

A wonderful thing happened in Port Isaac over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend when the BBC TV programme 'DIY SOS' took on the challenge of renovating our Village Hall.

Not only do we now have a wonderful Village Hall but, what is even more special, is that our local community showed the whole country just what 'community spirit' means - they lent their labour, their time, their ideas, their vehicles, garages, houses, food - the list is endless. And everyone had such a great time - a weekend of hard work, fun and laughter that will long be remembered.

The weekend also proved to the world the inaccuracy of the reports that appeared in the national press of our 'animosity to film crews'. In fact, the crew were absolutely delighted with the welcome they received and presenter Nick Knowles said that the village was "the friendliest we have ever visited".

We now have what is probably the most famous Village Hall in the country and the number of visitors who come to have a look is quite surprising. Because of the interest shown, the committee has decided to open the Hall every Wednesday morning during July and August so that visitors can see just what has been done. Full details in next month's *Trio*.

There's still lots to be done. We have a full central heating system that we are in the process of fitting.

But most importantly we still need to raise £2000, the shortfall of our contribution to the work. But 'Big Saturday' is coming up on June 2nd and the Barn Dance on July 7th so fingers crossed!

Your Village Hall awaits you. Let the people of Port Isaac take a bow.

The Village Hall Committee

A Village Hall to be proud of

Bank Holiday weekend May Day 2001, Oh, what a lot of work to be done. *DIY SOS* are invited to call to help renovate Port Isaac Village Hall.

Three days of plastering, painting and cleaning and also some eating, drinking and singing. What a wonderful gang, they worked through the night to get the Hall ready, everything must be right.

There's colours to choose, they're sanding the floor, New lights to be fitted and oh so much more. New stage to be built, new kitchen started from scratch. Everything new, not covered up with a patch. Several locals helped out with the labour and building, We're so grateful to them, did I see someone weeding?

At last it is Monday the seventh of May, The sun shining brightly and this is the day When they open the doors, we shall see the new Hall Completely refurbished from ceiling to wall.

The people gathered early down on the Town Platt Meeting their friends for a drink and a chat, The tide very high, the harbour looked great I think celebrations will go on very late.

The St Minver Band entertained the huge crowd With various tunes, both softly and loud. They felt very honoured with an invite to play and join with the village on such a great day.

Boom boom goes the drum, everyone's on their feet The parade leaves the Platt to dance up the street, The strains of the 'Flora Dance', one, two, three, hop They're winding their way right up to the top.

Around Secrets corner, Micky thinks this is grand Enjoying every minute and leading the band With hundreds of people following on behind All eagerly wondering what they will find.

Now here they are outside the Hall, Excitement is mounting, Nick opens the door Mums and monsters are leading the way They're loving it so and hope they can stay. There's plenty of toys for the girls and the boys And everyone's chatting, there's plenty of noise. 'Oohs' and 'aahs' echo round, it's so lovely and bright Some stand in amazement. Yes, they've got it just right.

There's a mountain of food and drinks galore, The stage is alive with the 'Applebeats' four? What a wonderful party, so well organised The committee are great, they're awarded first prize.

Many thanks are now due, but fear of leaving some out I think its much better to say without doubt **THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH**, you're a wonderful bunch Now we're looking forward to the second of June and Janet's lunch.

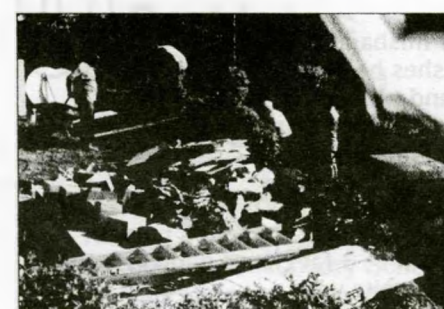
Auntie Win

Congratulations to all involved in BBC's *DIY SOS* over the May Day weekend. And what publicity for the village! Little did I imagine that the proposal to close the Village Hall would culminate in such a magnificent display of community spirit. We now have a new kitchen, a splendid stage, more storage, a children's play area, the most inspired décor and, shortly, a central heating system. This has given the best possible chance to reverse the decline in usage that led to the closure proposal. Well done.

Malcolm Lee

The Chairman and members of St Endellion Parish Council would like to thank the Village Hall Committee and all their helpers for the fantastic job they achieved with 'DIY SOS' resulting in the wonderful makeover of the Hall. We are sure that this is certain to remain a valuable community asset for many years to come.

Well done.



Getting rid of the rubbish!

weekend and the planning needed to perform such a great achievement'

'... it was nice to see the village getting something back for a change'

'... the views of the village do credit to a wonderful place and its people'

'... may the village prosper on the strength of its efforts'



Taking over next door!

'... we have watched the programme all the weekend just to keep in touch with Port Isaac'

'... the Hall looks fabulous and we think you have all done a marvellous job'

'... Congratulations to all of you. The Village Hall looks great'

'... you should all be proud of all the hard work over the long

BBC

Leisure and Factual Entertainment, Bristol

Dear Port Isaac

What a beautiful place you are and what a tremendous community you hold.

The dust has settled, the paint pots put away, it has even rained, the world carries on. We at the BBC are all back at our desks working but we shall never forget our weekend with you in Port Isaac. It was a very special time, one that I hope everyone who took part in enjoyed to the full. I apologise to those members of the community who were held at bay until the Monday from seeing the finished hall - you had the worse task of the weekend, not knowing what we were doing. I hope the wait was worth it.

To thank any one individual would not be appropriate both from our team and your team. I think of all the faces and names, the events before, during and after the weekend and would dearly like to express my individual thanks to one and all. But as was often expressed it's about a whole team making something possible rather than individuals. So a simple thank you all will have to suffice.

Praise has been expressed from the hierarchy at the BBC of the wonderful warmth of the film from Port Isaac and sense of event. It is a tribute to you all that the film was so successful. You were part of making it feel that way. On a personal level, I hope you felt the film represented all that is best about Port Isaac - its people, its community, its setting.

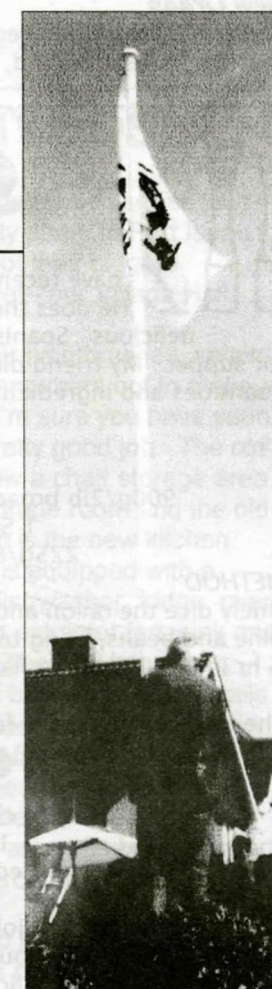
The BBC and the Team wish you and your hall every success for the future. I thank the village for its patience and understanding with us over the weekend and that the impact of our filming caused minimum disruptions to your lives. I feel the hall we left behind was worth all the effort. I ask but one favour, please keep in touch with us.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you Port Isaac - you are tremendous.

Rupert Miles
(Director)



Following the St Minver Band to the 'Reveal'



Raising the flag!