

The Girls Friendly Society

Dorothy and Nina Oliver talks about The Girls Friendly Society

The Girls Friendly Society was a Port Isaac group in the 1930s and 40s. It was run by Mrs Stenson-Stenson, the wife of the Reverend Stenson-Stenson. She was helped by Miss Barbara Smythe who became a teacher at Port Isaac School.

The group met in St Peter's Church Rooms and girls from nine years old could join. The girls did ballet, knitting, button making and keep fit. They made their own outfits from blackout material and white braid.

They also ran a youth club at the Old Vicarage plus Mr Harold Provis started a youth club at the Odd Fellows Hall at the back of the Wesleyan Chapel - later the room was used for the Coffee Bar.