



## In brief

International disaster relief charity ShelterBox soared into action to provide emergency shelter for up to 5,000 people in flood-stricken Burkina Faso. More than 500 ShelterBox disaster relief tents were packed and shipped in less than 24 hours, flying out on a UN plane from Newquay Cornwall Airport to Burkina Faso's capital Ougadougou on Wednesday, October 7.

The National Trust has launched its own Monopoly set, which features Cornish Mines & Engines industrial heritage discovery centre in the Euston Road slot. *The game costs £25 and is available in National Trust shops and online at <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/shop>.*



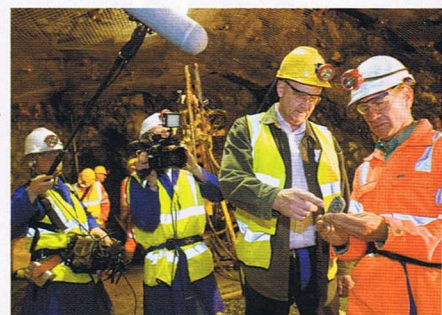
More than 700 supporters of Children's Hospice South West gathered in September to witness a special site dedication and turf cut ceremony at the Porthpean site where Little Harbour, the new children's hospice, will be built. The Precious Lives Appeal has now reached over £2.75 million, and the charity hopes building will commence in spring 2010, with doors opening to the first families by the end of 2011. [www.chsw.org.uk](http://www.chsw.org.uk)

Bus users who want to have a say about services in Cornwall are invited to join First Devon and Cornwall's new customer panel. Anyone over the age of 18 can volunteer and help to shape the development of new products and services. E-mail your name, address and daytime contact number to [customerpanel.devonandcornwall@firstgroup.com](mailto:customerpanel.devonandcornwall@firstgroup.com)

A rare silver inkwell, made in 1911 to commemorate the opening of a new building for the Royal National Mission for Deep Sea Fishermen in Newlyn, was sold at auction in September for £4,400. The buyer confirmed that it would be returning to Cornwall.

## South Crofty on TV

Cornwall's South Crofty mine will feature in a new BBC2 TV series to be presented by former Tory cabinet minister, Michael Portillo. Following in the footsteps of George Bradshaw, who wrote the first national railway timetable and travel guides in the 1840s, Portillo will visit local landmarks and discuss how life has changed in 150 years. South Crofty features as part of a train journey from Swindon to Penzance. Portillo walked through the mine's narrow, low-ceilinged workings, some of which date back to Tudor times, before witnessing 21st century mining, with tunnels large enough for large trucks to drive through. Other Cornish landmarks visited in the same episode will be Perran Sands and the oyster farms of the Helston River. The programme has the working title of *Travels with Bradshaw* and is due for transmission in January every weeknight on BBC2 for four weeks.



## Boost for high street

Traders have launched a campaign to raise awareness of one of Falmouth's oldest areas. In a bid to create a more distinctive identity and reflect its special character, High Street is to be renamed The Old High Street, and plans have been finalised for a wrought iron entrance arch to be created at the bottom of the street, to be funded by the Falmouth Business Improvement District (BID) scheme and designed by students from University College Falmouth. A programme of special events in the build-up to Christmas has been announced, including a three-day festival, late-night shopping, a "glitter" parade and a shop window display competition. "It all adds up to a major boost for this part of Falmouth," said group spokeswoman Elaine Bayley from Camellia Interiors. "High Street has a remarkable collection of small shops, pubs and eating places, yet it really is the forgotten street of Falmouth."



## Calendars for 2010

There's a fine array of Cornish calendars waiting to guide you through 2010. Try St Just photographer Sarah Lay's popular Evocative Cornwall calendar (right), in aid of Cornwall Hospice Care and St Petroc's Society. [www.evocativecornwall.co.uk](http://www.evocativecornwall.co.uk).

Truro Cathedral's 2010 calendar features Cornish land and seascapes by Penzance photographer Philip Trevennen. Profits go towards the restoration of the cathedral's central tower; buy it at the cathedral shop for £6.99. *St Ives Then and Now* calendar pairs images taken over a century ago with colour images of the same location in the present day. £7.95 with p&p; call 01736 796408.

