

MARAZION Memories

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Marazion Memories is a reminiscence project for Perranuthnoc Ludgvan, Marazion, and St. Hilary.
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The project has worked with Ms Smith and Class 5 at Ludgvan School on sharing memories. The pupils brought in a wide selection of wonderful memorabilia, which they described and shared with the class. They will be completing some written work as a result of our sessions which will be displayed at the Ludgvan Village Show.

We were privileged to record the memories of Fred Reynolds, 86. Fred was the third generation of his family who kept a butcher's shop at the top end of Marazion. His cousin Harry kept a shop at the other end of the town! Fred was a keen motorcyclist as a young man and served in North Africa throughout World War 2. He said, "We were real butchers, we kept, fed and slaughtered our own cattle." and he remembers the meat being delivered by pony and trap!!



Mary Tudor with the help of Michael and Barbara Ball ran a wonderful day at Perranuthnoc Church Room when residents were invited to share their photographs of the village. It was a great success with many images preserved on computer, including the one on the left. Mary is going to produce a file of the images, which will be lodged in the Church. The project is grateful to everyone involved and keen to see more photographs of the area. We are currently recording village residents and hearing some fabulous stories. Perranuthnoc born and bred, 94-year-old Marie Vellanoweth is the oldest subject we have recorded – so far!



A group of 'grannies' and one 'granddad' have been working with Sure Start Chy Carn to bring the under fives together with some of an 'older generation'. Organised by Kirsty Jones and led by John Broolly and Kary Bullus we shared nursery rhymes, toys, stories and the two generations worked together on their own paintings! It was great fun and we are grateful to the Pre-schools at St. Hilary and Marazion for allowing us to work with their children. One of our targets is to bring a better understanding between different generations and this achieved the target in a very enjoyable way.

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What an evening we had when we celebrated the first year of the project at Marazion School in June! Over 100 hundred people came to look at our pictures, listen to some of the recordings and discover how we have worked with our partners. We were delighted that quite a lot of reminiscing went on as well! We have received the support of the community in all four parishes and the Mayor of Marazion, the Chairman of Penwith and representatives of all the Parish Councils attended to show they were keen to help us. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the event.



Marazion Apollo Choir continues to this day but the Band no longer exists. These pictures show both groups from nearly 100 years ago and the children and certainly the grandchildren of these men must still be around – we would be pleased to have more information about both these important elements of Marazion life.

What Next? The project ends early in 2007 and there is much to do! We are still keen to interview people, we have to create the archive for the Cornish Studies Library and Marazion Museum and we are working towards creating a 'book of the project' as a permanent record of the stories of the people who have contributed.



Marazion Carnival was the social event of the year – do you have memories or pictures of particular carnivals, or the event in general?

If so please let us know.

We have recorded reminiscences of various fairs and events in the area. Louis Dunn recalled that Ludgvan had its own fair on a field at Lower Quarter with stalls stretching down to Crowlas . The arrival of the horse traders caused great excitement in the community. Reuben Collins remembered Marazion Fair at the top of Shop Hill again with stalls and traders and horse sales. He also recalls a visit of the circus to the same area. Goldsithney of course had its annual fair and we have pictures of Relubbus Carnival! Imagine such an event today!!! There are also many memories of Sunday School Treats with marches bands, games and Tea Treat buns.