

# **BOSCASTLE BLOWHOLE**

## WE WON THE CUP

#### FOOTBALL CLUB WIN LAUNCESTON CUP AFTER 22 YEARS

Boscastle Football Club has won the Launceston and District Knockout Cup for the first time in their 22 years of existence.

The Launceston and District Cup is competed for by 24 junior-status teams ranging from Lewdown to St. Breward, Morwenstow to Bridgerule. Boscastle beat Lewdown in the Final. The silver cup bears all the signs of its nearly seventy years of being clutched in changing rooms and patted on bars. It has clearly given hard service in distant stations. Its base is covered with miniature shields carrying the names of all its winners since its inception in 1927. Now, for the first time, the name 'Boscastle' will appear.

Not the least delighted is Doreen Hancock, Club President, mentor and mother-confessor to the team. "I'm very proud to be President of the Club", she said, clutching the cup lovingly. Doreen was the only person willing to be photographed holding it, so shy were the players. Indeed, Doreen herself, submitted to the camera only after angonised protestations. Seeing her holding it now, it seems the most natural thing in the world that she should share some of the lime-light.

(See Phil Higgs' match report on Page 38)



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# Victory for Boscastle

It began, inevitably, when someone said 'What shall we do?' and, of course, someone else said that they had heard a rumour that... So - the Parish Council called a meeting of all those who were rumoured to be 'doing something', in order to coordinate plans for May 8th.

There was genuine concern at that stage that any celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the end of the war should be of the right kind; were we going to create unhealthy jingoism, or glorify war? What about Japan and Burma? Would such a date mean anything to anyone under 50? Why celebrate now?

The consensus was that a commemoration was desirable with the emphasis on thanksgiving for a hard-won peace; that the occasion should open the eyes of younger people to the contribution of aunts and uncles, grandparents, great-grandparents... That, of course, the date should commemorate the securing of peace in the Far East as well.

No-one who was party to those early discussions could have imagined just how splendidly this village would mark the occasion but this is Boscastle, and we should not have been surprised.

'Couldn't the school be involved?' Involved? In just three days, with every child taking part, our school prepared and presented a first-rate evocation of the 'wartime spirit', setting the tone for the whole weekend. From the tinies, 'Run Rabbit Run' to the senior pupils' individual pieces, the show was a delight.

And someone said, 'Why not have an exhibition?' An exhibition? Surely, nowhere in the West Country was there such an all-encompassing, beautifully presented and informative display of

the wartime contribution made by people of one particular community.

'We should have a street party, and give the kids a mug, if we're going to do it properly...' There was a party - games, an iced cake, the bunting, the lot. (Such a pity that more people could not have seen the faces of tiny children with their red, white and blue cakes, jam tarts, sausage rolls...) And our mug was unique - locally designed and hand-crafted. It was presented in style by our oldest soldier, ram-rod straight and wearing his medals.

The centre-piece of the week-end, the Church Service, followed the same form as that in St. Paul's Cathedral. By a minor miracle, about a hundred and eighty people squeezed into the church; the British Legion, the W.I., the Coastguards, Scouts and School were represented in the procession that followed the band from Mount Pleasant and many individuals took part in a memorable act of thanksgiving and commemoration.

The weekend finished with a beacon at Willapark - an air-raid siren and the coastguards' maroons marked the beginning and end of the two minute silence. The Football Club's enormous fire warmed all beneath a glorious sunset. More than five hundred people were able to see the Tintagel and Morwenstowe beacons joining ours, as the children's celebration cake was finished off.

Surely there could have been very few in this village who did not help to organise, make a contribution, or simply attend one of the functions. The 'war-time' community spirit was again evident - it was our triumph - Boscastle's Victory.

#### **Editorial Panel**

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## PHIL WASHER

Extract from a tribute given by a friend, Richard Willoughby of Bude, at the funeral of Phil Washer, drowned off Boscastle on Easter Sunday 1995, buried at St. Juliot Church, May 13th 1995.

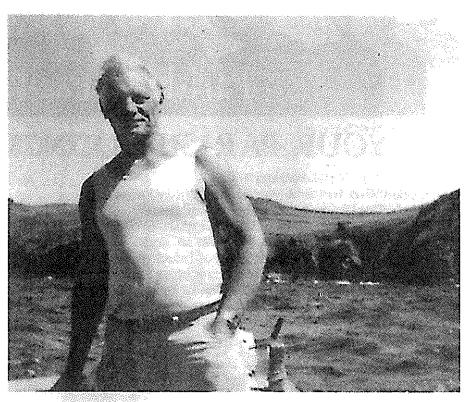
I was asked, and wanted, to say a few words about Phil. This is a sad day for us all. What can one say? What can you say about a man like Phil? Some people come into life, and pass through quietly, some come and pass through like lions, some, like Phil pass through with strength, and, without trying, leave a memory: that was Phil.

Whether you were a fisherman, a rugby player, a tug-of-war man, a boat builder, a roofer... well! you knew Phil. Not just in North Cornwall. You probably met Phil in London, working. You probably met him coaching rugby in the U.S.A. You probably met him coaching the tug-of-war team just down the road from here. You might have bought a boat from him. If you were a friend I guarantee he, at some time, brought you lobsters, or dressed crabs, or did a job for you, and said "I'll see you again".

He used to bring me lobsters, and the girls in the shop dressed crab. "Phil!" I'd say. "Take a pair of jeans, a shirt." "No!" he'd say. He was adamant. He did it because of friendship. I knew he felt abused if you wanted to pay when he said. "No."

Phil brought me friendship, and he brought me my Jack Russell, Chammy. When my daughter was eighteen I relented on dogs etc. I had been a dictatorial father in many ways. I said to Phil I would love to give Kirsten something she really wanted: a dog. Well, up came Phil with a Jack Russell. He loved his Jack Russells. Kirsten eventually left home, and so did the rest of the household, so I ended up with Chammy. Phil has sold me a real frined. A good and trusty friend, like he was.

We cannot, and probably do not want to think what Phil felt on that boat, but I can assure you all whatever it was he would have faced it resolutely, and without fear, or panic. He died on Easter Sunday: a truly symbolic day. I am convinced the people who work the land, or fish the sea, and people who work close to nature know God. Often they may be short on religion, but they are not



short on faith. Phil, I am sure, was one who knew that God looks after our needs, not our wants.

He would not have wanted you to be mournful other than for his family. Gilbert Shaw added to the many comments on life when he wrote:

'The earthly life is not the end of man It is the place where man is set To learn both God and man, To witness, to endure, to live and die For love of God and man.'

Phil loved both God and man, and we must try to see Phil with God, now he is now longer with man. Goodness! He will have a full life with God. He will be a star with God.

# Harbourmaster's News



The sad loss of Phil Washer, one of our members of the B.F.A., has overshadowed all other Harbour news for this edition. Phil will be missed by us all for the co-operation and help he has given us in the past, especially for fibre glass boat repairs etc. at which he was an expert. As Harbour-Master and on behalf of the B.F.A. may I express our deepest sympathy to Doreen and family. Fred Siford, Harbour-Master



## YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

#### Notice Board

The Council is to hand over responsibility for the Cobweb Car Park Advertising Board to the Heritage Coast Service. They will take over in 1996 and plan to replace the old map with an aerial photograph, surrounded by advertising of relatively permanent buildings i.e. Doctor's Surgery, places of Worship, Public Houses, Hotels. Copies of the photograph will be available for sale, the profits being shared between the Council and the Heritage Coast Services.

Local Signs

The Council have arranged for Highways to erect three signs, one opposite the Wellington Hotel, one on the slip road, and one at the top of Fore Street, to direct visitors to the Post Office and shops in the old village. The costs are to be met by the Council and the shopkeepers concerned.

#### **Election Results**

The election for Parish Council Members took place on May 4th. 35% of the electorate registered their vote. The following members were elected: Mike Hircock (Chairman), Carole Vincent, Maria Nicholls, George Findlay, Roy Sale, Arthur Olde, Kevin Sellars (Vice-Chairman), Pat Day, Eric Smith, Walter Gard.

Frank Routley of Tresparrett, was re-elected as Rural District Councillor for North Cornwall.

**Best Kept Village Competition** 

The Council has entered Boscastle in the Council for the Protection of Rural England's "Best Kept Village Competition".



A Fine Councillor



After being co-opted onto the Parish Council, Jonathon McConnell made very significant contributions at council meetings. Fellow councillors, (and the Blowhole,) regret that he was not re-elected this time, but feel sure that he will be back!

# DAVID WASHER

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# PARISH COUNCIL (2)

#### FLOOD-ALLEVIATION SCHEME DRIES UP

Judging by a letter they recently sent to the Parish Council, the National Rivers Authority are having second thoughts about their elaborate Flood Alleviation Plans for the lower end of the Old Road. The NRA representative who attended the Council AGM, where the pros and cons of the scheme were set to be aired, was struck by the lack of interest on the part of those most affected: residents in the harbour area.

They note, with some resignation, that local people, asked when the holiday season starts in earnest, so that exploratory work on the Old Road may be carried out with minimum upset to trade, generally thought the season lasts all year round. However, if it had to be done, mid-Janaury to mid-February might be best.

Replies to the questionnaires send to residents at the lower end of the road showed little support 'for this or any other type of major flood alleviation scheme'.

Most people seem to feel that the most costeffective means of avoiding floods in the harbourarea is for the Jordan and Valency watercourses to
be kept clear and unobstructed. The NRA notes
that these are now designated 'main river' and they
have statutory powers to work on them. This does
not relieve the owners of the banks of the
responsibility for keeping them clear, so any work
deemed necessary by the NRA would be charged
to the owners in question.

The NRA states that they will be asking their South West Flood Defence Committee whether the scheme should be removed from, or delayed in, the Capital Programme. This news is unlikely to be welcomed by Mr. Tobutt at the Wellington Hotel, which has suffered the effects of flooding over many years, but most other people in the area will feel, even if only altruistically, a sense of relief that a great deal of money will not now get wasted.

Yoga Lessons
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#### GARDEN WASTE A PROBLEM?

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# A Message from our County Councillor

This is in reply to a question raised at the Parish Council A.G.M.

The Assistant Division Surveyor says that h is unable to reinstate the central white line of the newly resurfaced road between Waterpi Downs and Camelford Station. The reason if that there should never have been a line there previously, as the road does not meet with the safety criterion laid down.

To have a central line the road must be a least 5 1/2 metres wide and the stretch o highway in question is only 5 metres wide. Yo will appreciate how dangerous it would be i two large lorries wish to pass each other an their drivers seeing a line down the middle o the road thought that they had the space to d so and they did not.

For those of you who still think in imperia measures, 5 metres is about 16 1/2 feet and 5 1/ metres is almost exactly 18 feet.

Fred Whiting



# Potters

Dear Editor,

Who says community spirit is dead here in Boscastle? Recently, we have seen some excellent

examples of how we can all pull together.

The first one was the excellent turn-out at the Village Hall Fund-Raising Sponsored Swim. The whole of the village's spectrum of society was there, young and old, publican and priest, fit and fat,

the glitterati, literati and paparazzi.

More recently was the excellent turn-out for the VE Day Service at Forrabury. Though not a regular Church-goer myself, I was impressed by the service, readings and music - again from both young and It was a fitting mark of respect and remembrance for those who gave up so much during WW2 for us to enjoy the freedom we have today.

Finally the quite exceptional organisation and work that was needed to put together the WW2 exhibition at the Methodist Hall. As an exhibition it was extremely professional and informative. noted one of the entries in the visitors' book read "very moving", absolutely true, "lest we forget." Well done all those on the Steering Committee and contributors in making it the memorable Memorabilia Exhibition.

Victor Tobutt

Dear Sir,

I was born and bred in Island Cottage, Boscastle and although now resident in Devon, do enjoy frequent return visits to the village together with

family and friends.

These, however are now being spoilt by the view from the bridge of the cottage where the Scott family lived. I am saddened by the state of the kitchen roof. The cottage occupies a prime position with numerous visitors each year. It is a shame that it should spoil such a beautiful part of the village and perhaps a mention in your excellent magazine (sent to me by a lifelong friend) will encourage someone to take corrective action before it is too late.

Yours faithfully, Hazel Lee (nee Biscombe)

In fairness to the present lease-owner, the contents of this letter was made available to him prior to publication. His comments:

Dear Editor,

I can appreciate the concern expressed by the lady, she having sentimental attachment to the cottage. I would reassure her that the roof is being repaired and in fact the old rotten slates are being taken off at the moment. I am sure that the writer can appreciate that building costs are horrendous and it is basically time and finance that makes

progress slow. Also she will realise that the cottage, like many others in Boscastle, has been deteriorating for a very long time, probably even before the lady lived in it! Island Cottage has unfortunately reached the point past repair, and in fact replacement is what is required; this is being done with the roof in question. Repairs should have been carried out many years ago, before my tenancy. I now have to pick up the bill. I sincerely hope this letter is of some comfort to your writer, and I remain,

Yours sincerely, James Whitehead

Dear Panel,

Someone kindly sent me a copy of your last edition. I was born in Boscastle, my baby photos were taken by my father. I was a war widow aged 32 when my son was three. I took a flat at St. Christopher's till I bought my first cottage -Jordan Cottage, and modernised it. I remember the installation cost for fitted bathroom was £49! I then bought the three 14th Century cottages. I could write a book on the old timbers I unearthed. (A mast of a ship and then I opened up the old chrome oven, and knew there was always something left inside, and there was; a PATON (old shoe) which is now in Launceston museum.)

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# More Letters

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I also bought the 'Old Ship Inn' and the Brewhouse next door. I have a 'before and after' photograph of that.

Most of all, I found exciting was the Gunn Pool photograph. (See Spring Blowhole.) My father took the photograph and an aunt by marriage did the oil painting from which the post card was taken. Now, most exciting, I have that original painting in my home.

I was a Parish & District Councillor and on the Social Services Committee for Cornwall.

I apologise for my writing, I am in the Nuffield Hospital in Plymouth, in bed having had surgery on my hip.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Garbett (born 29.8.07)

"The Blowhole prefers not to publish unsigned correspondence. However, since we do not wish to appear to be evading this controversial issue, we have made an exception in this case."

To the Editor.

I'm certainly not the only Boscastle resident who thinks it's high time the Boscastle Blowhole stops being polite and pussyfooting around the problem of dirty and irresponsible dog-owners! It's definitely residents and not visitors who are to blame. It would seem the polite reminders and requests (as printed on page 7 of the Spring issue and in previous ones) fall on deaf ears and stony ground. Only last Sunday (30 April) an old dog which is frequently seen roaming free, walked straight across the road in front of an oncoming car, causing it to break sharply, and promptly fouled the grass not six feet from the notice which requests owners to prevent just such an occurrence!

Some areas of Boscastle are becoming regular 'dog loo sites' and are vегу unpleasant indeed Potters Lane, occasion. Pentargon Road. Green Forrabury Hill, Forrábury, Old R Trefleur Close and Road. the Church path (despite polite notices here) are regular toilet sites for quite a number of local dogs - as are many of the open fronted gardens along these routes, Why should we have to keep our eyes on the ground when out for a stroll or on an errand? Why should we have to clean up our gardens after they have been fouled by someone's undisciplined animal? It seems to be happening on an ever increasing scale and there is a lot of justified moaning

about it. So PLEASE, PLEASE will you devote whole page involving some heavy print, remindin dog-owners that:

They are committing an offence if they allow their dog(s) to roam free. Are they truly not aware of the potential dangers involved in doing so and the they would be held responsible for any subsequen damage claims? If they really can't be bothered t take their dog(s) out on a lead then perhaps the shouldn't be owners at all? It's surprising just how many local dogs can be seen quite late at night out o their own or on wet days or nights when owner obviously can't be bothered!

They are committing an offence if they allow their dog(s) to foul a public footway.

They are committing an offence if they allow their dog(s) to foul any verge that is less than 3 metre wide. This includes verges (grass or otherwise) whic front onto private properties, which run alongsid footways, and which run parallel with a footpat between that footpath and the roadway i.e. Barn Par Road.

Careful, caring and responsible dog-owners are a embarrassed and annoyed at those who are not, a those of us who long to be able to walk the streets no having to watch where we step all the time an without the unpleasant evidence of dog-fouling ever few yards.

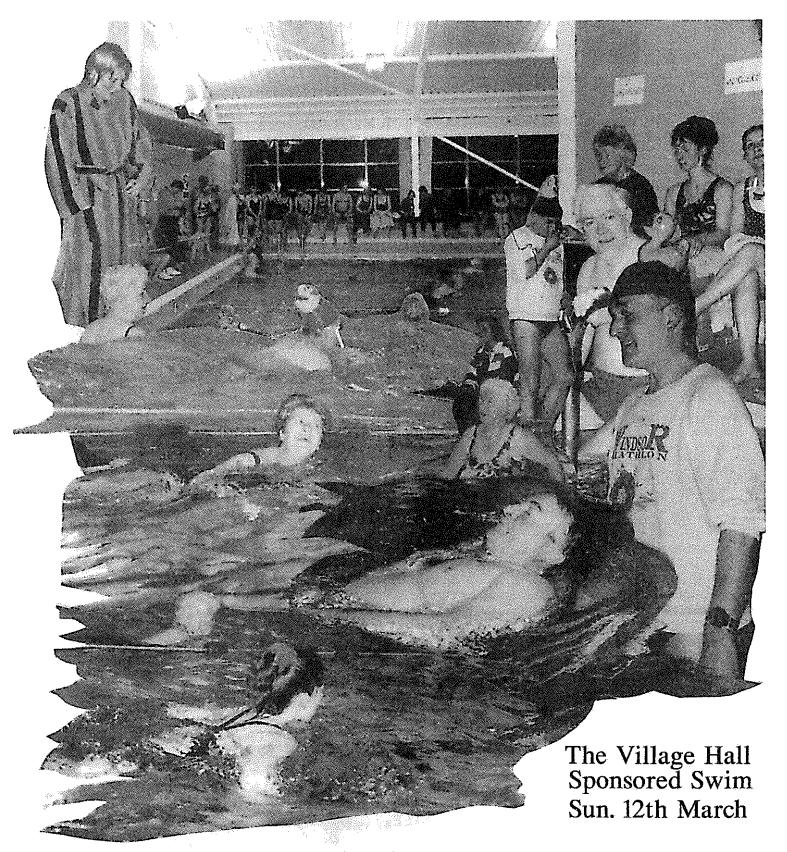
Are careless owners not aware that it is just a easy to train any dog to "be clean" on demand, as it i to train them to "sit" or "stay"? Any trainer o

obedience school will instruct them how.

Please will you remind readers that offenders ca (and should) be reported to the Dog Warden of Nort Cornwall District Council at Wadebridge 01208-81507 and assure them that all calls are treated a confidential.

So come on everyone - Boscastle is a beautifu place - let us all do our bit to keep it clean, pleasan and safe for everyone. Stop being so selfish eithe train your dog(s) properly or clean up after ther Boscastle Residen yourself.





#### THE SPONSORED SWIM

The Village Hall required help,
The coffers needed filling
A sponsored swim would do the trick
And we were more than willing.

Stout of heart we ventured forth, Clutching forms galore. We badgered friends until we couldn't Squeeze them any more. The great day dawned and we were ready To be water tested,
The older ones amongst us fearful
That we'd be cardiac arrested.



Some were fat and some were thin It was a sight to see.
When we all jumped in the water The Richter scale reached three!

One member lost his swimming trunks. He turned a reddish hue. "I wished I'd stayed at home" he said; Well I would, wouldn't you?

Some of us had trained for hours. Some relied on luck. Some of us were overtaken By a yellow rubber duck!

The task was done. We all rejoiced. "A good day's work" we said. We dried our aching limbs in haste And all went home to bed.

# The Village Hall

In ten weeks over £3,500 - much more than expected - has been raised for the Village Hall from two major fund-raising events, the sponsored Swim and the Auction. But the real achievement is that the Village Hall is, at last, a centre for the community. In the March Blowhole we asked how long was it since you were in the Village Hall - now in May it would be surprising if anyone had not attended one of the Village events held there recently.

The sponsored swim was a wonderful success involving over 80 swimmers on March 12th at the Camelford Leisure Centre. Eight teams: Church, W.I. Shops, School and Playgroup, Half Acre, Sports and Pubs with five or more members swam 50 lengths between them. No competition for speed but much for the amount of money raised. Rumours of one effort being worth £100 incited others to increase their own sponsorship.

On 22 March the teams met at the Village Hall for a Wine and Cheese Party and to present their sponsorship money. A bottle of champagne was won by the Churches for raising over £500 and Yvonne Ayling won another by guessing £2,660 as the total amount raised by the swim.

The Auction may not have excited as much interest but it did fill the hall! It's amazing what we will spend for other people's 'unconsidered trifles' but some things were worth every penny raised. Many thanks to all those who so generously donated their talents, services and vouchers for purchase and also to Ken Stanton-Nadin and Karen Coulthard for their professional organisation of the auction which raised £880.



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#### HOW ARE WE GOING TO SPEND IT?

In March, the Village Hall Committee set a target of £2,500 to be raised as our contribution necessary to fulfill the conditions of the grants. The grants and previous fund-raising and donations produced £27,900.

Already the new storage cupboards have been built - and filled up - and the hall is now clear for any event. The new staging system was well-tested by the Boscastle Primary School in their World War II Commemorative Play.

During May half term, smaller tidying-up and finishing-off jobs are scheduled to happen. In August major renovation to the kitchen and toilets will take place, and a new water heating system will be installed, so by the Autumn Term the Village Hall will be warm, clean, cheerful and ready for all previous users and, we hope, many new ones.

However, this does not 'just happen'! The Village Hall Committee is very much a Working Party led by worker-in-chief Peter Fanshawe. We owe much to him for his financial wizardry and energy (plus son Antony's) in clearing and removing piles of rubbish.

The practical implementation of our ideas is expertly managed by Roy Sale (it was good thinking to have a retired architect on the committee!) The rest of us 'do our bit' but without Peter and Roy it could not have happened. There's still so much to do. We need help with painting and decorating, we need another £500 (we were fortunate to get £6,500 from CRCC although we had hoped for £8,500). The Village has done their bit admirably so we hope our regular visitors will add their contribution.

We welcome Andrea Fry, our new Caretaker, who turned-to at once, with help from the Working Party, to clean and tidy up after the installation of the new storage cupboards, and the Playgroup equipment was stacked away by Lyn Partrick in its new home. Andrea is responsible for bookings of the hall and can be contacted on 250500.

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# Coastguard Update

Hi. A few days of nice weather, and we are fast aproaching our busy period.

A rather long drawn out casualty on the 26th February (from 0930 hrs to 1930 hrs!), when we were requested to keep visual watch on the vessel 'Swan Hill', a 27,000 ton bulk carrier bound from Cardiff to Brevick, Norway with a cargo of coal. She thought that she had touched bottom and touched her rudder, so anchored off Boscastle to await the tug 'Condor' from Mounts Bay to take her in tow to Falmouth. A successful operation! (M. Reynolds paged, Alan Darlinson, Daniel Roots attended.)

March gave us a quiet spell with only routine patrols and training exercises to contend with.

Casualties increased in April, starting on the 14th at 1245 hrs. when we assisted a gentleman at High Cliff, who had suffered a heart attack. (Mac Reynolds paged, Steve Ainsworth, Daniel Roots and Stan Williams attended).

Saturday the 15th at 1630: we were requested to observe a fishing vessel heading west, which was short of fuel. (Mac Reynolds paged, Les Siford and Stan Williams attended) On returning

to station on the completion of this incident, the company were informed that they were required to assist Bude company at Foxhole Point with a cliff recovery. (Les Siford, Stan Williams and Daniel Roots attended.)

Sunday the 16th saw us responding to the tragic accident when Phil Washer was lost at sea - continuing the search over the next several days.

(A personal note here; as I now live in the bungalow that Phil built at Beeny, I will forever be in his debt. His dream has become my dream, and this excellent building stands as a memorial to his hard work and craftmanship.)

Saturday May 6th at 1530 hrs: We were requested to assist the Ambulance Service at Trebarwith where a person had fallen 20ft over the the cliff. On arrival it was found that the Air Ambulance had the situation under control. (M. Reynolds paged, Stan Williams attended.)

And finally, to end on a pleasant note. We were invited to fire the two maroons to mark the two minutes' silence at the VE Day Celebration, when the lighting of the beacon took place on the commons. I felt it to be quite an honour, and was delighted to see what appeared to be most of the village there. A wonderfully atmospheric evening - clear, cool, with the sun sinking over the sea...

Take care on our coastline ... MAC.





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#### BEST KEPT GARDEN COMPETITION

(Sponsored by Kevin Sellars)

As you may know the village has been entered by the Parish Council into the "Best Kept Village Competition". The judges will be visiting the village some time in June or July.

In preparation for this event it has been proposed that the village holds a "Best Kepi Garden Competition" on Saturday 8th July.

The Rules are:-

The Gardens must be in the Forrabury and Minster Parish.

2. All entries must pay an entry fee of £1.00.

There will be an independent judge from outside the village.

4. The prizes will be:- 1st Prize - £20.00 2nd Prize - £10.00

3rd Prize - £ 5.00

Further details can be obtained from K. Sellars at the Post Office

Entry Form "Best Kept Garden Competiton"

I wish to enter my Garden for the "Best Kept Garden Competiton". I enclose my Entry Fee.

Name ..... Address ..... Date ..... Signed .....

Return completed entry form with fee to R. Hart

April Cottage, Dunn St. Entries to be in by Wed. 5th July.

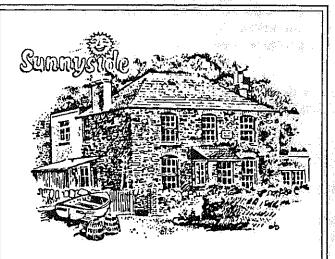
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#### ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Anyone else over 18, not eligible for ordinary membership, but who wants to support the Legion and its aims/principles.

Boscastle is a small branch of 42 ordinary and 6 associate members. We are sure there are many in the village area eligible to join, or who have moved into the area, or who have let their membership lapse for some reason. Even if you are already a of R.A.F.A./R.N.A./ Regimental Associations etc., you can still join the Royal British Legion as well. Membership Affiliation fee is currently £4.50 p.a. The Membership year runs from 30th September.

If you are at all interested in the Royal British Legion, please contact Peter Hancock (Hon. Sec.), Fairview, Green Lane. (Tel: 250425) If I'm not there please leave a message and I'll get back to you as soon as possible.

P.S. There is a British Legion Notice Board in the Post Office.



# Seasonal Recipe

From Phil and Jenny Smith

When Phil Smith, down town Grocer and shrewd observer of life's capricious twists, is not in his shop, it's ten to one he'll be in his garden. This is a felicitous combination of interests for those of us who look forward to his fresh vegetables.

Last week (c. 12th May) he took up the first of his new season's potatoes. Unfortunately, each year, these do not find their way into the shop, they are earmarked for an annual ceremony. They are taken to Jenny's mother, Beth Ferrett, who makes a new potato and cream pasty. The very idea of it sends the taste-buds all-atingling.

Jenny insists that there is not very much to making this traditional Cornish dish. You skin the potatoes (merely by rubbing the skin with the thumb), slice them, lay them out on the pastry in the usual way and then cover them with proper Cornish clotted cream. Season with pepper and



salt and crinkle the pasty in the tradional manner. Bake i a preheated oven for about 30 minutes. How can you resignt?

Enthusiasts will be glad to know that Phil's main ne potato crop is now on sale in their shop. I can't wait to give this simple recipe a try.

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# Doctor's Corner



#### RAISED TEMPERATURE AND ILLNESS IN YOUNG CHILDREN

Recently, as many of you will be aware, there have been considerable scares regarding meningitis in children. If the newspapers are to be believed there is an epidemic of meningitis sweeping the country. In fact, this is not the case. Meningitis is essentially a very rare illness - in my six years in Boscastle I have seen only one case of bacterial meningitis, and I have to say I don't particularly want to see any more, as it is a very frightening and potentially fatal disease.

I feel it is important, therefore, that parents of young children are particularly aware of the symptoms and signs to look for in children. Clearly not every child that has a fever has meningitis and most fevers in children are a normal part of growing up and a result of the usual coughs and colds to which they're exposed.

The most important thing that any parent must do when they detect their child is hot and bothered and has a fever, is to ask themselves the very simple question "is my child severely ill?". If a child is running around playing, but with a fever, then they clearly don't have meningitis and I think this is something that the authorities have consistently and conspicuously failed to get across to parents. They talk about temperatures, headaches and rashes but they actually never stop to think to ask parents to look and see how ILL their child is.

The cardinal signs of meningitis are a high temperature which generally comes on suddenly and will not respond to the usual measures, i.e. Calpol, in appropriate doses (the maximum dose on the bottle for the age of the child) and sponging the child in a lukewarm bath. The next major feature is headache and over-sensitivity to bright lights. Any child with a fever may develop a headache, but the headache in meningitis is much more severe and again the child concerned will look very ill. The third and possibly most easily recognised and most serious symptom is the presence of a blotchy rash almost like bruises over the trunk, arms or legs. By the time this rash appears the child really would be extremely unwell and once again I emphasise if a child has a fever and a rash, but is running around and happily playing, the chances of them having meningitis are almost nil.

I have lost count of the number of times I have been phoned over the last ten years or so by a worried parent saying "My child has a fever, I think it might be meningitis". In the days when families lived in close proximity, granny or aunty would be close at hand to provide reassurance. Needless to say, one visits or sees all these children as soon as possible. Very often to reassure myself, I need to watch them walk in the surgery or take one look at them and ask myself the question "Is this a severely ill child?" Sadly, the media hype on this subject has caused parents to be less able to take responsibility for the health of their children and put many into a panic.

It is clearly always appropriate to contact the doctor when a child has a fever and is VERY UNWELL. However if your child develops a mild fever and is just a bit off-colour, but has very little else in the way of signs of illness, then the appropriate measures are regular Calpol, plenty of fluids and adopting a wait-and-see approach, ALWAYS asking yourself the question "Is my child just slightly off-colour or very unwell?"

Dr. P.R. Abbott

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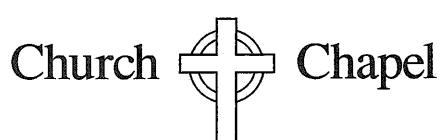
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The Boscastle Group of Churches includes the 7 local churches. The 'Group Gazette' gives details of services and events.

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#### The Rector writes:

The V.E. Day service was very special. Apart from all the other associations which it had so many, I would like to single out the sense of the unity of our village, coming together wit common purpose to give thanks, to remember and to look forward with hope. Long may t unity remain at the core of our life together.

This year has been a good one for community spirit. We hear rumours of the revival of Annual Carnival, our village has been entered for the 'Best Kept Village' Competition, and Village Hall is soon to be radically improved. These and many other signs suggest that this one village community which is developing, rather than dying. This is a cause for continuthanksgiving.



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#### IN THE SHELTER

The air raid siren screamed in our ears, The occasional song, but more often tears. It was cold and dark, cold and damp, And only a dim light, came from the lamp.

Several more people entered the shelter, I could hear more running helter skelter. Mother shared, a few crumbs of bread; I knew what was going on, inside her head.

Visions of my brother, out in the battle out in the rain, She didn't even know, whether she would see him again. Cold and scary, cold and damp, With only the dim light, coming from the lamp. By Matilda James

#### AIR AND SHELTER

This is such a small space, with strange noises every where. Uncomfortable, gloomy, and I'm very scared. My candle is running low, lots of spiders are near, The shadows are after me, I am full of fear. By Ben Gordon

#### **EVACUATION**

Why do I have to go?
I can feel tears running down my cheeks,
I wonder if I will ever see
My mother and father again.
I hope my pets don't die
And that the people that choose me are kind;
And that they don't say bad things about me.
I pray that my mother and father are safe
And that one day, we can live a happy life.
By Carly Killingbeck

#### **EVACUATION**

I am feeling very sad.
Thinking that I won't see my mum and dad again,
Wondering who is going to look after me;
And if they'll be nice.
I am sad about leaving my friends and my pets,
I am worried about going to another school
because I mightn't like it,
And I mightn't like the children there.
I am suddenly very hungry,
I hope they don't feed me cabbage.
By Danny Bragg

#### **EVACUATION**

I am so worried that I will never see my parents again;
I'll miss all my family and friends.
And then, I'll have no one I know.

It'll be different, maybe exciting!
A new life for me.
They might be gentle, loving, caring to me.
New people, new houses, new friends!
For me though, could this be the end?
By Charlotte Bunney

#### EVACUATION

Hot tears are streaming down my cheeks, Questions are running through my mind. Sadness is taking over my heart. Fear, and panic attacks conquer my feelings. I glance at my mummy Maybe for the last time. Then the train bursts into life And we rumble away. I cannot prevent the tears, They flow freely as a river; In the distance a familiar hand waves to me, And I frantically wave back. Then she is out of sight, I sit back in my seat, put my head in my hands I wish my mum and dad were here. By Serena Partrick

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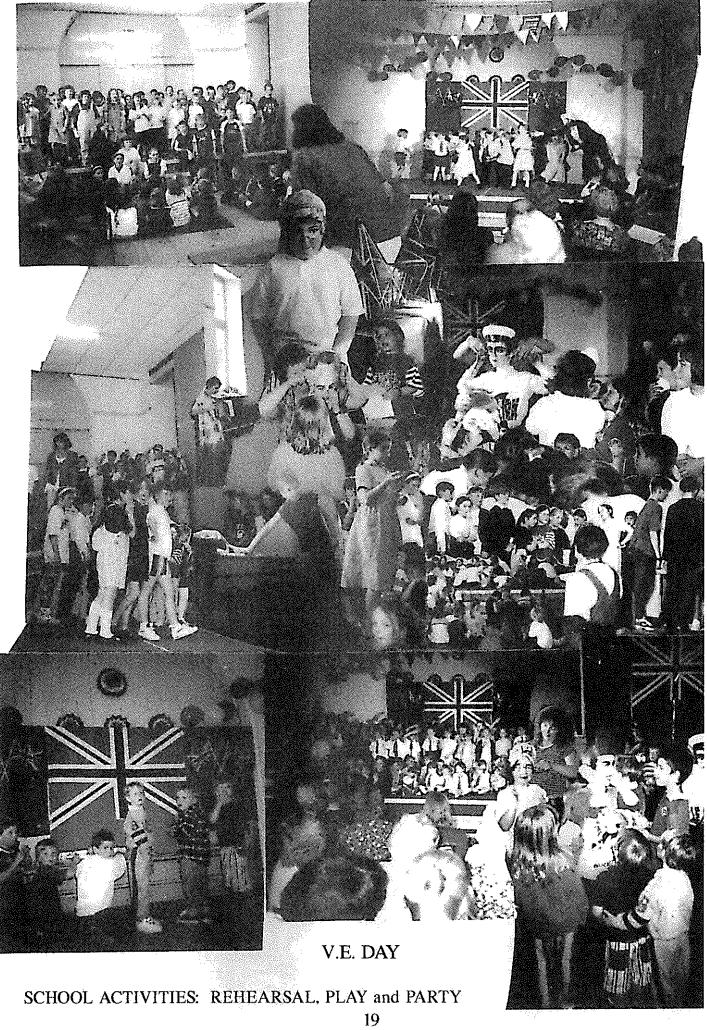
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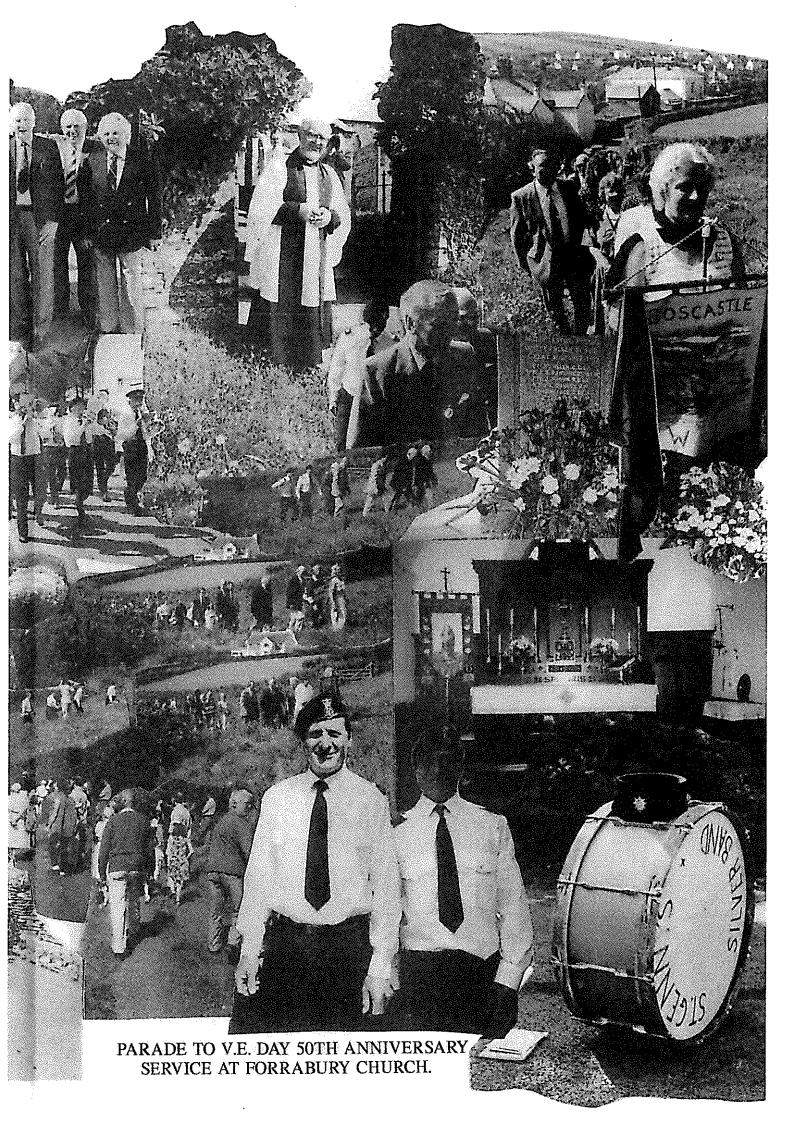
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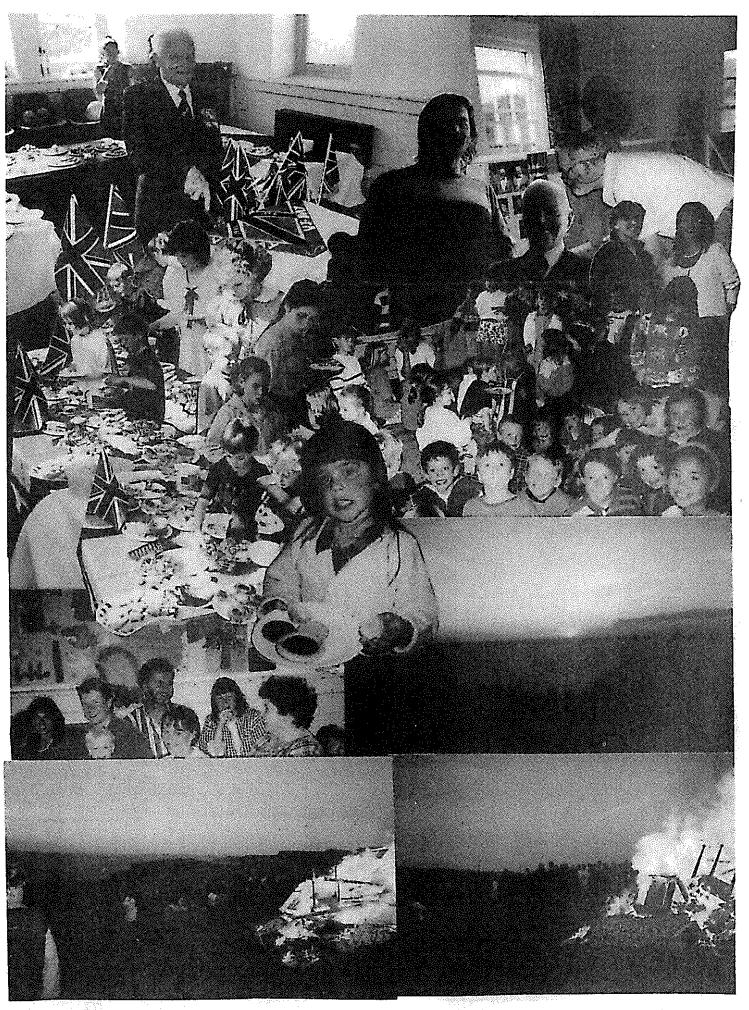
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## The Blowhole Gives Thanks

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to:

Members of the Methodist Church for the use their school rooms, Jim Castling for weeks of wc in preparing and presenting the exhibition, Jo Blunt for his artistry in helping to mount committee members who gathered materi members of the Methodist Church, the Wome Institute and others who provided refreshment, t gentlemen who slept on the premises to guard t precious exhibits - and all residents who loan their priceless treasures in order to make t exhibition possible.

The Rev. John Ayling, Methodist Lay Pastor, Bri Parkman, the Rev. Alec Sheerwood, and oth participants who led the worship in the church, t St. Gennys Silver Band and Mrs. Maria Nicholls provision of music, the ladies of Forrabury Chur for floral decorations and all those who took p in the procession and worship.

The Football Club and especially Martin, Ste Graham, Simon and Jonny and their young helpe Ian, Paul, Ian, Steven and James, for their efforts collecting fuel and building the bonfire against odds, the Coast Guards for provision of maroo siren and support, and the National Trust for the permission.

the bonfire.

The Parish Council for moral and financial support, the Royal British Legion, Forrabury and Minster P.C.C., Mr. Roger Little, and the Snooker Club for generous donations, Mrs. Jane Castling for her hospitality at the fund-raising coffee morning and all those who contributed generously to the fund during the course of the week-end.

to:

The Steering Committee; John Ayling (Chairman), Jim Castling (Secretary and Treasurer), Maria Nicholls, Joan Cork, Yvonne Ayling, Eric Nicholls, Roy Pickard and Neil Young for their work in organising events, and the Post Office staff for valuable support.

The Staff and parents of Boscastle School, Donna and Rebecca of Small Scale Theatre for their hard work in presenting Friday evening's entertainment, and particularly all the children, the 'evacuees', who showed us how to give thanks.

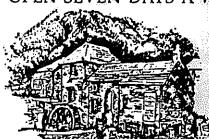
All the many people who organised, supervised, to cooked and participated in the children's games Mr. Tony Zacky for the gift of a large a and party. The village Hall Committee for loan of beautiful cake, enjoyed at the children's party a the hall. Mr. Alex Aitken for presenting the mugs.

Mr. Dave Audus, of Crackington Haven, who Mrs. Susan Bowen for recording all events handcrafted the splendid mugs and Carole Vincent video film in readiness for a later showing.

... And it ain't finished yet! There will be an opportunity to view the film. The first showing will be on Friday 23rd June, when there will be tea served in the Village Hall for those will shared in the war effort between 1939 - 1945. Book the date and look out for your invitation.

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#### **GREEN FINGERED?**

With so many residents interested in gardening, and a 'beautiful garden' contest in the offing, some are keen to pool and share gardening tips. They would like to form a Gardeners' Club. This would meet regularly on an informal basis to exchange horticultural hints, swap seedlings and discover the delights of dabbling with nature. If you are interested, please phone 250263.

P.S. Carole Vincent has an Echium in flower in her garden. This is a triennial plant which is 12' high and is covered with blue flowers from top to bottom. The bees love it.

#### BOSCASTLE **DOG-DELINQUENTS** TAKE NOTICE

We cannot help observing the juxtaposition of our mild reproach in the last issue of the Blowhole and the disappearance of the cast-iron sign down in the Harbour, which entreated people to keep control of their dogs' movements. No sooner had the Blowhole hit the streets, so to speak, than the sign was wrenched off its post. When we say that, when the Blowhole speaks, people take notice, this is not quite what we had in mind!

#### AMBULANCE FETE

There is to be a fete in the garden of Sunset, Under Road, at 2.00pm on Wednesday 16th August, to raise money for our Air Ambulance. Look out for the posters.

#### JUMBLE SALE

The jumble sale held at the Village Hall on Friday 12th May in aid of the Children's Hospice South West raised £141.00. Thanks to all who helped.

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# Collector's Corner

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With the huge increase in manufacturing, the advent of the railways and the upsurge in literacy, goods could reach a much wider market and advertising was born. The old pictorial signs (necessary when few people could read) began to disappear from outside shops, and lettered boards appeared. These offered a greater scope for information about brand names and the range of goods available.

The new signs had to be eyecatching, and many wellknown pictures were used, most notably 'bubbles' by Millais, used for many years to advertise Pear's Soap.

In 1859 Benjamin Baugh set up a factory in England which could enamel porcelain onto iron, and in 1889 he opened the patent enamel company Ltd for the exclusive production of enamel signs. Until the second world war, millions of signs were produced and they are now extremely collectable. Depending on the condition (i.e. not too rusty!) a good decorative sign can realise anything from £40-£800.

Many advertising antiques were made to be used inside a shop at the point of sale, for example show cards, posters, models etc. and some of the models were manufactured by famous porcelain factories such as Doulton. One of the most successful advertising campaigns of this century has been produced by Guinness. A set of flying toucans made by Carlton Ware will now set you back about £200, but a tin tray with the toucan logo and one of several Guinness slogans can still be found for under £10 and will certainly appreciate in value.

More on this subject next time.

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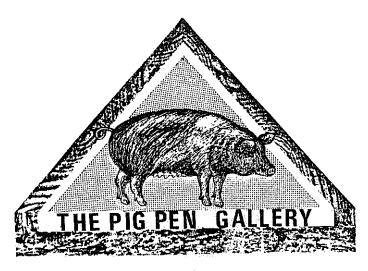
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The Pig Pen Gallery finally opened its doors on Saturday evening May 6th 1995 after roughly 4 years of deliberation and careful painting to provide an excellent area to show paintings, pottery, photographs, jewellery and sculptures.

The Gallery was called the Pig Pen because 200 or 300 years ago there were pigs living in the building. Today it has been beautifully renovated by the Stonemason Mr. Bill Perry following the design of the Architect Mr. Roy Sale. It is connected to the studio of Sue Gordon-Miller and she may well be working there when you visit.

The Gallery is for local artists to show quality work at affordable prices in a range of styles and materials. There are beautiful earrings and necklaces using silver and semi precious stones in various colours made by Philippa Arthan. Ros

Eastman has painted in watercolours and created mixed media pictures capturing the feelings and atmosphere of living in Cornwall with its wild landscapes and various creatures. There is also a set of small watercolours by Chris Thomas of life studies using beautiful rich colours to portray the models. Sue Gordon-Miller has pieces in the Gallery. As she likes to experiment in various materials there are unusual ceramic bowls, metal sculptures, photographs turned into montages and three large wall reliefs made of sand which is then painted.

A husband and wife team are the other two artists showing in the Gallery. Peggy Richards has painted in water colours small attractive pictures of local scenes especially Boscastle and Port Isaac and, as she is a great cat lover, each picture has a cat to be found in it. Alan Richards' large photographs in black and white and colour are very interesting and may make you see ordinary things in a different way. Some are surrealistic, like the eye that looks at you from a fence, whilst others are very realistic, like the sun-set at Trebarwith.

Although the Gallery is small they are hoping to include a few more local artists and also that you will come and see the gallery and enjoy the experience. The Gallery is open daily and there is good parking. Just ring the bell at the Old Coach House and they will let you look around Boscastle's latest attraction.

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## The

# Boscastle Gallery

# Exciting Times at Boscastle Gallery

#### **EASTERN PROMISE**

Exciting things are happening this summer at Bridget Pentecost's tiny Boscastle Gallery next to the Post Office. The permanent exhibition of original paintings and ceramics by leading, contemporary Cornish artists is always worth a visit, but the two Summer exhibitions will be really special.

Exotic Eastern influences can be seen in 'Jilma & Within . . .' (June 26th - July 7th) when sculptures by Javanese Gatot B.W. are displayed beside Robin Paris' beautiful batiks.

Gatot B.W., born and brought up in Indonesia, now lives and works in Peter Tavy on the edge of Dartmoor. His work has a central theme of 'Metamorphosis' - constant change - and draws on a wide range of

traditions and influences. Our constantly changing weather is represented in his latest works, sculptures of our Four Seasons.

Graphic designer Robin Paris, though born in Shropshire, displays an Eastern influence in her batiks.

She travelled the world, but came to a halt in Malaysia, where the top contemporary batik artists, Sanusi and Latif, taught her

their art. Now she lives in Cornwall producing colourful batik painting inspired by her travels and the Cornist natural world.

A truly prestigious exhibition takes place, July 23rd - 8th August when 33 members of the exclusive New English Art Club will be showing their work.

Only the best, contemporary professional artists are invited to join the New English Art Club, and such is their enthusiasm for Cornwall and the enterprising Boscastle Gallery, that several of them are planning to take up residence in Boscastle for the duration of the exhibition. There may well be opportunities to meet the artists and watch them at work.

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# The WA in Boscastle

Boscastle WEA has been busy this spring; quite apart from the Astronomy, the Clothes Course and Carpentry, much appreciated by those who attended, other activities have kept the group

preoccupied.

Jim Castling's illustrated talk on Boscastle's trees attracted a 'full house' to the Village Hall, his slides and relaxed commentary being much appreciated. Many of us became aware of aspects of our village which we generally take for granted.

This 'one-off' talk could become the first of many; the WEA would like to hear from anyone who has ideas for future presentations.

The evening of Shakespeare, Richard Haytor's 'Ages of Man' on 20th May was also very wellreceived - and incidentally made further use of the new Village Hall staging. Look out for details of further 'live' theatre to come.

When the WEA suggested that it should mount an exhibition as part of the V.E./V.J. Day Celebrations, Jim Castling's expertise as a cameraman and former advertising executive made him the obvious person to help. Little did

they realise however, that he would conceive and achieve such a magnificent show; members of the group were as delighted as other residents. (Mention should also be made of the splendid work of John Blunt in assisting Jim to mount the materials.)

In the Autumn, more activities will be arranged, the nature of them dependent upon YOU. Remember, this being Boscastle, all things are possible. Some suggestions have already been made; would you be interested to learn more of THE CORNISH LANGUAGE and CULTURE, CELTIC or other forms of DANCE. Would you like to attend an evening class for a few weeks to learn BASKET MAKING? ... And one of our talented local artists is willing to provide evening classes for complete beginners who would like to learn to PAINT or DRAW.

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Frank and Sarah Almond

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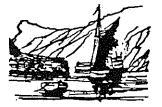
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Wed. 21st Mid-Summer Supper Concert.

St. Juliot Church. 7.30pm £3

The Lyric Singers.

Tea and View (V.E. Day Film) Village Hall 2.30pm Fri. 23rd

Wed. 28th Strawberry Supper & B.B.Q.

7.00pm at the Rectory.

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July

Sun. 2nd Revel, St. Juliot Church 3.00pm

Fri. 7th Cream Teas, Joan Leeds, at Willapark

3.00pm (In aid of Village Hall)

Fri. 21st Trevalga Fete 7.30pm

Sat. 22nd Otterham Church Fete 2.30pm

August

Sat. 5th Fete, at Old Rectory, Lesnewth

2.30pm (Boscastle Group of Parishes)

Sat. 12th Flower Festival, Davidstow Church

continues to 15th.

Sun. 15th Flower Festival Service 11.30am

Wed. 16th Fete 2.00pm, in aid of Air Ambul.

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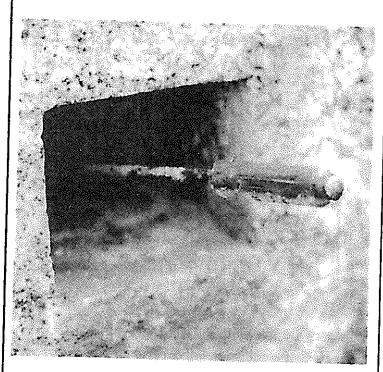
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# Blowhole's Crimewatch



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The Summer Holiday season is almost upon us again. The enormous increase in the local population brings with it the small percentage of criminals who must be the only people who actually bring their work on holiday with them. Top of the hit parade each summer must be thefts from vehicles at isolated beauty spots. People will insist on leaving valuables in their cars while they go walking the cliff path or visiting the beaches, sometimes for hours.

Another favourite at this time of year is the family who leave their accommodation without paying, using a number of excuses such as "We're just going to do some last minute shopping and will be back to pay", or "I'm just going to bring the car around to the door then I'll come in and pay", or "I've just used the last cheque, I will go to the bank and be back in a moment." A favourite one is, "We like it here so much, do you mind if we stay one more night? I'll pay in the morning." One simple way to help the Police catch these people is to physically check their car number; don't rely on them putting the correct number in the register.

If you are one of those who feels the need to leave Cornwall for a holiday make sure your premises are secure and ask your neighbour to keep a regular check on the property. Often common sense precautions go a long way to prevent crime.

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## Some Answers

#### HARBOUR FLAGPOLE

Carole Vincent recalls that on the eve of the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977, the late John Montague and his son Paul, then aged about 12, took a Union Jack down to the harbour, shinned up the pole and used various ingenious means to attach the flag. She doesn't remember how long it stayed put, but Boscastle certainly flew the flag to wave greetings to the monarch. Having looked at page 35, Les Siford is obviously the man to call on should we wish to hoist a flag there again.

Roger Little has responded to the Potter enquiry with the following:

Dear Editor,

Re: Potters and Potters Lane

20 years ago during my researches into the history of Boscastle for my local guide book I came across in the Parish Records one John Burnard, "potter of this parish", following his trade here in 1675.

As an amateur archaeologist and Boscastle's current ceramic incumbent I carefully watched any building development in the area of Potters Lane, and the later 'Fontbeams' searching diligently for any signs of a pottery workshop. These usually manifest in the form of copious quantities of fuel ash and a considerable spread of smashed, burnt and fused pot sherds known as 'wasters'. But to no avail.

Many years later Mr. Francis Munden came to see me. Whilst converting the "Old Oil House" in Valency Row he dug up some 'wasters' which I dated to the mid 17th century. Kiln rejects are never more than a pots throw from the pottery so it makes sense that Mr. Burnard's workshop was located in the harbour area. His clay would have been shipped in from N. Devon and fuel by collier, and his pots shipped out to other Cornish and Devon markets.

I do not know where Mr. Burnard lived but it may well have been near the parish church, which would account for the present name of 'the Potters Lane'. John Burnard did run the original Boscastle Pottery 300 years ago.

If anyone living up there should stumble across a great heap of broken crocks just let me know, and I will revise my theory.

Roger Irving Little (Boscastle Pottery)

# **More Questions**

On first hearing that the V.E. Day Beacon wa to be at Willapark, I was confused as to whethe this meant Willapark, Bossiney or Willapark Forrabury. I soon discovered where to head for o May 8th, but wonder what is the meaning and derivation of the word Willapark?

There is a small recess in the wall on For Street, between Top School and the Methodis Church. Other than supplying children witl blackberries in Autumn, what purpose does i serve?

A query was raised at the "Tree Talk" tha needs to be asked of a wider audience. What type of tree is the large graceful one in the garden a Polquins on New Road?

And - can anyone explain why there are six frogs on the Bottreaux shield?



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The cinema circuit is still rather disappointing in what it has to offer, although having said that, finding that we were in Plymouth one evening, a choice had to be made. It was to be 'Muriel's Wedding' (15 - 106 mins.) written and directed by P.J. Hogan. This is the story of a slightly overweight young lady who desires to become married to her Prince Charming but, tired of waiting, she heads for the big city to try to accelerate fate - with hilarious results. This is an excellent, and at times quite touching film, largely set to a soundtrack of Abba songs. One of the best moments in the film is when Muriel and her friend enter a talent contest and perform the Abba number 'Waterloo'... Absolutely wonderful! So if you don't catch it when it comes around locally, then it's a must to hire on video.

Another film that I have a gut feeling about is 'Before Sunrise' (15 - 101mins.), a romantic meeting of hearts and minds as two passionate strangers meet on a train, and decide to explore Vienna together. Looks to be a quiet, thoughtful film, but we shall see.

One to miss (for me anyway) is the latest Bruce Willis offering 'Die Hard 3'. It's the same old boring action scenes with Willis still wearing his (slowly becoming dirtier) white vest. What would his mother think? It's all been done before (and that was only from the trailer...)

Albums. OK Rob... I will mention 'Blur'. I have now played their 'Parklife' to death, in order to do it justice. Yes, they are all good three-minute pop songs and several stick in your head. It's reminscent of the mod scene in the sixties, but even though 'Parklife' has sold over a million copies and Blur was voted Band of the Year, give me the Small Faces anyday!

On a slightly different theme, is what I would call a fairly un-known, unplayed artist - Ed Alleyne-Johnson. In the field of rock/classic violin he has two albums available; 1992's 'Purple Violin' and last year's 'Ultraviolet'. It's music that is rather more towards the new age avenue. It's swirly,

swooping, flotation tank, soundtrack stuff. The first album 'Purple Electric Violin Concerto' could so easily have been the 'Tubular Bells' for the 90s, but seems to have dropped into obscurity. Both are well worth a listen, and make ideal background muzak.

I have also borrowed two 'Jimmy Nail' CD's (thanks again, Rich), the 1992 'Growing up in Public' and the recent 'Crocodile Shoes'. Both albums are pleasant, but nothing memorable, or anything that says 'I want to listen to that again'. Almost good, but not quite.

There is another 'Paul Brady' album, 'Spirits Colliding', released on May 15th. This one I am looking forward to (already ordered!). I am going to see him in concert at the Palladium (London) on May 28th. Full report, or at least a couple of lines, in the next Blowhole.

And finally, on Wednesday the 26th of April I had the pleasure of being invited to the first performance of Camelford Amateur Operatic Society's 'Carousel'. To sum up the whole production is quite easy; they should drop the 'amateur' from their title. It was most professional in every way. Thoroughly enjoyable; not to be missed. Look out for next year's production and put a note in your diary.

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# Boscastle Visitor Centre

#### FIRST YEAR'S VISITORS

It is approaching the end of the first year for the visitor centre, which opened at the end of May last year. I thought it would be interesting for people to have an idea of the total number of visitors from our annual attendance figure. So, to the 19th May 1995 some 135,000 people passed through the doors. This must make the Boscastle Visitor Centre one of the busiest facilities in North Cornwall. The Centre will be open all summer between 10.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. It is staffed substantially by volunteers, people who are willing to give time and effort to help others enjoy this wonderful area. We still need people to help, so if you would like to become involved, please pop into the centre and have a word with Rebecca or the volunteer on duty. We would be delighted to hear from you.

Charlie David

# Any Information you want permanently on CALL

CALL, the Cornwall-wide information system (Cornwall Advice Link Line) is now up and running in the Visitors' Information Centre. The computer and its printer are now installed and waiting for your queries. Remember that it is not just tourist information that CALL provides, even if it is housed in the Visitor Centre. That just happens to be a central, easy-to-find location. Although there is a great deal of information of interest to tourists, the main aim of CALL is to provide the kind of information ordinary people might need to solve day-to-day problems.

For example, if you decided you would like to know more about acupuncture you would tap in the word and get a list of acupuncturists throughout Cornwall. If, on the other hand, you developed an interest in acrobatics, CALL would give you a list of the associations and instructors you could go to in Cornwall to learn about it.

Many of Boscastle's shops and businesses are now listed so that anyone needing the services they provide, anywhere in Cornwall, would get



details of their addresses and what they offer from their local CALL centre. This listing costs nothing to the businesses concerned; all you do is call Jane Castling on 250046 and she will arrange for your services to be included.

There is now a Boscastle group which has taken on the running and promoting of the CALL system in the village. In addition to arranging for businesses to advertise on CALL, they offer personal advice on any subject which may baffle, or simply interest, anyone. If you have a problem, or if you just need the answer to question, call any one of these people.

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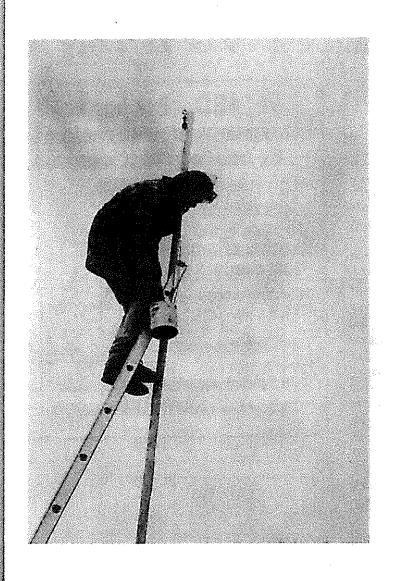
To demonstrate the kind of information that can be found, someone recently keyed in a question about the population of Boscastle in the last century:

Population of Forrabury

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Fascinating to see what relatively little change there has been over nearly 150 years. Wonderful what you can find when you know where to look!



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#### **NORMAN WEBBER'S 90TH BIRTHDAY**

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The breathtaking view of the harbour from his living room window made a suitable background as virtually everyone from Boscastle came to pay their respects to, and drink the health of, this nonfading nonagenarian. Friends, neighbours, children, grand-children and great-grand-children were in attendance, all delighted with the opportunity to share in Norman's achievement. Norman stood it out, holding earnest conversations with all-comers with tireless interest. He can still pass for three-quarters of his age and it was wonderful to see that, throughout its length, he enjoyed the party as much as anyone.

The Blowhole offers its congratulations and, here and now, applies for exclusive coverage of the ton-up party.

J.C.

#### A VISION OF GOOD FORTUNE

A well-known figure in Boscastle (who shall remain nameless; he has no way of handling begging letters) was recently woken up by fighting cats. He wearily got up to find a boot to throw at them and soon found he was so wide-awake that he decided to make himself a cup of coffee. The cat yowling subsided and he started to feel sleepy again. Back in bed, he was just drowsing off when he saw a series of numbers in his mind's eye.

Thinking this vision might have some significance, he got up again and wrote down the numbers before retiring for the third time to try to get a decent night's sleep. Next day he entered the numbers in the National Not-a-Lottery. Came Saturday and he was hardly surprised at all to find that he had won £1,600.

"The pity of it is", he says, "I only 'saw' five numbers. One or two more and we might have been rich." Some people are never satisfied.

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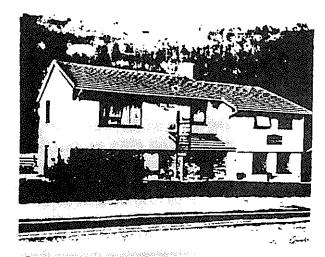
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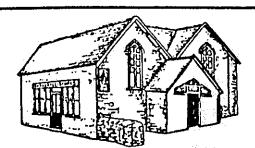
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I was summoned by Martin Pethick to be present in the dressing room to witness his prematch talk (Why he delivers these with one finger in his ear, I have no idea.) Suffice it to say it was blunt and to the point! There was much "Up and at em's" "Keep it tight's", "Close 'em downs" and "At the end of the day we will all be sick as a parrot it we.... it up".

Boscastle have always been slow starters, but this match at least started with all eleven men on the field. (The team used to have some notable late attenders, but this seems to have been rectified since a fine system was introduced).

Fifteen minutes into the match, Lewdown were awarded a free kick on the edge of the penalty area which was struck straight at David Bosley in goal. Quite why it hit him in the face is a mystery but it did emerge through the defensive wall at great pace. Having got away with this, David lay down and it was only when he didn't get up that the ref stopped play. Smelling salts and sponge were applied, and he was reinstated in the goal.

Ten minutes later we were 2-0 down and David, still concussed was eventually substituted by Garvin Reynolds and sent to hospital where he was kept overnight.

All seemed lost until a lucky deflection led to Paul Safhill reducing the arrears. Half time 2-1.

The second half seemed one-way traffic with Garvin in the Boscastle goal not called on to make a save, but it wasn't until the 85th minute that we finally equalised with a great goal by Simon Biddick, forcing the match into extra time.

Simon, inspired by Sally Blunt (quite how remains a secret) turned on a virtuoso extra time performance, making the two winning goals by Paul Safhill and Mark Hewitt.

#### WELL DONE THE LADS!

It was quite the most dramatic game of amateur football I have ever witnessed and we are delighted that the Launceston Cup is now proudly displayed in the COBWEB.

Talking of the COBWEB - see you next time.

P.S. John, as you won the last match, isn't it time you arranged the next!

P.P.S. Thanks for all the support for the golf league Victor, but it was supposed to start on 1st April!!

P.P.P.S Congratulations on a baby girl to Paul and Joanne Safhill. (Is she really going to be called Carlsberg?!).

Phil Higgs



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# Wellington's Famous Victory

#### VICTOR ADDS TO WELLINGTON'S FAME

That well-known extension of Bowood's Club House, the Wellington Long Bar, is abuzz with talk of the proprietor's latest golfing exploits. Victor and Graham Sullivan attended the North Cornwall Liscensed Victualler's Association Golf Tournament at Launceston on the 11th May and carried all before them. Playing together, the pair of them won the L.V.A. Shield for Landlords and Guests with 34 Stableford points and Victor won the North Cornwall Landlord's Cup by his own efforts.

Customers can get a stroke-by-stroke account of these epic games if they are not careful. JC

#### OTHER WELLY SPORTS NEWS

At the Darts Presentation I was pleased to see two of our players, Don and Steve, win three individual cups.

#### **CRICKET**

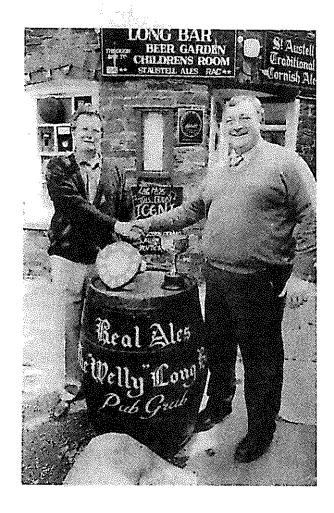
Napoleon v Cornishman on Tuesday 2nd May.

This was the first game of the season and despite some excellent fielding by the majority of the Napoleon side, the Cornishman made 165 for 2. One of the wickets was taken by young Sam Washer. In reply the Napoleon team made

48 for 9. Neil Young was top scorer with 21 and again Sam Washer showed others how it should be done by being second top scorer with 7!

The game was played in a friendly and sporting spirit and heavily-defeated, the Napoleon enjoyed the game. Mention should also be made of useful contributions by Ben Partrick and Ian Nicholls (products of the John Perfilli Youth Scheme).

Steve Nicholls



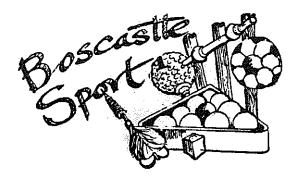
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#### LADIES' DARTS

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June Jory

#### **COBWEB LADIES' DARTS TEAM**

The Cobweb Ladies Team finished in third position in the League and were runners up in the 1001. Georgie Windsor was runner up in the singles finals. The "4-aside" Team were winners of their section.

#### **MEN'S DARTS**

In the Cornwall Super Darts League the Cobweb convincingly beat Wadebridge Social Club.

## **BOSCASTLE POTTERY**



Nanette, Tim and Roger Irving Little

#### **RUNNING COLUMN**

Well, here is the running column again. We started off the year with the Wadebridge 7, where Patrick (Spar Shop) had to drop out with a le injury after a short while. (Hopefully he is full recovered by now.)

Janet Lathom also ran very well which stood he in good stead as she got a very late entry in the year's London Marathon. Considering the shortime she had to prepare (I did tell her she warunning much faster when we went on a training run together), she was rewarded with a improved time of around 4 hrs 38 minutes (about 20 minutes faster than last year).

I'm getting fat and lazy and have not raced sinc February - I really must get going again. It has been rumoured that Higgsy has been seen or running but this has yet to be verified. Scott nearly bought a new pair of running shoes th week (if only the shop had been open) but Higgs might be able to dig up a pair for him!

It seems that the youngsters in the village as showing us the way. In the Quethiock Cros Country on April 8th, with a field of around 450 Danny Bragg finished 19th, Jimmy Siford 46t and Paul Lathom 104th. A very good effort by a three. Let's give them all the encouragement w can, and who knows how well they could do if uture races?

Allen Darlisc

P.S. I did actually manage to run at a 10K i Falmouth, finishing in 45 minutes.

#### **DELI FARM CROSS COUNTRY**

Several of the children from the village ran i this cross country race on Saturday 13th Ma Well done especially to Danny Bragg who we third. The Bragg family had a second medal wit Eddie Bragg being a member of the winnir Tintagel School Team.

#### LONDON MARATHON

I would like to thank all those who sponsored new to run the London Marathon this year - £305 has been raised for Muscular Dystrophy. Thank also to Joan Kinsman and Sonya Whitehand for their vocal support on the day. They cheered a loud that someone next to Sonya said, "Do yok know that woman running?" I would also like a thank my mum for her help in looking after the children when I was training. Sonya keeps askir if I've entered for the 1996 London Marathon yoh will have to wait and see! Janet Latho