Week Committee in the early 1950s.

In view of this, and the fact that the Town Council has negotiated leases with Porthleven AFC and Porthleven Bowling Club respectively, and the knowledge that the Cricket Club also has a Lease on the ground they occupy, the Management Trustees have decided that the balance of funds held by them should now be transferred to the Porthleven Town Council.

As this money was raised entirely by Porthleven people it is handed over on the understanding that it will be used in due course for, or towards some project which will be of interest and benefit to all Porthleven inhabitants.

It should be pointed out that this money has been held in reserve until such time as the protracted negotiations regarding control of the land was finalised.

For record purposes it is worthy to note the important part Porthleven people, old and young, played in helping to create and maintain recreational facilities of the highest order over a span of forty years from 1946 to 1986 without any charge on local rates.

The Gala Parc Recreation Ground, Bowling Green, Cricket Ground and the amenities area is a lasting tribute to their initiative, enterprise and achievement.

On behalf of the Gala Week Management Trustees I have pleasure in handing over this cheque for £3,439.17 representing the balance of Gala Week and Gala Week Management Committee funds.

It is requested that publicity be given to this letter in full in the next issue of the Town Council's 'Community News'.

Yours sincerely,



Hon. Sec.



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, Porthleven



IN LOVING MEMORY

of

**Albert Thomas**

of

36 ST. PETER'S WAY, Porthleven

*Beloved husband of Doreen, and much loved father of Jane  
who passed peacefully away into His presence  
on*

WEDNESDAY, 24th JUNE, 1998

—  
Aged 82 years  
—

Funeral Service on Monday, 29th June, 1998  
at 2.30 p.m.

Followed by Interment in the Cemetery.

**Porthleven**

**SUMMER OUTING:** Age Concern Porthleven took members and some friends to Ilfracombe for their summer outing. It was a drizzly start but, by lunchtime, it was beautiful weather. Those who could not travel so far by coach went on a half-day mystery trip arranged by Ken Mitchell, who drove the minibus with his wife as helper. Two other friends, Mr and Mrs Pete Dinham, later met the Ilfracombe coach at the Square to take members home, again using the minibus. Members wish to thank all their voluntary helpers for their assistance.

**LADIES' CIRCLE:** Members had a fine evening for their walk around Porthleven, ending with a fish and chip supper. The arrangements for the evening were made by assistant secretary May Searle.

**FEAST:** The Feast of St Bartholomew will be held in St Bartholomew's Church on Sunday, August 23. At 8am, there will be Holy Eucharist and, at 10am, procession, Solemn Mass and Junior Church, when the preacher will be the Ven Rodney Whiteman, Archdeacon of Bodmin. The service will be followed by refreshments of wine and savouries.

**COFFEE MORNING:** A coffee morning for the Porthleven auxiliary of the RSPCA was held at the Crabpot Restaurant, by kind permission of Mr Sharpe, and raised £75 for

funds. Thanks were extended to all who attended and to Mr Sharpe and his staff by local secretary Mrs A A Vincent. Raffle winners: C Rodont, S Gilmore, P Trueman, G Stephens, J Rosewarne, L Richards, J Sharpe.

**GARDEN PARTY:** The Rev Peter Walker and his family held a garden party at the vicarage for the united congregations of St Sithney and St Bartholomew's churches. There was a barbecue, and the evening ended with a sing-song.

**FETE:** St Bartholomew's Church held its annual harbour head fete, raising more than £1,100 for church funds. The winner of the main raffle prize of £100 was Mrs Y Bellingier.

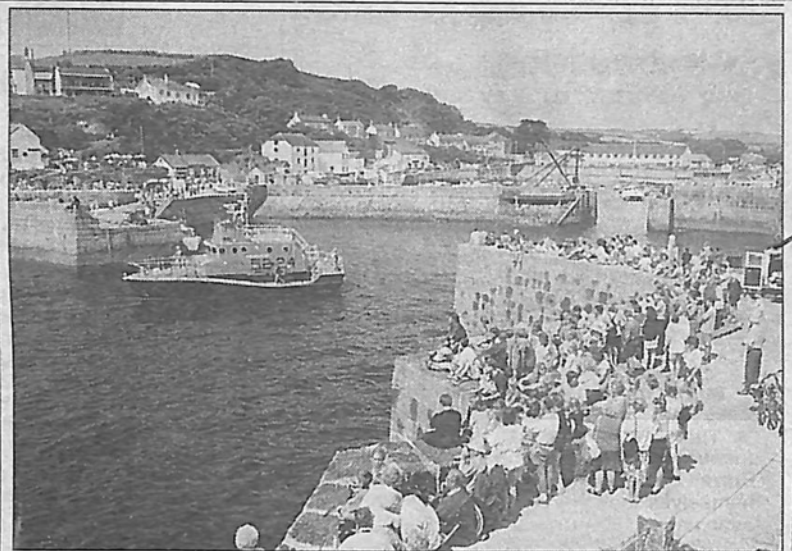
**METHODIST CHURCH:** The Sunday morning service was led by Pat Jory, of Ashton. Her theme was "Jesus, Shepherd, Saviour and Man of Prayer". Evening worship was conducted by the Rev Robert Ormesher, and included the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The preacher next Sunday morning will be Esther Benney, of Carleen. The evening service will be arranged locally and led by a member of the congregation.

**Porthleven - Uren - Mitchell**



● Porthleven Methodist Chapel was the venue for the marriage of Justin Mark Uren, only son of Timothy and Mandy Uren of Camborne and Annamarie Mitchell, youngest daughter of David and Angela Mitchell of Porthleven. The groom is a builder and his bride a systems operator.

Picture - Peter Garrett Photography, St Ives



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● Porthleven RNLI Lifeboat Day on Sunday attracted record crowds despite an early tide, which hampered demonstrations by the lifeboat crew, and the search and rescue helicopter from RNAS Culdrose being called away twice. The helicopter was scrambled the first time for a suspected heart attack victim but returned shortly after being stood down. It was scrambled a second time after a report of a light aircraft crash near Swansea, but again was stood down. Some 2,000 people flocked to the village to witness the mock rescues, racing and displays in glorious sunshine and helped to raise £3,500 for the RNLI. Picture - Ian Arthur

The fishing boat "The Energetic" was lost at sea. 50 years ago on 25 June 1948. When in fog, was cut down by the Bryansonia Star. 5 brathen were lost. a friend was picked up. but died later. only one was saved. another brather Ralph Richards.



Saturday's fete and craft fair at Trengrouse House, Helston raised over £600 towards funds. A full report and another picture appear on the front page.

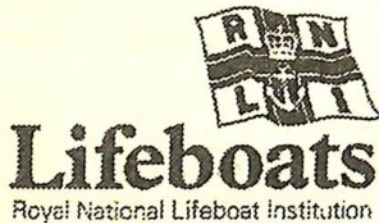
Left: A group of line dancers from Porthleven who were on hand to entertain.

Below: Sue and Craig Kimpton, clearly enjoyed their time at the fundraising event

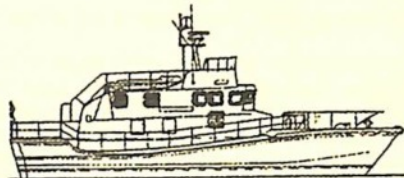
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**PORTHLEVEN & DISTRICT  
LIFEBOAT DAY  
SOUVENIR PROGRAMME**

**SUNDAY  
2ND AUGUST  
1998**



Donations to  
Porthleven Pirates appreciated



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<http://web-direct.co.uk/porthleven/>

Registered Charity No: 209603

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● A life "Down Under" obviously suits 90-year-old Bill Tucknutt very well, as this photograph of him with the Australian flag, taken on Anzac Day, shows. Bill and his wife, Thelma, left Porthleven for Australia in 1995. She died at the beginning of December last year. His friends, Enid and Rusty Steele, of Helston, keep in touch with Bill, and say that he seems to be recovering well from the trauma of losing his wife, helped by his family of step-daughters and grandchildren living near him. He swims in his local river and is a keen member of the Returned Servicemen's League, the Australian equivalent of the Royal British Legion, as well as the Naval Association of Australia. He also bowls with his local club.

**Porthleven**

**RSPCA:** Members of the Porthleven auxiliary of the RSPCA held another stall on the harbour head, and raised a further £212 for funds. The last two stalls of the season will be this Monday, and Monday, September 21. Indoor events will then be arranged. Anyone willing to offer their home for a coffee morning or tea afternoon would be most appreciated. Contact Mrs Vincent on 562227, or Mrs Bryant on 572349.

**CRICKET CLUB:** Members held a coffee morning at the Crabpot Restaurant, by kind arrangement with proprietor Mr Sharpe, and raised £33 for funds. Thanks were extended to Mr Sharpe and his staff by club president Denys Bryant. Raffle winners were D Morris, D Mitchell, L Atkinson, Philip, C Hicks and Colin.

**METHODIST CHURCH:** Sunday morning worship was conducted by the Rev

Robert Ormesher, and included the service of Holy Communion. During the morning, a presentation was made on behalf of the congregation to Sheila Richards, the church's retiring organist, who has served in that capacity for 28 years. Her successor is Roger Freeman, who will be assisted by deputies John Gilbert, Mary Oliver and Godfrey Richards. The preacher on Sunday evening was Mr R Pengelly, of Scorrier. On Tuesday afternoon, the Ladies' Fellowship returned after its summer break with a members' afternoon. The newly-formed craft group will hold its first meeting on Friday afternoon. All are welcome at either of these meetings.



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ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH PORTHLEVEN.  
HIGH ALTER, LADY CHAPEL, & THE ANCHOR ROD.



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## Porthleven

A line dancing display was given in Porthleven public hall under the instructions of Rosie and Tracey to raise money for the local ARC. Members of the committee served light refreshments.

### St Bartholomew's Feast

The Feast of St Bartholomew was celebrated at St Bartholomew's Church with procession and solemn mass. The preacher was the Ven Rodney Whiteman, Archdeacon of Bodmin. The service was followed with refreshments of wine and savouries.

### Mine guide

Mr Terry Snell arrived in his Geevor tin mine sweater supposedly to talk about mining but instead the Porthleven WI were treated to a most amusing talk about Mr Snell's dealings with the public in his capacity as a mine guide. It was really about people and their behaviour. Mr Snell is descended from Cornishmen and claims that mining was in his blood through his great-grandfather. He claims he may even be a throwback to those miners. At present he is a volunteer working for the Trevithick Trust restoring mining equipment. The Trevithick Trust has the noble objective of identifying, preserving, protecting, managing and interpreting whatever of Cornwall's industrial heritage may still exist. They are always looking for support from people who wish to join them.

Acting as a mine guide was his first experience of dealing with the general public but after all, as he said, he used to be one of them. He never ceased to be amazed at the women who did not want to wear a safety helmet in case it messed up their hair, or didn't match their outfit. He used to issue his party with a mine guide sheet which was affectionately known as "escape instructions." Rarely did anyone wear suitable clothing - baggy Bermudan shorts, T-shirt and flip flops were the normal holiday substitute for a sensible boiler suit and wellies. He was even asked once if they really went underground during the mine tour. One visitor saw the resident family of voles scuttling across the route and asked if there were mice in the mine. She was seriously told that there were certainly no mice as they had been eaten by the rats. The most amusing story was of the public being told not to wander off, but if they got lost then search and rescue would be at 6pm before they closed. The search would be without charge but the guides would come equipped with a rope and cash card machine. They would throw one end of the rope and if payment was not forthcoming then they would throw the other end of the rope. Although the evening was highly amusing and very light-hearted, the fact that volunteers were at work preserving the industrial heritage of Cornwall was a heart-warming thought. The Carn Brea mining society was also an interest of Mr Snell and visitors were always welcome at the meetings at Camborne School of Mines at 7pm on the third Tuesday of each month. Although the audience was not as large as usual, the evening was much enjoyed by WI members and the one visitor.

Results of the competition of a poem on mining were: 1, Ann Berry; 2, Jill Walker; 3, Jill Tilsley. Flower of the month: 1, Ruth Mynheer; 2, Sybil Mugford; 3, Jill Walker and Pete Head.

Winning tickets in the Porthleven WI summer draw were: 1, £50, Mrs Beryl Dinham; 2, Box of groceries, Amy Williams; 3, Wreck centre tickets and coin, M Williams; 4, Gift voucher, Mrs Diston; 5, Golf set, M Dutton; 6, Hair do, Chris (police house); 7, Oil burner, Mrs Cole; 8, Fish and chips, Mrs Wheeler; 9, Sherry, Mrs Wright; 10, Pack of drinks, Sophie; 11, Fruit, J Mackenzie; 12, Notelets, M Woodhams; 13, Teddy bear, E Walker; 14, Vase, J Tilsley.

## Torchlight parade wash-out

SIX months' planning literally went "down the drain" at Porthleven on Monday when a torchlight procession, intended to be led by Porthleven Band, had to be scrapped because of heavy rain.

The event had been organised by the Boslan Residents' Association to raise funds. Kay Moon, the association's fund-raising organiser, said that a barbecue went on regardless, albeit in the pouring rain, as did a planned firework display.

"We had to have the display because we couldn't keep the fireworks," she said, also praising local man, Graham Williams of Gibson Way, for the "magnificent way" in which he

oversaw the display. There was disappointment, too, for the people who came into the centre of the fishing port for the event.

"The place was pretty well packed," said Mrs Moon, although she was also surprised at the number of people who asked why the band could not march. "They couldn't, not in that rain," she added.

Mrs Moon said that no decision had been taken on whether planning would take place for a torchlight procession next year.

In the meantime, she has also announced the setting up of a new group in the port, the Porthleven Lymphoedema Support Group.

● Briony Fletcher, aged three, waits in vain for the rain to stop. It caused the cancellation of Monday's torchlight procession organised by the Boslan Residents' Association

## Porthleven

Porthleven and Helston auxiliaries of the RSPCA joined forces with all the other auxiliaries in the county on Saturday and helped at the second annual open day at the RSPCA Cornwall branch animal re-homing centre at Higher Quoit, near St Columb.

The hours this year were extended from 11am to 4pm and several hundred people turned up to celebrate the occasion. Various cats and dogs were admired and offered homes, and the public were welcomed to view phase two and three now being built. Next year should be a bigger event than ever when the centre will be fully operational.

On Saturday, auxiliaries and helpers were kept extremely busy manning the various stalls, raffles and competitions. Hot pasties and a good selection of refreshments, including cream teas were available throughout.

Members of the centre's staff arranged a dog show, and an interesting dog agility display, with dogs of all shapes and sizes from the public's pets taking part.

Mrs V Mostyn, Helston branch chairman, thanked everyone for their support, and the event raised well over £1,200 for the centre.

### Summer stall

The Porthleven auxiliary of the RSPCA held their last summer stall on the harbour head and raised a further £210 for their fund.

During the winter, indoor events have been arranged and will be advertised accordingly.

### Ladies' Fellowship

Members of the Porthleven Methodist Church Ladies' Fellowship enjoyed a talk by Mrs Pat Barber at their weekly meeting. Mrs D Williams who presided welcomed and thanked her. The soloist was Mrs Shirley Brown and the accompanist was Mrs Seymour. Refreshments were served by Mesdames Trace and Andrews.

### St Keverne Male Voice Choir in Porthleven

On Friday evening, the St Keverne Male Voice Choir under their musical director Mrs Ruth Martin and accompanist Mrs M Bilkey sang in St Bartholomew's Church, Porthleven, and raised £171 for the Arthritis Research Campaign.

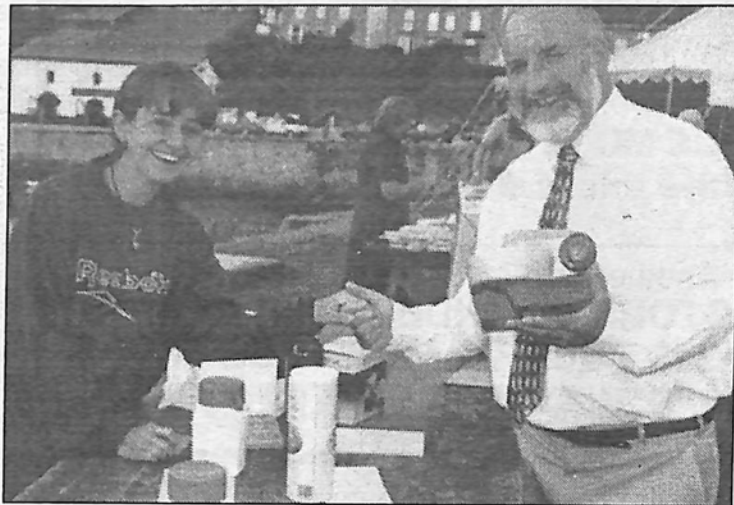
Choir soloists were Paul Brown, Ray Lyne, and Fred Carter and Michael Wearne gave a reading. The guest soloist was Margaret Bird, soprano, from Mawnan Smith accompanied by Ruth Martin.

The chair was taken by Mr M Lemon of South West Power Tools, Helston, the newly appointed president of the local ARC in place of Dr K Whittle, the retiring president after many years.

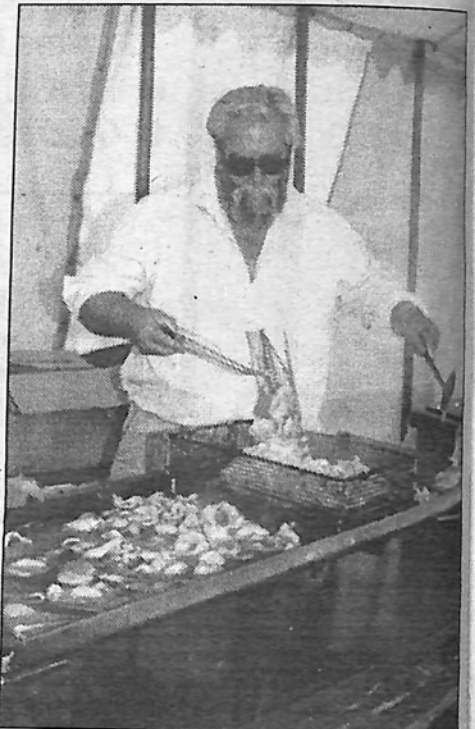
Refreshments were served at the close of the evening's concert.



□ Porthleven Line Dancers



□ Lowenna Christophers offers the Rev Robert Ormesher a go on the raffle



□ Chief cook Ken Matthews

## Glorious weather for band's summer fete

PORTHLEVEN Town Band funds were swelled by around £1,000 after the annual summer fete on Saturday.

Glorious weather brought the crowds to the harbour head, where entertainment included a variety of stalls, raffles and sideshows, as well as a concert by the band.

The heat made the beer tent very

popular, but did not deter Porthleven's line dancers, who put on an impressive display.

Local councillor Godfrey Stephens, who is chairman of the band committee, said it had been "an exceedingly good day."

The band thanked everyone who supported the event in any way.



□ The "alternative" Porthleven Town Band, Heidi Mansell, Cynthia Christophers, Peter Boyd, Angela and Will Means



□ Ruth Mynheer wins a giant teddy presented by Godfrey Stephens



□ Visitors from Berlin, Inez Raatzke and Christian Kruger buy cakes from Ann Hosking and Tamsin Christophers

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# Harbour's 'Star' attraction goes for an overhaul

By Jill Walker

FOR the last two years the large white hull of the "Southern Star" has been a feature of Porthleven. Tied up on the western side of the harbour, the ship towered above the local boats and has become something of a tourist attraction in the busy, picturesque, fishing village.

The "Southern Star" was built by Carrington Slipway of Tomago, NS Wales, in Australia in 1973 for the Australian Government and for Aboriginal Affairs. It was used as a patrol vessel along the Barrier Reef taking supplies to lighthouses and such.

In 1988 it was sold to the Falklands Government and sailed to Port Stanley where she received a massive refit to convert to a passenger ship. The Falklands Government decided to try to enhance their economy by encouraging tourism. The migration of birds around the Falklands was considered to be a huge attraction for bird watchers, but the scheme was doomed to failure as the cost of actually getting to the Falkland Islands was quite prohibitive. Also the weather is always bad and it would have made travel impossible at times getting from island to island.

During 1996 the "Southern Star" spent a year in the Cape Verde islands as a support ship for archaeological diving. The divers worked from the ship exploring wrecks in the area. The ship is 116' length, 26' beam with a 7' draft. She has twin screw Kelvin engines giving 440 BHP. She carries a crew of six and has accommodation for 20 passengers such as divers or scientists.

There is room for 110 tons of cargo and 40 tons of refrigerated cargo. The owners are J McGee and Part-

ners Ltd of Great Yarmouth in Norfolk and Mr McGee was kind enough to give an exclusive interview on the history of the ship.

The local engineering company Fathomer engineering have been acting as agents for the "Southern Star" during the two years she has been moored in Porthleven. They are a sub sea engineering business who also run the Porthleven Wreck Centre. They have expressed their appreciation to Porthleven Harbour and Dock company and to Captain Ken Milburn, the Porthleven Harbour Master.

A huge crowd of local visitors watched the boat taken across the harbour on Friday August 21 1998 in preparation for her departure on the high tide of Saturday. Local fishing boats co-operated by leaving their usual moorings to give sufficient rooms for the manoeuvre, and one even gave a gentle nudge to the larger ship to give a little assistance.

Captain Milburn is a Master Mariner who was used to much larger ships in his merchant naval career and he will skipper the ship on her brief journey to Falmouth where her refit will be completed and where she will await her next commission. The owners have no set plans as yet but will expect to get work in the survey sector possibly in oil surveying or as a diver support ship.

A surprisingly large crowd of several hundred people turned up at the harbour in the darkness ready to see the "Southern Star" make her exit through the 31 foot gap in the harbour entrance. As dawn broke the big ship slipped her moorings and edged towards to gap. With little to spare on either side she gently squeezed through to the cheers and applause of the crowd.

The people hurried to the end of

the pier to wave farewell to the ship which had become such a fixture in Porthleven harbour and the harbour seemed strangely empty without her tall white presence. The "Southern Star" will be missed by many of the people who came in the early light of dawn to wish her well.



## Andrew has the RNLI at heart

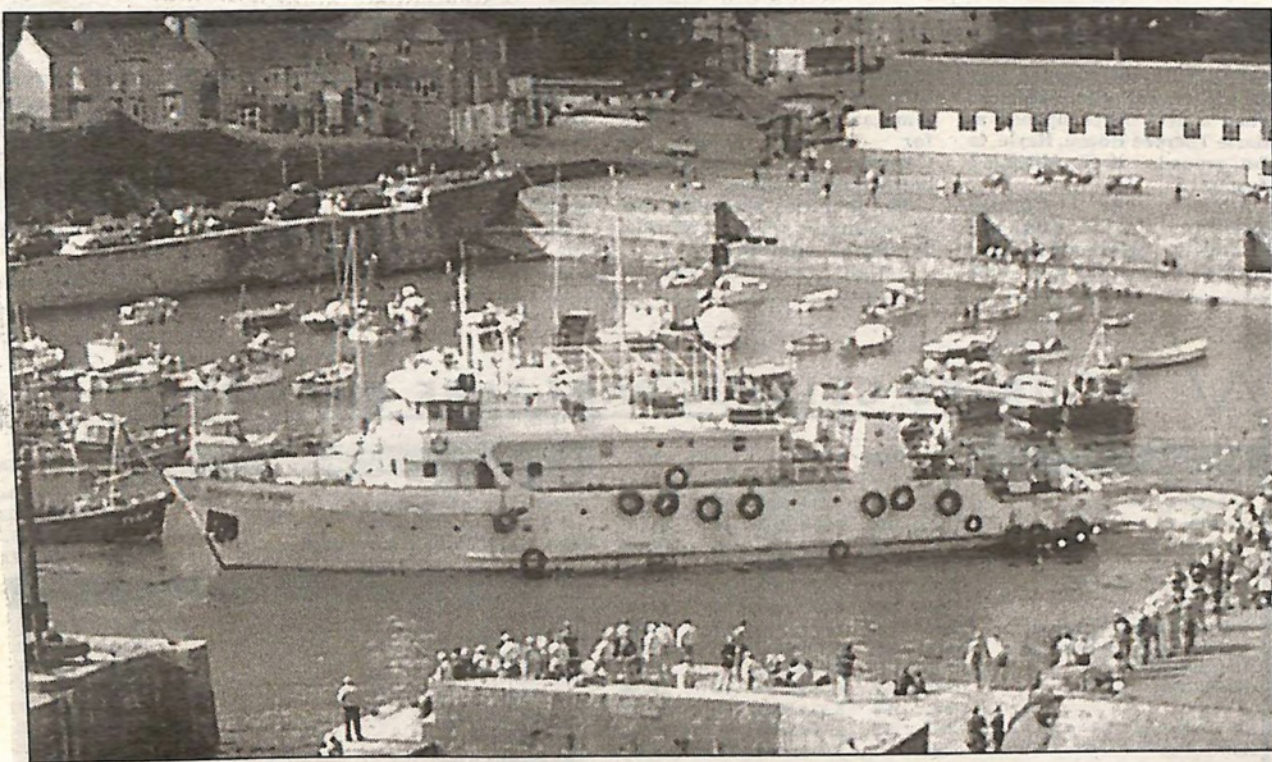
ALTHOUGH Andrew Adams (above), a Porthleven lad, is living away from home due to his work, he still has the local RNLI and Lifeboat Day very much at heart.

Andy, who has a Diploma in Fitness Training and Sports Therapy, is now sitting an exam for his Master's Diploma. He works at Brooklands Health Track in Weybridge, Surrey, where he also runs his own Karate Club.

Not being able to come home for Lifeboat Day, he decided he would attempt to lift the weight of the Mabel Alice, all 32 tons, in one workout. This he did in 28 minutes and 25 seconds, watched by several members. He then did a row of 5,000 metres on a rowing machine, and got several members to join in rowing the number of miles that the Mabel Alice did last year in call-outs. This was greatly enjoyed by all.

Andrew was able to collect £83.77 for his efforts, and this was passed on to the treasurer of Porthleven and District Lifeboat committee when they met recently.

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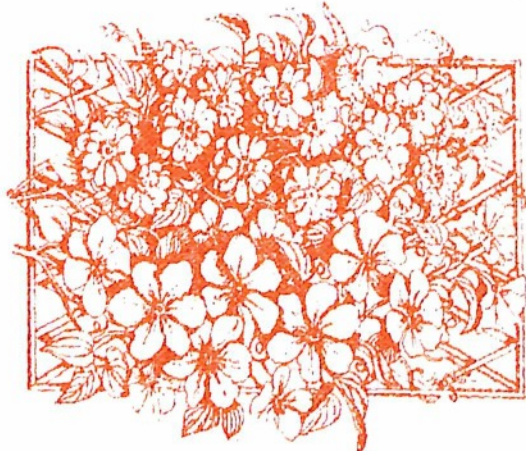


□ The "Southern Star" in Porthleven Harbour

# Porthleven Floral Club

## PROGRAMME

1996-1997



### Officers

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**President:** Mrs A Rogers

**Vice Presidents:**

Mrs L Pearce and Mrs J Tilsley

**Chairman:** Mrs D Pawley

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**Hon Secretary:** Mrs P Adams

3 Tremearne Road, Porthleven

*Tel: Helston 561564*

**Minutes Secretary:** Mrs R Williams

*Tel: Penzance 762857*

**Show Secretary:** Mrs E Lane

*Tel: Helston 562372*

**Treasurer:** Mrs M Kerbey

*Tel: Penzance 762345*

**Sales Table:** Mrs C Kent

**Club Publications:** Mrs L Pearce

*Tel: Helston 574000*

### Committee

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Mrs M Liddel *Tel: Helston 573525*

Mrs J Osborne *Tel: Helston 564050*

Mrs J Nockles, Helston 564512

### Meetings

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Meetings are held on the fourth  
Wednesday of the month,  
unless otherwise stated, in the Public  
Hall, Porthleven.  
7pm for 7.30pm.

Committee Meetings are held on the  
third Monday of each month at  
7.30pm

*Annual Subscription £10.00*

*Visitors to meetings £2.00*



### Hostesses

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**January**

Mrs S Robinson and Mrs J Tilsley

**February**

Mrs A Rogers and Mrs P Adams

**March**

Mrs L Pearce and Mrs E Kitts

**April**

Mrs J Osborne and Mrs M Liddel

**May**

Committee

**June**

Mrs B Gray and Mrs J Richards

**July**

Mrs R Williams and Mrs J Nockles

**August**

No Meeting

**September**

Mrs P Dale and Mrs E Lane

**October**

The Committee

**November**

Members' Show

*January 22nd*

**Mr Trevor Wright**  
**TALK & SLIDE**  
**SHOW ON**  
**CHELSEA**  
*Competition: A*  
 photograph of flowers.

*February 26th*

**A visit from members**  
**of Camborne and**  
**Redruth Club**  
*Competition: "Just One"*  
 an arrangement using one  
 flower and foliage.

*March 26th*

**"HOW DO THEY DO THAT"** a demonstration by the Committee  
*Competition: A Spring arrangement in a 2' space.*

*April 23rd*

**Mrs Yvonne Toms**  
**RIBBON ROSES AND**  
**RIBBON EMBROIDERY**  
*Competition: A Miniature arrangement, dried or fresh, not exceeding 4" in width, depth and height.*

*May 28th*

**A NATIONAL DEMONSTRATOR**  
*To be arranged*  
**No Competition**

*Mrs Marionie Aldous* 5

*June 25th*

**Mrs Joyce Manaton**  
**"SUMMER DELIGHTS"**  
*Competition: A Summer Basket*

*July 23rd*

**Mr S J Mules, Keneggy Nurseries**  
**"PLANTS FOR THE**  
**SEASIDE AND THE**  
**FLOWER ARRANGER"**  
*Competition: An all foliage arrangement in a 2' space.*

*August*

**NO MEETING**

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*September 24th*

**Mrs Ros Smith**  
**"CORNUBIA, LAND OF THE SAINTS"**  
*Competition: A Landscape arrangement in a 2' space.*



*October 22nd*

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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*November 29th*

**CHRISTMAS SHOW**

*December 8th*

**CHRISTMAS DINNER**

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*Competitions*

Competitions are held in three classes:-  
**Beginners**  
**Intermediate**  
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**Red - 3**

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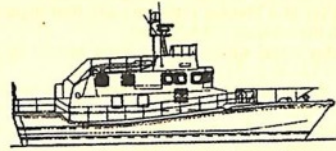
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SOUVENIR PROGRAMME**

**1997**



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**SUNDAY  
17TH AUGUST  
1997**

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**THE ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION**

17TH AUGUST 1997

Dear Friends,

Once again it is my duty and pleasure, as Chairman of the Porthleven Committee, to welcome you to our annual LIFEBOAT DAY. We hope you have an enjoyable and memorable time. The lifeboat you will see is the Mabel Alice from Penlee, an Arun Class boat, 52 feet in length and has a crew of 7, all volunteers. The Mabel Alice and her crew supply an all year round service covering every minute of every day and will respond to any call for help regardless of the sea and weather conditions.

Anyone who has experienced a winter storm on this coast line can hold nothing but admiration for the crew, their boat and the services offered by the RNLi. A lifeboat is a specially designed craft for saving life from the unforgiving sea. It will survive storms in which other vessels flounder. Today we see the most modern lifeboats in service around our coastline, giving their crews a greater degree of confidence in their vessels than their predecessors had in open boats powered by oars.

Today's crews are part of a Brotherhood and comradeship second to none. One only has to read a little of the RNLi history to receive an insight into their dangerous and demanding, yet satisfying world. Over the years the crews of the boats may change, but they remain a special breed who through their daring and resolve bring hope for rescue and life in times of certain disaster.

If you have ever had the fortune to talk to any member of a lifeboat crew, you will find them the most modest of people, something they share with all their heroic predecessors.

Today there does not exist a single class of sea going vessel which has not been helped by the RNLi.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution was founded by Sir William Hillary in 1824, whilst residing on the Isle of Man. Since that time over 129,500 lives have been saved by the RNLi. This organisation is totally dependant on voluntary donations as its only source of income and it is estimated that it will cost approximately £70 million pounds this year to maintain this life saving service. It is because of such donations as yours that the current crews are able to offer the service of the RNLi to those in peril on the seas.

Porthleven RNLi day was founded in 1976 by Stan Lloyd and a group of fishermen led by Herbie Uren. They decided to raise funds for this worthwhile cause by creating a day when everyone could become involved and enjoy themselves. Since that date we have raised over £56,618 on lifeboat days. The Porthleven and District Branch was officially formed in 1995 and for the past two years this has enabled us to send a further £2000 pa to head office for the saving of lives at sea. Included in this figure is a sum of legacies left to the RNLi through Porthleven Branch.

On behalf of all life boat crews, those who have been rescued in the past and those who will be rescued in the future, we thank you for your generous support.

Please enjoy the day.  
**BRIAN BUXTON**  
Chairman,  
Porthleven & District RNLi Committee.

**THE LIFEBOAT SERVICE**

The RNLi is a voluntary organisation whose sole aim is the saving of life at sea. The service depends entirely on voluntary contributions. There are two main sources of income: (1) Legacies, trusts and special gifts; (2) the voluntary efforts of over 2000 fund raising branches and guilds.

The RNLi's national membership scheme, SHORELINE, constitutes a growing source of regular income; anyone can join, the annual subscription being £15 for individuals and £26 joint husband and wife. Application forms are available from the Souvenir stall on the Harbour Head.

**WHY NOT JOIN THE LIFEBOATS TODAY?**

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*The Branch Committee Meetings are held in the Inn and it is here that the Porthleven Pirates are made up for Lifeboat day. The Glenmorangie special whisky and The Thornton's Chocolate Easter Egg draws were also held in the Atlantic Inn. Roger and Val organised the catering for the presentation evenings when the crew of the Mabel Alice and 771 SAR Squadron were presented with large framed pictures of the rescue services working together in Porthleven Harbour.*

**DIRECTIONS TO THE ATLANTIC INN**  
FROM THE LEFT HAND SIDE OF THE HARBOUR LOOKING OUT TO SEA YOU WILL FIND A LEFT HAND TURN INTO SALT CELLAR HILL. TRAVEL UP THE HILL UNTIL YOU REACH THE JUNCTION WITH PEVERELL TERRACE AND TURN RIGHT. THIS ROAD WILL LEAD YOU DIRECTLY TO THE ATLANTIC INN WHERE A FRIENDLY WELCOME AWAITS YOU.



# TREASURERS REPORT

Below you will find the historic record of the amount of money donated by yourselves and passed to Head Office for the saving of life at sea.

PORTHLEVEN LIFEBOAT DAY FROM 1976 TO THE CURRENT YEAR

YEAR	DONATED AMOUNT		
1976	500.00		
1977	860.00		
1978	1204.88		
1979	1701.69	TOTAL	4266.57
1980	1238.24		
1981	954.16		
1982	1157.23		
1983	2255.70		
1984	2026.32		
1985	1863.27		
1986	3774.63		
1987	3699.30		
1988	2154.56		
1989	2939.64	TOTAL	22063.05
1990	2091.79		
1991	3026.52		
1992	2288.47		
1993	2902.87		
1994	3003.55		
1995	2578.28		
1996	3291.93	TOTAL	30288.82
		TO DATE	56618.44

1992	LEGACIES	10121.35
1993	LEGACIES	984.06

LEGACY TOTAL 11105.41  
TOTAL TO RNLI £ 67723.85

In the past we have received support from Glenmorangie Whisky, Thornton's Chocolate and Michael Ward of Wards Vauxhall Garages, Hilltop. Recently Ian from our Chemist shop raised funds for the Lifeboats by completing a sponsored cycle time trial. Last year other supporters of Porthleven RNLI staged a sponsored run from Lands End to Porthleven. This year, there may be a sponsored walk from Plymouth to Porthleven. We thank all of you for your support and we especially thank the people of Porthleven who willingly offer their support all year round. Hopefully 1997 will prove to be a very profitable one for the RNLI. I thank you all for your support and hope you will continue to be generous towards the RNLI and its objectives.

I would also like to thank Mr D Moore for auditing our annual accounts.

Michael Carter (MCRS)  
Hon. Treasurer



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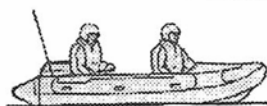


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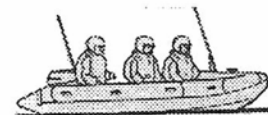
## Sample Of Lifeboats Today



D CLASS

LENGTH	4.9m (16ft)
BEAM	2m (6ft 7 in)
ENGINE	ONE 40hp
CREW	2/3
SPEED	20 knots
INTRODUCED	1963
LAST BUILT	Current

COST OF NEW LIFEBOAT 1996  
£11,275



C CLASS

LENGTH	45.3m (17ft 6 in)
BEAM	2.2m (7ft 3 in)
ENGINE	Twin 40hp
CREW	3/4
SPEED	27 knots
INTRODUCED	1979
LAST BUILT	1990

COST OF LAST LIFEBOAT  
£12,500



ARUN

LENGTH	16.55m (54ft 4in)	BEAM	5.43m (17ft 9in)
DISPLACE	31.5 TONNES	ENGINE	Twin caterpillar diesels RANGE
	250 n. miles		approx 500hp each
CREW	6	SPEED	18 knots
INTRODUCED	1971	LAST BUILT	1990

COST OF LAST LIFEBOAT 1996 £600,000

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**THE HELICOPTER**

The Helicopter partaking in today's display is a Sea King Mk 5 from 771 Squadron RNAS Culdrose.

It is equipped for its role of SAR [ Search and Rescue ].

The aircraft has a crew of 5. Two pilots, an Observer, a Winch man and a Diver.

The diver is trained to jump from a height of 20 feet, with air bottles, and to submerge immediately.

The Squadron is manned by 9 pilots, 1 observer 5 SAR divers, 4 aircrewmembers and over 60 maintenance crew.

They cover the South West approaches up to a distance of 250 miles from their base and offer a 365 day cover as do the RNLI.

The task of the Squadron is varied. It can range from lifting farm animals having fallen over a cliff to airlifting injured seamen and transporting them to hospital. From assisting in disasters at sea such as the 1979 Fastnet Race to helping in the Air India crash in 1985.

Our thanks to the C.O., and all the Crew of 771 Squadron.

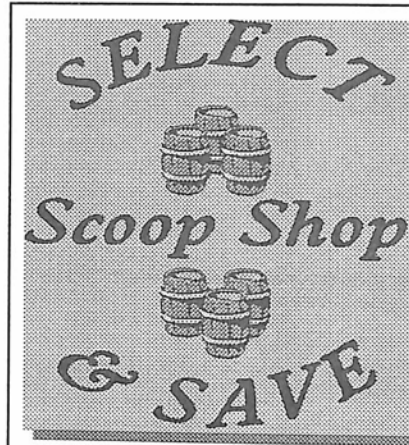
**SEAKING HAS MK5**

**SAR ROLE**

- CREW:** 2 Pilots, 1 SAR diver, 1 aircrewman & 1 observer (optional)
- PASSENGERS:** 13
- ENGINES:** 2 X Rolls Royce Gnome Engines delivering 1660 shp each
- DIMENSIONS:** Rotor Diameter 62 ft (18.9 m)  
Length 72ft 8inc (22.15m)  
Height 16ft 10inc (5.13m)  
Width 16ft 4inc (5.02m)
- WEIGHT:** Empty 14,300 lbs (6486.5kg)  
Maximum 21,400 lbs (9,707 kg)
- UNDERSLUNG CARGO:** 6,000 lbs (2,721.5 KG) Maximum
- PERFORMANCE:** Max speed 125 knots (231 kmh)  
cruise speed 100 knots (185 kmh)  
Maximum Range 440 nm (800 km)  
Maximum endurance 5 hours  
Maximum ceiling 10,000 ft
- RADIO:** UHF, VHF (AM) VHF (FM) HF
- NAVIGATION AIDS:** Search Radar; Doppler; Tactical Navigation System (TANS) UHF, VHF homer
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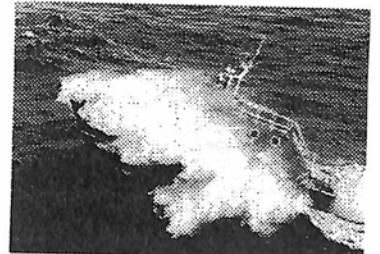
**THE LIFEBOAT**



THE COXSWAIN OF THE LIFEBOAT  
STOOD ON THE HARBOUR WALL  
HE SENSED THE STORM WAS COMING  
THE BAROMETER BEGAN TO FALL  
BEFORE THIS NIGHT IS OVER  
I'LL TELL 'E' WITHOUT A DOUBT  
SOME POOR SOUL WILL NEED THE BOAT  
WE'RE BOUND TO GET A SHOUT.  
THE SKY TURNED BLACK  
THE SEA TURNED GREEN  
THE WIND BEGAN TO ROAR  
WAVES BROKE OVER THE HARBOUR  
AND CRASHED UPON THE SHORE.  
STORM FORCE WINDS RECORDED  
HIGH SEAS RAN CONFUSED  
ON SUCH A NIGHT IT'S BEST AT HOME  
THE COXSWAIN SAT AND MUSED.  
HIS TRAIN OF THOUGHT WAS SHATTERED  
AS A SHOUT TO LAUNCH CAME THROUGH  
AND MEN CONVERGED ON THE BOATHOUSE  
TO FORM THE LIFEBOAT'S CREW.  
NO THOUGHT FOR PERSONAL SAFETY  
THE BOAT WAS UNDERWAY  
HEADING DOWN THE SLIP  
INTO THE FOAMING SPRAY.  
A SINGLE GOAL UNITED THEM  
TO RESCUE THOSE IN NEED  
TO BRING THEM BACK TO SAFETY  
WAS THE DARING DEED.  
A COURSE WAS SET THROUGH RAGING SEAS  
A BATTLE OF A KIND  
TO REACH A SHIP IN DISTRESS  
TO EASE THE TROUBLED MINDS  
OF THOSE ON BOARD WHOSE ONLY HOPE  
WAS FOR THE LIFEBOAT TO ARRIVE IN TIME.  
AS THE LIFEBOAT CAME INTO VIEW  
THEY KNEW THEY WOULD BE SAVED  
FROM WHAT WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN  
A COLD DARK WATERY GRAVE.  
AS THE LAST MAN LEFT THE SHIP  
HE WAS HEARD TO SAY  
THANK GOODNESS FOR THE RNLI  
AND ALL THE LIVES THEY SAVE.  
THE CREWS ARE HEROES ONE AND ALL  
THIS WE MUST AGREE  
BUT WITHOUT DONATIONS SUCH AS YOURS  
WHERE WOULD THE LIFEBOATS BE  
AND WHAT OF STRICKEN VESSELS  
UPON THE STORMY SEAS  
WHOSE ONLY HOPE OF RESCUE  
COME FROM YOU AND ME.

(by Michael Carter - Hon Treasurer - Porthleven Branch)

**YOUR DONATIONS  
HELP SAVE PEOPLE  
IN THIS SITUATION**





# MABEL ALICE RESCUE RECORD



## JANUARY - AUGUST 1996

ALL SERVICES INCLUDING ASSEMBLIES	11
CREW ASSEMBLIES - NO LAUNCHES	0
LIVES SAVED	0
PERSONS LANDED	2
PERSONS BROUGHT IN	19
SERVICES TO CRAFT SAVED/LANDED	5
SUCCESSFUL SERVICES	9
CO-ORDINATED BY COAST GUARD	11
NON RNLI LIVES LOST	0
PERSONS INJURED	0
HOAX AND FALSE ALARMS	1
UNSUCCESSFUL SEARCH	1
OTHERS COPEd	2
LB UNABLE TO COMPLETE SERVICE	0

MERCHANT AND FISHING VESSELS	4
PLEASURE CRAFT	7
PEOPLE	0
OTHER TYPES OF CASUALTY	0
SERVICES BY LIFEBOATS	11
WITH AIR CO-OPERATION	2
WIND FORCE OVER 7	0
IN DARKNESS	4
DOCTOR OR AUX.ABOARD	1
RESCUE VESSEL-HOURS AT SEA	22
CREW MAN-HOURS AT SEA	162

LONGEST NUMBER OF HOURS AT SEA 8  
[DISTANCE - 18 NAUTICAL SEA MILES OUT]

VALUE OF PROPERTY SAVED £235,000

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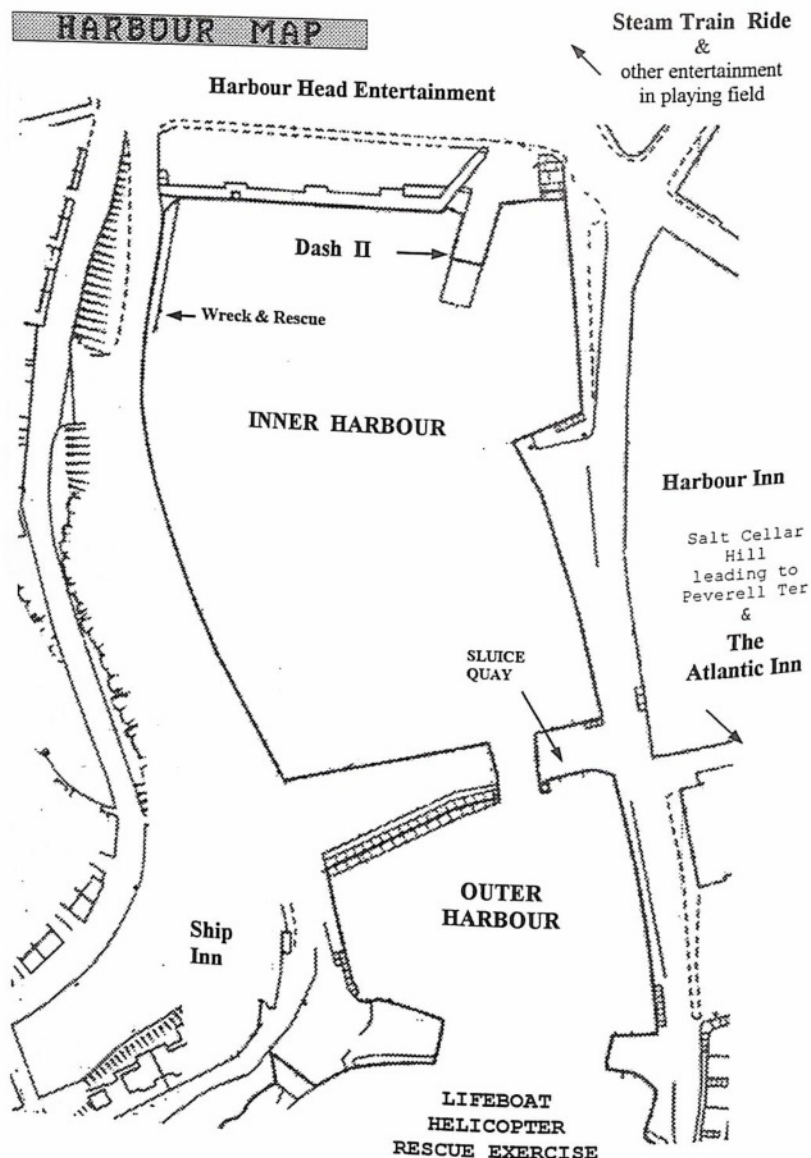
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### PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

- |    |            |   |
|----|------------|---|
| 1  | From 10 am | RNLI Souvenir Stall, Cake Stall, Bric-a-brac Stall, Amusements, Bouncy Castle, Donkey Rides, Train Rides all day in the playing fields behind the Shipyard Pearly King & Queen and draw tickets |
| 2  | 12.30      | Porthleven Town Band will be playing outside the Harbour Hotel  |
| 3  | 14.00      | Swimming events if conditions allow   |
| 4  | 14.30      | Maroon signal to start afternoon events.  |
| 5  | 14.30      | Bath Tub Novelty Race Stan Lloyd's "DASH II" will be running down the slipway as long as the tide allows. Don't miss the thrill of a launch   |
| 6  | 15.00      | Working Boat Race   |
| 7  | 15.30      | Lifeboat simulated rescue   |
| 8  | 16.00      | Hayle Canoe Club Demonstration  |
| 9  | 16.30      | HELICOPTER & LIFEBOAT RESCUE EXERCISE   |
| 10 | 17.00      | Tight Wire Stunt  |
| 11 | 17.30      | Raffle Draw   |

The Committee reserve the right to alter the programme. People taking part in activities do so at their own risk

THE COMMENTATOR FOR THE DAY IS

RADIO PERSONALITY

**TED GUNDRY**

## RNLI - FACT - CORNWALL - FACT - PORTHLEVEN - FACT -

The RNLI undertakes to provide Search And Rescue requirements up to 80.46 kilometres (50 miles) out from the coast of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland, whatever the weather, time, or day.

There are 274 lifeboat stations around the coasts of Britain and Ireland which launch more than 5,000 times a year. There is also a relief fleet of 100 boats. The lifeboats range in size from the latest Severn class costing £1.4m to the small inflatable C class at £12,500.

On average 15 cries for help are answered every single day. In 1996 the average lives saved for the UK was 3 per day.

In 1995 Cornwall's lifeboats launched 328 launches resulting in 355 lives being saved. This is the equivalent of one third of the total lives saved in the UK coming from around Cornwall's coastline.

During the RNLI history the sea has claimed the lives of 437 lifeboat crew members.

Every type of sea going vessel has called upon the services of the RNLI.

A committee of volunteers administer the day to day running of each lifeboat station. Nearly every station with an 'all weather boat' has a full-time mechanic who is also a crew member. The remainder of the crew are all volunteers who earn their living in a variety of ways. Their skills and intimate knowledge of local waters and coastline are vital to a successful rescue.

The RNLI is one of the largest charitable organisations in the UK today costing over £50 million annually to maintain its level of service. Funds are always required to up-grade essential equipment.

Thanks to our supporters, Porthleven in its first year as an established branch was informed that the returns to HQ for the financial year 1995/6 amounted to the highest on record for a new branch in Cornwall.

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Powered by 2 Caterpillar diesel engines of over 500 h.p., each giving a top speed of 18 knots she has a range of 230 miles and operates up to a distance of 30 miles from shore

The Mabel Alice, like all lifeboats can be called into action any time of the day or night providing a 24 hour service for every day of the year.

She has one full time engineer but the rest, including the Coxswain, are volunteers from all walks of life. The crews go to the rescue of people in distress in sea conditions ranging from a flat calm to hurricane force winds and mountainous seas. A third of all rescues are carried out in total darkness.

The money to build Mabel Alice was donated by the late Sir David Robinson and named after his wife. He gave the money to provide a replacement boat when the Solomon Browne was lost with all hands answering a distress call in December 1981.

Selfless devotion to the service and undeniable bravery have marked out lifeboat crews throughout the RNLI's history

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BETWEEN

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## FUND RAISING FOR THE RNLI

During the past year we have managed to send over £5000 to the RNLI from the Porthleven and District Branch.

The largest single amount is raised by you on lifeboat day itself. This is equal to half the amount raised for the year. The balance is hard earned by organising and attending other events throughout the year.

During the past twelve months, our Branch has been supported in different ways by different people. Local Companies and individuals donated prizes for the raffle on lifeboat day. Porthleven pottery hand craft a coffee set. The Atlantic Inn is the home of the Porthleven Pirates and The Lugger Restaurant home of many a coffee morning. Michael Ward from Ward Vauxhall, Hill Top donated fuel and offered further support should we require it in the future.

Glennmorangie Whiskey and Thornton's Chocolate donated very good items which raised over £600 between them. Stena Shipping Line donated a very good prize as did La Shuttle and Brittany Ferries.

Other companies such as Devcom and Technomatics have supported us in other ways. BT & BT Modems have helped with the idea of entering our Branch onto the WWW and it is hoped that this will come to fruition.

Fund raising is becoming increasingly more difficult especially in small communities where everyone draws from the same well. Without new people helping us to introduce new ideas the task becomes ever more daunting but remains fun.

It is essential for us to keep pace with modern methods and technology but as in the past it still falls on your generosity. Every time you give a sum of money, no matter how small, it goes towards saving life at sea.

With the increase in population and the increase of leisure time more and more of us are spending time in and on the water, boats of all shapes and sizes, surf boards, body boarding, wind surfing, swimming, diving, jet skiing, water skiing and canoeing all places a demand on the resources of the RNLI. The next person to be rescued could be one of your friends, a member of your family or even yourself.

We receive donations in memoriam. Even during these sad times, people still give to help save other peoples lives when endangered at sea.

Porthleven's Lifeboat days have proven successful for over 20 years. During that period over £64,000 has been sent to the RNLI with your compliments.

The highest figure raised by this branch was in the year 1986 when over £3,700 was raised. Let us see if we can make 1997 even larger.

Once again, this year we decided to hold lifeboat day on a Sunday so that more visitors would have the opportunity to see the lifeboats and the Search and Rescue Helicopters from 771 Squadron in action.

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Why not visit the Wreck & Rescue Museum and look at the lifeboat display as wells as other interesting exhibits

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THE RNLI, THE LIFE BOAT CREWS & THE FUND RAISERS  
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#### PORTHLEVEN AND THE LIFEBOAT SERVICE

Many sea going vessels have been wrecked around Cornwall's coastline so it is quite understandable that one of the original reasons for building Porthleven Harbour was to provide a safe haven for such vessels during periods of bad weather. Porthleven's first lifeboat came on station in 1863 a few years after the harbour opened. The boat was 30 feet in length and was powered by 6 oarsmen. In 1866 she saved 16 lives from a Finnish ship. Over the decades, three more lifeboats, all powered by oarsmen followed, the last being 'DASH' in 1926.

In 1929 it was decided that the motorised lifeboats stationed at the Lizard and Penlee would provide a better service and Porthleven's Lifeboat was stood down.



Why not visit the "Wreck and Rescue Museum" where you will find a display of Porthleven's lifeboat history together with other action packed photographs and RNLI information. Wreck and Rescue is a Hands On Museum where interaction with displays is encouraged.

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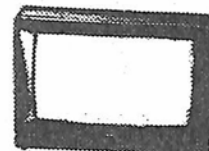
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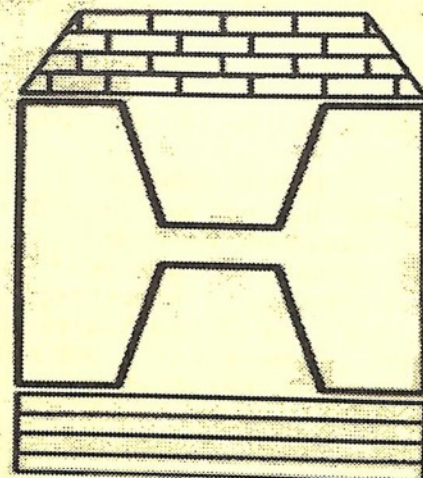
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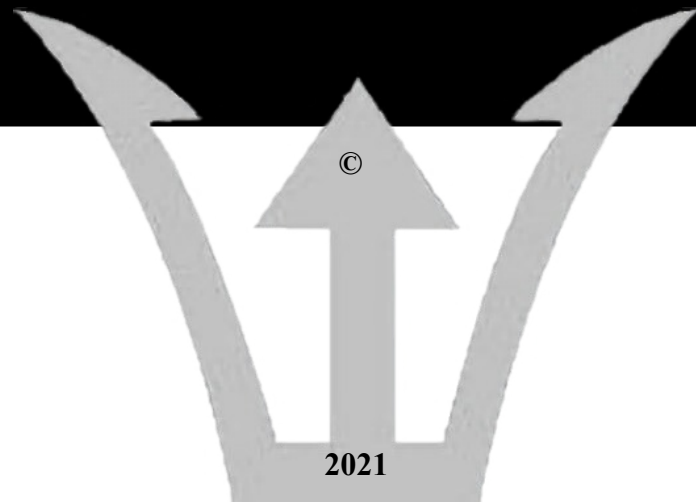


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# PORTHLEVEN MUSEUM



● Elsie Balme. *Picture – Paul Yockney*

## A warm welcome for Elsie as she starts her new job

**THE** new clerk to Porthleven Town Council, Elsie Balme, will work a few hours a week more than her predecessor, Peter Morris who died suddenly while on holiday in Egypt.

Mrs Balme, who lives in Sunset Gardens, Porthleven, began her new job on Saturday, and will be available at the council offices for five mornings a week, Tuesdays to Saturdays.

Chairman Charles Budd welcomed Mrs Balme to the council at Thursday evening's meeting. She was one of five people on the shortlist for the post, but one was unable to get to the interview.

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