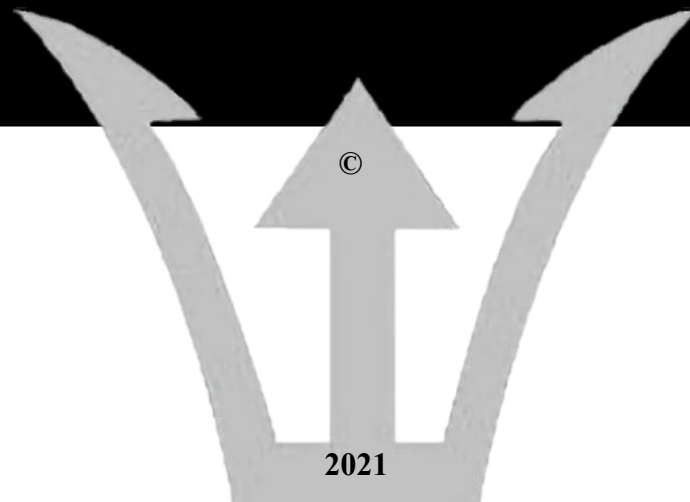


PORTHLEVEN MUSEUM



● Remembering at Porthleven are Peter Cowls (front), a Normandy veteran, and Gordon Dunnell, who served in the RAF in the Far East. Pic – CloSP

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● Vic Strike with Kerran Dunne, Georgina Betts and Martin Wortley. Picture - Colin Ross.

Lights, camera, action at Porthleven School

A RECORD of a year in the life of Porthleven School has been captured on film by video enthusiast Vic Strike.

All proceeds from the sale of the double video will buy an instrument for the school band.

Mr Strike of Porthleven starting filming in the school in September 1999 and over the following year popped up at important events to record the children at work and play.

He said: "The purpose of making the film was to make a record of school life in a year. I have tried to get everyone associated with the school including dinner ladies, parents, teachers, governors and ancillary workers - if anyone is missed it is by accident."

Mr Strike, who spent hundreds of hours filming and editing, said: "It has opened my eyes to how lovely the school is. The teachers look

after all the children with affection and the atmosphere is wonderful."

A competition is now being run for the school children to design a cover and the winners will be given a copy of the video.

Members of staff and governors are delighted. School secretary Christine Bolton said: "What a brilliant production. It was great to see all our little stars on video - fantastic."



● Michael Crowle and Leonard Pascoe astride their motorcycles in Helston's Coinagehall Street - but when?

the not too distant past.

It was brought into the office by Michael Crowle and features himself and his pal Leonard Pascoe astride their trusty motorcycles in Coinagehall Street.

Those were the days when riders of such machines were not obliged to wear crash helmets, and I note these two local men were not

dressed in fancy leathers, merely raincoats.

Most local readers will know that Michael, now a Porthleven town councillor, is pictured on the left.

But what was the year and what makes of machines were they riding? Over to you! Anyone with any information should contact me on 01326 565444.

OCTOBER 2000



● Pupils and staff at Porthleven School turned up for lessons dressed in their favourite football strip last Friday. The Strip for Shelter event asked pupils to pay 50p and teachers £2 for the privilege and raise money at the same time for the homeless charity Shelter. It is the second time the school has been involved in such fund-raising.

Picture - Colin Ross

Heart and soul: Judo club chairman does not let bypass stand in the way of black belt

A MAN who had a double heart bypass operation five years ago has just been awarded his 1st Dan Black Belt in judo - at the age of 71.

Geoff Turrell, chairman of the Porthleven Judo Club, moved to the village after the operation in 1995 in the hope that the clean Cornish air would help his recovery.

Three years later, in 1998, he returned to judo, enjoying the sport he had loved during his RAF career, having been a founding member of the RAF Judo Association.

With a new-found energy and vigour, which fellow club members say often had to be restrained for his own safety, he became the club's vice-chairman in February 1999, and is now the chairman.

He now assists the other instructors at the Friday evening training sessions, and is a shining example of the club's aim to help anyone from the age of six to over 60 enjoy the gentle art of judo and keep fit and active.

Geoff's black belt was awarded by British Judo Council president Robin Otani during the recent Cornwall Area Presidents Course, held at Helston Sports Centre.

Club president and senior instructor Randolph Pearce, 2nd Dan, said he didn't know who was more difficult to control on the mat - young primaries or Geoff in full flight.

Other successful grading results at the same event were - juniors: Samantha Jacka and Rebecca Orchard to orange plus three green; Abigail Threadgold to orange plus two green; Jason Rendall and George Hughes to yellow plus two orange; Christopher Thomas, Nicholas Hall and Dameon Rendall to yellow plus one orange; Ben Williams to yellow belt; Luke Rendall and Melanie Legge to white plus three yellow.

Primary group: Michael Hall to white plus one brown, Christian Orchard and Charlotte Threadgold to white plus two blue; Christopher and Keith Jacka to white plus one blue.



● Randolph Pearce (right) presents flowers and a decanter to 71-year-old Geoff Turrell, in recognition of his achievement in gaining a black belt in judo. Picture - Colin Ross



fighter Albert Postma in Steenberg where Guy Gibson and his navigator crashed in their Lancaster and are buried.

Albert contacted Mike and ever since they have both laid a wreath on the anniversary of the crash in their respective countries and Albert has maintained the grave in Holland.

This week Mike, former Mayor of Helston, laid his wreath for the last time. For health reasons he feels he will be unable to do so in future years although

Remembering ... left to right: Lt Commander Jim Stokes, Mike Gale, John Boaden, Jack Rathbone

the tradition is expected to continue. The small, poignant ceremony was attended by Jack Rathbone, president of the Helston branch of the RAFA, Lt Commander Jim Stokes RN, a former naval pilot who is chairman of the Association of Reserve and Retired Naval Officers, and John Boaden, who was a

Lancaster Gunner in 106 Squadron and was under the command of Gibson in 1942-43 and laid flowers on behalf of his "Comrades".

Two others who attended were too young to remember the war, but attended out of respect for the memory of the men who fought for their freedom.

wreath

Fr Walker to become canon at cathedral

THE Rev. Peter Walker, priest-in-charge of Porthleven with Sithney and Rural Dean of Kerrier, is to become a residentiary canon of Truro Cathedral with special responsibility for the educational ministry of the cathedral and to be priest-in-charge of the parish of Feock. He will take up his new duties in February.

The Rev Dr Barry Sewell will be licensed as priest-in-charge of Gerrans with St Anthony-in-Roseland and Philleigh on November 6 at 7pm by the Bishop of St Germans.

Canon Jim Whitlock is to become Canon Emeritus of the cathedral on his retirement from Penzance at the end of the month.

Obituary

Mr Jim Richards

The funeral service has taken place at Porthleven Methodist Chapel of Mr James Edward Richards, who was 94 and known to his family and friends as Jim. The service was conducted by the Rev Robert Ormesher and interment followed at Porthleven Cemetery. The matron at the Mill Pond Nursing Home, Hayle, read the scripture.

Mr Richards was born in Falmouth and attended Budock School after which he trained as a gardener. In 1939 he joined the RAF as a driver but sadly Jim lost his sight and became a patient at St Dunstan's. At the end of 1945 a little sight was restored and gradually became almost normal.

In 1946 he came to live at Porthleven and was the caretaker at Fore Street Methodist Chapel. In 1956, Jim went to live at Truro and was a gardener at Penmount Crematorium until retirement and was also caretaker at St Clement's and St Mary's Methodist Church. In 1961, he became an accredited local preacher, returning to live in Porthleven.

In 1971, Jim became secretary of Porthleven Royal British Legion. His son, Kenneth, was in the RAF but died at the age of 42, his wife predeceased him.

Suitable music and favourite hymns were played at the organ by Mrs Sheila Richards.

Chosen bearers: P Russell, A Williams, R Oliver and R Newman, grandsons.

Family mourners: Mrs J Eathorne, daughter; Mr R Notman, daughter's fiancée; Mrs L Richards, daughter-in-law; Mr and Mrs P Russell, Mr and Mrs A Williams, Mr and Mrs R Oliver, Miss P Richards, Mr and Mrs R Newman, grandchildren; Mr and Mrs R Tipton, grandchildren unable to attend; Matthew and Victoria Russell, Ross and Marcus Williams, Catherine Loris, Oliver and Benjamin Tipton, great granddaughter; Mrs P Cornish rep Mr C Richards, brother and Mr A C Bull, nephew; Mr and Mrs B Bull, Mr A Martin rep Mr and Mrs B Martin, sister and brother-in-law; Mr T Martin, Mr and Mrs A Addanell rep Mrs Steytler, Mr and Mrs G Bowden, Mrs O Searle, Mr and Mrs R Pryor, Mr and Mrs M Searle, Mr P Searle, Mr and Mrs G Trezise, Mr and Mrs G Tucker, Mr J Pascoe rep Mrs E Pascoe, nephews and nieces.

Funeral director: F E Strike and Sons, Porthleven.

Lifeboat Day notches £4,742

MEMBERS of the Porthleven and District branch of the RNLI have thanked all those who helped raise the magnificent total of £4,742 at this year's Lifeboat Day.

Celebrating its 25th anniversary in August, the event once again attracted hundreds of people to the harbour for activities including a search and rescue demonstration by helicopter and lifeboat. Branch members said they could not have managed without the help of a number of people who were not members of the RNLI and they hoped they could call on them again in the future.

"It takes a lot of hard work to set up such a day, but for such a worthy

cause no-one minds," said branch spokeswoman Jean Howard.

"We have been celebrating 25 years of fundraising for the RNLI in Porthleven this year, and that is quite a milestone. Long may it continue."

Fundraising events planned for next month include a video evening with Vic Strike at the public hall next Wednesday. Tickets for the event, which starts at 7.30pm, cost £2 including light refreshments, and some previously unseen footage is promised. The public hall is also the venue for a Christmas fair and coffee morning on Saturday, November 4, when RNLI souvenirs and Christmas cards, wooden toys, Porthleven prints, face-painting and much more will be on offer.

Mr Colin Pascoe

Many relatives, friends and neighbours attended the funeral service held at Porthleven Methodist Chapel of Mr Christopher Colin Pascoe, aged 62. The service was conducted by the Rev Robert Ormesher and tribute to Colin's life was given by Pastor Graham Kitts. Interment followed at Porthleven Cemetery. Suitable music and family favourite hymns, *How Great Thou Art* and *In Heavenly Love Abiding*, were played at the organ by Mrs Mary Oliver.

Mr Pascoe, known to all his family as Colin, was the only son of the late Arthur and Jane Pascoe, and twin brother to his sister Cynthia. He was born and lived all his life in the Porthleven village, having attended Porthleven Board School and then on to Helston School.

Upon leaving school he joined the family firm of Fred Johns, and was an apprentice carpenter, often joining up with his father who was also a carpenter and working with the same firm. His five-year apprenticeship was completed with the firm, although disrupted by Colin's National Service when he was with the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry and spent some time in Germany.

When Colin returned he worked for other firms as a carpenter and was foreman on many projects on local constructions, including the Helston Post Office in Coinagehall Street. In 1964 Colin commenced building his own home in Penponds Road, but working at the same time on a building in Plymouth, and commuting to and from there.

Colin met his wife Rosemary at Penzance Promenade, a local weekend attraction at that time; they married in December 1965. They had two sons, Jonathan and Alister, for which Colin was justifiably proud.

Colin played football for Porthleven and also cricket, but over the years his interest was billiards and snooker. Colin had represented the county and was for many years captain of the snooker team at Breage Social and Snooker Club. He was a trustee at Breage and in his spare time undertook to oversee the renovation of the premises. His skill was put to good use and he was able to invite top players to Breage, such as Steve Davis, Jimmy White and Doug Mountjoy. Snooker became a big part of Colin's life - he represented his team from Breage all over the county. Colin supported Manchester United and there was much family rivalry at times within the home, for son Jonathan supported Liverpool.

Colin had been unwell for some 16 years, but was still interested in showing and breeding his canaries and winning many awards. He was a family man, which he loved very much, a man who will be missed by all who knew him in his work or in the life of sport.

The chosen bearers were Messrs S Richards, T Collick, M George and G Ellis.

Family mourners: Mrs Rosemary Pascoe, widow; Jonathan Pascoe, Alister Pascoe, sons; Cynthia Caspall, twin sister; Colin Caspall, brother-in-law; Amanda Collick and Mel Brasher, sons girlfriends; Mrs S Williams, Mrs J Rule, Mrs B Pascoe, Mrs E Williams, Mrs C Williams, Mr T Williams, Mr W Harris, uncles and aunts; Mr and Mrs O Williams rep Mr and Mrs L Harvey, Mr B Harvey, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; Mr R Pascoe, Mr C Williams, Mr and Mrs L Williams, Mr Alan Williams, Mr and Mrs Andy Williams, Miss M Richards, Miss U Richards, Mr S Pascoe, Mr S Richards, Miss J Thomas rep Mrs J Thurston, Mrs J Bray, Mrs H

R.N.L.I. 25 YEARS OF FUNDING IN PORTHLEVEN

Wednesday 1st November 7.30pm at The Public Hall

A VIDEO SHOW

by Vic Strike, of previously unseen footage. Plus some old favourites. £2 to include light refreshments.

Also

Saturday 4th November 9.30am - 12.30pm at The Public Hall

A CRAFT FAYRE and COFFEE MORNING

Hand-made Christmas gifts, Cards and Decorations. RNLI Christmas cards and souvenirs. Homemade Knits for children, Wood Toys. Christmas with Avon, Body Shop. Books, Pokemon card swap, Face painting, Raffle, Refreshments. Paints of Porthleven, from water colours painted by Steve Williams of Porthleven

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Andrea Shannon (left) before shedding an amazing eight stones and pictured right with Big Brother's Craig Phillips

Andrea Shannon, of Porthleven, has shrunk from a size 28 to a sylph-like 12 - a transformation that has earned her the title of Cornwall's Woman of the Year in a competition run by Slimming World.

Andrea, who attends classes run by Jean Stokes at the Culdrose community centre in Helston, said it felt like a "wonderful dream" to have lost eight stone over the past 12 months.

Mrs Stokes said: "The other members have supported Andrea through this amazing transformation. Everyone at the class is so proud of her."

NOVEMBER 2000

New lease of life for Porthleven public hall

By Laura Parsons



Barbara Godolphin unveils the plaque watched by Brenda Bravery (left) and Phyllis Arthur

THE COMPLETION of refurbishments that have brought Porthleven Public Hall into the 21st century was celebrated on Saturday when the new-look premises were officially re-opened.

A procession led by Porthleven Town Band made its way to the hall, where guests were welcomed by management committee chairman Brenda Bravery.

Invited to unveil the commemorative plaque, Barbara Godolphin, vice-chairman of Kerrier district council, said the committee was to be congratulated on completing a "mammoth task."

She said: "You have a wonderful public hall here and it is, I know, a hall which will be appreciated by all Porthleveners."

"I am sure it will continue to

go from strength to strength and become the centre of activity for events in Porthleven."

As guests were shown round the newly refurbished building, there was entertainment from the band and a buffet tea with special commemorative cake.

Among those attending the ceremony were Lt Commander John and Mrs Angela Rogers, of the Penrose Estate - whose family donated the land on which the original hall was built.

Also present was Isabel Roberts, whose father built the original hall which opened in January 1928 and cost the princely sum of £1,400.

The recent £65,000 refurbishment has seen central heating, double-glazing, new doors, new lighting and a suspended ceiling installed, as well as extensions to the kitchen and disabled

facilities. Mrs Bravery said fundraising had started several years ago when a charity shop staffed by volunteers was set up in the village.

The campaign gathered momentum and eventually resulted in a hall "to be proud of," with particular efforts made by Phyllis Arthur, Barbara Gales, Geoff Turrell, Eric Goldsworthy and Mr and Mrs John Williams.

A celebration concert on Saturday evening chaired by Vincent Curnow featured local artistes Valerie Wallace, Lester Scott, Millicent Chappell, Matthew Hosking, Claire Louise Auguste, Jessica Searle, David Thomas, Neil Bassett and Leanne Gray. Accompanists were Mavis Harper, Gareth Churcher and Phyllis Arthur.



Big smiles as locals join in the celebrations of the refurbishment of the public hall



All the efforts have now paid off and Porthleven now have a hall fit to meet the needs of the community in the 21st century. Pictured are the management committee who take centre stage after completing "a mammoth task"



Angela Rogers of Penrose Estate had the honour of cutting the cake with Barbara Godolphin to mark the occasion



Porthleven Town Band are in step with the day as they march through the town streets to provide a musical backdrop for the celebrations

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□ RNLI committee members and helpers Wendy James, Pat Adams, Jackie Norman, Jean Lloyd, Joan Carter and Jean Howard

Busy week for Porthleven RNLI

Audience sees footage of old Porthleven

A BUSY week of fundraising for the RNLI in Porthleven came to a successful end on Saturday with a well-supported Christmas craft fair and coffee morning.

The village's public hall was filled with an abundance of hand-made items including Christmas

cards and decorations, wooden toys, children's clothes and prints of watercolours of Porthleven by local artist Steve Williams.

The hall was also the venue, earlier in the week, for a video show by Vic Strike in aid of the RNLI, at which a large audience watched some previously unseen footage of old Porthleven.



□ Monica Strike buys a Christmas basket from Pat Adams at the RNLI fundraising event

Porthleven

Wives' Club - Mrs E Kitts, chairman, welcomed the evening's guest at the Porthleven Wives' Club meeting, the owner of Vanity Fair who gave a very interesting talk on perfumery with each member receiving a sample of perfume. She was thanked by Mrs Marjorie Thomas.

Refreshments were served by Rosemary Polglase and Barbara Hendy.

The next meeting will be on Friday, November 17 when members will visit the Mullion Meadows.

Concert - A concert was given in the Porthleven public hall by the Praze Male Voice Choir under their musical directors, Ann Birch and Len Harvey. The accompanist was Marion James and the soloists were Len Harvey and David Glasson.

The chair was taken by Mr P Gautrey and refreshments were served during the interval.

ALL Made by myself.

Porthleven

Floral Club - Although, at their AGM some time ago, it was decided to disband the Porthleven Floral Club through dwindling membership, the remaining few thought it very fitting to hold a dinner as a last "get-together".

This was actually held at the Wheel Dream Restaurant, Wendron, and proved a very enjoyable evening for all present.

Mrs Elaine Lane, the chairman, presented each member attending with a small gift, and Mrs Ruth Williams thanked her for all she had done for the club over the years.

RSPCA - An open afternoon was held at the home of Mr and Mrs Denys Bryant of Porthleven, in remarkably good weather, and raised £150 for the local RSPCA. There was good support from neighbours and friends and a warm welcome was extended to Mrs V Mostyn of Helston, the Cornwall branch chairman, and Mr Roy Stephens, the Cornwall branch secretary and his wife from Truro.

Members and helpers of the Porthleven Auxiliary served refreshments, manned the Christmas gift stall and raffle and Mrs A A Vincent, the local secretary, thanked Mr and Mrs Bryant for their hospitality.

The raffle winners were: Mrs V Mostyn, Helston; Mrs V Trueman, Porthleven; Mrs J Rosewarne, Porthleven; Miss R Warne, Wadebridge; Mr Tony French, Illogan; Mrs S Howes, Porthleven; Mrs L Thomas, Porthleven; Mrs B Wright, Porthleven; Mrs T Bird, Leedstown.

The next open afternoon for the local RSPCA will be held at the home of their secretary, Mrs A A Vincent of Bonhill, Porthleven, on Friday, December 15 from 2-4pm.

Fellowship - Mrs A Pascoe of Sithney was the speaker at the Porthleven Methodist Church Ladies Fellowship. She was welcomed and thanked by Mrs A A Vincent who also accompanied the hymns and a solo by Mrs Shirley Brown. Refreshments were served at the close.



Lest we forget

□ Jack Richards, 82, and his wife Judith are pictured paying their respects at the war memorial in Porthleven on Sunday. *Remembrance Sunday round-up - page 15*

NOVEMBER.



● Remembering at Porthleven are Peter Cows (front), a Normandy veteran, and Gordon Dunnell, who served in the RAF in the Far East. Pic - CloSP



Fair raises £980

WORSHIPPERS at St Bartholomew's Church, Porthleven, held their annual autumn fair in the village's public hall and raised £980 for church funds.

Well-laden stalls offered items ranging from fresh vegetables to Christmas gifts, various games and competitions entertained those who attended and the ladies in the kitchen enjoyed a roaring trade.

Highlight of the event was the Christmas hamper raffle, with hampers won by Jesse Richards, Patsy Williams, Mrs Brown, Liz Bird, Amy Dunnell, Inez Williams, Matthew Walker, Steven Worden, Phyllis Arthur, Mabel Chappell and the Elson family.

Members of the church social committee were congratulated on organising another successful event.

□ Helen Smith, Sybil Mugford, Joyce Jones, Lillian Pawlyn and Elizabeth Barrett at the extremely popular cake stall



□ Father John Walker tries to find a lucky square watched by Brenda Bravery

Porthleven harbour lights up

THE HARBOUR at Porthleven presented a spectacular sight on Friday when the Christmas lights were switched on by Radio Cornwall presenter Janette Eathorne.

Youngsters bearing paper lanterns and candles followed Porthleven Town Band as they made their way to the Harbour Head for some traditional carol singing ahead of the switch-on ceremony.

Many shops in the port stayed open late - some adding to the festive atmosphere by offering customers free wine and mince pies.

Tributes were paid to the lights committee, led by harbourmaster Ken Milburn, for their work in staging an impressive display.



● LIGHT FANTASTIC: Janette Eathorne switches on the lights



● IN PROCESSION: William and Matthew Dawson, Alice Higgs, Sam Farmer and Robert Jenkins

Chairman forced to move

CHAIRMAN of Porthleven town council is to move to a different parish after being unable to buy a large enough property in the fishing port.

Dave Blanning said he and his artist wife, Sarah Wimperis, who have five children, were moving to Goonhilly because they could not afford a suitable property in Porthleven.

"It is becoming quite clear that if we are not careful Porthleven will become a kind of retirement dormitory," Mr Blanning told council colleagues last week.

"It is not until you stand there with a bag of money desperately trying to buy something that it really hits home that that is the situation."

Mr Blanning said it did not

appear the move would affect his position on the council because he had business interests in Porthleven.

Regulations drawn up by the Cornwall Association of Parish and Town Councils said only that a member had to have lived in the village for 12 months before the election.

Colleagues said they hoped Mr Blanning would remain on the council.

Skaters still causing problems

SKATEBOARDERS are still causing problems on roads in Porthleven, town councillors said last week.

The council recently said youngsters could use the former tennis courts in the recreation ground as a skateboard park, but the move does not appear to have discouraged them from also using the port's roads and pavements.

Chairman Dave Blanning said it was not children but "young adults" who were the worst

offenders, with some racing from up by the school right down Fore Street to the harbour - sometimes overtaking cars on their way.

County councillor David Richards said it was even more dangerous at night because the skateboarders had no lights, but motorists would be blamed if they hit one of the youngsters.

The town council is currently discussing the creation of a by-law banning skateboarding in the streets.



● **LAI D TO REST:** The Rev. David Miller leads the funeral procession, with the coffin carried by Helston Town Band members Lester Ashton, Russell Harvey, Paul Jenkins, Kevin Johns, Martin Pascoe and Mark Williams

Hundreds attend funeral for 'star' of Flora Day

HUNDREDS of people packed into St Michael's parish church last week to bid farewell to Flora Day drummer Billy Pethick, whose death a fortnight ago at the age of 72 shocked many in Helston.

That Billy was one of the town's best-loved characters was left in no doubt at Friday's funeral service when extra chairs had to be brought into the church to accommodate the growing ranks of Helstonians keen to pay tribute to him.

The service, conducted by the Rev David Miller, began, appropriately enough, with a rendition of Lily of the Valley by the Four Lanes Male Voice Choir.

The flower that has become the emblem of Flora Day also lay beside the coffin, along with Billy's Helston Town Band cap, drum sticks and the bass drum he carried over 500 miles in more than 40 years of playing on May 8.

A moving tribute came from chairman of the dance stewards Leslie Collins, who recalled a man who led a normal life for 364 days of the year, but became a "star" each Flora Day.

"His enthusiasm and sheer joy in his role endeared him to all around," said Mr Collins.

"I will always remember that chirpy smile as he acknowledged friends in the crowd with his drumstick, but never missed a beat.

"I walked behind him for many years and if my hearing is a little less acute these days then it could be down to him!"

Emotions ran high as a single drum beat echoed around the church and the familiar notes of the Flora Dance rang out.

Members of Helston Town Band, led by musical director Edward Ashton, paid the only tribute possible to a much-loved colleague whose life had revolved around Flora Day.

The Rev Miller, who spoke of Billy's "engaging sense of fun" and "love of life", said he had considered the band, and indeed the whole town, as part of an extended family.

"He and Helston were inseparable, and will forever remain so," concluded Rev Miller.

Among well over 300 mourners at St Michael's were representatives of the Helston Flora Day Association, Helston Town Council, Helston Royal British Legion, the Godolphin Club and RNAS Culdrose. The funeral directors were Pendle Funeral Services.

A personal tribute

As a Helston born man I feel that I'm very saddened to read of Billy Pethick's death. He was the sunshine of Flora. No matter what the weather was, Billy would light up, smiling to everyone. He will be greatly missed not only by Helston people, but folk like me in exile. I served with Billy's father during World War II during the Plymouth Blitz. He was a sergeant Royal Artillery.

David Parnell, 2 Threthewey Close, St Columb.



● **LEGEND IN HIS LIFETIME:** Just before 7am on Flora Day last year, Billy Pethick prepares to strike the first note on his huge drum



PORTHLEVEN TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER -Edition 2. No.3

Welcome once again to our town Newsletter, and many thanks to those organisations who have taken the trouble to contribute news of what is going on.

The Council itself has had a very busy summer, with a good many positive things happening. As you may have read in the local press, we are transforming the pond in the Amenity Area into a nature centre (albeit a very small one). Contractors have already demolished the retaining wall, re-designed the shape and cleared much of the weed. It was hoped to have completed the restructuring and clearing by the end of this year, but the "lovely" weather experienced during the last few weeks has put everything behind schedule and it will probably be the New Year before any further work can be carried out. When it is finished, it is hoped that the pond can look more natural, have sloping and planted edges, be safer and, eventually, link with the centre of the town by a river walkway. The Council is very grateful to the Environment Agency for their help with this project.

Mention of the Environment Agency brings to mind the fact that we are very lucky here in that our Flood Defence scheme was completed, as we have suffered little compared to other areas. There have been minor flooding incidents, but nothing like that experienced "up country".

PORTHLEVEN'S TOWN COUNCILLORS.

Councillor D. Blanning (Chairman)	563067
Councillor C. Budd (Vice Chairman)	564542
Councillor M. Crowle	564948
Councillor Jill Green	574172
Councillor Gill Menhennet	561780
Councillor G. Stephens	562163
Councillor J. Stokes	562298
Councillor J. Strike	562008
Councillor Katherine Williams	562477

Councillor Stephens, together with Councillor Roy Bradbury, represent us on Kerrier District Council.

Our County Councillor is Mr. David Richards.

Some of you may remember that last summer there was quite a lot of activity in the town. Unfortunately some of the events clashed with others of a similar nature. To try to rectify this situation, it is suggested that a central "Diary" be kept, at a venue to be decided, so that all local organisations can have their events noted and published. This would help to alleviate "double bookings" and also give more coverage to your event. More details of this scheme can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

Following on from the above, we should like some ideas as to community events that might be organised for next summer (and subsequent summers). Suggestions so far have been - fancy dress for children and adults; another water carnival; an extension of the St. Peterstide procession to incorporate a small carnival; a Porthleven in Bloom contest; a Miss (and Master) Porthleven. These events could be concentrated in a fair-type week or spread throughout an extended summer period. Again, please contact the Town Clerk with any ideas. The Council will do their best to back any viable events that people would like to organise.

meanwhile, next door....

Our neighbouring town of Helston celebrate the 800th anniversary of their town charter next year, and are hoping to hold a pageant on Saturday 21st July. We have been invited, along with other local villages, to enter a float representing Porthleven. Is there anyone out there who would be prepared to organise this - and what ideas have we about the type of float we want to send in?

News from the Town Twinning Association.

A party from our twin town of Guissey will visit Porthleven from the 24th to the 27th May, 2001. We look forward to returning the splendid hospitality we received in Guissey during our visit in June this year. A programme of events will be published in due course.

The Association would welcome new members, and the return of many who were associated with the twinning over past years. Membership is only £2 per year - £3 for a family group. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (except December and August) at the Porthleven Football Club headquarters in Mill Lane, at 7.30pm. Please do join us - for social events and very worth-while exchange visits. More information can be obtained from the Chairman, Vincent Curnow, Quoins, 7 Sunnybank (Tel:573011).

Dates for your Diary.

At the public Hall:-

Saturday, 9th December, 7.30pm. Concert by Hayle Male Voice and Ladies Choirs.

Sunday 8th April, 2001. (Provisional date) 7.30pm.

Concert by Stithians Male Voice Choir - proceeds to be shared by Porthleven Public Hall and St. Michael's Breast Care Group project to raise £150,000 for special equipment at Treliiske/Mermaid and St. Michael's.

Porthleven Association (for the Lights)

8th December. (Following Christingle Service at St. Bart's) LIGHTS SWITCH-ON at the Harbourside.

31st December 2000/1st January 2001 New Year

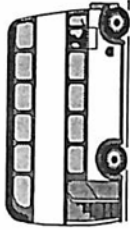
Firework Display at the Harbour Head.

THE JUDO CLUB will be closing for their Christmas recess on the 15th December, re-opening on the 5th January. Congratulations to Mr. Jef Turrell of the Judo Club, who recently achieved the status of Black Belt 1st Dan.

In case you missed it in the Press, may we draw your attention to the fact that the Police have warned us about aggressive sales techniques on the part of some firms. One in particular, selling home security systems, has given cause for concern. The Police advise that you do not buy major items from people who appear on your doorstep: instead consult a reputable local dealer, whose business address and telephone number are available to you in the event of problems occurring. A firm "no" to doorstep pests will discourage them from making nuisances of themselves in this area.

The Town Council is now on the Cornwall Ruralnet - a pilot scheme providing all sorts of information including funding sources for Councils and other community groups in rural areas. Many of you will have access to similar Internet services yourselves, but if you are running any sort of community group without that facility, the Council will be pleased to obtain and share information with you. It can be most helpful. Ring the Town Clerk on 573154 for further details.

We are sorry to learn that we shall be saying goodbye to our Vicar, Father Peter Walker, who leaves us in January to take up a post at Feock, with special duties at Truro Cathedral. Father Peter and his family will be much missed from Porthleven, where they have joined in the spirit of community life and made themselves "one of us". We wish Father Peter well in his new post and hope we may run into him, Lyn or other members of the family in Truro from time to time.



The matter of the new **Bus Shelter** in Wellington Road has not been overlooked. We have come up against various legal problems over the new site but Kerrier District Council have now agreed to let us have the piece of land on which to build the shelter. Plans are in hand, but we have to get Planning Permission before the work can actually start. In the meantime, we apologise for the inconvenience and discomfort caused to bus users - hopefully we shall have our new shelter before the end of the winter.

NEWS FROM PORTHLEVEN FOOTBALL CLUB.

The two teams continue to thrive, with the Combination League side having its best season for some time. The South Western League side are also doing well and have successfully crossed the first hurdle in the FA Vase, beating Melksham Town (Wiltshire) 2-1 on November 17th. We now travel to Suffolk on December 9th, for our next match. Why not come along to Gala Parc and watch a match, and visit our well-stocked club house? Matches kick off at 2.30pm. in winter, but the club is open from midday. It is also open during the week. Friday night has a "Meat Draw" and Saturday has Spin-the-Wheel (starting at 8pm). On Sunday Lunctime there is "Open the Box" and the Turkey Trot. Or why not have a game of Bingo on Sunday evenings? All in a friendly atmosphere. Remember, the Football Club belongs to the village and relies on your support. The teams, after all, are nicknamed "the Fishermen".

PORTHLEVEN SCHOOL.

The school are hoping to provide computer training and a new computer suite at the school, not only for the children but for use by everyone in Porthleven, young and old. If you are interested in any computer courses or could help with fund-raising, please contact Mrs. Penny Shilston, the head teacher.

We are informed by the consultants that our Town Strategy Document is proceeding according to plan. Porthleven is part of the South Kerrier Integrated Area for the purposes of Objective One, and the Programme Management Group will be considering South Kerrier within the next week or so. Hopefully the general intention of the Group programme will then be approved: this will enable us to bid for funding for projects in Porthleven, once they are identified. The consultants are optimistic, and hope to get the overall budget together early in the New Year. Exciting things could happen within the next couple of years. Watch this space!!

Just a reminder that the Council is here to help you. If you have any problems please don't hesitate to contact the Clerk. If we can't help, we probably know a man who can!

Finally, although it is still a bit early, we should like to wish everyone in Porthleven a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



Parking problem likely to get worse claims councillor

PARKING in Porthleven is a serious problem and likely to get worse, a town councillor said last week.

The warning came from local businessman John Strike, who said the difficulty of finding anywhere to park was already putting visitors off coming to the port.

If future developments planned for Porthleven went ahead, he added, the situation would only get worse.

"People are already saying they can't move in Porthleven, they can't get anywhere to park and they can't see the point of coming. That is bad news for all of us."

Mr Strike said the council should be thinking seriously about finding land near the centre of the port for additional parking, perhaps even resorting to compulsorily purchasing a piece of land.

He suggested land at the back of the shipyard as a possibility, with an entrance opposite the former Rosewanes garage and pedestrian access to the square along the path past the supermarket.

Mr Strike said the movement of vehicles through Porthleven was also a problem.

The problems were clearly illustrated when town council chairman Dave Blanning told colleagues the circumstances of a fine he had received.

Mr Blanning, a special police constable who lived until recently in Fore Street, had returned home to change his bloody shirt after

● By LAURA PARSONS

attending a distressing road accident.

Unable to park in Fore Street, he left his car, without a ticket, in the area designated for coaches in the nearby Kerrier-run car park.

Returning to his vehicle within 10 minutes, Mr Blanning found he had been given a fixed penalty ticket, which he had to pay despite his explanation of the situation.

At last week's council meeting, he told colleagues people living in Fore Street should get a residents' permit for parking in the car park.

Mr Blanning's comments followed a similar anecdote from town councillor Michael Crowle, who described how a man trying to deliver two tins of paint was unable to drive into Church Row because of vehicles blocking the entrance.

He parked nearby and was given a fixed penalty ticket costing £40.

"It would be better to just stop in the middle of Fore Street and hold up all the traffic," commented Mr Crowle.

Council vice-chairman Charles Budd said the parking problem was, if anything, worse for local residents, who had to put up with the difficulties all year round.

It was an issue which had to be addressed, he said, and should be looked at within the strategy document currently being drawn up for Porthleven.

Harbour wall dilemma for council

PORTHLEVEN town councillors are to consult with higher authorities in a bid to get something done about the condition of the harbour wall.

Part of the wall has been fenced off for months after collapsing and the council believes its condition could deter holidaymakers and prove a danger to harbour users.

In a letter to the council, Trevor Osborne, owner of the Harbour and Dock Company, acknowledged responsibility for the harbour and said the work was high on his list of priorities.

However, he could give no undertaking as to when any repairs would be done.

In the meantime, said Mr

Osborne, people should direct their complaints to the company office in the port rather than to the council.

The council has lodged a formal complaint with the Health and Safety Executive but, at a meeting last week, town clerk Elsie Balme said if the collapsed areas were properly fenced off the matter would be outside their remit.

It would then be passed to the Government's Department For Environment, Transport and the Regions, which might be able to take some kind of enforcement action.

Members reiterated their belief that Kerrier council ought to be able to take action to ensure repairs were carried

out to what was a listed harbour.

Councillors decided to contact the DETR and inform the HSE and Kerrier council of the decision.

● Repairs have been carried out to the gate between Porthleven's inner and outer harbours after parts of the baulks were ripped off during storms last week.

A number of boats broke their moorings when the sea flooded into the normally-protected inner harbour, some sustaining considerable damage.

Councillors believed the harbour was not insured, and boat-owners would not be able to claim for the damage.

Band looks forward to a year of competing

PORTHLEVEN Town Band held its annual meeting last week when members were congratulated on their progress during the past six months.

Officers elected: chairman, Paul Bates; vice-chairman, Nick Seale; secretary, Clive Christophers; treasurer, Hazel Payne; band master, Michael Watkins; public relations, Michael Crowle.

President David Mitchell extended thanks to the director of music, Frances Evans, and the committee and all the fundraisers were also thanked for their efforts during the last 12 months. Mrs Payne reported a healthy bank balance.

Mr Evans stated he was looking forward to a highly competitive year. Some extra instruments were required which, hopefully, would be purchased in the near future.

All members are looking forward to the open solo contest to be held at Porthleven Junior School on Saturday, February 24, at 10am. Members of Porthleven Town Council recently agreed to present the band with a new shield for the contest.

Entries to Clive Christophers, 1, Balfield Road, Porthleven, telephone 01326 562293.

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● WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:

She said: "She had often wondered why cavemen drew on walls - did they want to draw? They certainly left a host of records, as did the Egyptians, Romans and Greeks."

A rare treat was in store for members when Mrs Joy Stokes, who had worked in arts and crafts for 50 years, gave a wonderful illustrative talk at the monthly meeting, which was chaired by Mrs Ruth Mynheer, president.

After the war, she worked at Stoke Mandeville, with many of the war victims, aiding and encouraging them in as many ways as possible.

She spent a number of years in Bahrain, where she was able to put many of her talents to good use. Among a few of them were teaching art to the children, designing theatre costumes for the frequent productions, designing air hostess uniforms for Gulf Air and, in 1981, a set of stamps depicting the many traditional crafts, potters, weavers, basketmen, of Bahrain.

Many of her very colourful paintings are displayed in art galleries and shops here in Cornwall, and she was able to impart a host of invaluable tips to the art enthusiasts in the audience. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Ruth Mynheer, and Mrs Francoise also reinforced this by saying it was one of the best talks all year. Birthday posies were presented to Mesdames Winchcombe, Rogers, Robinson, Elderfield, Dinham and Cookson. Flower of the month: I, M

Wright; 2, S Mugford; 3, M Bernard. Competition, a water colour: 1, P Cairns; 2, J Corfield; 3, J Tilsley. The tea hostesses were Mrs Rogers and F Ziemann.

● WIVES CLUB: When members of the Porthleven Wives Club held their annual questions evening, many very good questions were put to the panel who were Mrs E Balme, Rev R Ormesher, Mr T Gundry and Mrs P Shilston. The chairman was Mrs P Hall. Mrs E Kitts, club chairman, presided over the evening and thanks were expressed by Mrs J Birch. Refreshments were served by Mrs M Sargeant and Mrs A Smith. The next meeting will be on Friday March 2 at 7.30pm when there will be a talk on Recycling by Mr R Bowers.

Blood donors given plaques



TWO Porthleven residents have been presented with plaques by the town council in recognition of their services to the community.

Councillors and invited guests gathered at the Atlantic Inn to applaud the efforts of local blood donor organiser Gwen Russell and Porthleven harbourmaster Ken Milburn (pictured).

Mrs Russell, who has run the blood donor sessions in Helston for over 35 years, has previously been honoured for her distinguished service with the British Red Cross Society.

She was congratulated by council chairman Dave Blanning on her years of dedicated service to the local community, including voluntary work at the former Meneage Hospital and cottage hospital in Helston.

Mr Milburn, who became harbourmaster in 1995, was previously a sea captain in the Merchant Navy.

In 1997, he volunteered to take over responsibility for the harbour's Christmas lights - coordinating a small team of helpers, organising fundraising events and maintaining the lights.

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Work at harbour means no weather protection

BOAT owners in Porthleven are being reminded that work will start on the baulks and integral steelworks at the harbour later this month.

From February 21 to March 15, when work is expected to be completed, there will be no sea defences.

Once started, the work will go to completion as the spring tides are required to enable the steel work to be carried out.

Harbour master Ken Milburn said: "We intend during this time

to put back the baulks so they are all the same length, making opening and closing much simpler at any stage of the tide.

"The reason for a complete refurbishment is quite obvious when looking at the existing ones moving in the wall."

He added: "Once work starts, there will be no baulks available for the duration so each boat owner must decide whether they use the port during that time, on the understanding we can do nothing during any periods of bad weather."

Bygone days: Greg Nicholas is bowled out by a team of cricketing ladies



THIS week's trip down memory lane takes us back to 1951 and a Porthleven ladies' cricket team of that year.

Pictured here among others, I am told, are Shirley Bowden, Isobel Innes, Valerie Hosking, Edith Rowe, Mary Dunn and Cynthia Pascoe.

The team was formed by Dora Combellack, helped by Mary, who said there was even a Cornwall Ladies' League.

End of an era: Ice cream seller prepares to scoop his last 99 and dish out his final lolly



● Left, Gordon Uren, who started the family ice cream business nearly 80 years ago, and right, one of today's blue and cream vans parked on the harbour at Porthleven, a familiar sight that will soon be no more.

FOR nearly 80 years Uren's Ice-Cream has been a familiar sight in Porthleven and the surrounding area.

Originally founded by the late Gordon Uren in Porthleven, he was joined 38 years ago by his son-in-law Spencer Ferris.

"The time has now come to hang up my scoops and retire," said Mr Ferris, who lives at Wellington Road, Porthleven.

"As much as I have enjoyed meeting people on my rounds, at my pitches by Porthleven harbour and on market days in Helston, the time has come to slow down."

There can be few who have not bought an ice cream from Mr Ferris or his late father-in-law or seen the distinctive blue and

cream vans passing by.

While Mr Ferris will be honouring those engagements already agreed with the organisers of functions this year, it is very much an end of an era.

Of his years in the business Mr Ferris said: "I have been extremely fortunate to have had wonderful support from both loyal customers and local business since the early days of the mobile ice cream trade."

Mr Ferris is married to Florence and the couple have three sons, Philp, Nigel and Christopher, who have declined to take on the seasonal job.

A vintage tractor enthusiast, Mr Ferris now plans to exhibit the ice cream van at local shows.

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● **SPRING FAIR:** The spring fair held in the public hall on Saturday raised £735 for church funds.

Morning worship for Palm Sunday was led by the Rev Robert Ormesher. The preacher at the evening service was Mr Steve Curtis from Helston, organists for the day were Roger Freeman and Paul Brown.

There will be a service in the church on Good Friday morning at 11am, led by Mr Ormesher. Easter Sunday will be celebrated with Holy Communion at 8am, followed by services at 11am and 6pm. Visitors to Porthleven are especially welcome.

Port through to Easter Monday Final

FOOTBALL

PORTHLEVEN 3 WADEBRIDGE TOWN 1

PORTHLEVEN always looked the likely winners in their Cornwall Senior Cup semi-final at Truro last Wednesday, but they made hard work of putting their opponents away.

The Fishermen dominated the opening 45 minutes against a very young Wadebridge side, but had just one goal to show for their superiority.

Then the inevitable happened in

the second half when the Bridgers snapped up an equaliser to leave Porthleven with a scrap on their hands.

After a scrappy opening few minutes, Porthleven began to impose themselves and such was their domination it did look like men against boys.

After seven minutes Porthleven scored what looked like would be the first of a hatful of goals when James Miller cut across the by-line and crossed the ball into the heart of the goalmouth where a first shot was blocked but Dave Larsen

made no mistake with the rebound.

Wadebridge appeared unable to cope with the incessant bombardment of Porthleven attacks, but the final ball and, on occasions, selfish play, allowed the Bridgers to survive.

Wadebridge must have been as surprised as anyone to reach half-time just one goal down, but three minutes into the second half they set the game alight when they grabbed a shock equaliser when Nathan Cudmore drilled the ball past Gary Penhaligon.

For a ten-minute period Wadebridge could sense an upset as they upped the tempo and made their tackles count, but in the 58th minute Porthleven regained the lead. Burrows played the ball to Bleasdale and ran at the Bridgers' defence before slipping a pass to Dominic Richardson who drew and sidestepped goalkeeper Mark Gears before cracking the ball into the net.

Richardson fired wide from a well-struck free kick minutes later and after 69 minutes Dave Larsen took on the Bridgers' defence in a

superb run that saw him put his shot just wide of the upright, earning himself a knock in the process.

Porthleven regained some semblance of control, but there was always the threat of a Wadebridge goal until the final minute when Porthleven finally put the game out of reach. Bleasdale worked the ball into the box, but it broke loose after a tackle and Richardson pounced to whip a left-footed shot into the corner of the net.

Porthleven: G Penhaligon, M Latham, M Damerell, D Halsey, W Hillson, J Burrows, D Larsen, J Miller, D Richardson, A Bleasdale, N Medlyn. Subs: I Hodges



Girl with talent

FLAUTIST Claire-Louise Auguste, from Porthleven, beat musicians several years her senior at the County Music Festival to win the intermediate woodwind class with distinction.

Claire-Louise, aged nine, a pupil at Porthleven School, has been playing the flute for three years. She also plays the piccolo, recorder and piano.

Taught by Vivien Lynn, of Coverack, Claire-Louise is the youngest member of the Viente Flute Choir which can next be seen in concert with St Keverne Male Voice Choir at St Bartholomew's Church, Porthleven, on March 24.

MARCH

PORTHLEVEN & DISTRICT RNLI SILVER JUBILEE FUND EVENING

will be held at the ATLANTIC INN, Porthleven on Friday 30th March from 8pm

The AGM will be held at the ATLANTIC INN on, TUESDAY, 10th APRIL at 8 pm

Please note: Lifeboat Day will take place on SUNDAY, 29th JULY

Charity No. 209603

Restaurant plan given go-ahead

KERRIER councillors have approved plans for another restaurant in the heart of Porthleven.

Members supported a proposal to convert part of a former china clay building beside the harbour into a restaurant, with another part of the premises designated as an exhibition centre for arts and community use.

An amenity area next to the building, which most recently housed a myths and legends exhibition, is to undergo improvements including paving and landscaping.

At a site meeting earlier this month, local residents expressed concern over increased parking problems and potential noise pollution if the development went ahead.

Recipe for success: Chance to taste good food and buy the book



● Gwen Russell and Megan Thomas show off the recipe book to be launched on Saturday. Picture - Colin Ross

RECIPES of all kinds, including ones for a Cornish boiled cake and Rupert Bear's mother's fruit cake, even a recipe for "a happy home", are included in a new book being launched at Porthleven Public Hall this Saturday.

Members of the public will be able to taste the results of some of those recipes at the launch of *Taste and See*, at 10.30 am, for which members of Porthleven Methodist Church have contributed their favourite dishes.

For sale at £2.95, with all the proceeds going to the church's redevelopment fund, the 39-page book has starters, main courses, desserts, cakes and other recipes, including one for fudge from the youngest contributor, 10-year-old Joanna Mitchell.

Gwen Russell and Megan Thomas, are among those members who readily contributed.

Mrs Russell's Cornish boiled cake, which she has made for various chapel events over the years, is in the book, with its 80-year-old recipe, as well as her eggless fruit cake, lemon cheesecake and Victorian trifle.

Mrs Thomas, her sister Gwynneth Pearce, and her mother Nora Bawden, contributed a variety of recipes which are also in the book.

Compiler Elsie Balme, a local Methodist preacher, has included her Rhyming Recipe for a Cornish pasty, for fun.

Rupert Bear fans should be happy too, as Mrs Bear's fruit cake, which is always on the tea table for Rupert when he returns from his various adventures, is in it too.

The book will be on sale on Saturday at the Public Hall, and afterwards at Creations, in Fore Street, Porthleven.



● **MBE:** Porthleven School caretaker Jerry Legge, who received the MBE in the Queen's New Year Honours list. The former soldier is pictured with his twin sons Max and Alex and their classmates Jennifer, Joe and Louisa

Former soldier honoured

A PORTHLEVEN man swapped his caretaker's cubby-hole for the more glamorous surroundings of Buckingham Palace when he travelled to the capital last week to receive the MBE he was awarded in the Queen's New Year Honours list.

Former soldier Jerry Legge, who grew up in Cadgwith, was honoured following a distinguished military career spanning more than 30 years.

Discharged from the Army last December, he became caretaker at

Porthleven School in January, having made his home in the fishing port with wife Julie, daughter Melanie, 13, and twin sons Max and Alex, aged five.

A former pupil of Helston School, Mr Legge, 49, joined the Somerset and Cornwall Light Infantry as a junior soldier in 1967 - a year before the regiment merged to form the Light Infantry Brigade.

When he retired having reached the rank of Company Sergeant Major, he had the distinction of being the last serving soldier who originally enlisted in the now defunct Somerset and Cornwall Light Infantry.

He also had a fistful of

decorations and medals to his name - awards which will now stand alongside the MBE he collected last Tuesday.

Back in Porthleven, Mr Legge said he had experienced a whole range of emotions while at the palace.

"Nervousness, excitement - everything you can think of all at one time. I'd met almost all the other Royals before, so meeting the Queen was the icing on the cake."

And Mr Legge certainly had a right royal reception when he returned to school last week.

"The school has been fantastic," he said. "They have made me feel so welcome."

● **PUBLIC HALL:** There was good support for the concert held in the public hall with the Trelawney Singers, Memphis Bells and Geoff Phillips which raised £513.50 for the Guide Dogs for the Blind, New Zealand challenge.

The chair was taken by Janette Eathorne of BBC Radio Cornwall and thanks were expressed by Paul Bannister of Porthleven. The evening concluded with a pasty supper.

● **ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH:** The annual Ascension Day service will be held on May 24 at 10am.

Two events will be held during May at the home of Mrs Maureen Williams of Sunset Gardens for St Bartholomew's Church. The first will be a coffee evening on May 4 with a bring and buy stall and raffle. The second will be a wine and nibbles evening with a bring and

buy stall and raffle on May 30.

There will be a churchyard sale on May 19 at 10am. Items for sale will be appreciated.

A recent collection in aid of the ARC Addington fund raised £55 to help assist farmers in need in various ways.

● **CAKE STALL:** The recent cake stall held on Porthleven harbour head for the Children's Hospice, Southwest, raised over £110.



Couple to celebrate anniversary on QE2

A PORTHLEVEN couple who devoted much of their married life to working with young people are to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with a cruise on the QE2.

Roy and Marjorie Kitchen, whose Salt Cellar Hill home was inundated with cards and flowers at the weekend, marked 50 years of marriage with family and friends at the Rose-in-Vale Country House Hotel at Mithian on Saturday.

A cruise with daughter Andree and son-in-law Jeff, who live in Surrey, follows in a few weeks' time.

Stalwarts of Porthleven's Fore Street Methodist Church, Roy and Marjorie were married at the church on March 24, 1951.

A partner with Porthleven-based accountants Cows, Kitchen and Kitchen, Roy remained with the firm all his working life.

His wife spent 40 years as secretary to the practice, which was eventually sold in 1988.

When not at work, the couple spent almost all their time running the Porthleven Methodist Youth Club, which met at the

Sunday School three times a week and at its peak catered for up to 100 members.

Roy, who was leader of the club for around 45 years, was also the first president of the Methodist Association of Youth Clubs for Cornwall.

He and his wife organised countless activities including gliding, singing, canoeing, and trips to Europe for young people from Porthleven and other churches in the circuit.

Now with a little more free time on their hands, the couple remain closely involved with the church, and also enjoy travelling, walking, trips to the theatre and listening to music.

A talented flower arranger who has served on both local and national committees, Marjorie is also keen on handicrafts and regularly makes items for fundraising events at the church.

Looking back on 50 years of marriage, she said she and her husband were "very fortunate people".

"We've had a marvellous life. If you're married for 50 years there has to be a lot of give and take, but we've always enjoyed each other's company. We found our vocation in the youth work and it was very rewarding."

Certificates for RNLI stalwarts



MEMBERS of Porthleven and District RNLI have raised more than £8,000 for the charity over the past year.

A successful 12 months was celebrated at a recent evening at the Atlantic Inn, Porthleven, when branch chairman Brian Buxton and life vice-president Jean Lloyd were presented with certificates recognising 25 years' service to the RNLI.

Bouquets were presented to Val, landlady of the Atlantic - the unofficial home of the branch - to Jane Goldsworthy, who tirelessly sells raffle tickets

for the RNLI, and to Liz Neal, who "makes up" the Pirates each year on Lifeboat Day.

Members of Porthleven's coast-guard team and the crew of the Penlee Lifeboat, the Mabel Alice, were among those watching the presentations and enjoying a buffet supper and music provided by The Backroom Boys.

A street collection in aid of the RNLI will be held in Porthleven on Saturday.

David Jones, area organiser (left) is pictured with Brian Buxton and Jean Lloyd and their certificates.



● HIGH NOTE: Vic Strike is pictured with Hannah and Elizabeth Robinson who played the xylophone watched by head teacher Penny Shilston



● PLAYING IN TUNE: Claire-Louise Auguste, Emma Bassett and Tegan Shainberg accompanied by Coverack flautist Vivien Lynn

Vic's school video helps pay for new xylophone

TALENTED musicians were in abundance when a special concert was held at Porthleven School last week to mark the official handing over of a brand new xylophone.

The instrument, which cost more than £1,000, was a gift to the school from Porthleven resident Vic Strike, who raised the necessary funds by selling copies of a video charting a year in the life of the school.

Having filmed and produced the video to mark the turn of the century, Mr Strike decided to put the proceeds towards something the school would otherwise be unlikely to buy.

The resulting xylophone took pride of place at Thursday's concert, when it was played to great effect by 16-year-old Elizabeth Robinson, from Camborne, accompanied by her sister, Hannah, 19.

Also performing on the night were the school's

orchestra, assembly band and choir, and flute pupils Claire-Louise Auguste, Tegan Shainberg and Emma Bassett.

The talented threesome, who played solos performed at the recent County Music Festival, were accompanied by Coverack flautist Vivien Lynn, who later delighted the audience with a solo of her own.

Mr Strike said he hoped the xylophone would give many hours' enjoyment to all the pupils and staff at the school.

He thanked all those who had supported the pro-

ject, including Brett and Sharon Willey, Helen and John Williams, Cathy and Luke Lucas in Australia, Gary and Jane Shainberg of Creations, Daniel Higgins of Treveda Music and Mr Strike's daughter, Mandy Auguste, who helped edit the video.



● READY TO PERFORM: The youngsters of Porthleven School orchestra, assembly band and choir
Pictures: Mike Saynt James

Skate park due to be resurfaced

THE new skate park in Porthleven is due to be surfaced within the next few weeks.

The town council agreed the former tennis courts in the recreation ground could be used as a skate park following discussions with young people in the port.

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PLANS by Porthleven second boat club councillors.

The club is hoping for funding from the council.

At a council meeting last week, the club was given its current gig, row compared with other gigs.

Members agreed to support its funding.

APRIL

Jean to carry on giving blood

● By LAURA PARSONS

A HELSTON woman who has given blood 50 times plans to carry on donating - as soon as the rules allow her to.

Jean Standing, of Parc Eglos, who has been giving blood since around 1970, was not allowed to donate for a year following a trip to Central America.

Presented with a gold award in recognition of her contribution at a donation session at Helston School last week, Mrs Standing said she would resume giving blood as soon as she was allowed. The session last Thursday attracted 117 donors, and another round of donations is being held at the school tonight.

Overseeing her last sessions is local organiser Gwen Russell, of Porthleven, who will be stepping down next month after 35 years in the role. She will be handing over to Janice Benney, also from Porthleven, who works part time at the port's post office. Mrs Russell said she was confident she would be leaving the service in good hands.



● BLOOD SISTERS: Gwen Russell (left) and Jean Standing with her award - presented by county blood organiser Carolyn Hosking - and Janice Benney

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JEAN BRYANT,
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● **ST STYTHIANS MALE VOICE CHOIR:** St Stythians Male Voice Choir gave a concert in the Porthleven Public Hall on Sunday when the soloist was Maggie Holden from Downderry.

Mrs Brenda Bravery, chairman of the public hall management committee, thanked the choir and soloist for an outstanding concert. She also thanked the audience for their support.

Teas were served by Women's Institute and committee members. The proceeds of £220 were divided between the St Michael's Breast Care group and Porthleven Public Hall.

● **WI:** Little did members know that a hands-on experience was in front of them, at the Porthleven WI Meeting, which was chaired by their new president, Mrs Julie Corfield.

The subject was "Crafts" and Mrs Dawn Boyd and Jane of "Creations" brought along a wonderful selection of goods used in producing personal greetings cards. Great fun was to be had as members were invited to try their hand at rubber stamping, cutting with fancy scissors, punching, painting and embossing. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Jill Walker.

Mrs Jill Tilsley was presented with a silver cup for first prize in the monthly meeting competitions.

Birthday posies were presented to A Berry, M Bernard, F Ziemann, M Williams and O Richards.

Flower of the month - 1st S Mugford, 2nd A Rogers, 3rd J Walker.

Monthly competition - "Members own craft" - 1st J Walker, 2nd J Corfield, 3rd M Wright.

The tea hostesses were E Williams and M Beach.



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Club wants another gig

PLANS by Porthleven Gig Club to acquire a second boat have won the backing of town councillors.

The club is hoping to win National Lottery funding from Sport England towards a new gig.

At a council meeting last week, John Strike said the club was at a disadvantage because its current gig, Energetic, was fairly heavy to row compared to newer, more lightweight, gigs.

Members agreed the club was an important part of the community and the council would support its funding application.

Wall repair an 'eyesore'

TEMPORARY repairs to part of the harbour wall in Porthleven have been condemned as "outrageous" by one town councillor.

Work has been carried out on a section of the wall which has been fenced off for more than a year amid fears it could prove a danger to residents and visitors.

The temporary fencing was labelled an "eyesore" by town councillors, who have made persistent attempts to see repairs carried out.

Michael Crowle said the temporary repairs would not do much to improve the situation.

"They are not going to prevent the deterioration of the side of the harbour, and even of the road. The tide will find its way in even further," he said.

"It does not stop there. The whole harbour is in an appalling state. Another winter will see the same situation in other areas."

There were also claims the work deviated from the plans submitted, and members questioned when more permanent repairs would be carried out.

"We will probably not live long enough to see proper repairs done," said John Strike. "I feel it is outrageous what has been done to that wall. It is a slap in the face to the village of Porthleven."

Members agreed to raise their concerns with as many agencies as possible, including Kerrier council, local MP Andrew George and the Secretary of State for the Environment.

Port's traffic problems discussed

WAYS of improving the flow of traffic in Porthleven have been discussed at a meeting between town and county council representatives.

Suggestions put forward by the town council included the introduction of one-way systems around Thomas Street and Thomas Terrace, and from the bottom of Salt Cellar Hill, past the Institute, up Cliff Road and back down Peverell Terrace.

Traffic blackspots discussed at the meeting included Cooper's Lane, the junction of Cliff Road and Loe Bar Road and the council's on-going problems with creating a footpath from Sunset Gardens to Penrose.

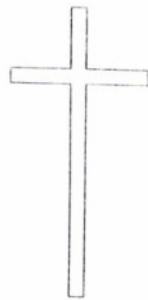
The subject of car parks was also raised, in particular the need for improved signing to the Shrubberies Hill car park.

The county council has suggested all the proposals be included in the consultation process for the port's strategy document, since public support would facilitate their implementation.



● **AFTERNOON LEAGUE WINNERS:** Henry Richards, Eileen Richards, Pam Laity, and David Richards

(for Bowls)



IN LOVING MEMORY

of

CHRISTOPHER E.C. MINERS

who passed peacefully away on

THURSDAY, 3rd MAY, 2001

Aged 65 years

Thanksgiving Service at Porthleven Methodist Chapel, on Wednesday, 9th May, 2001 at 2.30 p.m.

Suicide verdict

A VERDICT of suicide has been recorded at an inquest into the death of a retired accounts clerk from Porthleven. Antony Smith, 68, of Cliff Road, was discovered in his bedroom with a plastic bag on his head on April 5. He died of oxygen starvation.

The inquest in Helston on Tuesday heard Mr Smith had been suffering health problems.

Tributes paid to 'a great guy'

TRIBUTES have been paid to a Helston man who died last week in a tragic hang gliding accident in southern France.

Outdoor sports enthusiast Stephen Penaluna, 32, who lived in Trewennack, was killed while competing in a round of the British Hang Gliding Association national championships at Laragne-Monteglin in the foothills of the Alps.

Stephen's partner, Hannah Tapping, and friends Graham and Kaz Phipps were present at the time of the accident, which occurred late last Tuesday afternoon at the competition landing field.

An experienced hang glider and member of the Kernow Hang

● By LAURA PARSONS

Gliding Association, Stephen was nearing the end of an 81-kilometre flight - his longest ever - when he plunged to the ground.

He had been among more than 100 British hang gliding enthusiasts taking part in the week-long competition.

Officials from the British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association are carrying out an investigation into the accident which is believed to have been the result of equipment failure.

Association spokesman Dave Wootton said a report would be submitted to the air accident board of the Civil Aviation Authority within the next few months.

"This has come as a bit of a shock to us," said Mr Wootton. "We generally have one fatality a year, but with 8,000 members flying millions of hours between them that is a pretty low figure."

Stephen was the son of Helston Town Band chairman John Penaluna and his wife, Gail, of Park View Road, Helston. He grew up in the town and was a keen supporter of its traditions - Flora Day in particular.

He led the children's dance while a pupil at Nansloe School and was in the leading foursome for the morning and evening dances in 1999 - the year his father led the midday dance.

Stephen joined SWEB as an apprentice on leaving school and had worked for the company, now Western Power Distribution, for 15 years.

His team manager at the company's Pool headquarters, Dorien Thompson, said staff had been stunned to hear of his death.

"He was a great guy - a great team player - and he will be sadly missed," said Mr Thompson.

"Stephen was an active, intelligent young man with a healthy attitude to life. He was always ready to take on any challenge. He

had 15 years' experience with the company and will be very difficult to replace."

In addition to hang gliding, Stephen enjoyed cycling, fishing and other outdoor pursuits.

He went on a snowboarding trip earlier this year with friends including colleague Shane Orchard, from Helston, who worked as a two-man team with Stephen.

"We were really good friends both inside and outside work," said Shane. "We would often jump on our bikes and take off somewhere. We just hit it off really well."

Stephen's body was brought back to Cornwall yesterday.

West Cornwall coroner's officer Peter Jelliss said a post-mortem was due to take place today, when an inquest would be opened and adjourned. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made but will be carried out by David Mitchell and Son, of Porthleven, who can be contacted on 01326 562261.



● KEEN SUPPORTER OF FLORA DAY: Stephen Penaluna leading the morning dance in 1999

Hang-glider dies tragically in French competition

THE sudden and tragic death of 32-year-old Stephen Penaluna during a hang gliding competition in France has shocked the local community. Stephen had been taking part in a week-long national hang gliding league competition in the foothills of the Alps last week when his glider failed. He had just completed his best ever flight, 81 kilometres.

He was preparing to land in a field at Laragne-Monteglin, south of Grenoble, when the accident happened.

His partner Hannah Tapping and friends Graham and Kaz Phipps were with him.

The son of Helston Town Band chairman John Penaluna and his wife Gail, Stephen worked for Western Power Distribution based at Pool as an overhead

linesman and lived with Hannah at Trewennack. He was well-known locally and nationally through his many interests, including his long term involvement with Gunwalloe Surf Life-Saving Club and the Kernow Hang Gliding Association.

His body is being flown back to the UK this week and a funeral service is likely to be held early next week.

Both Stephen's family and Hannah have expressed their wishes that all of Stephen's friends would be welcome to attend the service.

Arrangements are being made by David Mitchell (01326 562261).

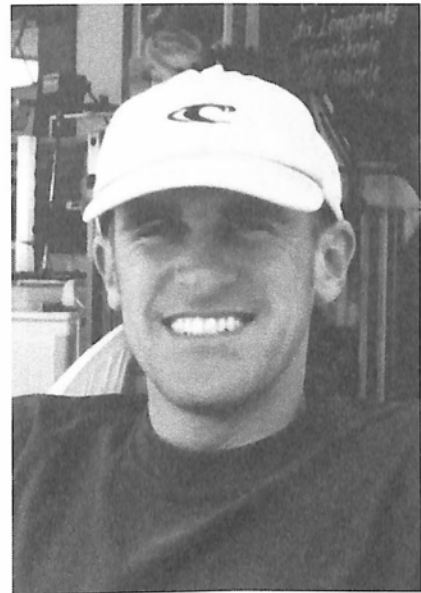


● Hang gliding enthusiast Stephen Penaluna, who died tragically in France.

We would like to thank everybody for all their kind words and thoughts and for donations in lieu of flowers received for the RNLI or the Air Ambulance.

Service conducted by
Rev. David Miller

Funeral Directors:
David Mitchell & Son, Porthleven



In celebration of the life

of

STEPHEN JOHN PENALUNA

May 3rd 1969 – May 29th 2001

"...We can find ourselves as creatures of excellence and intelligence and skill.
We can be free. We can learn to fly..."
– Richard Bach

PORTHLEVEN

JEAN BRYANT,
01326 572349



CORPUS CHRISTI: A Corpus Christi celebration service with Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving with Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will this year be held at St Bartholomew's Church on June 14 at 7.00pm. The service will be followed with refreshments.

SILENT AUCTION: A silent auction and supper will be held at Arcon, Porthleven, the home of Mrs Maureen Williams, on June 15 at 6.00pm. Tickets available from Mrs Williams at £2.50. Items for sale will be appreciated, and all proceeds for St Bartholomew's Church.

RSPCA: Another successful stall held on the Harbour Head raised £226.60 for the local Auxiliary of the RSPCA. The next stall will be on June 13. A further stall was held and raised £226.60 for their fund.

CONCERT: A concert will be given in St Bartholomew's Church on June 17 at 7.45pm by the Praze Male Voice Choir. Chairman, Mr Philip Smith. All proceeds for the local ARC.

CAKE STALL: Members of St Bartholomew's Church will be holding a cake stall on the Harbour Head on June 22 from 10.00am. Gifts of cakes will be appreciated.

CHURCHYARD SALE: A recent churchyard sale raised £81 for St Bartholomew's Church.

PORTHLEVEN

WI: Mrs Joy Stokes, vice-president, took the chair for the business meeting when the members of Porthleven WI discussed and voted on the National Resolutions which were: 1. This meeting urges HM Government to ensure that all staff caring for the elderly must undergo specific training for a recognised qualification. 2. This meeting urges HM Government to ensure that all school age children have access to a dedicated school nursing service that is local, responsive and informed by evidence of best practice. Both motions were carried unanimously.

The History of the Royal Mail was the subject of the speaker, Mr Roy Bicknell. He had put a great deal of thought into his presentation to make his audience more aware of the heritage of Royal Mail delivery in this country stretching right back to 1312. The Travelling Post Office on trains are so popular with postal workers that jobs are very much in demand. The illustrated booklet which every member was given fully illustrated the talk.

Mrs Joy Stokes, vice-president, offered the vote of thanks.

The results of the competition for an illustrated post card showing the address of the member was won by Joy Stokes; 2nd Jill Walker; 3rd Jill Tilsley. Flower of the Month: 1st Jill Walker; 2nd Sybil Mugford, 3rd Melique Beach. Tea hostesses were Mrs Smale and Mrs Mugford.

The next meeting will be on June 13 in the Porthleven Public Hall at 7.15pm featuring the popular and entertaining speaker Mrs Jill Harris who will speak on Bee Keeping - the sting in the tail. All visitors are most welcome.

Off to RAF Brize Norton



HAPPY COUPLE: Emma Lang and Alan Williams (Photographer: Peter Collins, Mawgan)

THE wedding of Miss Emma Lang and Mr Alan Williams has taken place at Helston Registry Office. The bride is the third daughter of Mr and Mrs Gavin and Linda Lang of Porthleven, and the bridegroom is the youngest son of Mr and Mrs Trevor and Rita Williams of Porthleven.

The bride, given away by her father, wore a white satin pencil line dress and carried a bouquet of roses and summer flowers. She was attended by Nikola Walker, matron of honour. The best man was Mr Paul Gibbons. The bridegroom is employed as an aircraft electrician at RAF Brize Norton.

The reception was held at The Harbour Hotel, Porthleven, for 50 guests. They will live at Brize Norton.

LONG WAIT OVER: It's been a long time, but for Porthleven's long-serving committee members it was an occasion they had been waiting to celebrate when they won the Jewson SWL Cup. Pictured here at the annual dinner is (centre, left-right): Sharon Tucker (treasurer) and Barry Phillips. At rear (left-right): Alan Carey (manager), Keith Downing, John Barber, Raymond Pascoe, Leonard Williams (chairman), and Vidal James (team secretary)



Picture: David Brenchley

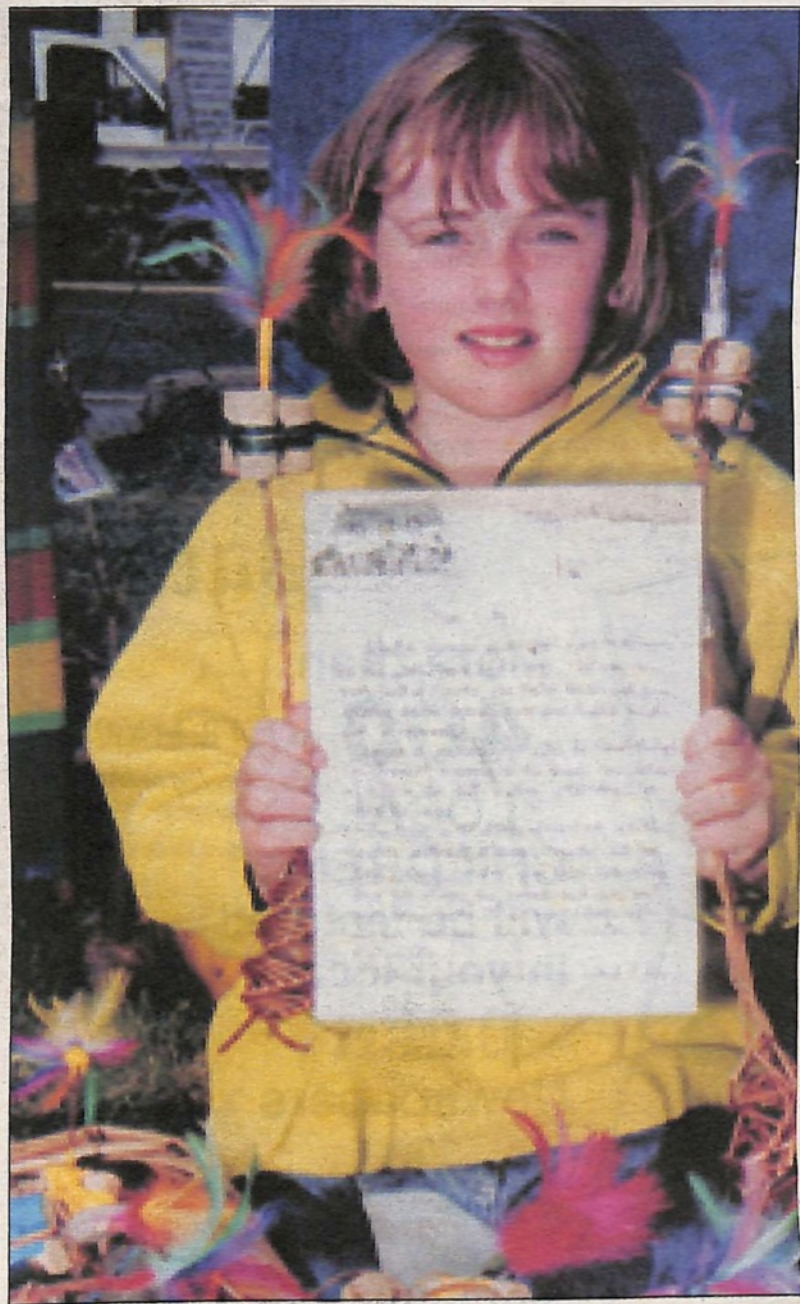


Guide leader Debbie Charles has been working with the same unit at Porthleven for 20 years. In recognition of this achievement, she has been awarded a good service certificate. She is pictured with the Brownies, all giving her a rousing cheer.

Picture by CloSP



● **LAUNCH:** Preparing to launch their feathersticks are Melanie Legge, Max Legge, Alex Legge, Shane Sjöholm, Roisa Smith



● **WINNER:** Vicky Browning whose featherstick launched last year reached Brittany

As light as a feather

MORE than 100 feathersticks made by children from Porthleven and Helston were set adrift from the fishing port on Saturday. The launch marked the end of a fair showcasing the work of local craftspeople who held demonstrations on the Harbour Head during the afternoon. Taken beyond the outer harbour by boat, the sticks were

labelled with name tags in the hope they would be discovered and returned to Porthleven. At a successful water festival held last June in the port, 100 sticks were launched, 40 of which were later found. Two crossed the Channel and were discovered in Brittany, including a stick made by Porthleven youngster Vicky Browning which turned up in Treflez - a community

only 12 kilometres from Porthleven's twin town, Guisseny. Basketmaker and artist Geraldine Jones, who organised last year's festival and this year's event, said it had been decided to launch the sticks on Saturday because it coincided with the Bretons' biennial twinning visit.

A HOUSE in Unity Road, Porthleven, was entered via the unlocked front door on Friday afternoon while the occupant answered the telephone in another part of the property.

A Yamaha PSR16 keyboard in a black carrying case was stolen during the incident, which happened at around 1.15pm. Anyone with information about this, or any of the incidents listed below, is asked to contact Helston police station.

● Three bikes were stolen from a garden shed at a property in Mounts Bay Terrace, Porthleven, between 7pm on Wednesday, June 27 and noon the following day. A padlock on the shed was forced in order to remove the bikes - a silver and red Raleigh BMX, a ladies blue Raleigh mountain bike and a mans black Falcon mountain bike.



● **TOP OF THE POTS!** Gerald Richards, of Porthleven, with the splendid crab pot he wove himself

Wall warning

CONCERNS over the condition of the harbour-side wall at Bay View Terrace, Porthleven, were raised at last week's town council meeting. Charles Budd said the wall was being made more vulnerable to collapse because of the weight of structures being built on top of it. "If that wall comes down, the premises behind it will come down and could, at the very extreme, push the harbour wall in," he warned.

Blood brothers and sisters honour Gwen when she retires after 35 years service

By LAURA PARSONS

FRIENDS and colleagues gathered at St Michael's School in Helston last week to pay tribute to Gwen Russell, who has retired after 35 years as the local organiser for the Helston branch of the National Blood Service.

Bouquets of flowers and gifts, including an engraved crystal bowl, were presented to Mrs Russell to mark her years of invaluable service organising regular blood donation sessions in the Helston area.

It was shortly after joining the British Red Cross in 1965 that Mrs Russell became involved with the blood service - at a time when there were only 120 donors in the whole of the area covered by the Helston branch.

Since that time, she has seen many changes in the service, not least the fact that there are now more than 1,000 local donors.

Mrs Russell, who lives in Porthleven, said she was sorry to be retiring.

She said: "After 35 years I am going to miss it terribly. You get to know all the team and meet loads of people. I didn't want to give up, but with my age and health it was the right thing to do."

"They gave me a wonderful send off. My house looks like a flower shop!"

Mrs Russell now plans to take a well-earned rest, but will still be helping out at the shop at Helston Community Hospital and plans to drop in and see old friends at donation sessions in the town.

She will be replaced as local organiser by Janice Benney, who works part-time at Porthleven post office.



● SAYING IT WITH FLOWERS: Gwen Russell with (front) John Mules, former county organiser and new county organiser Carolyn Hosking, Steve Sugden, South West regional collection manager, John Westwood, donor welfare officer, and the nurses and staff from the National Blood Service



● AMONGST FRIENDS: Gwen enjoys a deserved tea and cakes with ladies who volunteer to provide the refreshments at the blood donor sessions at the Helston branch



Peter is new Lions president

PETER Gautrey has succeeded Frank Hallam as president of Helston Lions Club.

The handover took place at the Guinevere restaurant in Porthleven, where club members enjoyed a Sunday lunch.



A TEAM from Porthleven School were the winners of the under-11 age-group in a football tournament held at the school earlier this month.

Team members Sam Farmer, Ben Williams, Gavin Perraton,

Robert Jenkins and Joe Bray are pictured with their teacher and coach, Clive Pickard. Matthew Dawson and Martin Wortley (not pictured) were also part of the victorious team.

● CHILDREN'S DAY: Williams proudly dinner (above); Fred, S dren's races (below)



● A RARE SIGHT: All H the background

Maidens bowled them over!

AN all-girl cricket team from Porthleven School have narrowly missed out on representing their county in a national competition - just weeks after first picking up a cricket bat.

Representing West Cornwall at a Kwik Cricket tournament at Truro Cricket Club last week, Porthleven made it through to the semi-finals, before being beaten by a team from Stoke Climsland by just 15 runs.

The school's PE co-ordinator, Clive Pickard, who has been coaching the girls in their lunchtime, said it was the first year they had played cricket.

"I feel very proud of them, particularly since they only picked up a bat about six weeks ago."



● **CLIVE'S ANGELS:** Coach Clive Rickard with his team - Tegan Shainberg, Kristina Williams, Jodie Bidgood, Kirsty Barrett, Joanna Mitchell and Alice Higgs

JUNE



Funfair highlight of festival



● **CHILDREN'S DAY:** Sam Orchard and Fred Williams proudly display their Sunday School banner (above); Fred, Sam and Jenna won the children's races (below)



THE unusual sight of a funfair at Porthleven's recreation ground marked the traditional festival of St Peterstide on Saturday.

Members of Porthleven Town Band led the annual parade through the fishing port, accompanied by

church-goers of all ages and representatives of other local organisations.

The afternoon ended with refreshments and children's sports at the recreation ground, as well as the chance to try out the first big wheel to be seen in Porthleven for many years.

● **AT EASE!** The band members take a break on the Harbour Head after entertaining the crowd



● **A RARE SIGHT:** All the fun of the funfair comes to Porthleven recreation ground, with the churches in the background



PORTHLEVEN TOWN COUNCIL
NEWSLETTER - Edition 2. No. 4

Welcome once again to our town Newsletter, we hope you have had a good year, so far, and are now enjoying the better weather. We thank the organisations that have sent in contributions and apologise for having to abridge some of them, due to lack of space.

NEWS FROM THE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Over 30 visitors from our twin town of Guissey spent a short weekend with us at the beginning of June. They arrived late on the Friday evening and departed on Monday, at lunchtime. With ages ranging from mid-70's to two there was something for everyone, a conducted tour of Helston Museum on Saturday morning was followed by an excellent barbeque at the Football Club. The afternoon was spent in Porthleven centre and the day finished with a very enjoyable social evening in the Public Hall, complete with buffet and a reel band with Breton dancing. On Sunday we paid a visit, by coach, to the Eden project, a truly unique experience and the planned events ended with another social, this time at the Football Club.

The Association is very grateful to all those who helped to make the visit a great success and we now look forward to the return to Guissey next year. Membership is only £3 per year and meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday at the Football Club. Further details from Vincent Curnow, Qoins, 7 Sunnybank (573011).

PORTHLEVEN JUDOKWAI

The meaning of the Japanese characters for Judo is the 'Gentle Way' or the 'Gentle Art', which may sound strange. The gentle part is the fact that the Tori (thrower) uses very little of his (or her) strength to throw the Uki (one that is thrown), but uses Uki's Impetus to help. Sounds simple, doesn't it?

On Sunday 21st May 25 Judoka (students) from the club travelled to Carn Brae to take part in the 3-monthly gradings, organised by the Cornwall Area Committee of the British Judo Council. All performed very well and the Sensels (Instructors) are proud of them. Now what we have to do is find out what we will do with all these active orange and green belted Judoka.

We are not content to leave it there though as we need more members. Not just 6 - 15 years old but we have now started a Tumble-Tots class. These young ones meet for half an hour on Fridays, at 6.30 and they are taught how to fall safely and some simple throws but mainly the discipline that is needed for the, sometimes, dangerous sport.

We would also welcome older members, there is no age barrier and Judoka start in their 30's. I rejoined after a break of 16 years and a heart by-pass but then I'm only 72!

We meet on Fridays at the Public Hall so why not come and see what happens.

GEOFF TURRELL (Chairman - Porthleven Judokwai)

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WANTED. If anyone has any Judo outfits to spare, especially the small sizes, please let the Chairman know so that they may be purchased.

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REMINDER REMINDER REMINDER

As all residents know the Seagulls can be a real nuisance. Please do not encourage them by feeding them.

WHAT THE COUNCIL CAN AND CANNOT DO FOR YOU.

Your Town Council is always anxious to assist local people (and visitors) with any problems you may have but, unfortunately, our powers are limited and we are not always the proper authority to be approached.

For instance, in Planning Matters, we have the right to comment and make observations; we do not determine the outcome of Planning Applications. If you are anxious about a Planning Matter you should approach a Kerrier representative, though obviously the Town Councillors will do their best to make your concerns known at the Kerrier Planning Office.

Cleaning of streets is also a Kerrier matter. Street lighting and street signs are the province of the County Council, however, if a street light is malfunctioning the Town Clerk will be pleased to notify the correct department so that it can be put right.

The recreation ground and the Amenity Area are owned and administered on your behalf by the Town Council and any problems there should be reported to the Town Clerk. Acts of vandalism must be reported to the Police. If you witness any kind of vandalism, anti-social behaviour or public disturbance the Police will be quite happy for you to dial 999 and call them out right away. It is better to call the Police directly than tell the council afterwards, which has happened in the past. If you are unsure who to approach about a particular problem, the Town Clerk will be happy to point you in the right direction.

August 26th. Helston & District Lions Annual Duck Race.

Be a child again and watch dozens of yellow plastic ducks float along the River Cober. All monies raised goes to charity.

RECYCLING

Most residents now use the blue box scheme, but there is still room for more. Newspaper, washed plastic milkbottles, washed food cans, empty drink cans and bagged material can all be collected for recycling. Collection days are Tuesdays, next one is 3rd July. Cllr Green is collecting empty aluminium cans to raise money for local causes and £30 has been already passed to the Harbour Christmas lights. If you could save cans, these can be collected or can be left (in plastic bags please) at 'Tresco', Shrubberies Hill. If you do not have a blue box, or would like to arrange collection of cans please contact Cllr Green, c/o The Institute.

If you are really keen on recycling, instead of filling landfill sites, then the Centre at Dudnace Lane, Pool, will take garden waste for composting. Please try to use this facility as waste management is important. Further details on recycling, or other environment issues can be obtained from Cllr Green.

FISHERMEN HAUL CATCH AT LAST

Nothing to do with boats or water but, at last, Porthleven Football Club have some silverware. Congratulations to the team for winning the South Western League Cup, they beat Saltash 4-2 in early May. Alan Carey and the players should also be congratulated on being runners-up in the League, being narrowly beaten by St. Blazey

PORTHLEVEN LADIES CIRCLE

This has been in existence for about 25 years, starting at the old Peverell Road Chapel but now meeting in Helston Free Methodist Church, membership averages about 20 and new members are always welcome. As well as devotional and other talks, members visit places of interest, go on rambles and organise coach trips, such as to Holiday on Ice, Plymouth shopping, the Eden project and Fowey. For more details contact:- Phyllis Arthur (561025) or May Searle (574889)

PORTHLEVEN'S TOWN COUNCILLORS

Cllr. David Blanning (Chairman) 221803
Cllr. Jill Green (Vice Chairman) 574269
Cllr. Charles Budd 564542
Cllr. Michael Crowle 564948
Cllr. Gill Menhennet 561780
Cllr. Godfrey Stephens 562163
Cllr. James Stokes 562298
Cllr. John Strike 562008
Cllr. Katherine Williams 562477

Cllr. Stephens, together with Cllr. Roy Bradbury, represent us on Kerrier District Council. Our County Councillor is Mr David Richards.

The Council would like to record it's appreciation of the assistance and co-operation of the young people of the village with regard to the proposed skateboarding park. Work is now under way on the construction and it is hoped that a small group can be formed to undertake the day-to-day running of the facility. For more details please contact the Town Clerk.

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POOPA-SCOOPERS.

The Council has a supply of these, which are available FREE, please make use of them and encourage your dog-owning guests to do the same. Perhaps those of you who have s/c accommodation can supply them to your properties.

PORTHLEVEN PUBLIC HALL

(registered Charity No. 261124)

The Public Hall has now been completely refurbished and is available for Community use. At present it is used regularly by the Women's Institute, Keep Fit clubs, Judo club, Line Dancers, Sequence Dancers, Weight Watchers, Old Cornwall Society, Age Concern and Gardening club. 'Casual' bookings by other sections of the community prove that the hall is used by all age groups. Private bookings (for celebrations etc.) are also welcome.

Bookings for the Hall have exceeded all expectations and records but there are, however, still times when the hall is available. Please contact Mrs Rosemary Williams for all details relating to bookings (phone 572937)

Future events include:-

Monday 27th August - Car Boot Sale in the Shipyard and Harbourhead Fete.

Saturday 15th December - Hayle Male Voice and Ladies Choirs Concert.

Watch out for further details and events.

The Management Committee are grateful to everyone who has supported them in the mammoth task of refurbishment and look forward to your continued support.

WANTED - For Public Hall

Photocopier, please contact John Williams 572937.

LIFEBOAT DAY - 2001. Sunday 29th July

Don't forget the date - Come and support the RNLI - Something for all the family.

Last weekend saw crowds of people flocking to Mullion and Porthleven for their RNLI fun days. The weather on both days was glorious, and additional to that, the crowds and all the activities really made for a 'carnival' atmosphere.

On Saturday, the Mullion RNLI fun day provided much entertainment for kids and adults alike with lots of stalls, fun and games, a fire display, kids races, a bucking bronco and the fastest shed in the world!

The great thing about both events was the fact that they were raising money for such a deserving charity. In an area like Cornwall, and particularly The Lizard, the RNLI and the Search and Rescue Helicopters could really claim to be our "fourth emergency service". They risk their lives to save others in danger, often in horrendous weather conditions and in the dark, and many, many people have benefitted from the bravery and determination of the RNLI's volunteers.

Proof that these types of services are invaluable around the coastal areas came in the form of an accident at Porthleven before the 'show' was about to start. An impromptu display of SAR's talents rescued a local woman who had fallen into the Harbour.

She was attended to at the scene and then flown to Treiske Hospital with serious spinal injuries and a suspected broken leg.

The rest of the day was most definitely focused on fun, with displays from Hayle Canoe Club, the Lifeboat 'Mable Alice' SAR, bathtub races, and the working boats race where they seemed to be more intent on soaking each other than lining up for the start of the race.

As a somewhat unexpected addition, an Army ship was on exercise in the bay and had wondered why there were quite so many people about! They sent in some crew in a dinghy to find out, and sailed round the harbour to the cheers of the crowds.

In the handicap race all manner of boats entered and left at the designated time according to their engine size and power. When all had left, the crowd watched in amazement as the inshore lifeboat sped after them - so fast in fact, that they past them, came back to the start and headed off to lap them again!

Last year, the Porthleven RNLI day raised around £4,000, and they are hoping that the hottest day of the year so far will have helped them to do even better this year.

PORTHLEVEN LIFEBOAT DAY 2001

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY
from 10 a.m. on

Sunday, 29th July

Rescue Demonstration by Penlee
Lifeboat and Helicopter of 771 Squadron

PLEASE NOTE: EARLY TIDE.... EARLY TIDE...
Therefore Waterborne Events will
commence at 10.30 a.m.

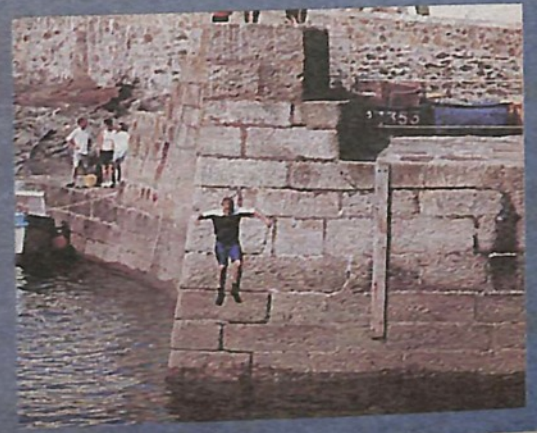
RNLI Christmas Cards & Souvenirs,
Cakes, Bric-a-Brac, Face Painting,
Bouncy Castle, Donkey Rides etc.

All proceeds to the RNLI

Reg. charity No. 209603



THIS YEAR.
£11,011.37
WAS RAISED
WITH £874.53
BEING TAKEN
ON MY STALL
ALONE.



Harbour buzzing for Lifeboat Day

PORTHLEVEN harbour was buzzing on Sunday as superb weather drew the crowds to the port's 26th annual Lifeboat Day.

Visitor numbers were slightly down, probably due to the tide forcing an early start to proceedings, but nonetheless the event looks set to have raised around £5,000 for the RNLI.

The firing of maroons signalled the start of the water-based events, including working boat races, a demonstration by Hayle canoe club, water polo contests, bath tub novelty races and a chance to ride down the slipway in Dash II.

The highlight of the day was the rescue demonstration involving the Penlee lifeboat *Mabel Alice* and a Sea King helicopter from RNAS Culdrose - making its second visit of the day to the port following a real-life rescue during the morning.

There was also a special presentation to Brian Buxton, chairman of Porthleven and District RNLI since its formation in 1994, who was marking 25 years' involvement with Lifeboat Day.

The water was the place to be on such a hot day, but there were plenty of land-based attractions including stalls, donkey rides, face painting, model boat displays and a bouncy castle.

Branch spokeswoman Jean Howard said too many people were involved in the organisation of the day to thank them individually, but the committee were keen to highlight the contribution of young people like 16-year-old Ian Nash.

Ian, who works at the Copper Kettle in Porthleven, donated his £15 in tips from the day to the overall fundraising - a sum matched by the Fore Street cafe.



● STAR ATTRACTION: The *Mabel Alice*



● HEAVE!: Porthleven Junior Gig crew Cox Alan Green with Joshua Richards, Charlotte Hodge, Sophie Hodge, Helen Smith, Sarah Nicholls and Charlotte Wilkins



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Packet point

Free book for town history

HELSTON residents being offered a free copy of a book commissioned by the town council as part of Helston's 800th anniversary celebrations. *Helston: A Hidden History* has already been distributed to local schools, and households of children are invited to call in at the Guild between 9am and Monday to Friday, to pick up their copy.

Copies of the book have been given to local organisations to assist fundraising and to promote tourism within the area.

The town council also given permission for the Friends of Helston Museum to commission a coin in celebration of the anniversary, which will be available from the museum.

Investment

ONE of Cornwall's local car dealerships is celebrating after being recognised as an investor in Penryn Business Link for Cornwall. It recognises Truscotts Helston, formerly known as Carrs of Helston, as demonstrating a commitment to staff development.



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Rescue of woman hurt in harbour fall in pictures



● **EASY DOES IT:** The rescue team gently carries the woman hurt in the fall (see story page one) on a stretcher across the sand



● **SAFELY ABOARD:** The patient is lifted into the Royal Navy helicopter to be taken to hospital
Photographs by Allan McLaren

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Dear Mrs P. Adams

Thankyou very much for
your thoughts + card while
I was in hospital

I'm now home, I had 10 weeks in
hospital on bed rest - so I'm now
trying to build the muscles up in
my legs. - what I actually did
when I fell off the wall was to
fracture + bust one of my vertebrae
and a small grape sized bit of
bone entered itself in my spinal
cord. - but atleast I can still walk!

Thankyou very much again and
to all the committee of RNLI

*Season's greetings
and best wishes
for the
New Year.*

Best wishes

Anne Shepherd



● **BUYING:** Josie and Oliver Lewis at the book stall run by Joan Pawlby and Maureen Williams



Summer fete enjoys good weather

GLORIOUS weather helped a summer fete held by St Bartholomew's Church, Porthleven, last week raise a magnificent £1,250 for church funds.

Holidaymakers and locals alike visited the Harbour Head to support the event, which featured a variety of laden stalls, games, a raffle and refreshments including a barbecue.

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Four bedroomed period property with one bed-roomed cottage. Popular harbour village location with superb views over Mounts Bay. Versatile accommodation with courtyard and raised gardens to the rear. Garage and parking.

(DOUGIES. MONT KERENS HOUSE) CLIFF ROAD.

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● **BANK HOLIDAY:** On Bank Holiday Monday, August 27, the Porthleven public hall committee will be holding their annual fete on

the harbour head from 10am with the usual stalls and raffle. Anyone wishing to book a table at £5 each can do so through Mrs R Williams, on Helston 572937. In addition to this, a car boot sale has also been arranged for the same cause in the Ship Yard from 9am. Cars £3.50 and vans, £4. Mrs Williams will be taking bookings for these also.

● **FETE:** The recent fete for St Bartholomew's church, held on the harbour head, raised £1,250 and the first raffle prize of £100 was won by Dominic Ziemann.

● **BARBECUE:** A barbecue with stalls was held on Porthleven harbourside and raised £230.70 for the local ARC. Appreciation was extended to Dr Rod Smith and Mr B Russell, Rotary Club members, and Mrs Angela Dawson for cooking all the hot dogs whilst Mrs Ase Smith and other members of the Porthleven branch of the ARC were in charge of the stalls.



Algae bloom is harmless

THE hordes of swimmers and surfers taking a welcome dip in the sea off the Lizard peninsula this week may have found themselves in milky-coloured water - thanks to a huge cloud of algae off the south coast of Devon and Cornwall.

At least 100 miles long and

10 miles wide, the cloud, above, has been growing rapidly in the heatwave conditions of recent days.

Spotted several weeks ago when it was a tiny patch in the Atlantic, the algae has now come so close to the coast that the white bloom is clearly visible from cliff tops and

beaches. Scientists have said the algae is harmless, and may even benefit the world's climate.

Packet photographer David Brenchley took to the skies on Tuesday to capture the rapid spread of the bloom off the Cornish coast.

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Street alcohol ban nearer for Porthleven

A BAN on drinking alcohol on certain streets in Porthleven has moved a step closer, town councillors heard last week.

Council clerk Elsie Balme said the relevant bylaw had been drafted by the district council and submitted to the Home Office for consideration.

There had been less progress on a similar bylaw banning skateboarding on the port's streets, she said, because Kerrier claimed there was not "universal" support for such a measure.

"I have written them a fairly strong letter pointing out that they should consult the residents of Torleven Road and Fore Street, together with local businesses," said Mrs Balme.

"I have also said that this council has yet to come across any resident of Porthleven who is against the proposed bylaw."

Chairman Dave Blanning said skateboarding in the streets continued to pose significant hazards.

"We all know it's only a matter of time before someone is killed or seriously injured," he said.

Concern over double parking

CONCERNS over parking in Helston's Coinagehall Street were raised at a Porthleven town council meeting last week.

Katherine Williams said motorists were double parking on both sides of the street, obstructing the view of pedestrians trying to cross to the other side.

Kerrier community officer Pc Gerry Campion said he would pass on her concerns.

Mrs Williams also asked whether action could be taken to stop drivers parking on the road at Methleigh Bottoms, Porthleven, instead of using the car park.

Colleagues pointed out there were no road markings indicating parking was not allowed.



Junior Band entertain at carolaire

YOUNG members of Porthleven junior band got onlookers in the mood for music when they played on the Harbour Head before the port's annual carolaire.

Organised by the Porthleven

Lymphoedema Support Group, the event featured Porthleven Town Band and Hayle Male Choir and was enjoyed by a large number of spectators.





● **LADIES ENJOYING THEIR OWN CUPPA:** The show cup winners Sybil Mugford, Jane Williams, Jill Walker, and Barbara Hendy



● **ALL STITCHED UP:** Kay Thomas's marvellous-looking 'electrician' doll (made for a friend) who's an electrician) won the best in show award



● **THAT'S A LOVELY SMILE:** Overall winner in the 5-7 year category, Caitlin Strike with her vegetable rabbit

Hard task for judges at show

● By LAURA PARSONS

MORE than 250 exhibits in 12 different categories were on display in the public hall at Porthleven for the village's annual summer show.

Standards were high in all classes and the judges faced a hard task choosing the winners, in particular in the popular home cooking and fruit and vegetable categories.

There were special congratulations for children from Porthleven School whose colourful work made an impressive display at one end of the hall.

Opened by Ted Gundry, the show was organised by members of Porthleven WI.

Cups were presented by Maureen Williams and refreshments were served throughout the afternoon by members of the committee.

Cup winners - Best exhibit in show, K Thomas; most points in show, S Mugford; most points fruit and veg, R Abraham; most points handicrafts, J Walker; most points home cooking, S Mugford; most points preserves, J Williams; most points photography, D Bryant; most points flowers, S Mugford; most points pot plants, J Walker; most points floral art, J Tilsley; most points art, J Perkins; most points embroidery, J Walker; most points decoupage, B Hendy; juniors 5-7yrs, C Strike; juniors 8-11yrs, K Charles.

First prize winners - Handicrafts: J Tilsley, K Thomas, M Perkins, J Walker, J Williams, B Grogan, A Berry, P Head, S Mugford; photography: E Perkins, D Bryant, B Gray; home cooking: J Tilsley, J Corfield, A Berry, J Williams, S Mugford, M Davies; flowers: J Williams, J Smale, S Mugford, J Walker, B Gray, M Burnard; pot plants: J Walker, S Mugford; floral art: J Tilsley, B Gray; art: J Tilsley, K Higgins, J Perkins; decoupage: B Hendy, B Lambourne; juniors: C Strike, K Charles, J Grogan.



● **FINE BUNCH:** Richard Abraham of Porthleven won a trophy for his fruit and vegetables



● **I'M A WINNER:** Kirsty Charles of Porthleven, overall winner in the 8-11 years category

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● **CHAMPIONS:** Marg Sue Roach



● **GREEN FINGERS:** Joan Hughes, governor for environmental matters, Jeremy Phillips, Riders Volvo, Penryn, and some of the pupils who have been involved in the project

Grant will help build garden

PORTHLEVEN Primary School has received a £200 environmental project grant from Volvo Cars, the grant will help towards transforming a presently unused concrete quadrangle into a garden area which will benefit the whole school.

Pupils from the nursery to year six classes have been involved with the design and planning of the new garden. The school has been

keen to involve the pupils as much as possible, as some of the classrooms back on to the garden making it highly visible. The surrounding walls will be decorated with murals, tactile tiles and window boxes produced by the pupils, as well as plants that have been donated by parents. The very active parent teacher association has been very supportive with helping the project.

The garden will perform a dual function, providing a useful resource for science and environmental projects as well as being an attractive and relaxing area.

Youngsters win grant for skateboard park repairs

PLEADING their cause at a town council meeting in Porthleven helped two young skateboarding enthusiasts win a £75 contribution towards refurbishing equipment at the port's skate park.

Enterprising youngsters Ollie Milburn and Gary Chambers went along to last week's meeting to ask the council for help in renewing hand-made equipment at the recently opened park.

"The ramps are getting worn and have screws sticking out," said Ollie. "Lots of people are getting their legs cut and we want to try and make the stuff safer."

Chairman Dave Blanning told the boys the council had already spent £4,500 tarmacising the skate park - a sum which represented around one sixth of the council's total annual budget.

Clerk Elsie Balme said a number of applications for grant funding towards equipment had been submitted, but could take a long time to process.

The council agreed last year that former tennis courts at Porthleven's recreation ground could be used as a skate park following pressure from local youngsters, and from residents fed up with skateboarders using the streets.

Mr Blanning said the council had already invested a significant amount in the park and was keen to see it become a success.

"I think a lot of people are prepared to help you if you are helping yourselves," he told the boys.

Members agreed to donate £50 towards equipment repairs - a sum boosted by a cash donation of £25 handed over at the meeting by local county councillor David Richards.



● **CHAMPIONS:** Margaret Warren, Olive Polglase, Barbara Rowe and Sue Roach

Four of the best

BOWLING

ALMOST 100 people gathered at Porthleven Bowling Club's headquarters on Monday evening to welcome back to Cornwall the four club members who became National Fours Champions last week.

Lead, Sue Roach; No 2, Barbara Rowe; No 3 Olive Polglase; and skip, Margaret Warren won the title at Leamington Spa after three days of tough competition.

In the first round at Leamington, the four ladies beat Hants 18-13. In round two they beat Derbyshire by 20 shots to 16. They overcame Camborne 17-16 in the third round and Kent 27-11 in round four.

They disposed of Essex 20-18 in the semi-final and, in a tense final, just pipped Bucks 20-19 after their opposition were holding shot and game.

Margaret Warren said: "As I walked back to the mat to deliver my last wood there was a real buzz of excitement around the green. It felt like walking to the gallows. As I stood on the mat everything went deathly silent."

"I realised the opposing skip had blocked the good hand which meant that I had to play the awkward, swinging hand."

"When my bowl stopped there was was tremendous cheer."

"Sue, Barbara and Olive came running towards me and lifted me off my feet."

The four ladies will represent England in the British Isles Championships in June 2002.

On Monday they were congratulated by club members as well as county and divisional officers. The chairman of Porthleven council, David Blanning, presented them with a town plaque.



● **MUSIC:** Bass players Paul Bates and Russel Cowls



● **PLAY IT LOUD!** Porthleven training band in action entertaining the crowds

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● **ENTERTAINERS:** Members of Porthleven Training Band perform for summer fair visitors

Town filled with music for annual summer fete

THERE was plenty of open-air musical entertainment in Porthleven when the town band held its annual summer fete on the Harbour Head.

Opened by Radio Cornwall's Janette Eathorne, the event featured an array of attractions including stalls, games, rides and a well-stocked barbecue.

Members of the training band performed during the afternoon

while Porthleven Town Band gave an evening concert with St Keverne Male Voice Choir.

Band secretary Paula Evans said the day had been enjoyed by all who attended and around £600 had been raised for band funds.

She said: "We hope to use the money to buy new instruments. We have so many children joining the training band at the moment we have run out of instruments."

World wide wave is worrying news

WHILE it is welcome news that the Bank Holiday weekend's good weather has been such a success for the tourist industry in the area, there is now much more worrying news on the horizon.

As if it wasn't bad enough that the industry is just recovering from the foot and mouth crisis, a scientist has reported that another disaster is on the way.

A massive landslide, caused by a volcanic eruption in the Canary Islands will create a giant tidal wave which would hit Britain's coast at speeds of up to 500mph, devastating everything in its path.

Waves up to 330 feet high will hit Morocco first, before crossing the Atlantic where 130 to 164ft waves are expected to hit the coasts of Florida, Brazil and the Caribbean.

While the south Cornish coast of Britain will not suffer as badly as that, Falmouth and the Lizard can expect to see giant waves up to 40ft racing inland. The scientist who predicted this disaster says it's not a case of whether the event will happen but when. It could be within the next 20 years or within the next 200.

Sometimes people must really wonder why they bother trying to make a living at all!

Overnight stay for helicopter

A SEA King helicopter from RNAS Culdrose made an enforced overnight stay in a field at Porthleven after developing a hydraulic leak.

The aircraft, from 820 squadron, was returning from a routine training flight when it made a precautionary landing behind the Tye Rock Hotel at around 4.30pm on Tuesday.

Engineers called out to inspect the helicopter were unable to fix the problem straightaway and the aircraft remained in the field, under guard, overnight.

Culdrose spokeswoman Doreen George said: "If crews identify a problem they are trained to look for the nearest safe landing place. The engineers went out to check the aircraft and realised it was a longer job than they thought."

"The crew came back and the aircraft was secured overnight." The Sea King underwent work and was expected back on station.



● **TIGER LILY:** Emily Burton has her face painted by Zoe Wright at Porthleven Band's summer fete - report and more pictures on page 21

Procession of torches raises £1,000 for charity

CROWDS of people and superb weather helped the annual Bank Holiday torchlight procession in Porthleven on Monday raise £1,000 for the Porthleven Lymphoedema Support Group.

Led this year by Camborne Town Band, the parade made an impressive sight as it wended its way through the port, ending up at the Harbour Head for a grand fireworks display, concert and barbecue.

Support group chairman Kay Moon, who organised the event with Ann Miners, said: "It was a brilliant evening. The weather was beautiful and people were very generous, especially when there are so many different things going on at the moment."

"I must say a special thank you to Ann because without all her leg-work the event would not happen. She is one in a million."

Ms Moon also thanked Dave Morton and Enid Wheeler and said the group was grateful for the support of Maureen, Peter, Ann, Brian, Grant and Kevin and fireworks supremos Graham and Dave.



● MUSIC, MUSIC: Camborne Town Band leads the procession



● WOW! Fenella Fern and daughter Lara, two, from Porthleven watching the fireworks



● TORCHES, TORCHES: Children enjoying the festivities



● ON THE MARCH: Cousins Ben Williams, 11, and Genevieve Allen, ten, from Porthleven with their torches



● STRIDING OUT: A couple of youngsters

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● Villagers rally together in Porthleven to help popular community resource

Fete provides boost for public hall



● FUNDRAISERS: Andrew Greenwood, Tim Davies and Richard Betts from 1st Porthleven scouts



● TAKE YOUR PICK: Lauren and Damien Cowlis try their luck at the Porthleven Line Dancers stall run by Claire Williams and Andrea Lewis

PORTHLEVEN public hall funds were boosted by £632 following a fete at the Harbour Head on Bank Holiday Monday. Glorious weather helped make a success of the event, which

featured a variety of stalls run by members of the hall's management committee and local groups who use the Wellington Road premises.

Treasurer Rosemary Williams

said regular fundraising events were held to help with on-going maintenance and to ensure groups could hire the hall at as low a rate as possible.



● FUNDRAISERS: Pat Adams and Jackie Norman push the boat out for the RNLI



● MIDFIELD BATTLE: Port's Dave Larsen (left) scraps for possession with Steve Opie



PORTHLEVEN 4 FALMOUTH TOWN 1
PORTHLEVEN were never in any real trouble against Falmouth Town at Gala Parc as they cruised to a comfortable 4-1 win in the Carlsberg SWL.

● ON THE MOVE: Port's Chris Strike makes a break along the flank

Photo: Colin Banfield

METHODIST CHURCH: The preacher for Sunday morning worship was Gerald Richard, whose theme was the goodness of God in the natural world. The organist was Roger Freeman. The evening service was led by the Rev Robert Ormesher, who preached on humility and hospitality. Paul Brown was the organist and the service included Holy Communion.

TEDDY TEA: An end-of-holiday teddy bears' picnic for the children was held on Wednesday in the chapel grounds, with nearly 40 bears attending. There were various competitions with prizes of jars of honey for the oldest bear and the best-dressed. The tea included a Mrs Bear's Cake, made and iced by Mildren Pyne, decorated with a Rupert motif. The bears' relay race was won by Jeremy Mitchell's team.

CRAFTS: The church craft group has been hard at work during July and August holding stalls on various occasions to market members' high-quality hand-made goods, and has raised more than £900 for the redevelopment fund in the two months.

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CAT IN CHIMNEY: A cat called Tigger brought the Gue to a standstill on Thursday afternoon when it became stuck on top of a chimney pot for more than 24 hours.

Felicity Cross, the RSPCA Animal Collection Officer was called but soon realised the situation was more serious than first thought, and it had to be dealt with by the local fire brigade. When they arrived, the cat was re-united with its grateful owner.

JUDO KWAI STALL: Porthleven Judo Kwai took part in the recent harbour head fete run by the public hall committee. They ran a stall and a boot at the car boot sale and raised £125.25 for the club. On the stall, people were encouraged to find the treasure on a treasure map, name a rabbit, guess the weight and guess the number of Lego bricks in a model car and the number of peas in a jar. Thanks went to local businesses who donated prizes and Geoff Turrell for donating items for the car boot.

RSPCA STALL: A stall arranged by the local auxiliary of the RSPCA was held on the harbour head and raised £203. On Saturday, the auxiliaries from Porthleven and Helston will be joining all the others throughout the county to assist at the annual open day at the RSPCA re-homing centre at Higher Quoit, near St Columb, from 11am-4pm. There will be stalls, games, a fun dog show, raffle and refreshments.

CHOIR AT CHURCH: A concert will be held in St. Bartholomew's Church tomorrow, at 7.45pm, by St Keverne Male Voice Choir, to raise money for the local ARC. Guest artiste will be Vivienne Lynne, and the chair will be taken by Tommy Bray, of Four Lanes.

CONCERT: A variety concert by local artistes will be given in the public hall, on Saturday, September 22. The chairman will be Vic Strike. Tickets are adults £3 and children £1.50, to include buffet supper. These will be available from the Harbour Shop, Fore Street. All proceeds are for public hall funds.

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SEVEN women raised £3,500 for the Methodist Church producing a range of hand-knitted items. From toys, to silk scarves to cards and shoes either knitted, stitched or paired all members



● The induction service for the new priest in charge of Porthleven with Sithney, the Rev Harry Pugh, was held at St Bartholomew's church in Porthleven last Wednesday evening. He was installed by the Bishop of Truro, the Right Rev Bill Ind. Mr Pugh, a bachelor, comes from the parish of Much Hoole, near Blackburn, where he was a member of a male voice choir. Other interests include gardening and education. He conducted his first service on Sunday, which was a joint service for both Porthleven and Sithney, to celebrate Sithney Church's patronal festival. Pictured (from left, back) are Mr Pugh, Bishop Bill and Archdeacon Rodney Whitehead. In the front are churchwardens Eric Mildren, Phil Smith, Mona Hooper and Beth Caddick. Picture by CloSP

Church members have wealth of talent



● Six of the seven Porthleven Methodist Church fundraisers. They are – back row (left to right): Dot Williams, Mary Christophers, Palma Prowse. Front: Marjorie Kitchen, Marjorie Thomas and Betty Lugg.

Picture CloSP

SEVEN women from Porthleven have raised £3,500 in two years for the Methodist Church redevelopment fund by producing and selling an extensive range of handmade goods.

From toys, lampshades, hand printed silk scarves to hot water bottle covers, cards and shopping bags everything is either knitted, embroidered, crocheted, stitched or painted by the women, who are all members of the church.

The craft group started two-and-a-half years ago after a flower festival held at the church incorporated an exhibition of needlework.

Realising the wealth of talent available the women decided to meet once a week on a Friday afternoon at the church.

Treasurer Marjorie Kitchen said: "We are all retired and the goods we make we sell in the summer to raise money for a

new church hall and kitchen."

After a successful summer season selling goods on the Harbour Head and at the spring fair, the women are now building up their stock in time for the annual Christmas fair to be held in Porthleven Public Hall in November.

The women, who also make many of the items in their spare time, welcome orders and donations of craft materials.

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JEAN BRYANT,
01326 572349



● **VIDEO SHOW:** On Wednesday, October 24, at Porthleven Public Hall, Roger Hosking will be giving a video show on Porthleven. Entry to the show which starts at 7.30pm is £3 and will include a pasty supper. Proceeds will be in aid of the Christmas lights. On Wednesday, November 28 at 7.30pm, there will be a concert by the Porthleven Town Band in aid of the Sunrise Appeal with the Trelawney Singers. The £3 entry will include a pasty supper.



● **DAMAGE:** Scenes like this at Porthleven in 1998 could be repeated with the highest tides of the year, expected next week

Towns face tidal threat

THE Westcountry's coastal communities have been warned to brace themselves for flooding next week when the highest tides of the year are expected around the region.

The Environment Agency said that if the high tides are accompanied by bad weather, vulnerable towns and villages along the Devon and Cornwall coastline will face flooding.

Graeme Boyce, flood warning manager for the Environment Agency, said the extent of the threat would depend heavily on wind direction and strength.

"A strong onshore wind can whip up waves and send spray over the top of quays and coastal roads so people who live in vulnerable spots may need to take action to protect themselves and their property," he said.

Many coastal towns in the Westcountry are protected by tidal flood defence schemes, but the Agency said even these may not provide sufficient protection.

Boscastle, Polperro and Looe in Cornwall and Bideford, Slapton and Hallsands in Devon are among those named as at risk.

The tide is expected to be at its highest on Tuesday and Wednesday night next week, but it will be at a dangerously high level all week before it begins to go down.

Environment Agency staff will be monitoring the weather across the weekend, and are ready to issue flood warnings if necessary.

Agency spokesman Ben Woodhouse yesterday admitted the weather forecast "looked bad" for the weekend, but said he hoped things would have improved by the beginning of next week.

"But if we get the right mixture of bad weather

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and high tides then anywhere is vulnerable," he conceded.

Mr Woodhouse said anyone at risk should take "appropriate precautions" to protect their property.

He advised those in coastal areas to move their cars into a safe position and put valuable possessions upstairs.

The Environment Agency has invested millions in recent years on tidal flood defence schemes, at Poole and Weymouth in Dorset and at Bude in Cornwall.

Construction of a new £4 million scheme for Bideford in North Devon is scheduled to begin in October.

The warning of possible tidal flooding next week coincides with the launch of the Environment Agency's new campaign to raise awareness of flooding.

The campaign, which officially gets under way on Monday, will feature television and newspaper advertising and direct mailing of those in flood risk areas.

"We will continue to invest in flood defences where possible but it is vital that everyone is aware of possible flooding and prepares for it," said Graeme Boyce.

"This winter we're urging people in vulnerable locations to make sure they know what to do should flooding strike."

■ For the latest information on the flooding situation call the Environment Agency's Floodline on 0845 988 1188.



● **LOOKING BACK:** Pupils of Porthleven CP School (the old board school) and their teacher pictured in 1947

Pat Adams, of Tremearne Road, Porthleven, can recall the names of all her classmates, pictured in 1947 at the old board school in Porthleven.

Pat, who was nine when the photograph was taken, says many of those pictured are still living locally.

Porthleven CP School (The Old Board School 1947)

Colin Pascoe, Donald Hendy, Derick Jones, Billy Williams, Colin Williams, Harry Searle, David Vincent, Larry Williams, Ivor Johns, George White, Ruth (née) Taylor, Lorna Thomas (née) Barber, Mary Davies, Keith Benney.

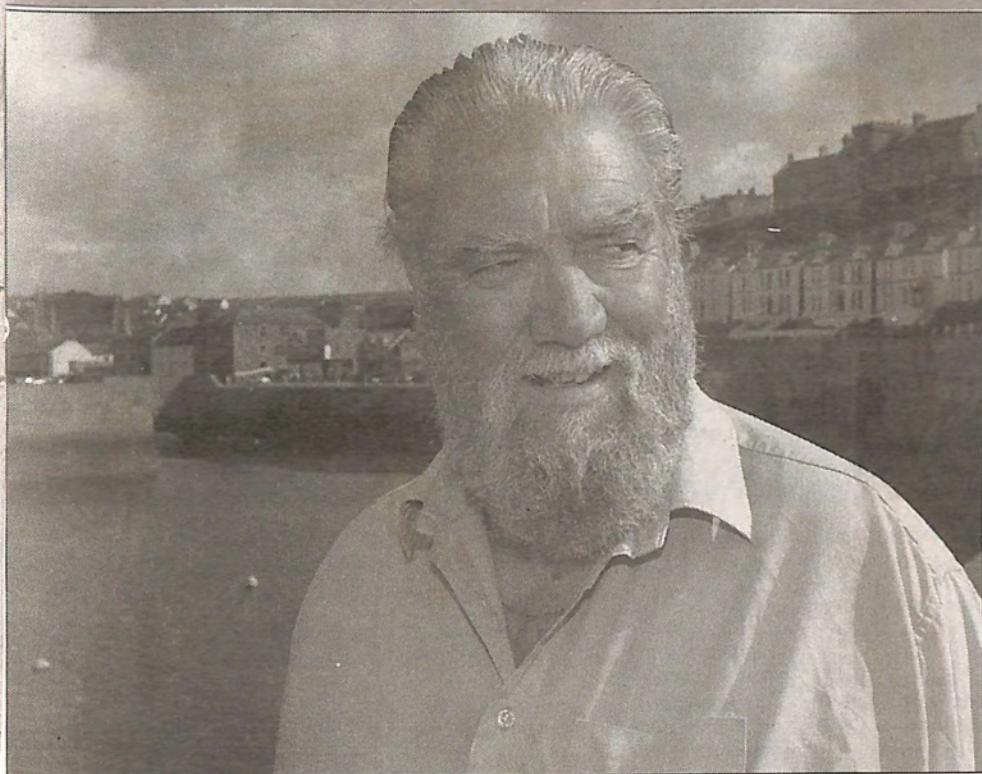
Verna (née) Blewett, Heather Nicholas (née) Hendy, Gillian (née) Harry, David Brown, Barbara (née) Dale, Heather (née) Williams, Patricia Adams (née) Boddy, Ann Moseley (née) Symonds.

Teacher Miss Cooper who later became Mrs Orchard, Christine Pascoe (née) Orchard, Ann Hendy (née) Beauchamp, Ursula Richards.



● At a reception in the Harbour Inn, Porthleven, on Friday, the oldest serving member of Porthleven Town Band, Lionel Williams, was presented with an inscribed tankard celebrating his recent retirement from the band after 40 years. Mr Williams, of Bickford Crescent, joined the band in 1937, starting with cornet playing and musical instruction. After National Service, he rejoined the band in the 1960s. Double bass player and friend Russell Cowsls presented Mr Williams with the tankard and the director of music, Francis Evans, paid tribute to his loyalty to the band and his musical expertise. As an added bonus the band's public relations officer, Mike Crowle, also presented Mr Williams with a bottle of whisky, having served his apprenticeship with him at the former South Western Electricity Board in Helston in the 1950s. Mr Williams has not completely cut all his ties with the band as he will continue to look after the bandroom and the music library. Mr Williams is pictured receiving his gift from Mr Cowsls, watched by (left) past president Dr Leonard Miller and chairman Paul Bates, and (right) Mr Evans.

Picture by Colin Ross



● **GRATEFUL:** Heart patient Ken Matthews owes his life to the skills of hospital doctors

A PATIENT whose life was saved by surgeons after a friend became concerned about his health on a holiday trip to Canada has shown his appreciation by raising more than £2,000 for a hospital.

Ken Matthews, 65, of Porthleven, was so grateful that doctors were able to move fast to perform a triple heart bypass on him that he gave the proceeds of a party and auction in his garden to the Coronary Care Unit Fund at Treリスケ.

Retired businessman Mr Matthews said: "I was told after the operation in Derriford that if I had had to wait 18 months to go there or elsewhere for the operation, I would not be here today. I consider myself to be a very lucky man."

A new £500,000 cardiac angioplasty unit at the Royal Cornwall Hospital, Treリスケ, to diagnose and treat heart disease, is already meaning the difference between life and death for patients.

Dr Bill Smith, medical director of the Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust, said that emergency heart treatment was already being carried out at Treリスケ on a regular basis.

Elective heart surgery, for less urgent patients on a waiting list, is to begin there next month after the public launch of the facility last autumn.

Dr Smith said: "This is a fantastic development, enabling the people of Cornwall to have their heart treatment much nearer to home."

"At the moment people are coming in almost on death's door, having an operation and able to go home fit and well within two days."

"Before, we were sending all patients needing heart surgery up to Plymouth and London."

"So a patient would have known that he had heart disease and would have been classed as an

CLARE MORGAN

emergency, but would have had to sit and wait.

"These people can now be treated at the time, when every minute really matters."

"Instead of a patient with a really damaged heart, you are looking at a patient who is able to lead a really normal life."

Since the angioplasty unit opened the RCHT has employed an extra cardiologist and is hoping to employ another as the service develops, along with more technicians, nurses and radiographers.

The hospital's capacity to perform angioplasty, where a tube is inserted to widen narrowing arteries, and also heart by-passes will gradually increase so less and less people have to travel out of Cornwall.

Mr Matthews is certain of the benefits that the new system in Cornwall can provide.

He said: "I am lucky to be alive because I had no idea that anything was wrong."

He had gone on holiday to Canada with a group of friends, one of whom was a doctor.

Mr Matthews said: "When I got home one of those friends took me aside and said that the doctor was really worried about my breathlessness."

"I replied that of course I was breathless because I was 64 and I no athlete. But he wanted me to go for a check up, so I did."

"The next thing I knew I was seeing a cardiologist who told me I needed a triple heart bypass. I could have fallen out of bed."

"But there were no hiccups with the operation at Derriford. Within five days I was back in the village walking around. The service was brilliant."

Football's sorrow at passing of 'Mr Porthleven'

● By LEON PRYNN

ONE of West Cornwall's best-known footballing characters, Joe Pascoe, died at his home last Thursday. He was 71.

Despite not having played any competitive football, Joe Pascoe was one of the best-known faces in Cornish football and his passing will mark the end of a special era for Porthleven Football Club.

He had often been referred to as "Mr Porthleven," a name which reflected his unstinting work for the club when they were a country mile from the lofty status they enjoy today.

A great lover of all sport, during the summer Joe would also help the local cricket club by donning the white coat and umpiring their matches.

Just like when at the football club, Joe enjoyed his time on the cricket club's committee.

One of those who knew Joe well was Chris Smitheran, who over the years has been a big fan of the club and still maintains a healthy interest by chronicling the club's history in scrapbooks with their weekly match reports and other archive material.

"I was only a lad when I first knew Joe, but I know that if it wasn't for Joe, Porthleven wouldn't be where they are today," said Chris. "They might not even have been here as a club."

"In my opinion, Porthleven's success can be traced back to Joe Pascoe in the 1950s and that is where the roots of the club's progress began."

When he took over in the 1950s Porthleven had 4s 8d (just under 25p) in the kitty. In those days they were using Sunset Farm for a ground and they were playing in the Cornwall Senior League division two against sides such as Helston Reserves.

"A Mrs Williams used to make the tea, but there was only enough funds for 12 cups, 11 for the players and one for Mr Pascoe!"

"He was a very popular man and I can honestly say that I never heard one person say a bad word about him or criticise him. Wherever the club went, everyone knew Joe and were always pleased to see him."

Joe Pascoe held the reins of treasurer in the early 1950s, but soon took over as secretary in 1954, a post he held until 1979 when the dual roles of secretary and full-time club steward proved too onerous for just one person.

"When he was secretary in the early days he did everything," said Mr Smitheran. "Manager, secretary, groundsman, you name it - he was one of those men who would do anything and everything and was completely unflappable. He took everything in his stride. If we were



Joe Pascoe

at a ground 30 miles away and six players short ten minutes before kick-off, he wouldn't worry about it or bat an eyelid."

It was not only at local level that Joe was held in such high esteem, but also at county level and it is often said that his warmth was most beneficial to the club when he attended disciplinary hearings. County officials, it is said, found it difficult to be too harsh because of Joe's wonderful nature.

Despite not enjoying good health for the last two years and not being able to see too well, Joe would always be at the ground with friends telling him what was going on in the game, and only two weeks ago Joe was at Gala Parc with his brother, Mike, who took him to the match against Liskeard.

"I can't emphasise the importance of the contribution made to Porthleven Football Club by Joe Pascoe," said Mr Smitheran. "It was his work in the 1950s that was the catalyst for today's success."

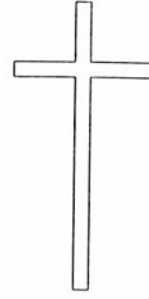
That sentiment was echoed by present club chairman Mr Leonard Williams.

"In the old days Joe Pascoe was the backbone of the club and he could best be described as an ambassador for Porthleven Football Club," said Leonard. "Everyone was pleased to deal with him from club secretaries to the county officials."

"He had what you would probably describe as an 'old school' attitude and possessed a wonderful demeanour."

"In all the time I knew him I never once heard him criticise or have a bad word to say about anyone. Joe was a personal friend and he will be sadly missed by everyone in Cornish football."

The funeral service takes place this Friday at 2.30 pm at Fore Street Methodist Church, Porthleven.



APPRECIATION

Lillian wishes to express her gratitude for all the kindness and sympathy shown in thought and deed and for your attendance at the Funeral Service.

Service conducted by:
Rev. R. Ormesher and Lester Scott

Funeral Directors:
David Mitchell & Son, Porthleven

Donations for Stroke Association

IN LOVING MEMORY

of

ROGER

Devoted and Loving Son of Lillian and the Late Jim
who passed away suddenly but peacefully at home on

TUESDAY, 16th OCTOBER, 2001

Aged 59 years

Funeral Service at Porthleven Methodist Chapel
on Saturday, 20th October, 2001 at 2.00 p.m.

Obituary

Mr Roger Trace

THERE was a large number of friends who attended the funeral service of Mr Roger Trace, aged 59 years, who died suddenly at his home.

The service was conducted by the Rev Robert Ormesher, and a tribute to Roger's life was given by Mr Lester Scott a friend of the family. As the cortege entered the church the choir sang The White Rose, and on leaving they sang My Way. Interment followed at Porthleven cemetery.

Roger was well known and well liked in the fishing village of Porthleven. The only son of Lillian and the late Jim Trace, he was born and lived in Porthleven all his life.

He attended Porthleven Board School and the Hayle Grammar School. On leaving school he became a postman and he worked at Helston Post Office.

Roger attended Porthleven Methodist Chapel where he was a member. He attended the Sunday school and was a member of the church choir. Roger was very musical and played in Porthleven,

Hayle and St Stithians Bands; he was also a member of Treverva male voice choir.

Suitable music and the well chosen hymns, Loved with Everlasting Love, In Heavenly Love Abiding and What a Friend We Have In Jesus, were played at the organ by Mr S Dullon of Treverva male voice choir. Represented at the service were Hayle, Helston, Porthleven and Pendeen Bands, Holmans-Climax male voice choir, Chacewater and Carnon Vale male voice choir, Mousehole male voice choir, Porthleven town council and the Foresters.

The chosen bearers were Messrs D Burleigh, K Tresidder, D Floyd, P Combellack, T Nicholas, L Williams.

Family mourners: Mrs Lillian Trace, mother; Mrs J Mitchell, aunt; Mr and Mrs J Mitchell, Mr and Mrs P Combellack, Mrs A Harrington, Angela and David Mitchell, Darren Mitchell, Nicola Mitchell, Dorothy Richards, Muriel Trembath, Mr and Mrs A Oliver, Mrs F Hall, Mrs A Berryman, Mrs S Laity, cousins.

Funeral director: David Mitchell & Son, Porthleven.

IN heavenly love abiding,
No change my heart shall fear;
And safe is such confiding,
For nothing changes here:
The storm may roar without me,
My heart may low be laid;
But God is round about me,
And can I be dismayed?

Wherever He may guide me,
No want shall turn me back;
My Shepherd is beside me,
And nothing can I lack:

His wisdom ever waketh,
His sight is never dim;
He knows the way He taketh,
And I will walk with Him.

Green pastures are before me,
Which yet I have not seen;
Bright skies will soon be o'er me,
Where the dark clouds have been:
My hope I cannot measure,
My path to life is free:
My Saviour has my treasure,
And He will walk with me.

WHAT a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness:
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge:
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Contest helps raise £350

● By STAFF REPORTER



● **HELPING HAND:** Margaret Jones, organiser of the event

SOME innovative fundraising ideas helped the Spar store in Helston raise £350 for Macmillan Cancer Relief.

The store was taking part in the charity's annual World's Biggest Coffee Morning event, but combined the more traditional cuppa with a teddy bear raffle and sponsored pajama wear.

Providing the most entertainment, however, was a jam doughnut eating competition won by Tristan Sharrinton in a time of 43.5 seconds.

Owner Sue Sharrinton said the store had been delighted to support the fundraising initiative.

Another coffee morning held at Porthleven public hall on Friday raised £220 for Macmillan.

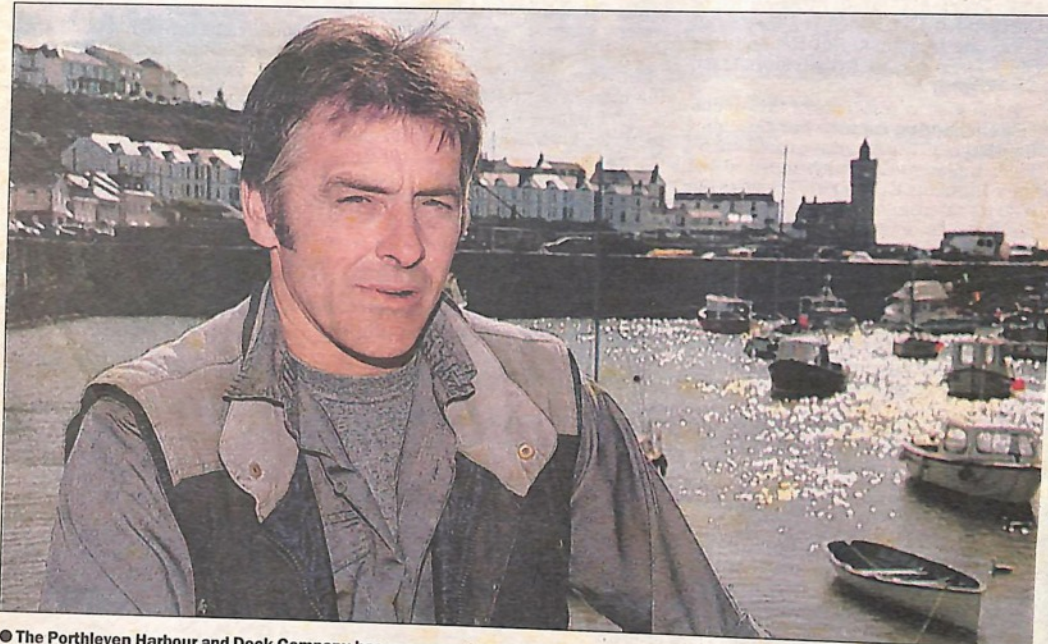
Organiser Margaret Jones, who works at the port's post office, said it had been a brilliant morning and very well supported.



● **ENJOYING TEA:** Maureen Cooper, Florence Ferris and Olive Polglase



● **IN MEMORIAM:** By Barbara Diston, chairwoman of the memorial service for the late George W...



● The Porthleven Harbour and Dock Company has announced that, following the retirement of Captain Ken Milburn as harbour master it has appointed Phillip Ward, of Porthleven (pictured above). Mr Milburn retired at the end of September after five-and-a-half years. Mr Ward is appointed in addition to his existing duties as the company's premises manager, a position he has held for seven years. In the past Mr Ward, who is married with two children, aged 15 and 17, often acted as deputy to the harbour master. He took on his new responsibilities from October 1. In expressing his pleasure at Mr Ward's appointment, the chairman of the Harbour and Dock Company, Trevor Osborne, paid testimony to the role played by Mr Milburn in his role as harbour master. He expressed his gratitude to Mr Milburn for his unstinting work not only for the company and its harbour but for the village. Picture by Colin Ross

Trethowan - Wiles



Carbis Bay Hotel was the setting for the wedding of Steven George Trethowan, only son of the late Dennis Trethowan and Jane Trethowan, of Porthleven, and Tara Sarah Anne Wiles, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Knight, of Helston. Picture - Howard Phillips



● **SOLEMN MOMENT:** Jack at the memorial watched...



● **HARVEST HOME:** Youngsters hand out the produce to members of Age Concern



● **JUST FOR YOU:** Andrew Neville hands a tray of fruit and vegetables to Jean Willey

THE generation gap was bridged in Porthleven last week when pupils from the village school spent the afternoon with members of the local branch of Age Concern.

Welcomed to the public hall by branch chairman Sheila Richards, the youngsters enchanted their audience with a collection of songs and music, including a flute solo by Claire-Louise Auguste and accompaniment by Emma Bassett.

Branch secretary Nancy Reynolds paid tribute to the pupils, saying members were unlikely to hear anything as "fresh and lovely" for some time.

The visit coincided with the school's harvest festival - held the previous day - and the youngsters were able to carry out the traditional distribution of produce themselves.

An array of goods were handed out and none of the older generation went home empty-handed.

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● **IN MEMORIAM:** By Guy Gibson's memorial are Jack Rathbone, RAFA president; Barbara Diston, chairman; Jack Cook, vice-chairman; Alison Ashall, secretary; Gordon Dunnell and George Wright, members; and Michael Gale, supporter



● **SOLEMN MOMENT:** Jack Rathbone lays a wreath at the memorial watched by Barbara Diston

Royal Air Force Association lays wreath at war hero's memorial

PORTHLEVEN war hero Wing Commander Guy Gibson was remembered when a wreath was laid at his memorial in the port during a brief ceremony on Friday.

Members of the Helston branch of the Royal Air Force Association, which organised the tribute this year, were joined at Porthleven cemetery by local residents Michael Gale and Jim Stokes, who have been stalwarts of the ceremony in previous years.

RAFA president Jack Rathbone read the dedication before laying the wreath.

Wing Commander Gibson, who spent much of his youth in Porthleven, was awarded the Victoria Cross for his brave exploits during the Second World War.

He died when his plane crashed in Steenberg, Holland, on September 19, 1944.

A memorial was erected in Porthleven cemetery on September 19, 1989 - the 45th anniversary of his death.

A wreath was laid at the grave in Steenberg on Friday at around the same time as the Porthleven ceremony was taking place.

Judo club raises funds for panto

Despite the exhausting schedule, all the children had enough energy afterwards to participate in games on the mat.

With two new 2nd Kyus to add to the three Dan grades who regularly coach members on the mat, the club is poised to increase membership and participation in competitions.

February. Each year the children are sponsored by family and friends to perform a set of gruelling judo exercises and techniques.

All the children had to complete eight sets of exercises, plus breakfasts with the primaries doing five of each set and the juniors 10.

PORTHLEVEN Judo Kwai members held a fundraising evening on Friday.

A total of £283 was raised which will go towards the cost of the Christmas trip to see the pantomime at RNAS Culdrose and, hopefully, to send members to the international judo championships in London next

● **WIVES CLUB:** Members of the Wives Club were welcomed back after their summer break by Mrs Estelle Kitts, their chairman, at their meeting on Friday evening. It was their Harvest Festival service, and the evening's speaker was Miss P Jory of Ashton. A collection was taken in lieu of the usual gifts of produce, for the Sunrise Appeal, and this realised the sum of £110. The pianist was Mrs Margaret Rosewarne, and thanks were expressed by Mrs Marjorie Thomas. The evening concluded with a pasty supper.

● **CHURCHYARD SALE:** The recent churchyard sale at St Bartholomew's Church raised £108 for church funds.

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Holidaymaker drowns swimming at Loe Bar

THE dangers of Loe Bar beach, near Porthleven, were highlighted last week when a holidaymaker fishing off the beach was swept out to sea and drowned.

Alan Clark, 69, from Hayling Island, near Portsmouth, Hampshire, was fishing with a friend last Thursday morning when a large wave caught him unawares.

His friend initially tried to go in and rescue him, but was forced back by the heavy swell and instead contacted the Coastguard.

A rescue helicopter from RNAS Culdrose which was carrying out a training exercise over Falmouth Bay was sent to the scene and located Mr Clark around 100 yards from the shoreline.

A winchman was lowered but had to

● **By LAURA PARSONS**

be brought back into the aircraft after being struck by a large wave and swallowing a lot of water.

A second member of the crew was lowered and recovered Mr Clark to the helicopter, which then flew to the Royal Cornwall Hospital, Triliske.

Despite repeated efforts by the crew to resuscitate the casualty, he was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital.

The winchman suffered only minor injuries and was back on duty at Culdrose later in the day.

A Coastguard spokesman said the tragedy had occurred after Mr Clark waded out into shallow water to cast off.

Loe Bar, owned by the National Trust, is a notoriously dangerous

beach and signs are in place warning people not to swim because of strong currents and undertows.

Alistair Cameron, the trust's countryside manager for The Lizard, said signage had been improved following a site risk assessment last year.

"We recognise that it is a dangerous place and advise people not to enter the water," he said.

"Unfortunately, it is one of those places that sometimes does not look dangerous and people sometimes ignore the signs."

In addition to the warning signs, an emergency phone is located at Bar Lodge and new information boards around Penrose alert people to the dangers of the bar.

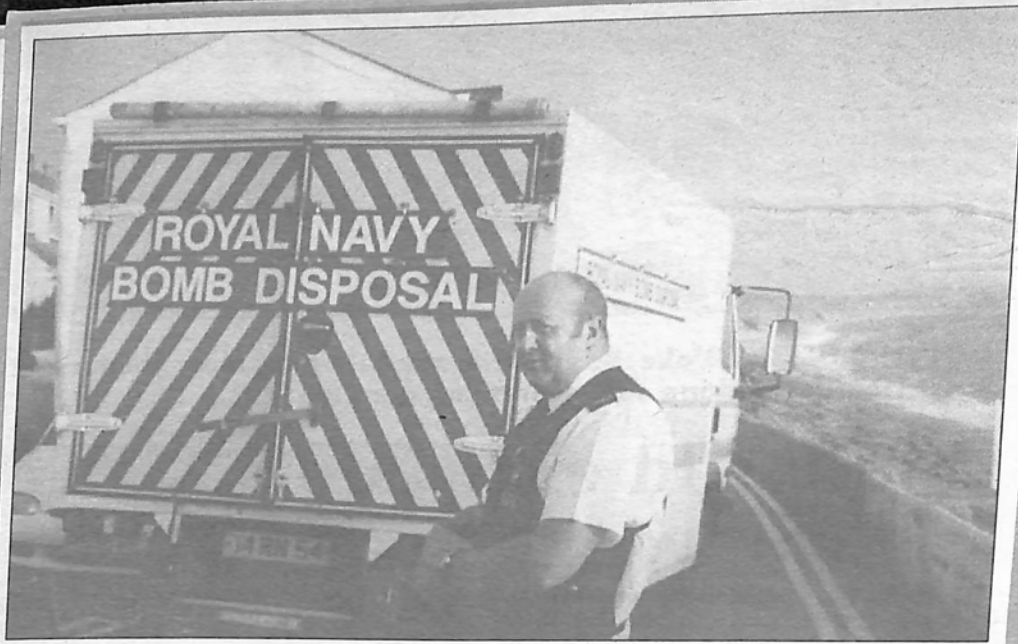
An inquest into Mr Clark's death was opened by West Cornwall coroner Edward Carlyon on Friday and adjourned for further enquiries.

Monument for jubilee proposed

PORTHLEVEN town councillors are to consider setting funds aside in next year's budget for a permanent memento to mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee next June.

Discussing the matter at a meeting last week, members said celebrations in the port could include street parties, fireworks, a parade or a carnival.

Charles Budd said he would like to see something more permanent, such as a monument or a lamp, because it was such a unique occasion.



● **KEEP AWAY:** Special Constable Dave Blanning, who is also chairman of Porthleven town council, stops people from going along the road above the beach

Beach closed in alert over 'suspicious' box

A LARGE area of the beach at Porthleven was closed for over five hours last Thursday when a "suspicious" box found on the beach was blown up by a Royal Navy bomb disposal team.

The box, which police later said was some kind of specialist battery device, was discovered by a member of the public at around 1.30pm.

WPc Lesley Loring, the first

● **By LAURA PARSONS**

officer on the scene, said the box was small and green, with coloured wires protruding from it and what appeared to be an upturned watch face taped to the top.

The beach was cleared and the navy team, who attended from Plymouth, took X-rays showing cylindrical objects and more wires inside the box.

A controlled explosion was eventually carried out, but

the box was not found to be dangerous.

Inspector Barry Tripp, from Helston police station, said: "It looked extremely suspicious but it was certainly not an explosive device and did not represent any danger to the public."

"It would appear to be some kind of specialist battery device which probably came overboard from a ship."

Insp Tripp urged people not to touch any suspicious items and to report them to the police immediately.

Harbour crane should be saved

THE crane which lifts and lowers the baulks between Porthleven's inner and outer harbours should be restored to working order not demolished, town councillors have said.

Lives could be put at risk, it was claimed, if plans to remove the hoisting derrick and replace it with a mobile crane were given the go ahead by district councillors.

Part of the ageing baulk crane has already been demolished because it is in an unsafe condition.

Meeting last week, town councillors considered an application for listed building consent for the removal of the entire structure.

Arthur Roberts, chairman of the Porthleven Fishermen and Boatowners' Association,

told the meeting the Porthleven Harbour Act of 1869 gave fishermen the right to raise and lower the baulks.

A special licence was needed to use the mobile crane, he said, and its introduction meant the fishermen's rights were being taken away.

Fellow association member Gerald Richards said the fishermen would be dependent on the one person able to operate the crane being around 24 hours a day in case an emergency arose.

Mr Richards, whose great grandfather built part of the harbour wall, said the baulk crane was an integral part of the harbour and it was the duty of the harbour owner to restore it to working order.

"If the harbour is not maintained, Porthleven is finished. It is only attractive to visitors because of the harbour. It is the heart of the village," he said.

Councillors raised the possibility that granting the planning application would be illegal because removal of the crane would "obstruct the implementation of the controlling Act of Parliament".

Leaving the question of legality aside, members agreed they could not support the application and wished to see the crane restored to working order, both because it was part of the community's heritage and on grounds of maritime safety.

"Porthleven is the most southerly port of refuge in the country," said chairman Dave Blanning. "If those boards are down and there is nobody there from the Harbour and Dock Company to operate the new crane, anyone in danger would not be able to get in."

harbour wall 'bodge-up'

CONCERNS over temporary repairs to part of the harbour wall at Porthleven have prompted town councillors to contact the Government department responsible for listing buildings and other structures.

Members decided to contact a higher authority after Kerrier district council failed to respond to concerns first raised six months ago relating to the repairs.

The town council supported a retrospective planning application for temporary repairs to a section of the harbour wall which had been in a poor condition for well over two years.

Members said they would be glad to see the "unsightly" safety fencing removed, but queried the timescale for a more permanent repair.

Concerns were also expressed over the suitability of the materials used in repairing a Grade Two listed structure and why existing capping stones could not be replaced once the work had been carried out.

At a council meeting last week, there was frustration that Kerrier had still not responded to the points raised.

"We have asked simple questions and Kerrier are not replying," said chairman Dave Blanning. "The harbour is the centre of our community and it is falling down. We cannot allow that to happen."

Gill Menhennet, who described the repairs as a "bodge-up," said the work which had been carried out bore little resemblance to the plans the council had been asked to comment on.

Members, who have already taken their concerns to local MP Andrew George and to MAFF (now DEFRA), decided to contact the Department for Culture, Media and Sport because the concerns related to a listed structure.

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Concern over wall referred to MP

CONCERNS raised by Porthleven town councillors over temporary repairs to part of the harbour wall are to be raised at a meeting between local MP Andrew George and Kerrier district council.

Work was carried out earlier this year on a section of wall which had been in a poor condition for well over two years.

Town councillors welcomed the removal of "unsightly" security fencing installed following a partial collapse of the wall, but wanted to know how long it would be before more permanent repairs were carried out.

Concerns over the materials used in repairing the Grade Two listed structure were also raised.

When Kerrier, which was considering a retrospective planning application relating to the work, failed to respond to their concerns, town councillors contacted Mr George, in addition to two Government departments.

The MP has now offered to set up a meeting with Kerrier to discuss the matter further.

In a letter sent to the town council last week, Kerrier's chief planning officer Steve Bott said local concerns had been raised with the agent for the Porthleven Harbour and Dock Company.

In response, the agent had said full repairs to the quay were dependent on securing grant aid and the company was looking for a DEFRA-funded scheme being promoted by the district council.

"Emergency" repairs had been carried out because the condition of the wall was deteriorating.

The situation was being monitored and further temporary supports would be added if necessary.

Ship Ahoy! in Porthleven Methodist Church

Town council gets new bus shelter

BUS passengers in Porthleven are enjoying the benefits of a brand new shelter in Wellington Road, thanks to the efforts of their town council.

The dilapidated state of the previous shelter - condemned as an "eyesore" at one of the main entrances to the port - had long been a matter of concern for local councillors.

Kerrier district council, which owned the shelter, did not have funds available for its repair, so town councillors decided to take matters into their own hands.

The old shelter was demolished and a new one - financed by the town council - erected in its place.

At a council meeting last week, members said passengers appeared to be happy with the new shelter, although the need for a seat for the elderly had been raised.

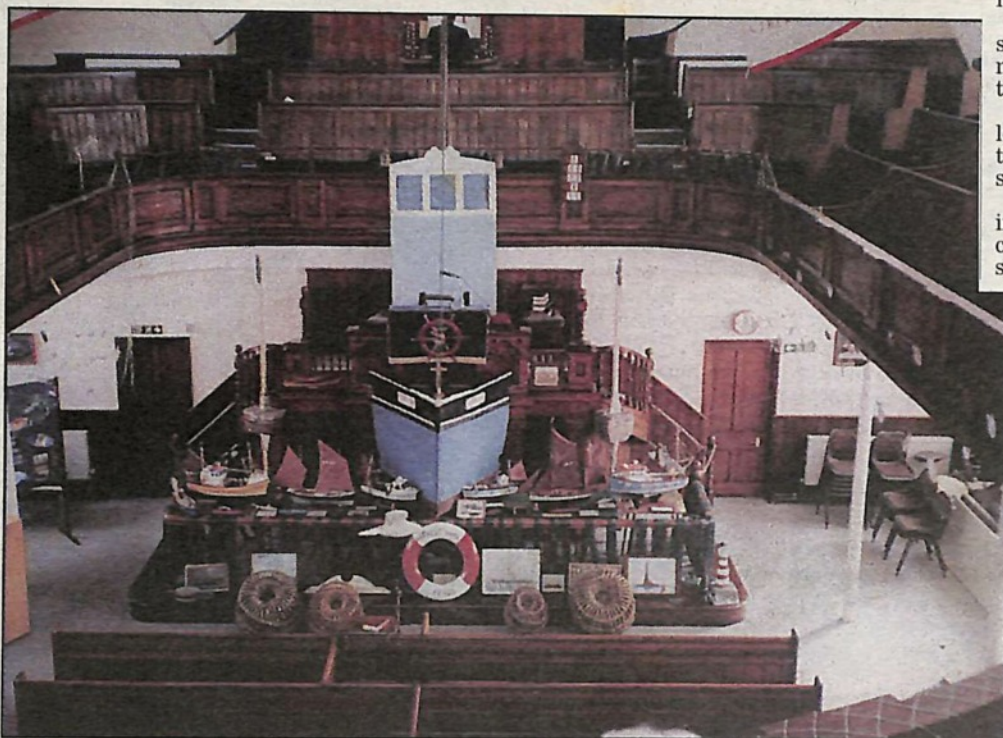
Gill Menhennet said installing a seat could lead to problems with youths congregating at the shelter and councillors agreed to leave the situation as it was for the time being.

It had also been suggested that the small lip in front of the shelter could make access difficult for people in wheelchairs and members said they would look into the matter.

Porthleven Methodist Church held its Harvest of the Sea Services over the weekend of October 27 / 28. On the Saturday evening the congregation were entertained by Sisters In Song aka Betty Gilbert, Peggy Toy and Valerie Wallace accompanied by Nigel Dower, and heard Poems read by Elsie Balme. The evening was rounded off with delicious pasties and puddings.

The church had been fantastically decorated with a centrepiece in front of the altar and nets strewn across the overhead balcony full of fish. Around the walls were flags with the names of vessels such as Isabel, and a real marine atmosphere had been created.

On the Sunday morning, the large congregation had ventured into the October



mist to listen to Mr Bobbie Jewell who was preaching at the service. The songs were chosen from a selection on the Royal National Mission To Deep Sea Fishermen hymn sheet. The RNMDSF is a Christian organisation that has been

caring for Fishermen since 1881 and the congregation were able to make contributions to this cause during the service.

The children of Porthleven School held their own special service on the following Tuesday.

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● Porthleven Methodist Church was beautifully decorated for the traditional Harvest of the Sea celebrations over the weekend. Pictured putting the finishing touches to the altar are Percy Orchard (left) and Gerald Richards. Many people enjoyed a special concert and pasty and pudding supper on Saturday evening, and there were large congregations for both Sunday services. Sisters Peggy Toy, Betty Gilbert and Valerie Wallace sang at Saturday's concert, accompanied by Nigel Dower. Elsie Balme read a selection of poems and a musical background for some of the poetry was provided by Paul Brown. With the supper which followed, the evening raised about £150 for the church's redevelopment fund. On Sunday, the guest speaker for the day was former fisherman Bobbie Jewell, who now lives in The Wirral. The men's choir, directed by David Richards, sang at both services and Roger Freeman was organist for the day. Picture by CloSP

Need to co-ordinate over harbour lights

LIGHTS around the harbour in Porthleven are an asset to the community - provided they are working properly, a town councillor said last week.

Speaking at Thursday's council meeting, John Strike said the port's lights committee did a good job but there were one or two issues which needed addressing.

"The lights look lovely when they are working properly, but they have been on and off, some are looking rough and the poles are bent. It looks a bit shanty town-ish."

Mr Strike said he had twice asked for a metal frame holding one of the light displays, to be taken down after Christmas instead of leaving it as an "eyesore" during the summer months, but nothing had happened.

"I am not criticising. I just think we need a bit more liaison with them on this," he said.

Council chairman Dave Blanning pointed out that the council paid the electricity bill for the lights and some consultation with the committee would not go amiss.

"Although we fund a portion of it we have no say in it whatsoever," he said. "Surely it would not be unreasonable to ask what their plans are for this Christmas - even just to find out when they intend to put them up."

Members agreed to write to the lights committee to ask about their future plans.



● **PORTHLEVEN:** District councillor Godfrey Stephens at the Porthleven service, with parish councillor Jim Stokes and parish chairman Dave Blanning in the background



● **SETTING THE STANDARD:** Young standard bearers at the memorial in Porthleven



● **LEADING THE PARADE:** Porthleven town band leads the parade through the village

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Good sign for church

PORTHLEVEN town councillors have said they will give further thought to a request from local vicar the Rev Harry Pugh for improved signing to St Bartholomew's Church. Members said they supported the idea in principle but the highways department was responsible for such matters and there were other issues such as planning permission to be taken into account.

Tree must stay on site of old garage

THE new owner of the former garage at Wellmoor, Porthleven, will not be able to lop or fell the former Christmas tree at the site without permission from Kerrier Council.

Fears among local people over the future of the tree had led Porthleven town councillors to contact Kerrier for advice, it was said at their council meeting last Thursday evening.

They have now been assured that the tree is in a conservation area, and the new owner is going to be contacted by Kerrier to be made aware of this.

The council has also received a letter expressing concern that the building itself, for which there is planning permission to convert it into three dwellings, might be demolished without planning permission.

The council has sent a copy of the letter to Kerrier Council requesting that no demolition work be allowed without planning permission being obtained first.

CONSTANTINE Orchard - Osborne



Married at St Constantine Church were Richard Graham Orchard, youngest son of Percy and Kathleen Orchard, of Porthleven, and Demelza Rosemary Tamsyn Osborne, only daughter of Eric and Val Osborne, of Mawgan. The groom is a bench joiner, the bride is a care assistant.

Porthleven wild about plans for amenity area

PLANS for environmental improvements at the amenity area in Porthleven could be in line for grant funding, town councillors were told last week.

A representative from an organisation named Doorstep Greens has visited the site to consider whether the council can apply for funding towards improvements to the pond and the creation of a wildflower meadow.

Public support for the project would have to be ascertained before the council could apply to Doorstep Greens, whose average grant is around 70 per cent of the total project cost - up to £50,000.

At Thursday's council meeting, members said the scheme would make the area much more attractive and could create a haven for wildlife.

Wrecking said to run in blood of the cast

AVID film maker Vic Strike of Porthleven wrote the script, cast local people, directed and produced a short film in just three weeks to enter a national competition open to all camcorder clubs.

Vic, a member of Falmouth Camcorder Club, said: "The theme of the competition was water so I wrote *The Price to Pay*, based on the wreckers of Germoe and Breage, those who were most feared during the 19th century. There have been stories and poems written about them."

The film has been entered in the southern heat of the competition organised by the Orpington Video and Film Makers.

The best five films from the southern and northern heats will then be shown at the grand final on January 20, in Farnborough, Kent.

The film was shot at Godolphin House, Methleigh Farm, and on the cliffs in and around Porthleven. Vic said: "I used local people as actors who were not chosen for their acting capabilities but because they've got wrecking in their blood. They were a wonderful bunch of people who worked hard as most of it was filmed by candlelight in a storm. They enjoyed



● The motley crew who took part in Vic Strike's *The Price to Pay*. Picture by Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Press

themselves so much they want to do it again."

His wife Monica helped with costumes and research and Sue Gilbert of Mullion made replicas of wreckers' shirts of 200 years ago. Daughter Mandy Auguste and granddaughter Claire-Louise were

the make-up artists. Mandy also helped Vic to edit the film.

Cast members were Peter Hitchens, Raymond Pascoe, Paul Hunter, Phillip Ward, Malcolm Pascoe, Michael Perkins, Stephen Williams, Ricky Coupland, David Thomas, Kenneth Matthews, Sally

Dawson, Kathy Pascoe, Graham Fern and Jackdaw the horse.

Vic, who has also captured a year in the life of Porthleven School on film to raise money for musical instruments, is hoping to have a local showing of the film in the Public Hall at Porthleven.

Bygone days: Greg Nicholas recalls a former football team



FOR this week's Bygone Days, we travel to Porthleven for a look at the 1960s and a past Porthleven Football Club team.

The picture was lent by Derek Richards, a long-standing stalwart of the club, who is in the picture, standing fourth from the left.

When I first saw the photograph, I immediately spotted an old school mate of mine, Vidal James.

We played competitive house soccer games at school in Helston. It is so long ago I cannot remember if we were in the same house or opposing ones.

I can, however, remember that I was captain of Tregonning House and red was our colour.

Others I recognise include Paddy Morris and Mike Orchard.

Paddy, unfortunately, is no longer with us, but during his life he was an enthusiastic sportsman who loved all games.

Mike, who played South Western League football and is still a staunch supporter of Porthleven FC, went on to play as a defender for Cornwall, if my memory serves me right.

This picture is of the club's West Penwith League team of that era and

the line-up, starting back row left to right, is: Peter Williams, Eric Trembath, Michael Rosewarne, Derek Richards, Michael Pascoe, Mike Orchard and Vidal James, who later went on to keep goal for the first team and is now an officer with the club.

The front row features Joe Hendy, Roy Pascoe, John Barber, Brian Kempthorne and Paddy Morris.

Queen's Golden Jubilee 'should highlight young people'

YOUNG people should be at the heart of celebrations in Porthleven to mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee, a resident of the port said last week.

Speaking at Thursday's town council meeting, Mike Degan suggested some kind of "living monument" should mark the

momentous occasion, rather than the customary bench or similar inanimate object.

Mr Degan asked councillors to consider the possibility of two "junior civic dignitaries" being elected from among pupils at Porthleven School, who would hold the role for a year and then pass it on to fellow pupils in future years.

The post-holders would have

specific tasks, for example opening local events and playing a prominent role on Lifeboat Day.

"In 20 years' time we would have had 40 youngsters who would have taken part in this," said Mr Degan. "The jubilee is all about communities and I think this would create good community awareness for many years to come."

He said another advantage would be the minimal cost, but added that the idea was still at a very early stage.

Councillors, who have asked local residents to come up with ideas for celebrating the jubilee, said Mr Degan's suggestion would be considered along with all others put forward.



PORTHLEVEN TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER - Edition 2, No 5

Welcome once again to our Town Newsletter. We hope you had a good summer and have also enjoyed to recent warm weather. Thank you to all the contributors for this edition and we hope that you will all support the various groups and activities mentioned.

PORTHLEVEN GIG CLUB.

The demand on 'Energetic' has now got to the stage where a second gig is essential so we will soon be building a second pilot gig for use by club members, hopefully in time for next season.

We would like to invite everyone to help find a name for this gig, which must have some relevance to Porthleven and/or the sport of gig racing. In submitting your entry we would like you to say (in under 60 words) the reason for your chosen name, entries should be placed in the box provided which will be in the Post Office and should also include your name, address and phone number. To help finance the new gig we are asking people to buy copper nails for £1 each, (there will be 4,000!).

If you would like to support the club, without actually rowing but helping in other ways, you can become a Social Member for an annual fee of £5. If you would like to row and train in the gig then membership is £10 p.a. for adults and £5 for Juniors, with all the equipment supplied.

For any further information please contact Ted or Joyce Gundry on (01326-561784).

PORTHLEVEN PUBLIC HALL (registered Charity no. 261124)

The Management Committee of the Public Hall are grateful to all those who have supported their fund-raising events to enable the refurbishment to be completed. They would like to invite all members of the community to join them for a cup of tea or coffee on Tuesday 27th November, between 2pm and 4pm.

The Hall continues by a variety of groups from the community but there are still some times when it is not in use. It is an ideal venue for parties, receptions, meetings, etc. and available dates are obtainable from the Bookings Secretary (Mrs R Williams, tel. 57293).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 28th November

Concert for the "Sunrise Appeal" with Porthleven Town Band and the Trelawney Singers, at 7.30pm. Tickets £3 to include pasty supper.

Saturday 15th December

Christmas Concert by Hayle Male Voice and Hayle Ladies Choirs, at 7.30pm. Tickets £2.50 Adults, £1 children available from the Harbour Shop, Fore Street or Phyllis Arthur, Colarth, Unity Road.

Sunday 21st April

A return visit by St Stythians Male Voice Choir. Details at a later date.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 30th November, from 6pm. The PTA of Porthleven School will be holding a Christmas Fayre, all are welcome. To book a stall please contact the School direct.

Friday 7th December, approx 7pm.

The Christmas Lights will be switched on (after the Christingle Service at St Bartholomew's Church). Porthleven Association have arranged for 'Father Christmas' to be in attendance on the Harbour Head so bring the children along to see him.

Monday 31st December.

By special request a FIREWORK DISPLAY has been organised to see in the New Year. Donations to Porthleven Association towards the cost would be welcome and can be made at the Harbour Shop or the Post Office.

Wednesday 30th January.

Repeat showing of Roger Hosking's video about Porthleven. Tickets will be on sale from December 7th.

PORThLEVEN FOOTBALL CLUB.

The South-Western team are holding their own in the league with all clubs trying to stop St Blazey from walking the title. We have scored goals freely but faltered a bit at the start of the season. In the FA Vase we secured a 4-3 win over Ryman league Marlow, the reward for which is yet another away tie, against another club beginning with the letter M - Moneyfields, who play in Portsmouth. In four seasons we have only been given 2 home ties. Is there someone who doesn't like us! The Combination team are in the lower part of their league but have had some good results. All are welcome at Gala Parc, come along and support your local teams.

POOPA-SCOOPERS

The Council has a supply of these, which are available FREE, please make use of them and encourage your dog-owning guests to do the same. Remember, there is a large fine for people allowing their dogs to foul public places and there are still local residents (and they are known to other people) who continue to ignore the mess their dog is leaving.

PORThLEVEN'S TOWN COUNCILLORS

- Cllr. David Blanning (Chairman) 221803
- Cllr. Jill Green (Vice-Chairman) 574269
- Cllr. Charles Budd 564542
- Cllr. Michael Crowle 564948
- Cllr. Gill Menhennet 561780
- Cllr. Godfrey Stephens 562163
- Cllr. James Stokes 562298
- Cllr. John Strike 562008
- Cllr. Katherine Williams 562477

Cllr. Stephens represents us Kerrier District Council and there is a vacancy due to the retirement of Mr Roy Bradbury, to whom we offer our thanks for many years service. Our County Councillor is Mr David Richards.

WHAT THE COUNCIL CAN AND CANNOT DO FOR YOU

Your Town Council is always anxious to assist local people (and visitors) wherever possible but, unfortunately, our powers are limited and we are not always the proper authority to be approached.

In **Planning Matters** we have the right to comment and make observations; we do not determine the outcome of Planning Applications. If you are concerned about a Planning matter you should approach your Kerrier representative, though, obviously, the Town Councillors will do their best to make your concerns known at the Kerrier Planning Office.

Street Cleaning is also a Kerrier matter. **Street Lighting** and **Street Signs** are the province of the County Council, however, if a street light is malfunctioning the Town Clerk will be pleased to notify the correct department so that it can be put right.

The **Recreation Ground, Amenity Areas and Skateboard Park** are owned and administered, on your behalf, by the Town Council and any problems there should be reported to the Town Clerk.

Acts of vandalism must be reported to the Police. If you witness any kind of vandalism, anti-social behaviour or public disturbance (including the continuous ringing of alarm bells) the Police should be called immediately. Or you can call Crimestoppers on **Freephone 0800 555 111**.

If you are unsure who to approach with a particular problem the Town Clerk will be happy to point you in the right direction.

The Town Clerk's number (office hours) is **01326-573154**

RECYCLING

The majority of residents now use the Blue Box scheme but there is still room for more kerbside recycling. Don't forget that all washed plastic milk bottles, empty food cans, drinks cans, newspapers, junk mail and bagged material can be collected. The next collection is on Tuesday 4th December and then every other Tuesday. Remember that, not only will you be reducing the need for land-fill sites but, eventually, Council Rates and heating bills could be reduced.

Cllr. Green already recycles aluminium cans, to raise money for charity. These can be bagged and left at 'Tresco', Shrubberies Hill, or can be collected by appointment.

If you are really keen on recycling the the Centre at Dudnance Lane, Pool has bins for Garden Waste, Sheet Glass, Cardboard and Wood, as well as the usual bottle and paper banks. 100% of material taken here is recycled so, next time you visit Pool Market or Big W, why not take some waste as well. Think of the room you might make in your garage!

Further details on recycling, or other environment issues can be obtained from Cllr. Green.

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IDEAS WANTED IDEAS WANTED

You will all know, by now, that next year (2002) is the Golden Jubilee of the Queens reign. The Town Council would like suggestions as to how best we could commemorate the event, preferably by something permanent.

We would like ideas from all members of the community, so get your thinking caps on and send your ideas to the Town Clerk, at the Institute, or to any Councillor.

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We wish you all the compliments of the season and a happy New Year.

Surprise catch in Cornish waters

A VORACIOUS predator normally caught by "big game" anglers in tropical climes has been netted by an unsuspecting Westcountry fisherman.

Surprised David Kessell captured Britain's first ever barracuda while he was fishing six miles off the Lizard peninsula in Cornwall.

But the recordbreaking fish, with its distinctive row of fang-like teeth, will not end up on the dinner plate.

Instead it is taking pride of place in a Cornish fishmonger's window.

Although barracuda are common in tropical waters, they rarely venture further than the northern coast of Spain.

Mr Kessell, skipper of the Regina Maris, said: "We were after hake when this appeared in the nets. I really had no idea what it was."

"I've never seen anything like it before."

"It's the most unusual fish I've ever caught."

The 4ft long fish is thought to be a great barracuda (*Spyraena sphyraena*), weighing in at 9lbs. It is the latest in a series of warm-water species caught off the Westcountry and adds to a canon of evidence about global warming.

Expert Douglas Herdson from the National Marine Aquarium in Plymouth, said the identity of the catch would be formally verified but it was "almost certainly"

LINDSEY KENNEDY

a barracuda – a first in British waters.

He said: "Everyone is very surprised but in my opinion it certainly looks like a barracuda. It is a most unusual and quite charismatic fish more often found in tropical waters."

"There have been reports of people being attacked by them but most of the cases involve spear fishermen who have fish hanging from their belts."

"This will cause quite a stir. You don't often get a new fish recorded in British waters but this is our second this year."

This summer a big eye thresher shark was recorded for the first time off Cornwall and the year before three new varieties of sea bream were caught.

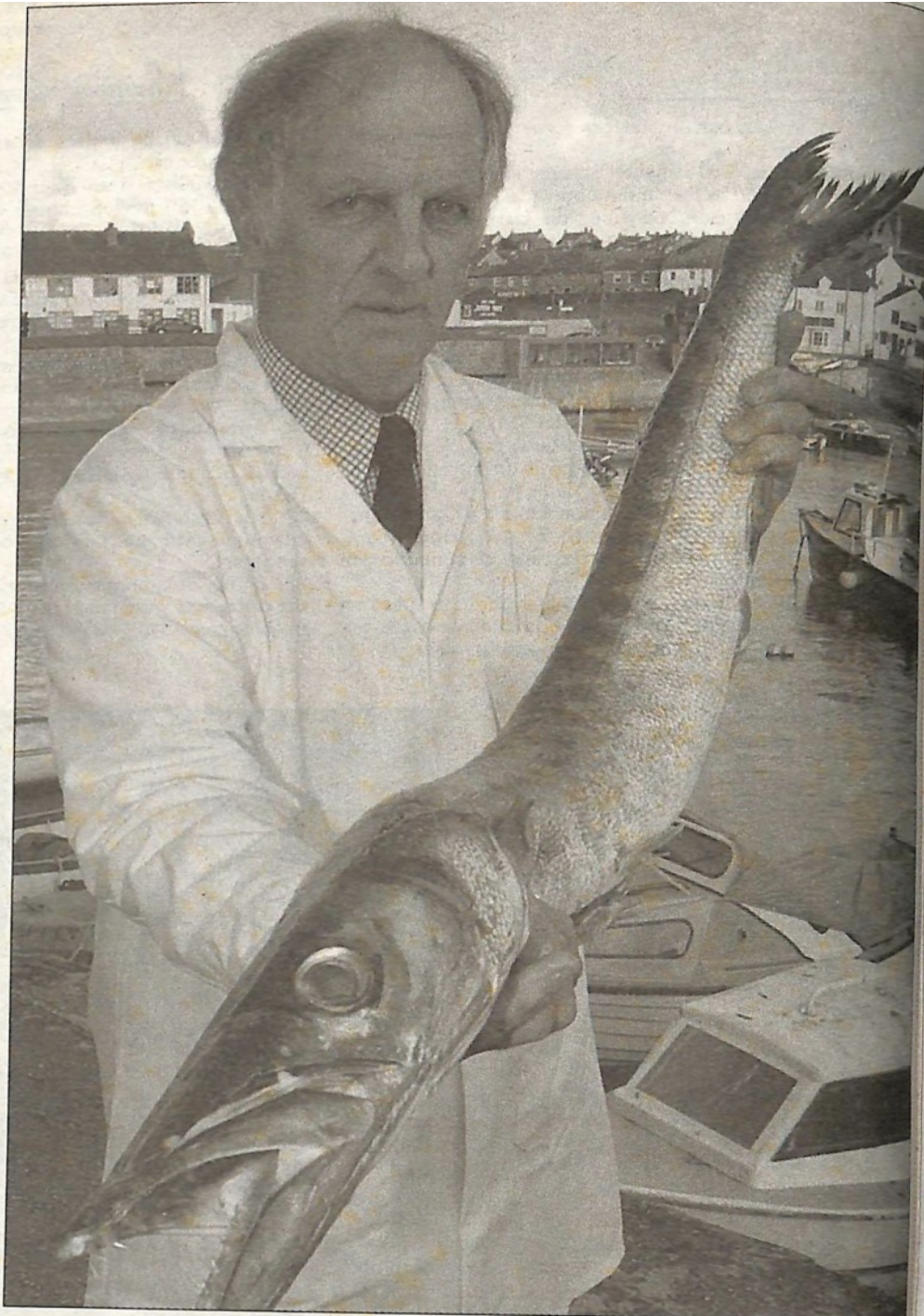
But the barracuda, which has a popular image as a big game fish prized by anglers in places like the Caribbean, is likely to cause the most excitement.

Mr Herdson said occasionally fish strayed from their usual grounds and it was too early to draw conclusions about global warming from the appearance of one individual.

"It will be really exciting if more of these start turning up," he said.

The fish was bought by Porthleven fishmonger John Strike for just £16, after he spotted it on Newlyn market yesterday.

He said: "It was attracting



● **FEARSOME:** Porthleven fishmonger John Strike with the first barracuda caught off Britain

quite a bit of interest on the market because it's so unusual.

"I don't think the meat is that valuable so I won't be selling it but it will make a very interesting display in my window, then I'll offer it to the Natural History Museum."

"It's a one-off and it's nice to have the first ever to be caught in British waters. Maybe fishermen have caught them in the past but have just thrown them back, not realising what they had."

Paul Wheston, who received Mr Kessell's catch at Falmouth Fishselling in Newlyn, said he had never seen anything like it.

He said: "In all my time here, I've never seen one landed in these waters. I think it must be a sign of global warming."

"It is certainly a fish that hunts in schools so it's unlikely this one was alone out there."

"It just turned up in a mixed catch. We had a pretty good idea what it was when we saw it but

we checked it on the Internet just to make sure."

Stella Turk, from Seaquest South West, said: "This is a really exciting find. It's a real one-off."

Barracuda are more often found in tropical and subtropical waters of the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific oceans, hunting in schools. Although barracuda attacks on humans are rare, they are feared by swimmers in some places.



● Two Porthleven men have received town plaques in recognition of their contributions to the community. Vic Strike (left) and John Williams (right) were presented with their awards by town council chairman Dave Blanning during the council's Christmas party. Mr Strike, a keen film-maker, has chronicled much of the port's history and has also at Porthleven Public Hall, work which has transformed the venue. Picture by CloSP

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Porthleven Gig Club awarded Lottery money for new Gig



Porthleven Cornish Pilot Gig Club has been awarded £12,132 from the Sport England Lottery Fund for a new gig.

The boat, costing £18,664 in total, will mean the club can alleviate the congestion amongst current members resulting from owning just one gig. It is also hoped the increased provision will attract new members.

The club, which was established in 1990, also hopes to increase the success of its teams by holding more competitive training sessions. The new boat is to be built locally, named St. Elvan - the old name for

Porthleven - following a competition, and it is hoped that local schools will be able to visit the workshops to view the construction process, learning about the traditional sport and its origins.

The club has a range of teams and members, with all sections of the community represented: ladies, men, juniors and veterans, and enjoys the full support of the villagers. Local fundraising has already provided the club with a Landrover to tow the equipment.

Ted Gundry of the Porthleven Gig Club said last week, "The new gig

will mean we will be able to get more people involved and the club will grow in stature. This will mean more young people involved which should mean interest in the sport will increase in the area."

St. Elvan should be launched in March this year. Her first big test will be the Cornish Pilot Gig World Championships off the Isles of Scilly in May, competing against teams from Holland, Ireland, the USA and the Faroe Islands.

The remaining costs of the boat were met by the club and local fundraising.

News in brief from Porthleven town council meeting

● Concerns over parked cars causing an obstruction to emergency service vehicles in the Loe Bar Road area of Porthleven were raised at last week's town council meeting.

Jim Stokes said the cars could cause a problem for public service vehicles such as dust-carts trying to access the area, but of more importance was whether a fire engine or an ambulance could get through.

Pc Gerry Campion, the police representative attending the meeting, said he would ask officers to look into the situation.

● Pc Campion told councillors there had been 40 calls to the police, 12 crimes and four arrests since their previous meeting - figures which were similar to the same period the previous year.

Seven of the crimes had already been detected, he said, thanks in part to additional patrols in the port's amenity area.

● The council is keen to explore a suggestion from Porthleven resident Andrew Bell that an interpretation board be installed on the Harbour Head.

Members said it was an "excellent" idea, since many visitors came to see the historic harbour but went away with little real information about it.

● This year's Discover Porthleven leaflet should be re-vamped, councillors have agreed. Members accepted a quotation for 25,000 leaflets from Serpentine Design, of Cadgwith, which has produced the leaflets in previous years, but said the new publication should be given a "fresh look" to distinguish it from past leaflets.

● Porthleven is the only town or parish council in the county to be invited to send a representative to an event being held by the Cornwall Knotweed Forum next month.

The council, which has shown a keen interest in solving the problem of knotweed, is also to have its logo incorporated into the forum's statement of intent.



● OUT OF SIGHT: The pier

● **WIVES CLUB:** Mrs H George of Port Navas gave a very interesting talk to members of the Porthleven Wives Club on traditional Japanese embroidery, and brought along samples of her work for all to admire. Mrs George was warmly welcomed by Mrs Estelle Kitts, club chairman, and thanked by Mrs Rosemary Polglase. The evening concluded with refreshments served by Mary Sergeant and Marjory Pryor.

● **YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTY:** The Mounts Bay Methodist Circuit's Young People's Party is on February 9, from 4pm in Porthleven Public Hall. There will be games followed by tea to conclude with a disco.

No to tax discount

PORHLEVEN town councillors have voiced strong support for local MP Andrew George's efforts to press for a speedy abolition of the council tax discount enjoyed by second home owners.

Members agreed last week to write a letter in support of Mr George's Early Day Motion on the issue.

Council chairman Dave Blanning said: "I don't think we could shout loudly enough on this. It would make a huge difference to the finances of this village."

● Members also agreed to send a letter of support to the Cornwall Sustainable Waste Network, which is pressing for methods of waste disposal other than incineration to be employed in the county.

We had a wonderful dry Autumn. warm & sunny. very unusual.

Vase triumph for Fishermen

PORHLEVEN Football Club carried the flag for Cornish football in style on Saturday when they pulled off a superb victory over Mildenhall Town in the fourth round of the FA Carlsberg Vase.

Before a packed Gala Parc, Porthleven defeated the Jewson Eastern Counties Premier League side by the narrowest of margins, 1-0.

Although reaching the final is still a dream for the fishing village club, they took their chance to move a step nearer their ambition of becoming the first Cornish side to reach the final.

The atmosphere inside the ground was really special with the lively visiting supporters - mixing freely with the home contingent - introducing a touch of razzmatazz and colour to the occasion.

They were well matched by the partisan home crowd, but after the final whistle they celebrated together long into the night in the clubhouse... and as a result a few sore heads were very noticeable in the morning!

Full match report and pictures appear on page 54.

FOOTBALL

SUPPORTERS at a vibrant Gala Parc were celebrating long into the night on Saturday after Porthleven defeated Jewson Eastern Counties Premier League side Mildenhall Town 1-0 to reach the last 16 of the FA Carlsberg Vase.

The Fishermen just came out on top in a tense tie played in a tremendous cup atmosphere. Pictures and match report on page 54





● LEFT: Richard Triggs makes a valiant attempt, but he's unable to prevent Adam Salmon from firing in a stinging shot

● RIGHT: Mildenhall's Moore looks as if he's losing his footing as he tries to find a way past Port Strike defender Chris Strike with Adrian Bleasedale looking on



Just great to be in the draw

IT was close, it was tense, but manager Alan Carey was always confident his side would be in the hat for Monday's draw live on Sky TV.

"It's great to be in the draw for the last 16," said Carey after the match. "We're down to the last 16 and they are all very good sides no matter who you draw. The best you can hope for is your name to come out first for a home tie."

As well as having to concentrate his mind on Mildenhall, Carey also had a last-minute injury problem that almost wrecked his planning for the tie.

"James Miller had a hamstring problem during the week, but it looked as if it had cleared up. Unfortunately, in the pre-match warm-up it went again which meant we had to bring in Jamie Morrison-Hill. He did fantastically well for us and apart from scoring the crucial winning goal he put in a lot of hard work and running up front. He did really well."

The loss of Miller meant a change of tactics with John Burrows deployed at the back of the defence to keep a tight grip on the lively Town front-runners.

"We knew they had a couple of quick guys up front, but to be honest I thought they came down for a draw. They seemed content to sit back and soak up the pressure and then catch us on the counter attack.

"It's the classic FA Vase tactic. That's what generally happens in the vase and compared with our previous two games in which we've gone out to win it at the first attempt, I thought it made for a dour match and, perhaps, lacked in passion.

"The game opened up a bit more after we scored, but I thought our defence played exceptionally well and looked really solid. When the situation demanded it they were prepared to throw their bodies into the way of the challenge. They were great all afternoon."

Mildenhall had relatively few chances, two of them slightly controversial and both involving Wayne Hilson.

"I was too far away to see whether there was a case for handball," said Carey, "but it was right in front of the referee and the referee's assistant, but I had a better view of the claim for a penalty and I would not have been surprised if it had been given.

"But as I have said, those are the little elements of luck you need to survive in the FA Vase and fortunately they went our way. It's been a great day for the club and we are all delighted with the outcome."

On Saturday Porthleven face another intriguing fixture when they entertain unbeaten league leaders St Blazey at Gala Parc.

"The roles will be reversed on Saturday," said Carey. "We will not be expected to win and St Blazey will be expecting to extend their 100 per cent record.

"I may take the opportunity to give one or two squad players a chance to have a game, but it will be interesting and we will have to wait and see what happens."

PICTURES: COLIN BANFIELD



● NEAT FOOTWORK: But Port's Adrian Bleasedale stands his ground to shadow his opponent

Fishermen away . . . again!

THE FA Carlsberg Vase draw has never been kind to Porthleven and the fifth round has not disappointed in that respect with the Fishermen facing another away tie.

This time they will have to visit Burgess Hill Town of the Sussex County League division one who defeated Dorking 3-2 on penalties after drawing the first game 1-1.

● Porthleven have also drawn the short straw for the semi-finals of the Cornwall Senior Cup by being paired with St Blazey. The tie will take place on Wednesday, March 6, at Bickland Park, Falmouth.

● As a result of Port's cup success they have now rearranged a Carlsberg SWL fixture away to Truro City on Wednesday, January 30, kick-off 7.30 pm.



● PLAYED INTO SPACE: Dave Larsen lunges in, but the ball is played neatly between his legs

Fishermen net golden goal

● By LEON PRYNN

PORThLEVEN 1 MILDENHALL TOWN 0
PORThLEVEN are through to the last 16 of the FA Carlsberg Vase after a tense, but well-deserved 1-0 win over Mildenhall Town on Saturday.

The game was settled with one moment of class early in the second half when Jamie Morrison-Hill converted a cross into the box, one of the few occasions the Fishermen managed to deliver such a ball, all afternoon.

Gala Parc, packing in one of the biggest crowds seen at the ground for some time, experienced one of those great occasions only a cup tie can provide and the terrific atmosphere it generated had much to do with the visiting contingent of fans.

Vastly outnumbered, they more than matched the home supporters with their vociferous support for their side, although their blue and white balloons were hardly a match for the raucous sounding horns of the Port faithful.

After a week in which there has been no shortage of rain, the ground, not surprisingly, was heavy with the players at times finding it difficult to retain their footing. However, it was credit to the groundstaff that the game went ahead at all and that the surface stood up so well.

Porthleven suffered a blow before kick when James Miller sustained a hamstring injury and had to be replaced - rather ironically - by matchwinner Morrison-Hill.

Porthleven made a lively start and had much the better of possession, but neither 'keeper was really tested with Alex Thorpe saving well from Lee Harvey and Rob Allis glancing Moore's free kick wide of the post.

The Fishermen almost took the lead in the 14th minute when Morrison-Hill, a bundle of energy

and non-stop runner throughout the 90 minutes, slid a ball into Harvey, but the 'keeper made a brave save under the striker's challenge as the ball rebounded wide of the post.

Mildenhall were content to bottle up the middle of the pitch, a tactic which proved quite effective as Port's moves regularly broke down on the edge of the box with poor crosses a major irritant as they were wasted on virtually every occasion.

Medlyn put an effort wide of the upright, but Penhaligon caused a moment of panic when he spilled a cross by Mark Nunn and had to be rescued by a hasty clearance.

Nine minutes before the break Moore, the visitors' class player, delivered another telling free kick into the box where Salmon turned and cracked his shot just wide of the post.

The second half was equally as nervewracking for both sides with the players conscious that one mistake could prove fatal in the difficult conditions, but undeterred Porthleven still continued to push forward with Morrison-Hill's work-rate proving highly effective.

After threatening on a couple of occasions Porthleven scored the all-important goal in the 55th minute when John Burrows came out of defence at pace and knocked the ball to Nicky Medlyn. Medlyn slipped the ball into the path of Matt Latham and hared off into the box where he arrived to step over Latham's cross for Morrison-Hill to appear from no-where and curl the ball inside the upright for a great goal.

The Fishermen looked as if they could add to their tally, but eventually the visitors weathered the storm and began to push Porthleven back, keeping them under pressure.

At times the defending was frantic with players unable to retain their balance, but again

FOOTBALL

Penhaligon did not have too much to do as the back three of Hilson, Burrows, and Triggs always held the upper hand.

Mildenhall might have had a case for a penalty in the 68th minute when Wayne Hilson went down in a heap and made contact with the ball, but the neither the referee, Mr Steve Ham, who had an excellent game, or his assistant, were interested.

Minutes later it was Hilson who was involved again when Allis went tumbling over, but despite the protests and a booking there was no spotkick.

Mildenhall missed a glorious opportunity minutes later, their best of the match, when Nunn delivered the ball into the goal area where Moore, of all people failed to make proper contact for Strike to thump the ball clear and for Port to eventually regain control.

In what was a very sporting game throughout, Paul Cordy became the first player to be booked in the 75th minute when he bundled Medlyn over as he was about to break away.

As the match entered its closing stages it began to open up with the visitors having to take more chances and leaving the Fishermen with plenty of gaps to exploit.

Harvey, Bleasedale and Paul Ainscough all had good efforts, but in the dying minutes Bleasedale blazed high and wide after good work by Craig Swiggs and right at the death Morrison-Hill could have settled the result when he was completely unmarked in the box, but only he knows how he managed to make such a mess of the situation.

Porthleven: G Penhaligon, M Latham, C Strike, R Triggs, W Hilson, J Burrows, D Larsen, J Morrison-Hill, L Harvey, A Bleasedale, N Medlyn.

Mildenhall Town: Thorpe, Nunn, Cordy, Head, Gawthorp, Redder, Long, Ogilvie, Salmon, Allis, Moore, Subs: Hart, Matzey, Simmons, Minter, Willis.



● UP AND AWAY: Gary Penhaligon soars high to clear a Mildenhall attack

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MEMBERS of Porthleven Town Band put in some strong performances at the recent solo and quartet contest held by Camborne Town Band.

Despite having just enjoyed a well-earned Christmas break, the players had worked extremely hard to ensure they were performing to the best of their abilities.

In the nine years and under solo class, Georgina Evans, aged seven, was placed second, while five-year-old Emily Evans was awarded the trophy for the youngest player of the day.

Emma Bassett, aged 10, and Demelza Christophers, 11, competed in the 11 years and under solo class, while Tamsin Christophers, 14, entered the 15 and under age-group.

Julie Phillips performed in the open slow melody class, while Francis Evans and Paula Evans took second place in the open duet class.

In the open air varie class, Porthleven's Paul Villiers came first and Paula Evans was second.

The band's junior quartet - Lowenna Christophers, Demelza Christophers, Emma Bassett and

● By LAURA PARSONS

Tamsin Christophers - were second in their class, while the senior quartet - Neil Bassett, Clive Christophers, Paul Villiers and Paula Evans - won theirs.

Porthleven band will be hoping for a repeat of last year's successful event when it holds its own solo and quartet contest at the village school on February 23.

Other events scheduled for the coming year include plans to record a CD, due to be on sale by the summer, and a concert in early March featuring the pieces to be prepared for the recording.

A lot of hard work and commitment from both players and conductor will be required during preparations for the south west area contest, due to be held in Bristol on April 6.

The most important competition of the year, this contest will determine the band's position in the brass band league tables.

Meanwhile, the success of Porthleven's training band continues, with the young players now accepting concert engagements in their own right.

● PLENTY OF PRIZES: Clive Christophers, Paula Evans, Francis Evans, Lowenna Christophers, Tamsin Christophers and Paul Villiers and their awards



● GIRL POWER: Emma Bassett, Georgina Evans, Emily Evans and Demelza Christophers

JANUARY
2002.

Vic strikes lucky with local film on wreckers

AN atmospheric tale of wrecking in the 19th century has won amateur film maker Vic Strike, of Porthleven, the top award in a national competition open to all camcorder clubs.

The Price to Pay - a short film written, directed and produced by Vic - was acclaimed by judges as a "first class" work, with an opening sequence worthy of a "top professional director."

The film, one of five chosen to represent the southern region in the grand final of the competition on Sunday, beat entries from around 70 clubs across England, Scotland and Wales.

A delighted Vic, who travelled to the final in Kent with wife, Monica, and cast member Paul Hunter, said this week:

"I am still on cloud nine. Getting into the last five was more than I could have hoped for. I would not

have put any money on us winning."

Shot at Godolphin House, Helston Folk Museum and locations in and around Porthleven, including Methleigh Farm, the film starred local people who Vic (pictured right) had persuaded to join the project.

He said: "None of them were actors, but I chose them because they had wrecking in their blood. They lacked experience but they were game to have a go. Once they got the hang of it they were brilliant. They're a wonderful bunch of people."

Vic's wife, Monica, helped with the costumes, while his daughter, Mandy Auguste, edited the film.

Sue Gilbert, of Mullion, also helped out by making replicas of wreckers' shirts of 200 years ago.

● The Price to Pay will be shown at Porthleven public hall on Saturday, February 2. Tickets are available from Creations, Cows newsagents and Quayside Fish.



Tributes paid to 'lovely person'

TRIBUTES have been paid to community stalwart Gwen Russell, of Porthleven, who died last week at the age of 80.

A volunteer with the British Red Cross since 1965, Mrs Russell (pictured right), who lived at Methleigh Parc, was the centre organiser for the Porthleven area. She was also the local organiser for the National Blood Service, a role she held for 35 years.

Becoming involved with the service at a time when there were only 120 blood donors in the whole of the area covered by the Helston branch, Mrs Russell saw the number of local donors rise to more than 1,000 by the time of her retirement.

Jean Boorman, branch director for the Red Cross in Cornwall, said her work for the charity had been invaluable. "She was very dedicated to the Red Cross and its work

and will be sadly missed. She was a very genuine and loyal person, who everybody liked and respected."

Mrs Russell also undertook a lot of voluntary work for Helston Community Hospital.

Sister Sandy Bartlett, from the hospital, said this week: "She was a lovely person and we all miss her." Mrs Russell's funeral takes place today at 2pm at Porthleven Methodist Chapel.



Mrs Gwendoline Russell

THE funeral took place at Porthleven Methodist Chapel of Mrs Gwendoline Florence Russell, 80, who died peacefully at Helston Community Hospital. The service was conducted by Rev Robert Ormesher, who spoke of her Christian life. Private cremation followed at Penmount Crematorium, Truro.

Known to her family and many friends as Gwen, she lived in Bristol with her parents and brother Derek, who was killed during the war delivering a message during an air raid in Bristol. Gwen worked in Bristol with Elsie Williams and they remained friends until her death. Mrs Williams came to Porthleven and Gwen came down on holiday and met her future husband, Arthur, and became a part of the Russell family.

Gwen nursed her mother through her last illness and eventually her father came to live with Gwen and Arthur until his death. She also looked after her neighbour, Miss Elfreda Hodges. She nursed her late husband Arthur through a long illness until his death.

Gwen was a well liked person and a well loved member of Porthleven Methodist Chapel. She will be remembered for her cooking, especially for many local charities and the chapel where she was an artistic flower arranger for the chapel and on many occasions, weddings. She was also a member of Porthleven Floral Art Society. Gwen will be greatly missed by many patients, for she

joined the Red Cross on coming to Porthleven and was a devoted member. In 1988 Gwen was awarded the badge of honour and life membership. She did many voluntary jobs, helping with various clinics at the then Helston Cottage Hospital, Diabetic Clinic, Chiropody Clinic, Baby Clinic, to name a few. Gwen organised blood donating sessions at Helston for over 30 years, building it up from two half days at the commencement, to a whole week.

On retiring from this last year, her work was recognised by the blood transfusion organisation with the presentation of a cut glass vase and bowl. The team used to look forward to their visits to Helston, because they were always assured of a nice piece of cake for their tea break, made by Gwen. In 1996 for her outstanding work for the National Blood Transfusion Service, Helston town council presented her with a plaque which she greatly appreciated. Just over a year ago, Porthleven town council also presented her with a plaque.

Gwen was a member of Porthleven Women's Institute taking office for several years, and she was formerly chairman of Porthleven Wives Club. Gwen was very loyal and caring to her family, friends and commitments and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Suitable music and family chosen hymns, The Lord's My Shepherd and What a Friend we have in Jesus, were played at the organ by Mrs Sheila Richards. The chosen bearers were Messrs M Crowle, J Fentson, T Nicholas and R Hosking.

Represented at the funeral service were Porthleven Methodist Chapel, Helston Community Hospital, Porthleven Floral Art Society, Porthleven Town Council, Porthleven Women's Institute, Porthleven Wives Club, The National Blood Transfusion Service, Red Cross and Porthleven League of Friends of Porthleven Surgery.

Family mourners: Mr and Mrs L Williams, nephew and niece rep Mrs A Rubery, sister-in-law; Mr and Mrs W Russell, nephew and niece rep Mr and Mrs P Russell, Mr and Mrs T Gundry, nephews and nieces, also Mr and Mrs J Button, cousins; Mr and Mrs V Hendy, nephew and niece; Mr D Hendy, Mr and Mrs A Roberts, Mr and Mrs G Barnicoat, great nephews and nieces.

Funeral director: David Mitchell & Son, Porthleven.

JANUARY

Mrs Sharron Tucker

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Sharron, who lived at Gibson Way, Porthleven, attended the church and junior schools and also Gwealhellis School, Helston.

Her parents moved to Torpoint for two years and on leaving school, Sharron started work at Porthleven Shipyard as a secretary, followed by Lee Cooper at Water-Ma-Trout as a machinist, a secretary at Rank Radios and Bell Inn, Helston. Sharron will also be greatly

missed at Porthleven Football Club as its treasurer, a role she took over in 1990 following the death of Mr J Hall.

Family chosen hymns - The Day Thou Gravest Lord is Ended and Jerusalem - were played at the organ by Mrs Sheila Richards.

Represented at the service were the manager, chairman, players and supporters of Porthleven Football Club.

Chosen bearers were Peter Johns, David Johns (cousins), Tony Giles and Alan Dixon.

Family mourners: John Tucker, widower; Brett Wardle, son; Stacey Appleyard, daughter; Mr and Mrs A Polley, father and mother; Mr and Mrs D Chegwidde, Mr and Mrs A Barnes, Mr and Mrs D Carr rep M Chegwidde, uncles and aunts; Mr T Tucker, father-in-law; Mr and Mrs P West, Mr and Mrs P Tucker, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; Miss S Barnes, Mrs A Tollerfield rep K Barnes, cousins.

Funeral directors: F E Strike and sons, Porthleven.

JANUARY 2002

MP backs call for harbour wall cash

LOCAL MP Andrew George has called for a speedy resolution to funding problems which are holding up essential repairs to part of the harbour wall at Porthleven.

A section of the wall collapsed some three years ago and was fenced off amid fears it posed a danger to local people and visitors alike.

Temporary repairs were carried out last year, but an estimated £200,000 is needed to complete the job properly.

The Porthleven Harbour and Dock Company, which owns the

harbour and is responsible for its maintenance, is understood to be willing to contribute to the costs, but grant funding is also being sought from the Government.

Mr George has been looking into the matter following concerns raised by town councillors over the state of the wall.

The MP held a meeting last week with district and county council officials, as well as representatives from South West Water, to discuss the various funding options for the repairs.

Mr George said he had been contacted by a number of local residents concerned about the condition of the wall, which protects a foul rising main serving

the village and road access to several businesses.

He said: "I have been in contact with ministers in DEFRA for some time in the hope of seeking a solution to this matter."

"The wall needs to be repaired and I hope all concerned parties will work together to find a speedy resolution to this funding problem."

A Kerrier council spokeswoman said this week funding options were still being looked at and the matter was due to go before the council's cabinet in March.

A planning application relating to the repairs is due to be discussed at a Kerrier meeting next month.

Pub fundraises donate £1,900

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By LAURA PARSLOW

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Those who acted as bearers were Peter Johns, David Johns (cousins), Tony Giles and Alan Dixon. Family mourners: John Tucker, widower; Robert Wardle, son; Stacey Appleyard, daughter; Mr and Mrs A Polley, father and mother; Mr and Mrs D Chegwidan, Mr and Mrs A Chesnes, Mr and Mrs D Carr rep M Chegwidan, Mrs D Chesnes and aunts; Mr T Tucker, father-in-law; Mr and Mrs P West, Mr and Mrs P Tucker, mother-in-law and sisters-in-law; Miss S Chesnes, Mrs A Tollerfield rep K Barnes, sisters.

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● **SNUG AND SAFE:** While the fury of the open seas batters at the breakwater it is almost like a mill pond in the inner harbour at Porthleven where these boats are safely anchored



● **ANGRY SEA:** Waves crashing against Porthleven harbour wall during last week's storm - story and more pictures on page 4

FEBRUARY 2002. The year has started very rough. 4 people drowned around the coast, one here in Porthleven. Ships in distress also, one shearding its cargo of wood, along the North coast, but all men saved.

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● **WIVES CLUB:** Mrs Estelle Kitts, club chairman, gave a very warm welcome to Mrs Enid Smith of Rosudgeon when she visited the Porthleven Wives Club meeting. Mrs Smith arranged various displays of floral art on the theme "Hello Spring" which were later won by members of the club. Thanks were extended by Mrs Mary Seargent and the tea hostesses were Ruth Pascoe and Judy Mitchell.

● **COFFEE EVENING:** A very successful coffee evening was held on Shrove Tuesday evening at the vicarage, Porthleven by kind invitation of Father Harry Pugh, and raised £116 to be shared equally between St Bartholomew's Church. Father Pugh also arranged a very interesting quiz with clues based on various pictures hanging on the wall. The winner was B Dinham. The raffle winners were: M Hitchens, J Williams, R Mildren, B Dinham, M Williams, J Ford, S Carter, D Ingham, R Willey, O Hall, J Tilsley, H Smith, P MacGregor, V Trueman, Father Harry Pugh, E Williams and P Brown.

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● **NEW SUITE:** Macauley Adlard and Jessica Sjöholm perform the honours

THE opening of a new computer suite was the highlight of an open day held at Porthleven School last week.

The suite, which is also used by members of the wider community, was officially declared open by the school's oldest and youngest pupils - Jessica Sjöholm, aged 11 and three-year-old Macauley

Adlard. Visitors, including representatives from the town council and other organisations, were free to wander through the school during the day - watching activities including music classes, PE and games and literacy and numeracy sessions.

Head teacher Penny Shilston said it was good to

see the level of interest shown in the school by people from the port.

"We already have very good links with the community but people rarely come in and see us on a normal working day. This is a good opportunity for local people to see us at work, and at play."

Open day for all at Porthleven School



● **IN TUNE:** School band members entertained on the special day



● **CAUGHT ON THE WEB:** Headteacher Penny Shilston with four-year-olds Andrew Ferris and Lara O'Carroll in the new computer suite

Fifty years together, but Billy and Jean wouldn't change a thing

● **By LAURA PARSONS**

worked for a time at a solicitor's office in Helston, before going into the army to complete his National Service.

It was soon after coming out of the army that he and a group of friends decided to take a taxi to a dance at the Lizard, and Billy was to catch his first glimpse of his bride-to-be.

Jean, nee Curnow, who grew up and went to school at the Lizard, later worked at two local hotels - the Polbreen and the Caerthillian - and was also employed at nearby Trethvas Farm, making butter and cream.

She had an identical twin sister, Joan, but it was Jean

who Billy set out to woo - only getting the sisters mixed up once during their 18-month courtship.

With public transport limited, Billy regularly used to cycle from Porthleven to the Lizard and back to see Jean. The couple were married on February 23, 1952, at the Methodist chapel, at the Lizard and held their reception at the Lizard Hotel - now The Top House.

After living briefly in Helston, they moved to Billy's parents' house in Wellington Road, Porthleven - where they have lived ever since and where Billy still sleeps in the bedroom in which he was born.

Following the family tradition, he fished out of Porthleven and Newlyn for several years after the wedding, before opting for a more secure living as a representative for Radio Rentals.

He then worked as county supervisor for Courts furniture, later becoming the company's regional accounts controller for the West of England and Wales - a position he held until his retirement.

A member of Mousehole Male Voice Choir for several years, Billy has been treasurer of the Porthleven Fishermen and Boatowners' Association for over 20 years and still works around 40

pots out of the port during the summer.

He has been the safety officer for Porthleven Pilot Gig Club since it was formed in 1991 and only stood down as the club's vice-chairman last year after a decade in the role.

Jean, who enjoys gardening and cooking, used to be caretaker at the former church school in Porthleven and took on the position of site supervisor when the village's new primary school was built.

The couple have three sons - Clive, Alan and Jeremy - seven grandchildren and one great grandchild, born only a month ago.

Most of the family, and many friends, were present at the anniversary celebrations at Wheel Dream, Helston, on Saturday, when Billy and Jean cut a splendid cake made by daughter-in-law, Karen, and iced by Mary Oliver.

Asked about their life together, Billy said: "We have had 50 splendid years. We still love each other's company and do everything together. I wouldn't change a thing about her."

Jean, who is brought breakfast in bed by her husband every morning, said simply: "He's an absolute gem. I could not imagine life without him."



Porthleven bid for new lifeboat

A PROPOSAL which could once again see a lifeboat stationed at Porthleven after an absence of more than 70 years has been warmly welcomed by members of the town council.

Support is being sought for a bid to base an inshore lifeboat at the port to provide additional cover around the local coastline.

Porthleven's last lifeboat, The Dash, which now stands in the port's shipyard, was withdrawn from service in 1929.

The need for a new boat was raised at last week's town council meeting, when Porthleven resident John Brittain-Jones, a coastguard based at Falmouth, said an inshore boat would enhance the cover provided by the Lizard and Penlee lifeboats.

"They are both large boats which are good for searching, but they can't get close in," he said. "Porthleven puts a lot of money into the RNLI and I think an inshore boat would be extremely useful."

Mr Brittain-Jones reminded councillors the station at Marazion had closed and Penlee, despite having a new boat brought in, was more than seven miles away.

Valuable time could be saved if Porthleven had its own boat, he said, which would be particularly useful in incidents such as people being swept out to sea or cut off by the tide, or divers getting into difficulties.

Porthleven harbourmaster Phil Ward said there would be no problem finding local people willing to crew the boat who would have the added advantage of being familiar with the coastline.

Initial approaches have

been made to the RNLI, who would have the final say in allocating a new boat, but the plans are still very much in their infancy.

Those behind the project have said a crew of around 15 would be needed, and thought would have to go into finding a base for the boat and a method of launching.

Upwards of £5,000 is raised each year on Lifeboat Day in Porthleven, and the village's hardworking fundraisers supplement that amount with other events and activities throughout the year.

Council chairman Dave Blanning said: "There is no doubt about Porthleven's commitment to the lifeboats. We would probably see even more money raised if it was going towards our own boat."

There was unanimous backing for the project and members agreed to write a letter of support to the RNLI.

Teenagers just want a place to sit and chat

TEENAGERS in Porthleven have appealed to the town council to provide them with a warm place to sit and talk with their friends.

Neil Laity, aged 15, told members at a meeting last week that currently the group met at the bus shelter which was not very warm and did not have adequate lighting. "We just need a little place to go and sit out of the rain with seats and lighting," he said.

His friend, Carey Richards, aged 14, said: "Some people think we are troublemakers but we are such good friends and we just want to be together and have somewhere to sit and chat. We don't want a bad name."

Chairman David Blanning said the town council was committed to the youth of Porthleven and would try to do something for them.

FEBRUARY

Band's big day: Porthleven hosts annual contest



● Porthleven Town Band's annual solo and quartet contest, held on Saturday was a great success. Pictured left: Emily Evans, aged five, of Porthleven, who won the award for the youngest player. Above: Winners from Porthleven Youth Band are pictured with adjudicator Keith Wardle and accompanist Clive Ellison - back row (from left): Ashleigh Taylor, Kristina Williamson and Jessica Searle; front: Jessica Sjöholm, Georgina Evans. Below: Open quartet winners from Porthleven Senior Band (from left) Neil Bassett, Paul Villers, Clive Christophers and Paula Evans. For full story and results see page 57. Pictures by Colin Ross





The 'Big Breakfast' was going down a treat at Quayside Fish on Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2, as part of Britain's Biggest Breakfast in aid of Cancer Research.

Available to delight the morning palette was smoked haddock Kedgerree, home made smoked salmon pate, toast and marmalade, local preserves, coffee and fruit juice.

A large number of people decided to join in the

fun and try something a bit more unusual for their breakfast. Everyone I spoke to said that they were really enjoying the food, particularly the kedgerree, and many went back for seconds!

Not only did they walk away with a full stomach, they were also given a free goody bags full of shop promotions.

Even those who had just come in for fish decided to stay and have a bite to eat, and the large gathering had to spill outside due to the demand! It was really well supported by the local people, and they also fed and watered some visitors from the Isles of Scilly who thought it was a great idea. They raised a total of £167.



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JUMBLE: A jumble sale for St Bartholomew's Church, will be held at the Public Hall on Saturday, April 20, from 10am-noon.

MEAL: Members and friends of the Porthleven Auxilliary of the RSPCA visited the Queens Arms, Breage, for their annual meal. A warm welcome was extended to Mrs V Mostyn, of Helston, the RSPCA Cornwall branch chairman. Mrs A A Vincent, the Porthleven secretary, thanked the staff for a first-class meal and assured them that they will be visited again. The next event will be an open afternoon at the home of Joan Ford, in Peverell Road, Porthleven on Thursday, April 18, from 2-4pm.

Youngsters win full support for their party

PORTHLEVEN teenagers, planning to organise a major carnival-type event for the community, have gained the support of the town council.

Councillors who held a meeting last Thursday were surprised to see so many young people pile in the council chambers but delighted with their idea for a Party in the Park.

Neil Harvey, aged 15, told members they hoped the community day could be held on September 7 and would involve all ages.

Local businesses would be invited to set up stalls, the football club would be invited to provide refreshments and there would be competitions and displays including break dancing, skateboarding, fancy dress, circus skills and graffiti art.

The idea came from the Battle of the Bands event held in the village recently, which had also been promoted by the youngsters.

They were accompanied at the meeting by detached youth workers Sue Reynolds and Izzy Maitland, who have taken a transit van to the village to meet the group in the car park once a week over the winter months.

They provided information, contact numbers, various activities and refreshments.

Sue said it had been a pleasure working with the group for the past 12 months.

"They are motivated and enthusiastic. They will give 150 per cent, put in the hard work and pull it off," she assured members.

Chairman David Blanning said that, apart from sorting out a few logistical problems, he was sure the event could go ahead.

"The town council looks favourably upon young people who take the time and initiative to come and see us."

Members agreed with Charles Budd who said that, although the event would take a lot of planning and effort, the youngsters deserved the full support of the town council.

MARCH

Jazz in the Hall event a great success

The 'Jazz In The Hall' event organised by Miriam Wearne on Saturday, February 23, was by all accounts a great success. Around 80 people turned up to listen to Pip Harman on the drums, Claudia Colmer on Bass, Richard Penrose on Keyboards and Sarah Wearne on Soprano and Tenor Saxophone, whilst sampling delightful home cooking in the candlelight.

The Public Hall at Porthleven had a very atmospheric air to it with small tables dressed stylishly and arranged in small groups for that cosy feel.

The event was put on to raise money for the 10/10 Appeal helping people in Africa who had HIV and AIDS, some of whom had become orphans due to their parents dying from the disease. The name 10/10 comes from the fact that supporters are given £10 and have to use their skills and resources to increase that money to £100, £1000 or as much as they can.

Miriam used her £10 to book the hall, and from the evening and other donations she has raised £300 profit which she is very pleased about.

Miriam would like to thank all those involved in the evening and for the generous contributions of money, time and effort which helped make it such a resounding success.



Porthleven kids have a splashing good time



A splashing good time was had by some of Porthleven School's youngest members on Thursday, February 28 as they attended Helston's swimming pool as a class for the first time.

With plenty of supervision and encouragement, those who were initially a little nervous soon got into the 'swim' of things and had

a great time. They were shown what to do when the extremely loud alarm went off and behaved perfectly in the pool.

Unfortunately, the minibus which was supposed to take them to the pool didn't actually arrive, but thankfully very helpful staff and parents ferried the children to the pool.

For some it was their first experience of swimming in a pool, and some concerns over the possibilities of crabs and fish being in the pool had to be dispelled before a few children would go in!

They all had a fantastic time and are really looking forward to their next visit.

John elected club captain

GOLF

MR John Rosevear was appointed as club captain of Mullion Golf Club at the recent annual general meeting.

John is a long-standing member of the club having first joined as a 15-year-old junior. A five-handicap player, John has represented the club at all levels and rates one of his fondest memories as successfully playing a shot from the lake on the 17th hole at Tehidy Park, in a CTC match. This prompted a question from his father, who was watching the match, "Who do you think you are, Jack Nicklaus?"

His father, Gordon, who died in 1997 was also a member of Mullion Golf Club and John regrets that he did not survive to see him take up this honoured position. John added that he has always had the greatest affection for Mullion Golf Club and its members and they are wishing him every success in his year of office.

Also at the AGM, Graham Stilwell became the new vice captain of the club.

John held his drive in on Sunday, following the club's spring meeting competition. The winner of the Cyril Lane Trophy was Division Two player, George Newton who returned 42 stableford points, pipping David Johns, on count back. Ken Goldsworthy completed the Division Two prize winners with 37 points. In Division One, Ian Jones was successful with 37 points, followed by Chris Pascoe with 36 points and Greg Curnow with 35.

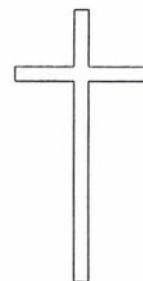
New lady captain, Jill Simmons, also took office last Tuesday at the ladies' AGM. Sharon Moyle became the new ladies' vice captain.

Michael Cook won a junior section stableford competition on Saturday with 42 points followed by Ben Wilson on 41 and Ben Evans and Martin Newbury with 40 points.



John Rosevear

MARCH



IN LOVING MEMORY

of

CYNTHIA PENROSE

who passed peacefully away on

SATURDAY, 23rd MARCH, 2002

Aged 64 years

Funeral Service at Porthleven Methodist Chapel on Wednesday, 27th March, 2002 at 2.00 p.m. Followed by interment at Porthleven Cemetery.



**PORTHLEVEN TOWN COUNCIL
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Welcome once again to our Town Newsletter. We hope you have a good summer with plenty of warm weather to enjoy. Thank you to all the contributors for this edition and we hope that you will all support the various groups and activities mentioned.

PORTHLEVEN GIG CLUB.

The start of another season, an exciting one for the club with the launch of their new gig 'St Elvan'.

New members are always welcome, so contact us if you would like to join the club, make new friends and get some exercise as well.

For any further information please contact Ted or Joyce Gundry on (01326-561784).

PORTHLEVEN SCHOOL

The school was recently 'Highly Commended' in the Kerrier District Council 'Green School Awards'. Well done to all concerned.

PLANNING FOR PORTHLEVEN

Following on from the successful event, on the Moors, last summer, a consultation took place recently involving young people between the ages of 11 & 17. Results are still being evaluated but the next consultation will take place on April 26th, for 18 to 25 year olds, at Porthleven Football Club. Watch out for further Details.

Harbour wall: no action to be taken

KERRIER councillors have decided to take no further action over promoting a scheme which could have attracted grant funding towards repairing part of the harbour wall at Porthleven.

Meeting last week, members of Kerrier's cabinet said the Porthleven Harbour and Dock Company, which owns the harbour, should foot the bill for repairing the section of wall,

which collapsed well over a year ago. The council had considered promoting a scheme which would have attracted funding from DEFRA under the Coast Protection Act, along with a substantial contribution from the harbour and dock company.

But that course of action would have meant the council also having to make a financial contribution which would, in effect, have meant public funds being used to repair privately-owned infrastructure.

In a report to the meeting, cabi-

net member Mike Clayton said: "The condition of the remainder of the harbour wall is such that repairs are likely to be necessary in the near future.

"To set a precedent at this stage could have far-reaching consequences in the future."

Members heard that the section of wall was not considered to be in a dangerous condition and there were not yet any issues of public health and safety for the council to consider.

A further report on the situation in two months' time was requested.

MARCH

PORTHLEVEN PUBLIC HALL
(registered Charity no. 261124)

The Hall continues to be used by a variety of groups from the community but there are still some times when it is not in use. It is an ideal venue for parties, receptions, meetings, etc. and available dates are obtainable from the Bookings Secretary (Mrs R Williams, tel. 572937).

If anyone wishes to use the hall to raise funds for Cancer Charities they may do so at no charge as the Public Hall Committee will waive the fee.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 21st April

A return visit, not to be missed by St Stythians Male Voice Choir. Tickets from Phyllis Arthur or from the Harbour Shop.

Saturday 1st June

Fundraising fete on the Harbour Head.

Monday 3rd June

Car Boot sale in the shipyard.

Monday 26th August

Harbour Head fete and Car Boot sale in the shipyard.

THE ELECTION FOR OUR NEW DISTRICT COUNCILLOR WILL BE ON APRIL 4TH. THIS WILL BE A POSTAL BALLOT, SO NO EXCUSE FOR NOT VOTING.

REMEMBER JUNE 3RD

PORTHLEVEN JUDO KWAI

This club continues to hold sessions every Friday evening in the Public Hall. We currently have 60 members ranging from novice Red Tat to Dan Grade Black belts. We have three Dan Grade instructors and two 2nd Kyu and one 3rd Kyu assistants regularly coaching the Junior members, who grade three times a year. Recently 21 of the Junior Members were graded at Area level. We also take Junior Members in competitions, both local and national. We aim to make Judo an interesting and rewarding experience and we also run a series of social events for members throughout the year. We have fun nights at the club and hold a barbeque each year as well as taking Junior Members and their families to the Culdros Christmas pantomime. We have members from 75 years and welcome anyone who wants to try us out.

At our recent AGM Mr Geoff Turrell was elected President.

Porthleven/Guissoney Twinning Association

April 5th - Beetle Drive, Porthleven Football Club.

May 9th to 13th - Visit to Guissoney.

August - Barn Dance. Date and venue to be Confirmed.

LIFEBOAT DAY - AUGUST 18TH

PORThLEVEN FOOTBALL CLUB.

The South-Western team are holding their own in the league with all clubs trying to stop St Blazey from walking the title. We have scored goals freely but faltered a bit at the start of the season. In the F A Vase, after beating Marlow and Moneyfields (both away) and Mildenhall Town (at home) we were finally beaten by a strong Burgess Hill side. The combination team are in the lower part of their league but have had some good results. All are welcome at Gala Day, come along and support your local teams.

POOPA-SCOOPERS

The Council has a supply of these, which are available FREE. Please make use of them and encourage your dog-owning guests to do the same. Remember, there is a large fine for people allowing their dogs to foul public places and yet still local residents (and they are known to other people) continue to ignore the mess their dog leaves.

Please can items for the late summer newsletter reach the Town Clerk by the last day of July.

PORThLEVEN'S TOWN COUNCILLORS

Cllr. David Blanning (Chairman)	221803
Cllr. Jill Green (Vice-Chairman)	574269
Cllr. Charles Budd	564542
Cllr. Michael Crowle	564948
Cllr. Gill Menhennet	561780
Cllr. Godfrey Stephens	562163
Cllr. James Stokes	562298
Cllr. John Strike	562008
Cllr. Katherine Williams	562477

Cllr. Stephens represents us on Kerrier District Council and there is a vacancy due to the retirement of Mr Roy Bradbury, to whom we offer our thanks for many years service. Our County Councillor is Mr David Richards.

WHAT THE COUNCIL CAN AND CANNOT DO FOR YOU

Your Town Council is always anxious to assist local people (and visitors) wherever possible but, unfortunately, our powers are limited and we are not always the proper authority to be approached.

In **Planning Matters** we have the right to comment and make observations; we do not determine the outcome of Planning Applications. If you are concerned about a Planning matter you should approach your Kerrier representative, though, obviously, the Town Councillors will do their best to make your concerns known at the Kerrier Planning Office.

Street Cleaning is also a Kerrier matter. **Street Lighting and Street Signs** are the province of the County Council, however, if a street light is malfunctioning the Town Clerk will be pleased to notify the correct department so that it can be put right.

The **Recreation Ground, Amenity Areas and Skateboard Park** are owned and administered, on your behalf, by the Town Council and any problems there should be reported to the Town Clerk.

Acts of vandalism, anti-social behaviour or public disturbance (including the continuous ringing of alarm bells) the Police should be called immediately. Or you can call Crimestoppers on Freephone 0800 555 111.

If you are unsure who to approach with a particular problem the Town Clerk will be happy to point you in the right direction.

The Town Clerk's number (office hours) is 01326-573154

RECYCLING

The majority of residents now use the Blue Box scheme but there is still room for more kerbside recycling. Don't forget that all washed plastic milk bottles, empty food cans, drinks cans, newspapers, junk mail and bagged material can be collected. The next collection is on Tuesday 9th April and then every other Tuesday. Remember that, not only will you be reducing the need for land-fill sites but, eventually, Council Rates and heating bills could be reduced.

Cllr. Green already recycles aluminium cans, to raise money for charity. These can be bagged and left at 'Tresco', Shrubberies Hill, or can be collected by appointment.

If you are really keen on recycling the Centre at Dudnance Lane, Pool has bins for Garden Waste, Sheet Glass, Cardboard and Wood, as well as the usual bottle and paper banks. 100% of material taken here is recycled so, next time you visit Pool Market or Big W, why not take some waste as well. Think of the room you might make in your garage!

Further details on recycling, or other environment issues can be obtained from Cllr. Green.

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JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

You will all know, by now, that this year is the Golden Jubilee of the Queens reign. There will be an all day music event on the Harbour Head, by kind permission of Mr T Osborne, arranged by Janet Eathorne. It is also hoped to have swimming and other water based events so keep this date free

JUNE 3rd 2002

New pilot gig will make big difference to club

ROWERS in Porthleven took to the water in their brand new pilot gig on Sunday after the vessel was launched amid major celebrations in the fishing port.

Rough seas meant the crews could not venture beyond the inner harbour, but the *St Elvan* - the original name for Porthleven -

was put through her paces under the admiring gaze of a large crowd of onlookers.

The gig, built by master craftsman Ralph Bird, of Devoran, was named and launched by Billy Richards, safety officer and former vice-chairman of Porthleven Pilot Gig Club, following a brief service led by the Rev Harry Pugh.

Porthleven Town Band also

joined in the celebrations.

A junior crew were the first to take to the water, accompanied by club chairman Ted Gundry, who said a second gig would make a big difference to the thriving club.

"With two crews out we will be able to have more competitive training," he said. "It will be more fun and people won't be hanging around on the slip so much."

Established in 1990, the gig club

now has around 70 members, but until the weekend was making do with only one gig - the *Energetic*.

The £19,000 *St Elvan* was financed by a major grant from the Sport England lottery fund, as well as local fundraising.

She is due to be given her first competitive outing in May when the club travels to the Isles of Scilly to take part in the Cornish pilot gig world championships.



● **READY AND WAITING:** Charlotte Hodge, Josh Richardson, Matt Higgs, Tom Graham, Matthew Frost, Oliver Critchard and cox Alan Green, the first crew out in the new gig



● **CASH BOOST:** Trudi Else from Sport England hands the cheque to club treasurer Joyce Gundry



● **AND THEY'RE OFF:** Sophie Hodge, Lee Storey, Martin Newbury, Ashleigh Taylor, Charlotte Wilkins and Joanne Stinton, were the second junior crew to take to the water



● **TOP MAN:** Ted Gundry, club chairman, goes out in the new gig

Obituary

MY FRIEND.

(I DID THE FLOWERS.)

THE funeral took place at Porthleven Methodist Chapel of Mrs Cynthia Penrose, 64, and was conducted by Rev Robert Ormesher with Pastor John Townley paying tribute to her life.

Cynthia was born at Glenden, Porthleven, her late parents were Mr and Mrs Gordon Dale who worked at Chyarloe Farm, Gunwalloe. Cynthia attended

Gunwalloe School, then the family moved to Porthleven, and Cynthia worked at Oliver's Fish Netting Factory followed by Russell Knights at Helston as a buyer and later at Jack Giles' shop and cafe at Porthleven.

Cynthia loved ballroom dancing and it was there that she met her husband, Peter at Penzance Winter Gardens. In 1969 they were

married at Porthleven Church and had spent 33 happy years together and had a son, Richard.

Cynthia also loved knitting, cooking and was always making pasties.

For 11 years, Cynthia cared for her mother.

Suitable music and family chosen hymns - The Lord's My Shepherd and How Great Thou

Art - were played at the organ by Mrs Sheila Richards.

Chosen bearers were G Richards, P Richards, D Johns and P Johns. Interment followed at Porthleven Cemetery.

Family mourners: Peter Penrose, widower; Richard Penrose, son; Denis Giles, uncle; Sylvia Vennier, aunt; Hazel Hocking, Barry Retallack,

Annette Retallack, Robert Hocking, Jean Hocking, Mr T Johns, Mrs M Williams, Jack Giles, Peggy Giles, Lena Rodgers, Adrian Rodgers, David Vincent, Helen Vincent, Mr and Mrs B Ashford, cousins and close family friends.

Funeral directors: David Mitchell and Son, Porthleven.



Katie celebrates 105th birthday

A MESSAGE from the Queen was just one of the many cards received this week by Breage House resident Katie Mullin, who celebrated her 105th birthday on Tuesday.

Mrs Mullin, who used to live in Porthleven, spent the day fairly quietly in the company of her son, Shirl, who had travelled from his home in New Brunswick, Canada, specially for the occasion.

One of a family of nine, Mrs Mullin was born at Waltham Abbey in Essex on March 26, 1897.

A telephonist and officer worker, she lived in Blackheath, London, before marrying a Canadian soldier in 1918 and moving to Canada the following year.

In 1980, she moved to Porthleven with her daughter, Kathleen, and was an active member of the WI and local church.

Kathleen died in 1998, but Mrs Mullin has continued to notch up the birthdays - helped along by the daily cup of hot water she believes could be the secret to her longevity.

Chris Ring, of Breage House, said this week: "Physically she's still very strong, but she does have days when she gets rather confused. She must be one of the oldest people in Cornwall, if not the oldest."

● I'VE SEEN THESE BEFORE! Katie Mullin of Breage House, Breage, with a message from the Queen to mark the former Porthleven resident's 105th birthday

Porthleven town council round-up

TOWN councillors in Porthleven have given their wholehearted support to youngsters who are planning to hold a major community event in the port later in the year.

A group of teenagers, led by spokesman Neil Laity, turned up at the latest council meeting to unveil their plans for an all-day festival on September 7.

The plans are at an early stage, but include such activities as a talent contest, fancy dress, stalls and demonstrations of break-dancing and BMX biking.

The youngsters said they wanted the whole community to get involved, with local businesses, clubs and other organisations all playing a part.

● THE council has been offered another grant of £5,000 towards its skateboarding project - this time from the Penwith Community Development Trust.

A quad and grinding edge are due to be installed in the skate park early next month, thanks to a £7,000 grant from the Foundation for Sport and the Arts.

The project also won £5,000 from the lottery's Awards for All scheme and the council hopes to have secured soon the £13,000 needed for a half-pipe.

● MEMBERS agreed to send a letter to the county council after Pastor Winston Thomas of the Apostolic Church in Porthleven was told he was not allowed to put up a directional sign because the church was not open for long enough. The town council had offered to pay £50 towards the cost of the sign but Pastor Thomas said the church had to be kept locked some of the time because of the potential for vandalism and was therefore not eligible for a sign.

● THE council has congratulated Porthleven School on winning a highly commended certificate in this year's Kerrier Green Awards. Members nominated the school for the awards.

Kerrier District Council reform this month with Postal Ballot to take Election.

The Porthleven ballot - Thursday 4th April 2002 - will be the first time that there has been a By Election in this village. It is expected to lead to a significant increase in voter turnout.

Kerrier's Portfolio Committee has agreed to support the formation of a Porthleven Democratic Renewal Committee.

PORTHLEVEN

● WOMEN'S INSTINCTS: Thoughts that all pigeons were from the Trafalgar Square area were quickly dispelled when members of Porthleven WI held a competition to identify the most beautiful pigeons shown to the public. Individually, to admire and touch whilst expert Susan Jones gave a lively and interesting talk on the subject.

Firstly, she showed a video of the oddity, which was actually a Cornish Pouter.



● SOAKED: Porthleven Town Band's vice-chairman Nick Searle gets a soaking in the stocks

Easter fun raises £288 for band

GETTING a soaking in the stocks was probably the most popular activity at Porthleven Town Band's Easter fundraiser which was blessed with glorious sunshine and soaring temperatures.

Events on the Harbour Head included egg and spoon races, a

● By LAURA PARSONS

fancy dress competition and an auction of Easter eggs, as well as various stalls.

A total of £288 was raised for band funds, with some of the proceeds going towards travelling costs for players taking part in a regional contest in Bristol at the weekend.



● WATER BABE: Fancy dress winner Sean Jobling



● CAREFULLY DOES IT: Above - It's all go at the start of the adults egg and spoon race. Top - Kimberley Eade wins the Over-8s egg and spoon race



Methleigh Bottoms

Porthleven paves the way!!

Kerrier District Council takes the lead in electoral reform this month when it pilots the first ever All Postal Ballot to take place in the country at a By Election.

The Porthleven ballot - which will take place tomorrow on Thursday 4th April 2002 - is being held to elect a replacement for Roy Bradbury, who resigned last October. It will be the first time that this method of voting has been used at a By Election in this country and all eyes will therefore be on the Cornish village next month to see whether it leads to a significant increase in the number of people voting.

Kerrier's Portfolio Holder for Consultation & Democratic Renewal, Councillor Mrs Sue Swift, comments that: "Low voter turnout at elections is a problem throughout the country and Kerrier wanted to do something to tackle

this at a local level. In a recent survey conducted by the Council, almost six out of ten respondents agreed that voting by post would encourage them to take part in local elections. We not only listened to those views, we acted upon them and sought approval from central Government to fill the Porthleven vacancy by an All Postal Ballot. We have done our bit and I hope that the voters of Porthleven will now show their support by using their postal vote to take part in this election."

Candidates for the Porthleven By Election are:
Malcolm James BALL -
 (The Labour Party Candidate)
William Vincent Clarke CURNOW 1st
Michael DUGAN 2nd
 Rosemary Joy GUNTER
 (Liberal Democrat)
Alfred MESROPIANS
 (The Conservative Party Candidate)
 The successful candidate will join Councillor Godfrey

Stephens in representing the Porthleven Ward on Kerrier District Council.

Ballot papers for the By Election arrived through people's letterboxes on Thursday, 21st March and must be posted back to the Returning Officer, using the reply paid envelope provided, by Thursday 4th April 2002. Detailed instructions on how to complete and return the ballot paper will be supplied and the Council can also provide a special voting device to assist blind or partially sighted voters, on request.

It is important to stress that Postal Voting is the only way that residents of Porthleven will be able to vote in the By Election. There will be no conventional Polling Station at this election.

Should you have any queries regarding postal voting, please contact the Administrative Section at Kerrier District Council on tel: 01209 614298 or email at: electoral.registration@kerrier.gov.uk

PORTHLEVEN

● **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:** Any thoughts that all pigeons were of the Trafalgar Square variety were quickly dispelled when the members of Porthleven WI had six beautiful pigeons shown to them, individually, to admire and even to touch whilst expert Sue Vine gave a lively and interesting talk on the subject.

Firstly, she showed a grey, which oddly, was actually coloured blue and known as a Chinese owl with the feathers on its chest upside-down, creating a ruff. Next was a bronze Welsh tippler with pearl coloured eyes; a Dutch capachine pigeon with a cravat and pink lustre markings; a black and white Voorburg pouter pigeon and a yellow and white Jacobin, the type much admired and bred by Queen Victoria and now becoming fashionable once again in the pigeon world. Brown bread, coffee and biscuit were not part of the evening's menu, but a tasteful description by Sue of her crowning achievement, the introduction of a new colour Chinese owl pigeon, bred after five years hard work. This striking brown pigeon with pink markings was much admired by all.

Sue Vine bathes her pigeons with baby shampoo, rinses them carefully and then puts them into a box to dry before presenting them in shows. Some even have their legs vaselined! Everyone was fascinated to learn that the chores are fairly distributed between mother and father pigeon who share egg sitting duties equally until the chicks are hatched and, even better, both of these liberated birds feed the baby "squeakers" from their crops with rich milk which doubles the babies weight within 24 hours. Evidently they are not only colourful birds but also keen and conscientious parents.

Sue Vine was introduced and thanked for her very interesting and entertaining talk by Maureen Williams, president, who said that they had all thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Members own craft winners: 1, J Walker; 2, R Myneer; 3, J Tilsey. Flower of the month: 1, A Rogers; 2, J Walker; 3, R Myneer. Birthday posies were presented to N Bernard, O Richards, M Williams, F Ziemann, D Ingram.

The next meeting is at Porthleven village hall on Wednesday, May 8 at 7.15pm. New members and visitors both young and older are very welcome. The speaker will be Mr Mick Harvey on the subject, Journey into space.

Porthleven - Hill Street Properties Ltd. Conservation Area Consent for the demolition of buildings. Cows Garage Factory Buildings, Methleigh Bottoms.

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● **WIVES CLUB:** Members of Porthleven Wives Club visited Porthleven Bowling Club where they were met by Mr Michael Rosewarne and Mrs Margaret Warren who gave them a very interesting demonstration on short mat bowling.

The guests soon organised themselves into five teams and spent a very enjoyable evening "having a go". Mrs Estelle Kitts, chairman, thanked Mr Rosewarne and Mrs Warren and the evening concluded with the committee providing the refreshments.

● **CONCERT:** A concert will be held in Porthleven Public Hall on Sunday at 7.45pm when the chairman will be Mr Peter Gautrey.

Tickets are available from the Harbour shop at £3 adults, £1.50 children and will include refreshments.

All proceed for the Public Hall Fund.

PORTHLEVEN

JEAN BRYANT,
01326 572349



● **FLORA:** After a marvellous Flora Day with sun and blue skies, the heady perfume of the bluebells and gorse which decked the streets of dear old Helston, the amiable crowds, colourful dresses, and music of the band once again becoming a pleasant memory, it was good to rest weary footsore feet and to enjoy a few hours of relaxation in the good company of the members of the Porthleven WI.

The meeting was chaired by the president, Mrs Maureen Williams who entertained everyone there with her amusing comments and witty competitions.

Unanimous decisions were reached on resolutions concerning support for local abattoirs, and also stricter controls on the importation of foodstuffs. Mrs Ruth Myneer will be taking these votes to the IGM meeting at Brighton in June. Flower of the month: 1, Judith Richards; 2, Jill Walker; 3, Angela Rogers and Sybil Mugford. Judith Richards was presented with a birthday posy. The next meeting is at the Porthleven village hall on Wednesday, June 12 at 7.15pm. New members and visitors will be made very welcome.

Flats to be considered

PLANS to build nine flats and two shops on a site near the harbour in Porthleven are due to be considered by Kerrier district councillors at a meeting on Tuesday.

Porthleven town councillors have expressed their support for development of the Coal Quay Yard site, which fronts Harbour Road and has Prospect Place to the rear.

Kerrier planning officers have recommended the application be approved, subject to certain conditions.

● **RSPCA:** Members of the Porthleven Auxiliary of the RSPCA held their first stall for the season on Porthleven Harbour Head in brilliant sunshine and raised £120 for their fund. They also recently arranged a collection at Tescos, Penzance, during the annual Tescos/Pet week and raised a further £390 and collected 225 items of pet food kindly donated by customers visiting the store, to be taken to the Cornwall RSPCA animal re-homing centre at Higher Quoit, near St Columb.

Thanks were extended to the manager and stall for their help, extra friends who assisted them during the week's collection, and all the general public for their wonderful support throughout the event.

● **WIVES CLUB:** Members of the Porthleven Wives Club held their AGM with chairman, Mrs Estelle Kitts, giving a very interesting

resume of all the activities which took place over the past year, and thanked the committee for all their hard work. Mrs Beddows also thanked the officers and committee and all who had helped over the year.

The officers elected for the coming year were: chairman, Estelle Kitts; vice chairman, Mary Beddows; secretary, Margaret Rosewarne; treasurer, Jill Hardaker; committee, J Ford, J Pascoe, B Hendy, M Pryor and B Lugg.

This was the last meeting of the present series. These will resume again in the autumn on alternative Friday evenings. New members are always welcome.

Porthleven town council in focus

TOWN councillors in Porthleven have reaffirmed their support for a by-law banning skateboarding on the streets of the port.

Kerrier officials have appeared reluctant to pursue such a by-law, despite the town council investing some £25,000 in providing a designated skate park in Porthleven.

At last week's council meeting, chairman Dave Blanning said there was a suggestion Kerrier would now look more favourably on the by-law, which was also supported by the police.

The skate park had been set up primarily because a by-law could not be put in place without offering youngsters an alternative place to skate.

"We have grave concerns for their safety and well-being," said Mr Blanning. "We have made a huge financial investment in skateboarding and don't want to see young people splattered on the fronts of cars."

● Kerrier officers have said a preservation order is not needed to protect the old Christmas tree in Wellmoor because it is in a conservation area and protected under planning legislation.

Town councillors, who contacted the district council for advice following concern about the preservation of the tree, said they would send a copy of the Kerrier letter to the new owners of the property.

A suggestion that a plaque be installed saying the tree should not be lopped or felled without permission from Kerrier was not supported.

● Chairman Dave Blanning congratulated Vincent Curnow on his recent election as Porthleven's new district council representative.

Mr Curnow, who was attending the council meeting, said he looked forward to working with the town council for the benefit of Porthleven.

● A lockable wooden gate is to be installed in place of a section of hedge at the bottom of Methleigh Parc after members agreed wood would be more in keeping than a metal gate.

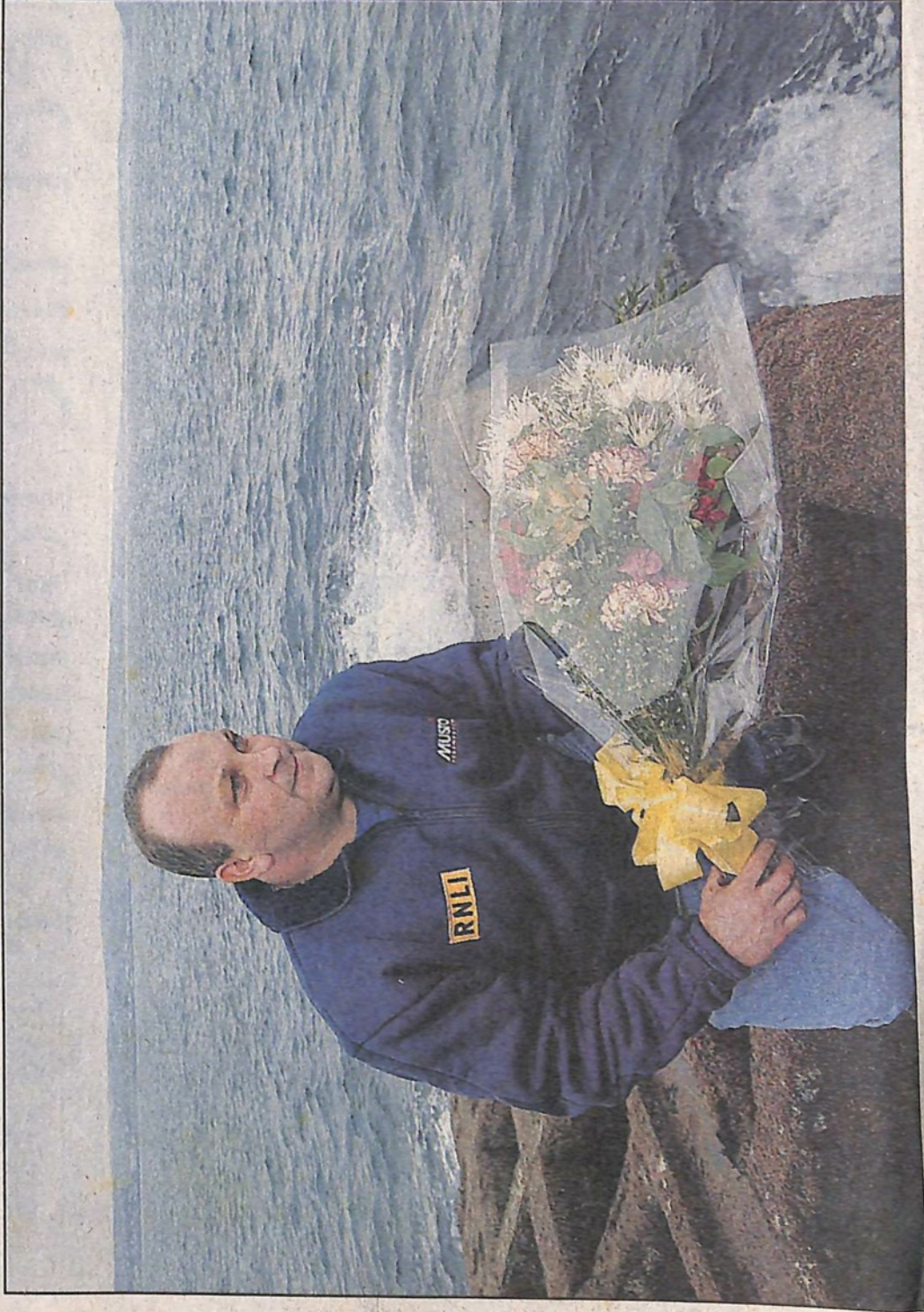
● Councillors have reaffirmed their support for the fight against the downgrading of services at West Cornwall Hospital in Penzance.

Clerk Elsie Balme reminded members about the march taking place in Penzance on Sunday.

● The council has made a grant of £40 to the Cornwall County Playing Fields Association.

20 years on, a community remembers its lost sons

PHIL MONCKTON



● **HONOURING HEROES:** Penlee lifeboat coxwain Neil Brockman at Penlee lifeboat slip, from where the ill-fated Solomon Browne launched 20 years ago

JAMIE SMITH AND DOUGLAS WILLIAMS

THE FAMOUS Christmas lights of a Cornish fishing village will be reduced to a sombre glow tonight as the RNLi's last major lifeboat tragedy is remembered.

The lights of Mousehole, the village deeply wounded by the tragic loss of the Solomon Browne on December 19, 1981, will once again be extinguished, apart from a lit cross and angels, in memory of the crew.

It is 20 years ago this evening that the crew of the Penlee lifeboat, eight local men, launched into the worst seas they had ever seen in the hope of saving eight

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complete strangers aboard the stricken coaster Union Star, which was on its maiden voyage.

Neil Brockman, 37, whose father Nigel died with the loss of the boat, is the coxswain of the new Penlee lifeboat, and last night he spoke of his pride in the lifeboatmen who died and said he would be happy for his young son Luke to follow in his footsteps.

Nigel Legg, former second coxswain of Lizard lifeboat, the Duke of Cornwall, has broken a 20-year silence to tell of the events of that night and how weather fronts conspired to produce lethal conditions.

It is 20 years ago today that 16 people died in the RNLI's last major lifeboat disaster. Here **JAMIE SMITH** and **DOUGLAS WILLIAMS** pay tribute to those who were prepared to risk their own lives to help on that fateful December night

Testament to true bravery

IT is a testament to his character that the loss of the Penlee lifeboat did not deter Neil Brockman from serving for the RNLI.

But today Mr Brockman, 37, whose father Nigel died with the loss of the Solomon Browne, is the coxswain of the Penlee lifeboat and last night he spoke of his pride in the lifeboatmen who died and in the present crew.

He knew the lost men personally and had been to sea with them. He was only 17 when it happened.

"It was always something I wanted to do and I hope my son Luke may follow me," he said yesterday, "I wouldn't stop him if he did - he likes boats."

Mr Brockman was on the first shout the replacement Penlee lifeboat had after the tragedy and then he joined the crew with the new boat, Mabel Alice, when she arrived.

He said: "I am very honoured and privileged to hold this position. It came as a surprise when it was offered because I was only 28."

In 1996 he was awarded the RNLI Bronze Medal for his work in rescuing the Newlyn boat, Julian Paul.

Remembering that night in 1981, he said: "It was a hell of a night. It was horrendous, the worst weather I have ever seen. To get four off the coaster was a brilliant feat of seamanship."

"The coxswain picked the best crew he had there. I was quite inexperienced and father had been on the boat since 1964."

Mr Brockman went back home and waited for news with his mother Jacqueline and brothers Kevin and Martin. After several desperate hours it was known all was lost.

Today all the families, several of whom still live in Mouschole, will have their private thoughts and memories and - as in past years - will have the protective sympathy of the people of the village and district.

He said: "We have our own private arrangements. The families are still very close." He was at Paul Parish Church for the memorial service last Sunday with his mother, wife Linda and children Georgina, 13 and Luke 10.

Mr Brockman, who will be on service today and over Christmas, asked the Western Morning News last night to pass on this message to the public: "Thank you all for your thoughts and of being with us at this time."

There were nearly two lifeboats lost the night tragedy struck the Penlee. The crew of the Lizard lifeboat set out in the worst storms it had ever faced in a brave effort to save colleagues - unaware that it was already too late.

For the first time in print former second coxswain of the Lizard lifeboat, Nigel Legg, has told of the night.

He was called from the warm of his home in Lizard village shortly after



● **EVERY ONE A HERO:** The crew of the Solomon Browne launching from Penlee Point just days before the disaster

midnight on December 19. Outside rising winds were causing the electrical cables to spark and flash violently.

"It was a very wild night," recalls Nigel. "By the time the rockets went off and the lifeboat was called it was one of those nights when there was stuff blowing about all over the village."

"The first I heard of it was a phone call from mother. She just said 'you aren't to go out tonight on the lifeboat'. I told her I hadn't been asked to, but as I put the phone down it rang again immediately."

The Penlee was overdue but Nigel was not overly concerned. Lifeboat rescues can be complicated and it was not uncommon for it to be late.

But little did he, or any of the crew, know that by this time it was already too late to save any of their friends or the crew and families of the Union Star who they had been trying to rescue.

Nigel said: "Loads of times when you

got to the boathouse the situation had resolved itself. I thought we would probably be put on standby until we heard from them."

"We had a call from the lifeboat inspector who was the top man in the South West. He told the coxswain the weather was so bad it was up to him whether he went or not."

'There was no one who would be coming back for those pairs of shoes'

Sense of duty and the knowledge that colleagues were in trouble gave coxswain Peter Mitchell the answer to a difficult decision.

Nigel said: "He said to us 'well, we're going to go but if anyone of you doesn't want to, I won't think any less of you for not wanting to'. Of course, we went

like that and never have since. I had lots of faith in the boat, she was very, very good but I remember thinking we were going to have a rough ride."

The two-hour passage to Mount's Bay took five as waves became monsters and winds reached a hurricane 100mph. Nigel reached for the bow rail

and found it had been swept away. The crew passed another boat close-by - Nigel believes this was probably the last sighting of the Marque which also sank that night with the loss of all hands.

The crew's worst fears were realised when reports reached that the wreckage of an RNLI boat had begun washing up on Lamorna Beach.

The Lizard crew, now soaked and battered by the freezing wind, found refuge in the seaman's mission at Newlyn, where the Solomon Browne would have been moored. They picked up dry clothes and had hot "tatty soup".

"Our lifeboat was in the harbour. To anyone else it would look like the Penlee boat had returned," said Nigel. "As we were sitting there, their little kids and all their families walked in looking for the Penlee crew. It was truly awful."

After only an hour on land the Lizard crew set to sea again, still in high seas, desperate to find survivors. But all they found was wreckage confirming their worst fears - and then bodies.

Nigel said: "The first thing we found was the bow of the Penlee lifeboat with the name written on it. These boats were built to such high standards and we had great faith in them but I remember picking it up and it was so flimsy."

"When we later pulled our boat out, water just kept pouring out of her. The keel bolts were sticking out of the bilges which had just split. A normal boat would have sunk, the airpockets in the lifeboat kept it going."

"We are very lucky to be alive, I have no doubt of that. It's a job to believe we had actually been there and seen what we had seen. I'm a hard-case fisherman but when I finally got to the comfort of home I just broke down."

"The thing that sticks in my mind even now is that all that was left in the Lizard boathouse, same as Penlee, was pairs of shoes lying on the floor. But there was no crew coming back for those pairs of shoes."

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Present crew continues tradition of heroism

THE director of public relations for the RNLI remembers well the night he was called at his London home on a December night to deal with a tragedy unfolding hundreds of miles away.

Edward Wake-Walker was the RNLI's duty press officer at the time. He said: "I was up in London and even there we were conscious of the extremely bad weather."

"I remember coming back late and one of my flatmates told me our head office had been trying to get hold of me for some time. When I rang them it was to be told that the boat had been lost and nobody knew what had happened to them. Nobody knew quite how the Penlee lifeboat was lost and for that reason you can never say definitely what might have helped them."

"But with a modern lifeboat like the Arun-class

Mabel Alice which the Penlee crew have got now in Newlyn Harbour, the manoeuvrability is far greater.

"Whether that would have helped them run in and out again is debatable but certainly close manoeuvrability has been made easier, although there is nothing easy about crewing a lifeboat."

"From the RNLI's point of view we have been working all the time in those 20 years to make the job of our lifeboat crews as safe as we possibly can - bearing in mind you can never get full mastery of the sea."

What the RNLI remembers is the ultimate act of bravery of the coxswain and his crew on that night. But Mr Wake-Walker is keen that the bravery of that crew on December 19, 1981 does not overshadow the work of the present boat's crew who still put to sea in answer to distress calls.

"It is unfair for the present-day crew of the Penlee for it only to be remembered for the disaster when in the 20 years since Solomon Browne was lost they have been responsible for 326 calls and 96 lives saved as a result of that," he added.

"I think many of the crew at Penlee, although they will be very conscious of the bravery of that night, also realise that there is a present and a future for the work that they do."

"They are a very successful crew which dates back right to when the people of Mousehole and Newlyn were so prepared to form another crew. This was immediately after the disaster - which is an incredible effort and full credit to them."

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Community will never forget their sacrifice

A SOLEMN air will settle on Mousehole tonight as the famous Christmas lights of the village are dipped for an hour between 8pm and 9pm, as they have been every year since 1981.

Michael Sagar Fenton, Penlee's public spokesman who has written a book on the tragedy, said a quiet church service had already taken place on Sunday at Mousehole's parish church at Paul.

Mr Sagar Fenton said: "It is a very difficult thing for many people still.

"The people of Mousehole and the RNLI will be remembering them quietly and individually.

"When it happened there was a spontaneous reaction.

"They shut the Mousehole lights off for days. Then the cross and the angels were put together and lit. Just before Christmas it was decided to put them all back on.

"Now, symbolically, the lights of Mousehole are dimmed to just the cross and the angels for an hour between 8pm and 9pm.

"The loss of the eight brave men from the Solomon Browne is a wound which will never really heal as long as there are people left who knew them, and their memory and inspiration will never die.

"Their names ring around Mousehole harbour each year at the annual lifeboat service.

"The traditions of the Penlee lifeboat will go on as long as there are sailors to rescue.

"Lifeboat crews are really ordinary men and women but they nevertheless manage to represent the best in all of us. Good wishes will always follow them.

"Someone has to do it and someone always does - not only by volunteering as crew but by giving up spare time for training sessions, medical exercises, public appearances and cleaning."

Eight brave men who are remembered not only for their final act of valour, but



Trevelyan Richards

Coxswain Trevelyan Richards, 56, was a local legend, known to everyone as Charlie. His authority over the lifeboat was undisputed and, like many of his generation in the village, he had worked on boats since he could walk and lived for the sea. He started his career as a boy crew on a crabber and worked his way up to trawler skipper



Stephen Madron

Stephen Madron, 35, was the lifeboat's mechanic and second coxswain and the only crew member that night on the RNLI's payroll. He also worked for the local harbour pilots. He had a long family history on the lifeboat and left behind a wife, a young son and a daughter



Charles Greenhough

Charlie Greenhough, 46, was originally from Wallasey, Cheshire. He served with the Royal Navy and Merchant Navy and was publican of The Ship. A very popular figure, who had previously been landlord at Long Rock near Marazion, and who had had the honour of turning on the Christmas lights only the night before



Gary Wallace

Gary Wallis, 22, was a Londoner and a good friend of Kevin Smith. His family had also settled in Mousehole and he was a fisherman working out of Newlyn

'Truly the bravest men that I have ever seen'

THOUSANDS of visitors will crowd into the village of Mousehole during the Christmas and New Year holidays to wonder at the superb harbour lights display in this natural amphitheatre.

Not tonight all the brilliance will be dimmed for an hour, with the exception of a shining cross, to mark the tragic loss of eight Mousehole men who gave their lives in a bid to save others in peril.

It was exactly 20 years ago that the Penlee lifeboat Solomon Browne was broken near the Tater Dhu rocks as the crew, led by Coxswain Trevelyan Richards, 56, tried once again to take off those on the stricken coaster Union Star in hurricane conditions. In all 16 lives

were lost. Cornwall, Britain and the world shared in the mourning for the heroic lifeboatmen just six days before Christmas. One of the crew, Charles Greenhough, landlord of The Ship Inn on the harbour, had officially switched on the lights display shortly before the tragedy.

I was among the crowd that evening to hear the carols and was next in the village on the chill Sunday morning of December 20 when all was hushed as relations, neighbours and friends visited the bereaved. An emotional cloak of grief covered the scene and as a journalist as well as a friend of many and a relative of one of the crew, I could feel that heartrending silence and numbness.

The grief poured over at the funerals at Paul and Lelant churches of the four men whose bodies were recovered. I shall never forget the moments when the coffins were borne on the shoulders of colleagues and friends, some of them members of the "new" Penlee crew.

"Sunset and Evening Star and One Clear Call for Me" sang the men of Mousehole choir and the fishermen's psalm, "The Lord is my Pilot, I shall not Drift" was read.

At Lelant Mr Greenhough's coffin lay side by side with that of his mother who died two days after the Penlee tragedy, of grief and shock. At the funeral on Christmas Eve of the coxswain, the mother of one of the lifeboatmen who was never found, slipped in beside me at Paul: the loss was written on her face. Many of the mourners broke down and wept openly as the cortege came in.

As I wrote at the time: "In a church whose flame has survived burning by the Spaniards and bombing by the Germans, this must rank among the most emotional moments in its long history. Grief was perhaps most poignant among those who may never be granted the mercy of seeing their menfolk laid to rest."

Yet that scene at Paul was not all mourning: the church had its Christmas decorations in place with a tree and a crib.

To the coxswain went the posthumous Gold Medal of the RNLI and to his crew the posthumous Bronze Medal: 2nd coxswain mechanic Stephen Madron (35), assistant mechanic Nigel Brockman (43), emergency mechanic John Blewett (43) and crew members Charles Greenhough (46), Kevin Smith (23), Barrie Torrie (33), and Gary Wallis (22).

Twenty years ago **DOUGLAS WILLIAMS** was a journalist working for the WMN. Here he describes the harrowing task of reporting a tragedy in his own community

Today Nigel Brockman's son Neil is coxswain of the Penlee lifeboat Mabel Alice, afloat in Newlyn harbour. He had volunteered to go as crew on that fateful night but was told: "One from each family is enough on a night like this." Had he gone his mother would have lost a son as well as her husband.

Neil commented soon after: "Despite what happened, I will go on the lifeboat again. Those who died were all heroes." His declaration to serve has become a reality.

Next morning, December 20, as the seas died down, the wreck of the Union Star could be seen impaled on the rocks near Tater Dhu, close to Lamorna. The wreckage of the lifeboat was brought to

'They gave their lives in order to save their fellows, even when they were strangers'

harbour. Since coming into service she had been 238 times on duty and had saved 98 lives.

The St Mary's, Isles of Scilly, Sennen and the Lizard lifeboats were launched soon after midnight and came to the scene in battering seas to search and help. It was a cruel night in every sense of the word.

An appeal fund was begun by the chairman of Penwith district council and finally raised over £3 million. On that first Sunday the Queen, as patron of the Institution, sent a telegram of sympathy and great regret from herself and Prince Philip. There were so many messages, including from Prince Charles, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and the Duke of Kent, President of the RNLI.

The heroism was, perhaps, best summed up in the words of the vicar, Rev Hugh Cadman, that I heard at Paul: "They gave their lives in order to save their fellows, even when they were strangers. We thank God for the courage

and kindness which cause men to risk all for love's sake." This was what it meant to love one's fellow man.

On Sunday last, services were held in their memory at Paul Church and Mousehole Chapel where there are memorials to the lifeboatmen. Today wreaths and posies will be placed at the Penlee lifeboat house close to the village and from where the Solomon Browne was launched.

Day by day and week by week I reported on the continuing "story" of the tragedy and the developments. There were so many tender moments: on that Christmas Eve 1981 the harbour lights that had been in darkness since December 19 were switched on again, at the request of the bereaved wives, so that the children might see them.

Lifeboatmen also carried the coffin of 15-year-old Sharon Brown at her funeral service at the Roman Catholic Church at Penzance: she had been on the coaster. Her sister Deanne, 14, whose body was not found, her mother and stepfather, also died, as did the mate, the engineer and two sailors.

For nine hours over two days in March 1982 the story of disaster and heroism was relived by those closest to the tragedy. The inquest was on all 16 lost. There were unanimous verdicts of accidental death on 15 victims. On the Master of the Union Star, Captain Henry Michael Moreton, there was a unanimous verdict of misadventure.

No tribute was more moving than the words of Lt Cdr Russell L Smith of the US Navy who piloted the Sea King helicopter from RNAS Culdrose that night. He saw that hurricane scene, the lifeboat and the coaster and the way in which he expressed his feelings brought a stillness to the whole inquiry. He saw the attempts, time and again, to take off the men, woman and children.

He summed up with these words: "They were truly the bravest eight men I have ever seen..."

And there still are such men who serve this Christmas.

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● **NO HOPE:** Investigators examine a rope tangled round the Solomon Browne's propeller on the morning after the tragedy

for the many contributions they made to the community in their daily lives



Kevin Smith

Kevin Smith, 23, moved to Mousehole from Yorkshire with his family and he loved the sea. He was a seaman aboard the Cunard vessel Samaria and was at home on leave



Barrie Torrie

Barrie Torrie, 33, was a fisherman who had crewed the lifeboat since his teens. His family had been local since one of his ancestors was wrecked on St Clements Island which stands just off Mousehole. Born in the village, he was married with two young sons



Nigel Brockman

Nigel Brockman, 43, was the lifeboat's assistant mechanic and a Newlyn fishmonger. He had been on the lifeboat for 16 years and was also a fisherman famous for his mischievous wit and good humour. He left a wife and three teenage sons. His son, Neil Brockman, is today the coxswain of the Penlee lifeboat



John Blewett

John Blewett, 43, a British Telecom engineer, was from an old Mousehole family and was a pillar of village life. He was the electrician behind the wonder of the famous Mousehole Christmas lights. He left a wife and two children.

How the tragedy was seen unfolding

■ 6.04pm. The Union Star coaster on her maiden voyage from Holland to Ireland carrying fertiliser calls coastguards to warn of failed engines eight miles east of Wolf Rock. Aboard is captain Mick Moreton, 32, Moreton's wife, her two daughters, aged 14 and 15, and four crew.

■ 6.10pm. Falmouth Coastguard have contacted salvage tug, the Noord Holland. Although willing to help, the tug's owners will ask to be paid.

■ 6.16pm. Union Star rejects tug's offer. Frantic calls made between Cornwall and ship's owner in Holland for permission. No authorised person can be raised. Helicopter R80 from Culdrose and Penlee lifeboat on standby.

■ 7pm. Union Star reports water in her fuel pipes was the problem. Repair would take two hour in port conditions. Vital time has been lost.

■ 7.50pm. R80 sights coaster and begins attempts to get a diver aboard.

■ 8.24pm. R80 radios the Union Star with concerns about crashing into the ship's flailing mast.

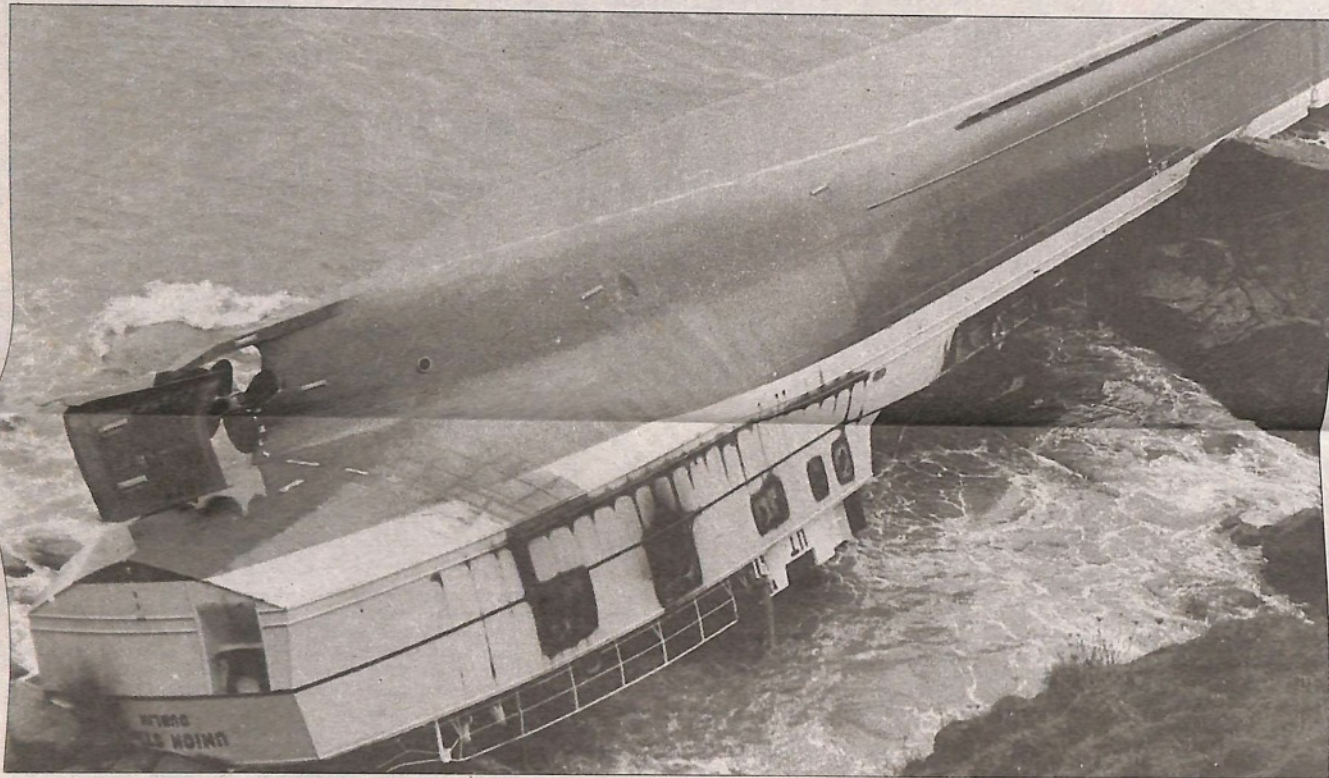
■ 8.43pm. Penlee lifeboat and the Noord Holland tug arrive. Penlee lifeboat offers to remove Moreton's wife and children.

■ 8.54pm. R80 stands down, unable to help. Union Star now only 500yds from shore. Penlee lifeboat tells Union Star ship will need to be abandoned.

■ 9.21pm. Penlee to Falmouth Coastguard: "We got four men off - look, er, hang on - we got four off at the moment, er, - male and female. There's two left on board..." [message ends abruptly in a crashing noise]

Tug skipper Gary Buurman and R80's crew see Solomon Browne clearly through thick mist. She is high in the air on a wave crest, silhouetted against the coaster's lights. A moment later the ship's lights disappear as her fully-laden 1400-tonne frame is flipped on to rocks like a paper boat. Lifeboat not visible. A thick smell of diesel reaches the shore.

■ 9.22pm. Falmouth coastguard, the tug and R80 try repeatedly to contact the lifeboat. There is no answer.



● **DISASTER:** Helicopter crews said they saw the freighter Union Star flipped on to the rocks near Tater Dhu 'like a paper boat'

Today's lifeboat has a crew to be proud of

BEFORE the shockwaves of the Penlee tragedy settled, another crew formed to man a replacement Penlee lifeboat and implored the RNLI to lose no time in supplying a new craft.

Today's Penlee crew is led by Neil Brockman, son of Nigel, who so nearly shared his father's fate but was exempted from the crew by coxswain Trevelyan Richards with the words "only one from a family".

And since that fateful day the Penlee lifeboat has gone on saving lives for which sailors from all over the world can be thankful.

The Penlee's call-out log makes impressive reading. She saved the life of local fisherman Martin Ellis as he attempted to revive the Cornish pilchard fishing industry.

A victim of his own success, Mr Ellis' boat was overcome when he caught so many fish, the scupper holes of his small fishing boat became plugged.

When Neil and his crew arrived on scene all they could see of Mr Ellis' boat, the Penrose, was the masthead light. Also rescued from the Penrose that night was Patch Harvey - a regular crew member of the Penlee lifeboat.

The crew posed as "Messrs January" in the 2001 RNLI calendar. The photo-shoot was in recognition of their outstanding service in rescuing a casualty from a Breton trawler, the Gwel a Vo. The rescue took place in rough conditions which were fraught with danger, in December 1999.

The trawler had broken down in a 60-knot gale providing a hard test for the Mabel Alice. But the crew succeeded in performing a very difficult transfer of a crewman with a punctured lung and carbon monoxide poisoning.

The men of Mabel Alice had an afternoon to remember in August when a batch of squalls

hit a major race in the National Dinghy Championships in Mount's Bay at the height of the tourist season.

The boat's log notes: "It was a difficult situation to call as dinghies usually sail to their limits during a race and will occasionally capsize in normal conditions."

"The wind was already brisk, but sudden force five to six squalls followed each other across the crowded bay. The situation soon became chaotic."

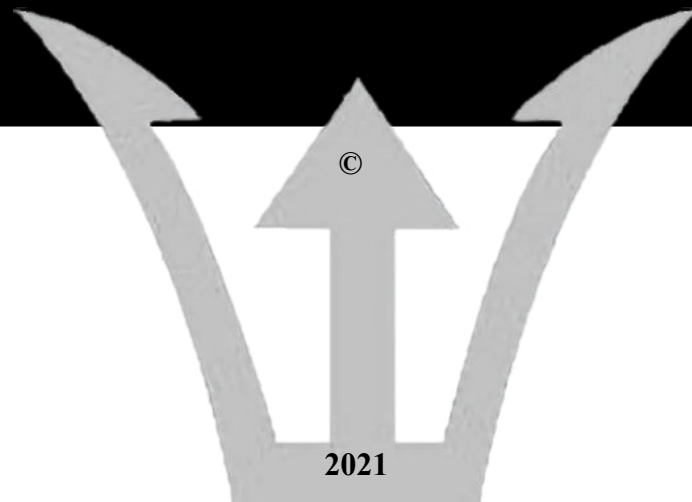
The lifeboat was faced with the rescue of several dinghy crews, a windsurfer and a swimmer - all over a wide area.

Neil wisely declined a request for the Mabel Alice to recover a drifting inflatable boat in January after being called out to rescue its crew. Bearing in mind the onshore wind, the swell and the fact that there was no further danger, the crew made a polite refusal and returned to base.



● **RESCUERS:** Neil Brockman (left) and the crew of today's Penlee lifeboat, the Mabel Alice

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