

Port Isaac Village Hall

same old, same old

Trio was started by the Village Hall Committee back in 1982 and there has not been an issue since then that hasn't mentioned the Hall. And 35 years on the Hall still has the same problems ... the people change but it is always a small, dedicated group that struggle to keep the Hall going, maintain and improve it ... and are continuously fundraising to do just that ...



Village Hall

The Union of Construction Allied Trades and Technicians has given approval for Springboard trainees to carry out the redecoration work so badly needed on the Village Hall. We already have a small grant, awarded by the Silver Jubilee Trust, but now need to start raising money to cover the balance of the cost (about £1,000). If anyone has any fund-raising ideas other than jumble sales and coffee mornings please let us hear them. Meanwhile a box containing 'Band of Hope' porcelain crockery has been found in the Hall and is being valued. It was suggested that it could be offered for sale, one set of cup, saucer and plate, per person only to villagers, and the money used for the redecoration fund. Unfortunately we have had to abandon our 'Spring Fayre' this year as the East Cornwall Hospital are holding a fund-raising event on the previous day.

May 1982

Village Hall A.G.M.

This year the Village Hall Committee is sending every organisation in the Parish an invitation to send a representative to the A.G.M. and Public Meeting on Wednesday 13th. April at 8.00pm. Fred and Robin who have been actively involved for the past five years feel that it is time to hand over the responsibility to members of interested organisations who actually use the hall. So come along with your ideas on how your village hall should be run.

March 1983

VILLAGE HALL

Synopsis of Meeting held at Port Gaverne Cafe, July 25th. N.C.D.C. Grant. Application to be pursued despite government cuts. May be first in line for consideration in 1986.

Hire Forms. Bookings must be made in advance with Mrs. Sweett, 'Tretoway', Port Isaac. A form stating conditions must be signed.

W.I. The Committee is sad that the W.I. no longer want to use the Hall but hope that they will reconsider.

Outside Grievances. Helpful suggestions are welcome, adverse comments can only destroy the Committee's will to do their best. The Hall belongs to the village and without help there will be no Hall to criticise.

Disco. A joint 'Carnival' Disco to be held and profits shared. A float 'Samson & Delilah' to be entered in the procession.

Key. The Village Hall key must always be obtained from Mrs. Sweett. to avoid confusion.

August 1984

PORT ISAAC VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committee meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 8.15pm. at the Village Hall, Trewetha Lane. The Committee comprises: Chairman - David Bolton, Vice Chairman - Steve Hudspith, Treasurer - George Huxley, Secretary - Chris Everett, Jeanette Humphries, Bill Dawe, Peter and Liz Rowe, plus a representative from each of the organisations which use the Village Hall regularly. The Annual Raft Race will be held on Port Gaverne Beach on Sunday 9th. August at 3.0pm. This will be our main fundraiser to meet the high cost of renovations necessary to meet the new Fire Regulations before March 1993. We need your support to make a success of this popular event - so please come and enjoy yourselves. Entry forms for the Raft Race can be obtained from Steve Hudspith on 880162 or Peter Rowe on 880457.

July 1992

VILLAGE HALL

In an attempt to make the hall more 'user-friendly' some little notices are being put up to try and help people work the various switches in the big cupboard and the 'delay' switch for the outside lights. There will also be some other reminder notices about not propping fire doors open, 'no smoking' signs, and so on. The committee is also thinking about some kind of booking form or simple 'brochure' with the hiring rates, what coins are used in the meter - the sort of thing that new users need to know.

The go-ahead has been given to Kevin Hancock, 'Happi Signs', to repaint the big sign over the main doors and provide a notice board at the bottom of the steps. The committee is always looking for ways to try and improve the hall and, *polite*, comments from everybody are welcomed.

Robin Penna, October 1993

VILLAGE HALL

The plans and costings for the proposed alterations are now completed and the committee is going to organise a public meeting soon to give every one a chance to see what is being aimed for. If all goes well, there will be a new, lighter kitchen near the front of the hall with handy access through a new set of doors, and the steps will be rebuilt. There will be storage space for the chairs at the side of the hall and at the rear where the kitchen is now. A disabled toilet could be provided on the level off the side of the hall and the present side entrance will be used as the main entrance with a closed-in porch. Attempts will also be made to improve the front access without creating an eyesore.

Public Meeting Look out for posters announcing the meeting which should take place before the next issue of Trio appears.

Robin Penna, November 1997

VILLAGE HALL

Cleaning There are always problems connected with running a hall like ours and the management committee spend much of their time trying to solve them. The main difficulty is keeping the hall clean. There are people who appear to think there is a team of workers to keep the place up to standard but, sadly, there isn't. In villages where everybody isn't involved with looking after holiday visitors, there are volunteers to take care of their halls - twenty years ago even Port Isaac had people prepared to spend Saturday afternoons cleaning the place but now we rely on hall users to clean up when they have finished. This is, of course, after the function and everybody is tired and, it often doesn't get done properly. We therefore beg users to see the hall is clean and tidy after use.

Robin Penna, September 1997

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

It is hoped to begin the necessary Fire Regulations work on the Hall at the beginning of December and all being well it should be completed by the end of March deadline. The work should not affect the use of the Hall - we have very co-operative contractors! We have grants for the cost of the work of £350 from the local Parish council and similar amounts from Cornwall Rural Community Council and the County Council. North Cornwall District Council were looking at our application in early December (their response is much slower than all the other bodies) but we are optimistic that Cllr. Dawe will persuade them to be generous.

Groups using the Hall at present are: Playgroup, Guides, Brownies, Kingdom Kids, Rainbows, Badminton, and Aerobics. It is also used for children's parties, rehearsals, public enquiries, club meetings, the odd commercial venture and, during inclement summer weather, the St. Breward Silver Band. Liz Rowe and Carole Lee held a Christmas Show on 29th. December. We do try to keep the rents down to a minimum to make the use of the Hall affordable to everyone and raise the money needed, for the usual maintenance costs, with the Annual Raft Race. The Hall belongs to all of us in the Parish of St. Endellion, so we hope you will continue to use it well and often. To rent the Hall please telephone me on 880378.

Chris Everett, Secretary, January 1993

VILLAGE HALL

Exterior Redecoration The outside woodwork needs repainting and tenders are invited by the middle of October. Details from the Hon. Secretary, Lyn Prescott (880327).

Maintenance Cleaning arrangements are to be improved, necessary repair work is to be done, and we hope to get the kitchen tidied up.

Funds Hon. Treasurer George Oxley expressed thanks for a donation of £564 from Jon Cleave's event. £380 was raised at the Raft Race. The committee now has £1,000 to deposit. The Hall is being used regularly by organisations, private lettings, parties, etc.

Keys No list of keys was drawn up when keys were issued so the present committee has no idea how many keys there are. To solve this, and regularise the insurance position, a new lock will be fitted and keys issued to regular users who will be responsible for them. Leaders of organisations - please tell Lyn of any personnel changes, to help us to communicate with you.

Alcoholic Beverages Licences There are four occasional licences with the annual entertainment licence. This year three were used by the R.N.L.I. whose committee disagrees about a donation for the use of the Hall. In future, licences will only be for the use of the Hall itself, or for joint-user ventures.

Hire Rates Local people and organisations: 10.00am - 1.00pm: £4.00, 1.00-6.00pm: £6.00, whole day: £10.00, one hour: £3.00, 6.00-11.00pm: £12.00. Voluntary groups: £2.00 per session, children's parties: three hours £5.00 plus £1.50 per extra hour. Meeting room: £3.00 per session. Commercial use or for people from outside the parish, about 30%-50% more. The next committee meeting will be at Corestin, 8pm. Thursday 24th. November.

Robin Penna, October 1994

VILLAGE HALL

A new committee has been formed and the first meeting was held at the beginning of the month. It was decided that meetings will be held on the same day, not yet finalised, every month. The meetings will be held in the hall and when the dates are sorted out they will be advertised so that members of the public will be able to attend if they want to. The new committee consists of Bess Coates, Chris Everett (Hon. Secretary), Malcolm Lee, George Oxley (Hon. Treasurer), David Philp (Chairman), Bryan Richards, and myself. There was a lot to discuss and details of fire insurance and work needed to conform to licensing regulations were cleared. The key to the hall and the bookings chart will be kept at the Peapod shop which is open much of the time and so considered probably the most accessible place. The hall has some funds although the exterior decoration cost quite a lot but new efforts are to be made to discover sources of grants, etc. which would help towards the continuing need to up-date the facilities of the hall.

Robin Penna, November 1996

NO NEW VILLAGE HALL

A public meeting, well publicised on the front page of last month's Trio and by posters around the village, was attended by about thirty people - about 3% of the population.

Rather disappointingly, no plans for a new football and cricket pitch were available but a hastily scribbled diagram was passed around.

We heard a comprehensive report by Chris Everett, Village Hall Hon. Secretary, who had discovered the costs incurred by new halls in various parts of the country. The £1.50 per hour Port Isaac pays for the use of the hall, is very low, anywhere else, hourly rates range from £5 to £20 per hour. New halls are involved in health regulations, etc., and are expected to have permanent cleaning staff, to be properly heated, etc.

The parish council committee set up to investigate the possibility of a new hall had apparently not done any costings. Grants, etc. for the building of the hall had been discovered but day-to-day running costs had been overlooked.

March 1997

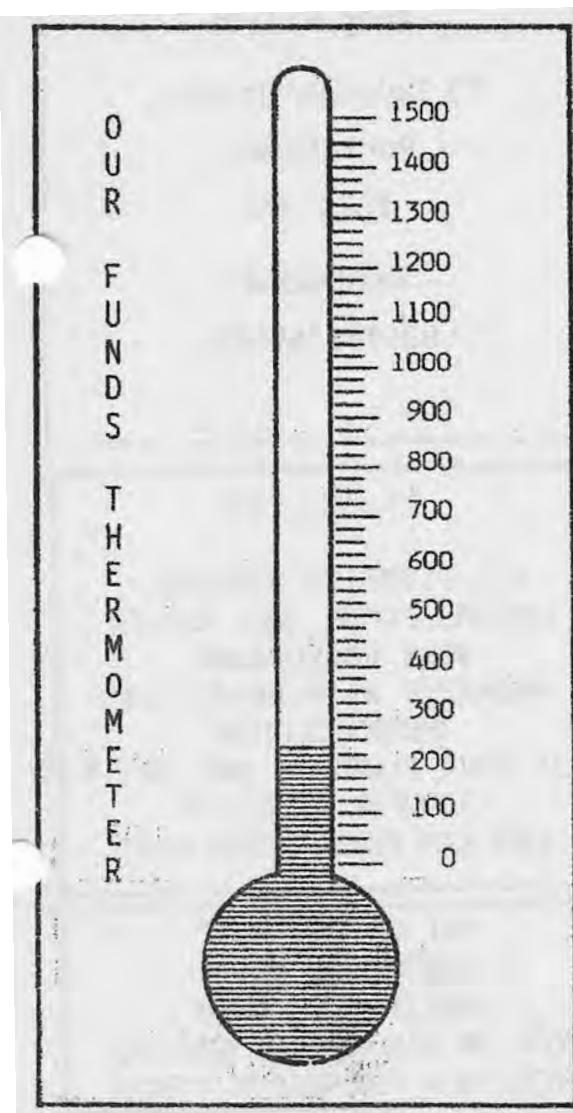
CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Village Hall Christmas Fair raised £275.51 nett. We wish to thank every one of the numerous helpers and all those who came to make it such a success. Further events are planned and these will be announced in Trio.

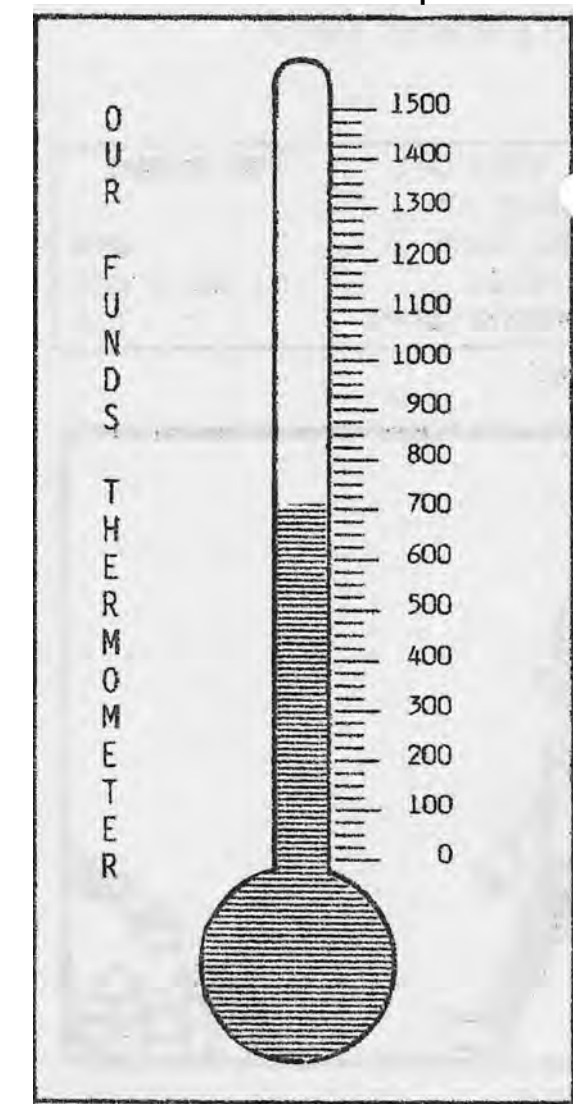
TEA-CUP SHORTAGE

The Village Hall is very short of tea-cups. If you happen to have any spare ones, please leave them at the Harbour Shop or Blackthorn Crafts. Thanks!

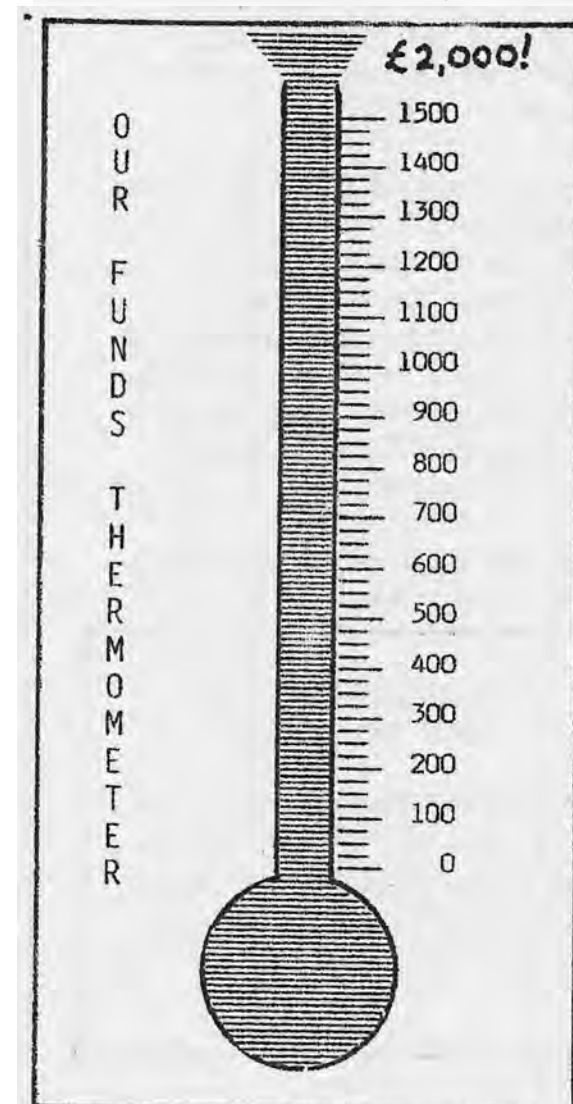
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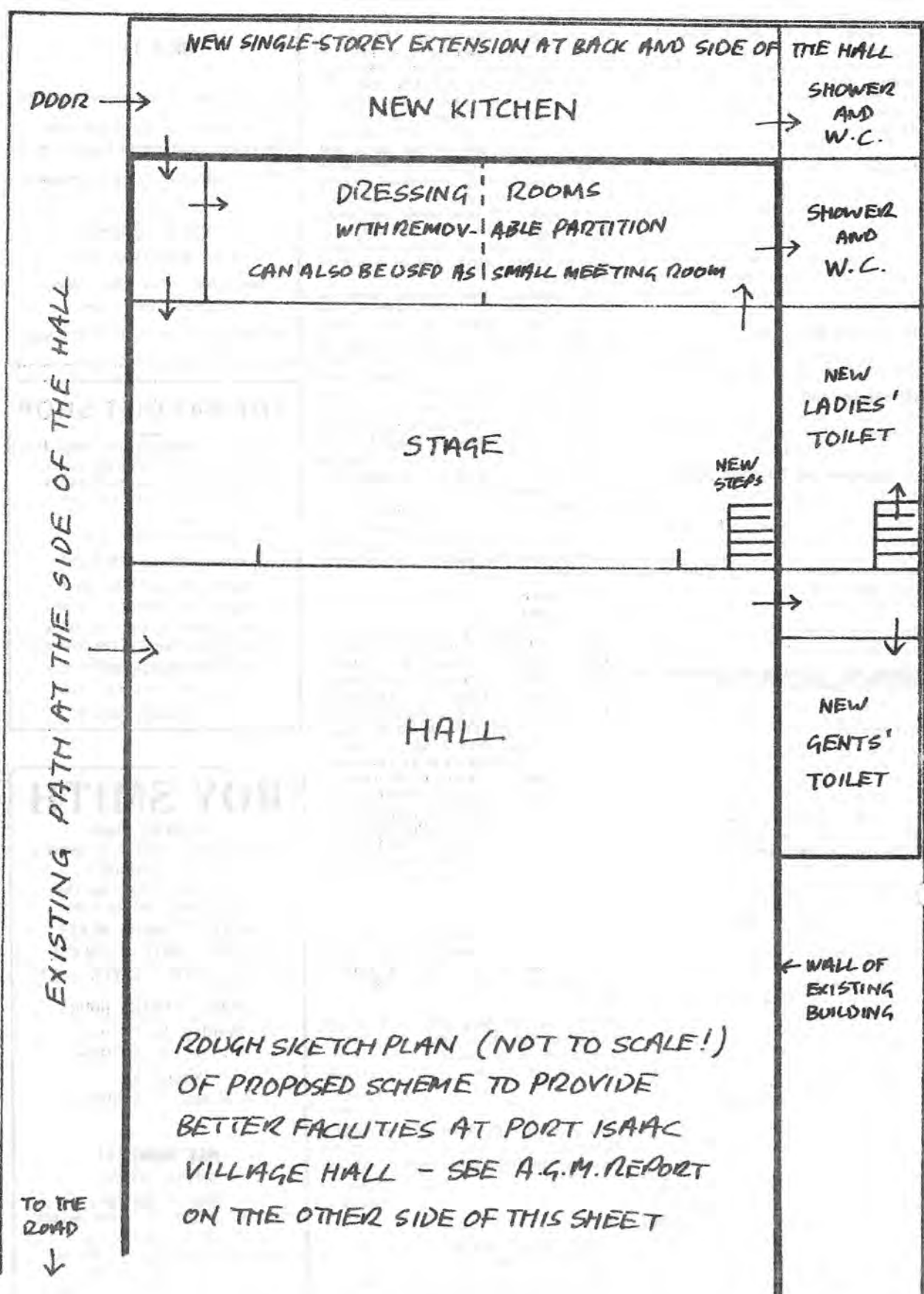
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August 1986



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BUY A BRICK

Have you been immortalised yet? Our 'Buy a Brick' campaign is going well and your name will be preserved in the Hall when works are completed.

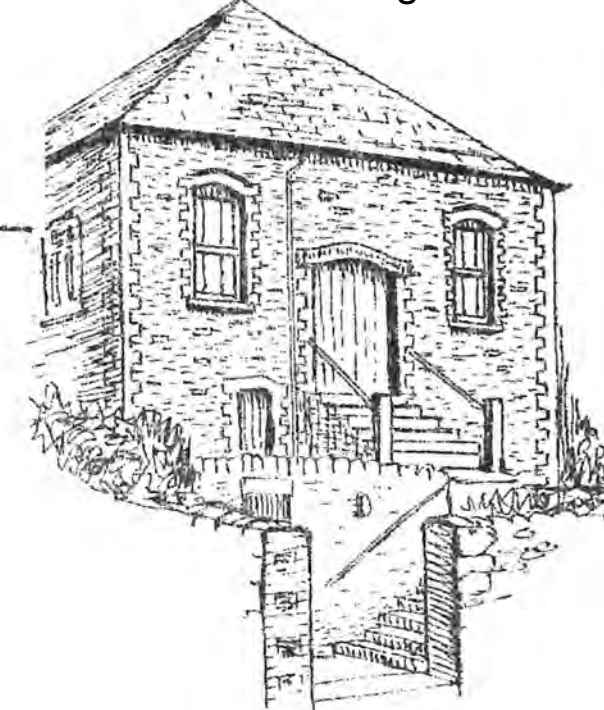
April 1986

PORT ISAAC VILLAGE HALL

A public meeting was held on 1st. August at the Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to determine users' current views on improvements that would make the building more congenial and user-friendly. The Management Committee has obtained a grant from the National Lottery Charities Board to meet the cost of employing an architect who will develop such ideas and produce realistic costings for the work that is envisaged.

At the meeting the Management Committee presented some ideas for improving access to the hall, providing better toilets, a disabled toilet on a level with the floor of the main hall - not up steps as at present, lighter and better kitchen facilities, and more storage room. The architect we have consulted will be asked to work on these ideas. The aim is to modernise and improve the hall without spoiling the traditional appearance and nature of the building. Many people, official inspectors, visitors, and others have told us that we are lucky to own such a building. It would seem well worth updating it - but we shall need continuing support and interest from the present users - that means all of you.

Chris Everett, Secretary, August 1997



The Committee, February 1998

VILLAGE HALL

The A.G.M. on Wednesday 15th. April gave us a good opportunity to find out what is happening at the Hall. Plans for a new room behind the Hall, plus new toilets and showers, will slowly come to fruition when the work continues in May. Bureaucracy has decreed that the work has to be done in two parts, and so far a lot of clearing has been done and massive shoring up timbers support the walls at the rear of the hall prior to the work. The new layout will allow the dressing rooms to be separate from the kitchen and available as smaller meeting rooms which will be easier to keep warm.

The Chairman, John Powell, spoke of very successful fund raising efforts (see below) and thanked secretary Bess Coates, treasurer Pat Hingley, and all members of the Committee for their hard work. He also thanked John Coshall and 'Big Ian' who are not on the committee, for their efforts in selling hot dogs every band night, Fred Thompson who collected about £100 at the Raft race, David Castle for playing piano at 'Bull and Bush' evening, and Trio for advertising and reporting.

Mrs. Wild spoke as representative of the Women's Institute and said that they can't use the Hall in its present state but will be glad to return when the work is completed.

April 1987

RAFT RACE

The Village Hall committee thank everybody who participated in this year's Raft Race making it a very enjoyable afternoon. Special thanks to all those who ran stalls and helped to organise the event, and to Coz the Clown for his running commentary on the Race. It is estimated that about £650 will be raised for the Village Hall general fund. The final total will be published in next month's Trio.

Results: First Home - R.N.L.I. - Neville Andrews, Mike Daly, John McDonnell, and Andy Walton. Best Constructed Raft - Wharnclyffe Hotel, Tintagel - Jeffery Archer's Other Cars' (2nd, year running). Best Fancy Dress - Bob Bulgin's Pirates.

Other Entries - Huntsman's Inn - 'Sea Horse' (6th.) Golden Lion - 'Way Past' (5th.) Roscarrock - 'Paradise' (Sunk) Unit II - 'Unit II' (3rd.) P.G.Hotel - 'Ross's Rebels' (8th.) Pulgin Ladies - 'Bang Gang' (Sunk) P.L.Boys - 'Total Disaster' (Sunk) Village Hall - 'Irangate' (Sunk) St. Enodoc - 'Enodoc' (8th.)

Cindy Powell.

August 1987

VILLAGE HALL

The management committee feels that Port Isaac still needs a public hall with a large multi-purpose room - which the current Village Hall provides. When the hall was built, one hundred years ago, most lived in the 'old' village and the hall was nearby. Now that people live in the newer buildings the hall is seen as 'down below' - not among the community. If only we could move the old building to a more central location, it would solve this perception! To have a new building would certainly be admirable, but is likely to cost more money than Port Isaac could raise, and with our existing halls remaining, a new hall would provide yet another building to spread the present use by our clubs and associations even more thinly than now.

The village hall is already good, spacious, and suitable for almost anything for which it is likely to be needed. It is possible to do something with the hall - e.g. the steps can be made more welcoming, easier to use, and other facilities, like a better kitchen, can be put in place to make the hall more 'user-friendly', and comfortable. Grant aid can be obtained to meet the bulk of the cost of these improvements.

There will be an 'Open Day' at the hall on Saturday 14th. February 10.30am. to 2.30pm. Please come along for free coffee and biscuits, look at the hall, and informally discuss the proposals with committee members. We have got the basis of a very good hall indeed and it can be improved greatly by spending on it the fraction of the cost of a new, and probably not so splendid, hall.

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The Committee, February 1998

'Men Only' organised coffee morning

There seems to be a little bit of confusion here, so to put the record straight, ladies are not excluded from attending the coffee morning to spend money. The organisers say, 'Bring lots of money, you'll be able to shop till you drop!'. The 'Men Only' bit refers to the organisation and catering only. Apparently the men of this village are going to surprise us all with their culinary prowess and organisational talents. All money raised is for the Village Hall. Don't miss this village 'first' on Saturday October 21st, starting at 10.30am in the Village Hall.

September 2000

Improvements to the hall have already started. You may have noticed the garden area has been tidied up and the concrete path at the side of the hall has been finished. Clearing of the hall has already started and a big difference can be seen. We have lots of plans, both long and short term and by Christmas, and with everyone's continuing support, some visible and practical improvements will have been made.

Volunteers wanted for Painting Weekend

Stage one starts on Saturday September 30th with the painting of the ceiling. It is hoped to complete the task in two days and volunteers with a head for heights are sought. If you can give half a day, a full day or (miracles permitting) two days to help it would be brilliant. The job will be done from a tower scaffold and you will be part of the building team preparing and painting the ceiling of the main hall. Chris Bolton is the man in charge and if you can help then give him a ring on 880256. Alternatively, pop in and see Sam and Dee and put your name on the list. Full details of how it all went and the next stage of the renovations will be in next month's Trio.

September 2000

Record breaking success for the men's debut performance

(Oh ye of little faith!)

You've got to hand it to them, they did quite well really and raised the amazing profit of £525 at the 'Men Only' organised Coffee Morning. Marrow' competition. True to the advance publicity, there was something for everyone. There were tablecloths and flowers on the tables and they dressed for the occasion - 'chef's whites' took on a whole new meaning! It was a brilliant atmosphere with everyone enjoying themselves and having a good time and supporting the Village Hall. And, as if that wasn't enough, the men even surpassed themselves when it came to cleaning up afterwards. But let's face it, if it wasn't for the girls spending their money it wouldn't have been the success it was!

October 2000

Port Isaac Village Hall

There are now so many alternatives to the Village Hall - a situation that has not been helped by the inability to implement plans for improvements. The Hall is becoming seriously under-used. Income, produced from very low hiring rates, has dwindled to a point where, in a year's time, the cost of running the hall will be greater than the funds available.

The Management Committee will hold its Annual General Meeting on Thursday March 23rd at 7.30pm in the Hall and will be able to judge from the attendance the village feeling. If a new committee cannot be formed then a full public meeting will be called some time in April to announce what future action will have to be taken.

Robin Penna, March 2000

The Village Hall - make or break time the Village Hall and the Playing Fields - does it have to be either or, why not both?

May 2000

Village Hall gets a reprieve

Before the meeting there seemed to be a strong feeling that the Village Hall should be sold immediately and the money put towards a new complex up on the playing fields. As one person at the meeting said, 'It should be sold forthwith'. Whilst others did go along with this train of thought it was by no means the prevalent one.

There was a strong contingent that felt that moving the hall away from the centre of the village was wrong. In an ideal world the site of the Church Hall would be where the Village Hall should be. This opens up another can of worms. Perhaps this is an opportunity for the church to unite with the local community and put together a joint venture to benefit both the church and the village. Sell the village hall, pull down the church hall, pool



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maintaining the Village Hall is like painting the Forth Bridge ... never ending

Port Isaac Village Hall

'A Village Hall we can be proud of'

Our final words in the last Trio were 'DIY SOS are paying us a second visit well they did and since then we've barely had time to draw breath.

Chairman Steve Appleby was scarcely able to contain his excitement at the AGM when he announced that the Hall was going to be 'DIY SOS'!

It's all going to take place over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend and 'live' coverage will be on BBC1 on Friday May 4th at 8.30pm. Other times when you can watch snippets of what's happening are Saturday at 5.40pm and 7.45pm; Sunday at 2.25pm, 5.20pm and 6.50pm; and on Monday May 7th at 1.15pm, 4.35pm and at approximately 6.30pm (ish). Throughout the weekend you will be able to see how things are going by logging on to www.bbc.co.uk/diy/sos

We're going to hold a village party on May Day Monday evening to celebrate our new Hall and everyone is invited. Things will start on the Hall at about 5.30pm (we're on TV talk here so this is a bit flexible). Everyone will then be filmed following the St Minver Band up to the Hall for the reveal and handover. You have to remember that this is live TV and the director Rupert - who is a lovely man so we do believe him - has asked us to apologise to the village in advance and say that all the hold ups and waiting around over the weekend are NOT HIS FAULT! There will be delays and lots of waiting and everyone needs to be patient. But it will all be worth it and by 8 o'clock the Hall will be ours and should be rocking. The Applebeats Sixties Band are top of the bill but there is also a disco and a karaoke, plus lots to eat and drink.

What's actually being done inside the Hall is being kept very secret and most of the committee are also being kept in the dark. You wouldn't believe the lengths some committee members are going to, to try and get the secrets out of those in the know. What we are sure of is that at the end of the weekend we will have a Hall that we can be proud of!

Big Saturday

Our first big event in our new Hall will be Big Saturday on June 2nd. The day starts with another 'Mens' Coffee Morning (with donuts and bacon buns!) followed by Jane's lunches, followed by an afternoon tea dance, followed by an evening disco for the youngsters and ending with a Sixties Night when we hope everyone will come dressed for the occasion.

BBC

Lecture and Festival 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 comes 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 to 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.



Record breaking auction

The absolutely staggering and record-breaking sum of £3000.50 was raised at the Village Hall Grand Auction on May 3rd. An enormous thank you to everyone who supported the event either by donating their talents, their services, their time or goods or spending their money. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

This means that we now have in the bank well over 10% of what we need for the access improvements so if our bids for grant aid do fall we can make a start. Our fundraising will continue in top gear and one way or another we will be able to start the work in the not too distant future. We're definitely going to hold another Auction next year.

June 2003

During August the Village Hall will be open every Wednesday morning from 10.30am noon.

Not only will you will be able to see just what DIY SOS has done but you can enjoy a cup of coffee and homemade cake.

August 2001

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 Yoga Group were first to enjoy the warm Hall. However, the first public event was the Old Rope String Band on Thursday December 6th. And it was a hot night in more ways than one!

The Old Rope String Band were everything their promotional material said and more. We started laughing the minute they came on the stage and didn't stop until the show was over. As well as being funny they are all brilliant musicians as well. Let's just hope we can get them back again sometime.

Another step forward!

The rails are now in place on the steps up to the Village Hall

March 2009

Forties Night in the Village Hall

Robert & Penny Manders (above) and Noreen Honey and Yvonne Cleave (right) dance the night away at the recent Forties Night in the Village Hall celebrating VE Day. The Hall was a mass of patriotic red, white and blue bunting, streamers, balloons and Union jacks and everyone dressed 40s style. The evening included a 1940s quiz, traditional games, bangers and mash, liver and onions and lots of lovely, traditional home-made puddings.

The high point of the evening was the singsong led by the Larrick Lads that ended with a boisterous and moving rendition of 'Land of Hope and Glory'.

June 2005

Village Hall planning disappointment

The Village Hall Committee were very disappointed that the planning application to create a disabled access and toilet facilities and new kitchen was rejected by North Cornwall District Council. This was despite the fact that the design was as suggested to us two years ago by the then Conservation Officer and a Planning Officer who came out to the Hall to offer their help and advice with our plans for disabled access. The Parish Council were also in support of the project and willingly submitted them.

February 2005

Queen's Diamond Jubilee @

Sunday June 3rd
The BIG Jubilee Lunch

everyone invited to bring lunch or get a burger from the bbq and eat, drink and celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee at Port Isaac Village Hall - 11am-3pm

The Bar will be open

This was our second venture on the 'Carn to Cove' scheme which enables Village Halls to put on entertainment at vastly subsidised rates. Hopefully we will be able to take part in the second season of events next year.

Thank you all for your support during the past year. A Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year to everyone.

The Village Hall Committee
December 2001

"Nothing much goes on in there" - statement overhead from a passerby ... Well, you're wrong ... quite a lot does go on up those steps and behind that big wall, in your Village Hall. And to prove the point ...

A week in the life of Port Isaac Village Hall

It's Sunday morning and the Hall gets it's weekly clean. This happens every Sunday, it's just the time of day that changes, depending on what's going on. Once a month, and it's this week, there isn't a Sunday morning service in St Peter's Church. Instead it's Messy Church in the Village Hall. It's open to everyone and the afternoon sees the Hall full of families and children for a story, puppetry, crafts and refreshments.

Monday morning dawns and it's raining. Not good when there's a bar stock delivery for the Village Hall. Mark has drawn the short straw this time and he's grateful for the recently installed lift - he's got 47 trays of bottles and cans to manhandle into the Hall. But it's a long job and he only has time to stack it in the bar area before it's time for the Yoga group session.

Tracy and her ladies have been meeting in the Hall for as long as we can remember. A little bit of calm in a hectic busy Port Isaac week. There are lots of tales to tell of what's gone on over the years but a few weeks ago they were nearing the end of their session, laying on their yoga mats chilling to some relaxing music when two American ladies made an entrance! They had come in to watch the blood donors!!! Where they got that one from is anyone's guess. So the next week Tracy put the notice on the Hall door that says the hall is in use and do not enter. Again the yoga ladies were chilling and relaxed when two more American ladies came in. "Didn't you see the notice?" asked Tracy. "Yes," they replied, "that's why we came in the other door!"

Fast forward to the evening and it's 'Monday Maintenance'. The Village Hall boys - Andy, Martyn and Mark - give up at least one night a week to regular maintenance and keeping the Hall shipshape. At the moment they are repairing and painting the rotting window frames and painting the outside doors and gates. It's a never-ending job.

Tuesday morning and have we remembered to put the bin out! Rubbish wise things are going to be very different for the Hall from July 4th. We are being classed as a business, even though we are a charity, and we are going to have to pay to have every scrap of rubbish removed.

First thing on this Tuesday morning sees Dee, Annie and Jan unpacking the recently delivered new crockery for the Hall. Full marks to IKEA for their packaging, its very strong and there is a lot of it! Everything is unpacked and the packaging loaded into Annie's car for recycling before the Stay & Playgroup session. They needn't have rushed; today is an outing down to the Lifeboat Station for the children. The group usually hold their sessions in the Hall and is packed with mums, carers, babies and toddlers enjoying crafts, play and story time. This is another group that have been using the Hall for a very long time.

The afternoon sees Julia at the Hall meeting a couple who have hired the Hall for their wedding reception later in the year.

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Still time to get tickets for the Safari Supper ...

Saturday July 30th

Roy & Elaine's for starters ■ The Village Hall for the main course ■ Sam & Dee's for puddings ■ then back to the Village Hall for coffee, cheese & biscuits

Tickets are £10 each and include two glasses of wine

Full details provided with your ticket that can be purchased in advance from Secrets, telephone 01208 880862/880905 for more information

Everybody welcome to attend, especially visitors to the village

August 2005

Port Isaac Village Hall CURRY NIGHT

Saturday April 2nd
7.30pm in the Hall

a selection of delicious homemade curries and lovely pudd.

TICKETS £9 each
available from Secrets or can be reserved - 01208 880905

October 2007

Medieval Banquet

Port Isaac Village Hall
Saturday October 27th
7.30pm

prize for the best dressed guest

Live Acoustic Music & Live Eating Juggling

Tickets £12 each
to include three-course meal
Available from Secrets Tel: 01208 880862/880905
All profits to Best Food Charity

March 2011

Nothing much goes on in there" - statement overhead from a passerby ...

Well, you're wrong ... quite a lot does go on up those steps and behind that big wall, in your Village Hall. And to prove the point ...

A week in the life of Port Isaac Village Hall

It's Sunday morning and the Hall gets it's weekly clean. This happens every Sunday, it's just the time of day that changes, depending on what's going on. Once a month, and it's this week, there isn't a Sunday morning service in St Peter's Church. Instead it's Messy Church in the Village Hall. It's open to everyone and the afternoon sees the Hall full of families and children for a story, puppetry, crafts and refreshments.

Monday morning dawns and it's raining. Not good when there's a bar stock delivery for the Village Hall. Mark has drawn the short straw this time and he's grateful for the recently installed lift - he's got 47 trays of bottles and cans to manhandle into the Hall. But it's a long job and he only has time to stack it in the bar area before it's time for the Yoga group session.

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Village Hall news.

All the results from the Consultation Day and the Village Hall survey are now in and have been collated by Cornwall Rural Community Charity (CRCC). The good news is that there is overwhelming support for our access improvements and extension to include a new kitchen and multi-access toilets. Now all we need to do is get the money! However, all the support is a definite plus point when applying for grants so a huge thank you for everyone who has taken time to complete the questionnaire - it wasn't a quick task ...

Just some of the comments made on the day:

- "Disabled access, a brilliant idea."
- "Toilets that are on one level; I can't manage the steps."
- "Better access for wheelchair users and buggies."
- "Wheelchair access - yes."
- "Better pushchair access."
- "Baby changing/disabled toilets."
- "Easy access to kitchen and toilets and of course the entrance steps."
- "Outdoor lift - fantastic idea."
- "Outdoor lift - great idea, I know lots of people who struggle to access the Hall at the moment."

There were several comments that really showed that local people benefitted from using the Hall and lots of people felt that attending events/meetings in the Hall made them feel more connected to the community. The Hall definitely shone as a venue for local people to meet friends and neighbours as well as encouraging people to get involved with local organisations. Again, this is all good information to include with our grant applications.

August 2015

One for the ladies FASHION SHOW

by Elegance of Wadebridge plus Buffet Supper & Glass of bubbly on arrival

Port Isaac Village Hall
Thursday June 16th at 7.00pm

Tickets £6 each from Secrets, Port Isaac
01208 880905/880862

June 2011

everyone invited to bring lunch or get a burger from the bbq and eat, drink and celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee at Port Isaac Village Hall - 11am-3pm

The Bar will be open

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All go on the access lift!!

We are pleased to tell you that the Doc Martin fund is to give the Hall £12,000 for the access lift we have been talking about for so long. So, fingers crossed that we can get it installed for the winter. More news next month.

Also, CRCC (Cornwall Rural Community Charity) are putting the final touches to the Public Consultation Report that we need to accompany our applications for further grant funding for our multi-access toilets and new kitchen. So, all in all, the Village Hall seems to be in a very positive place at the moment ... Watch this space

October 2015

IT'S SHOWTIME!

Join us for a glorious evening of your favourite songs from some of the greatest musicals

Saturday November 23rd
PORT ISAAC VILLAGE HALL
7.30pm

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW
£5 each from Secrets, Port Isaac
01208 880862

Gala Musicals Night

Raising funds for Port Isaac Village Hall

THE WEST END COMES TO PORT ISAAC

November 2013

and the moral of the story is - if you are going to leave your gazebo up overnight ALWAYS anchor it down!!

May 2013

Help save the Temperance Banners

The two Temperance Hall banners found in the Village Hall are in desperate need of some TLC so that they can be displayed as an historic moment of village life. To get this work underway we have been very lucky to get the help of a professional restorer and she is joining us at the Village Hall on Wednesday November 28th to show us what to do.

Why not come and join in? You don't have to be a good sewer as she assures us it will be simple stitching. We will provide you with morning coffee and cake, a light lunch and afternoon tea and cake.

Come for the whole day or just part of the day - it's up to you and any help will be very much appreciated. We will be starting at 10.30am and will finish at 4.00pm. See you then.

April 2016

Shop in the Co-op and support Port Isaac Village Hall or Port Isaac Stay & Playgroup

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Easter Tuesday saw our Cash Bingo night - another successful event and some happy winners!

May 2014

Marie Percival takes the easy way down on the new Village Hall access lift at the special 'Lift Celebration' lunch for the Golden Circle on May 17th - it was such a success so 'Soup & Sweet' lunches are going to be a regular winter event at the Hall.

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