

Advent Calendar 19th December

Remember the men of the Penlee lifeboat, and the men women and children from the Union Star

I'm in a somber mood tonight, for reasons that are far worse for others. The first Advent calendar I made for NER was in 2008 and while I may have repeated myself over the years I have only posted once about the anniversary of the loss of the Solomon Browne which was the Penlee lifeboat, stationed then at Mousehole in Cornwall, and the Union Star the ship she was trying to save. All the crew of the lifeboat and all the crew and passengers (including the captain's pregnant wife and her daughters) were lost.



NIGEL BROCKMAN



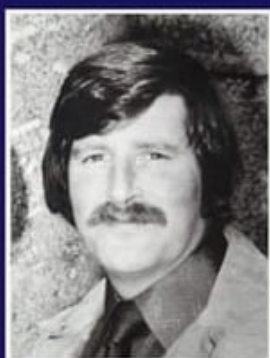
WILLIAM TREVELYAN RICHARDS



JAMES STEPHEN MADRON



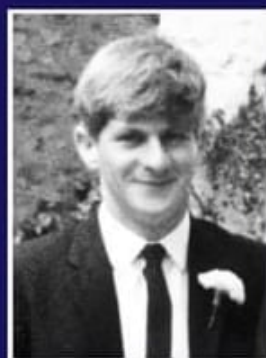
CHARLES THOMAS GREENHAUGH



JOHN ROBERT BLEWITT



KEVIN SMITH



BARRY ROBERTSON TORRIE



GARY LEE WALLIS

This should put my minor disappointment of this evening into perspective and stop me feeling sorry for myself. In normal years the village of Mousehole (and other Cornish villages) put up a display of Christmas lights in and around the harbour, which lights are switched off on the evening of the 19th in honour of the lost crew. This year due to the pandemic there are no lights. However I am sure that the men will still be honoured quietly.

If you want more information