

The Old Lifeboat House/The Boathouse Stores



Port Isaac Lifeboat Station was established in 1869, mainly to provide better protection to the fishing boats of the village and local area – in bad weather these fishing boats were at great risk as they ran into the harbour.

Miss Trevan, daughter of the Chairman of the local Lifeboat committee, christened the boat and placed a bottle containing coins and documents below the foundation stone of the Boathouse. Lack of space down near the harbour meant that the Boathouse (today *The Boathouse Stores*) had to be built on a level piece of ground half way up Fore Street that was provided by Lord Robartes of Lanhydrock.

Mr Hillman from Chapmans Stores opened the building up as a shop in 1960 - prior to that it had been the store room for Chapmans. Joan Murray remembers the horrors of having to go over to the store when she worked at Chapmans - there was always a rat or two in there and she used to make lots of noise before opening the door hoping to frighten them before she went inside! The Post Office also was ran from this shop for many years.