

They had to build before the 1st Jan 1820 in a skilful and workmanlike manner a strong substantial and convenient salt-cellar, the walls of which shall be of stone and at least 60 feet x 14 feet and 15 ft high and also a strong fish cellar adjoining the walls also to be of stone and at least 90 ft x 80 ft and 8 ft high. The timbers of the roofs and flooring to be of sound strong and well seasoned Balk & Deal and the roofs to be covered in slate. Two strong dwelling houses of two stories high and of at least four rooms each of stone walls to be at least 169 ft high. An enclosure of a strong and durable stone hedge particularly on the east and north sides against the sea. A sum of money to be of not less than £1200. Also in the agreement was that they could raise the stone from any part of Merthen cliffs.

1811	The men's share of salt fish for this year	£71 11s 9d
	Tithe on Penny out of every shilling	£ 5 19s 3d
1812	The men's share of salt fish	£27 6s 0d
	Tithe	£ 2 5s 6d
	Men's share of fish sent to Malta	£10 2s 3½d
	Tithe	£ 0 16s 10d
1814	Tithe of fish taken by the Good Heart Sean	£10 15s 7d

Acquisitions & photos:

John Tregunna visited Carlyon Bay to photograph the beached dead **Fin Whale** on Shorthorn Beach.

Evan Maker has received a copy of a **Saddleback steam engine** at Luxulyan.

Evan is trying to find information on when **Martin's Bakery** was reportedly based at the Foundry Yard, St Blazey.

Any information of those named on the local **War Memorials** is requested to enable to put together a more in depth record.

The Trenovissick Estate – Auction Sale Catalogue August 1922 by Kath Vennard

(Interesting note that Lot 22 “The China Clay Dries, Tanks & land adjoining, near Porth, close to Par Harbour and adjoining the Great Western Railway Main Line. Shows that it was subject to leases for a term of 99 years from 25 March 1913. . . .) The 99 years therefore expired in March 1912.

Painting of Par Harbour – from Angus Gowan



Par OCS — Recorder's Report

May 2012—April 2013

PL24 Fingerpost survey

A copy of our survey of existing fingerposts has been sent to the Milestone Society. We are trying to get a photograph of a fingerpost that was situated at Porcupine on Tywardreath Highway now in the garden of Frank Hawke.



Highway c1955, St Blazey Ref: S8004

Plaque Audit Scheme – English Heritage. We have submitted information and photographs of the following plaques: Reuben Chappell on Par Green, Sloop Inn on St Blazey Road, The Old Duke William Inn said to be the birthplace of Ralph Allen near The Britannia Inn, The Tristan Stone at Fowey, Castledore Earthworks off the B3269 road. The details of the Reuben Chappell plaque & photo have been included on the English Heritage website.

Whilst the Tywardreath Battlefield Project were carrying out investigations at Castledore they found that the plaque mounted on a granite boulder at the site has lost three of its mounting bolts, and this was reported to our society. As yet we have not had any success in getting these replaced and so will look to carry out the necessary work ourselves.

Brick Pillar – Par Lane. In August 2012 we were contacted by Jane Powning, HER Information Officer - Cornwall & Scilly Historic Environment Record.

“I wonder if you might be able to assist, a brick pillar has been revealed with pavement widening at Lamellyn Road and Par Lane ; it is perched on top of a granite stone, wonder if you have any old photos or any knowledge of the feature. Highways want to crack on with the pavement widening job. I wondered if it could be the base to an early street light, sewerage vent, or do you think it is associated with the Par Consols Mine? “

The society reported :

During recent work to put a pavement from the exit at Manor View to the top of Par Lane and adjacent to the Burrows, a brick pillar was uncovered which the Council were interested to identify. Some people will be old enough to remember the old wall that ran down the length of Par Lane and this pillar was identified from old photographs to be the same as the pillars that were in pairs at intervals along the top of the original wall to support the metal fence that ran along the top of the wall. The wall is most likely to mark the boundary of the Treffry Estate. The pillar is very plain being built of red bricks topped with granite stone giving a crenellated effect at the top. Evan Maker, our Recorder has photographs of the wall with these pillars in situ. Par Lane was widened in about 1923 and the wall is thought to have been built a few years later, possibly 1928 as part of the 'public works' where work was provided for returning soldiers after the Great War, to provide them with a positive focus and to 'kick start' economic growth. If this is so, the pillar and surviving wall are a memorial to those people and that time in our history. Another such memorial is the wall running along Castledore Road, built under the same scheme.



The brick pillar was removed and handed over to St Blaise Town Council who tell us that unfortunately the land around the Burrows Centre is owned by Cornwall Council who do not want the brick pillar, and are limited to where this can be placed so are planning

to place this at the entrance to the Town Car Park along with the old bell tower currently housed in Fourways car park. We are awaiting permission from CC.

As a result of the communications with St Blaise Town Council the Par OCS has been asked if a member would be willing to attend council meetings to advise on points of view of historical aspects.

Jubilee Fountain – Middleway Although not directly involved in getting the fountain back into working order, we were able to supply some information and photographs of both the fountain and the King Edward Garden.

Pilchard Fishing – As a result of the illustrated talk we had at the January 2013 meeting by Geoff Provis on fishing both at Port Isaac and other harbours, then research into the local area showed that there were two seine fleets in the bay. The 'Menabilly' sean and the 'Good Heart' sean (seine).

10th February 1816 saw the Good Heart Sean to be sold by auction at the Ship Inn, Par – with three Sean Boats, a Lurker, and a small boat and every material now lying at Parr all in excellent condition; together with a large stock of Salt.

22 January 1849 and the Menabilly Pilchard Sean with the boats, sails, warps, grapnels also the press poles, bucklers, washing trays and all other cellar utensils was up for auction.

On the 1st May 1867 the Menabilly Pilchard Sean of Polkerris was again to be sold. Three excellent boats, the sean boat, follower and lurker built at Fowey in 1858. The nets, boats and gear all in good condition and ready for sea. There are about 100 tons of salt in the cellars which will be offered for sale if the above concern is disposed of.



Spit Cottages - Par - 1933/34
Back Row: Maisie Endean, Poppy Hooper holding son Charles, Mr & Mrs. Fred Little, Mr Griffen with dog, In doorway: Eileen Endean
Front Row: Margaret Endean (Bunt), Violet Hooper (Lemin), Richard Matthews, Kathleen Matthews (Hancock), Tommy Matthews, Edwin Endean.

Concerning the Spit Cellar, an agreement was drawn up between William Pearce, Yeoman of Lantelglos by Fowey & Edward Pearce, Yeoman of St Austell (Merthen) and Thomas Carlyon (Tregrehan). William & Edward Pearce proposed to build a fish cellar with the liberty to build a quay and to make a channel to the said quay. The salt-cellar then became into use as a Candle Factory (supplying the miners), and the fish cellars eventually became 11 cottages.

The complex was demolished in 1968 for factory expansion of clay dries.