

A Snapshot of Trebetherick

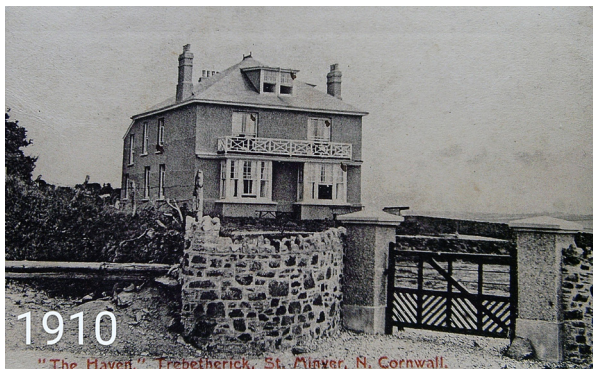
Brian and Jenny Oaten have compiled a wealth of local history including the photographs below, they are kindly sharing some of their knowledge and memories with Link readers. Brian was born in Trebetherick and brought up at his parent's home, The Haven. The photos come from the collection of the late Ralph Tellam Hocking and have been shared by kind permission of his son, Nigel.

The Haven - 1906

In 1906 The Haven was built in Trebetherick as an 8 bedroom guest house, near the top of Worthy Hill, to provide accommodation primarily for golfers to visit the new St Enodoc golf course.

The 1901 Census for Trebetherick

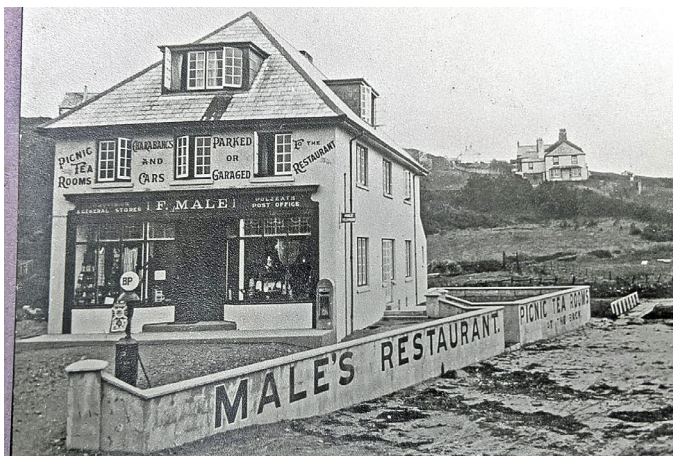
This indicates there were eight households and one



Cottell, husband, wife and five children, formerly of St Tudy and then Trevalga, listed with seventy five year old widowed farmer, John Mably.

At this time there was no road between Trebetherick and Polzeath, only a pedestrian/pony track through the six fields between the two villages. An elderly gentleman visiting us at The Haven could remember using this track

uninhabited house, seventeen adults and eleven children. Three farmers: John Wills, John Mably, Charles Mably; Humphrey Craddock, a stone quarry mason; Ann White, a shirt maker seamstress; two coastguards, Benjamin Longworthy from Liverpool and William Clode; the Mably sisters, Joanna and Harriet elderly retired, and several labourers. One visiting migrant or in-service working family





and having to open and close the six field gates to go from Trebetherick to Polzeath. The residents of Polzeath would make journeys north and eastwards by pony and trap or cart and horse to market, for business, or for visiting further afield. It was customary for passengers and children to walk up the hills to lighten the load for the pony. On the return journey, when reaching Port Quin Cross, being mostly downhill and flat from there to the top of Dunder Hill, Polzeath, it was possible to give the ponies a good gallop. Those flat fields are consequently called *Galloping Fields*.

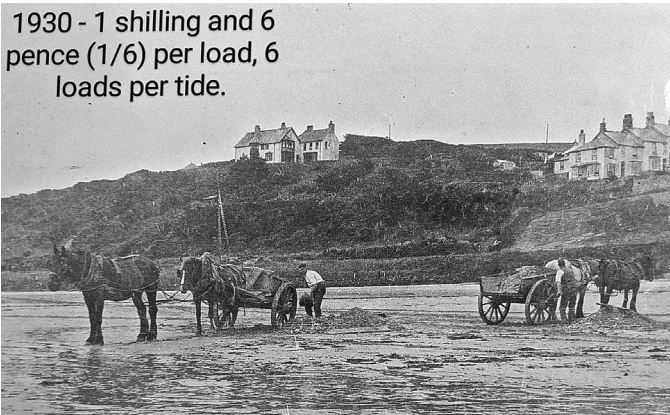
In summer, day trippers to Polzeath beach, for example the St Mabyn and St Kew Sunday School or feast day outings, travelled by horse drawn charabanc, (open cart or coach with bench seats). On arrival the horses were stabled, fed and watered at Male's Stables/Refreshment Rooms. The first Polzeath Chapel was built in 1911 using mostly corrugated iron and became

known locally as the Tin Tabernacle at Chapel Corner. In 1932/3 the new chapel was built further away from the corner to allow for road improvements.

Daymer Lane - Sand Carting Traffic

Tenant farmers' manorial leases to Trewornan and Roscarrock required twelve cart loads of sea sand to be applied to every cultivated acre. The carters sold sea sand in 1930 for one shilling and sixpence per load, six loads being gathered at each tide. Halfway down Daymer Lane a large horse trough was built, fed by a spring. This was

1930 - 1 shilling and 6 pence (1/6) per load, 6 loads per tide.



essential in the nineteenth century for the many horses pulling the heavy carts loaded with sand up the lane.

Several cottages were built backing onto the lane (enjoying lovely south facing, sheltered gardens), perhaps as many as eight or ten, all but Cobb Cottage and Torquill Cottage are now gone.

Caught in the 1881 or 1891 Blizzard

Brian's great grandparents were returning in their cart from market in the late 1800s with a quantity of supplies and meat when it started to snow. It became a blizzard and soon they could go no further. They had to unhitch the pony and leave the cart where it was stuck. They led the pony and just managed to struggle home, telling of sometimes having to walk on the tops of the hedges as the snow was so deep. It was two weeks before the freeze thawed enough for them to return to fetch the cart. All their meat was frozen and none was spoiled.