

# Peter Hall from Trelights remembers ...

In the 1939/45 War, Port Isaac School played host and welcomed Lionel Road Infants School from Brentford Middlesex as evacuees from the blitz in London. All the pupils were fostered with various residents in Port Isaac and Trelights, receiving a warm welcome from all.

There were too many pupils to be taught at Port Isaac School so it was decided, to the delight of all the pupils, that local children would attend the morning session and the evacuees would go to school in the afternoon. However, the powers that be soon arranged for the Church and Methodist Halls to be used as permanent school rooms.

As was to be expected, children began to miss their mums and dads and vice versa so some of the evacuees gradually drifted back home, making it possible for all the children to be taught together at Port Isaac School.

Port Isaac was a delight to many of us, with the hills, alleys and of course the beach with its boats and smells of the sea - needless to say, it would not have received a blue flag!

The 25 children who were fostered in Trelights entered a different world. Not only did we have to walk the two miles to school but we had to contend with the rain and the Atlantic gales. Trelights was purely a farming community with cows meandering around the lanes, but the residents who became our parents, were most happy and generous to all their charges. To this day, we still see a familiar face, older, greyer, but with an eagerness to see the village where they were evacuated to once again.

I stayed and still wonder, what happened to Lucy Osbourne from Lionel Road, Brentford.

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