



# FILMING FOR ISAAC

## Take 1 ... a word from the producer

Following the successful release of the acclaimed comedy 'Saving Grace' filmed in Port Isaac two years ago, Buffalo Pictures and Sky TV are now planning to shoot a sequel consisting of two 90 minute TV Dramas to be filmed over a two week period in May.

The stories have been written by local author and screenwriter, Simon Mayle, formerly of Hendra Cottage, and will feature Martin Clunes playing the role of Dr Martin.

## Take 3 ... a word from our film liaison man

A well attended meeting was held in the Village Hall on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss with producers Sandy Poustie and Mark Crowdie and Locations Manager Johnny Bamford, their proposal to film a TV sequel to 'Saving Grace'.

Many of those attending were concerned as to how this would affect their businesses. While it was stressed that disruption would be kept to a minimum and a working schedule would be published, any expected losses would best be taken up with Sandy Poustie, contact through John Bamford on 01840 250745 as soon as possible.

## New tourist attraction for Port Isaac

TV Tours UK are pleased to announce the setting up of its new South West Division, TV Tours South West. It will commence trading early next year. This will be offering guided tours around the village and surrounding area, visiting the locations used during filming.

TV Tours feel that the new service can only be good for the village as past experience indicates the potential to increase tourism by 37% which would obviously benefit existing businesses as well as encouraging new investment in the area.

October 2004

### Filming at Port Governe

Doc Martin's lot were down here, and filmed for two whole days. This time they used the cafe, making use of nice sun rays. They've painted all the outside walls, it really looks quite good ...

more so than the last 20 years, and much more like it should! It's nice to see them down here, at radio 'Port Wenn'. And when they go well all be said, and hope they're back again!

Richard Cook

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The film was 'Knights of the Round Table' and starred Robert Taylor as Arthur and Ava Gardner as Guinevere.

Extras in Port Isaac included Frank Masters, Harold Brown, Will Steer, Westlake Brown, Harry May, Sam Honey, John Glover and George Williams.

George was asked by Ava Gardner if he wanted to come back to Hollywood, but he declined as he had his garden to tend to!

February 2007

## The 'Doc Martin' Fund

The first village meeting to discuss the newly set up village by Buffalo Pictures was held in the Church Rooms in October 2004. It was attended by 20 people that represented most areas of our community.

It's early days, but currently there are two trustees, Janet Townsend and Jon Cleave, who are trying to steer what is going to be a huge undertaking forward. In her opening address Janet said, "There is no argument that the village and village life has suffered some dereliction from the filming and aftermath of this hugely popular TV series. But it's not that simple. There was a very positive effect of the village's main industry - tourism. Buffalo Pictures has recognised the disruption and is going to pay to the village 2% of the Doc Martin net profits for the whole six series and any future series. What does that mean in real terms? There was lots of talk about substantial amounts of money but what that will actually be depends on the profits made from the series. The money will be paid to the village monthly and the first payment was £5,000.

October 2013

## Take 2 ... a word from Trio

Following the success of 'Saving Grace', starting Port Isaac, the Doctor played by Martin Clunes. 'Really based and lots of fun with the doctor not doing a lot of doctoring' and 'think Indiana Jones instead of Heartbeat' is how they have been described.

It's a different production company from last time. Mark Crowdie from BBC is the producer, with Sandy Poustie as the Producers with Johnny Bamford as Locations Manager. There were the well-attended public meeting that they called to alleviate local fears about 'filming again'.

## Take 4 ... and another word on filming

Following complaints from my visitors and others over the 1999 filming, the legal authority for road closure was investigated, as well as the status of the constables policing the closure. I was dismayed to find that the 1847 statute being used by the District Council was not appropriate, and they could find no other act to allow such closures. Parliament has decreed only very limited circumstances in which vehicular rights of access over a public road can be removed, and even fewer where pedestrian rights of access are concerned.

April 2001

## Port Isaac filming: 1982 style

In 1982 a TV film of 'My Cousin Rachel' starring Geraldine Chaplin and Christopher Gable was made in Cornwall. A few weeks ago Port Isaac shooting scenes around the Platt.

October 2010

## Do you remember a poem in Trio

Do you remember a poem in Trio a couple of months ago from an American fan of 'Doc Martin'? She has kindly sent us another one ...

April 2007

## Elaine sends Martin Clunes her poem

Fantasy - Fan 'tsee - Fan 'tsee... We watched professions all week long Updown Roscarrock Lane Parades of people - pictures - pose Indeed, we're all insane!

August 2011

## Breaking news ... you heard it here first

Trio can reveal that plans are practically finalised for a new landmark on Roscarrock Hill. To be sited outside Fern Cottage, a bust of Doc Martin will be mounted on a pedestal of Delabole slate. The bust, that will rotate, will be illuminated by 1750 state-of-the-art, solar-powered led lights that can also be programmed to change colour and flash or be static.

April 2015

## The Doc Martin Fund

It is now well over 12 months since an agreement between the local community of Port Isaac and Buffalo Pictures negotiated the setting up of 'The Doc Martin Fund'. This agreement was the result of a series of meetings that have been held to discuss the fund's purpose and to ensure that it is a fair and transparent arrangement for all involved.

October 2014

## BBC TV The BBC will be filming part of "My Cousin Rachel" for one day only, Tuesday 28th. September at the Platt. We are asked to try and keep our cars away from the area. A voice called out: 'Let's all stop work for a day!'

April 1982

**INSPECTOR ALLEYN**  
At the beginning of this month, the BBC commandeered the bottom of the village as a location during the filming of a Naxos March story to be shown as part of a series called 'Inspector Alleyn' starting in September. It began by stacking pilchard barrels against the walls, erecting fishing-net racks on the Platt and mooring three old wooden fishing boats in the harbour. On the Saturday night, however, things reached a climax with floodlights high up on the buildings filling the whole area with 'moonlight', cables and boxes running down past the Harbour Shop, cameras on railway lines across the front of the Harbour Cafe, large vehicles completely blocking the narrow streets and rain machines creating rain over the village.

July 1992

## Port Isaac - the film star!

Another film crew has come and gone, this time from Germany and filming a German TV drama 'Vatter Flucht' (father's Hideaway). They were a charming, friendly lot going out of their way to cause a minimum disruption to the village. Locals were again called on as extras resulting in an article in the Western Morning News about the 'Port Isaac Livings'.

October 2000

## On Location in Port Isaac

**Film Makers Code of Practice**  
St Endellion Parish Council and the Community Film Liaison Representative should be advised of any filming activity due to take place within their area.

## Update on the filming

Update on the filming of 'Saving Grace' in Port Isaac. The production company should ensure that all those affected by filming have been consulted and informed of arrangements. Wherever possible reasonable notice of intent to film should be given to the community. Filming should be avoided during school holidays, half-term or on Bank Holiday weekends, where everyone knows one another, it is nice, if convenient, to play a role and winks at those kinds of sin that are harmless and fun.

## 'Doc Martin' filming schedule

The filming schedule for the coming month is as follows:  
Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup> - Roscarrock Hill  
Wednesday June 29<sup>th</sup> - Port Governe  
Thursday June 30<sup>th</sup> - Roscarrock Hill  
Monday July 4<sup>th</sup> - Roscarrock Hill  
Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup> - Roscarrock Hill  
Wednesday July 6<sup>th</sup> - The Harbour and Rose Hill  
Monday July 11<sup>th</sup> - Middle Street

July 2005

## Buffalo Productions letter to the residents of Port Isaac

In accordance with the filming code of practice agreed with the Parish Council, Buffalo Productions would like to inform any residents of the forthcoming filming of 'Saving Grace' in Port Isaac.

March 2011

## FILMING IN THE VILLAGE

On Tuesday 4th June, Wednesday 5th June and Thursday 6th June we will be filming outside the village shop from 8am-7pm. On Friday 7th June we will be filming outside Fern Cottage on Roscarrock Hill from 8am-10am and then at Port Governe from 10am-12pm.

June 2013

## A day in the life of a film extra

Tuesday evening and the phone rang asking if I would like to be involved in the production of a film 'Saving Grace' - the following day (I believe someone had pulled out at the last minute) I should have been working for 15 minutes of fame pass me by, so I arranged to have a day off.

Up at the crack of dawn, have a bath, wash my hair. Should I wear make-up or will I be made up by the film people? Decided to go for the latter. I went with me, along with a book to read, a spare pair of flat shoes and some tissues in case I have to cry at the funeral.

After a while the cards came out and us extras started a game of whist. After just a few hands we were directed to 'Make-up'. At last something was going to happen - a bit of lipstick and powder on our noses!

December 2014

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May 2015

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October 2015

Recently a TV film unit came to Port Isaac for scenes in 'My Cousin Rachel' by Daphne du Maurier. They seemed to put back the hands of time by dressing the village women in poke bonnets and long skirts, and the men in breeches, boots, and frock coats.

In reality this village was a very different one at the turn of the century from the one we know today. Poorer in some ways, richer in others, more isolated, but more self-sufficient. Slipway was a chandler's; Port Isaac Stores was a milliners; there was a sailmaker; a cobbler; butcher, baker, and maybe even a candlestick maker.

## Mrs. Bradley in Port Isaac

The BBC is currently in the preparation stages of making four one-hour episodes of 'The Mrs Bradley Mysteries'. This series is set in 1929 and stars Diana Rigg as Mrs Bradley and Neil Dudgeon as her chauffeur who happen upon murder mysteries to solve as they tour the country in a Rolls Royce. The BBC made one film last year which proved to be a great success, and all the new episodes follow the same format with each story being contained in each one.

October 1982

## Mrs. Bradley not Coming...

The BBC was hoping to film during May in Port Isaac and other locations including Doyden Castle, but The National Trust has not been able to grant permission for the use of the latter. Night scenes were to be involved and would be too disruptive to holidaymakers in residence, so the location will now be elsewhere - possibly Trevoze Head lighthouse. If the BBC contacts me about this I'll let you all know.

Meanwhile, the BBC would very much like to thank everybody who sent in suggestions and offers of help.

## ...but Grace may be

An independent production unit hopes to film 'Saving Grace' in Port Isaac for four days around mid May. It is a comedy film based on the lives of four people living in a Cornish fishing village. It is for release to Cinema and features Brenda Blethyn who starred in 'Secrets and Lies'. The Location Manager is John Bamford who can be contacted on 0370 915 418

## Welcome donation from film company

A donation of £500 has been made to the Christmas/Millennium Lights from the production team of 'Saving Grace' who filmed in Port Isaac recently. A welcome bequest in light of recent criticism.

Also, it has come to light that the road closure notice used, although legal, was apparently more suited to 19<sup>th</sup> century 'Goose Fayes' and not the one our local constabulary would have expected.

October 2000

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It's not often that we have such an onslaught of requests to write about something in Trio but over the past few months we have been inundated with pleas to include something about the filming. Taking this all on board, and wanting to please our readers, in last month's Trio we invited you to have your say.

September 2009

## Filming finishes and Buffalo make donations to the village

Buffalo Pictures has presented a donation cheque to the Parish Council for £54,000 - this being the amount paid to the Parish Council since filming first started in 1999. Buffalo Pictures congratulated the Parish Council on the completion of the new car park and wished them every success with it.

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