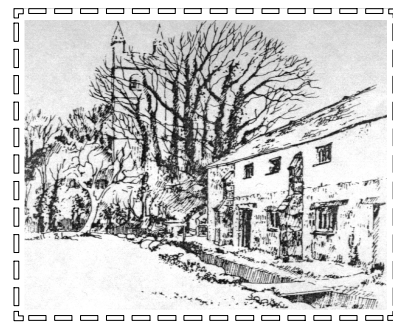




# THE POUNDSTOCK PACKET

KERNOW BYS VYKEN !



## Congratulations!

Warmest congratulations to Dudley and Pat Moore, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a thanksgiving service at the parish church at the end of August.

Just a few days later the family had double cause for celebration, with the arrival of Rio, a new grandson for Pat and Dudley.

## The Big Breakfast

On a wet and windy day towards the end of August, a steady stream of hungry people made their way to the Gildhouse, where they polished off 200 sausages, 100 rashers of bacon, three trays of eggs, several kilos of tomatoes and countless baked beans, not to mention a goodly supply of hash browns, toast, marmalade, honey and enough fruit juice, tea and coffee to float the *Queen Mary*.

Thanks to tremendous support from locals and holidaymakers alike, a magnificent £450 was raised for church funds. We are very grateful to everyone who came and ate it all up, and to everyone who so generously contributed with goods, time or both.

Sandy Dingle, the Big Breakfast's very own master chef, takes a well-earned rest at the end of a long morning



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**October**

- 3 St Winwaloe's Church, Harvest Festival, 11 am, lunch at 12
- 3 Animal Blessing Service 11.15am Widemouth Bay Church
- 4 Poundstock Packet meeting, Treskinnick Farmhouse, 7.30 pm
- 8 Art and craft and a chat, Summerhouse, WB, 2 pm
- 10 Bangors Chapel Harvest Festival, 11 am, followed by lunch
- 11 7pm Bangors Chapel Harvest Service, supper and auction
- 12 Marhamchurch WI, Harvest Festival
- 13 Friends' evening, Gildhouse, 7.30 pm
- 14 Jacobstow WI, 'A butcher's life for me'
- 15 Bude Community Cinema, 7.30 pm, *Toy Story 3*
- 23 Craft Fair and Pumpkin Festival, Gildhouse, 10–5
- 24 Craft Fair and Pumpkin Festival, Gildhouse, 12–4

**November**

- 9 Marhamchurch WI, 'My life as a vet'
- 9 Poundstock Bell Tower AGM, St Winwaloe's Church, 6.45 pm
- 10 Widemouth Bay Residents' Association, Summerhouse, 4 pm
- 11 Jacobstow WI, 'Garden birds'
- 12 Collage and craft, Summerhouse, WB, 2 pm
- 12 Bude Community Cinema, 7.30 pm, *The Moon Shines Bright*
- 14 Act of Remembrance, War Memorial, 2.45 pm, followed by service at St Winwaloe's Church
- 19 Parchment craft, Summerhouse, WB, 2 pm

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Meetings

October 12

Harvest Festival

November 9

Michael Prettejohn – 'My life as a vet'

**JACOBSTOW WI**

Meetings

October 14

Mrs M. Warren – 'A butcher's life for me'

November 11

Tim Dingle – Garden birds

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## NEW LOOK

You will notice something different about the Poundstock Packet you are holding. Over the past few months, since our own well-worn photocopier has become unreliable, we have been considering and trying different ways of managing the printing. We were keen to retain a reasonably good quality of reproduction, while keeping costs within our modest budget. The current issue has been produced using the helpful services of Phil Tucker. As with most changes there are some pros and cons. We hope you like the changes, especially the introduction of some colour and the handier booklet form. There may be a sacrifice of quality in some respects, but this we feel is acceptable with the benefit of using a more environmentally friendly production process. We'd be interested to receive any comments you have about our new look, or anything else. And, by the way, you have an opportunity to present your views in person. See below.



*Dudley Moore*

### Erica of Bleujen

The Gildhouse was packed in early September for a flower arranging demonstration by Erica Tippet, Bude's up and coming young florist who is rapidly making a name for herself in national competitions. Erica created three dramatic and stylish arrangements, making it all look so simple. An extra treat was the guest appearance of Joan Trewin, of Four Seasons, who demonstrated an autumn-themed design. Erica and Joan kindly donated their work as raffle prizes, and four lucky winners went home very happy!



### POUNDSTOCK PACKET MEETING

Monday 4th October 2010  
7.30pm at Treskinnick Farmhouse

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If you are resident in Poundstock, you are invited to attend and join the discussion of matters relating to the production of your parish magazine. We like to hear your views and welcome fresh input. This is not an AGM, so no jobs need to be filled!



## Poundstock Craft Fair and Pumpkin Festival

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### A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE

Some time ago I wrote an article about Steam Engines and their preservation. Fortunately I am still able to attend Rallies and Steam Events, and visit Woody Bay Station, the Headquarters of the Lynton and Barnstaple Railway Ltd., of which I am a member, and the only one that can remember it clearly, before it closed on September 29th 1935. As a boy of about 12 or 13, I remember riding on the platform of one of the engines, shunting in Lynton Station. At the Autumn Gala held at Woody Bay Station on September 25th ( a great occasion), a replica of one of the original engines was on display.

But my main reason for writing now is to tell you of a wonderful personal experience I had, while serving in India in the R.A.F. after World War 2 ended. I was waiting for my 'demob' to return home to the U.K. On a Wednesday evening I left Madras Station on a troop train bound for Bombay. I slept in the compartment during the night and next morning, when the train stopped for water, I got out and asked the driver ( an Anglian Indian), if I could ride on the footplate. I was given permission and stood between the tender and the footplate with the driver above me. The steam locomotive, as far as I remember, was about the size of a G.W.R. 'Castle Class'. The train only stopped for water, travelling on a single line all the way to Bombay, where we arrived on Good Friday. There were two firemen. It was an experience I will never forget.

As a result of seeing an advertisement for a book, '*Indian Narrow Gauge Steam Remembered*', I wrote to the author, Mr. L.E.Marshall of Brighton, and he replied saying how my steam trip to Bombay 'must have been fascinating'. He also told me that In those days it would have been a Great Indian Peninsula engine on the front, almost certainly a 4-6-0 and surely as clean as a new pin. The journey must have taken about 3 days, whereas nowadays you can travel from Bombay to Madras in less than 24 hours. The gauge would have been 5ft 6ins

*Revd. H.G.Tucker*



Thomas Hicks, shoemaker at Treskinnick Cross with Elizabeth Grace Hicks (nee Sandercock) late 1800s or early 1900s.. Photo supplied by Mike Hicks

**A BIG THANKS**  
To all those who made donations to Save The Children as part of our anniversary celebrations. We know that the total donated was well over £250. As some donations were made privately, we cannot give an exact total figure. Thanks for your great generosity.

*Pat & Dudley Moore*

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### Widemouth Bay Residents' Association

We held our first post-summer meeting on September 8th, sitting outside in the garden. It was agreed we should write to Cornwall Council on several points: firstly to congratulate John on the splendid beach cleaning he has been doing this summer, and secondly to ask the Council to reinstate the posts along the upper edge of the car park to stop people parking on the downs, where the grass has now been badly worn down by just such activity on busy summer days.

Concern was again expressed about the flouting of the planning permission granted to the development behind what used to be 'Outspan' in Leverlake Rd. Apparently the developers will have to apply for retrospective permission for building extra bedrooms instead of the garages they were granted permission for. Again, the new properties are higher than allowed – the Council will only act if this is more than 30cm, and cannily, they are exactly that!

Our next meeting is on November 10th. We hope to arrange a date for our winter fish and chips evening. Please come to support us.

*Nicky Vereker*

PS Just to say 'thank you' to the Council for a very swift response to my email about the posts along the edge of the beach car park - they've already been replaced, so people won't be able to park on the grass near the stone bench. I'm sure other people must have complained too!

### Widemouth church news

The last fortnight has been a busy time for the grounds, Summerhouse and little church of St Mary and St Anne in Widemouth Bay. We have seen the solemnising of a wedding, the regular weekly and monthly meetings including Arts and Crafts, Spirituality, the Residents' Forum and a lavish and much enjoyed reception held in a geodetic-frame tent. In return, the church has benefited by donations of time, materials and money, which emphasises the high regard in which these unique facilities are held. Appreciation is registered to all concerned, including the Rev. Rob Dickenson, for making it possible.

At the last event on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September, the sum of £251.08 from a generous donation and the proceeds from a 50p book and bric-a-brac sale in the church grounds in Leverlake Road was raised in aid of ShelterBox. A wide range of snacks and refreshments was available from the Summerhouse on this beautiful but windy day. Once again, thanks are given to those who supported this really worthwhile charity which is doing so much good currently in the flood-stricken areas of Pakistan.

*Rupert Powell*

### Bude Music Society

Bude Music Society welcomes you to its sixty-fourth season of Sunday afternoon classical chamber concerts. With both first class established musicians and rising young artists, the five concerts promise some excellent and enjoyable live music. The first concert will be on 17<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm at the Minstrels' Music Centre, Canworthy Water, when gifted young musicians from the renowned Purcell School will showcase their outstanding ability. Admission at the door or phone 01237 451300.

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##### October

- 1<sup>st</sup> Youth music session
- 8<sup>th</sup> Youth + family social
- 15<sup>th</sup> Youth drop in + music
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Youth+ family social
- 29<sup>th</sup> Half term CLOSED

##### November

- 5<sup>th</sup> Youth music session
- 12<sup>th</sup> Youth+ family social
- 19<sup>th</sup> Youth drop in + music
- 26<sup>th</sup> Youth+ family social

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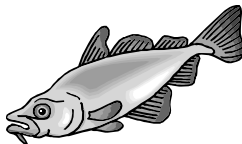
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2nd Sunday 11.00 Family Worship  
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Warden: Judy MacDonald  
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Circuit minister: Rev. Neal Street  
01288 352404

Services 11.00 a.m. Sundays

October	November
3 Smale	7 Street
10 Riviere <b>HF JS</b>	14 <b>JS</b> at <b>St. W</b>
17 Bryne	21 Hodges
24 Kyle	28 Stacey
31 Hogarth	

(**HF**: Harvest Festival **JS**: Joint Service)  
More Harvest details below

#### Joint Services

Oct 10 at Bangors Nov 14 at PC

### DIMMA METHODIST CHAPEL

Lay pastoral assistant: Brian Parkman 01840 212736  
Contact: Audrey Wickett 01840 230268

Widemouth Bay church are holding a special Animal Blessing service on 3 October (St. Francis of Assisi's Day) at 11.15 a.m. The service, based on Morning Prayer, will be led by Revd. Rob Dickenson.

All animals and their owners are very welcome.

### DARK NIGHTS

As I sit to write this, the sun is streaming in through the window and it is another perfect early autumn day.

I know it won't last. The weather forecast is for heavy rain by tea time! Also as we move toward that 'clocks back' weekend I know that the light nights are quickly slipping into the darkness of winter months. There's nothing to be done – short of moving to Australia! And the Methodist church budget doesn't run to that! Sadly!!!!

There are times in all our lives when we face something akin to the onset of dark nights. Sometimes, something looms on the horizon. There is nothing that can be done, except to hunker down and endure it. I believe that it is in these moments that God can be experienced, especially close.

Many in the Christian Church would tell you that it is in these darker moments that God seems to be intensely close. They will tell you that in that moment their faith has been a great comfort.

Right at the heart of the Christian Gospel is a promise of Jesus to his friends: "I will be with you, until the end of the age." [Matthew 28:20]. It's that kind of divine company that sees Christians through dark times.

I don't know where your life is taking you at this moment. What I do know is, if you invite His help, God is always close by to accompany you through the dark times.

*Rev Neal Street*

### Harvest Festival Celebrations

**St Winwaloe's** 3 October Service at 11 am, followed by lunch in the Gild-house

**Bangors Chapel** 10 October Service at 11 am, followed by lunch in the chapel hall at 1pm and Songs of Praise at approx. 2.30pm

11 October 7pm short service followed by supper and Auction of harvest produce

### 50/50 Auction Sale

in aid of Week St. Mary Church Heating Fund  
(auction conducted by Philip Walters of Kivells)

**Saturday 16th October. Commencing at 10.00 am**

Have you or your organisation  
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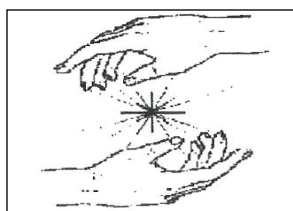
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## Jacobstow Community Primary School

### OFSTED Report 2010

July 12<sup>th</sup> 2010 brought OFSTED to the door of Jacobstow School; we had been expecting them all year so it was no surprise! The inspectors stayed for 2 days and left with a very positive impression of our school – we knew it was a good school and now they know too.

The inspectors were impressed by the children's behaviour, their enthusiasm for school and learning, the standard of teaching seen, the art work, learning environment we have created and the well being, care and guidance shown towards and by the children. The children really showed themselves off in a very positive light and deserve the praise they received.

We, of course, have some issues to work on to improve:

- ◆ We need to continue working on developing our Foundation Stage curriculum – the inspector acknowledged the progress made but said that we need to embed the work already done.
- ◆ We need to make sure that our children and especially our more able make better progress in writing.
- ◆ Our governors need to have more strategic involvement in the management of the school.

We had already identified all of these areas to work on, so there were no surprises in the report. And we have already begun putting actions into place to ensure that these aspects of school are also good.

Jacobstow is a good school thanks to the hard work, commitment and enthusiasm of all involved in the school, pupils, staff, governors and parents. Well done and thank you to all!

Jacobstow School football team, with the help of their coach Mr Pete Feehan won the Bude Area football trophy for 2010. The team were very proud of their achievements this year winning two trophies; a record footballing achievement for Jacobstow School!

### Master Chef 2010

These are the winners of Jacobstow School's Master Chef competition; 3<sup>rd</sup> Kayleigh with her cheese cake, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sian and Sarah with their chocolate mousse and 1<sup>st</sup> Amber with her paella; all were delicious and beautifully prepared and presented by the chefs.

The Friends of Jacobstow Primary School (FoJPS) have found a good way to raise much needed funds for the school. 'BAGS 2 SCHOOL' collects unwanted items of clothing (including shoes and handbags), bedding, towels and general household/family linens, putting them into bin/recycling bags and taking them to school ready for collection on 16<sup>th</sup> November. The more the school collects the more money we raise. The Friends would be very grateful to anyone who is able to contribute – it's easy, quick and gets rid of your unwanted things!

The FoJPS raise money to buy extra things to make school life more interesting and fun which can't be afforded from the normal school budget; we are currently raising money to pay for an adventure trail on the school field.

### Choosing fireworks

Make sure the fireworks you buy are meant for home use, are suitable for the size of your garden and are marked with British Standard number (BS 7114). You will also need the following:

- metal box with lid for storing fireworks during your display
- torch for checking instructions
- taper for lighting fireworks
- bucket (for water)
- bucket or other container of soft earth to stick fireworks in
- board or other non-flammable, rigid surface for flat-bottomed fireworks
- supports or launches for catherine wheels or rockets

Make sure you have read the instructions on your fireworks and have all the equipment you need ready.

If you are having a bonfire make sure it is well away from houses, trees, hedges, fences, sheds. Build it carefully so that it is not likely to topple over when lit. Use firelighters to get it going – never use petrol or paraffin even if it seems slow to start.



### REMEMBER REMEMBER!

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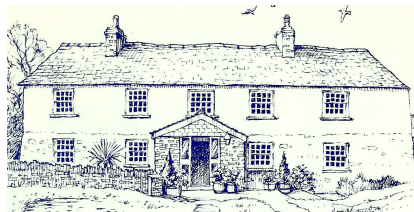
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## Wild About Poundstock

### Poundstock For Sale!



I was very surprised back earlier in the summer when I saw Poundstock was for sale! Is this a way of raising funds for the proposed new parish hall? Anyway, it made me start to think about how you would sell the property in the adverts.

Well, there are the obvious wonderful buildings, the church, and the Gild-house. Although maybe not part of the sale but undoubtedly adding to the special value of the parish are the two Elizabethan manors of Penfound and Trebarfoot. There are several other lovely houses such as New Mill, Quinceborough, and Down House as well as thatched properties like Leverlake Cottage and Treskinnick Cottage. What about the old timber houses in Millook built from wreck wood?

But for most of us, it is the scenery which stands out and what brings the holiday-makers here. The coastal scenery is probably the most obvious. The view across the parish from the top car park at Widemouth is breathtaking. Similarly, the view the other way across Bude Bay from the car park at Penhalt. I see that one most days, and sometimes there is a rainbow over the sea as well. Along the coast path from that car park there is a seat overlooking Millook and the valley. This is one of my favourite views anywhere. The view back down the valley to the sea from Trebarfoote is as good as you could expect to see anywhere as well. Well worth mentioning is the lack of light pollution and those breathtaking nights when the stars just fill the sky.

Of course, you can't mention Millook and not highlight the renowned zig-zag rock formation of the cliff. It is hard to believe that this was caused by the upheaval of the Alps causing rock to concertina in that way. There are also the raised beaches at Widemouth and the sentinel of Black Rock.

That is all easily visible and admired but there are many other things that are less obvious. Poundstock has a lot of wildlife for our potential purchaser to enjoy and we should be caring for, so that future generations can enjoy it as well. The Millook valley is renowned for its lichens, slightly less so than Dizzard but that is outside our boundary. Most obvious is the tree lungwort, a large lichen which is most frequently seen on oaks and is at it is most visible and best from now on as the weather gets wetter. People from all over the country admire it, a good indicator of clean air. We are also fortunate to have a fine mix of butterflies; I have had 17 species in my garden this year. Millook is especially good for our largest butterfly, the silver washed fritillary. There are also two or three colonies of the now nationally scarce dingy skipper. There are special flowers too such as broad-leaved helleborine orchid and twayblade orchid, and the delightful strawberry clover which is scarce in Cornwall but frequent along the coast path south of Widemouth.

There is no price anyone could pay for Poundstock, because we should value it too highly. If it were a real sale, an audit of what there is would be made, so maybe we should do one. Some of these things should have been asked in the Parish Plan questionnaire, but it's never too late, we hope.

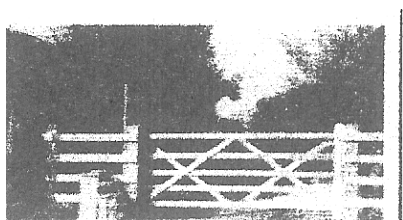
*Tim Dingle*

### Foreign invader

This very prickly customer appeared in Poundstock recently. It was identified as *Solanum rostratum* or Buffalo Bur, a member of the potato and tomato family and a native of Mexico and the southern United States (for more information see [www.species.bsbi.org.uk/html/solanum\\_rostratum.html](http://www.species.bsbi.org.uk/html/solanum_rostratum.html)). Unlike its relatives, it's of no agricultural use – quite the reverse, as in its homeland it has become a real nuisance. Fortunately it is quite a rarity in this country and especially uncommon in Cornwall. So how did it come to be growing in Poundstock? A plant specialist at Stirling University hopes to find an answer by extracting DNA from its dried remains. We'll let you know if he finds one!



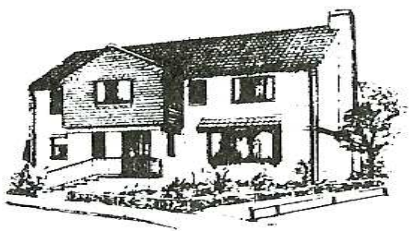
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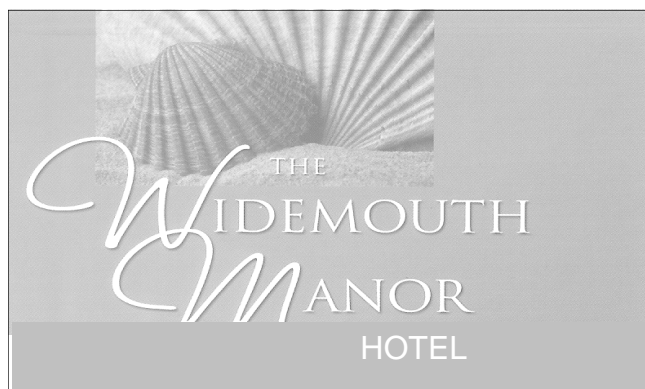
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## Vanishing Cornwall

Dame Daphne Du Maurier's acclaimed book with the above title gives glowing accounts of Cornwall's past and present, actual and mythical. Dame Daphne was introduced to Cornwall, rather dramatically, by way of Brunel's railway bridge at Saltash. The children of the family were on their way to Cornwall for a holiday and they were told by their governess to close their eyes as they crossed the bridge and when they opened them they would be in Cornwall. For the children the anticipation was almost unbearable and gave Cornwall a 'Never Never Land' feeling. Personally, I feel much of her writing was influenced by that first introduction to south Cornwall. Poundstock and district seldom get a mention, probably because it is so close to the Devonshire border.

Dame Daphne's title of 'Vanishing Cornwall' applied to our corner of Cornwall would be 'Vanishing Poundstock', but not much of it has vanished. A good place to start such an investigation is 'The Story of Poundstock Church and Parish' by the Rev.J.G. Edwards. It tells us of the arrival of Christianity in Poundstock and how it was chosen for settlement by Celtic monks in what was then deep in pagan territory. The lone monk built a cell beside a brook, hacked a clearing in the woodland and called peasants to open-air services by ringing a hand bell. There probably has been a church on this site for about 14 centuries, but from those early times it has appeared to grow through many troubles and tribulations and at no time did the parish ever appear to be vanishing.

Another strong connection of Poundstock from the past through to the present day is Penfound Manor. Kenneth and Doris Tucker published their wonderful booklet on their residence at that time and modestly thanked various authorities for their help and guidance. They noted that all of the information is available in the Public Record Office in London. Their description of the Manor starts from before Domesday Book and on through all its improvements and extensions. It is fascinating to read about their resident ghost, the stream that used to flow through the kitchen and took care of kitchen waste, and the uneven and sloping stairs that served as a built-in burglar alarm. Later, I learned from the Tuckers' publication that the name Penfound means a source (pen) of the stream (fou).

Two other manors are worthy of mention. One is Trebarfoote Manor where the imposing gateway to the house still stands but the family name has vanished. Over time the family name seems to have been shortened to Barfitt/Barfett. Another manor which exists in foundations only is Penhallem. It is slightly outside Poundstock parish and can be reached from the road to Week St Mary from Treskinnick Cross. A small car park by the road just past New Mills gives access to a long path through the woods ending in a clearing which reveals the foundations of the moated manor. Much research has been done on the site, and it seems to have been used only over a period of 200 years, possibly as a hunting lodge.

Going a little outside Poundstock to somewhere that is certainly not vanishing is Warbstow Barrow. It was built during the Iron Age, around 100 years BC. The Barrow is about 10 miles from Poundstock via Wainhouse Corner where you turn left to go up to Warbstow. The Barrow is one of the best preserved hill forts in Cornwall, elevation 807 feet. It has two ramparts, an inner area 370 by 450 feet, an outer rampart about 15 feet high and an outer ditch 15 feet wide. In those really lawless Iron Age days, when trouble was brewing out and about, the local tribes of ancient Britons would take refuge in the Barrow.



Old buildings and manors, elegant and otherwise, lack something unless the local population is considered. This could be what is known as the 'genius loci' or 'spirit of the place', stretching from ancient Britons to the present day. An old chieftain once said, 'The earth belongs to a vast family of which many are dead, a few are living, and countless numbers are still unborn.' So Poundstock and district isn't about to vanish, not for a while anyway.

*Don Sutton*

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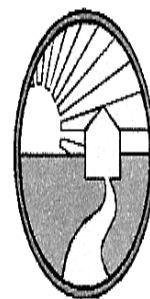
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We have Jupiter for the whole of the winter, and he will climb ever higher, and ever earlier in the evening sky from now on; Venus Mars and Saturn are too close to the Sun after sunset to observe easily. However, the rest of the sky, with the Milky Way soaring above us, is a glorious sight, especially through binoculars, and it's not too cold to enjoy a few minutes outside scanning the heavens. *Bill Turnill*

### WHO WAS IN THE PHOTO?

Thanks to Mike Hicks, Kathleen Hoadley, Les Burden, and Edith Wise, who gave us information about the identities of the children in the Poundstock School group photograph published in our last issue. Some of the information was conflicting, which is not surprising, given the age and quality of the photo. These are the names that have been suggested:

Front row from left to right: 2. Margaret Beckley 3. Evelyn (Dorothy?) Beckley 4. Winifred Squire (mother of Edith Wise)

Second row, left to right; 2. Leonard Burden 3. Alice Burden 4. Doris Hicks (or Doris Gunn ?)

5. Doris Gunn ? 6 Gwen Oke 8. (Les Gunn?) or Richard Squire

Back row, left to right ; 1. (Les Gunn ?) 3. William Burden or Fred Burden 7. Courtney Hicks.

### **The weather report**

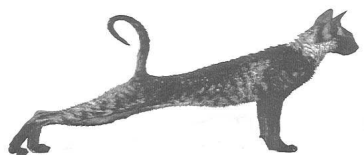
Since the last *Packet* report our weather station in the north-east corner of the parish, two miles inland, has recorded:

	<b>August</b>	<b>September (to 23rd)</b>
Wettest day	24.6 mm (25th)	27.2 mm (6th)
Total rain	84.1 mm	59.9 mm
Days of rain (>1 mm)	13	6
Highest temp	23.1 °C (21st 12.30)	23.0 °C (3rd 13.30)
Lowest temp	4.2 °C (31st 05.20)	4.3 °C (18th 03.10)
Max wind gust	29 mph (23rd 15.40)	31 mph (15th 12.00)
Windiest day	9.8 mph (24th)	11.6 mph (15th)
Total sunshine hours	170.3 hrs	137.5 hrs
Sunniest day	11.8 hrs (8th)	9.7 hrs (2nd)

As those of you who look at the weather readings on the Packet website will know, the temperature gauge was out of action in the first half of August and so the temperature details above are only for the period from the 18th of the month.

August 2010 kept up the pattern of recent years - wet and gloomy. The total rain in August was 20% greater than the Met Office average for the month over the years from 1971 to 2000 and most of the rain was concentrated in the week of 19th to 26th. Not only was it wetter than average but the amount of sunshine was down by 20% from the average. So far September 2010 has been much wetter, we have had over twice as much rain as in 2009 but it has been sunnier than last year with 20% more sunshine hours.

*Graham Jones*



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### **Councillor's Report Charging people for home care services**

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The other options are to assess each service user and fit them into bands, so for instance a person's disability that has a real extra cost in excess of £15 per week would be banded accordingly. Administration costs would be reduced but the user may have to contribute proportionately more depending on their need. Or finally financially assessing each user but ignoring their disability related expenditure or income. This system works better with the personal budgets being introduced but it could mean a person who has provided for their future is charged significantly more for the service and may not actually use the service because of cost. My fear is: would the service be affordable to everyone?

All the above ideas have real merit for different reasons and I have tried to give a balanced appraisal of each. Please contact Cornwall Council if you feel these proposals will affect you.

*Phil Tucker*

*Or if you have concerns, as with any issue whatsoever, please give me a call on 01288 341617 or philip.tucker@homecall.co.uk.*

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The next addition to the Authority's toolkit of engagement is a regular feature of online polls. Every month a question will be asked about relevant current issues and people can take just a few seconds to visit the Authority's website, click on 'Answer Our Quick Question', and respond to the recent survey. This month's question asks people how they want to access information about the Authority. The Authority will use this information to ensure an appropriate variety of methods are offered.

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## **MINUTES OF THE POUNDSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2010 (UNCONFIRMED)**

A meeting of the parish council was held in the parish hall on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 7.30 p.m Cllr C Gilbert was in the chair, also present were Cllrs. W.G. Rowland, P.J. Marshall, G.N. Orchard, R. Powell and the Clerk. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. W.K. Stacey, Miss A.R. Rowland and G.W.J. Pluess. Cllrs. B.W. Furse and R.S. Hopper were absent.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST a) Items on the agenda – None. b) Gifts over £25.00 – None declared.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – It was proposed by Cllr. R. Powell seconded by Cllr. W.G. Rowland and resolved that the minutes be approved.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – The chairman suspended the meeting for a 10-minute period giving members of the public an opportunity to address the council, following which the chairman reconvened the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING – None.

REPORTS – (i) North Cornwall Community Halls Network AGM – Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at St Eval Parish Hall were received.

PARISH HALL MANAGEMENT (i) Architects Update – The Architect presented the final drawings following successful preliminary discussions with the planning authority. Following discussions it was proposed by Cllr. P.M. Marshall seconded by Cllr R. Powell and resolved that concept sketch scheme C is the approved design, all agreed. (ii) It was agreed the Architect proceed with the planning application following which the chairman thanked Mr. Martin Back for an instructive presentation.

CHURCHYARD – (i) Churchyard Vehicular Access Gate – After discussion it was agreed to consider the matter further once the PCC has responded to previous correspondence. (ii) Cornwall Living Churchyards – Letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> June 2010 was read regarding the maintenance regime at St. Winwaloe Churchyard.

BANGORS GREEN IMPROVEMENT – Cornwall Cllr. Mr. P. Tucker gave a report of a residents meeting held to discuss how to improve the facilities. He has been asked to host a residents meeting mid July in the parish hall whereby all the residents can be consulted, date of meeting to be advised.

BUDE COMMUNITY NETWORK MEETING (i) Draft document and priorities and key operational issues as identified from existing Parish Plans and other Community Plans was received. (ii) Bude Community Network Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010 were received. (iii) Notice of meeting received on Renewable Energy Talk Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2010 7.30 pm at the Parkhouse Centre.

CALC – (i) Updates received on the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act and Sustainable Communities Act 2007: Amendment Act. (ii) The County Bulletin.

ACCOUNTS – (i) Financial Report - Given by the Clerk. (ii) Payments received to date: None. (iii) Payment of accounts received to date: Cllr. P.J. Marshall proposed and Cllr. W.G. Rowland seconded that the annual membership subscription 2010-2011 to CALC be paid of £232.38, and Clerks quarterly wage of £375.00 be paid. (iv) Consider payment of grant application – None. (iv) Correspondence – None.

PLANNING DECISIONS – None received to date.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – 2010/00647 Conversion of garage to bedroom and use of existing flat roof as a terrace at Overdowns, Marine Drive, Widemouth Bay for Mr. Martin Kelson – Objection, unable to support this application because of the effects the development would have on neighbouring properties namely, overlooking causing a loss of privacy. 2010/00710 Revised Design to previously approved 2010/00302 for the re-roofing of bungalow incorporating upper floor with replacement porch and rear extension at Sea Haze, Madeira Drive, Widemouth Bay for Mr & Mrs Pettit – No objection.

PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE & PLANNING ISSUES – (i) Planning Enforcement – Appraisal of building works. (ii) Guidance for Local Councils – Planning Consultations. (iii) Town & Parish Council Newsletter June 2010- Editions 15.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

(i) CAB – Remote Access – Results of a study conducted by Cornwall Campaigning Action Group to highlight problems people living in rural areas experience accessing everyday services.

NEWSLETTERS – Signpost ~ Clerks & Councils Direct.

PARISH MATTERS – No discussion outside the agenda.

NEXT MEETING – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2010. MEETING CLOSED – 10:36 pm.

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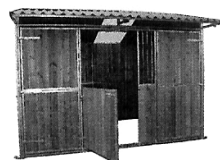
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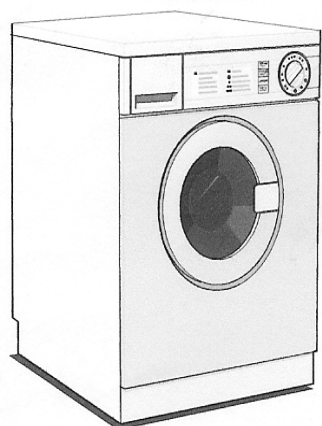
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