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Editorial

"One kind word can warm three winter months." (Japanese proverb)

Another year has passed in the village we all call home.

There has been more snow than we have come to expect in recent times, but the community has worked together to minimise disruption and the children have loved it (Doug Larson said "the aging process has you firmly in its grasp if you never get the urge to throw a snowball.") That quite clearly does not apply to the residents of Portreath.

The village has won a best family beach award, held the "best ever" Harbour Fun Day, formed a new W.I., seen many successes over the season for the Surf Life Saving Club, the most entries for the Lions' Tide Race yet and witnessed a truly spectacular Firework display.

The editors will welcome Zoe to our team in the New Year to assist initially with some of the administration ... but all of our duties are voluntary and flexible so later on – who knows? Just joking Zoe!

This is the fourth issue from this editorial team, completing our first twelve months cycle of the Portreath Parish Tram. We hope you have liked the content so far, and as ever would appreciate any comments, suggestions or photos to portreathparishtram@live.co.uk or The Editor, Portreath Parish Tram, c/o Portreath P.O., The Square, Portreath TR16 4LA

"The point of living and of being an optimist, is to be foolish enough to believe the best is yet to come." Peter Ustinov

Press Release

Portreath Five in the Medals at World Lifesaving Champs

Cornish athletes lead Great Britain to international success.

Five of Portreath's top surf lifesavers have returned the World Lifesaving Championships with a haul of medals. Dan Humble, George Haynes, Warren Trestrail, Jenna Hawkey and Sara Rowe were selected to represent Great Britain as part of the 12 man team for the event in Alexandria, Egypt.

GB's first medal was delivered by all-round oceanman Dan Humble in the ski race. He took bronze behind South Africa and Australia. "I've been working up to this race my whole career," explains Humble, "but I had a brilliant start and wanting it so much definitely paid off."

The men's board rescue event saw George Haynes, in his senior Great Britain debut, team up with Dan Humble. After

soaring through the heat in 1st place, the pair clinched a bronze with a spectacular performance in the final, with the Australian and United States teams taking advantage of the waves to take the top two spots. Humble and Haynes also impressed in the Ironman final, finishing 8th and 13th.



Dan Humble taking bronze in the ski race.

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On the sand, beach event specialist Warren Trestrail's impressive opening leg in the final of the 4 x 90m relay led the team to GB's third medal, with Humble clinging on in the final leg to cross the line in 3rd.



George Haynes competing in the Ironman final.

In the Beach Flags event Trestrail was the highest placing European athlete, finishing 4th ahead of the top Australian competitor who had pipped him at the British Championships just three weeks before. "It's disappointing to miss out on an individual medal," says Warren, "but I'm really happy to have come so close and my performance gives me the motivation to keep training hard over the next few years".

In the women's arena, Jenna Hawkey and Sara Rowe missed out on the medals, although both made the final of the ski race, coming 6th and 15th respectively. Hawkey also



Warren Trestrail leading G.B. to bronze in the beach relay.

Jenna Hawkey in the Taplin relay.



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contributed to an outstanding 4th place in the women's Taplin relay (ski, board, swim and run) with a gutsy ski paddle in challenging conditions.

Great Britain finished fourth overall in the beach and ocean events - their highest placing to date - and also brought home bronze in the men's beach sprint courtesy of Wales' James Edwards, making four medals in total. Humble built on his streak of good form in the Inter-club event, bringing home gold in the ski race.

The Portreath five will be hoping to retain their places in the team for the International Surf Challenge, which takes place in New Zealand in the new year and will see Britain's best go head-to-head with the World's top 6 surf lifesaving nations.

INFORMATION

Village Diary

Basset Arms -

Fridays – Quiz

Saturdays – Live Entertainment

Waterfront Inn

Bingo (Millennium Hall) - Every other Friday

23rd January Portreath Improvements Committee AGM 7pm
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Book Club

We continue to meet on the first Thursday of the month ... soft drinks, hard drinks, soft talk, hard talk, good books, not so good books but always good company. Janet has organised our membership with the local library and this helps with costs. When we can we now loan from the library service in bulk.

January 6th will see the Book Club out at Trickies for our New Year "do" and my guess is we will start planning the next Safari Supper then ... best to start early ready for a summer event!

Read the Safari Supper article by Penny; it was such fun and one of those memorable community nights where we really appreciated this lovely community in which we live, laugh and share the good times and the more difficult times too. Please come to the next Safari Supper!

I would also like to extend a massive thank you to Penny for taking the lead from the Book Club with this event. We definitely needed a supreme organisational brain to pull it together and she delivered!

Terry

Christmas Carols in the Square

Over 100 people in fine voice gathered in the square to sing carols on a crisp December evening. The children paraded from the Millennium Hall with lanterns they had made the week before to start off the proceedings with some songs and carols they had been learning at school and preschool. There was a short break for mulled wine and mince pies followed by traditional carols, accompanied by Illogan Silver Band. A great start to the Christmas festivities and a lovely community event.

Thank you to:

Peta Redmore for organising the lantern making session, an event in its self with over 50 children coming to make lanterns, and for coordination the children on the night.

The pupils and staff from Portreath School and Portreath Preschool for starting the proceedings.

Connie Trewella for coordinating the evening and arranging the band.

Doris Butler for creating and distributing the carol books.

The Portreath Arms for their hospitality - the mulled wine and mince pies went down a treat.

And of course all those who came and supported this event.

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Please send your (constructive please) comments to portreathparishtram@live.co.uk or our postal address which is: Editor, Portreath Parish Tram, c/o Portreath P.O., Portreath TR16 4LA

Latest Development at Gwel an Mor

More than forty residents attended the opening section of Portreath Parish Council's October meeting, prompting Chairman Ken Bowden to quip about the Council's new found popularity!

They were there to express their views on Gwel an Mor's latest planning application. Sixty two-storey lodges had already been approved some time ago, but owner Mr. Bill Haslam now wished to change this to fifty-five single-storey lodges built over a wider area.

Several speakers (including Jean Charman from Trelawney Alliance and a representative from the Forthvean action group) were given the opportunity to voice their opposition or support for the development.

After some deliberation the Council subsequently decided to approve the amended application, with the provisos that:

- the new lodges would be solely for holiday accommodation and
- the required access road would be in place before the construction of the lodges commenced.

Heron Alert!

The Tram received a warning from Doris back in December that a heron had taken all of the fish from her garden pond, including one 18-year-old fish.

At this lean time of year, all pond owners need to be vigilant and perhaps take preventative measures to stop this kind of unfortunate incident occurring.

How do other pond owners protect their precious fish? And is it true that herons wade into ponds rather than fly down vertically so a small barrier should provide sufficient protection? Let us know at portreathparishtram@live.co.uk

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After winning "Best Holiday Park in Cornwall" for the third year running, Gwel an Mor was given the overall award as the best holiday park in Britain!

These were part of the most important awards of the evening, known impressively as the "Best of Britain".

In 2010 the Terrace Restaurant at Gwel an Mor won the Cornwall Council's Gold Chefs award and the Park itself won a silver award at the Cornwall Tourism awards.

Portreath was listed as one of Europe's top emerging holiday hotspots, and Cornwall listed as the best holiday destination in the country. Portreath is really making its mark!

This confirms what we have known all along - Portreath is one of the undiscovered gems of Cornwall.

Safari Supper declared a great success!

On the evening of 20th November, forty Portreath residents took part in a Safari Supper. We all enjoyed an evening of fun and food with friends, old and new.

This was a new venture, organised by the Book Club (no reading involved!) We were all sent to different locations for our three courses, meeting up at the beginning and the end of the evening at the Millennium Hall.

A good time was had by all, and one venue even provided handsome hunks serving refreshments!

We incidentally managed to raise £300 for our chosen charity for the evening, Cornwall Hospice Care.

It has been suggested that we do it all again. I hope this will happen. We would love many more people to take part next time. Don't worry, you don't have to feed more than six people, and that is only for one course. We will keep you informed via the Tram.

Penny Platts

Want to have a say in the future of our village?

The Annual General Meeting of Portreath Improvements Committee is being held on January 24th.

All current members must stand down at that time and put themselves up for re-election should they wish to continue.

New prospective members are warmly welcomed, and should follow the procedures outlined below.

PORTREATH IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All residents of Portreath aged 18 and over are entitled to attend and vote at this meeting which will be held in the Institute on

MONDAY 24TH JANUARY 2011

Anyone wishing to stand for election to the committee must submit their names IN WRITING, proposed and seconded by two eligible residents (i.e. residents aged 18 and over) to; The Secretary, Cliff House, Cliff Terrace, Portreath, TR16 4LE. **NO LATER THAN MONDAY 17TH JANUARY 2011**

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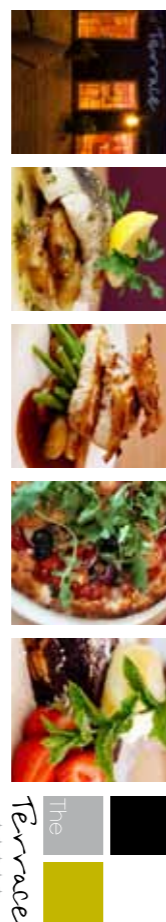
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A new black plaque adding three more names from each of the World Wars to the memorial was blessed by the Rev. Mike Kippax.

Wreaths were laid by among others Doris Butler on behalf of Portreath Improvements Committee, and Ken Bowden, Chairman of Portreath Parish Council.

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The land is private property owned by Portreath Improvements Committee and notices are in situ reminding the public of this.

If necessary the P.I.C. can advise on the disposal of green waste, or perhaps provide assistance for a fee.

Thank you.

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BANG

The fireworks this year went off with a bang (sorry it had to be done). We were fortunate to have good weather enabling the fireworks to be set off from the beach. The crowd all seemed to enjoy what has been tagged as the best display yet!

As usual there is a big list of "thank you's":

Celebration Pyrotechnics of Bodmin who never fail to provide a stunning display.

Portreath Improvements Committee for the generous donation of sponsorship of the insurance and a generous donation to the display itself.

Portreath Parish Council for sponsorship of the St. John's Ambulance team on duty.

The community police team, led by Sergeant Barnes & WPC Sarah Trewern, for their advice and their attendance at the event.

The management of The Treasure Park for allowing the Park & Ride scheme to be based in their car park.

Paul Smith of First Buses, Truro, for supplying the two double decker buses and running the Park and Ride.

Lesley Stephens for organising the posters and badges.

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Thank you also goes to all of those who sent donations direct. Those donations along with the collection taken on the evening have ensured that next year's display will take place on SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER. Check you Tram nearer the time for details.

A massive thank you to Di Helyer for organising this event, a true success,

Thank you
Ed.

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Beach Cafe Success!

The Tram would like to congratulate Ken Taylor and his staff at the Promenade Beach Cafe for their fundraising efforts on behalf of Camborne, Redruth and District Lions Club.

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