

First Men's Coffee Morning - 2001

A brilliant success raising over £500 for Village Hall funds



Men only in the kitchen – Sam Littlechild and Roy Speakman at the Port Isaac coffee morning.

Picture: Alan McDonald, St Issey.

'Men only' coffee morning boosts village hall funds

IT was billed as a "Men Only" coffee morning in Port Isaac Village Hall and, despite the potential for misunderstandings, the event was a huge success.

The idea was that the men of the village should rise to the challenge of staging their own coffee morning to raise money for the refurbishment of the village hall by hosting what is usually considered, despite the modern climate of political correctness, to be the domain of the women.

The days running up to the event saw frantic activity throughout the village as builders and fishermen slaved over hot stoves preparing cakes, scones, pies and flans.

Others were hard at working putting their secret weapon, a second-hand doughnut-making machine, into working order. A professional chef from one of the local restaurants also prepared a few dishes.

"The amount of food that came through the door an hour before we were due to open was incredible," said

one of the organisers.

"The hall was packed all morning. We had made it clear that although the men were doing all the work, the women were more than welcome to come along and spend their money!"

As well as the usual stalls, there was a bacon butty stand, which did a roaring trade, contributing £90 to the overall total raised, and of course the doughnut machine which is new being eagerly sought after by the organisers of future fundraisers in the village.

At the end of the day, a total of £525 was raised, which will go towards completing the refurbishment of the village hall kitchen, a facility which it is hoped will make a major contribution towards reviving the fortunes of the hall.

The hall committee have expressed their thanks to everyone, male or female, who helped make the event such a success, either by contributing to the running or coming along and spending their cash.



George Oxley (what a pastry chef) and Andy Penny wait for some customers!



Allan Chadband and his marrow



Chris Bolton and Ian Fuller discuss the merits of their cakes!



Even the younger members of the community didn't get out of it - Andrew Dingle concentrates on something!



And some of the ladies enjoy themselves