

A Snapshot of Trebetherick part 2

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 Finbanker Cannon

As The Haven was being built, sand and gravel was sourced from the beach, as was normal in those times. The finish of the house exterior was maintenance-free pebble dash, consisting of gravel from the beach containing many small shells. On Trebetherick Point, at that time, there was one of the four Henrician defence cannons for the protection of the estuary. The Trebetherick Battery of four 3 pounders was between Trebetherick Point and Greenaway, the wooden gun carriage long since rotted away. It

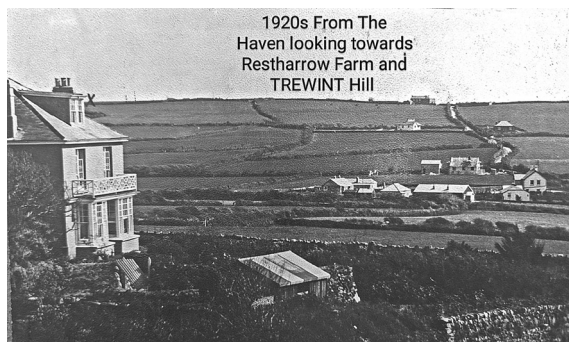
was decided 'for safety', it should be brought up to The Haven and mounted in the garden. It stayed there till 2000, when Tim Parr, a naval historian, offered to have it properly conserved for safety and preservation, and mounted alongside a sister cannon from the Padstow side of the River Camel estuary. This was done and it is now on display in the old stable block at Prideaux Place.

The Haven In The 1920s

Ernest Betjeman, (Sir John Betjeman's father), brought his family to holiday in Trebetherick and stayed at The Haven which was run as a guest house. Their pony and trap were kept in a stable at the rear and used to collect guests from Wadebridge train station or from Rock. As a boy, John Betjeman remembered being collected from the train station by The Haven owners in their pony and trap/cart. However, John recounted that sometimes if the weather was favourable they could stay on the train past Wadebridge and all the way to Padstow, crossing the estuary on the rowed/sailed ferry to Rock where they would be collected for the shorter journey to The Haven.

A family and all their luggage would have been quite a load for the pony but I'm sure the children would have delighted in walking alongside to lighten the load on the hills. We wonder which route they took from Rock to Trebetherick? If the tide was right they may well have taken the shorter and flatter beach option along the firm sand of the high tide line and up only the one hill of Daymer Lane? We hardly notice it now in our cars but the journey from Rock to Trebetherick up Rock Road, Trewint Lane, Trewint Hill and Worthy Hill consists of several steep hills.

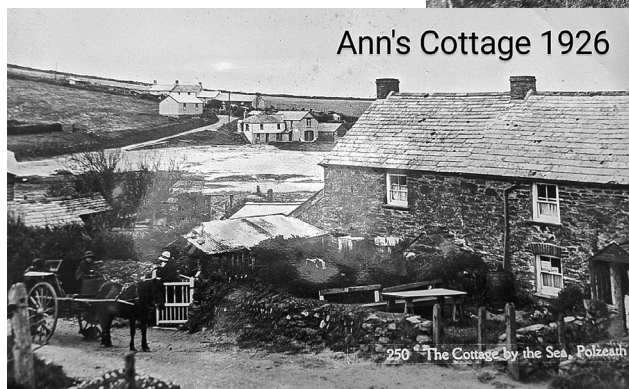




1920s From The
Haven looking towards
Restharrow Farm and
TREWINT Hill

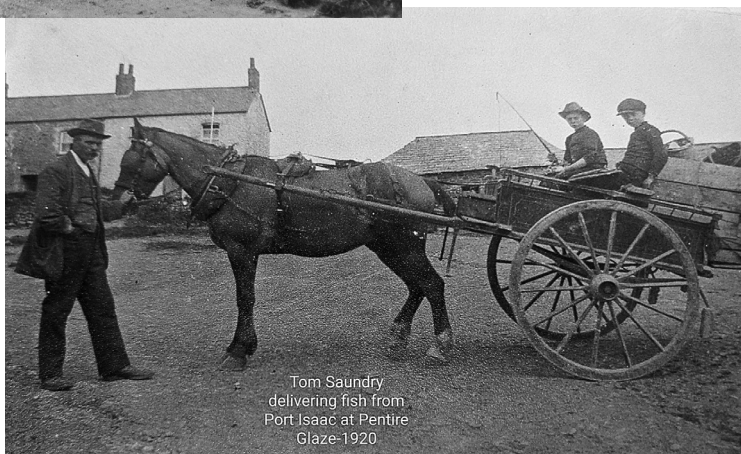


Polzeath Lodge Hotel
garden - 1911



Ann's Cottage 1926

250 The Cottage by the Sea, Polzeath



Tom Saundry
delivering fish from
Port Isaac at Pentire
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