

Coming out to play?

Favourite village games in the 1930s and 1940s were *Hide and Seek*, *Cockaroosha* (a bit like leapfrog) and *Tin Can Tommy* (a combination of *Statues* and *Catch me if you can*).

"I remember Chaser - we used to go all up over Lobber and up round the back of Khandalla. Sometimes you'd be running, sometimes you'd be chaser." Dennis Knight

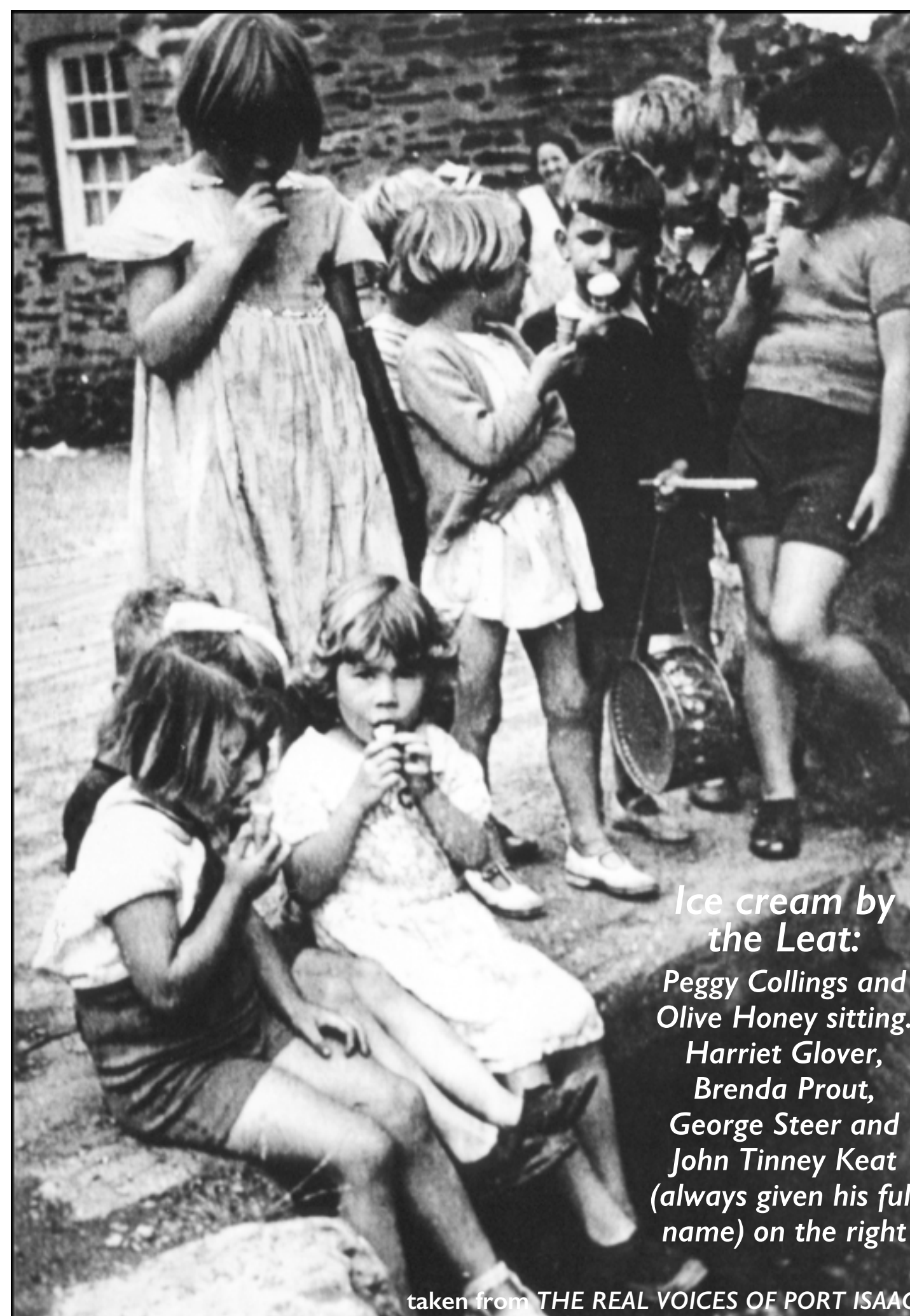
Tying house front doors to their opposite neighbours doors also caused endless fun for local children. Other games were *Prison Bars*, *Rusty Bum* and *Cloggetts* - a game of goose (chase).

"Knock Down Ginger was a great favourite - we'd knock on front doors and then run away". George Steer

Pre-cursor to the skateboard was the Calabash - two cross members were attached, fore and aft, to a plank of wood. These members acted as axles for pram wheels ...

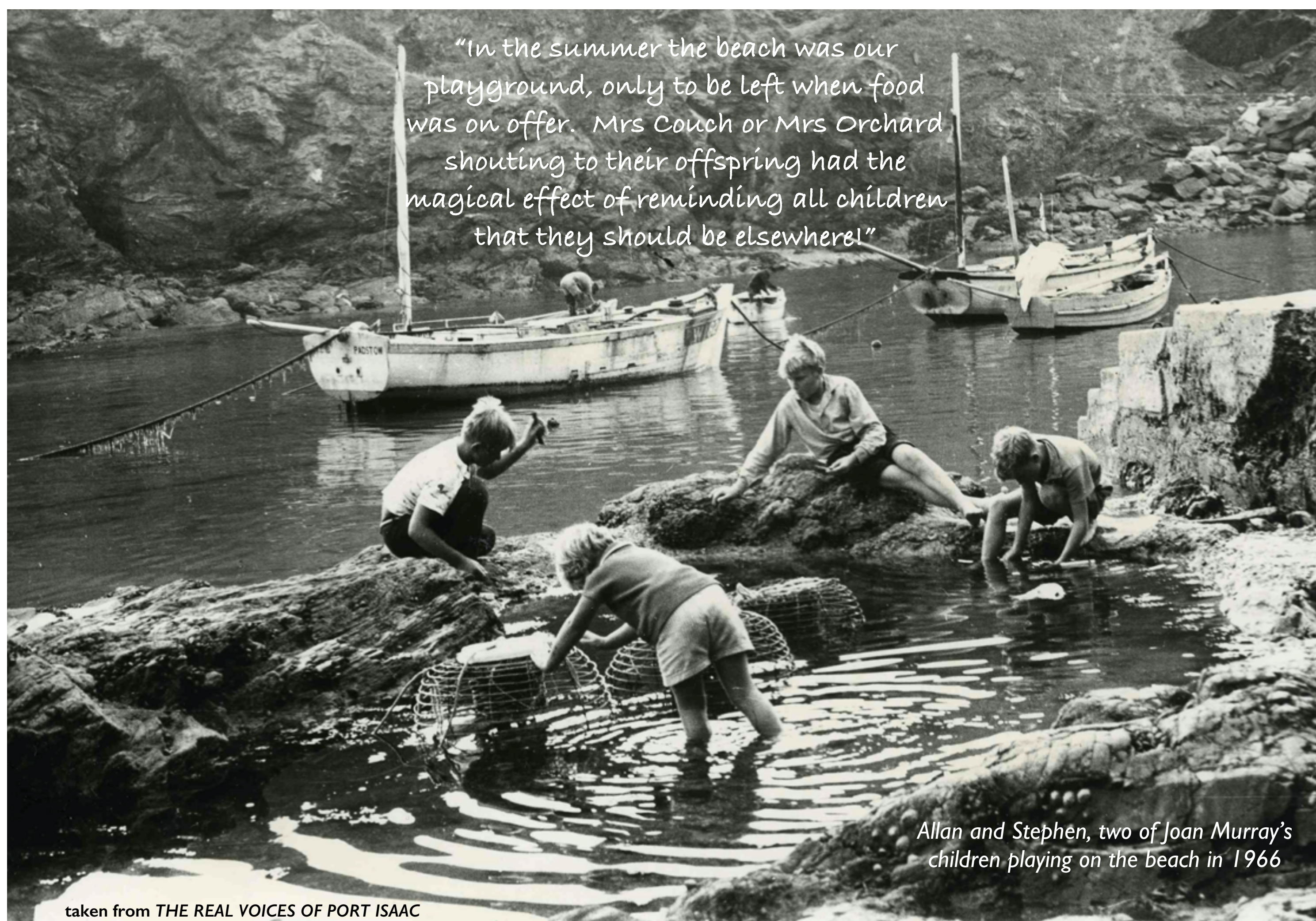
Cockeye, Leonard Mitchell, was the champion at trundling hoops and tyres. He would follow Harold Spry's coal lorry from the top of Margaret's Lane to Port Isaac Road station (about three miles) ...

"So many a happy days playing outside until dummity light then mother calling us for tea."



*Ice cream by the Leat:
Peggy Collings and Olive Honey sitting.
Harriet Glover,
Brenda Prout,
George Steer and John Tinney Keat
(always given his full name) on the right*

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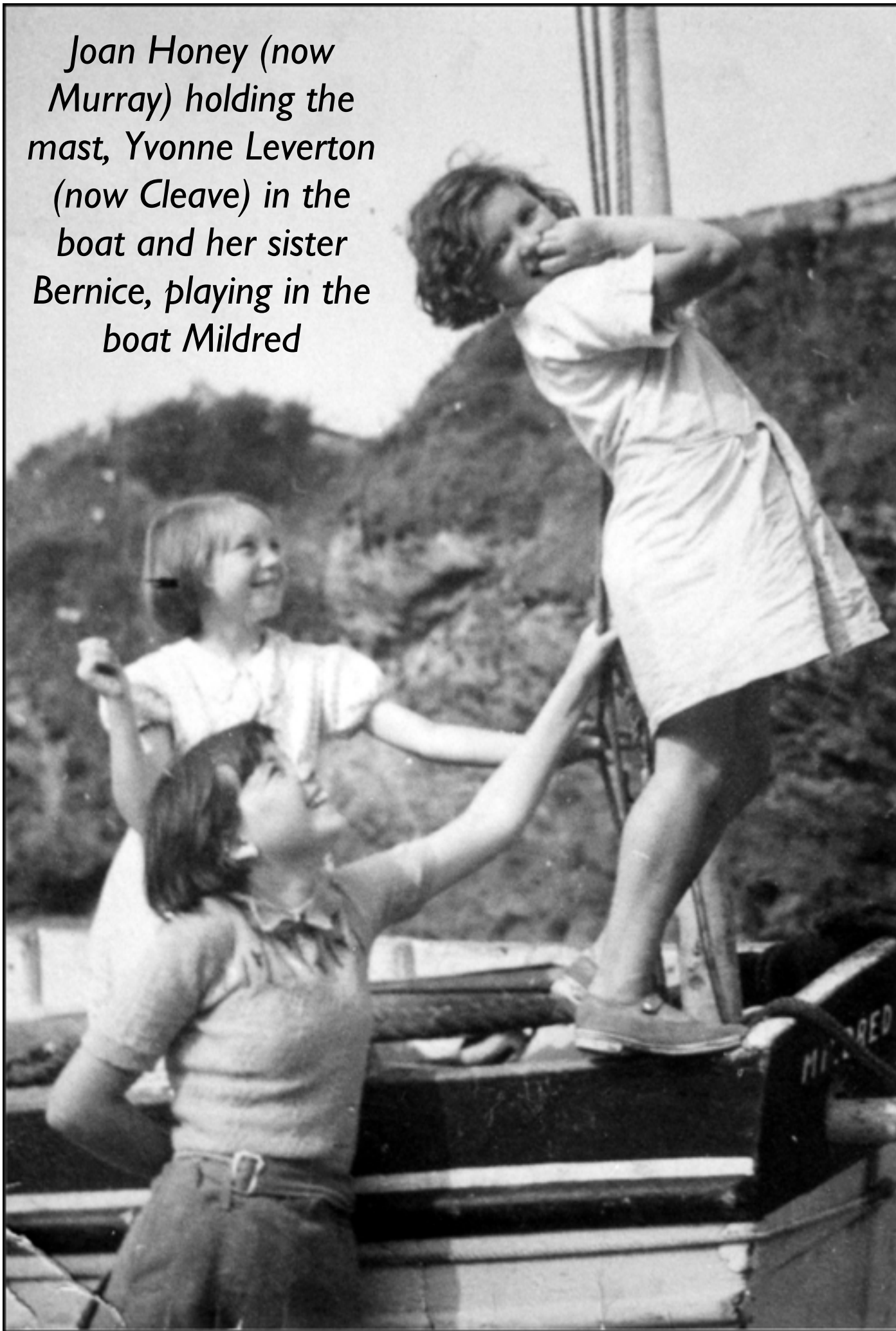


"In the summer the beach was our playground, only to be left when food was on offer. Mrs Couch or Mrs Orchard shouting to their offspring had the magical effect of reminding all children that they should be elsewhere!"

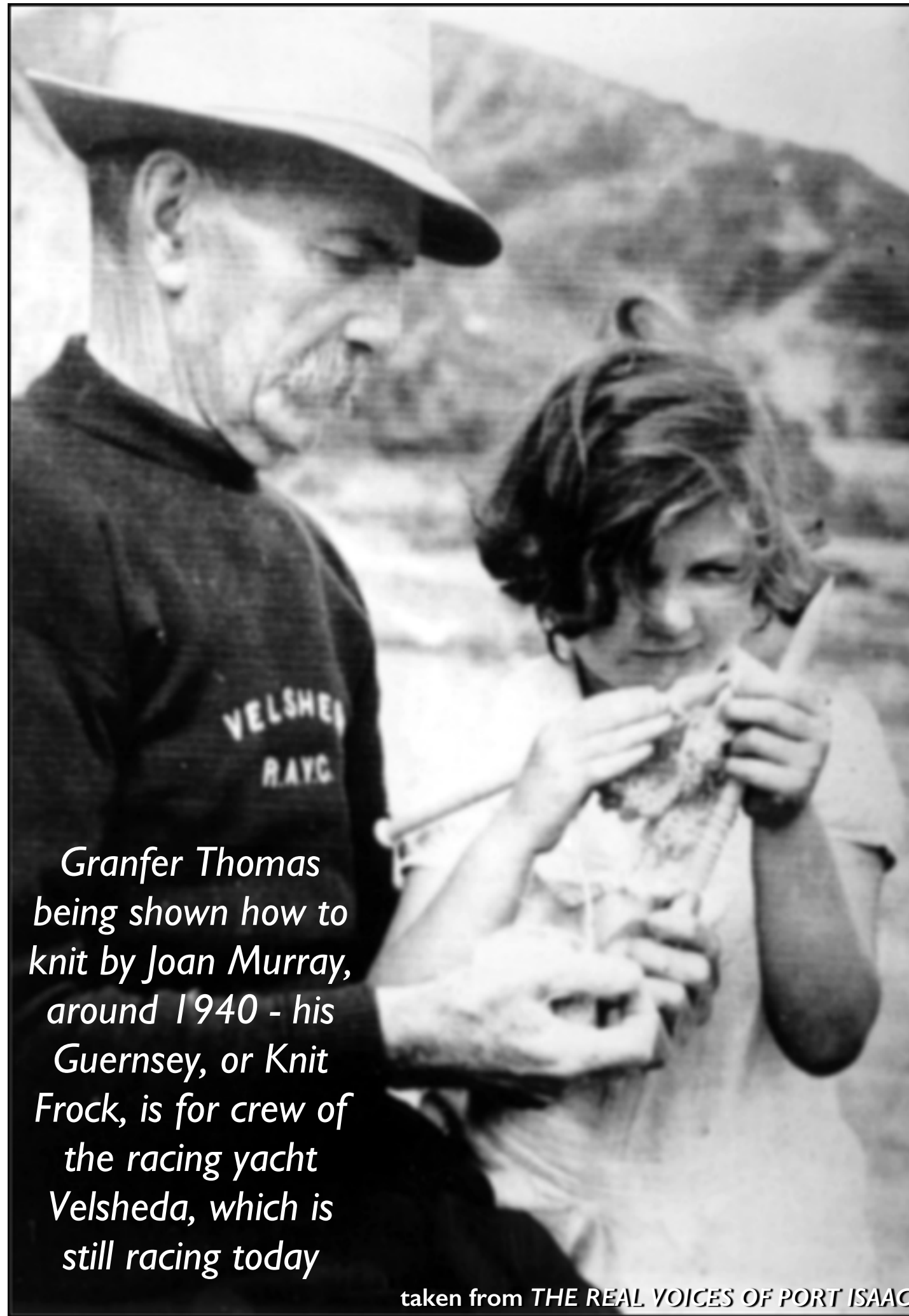
Allan and Stephen, two of Joan Murray's children playing on the beach in 1966

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Joan Honey (now Murray) holding the mast, Yvonne Leverton (now Cleave) in the boat and her sister Bernice, playing in the boat Mildred



“in the summertime” PORT ISAAC IN THE 1940s



Granfer Thomas being shown how to knit by Joan Murray, around 1940 - his Guernsey, or Knit Frock, is for crew of the racing yacht Velsheda, which is still racing today

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Local children having fun in Port Isaac Harbour, c1940: Ray Stone is holding the boat and in it are Gerald Bedford, Cynthia Mortimore, Lizzie Baker, Beryl Keat, Norma Short and her sisters Alison and Elaine, Peggy Collings and Dulcie McCann

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