events calendar for all ages - www.helfordmarineconservation.co.uk conserve it. Get our your snorkle & tiddler nets out - they have a wide and varied beoble to pecome more involved with the marine environment and to work together to Helford Voluntary Marine Conservation Area is a group whose aim is to encourage



Colony of Sea Squirts

With thanks to Pamela Tompsett and the HVMCA. Underwater photos by Lance Peters (1944-2003) the original ancient oak woodland of Cornwall. The woods fringing the estuary still contain part of

80 other species of fish have been recorded in the areas now receive special protection. No less than feed where the water is warmer and these nursery come into the estuary for two years or more to Bass is an important commercial fish. Young bass

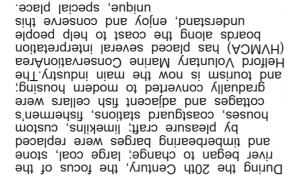
Shelduck and Fulmar.

residents include Heron, Little Egret, Kingfisher,

A variety of waders and gulls is seen. Migrant Osprey visit each year while spreading its tan-like tentacles to catch food from the swirling water. worm populations, the delicate Tube Worms as well as the Peacock Worm Above Helford Passage, the river is more sheltered. Of particular interest are the

brovide shelfer while cutilefish, sea hares and sea lemons use it to anchor their tound off Durgan (see map), fults of leaves arising from underground stems Ginger Tiny. Eelgrass, the only British flowering plant growing in the sea, can be 1985 including two nationally scarce species, the Trumpet Anemone and the indescence. I wenty species of sea anemone have been found in the estuary since coloniful rock pools are species of Cystoseira, one of which is conspicuous by its sided creeks further upstream. Among the notable seaweeds in its rich and

importance. It includes a wide range of habitats from exposed rocky coast to steep-The Helford River has long been recognised for its beauty and biological MARINE LIFE ON THE HELFORD RIVER



During the 20th Century, the focus of the point inland, is just over 6 miles (9.5km from the coast.

Rosemullion in the north to Nare Point on the south bank. Gweek, the furthest Helford Estuary covers a total of 27 miles (47km) from its coastal limits at The Helford is a ria - a drowned river valley. The shoreline of the

HETEORD BIVER

regular buses to Falmouth & environs. Spanish restaurant, churches, a primary school and playgroup. There are include a doctor's surgery, estate & lettings agents, pub, coffee shop,

Anvil trust premises a working blacksmith and three further craft workshops. store, hair salon, and Cornwall Hospice shop. There are also, within the selection of shops - a garage (no fuel), Post Office & Village Store, electrical from the Coastal Footpath. Falmouth is 9km away. The village boasts a The parish of Mawnan centres around the village of Mawnan Smith, just over 2km

NANWAM

From Daphne Du Maurier's 'Frenchman's Creek', published by Virago Modern Classics. © The Chichester Partnership itself, which belonged to the birds - curlew and redshank, guillemot and puffin." "There were a few cottages in Helford hamlet, but they made no impression upon the river life





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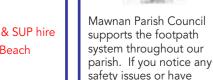
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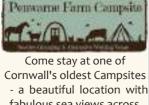


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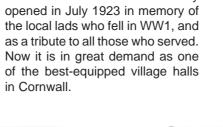
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The Memorial Hall was officially opened in July 1923 in memory of the local lads who fell in WW1, and as a tribute to all those who served. Now it is in great demand as one of the best-equipped village halls





2This site was originally Miss Cochrane's Shop (see above). Miss Cochrane worked on the land at Trebah during WW1. In 1919, she established a traditional village store here, and ran it for 30 years. It is now a coffee shop

St. MICHAEL'S CHURCH 3 was built in 1874 on land given by the Rogers family of Carwinion. Between 1830 and 1900, some 50-60 new churches (chapels-ofease) were built in Cornwall, including St. Michael's. One reason for this extensive building programme was a belated response to Methodism, as the Methodist chapel in the village provided an attractive alternative to the long walk to the parish church.

4 THE READING ROOM

In 1865, R. Rogers of Carwinion leased a plot of land to three yeomen of Mawnan - Revd. William Rogers, Ralph Freethy and Edward Skewes - to construct a building to house two steam threshing machines on the ground floor with a Lecture or Reading Room on the first floor. It was not to be used as a Tavern, Hotel, Coffee, Eating or Beer House! It has recently been converted into a residential dwelling. Note the site of the old village taps between the Reading Room and the





11 MILLENNIUM

style erected by

in the year 2000.

CROSS - A granite

cross in the Celtic

the people of Mawnan

9 MAWNAN METHODIST CHAPEL

was granted a licence for public worship in 1815. The schoolroom



8 GOLDMARTIN SQUARE This small row of shops

A traditional, thatched, cob-

walled public house. It was

already a well-established

hostelry in 1717 for, when

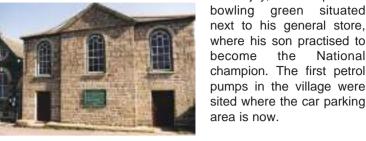
landlord Walter Lory died that

year, he left a large number of

10 THE RED LION

goods and chattels.

was set up in the 1960s, on P.C. Pascoe's pride and joy, his pristine bowling green situated next to his general store, where his son practised to become the National champion. The first petrol



7 MAWNAN BOWLING CLUB's land was donated by Lordand Lady Rendlesham of Bosloe in 1927. The Club's distinctive badge incorporates the Penwarne coat-of-arms.

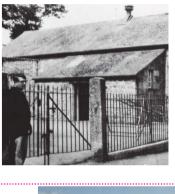
THE VILLAGE SMITHY is the last of the fourBlacksmith's shops 6 in the village, hence the name Mawnan SMITH. Billy James followed by his son, Dryden, plied their craft here for over 100 years, until 1994. The Village Smithy is now a heritage site. The Old Smithy, fully restored and operational, plus three artisan craft workshops, is a central attraction within the heart of the village. Visitors can observe the

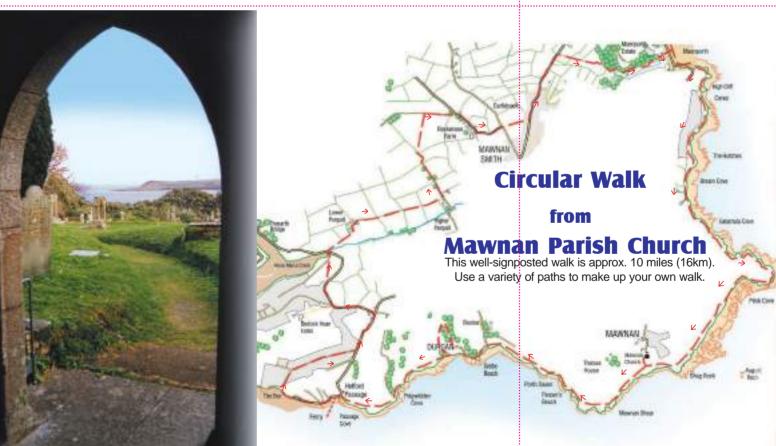
creation of a range of distinctive, high quality products and bespoke designs. The Smithy and craft workshops are open most days

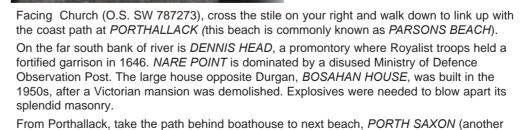




block of six flats. From 1833-1972 the village school was here. Across St. Michael's Church path 🎹 were the school allotments. From 1903 to approx. 1958, this land was used for horticultural classes with 9-14 year old boys at Mawnan School.







version of PORTH SAWSEN). Stroll across a couple of fields, with BOSLOE HOUSE to your right. On reaching lane, proceed downhill, noting Victorian anchor chains that border this approach road to Durgan. A short detour to GREBE BEACH is recommended. In DURGAN, 50 metres up lane from public toilet, turn left, follow the woodland path 200m to

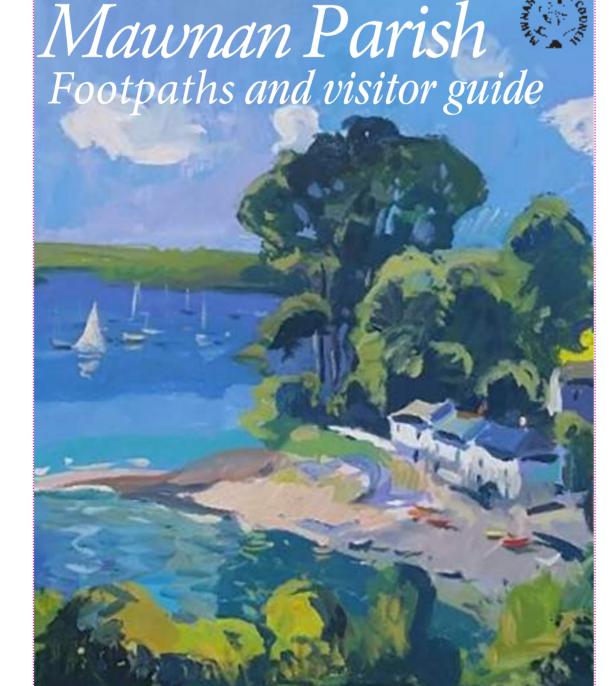
through to open fields . At POLGWIDDEN COVE (otherwise known as Trebah Beach), the enclosed track crosses beach in front of Trebah Garden. The granite boathouse was the work of a previous owner of Trebah, Donald Healey of Austin-Healey fame. After a few metres on the wartime 'military' road, the coast trail branches off left. Watch the river traffic, including Helford River's gigs, Merthen, Helford and Pedn Billy. There have been sightings of sea monster Morgawr (anagram of Ragworm!!)

Follow path to steps down to beach and the Ferry Boat Inn (feel free to take a break for some well earned refreshments!) At HELFORD PASSAGE boats and other watercraft can be hired and a foot ferry crosses the river to HELFORD.

Hugging the shoreline walk pass the former Coastguard Cottages on your right, then on to HEYLE HOUSE (Grade II* listed) and out to BAR BEACH. 70 metres along the beach, look carefully on the right for steep steps up to BAR ROAD. At the top, turn right and continue to end of lane. Make a left at the junction and left again at TREBAH CROSSROADS. Carry on down past the entrances to the BUDOCK VEAN HOTEL and it's private estate. Now watch out for a wide driveway about 70m down on the left. Just inside driveway cross a wooden stile on the right. Bear right down across field to narrow gap into lane. Turn right, then immediately left at the road junction and you'll cross a bridge at head of ANNA MARIA CREEK (still recognised by its traditional name, PORTH NABA). Take the farm drive on the right up through LOWER PENPOLL FARM. A right through a metal gate then, keeping the hedge on your left, crossing 2 fields will get you to HIGHER PENPOLL. Go left at the large cottage and climb the track for 200 metres, aiming for stile in tall hedge ahead.

Scramble over stile, cross diagonally over BOSKENSOE DOWNS to metal gate into a lane. Turn right and right again at the junction; downhill past BOSKENSOE FARM then continuing uphill to a busy junction. Take care here, crossing the road to the kissing gate. In field, keep hedge on your right and beware of the steep stile at the end. Turn left at the road junction and then downhill, past CARLIDNACK and NORWAYS FARM and right into FINE AND BRAVE LANE. This ancient, wooded track descends to MAENPORTH. Take some time to enjoy the beach and the cafe there.

At the cove, turn right to rejoin the coast path back to Porthallack. 2 more valley gardens and several beaches are en route. At ROSEMULLION HEAD look out into FALMOUTH BAY and the usual sight of moored vessels from around the world- including the occasional visit from large cruise liners. From PORTHALLACK retrace steps back to MAWNAN PARISH CHURCH and car park.



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PENWARNE HOUSE

The Penwarne family exercised considerable influence in the area during the Middle Ages. Gardens open to the public occasionally in the spring.

BAREPPA

The three cottages in the hillside on the Mawnan side of the hamlet housed miners from the adjacent arsenic mine. A succession of Packet Captains occupied Bareppa House. (From 1688-1850, the Packet Service, carrying overseas mail, was associated with Falmouth.)

TREGARNE MILL

In 1621, Tregarne Mill served the manor of Boskensoe. There were two mills - the upper one ceased working in the middle of the 19th century and very little remains. The lower mill was working until the mid thirties.

BOSKENSOE DOWNS

Temporary landing strip for Sir Alan Cobham's Flying Circus and Cornwall Aviation Company in the 1930s, when passengers enjoyed flights over the Helford River.

BOSVEAL CROSSROADS

The woods provided perfect cover for a large US Army storage depot in 1944. Stone and ash from old mine workings were rolled to make a firm surface for tents and vehicles.

WHEAL ANNA MARIA (Wheal - mine)

The Engine Shaft, still visible but overgrown by bushes, is at the head of the creek. It took its name from Anna Maria Pender of Budock Vean, on whose land it stood. Copper and silver were mined here from 1833 onwards. A final attempt was made to re-open it in 1906.

HIGHER PENPOLL nestles in a valley, beside a stream which joins the Helford River at Anna Maria Creek. In the 1820s, most of the young people from the seven farm labourers' cottages emigrated to America.

OYSTERS

The Romans ate them; lovers relish them; Lewis Carroll had them walking with the Walrus and they are farmed at Porth Navas. The Prince of Wales (Edward VIII) was a visitor and, in more recent times, Prince Charles, Duke of Cornwall, has been welcomed

TREBAH WARTHA

A little cluster of houses which were initially Trebah estate workers' homes. The Tower House was the laundry, water being stored in the tower.

BAR HOUSE (with its concrete jetty) was home to Claude Worth (died 1936), Moorfields Hospital surgeon and well-known yachtsman. From the local paper. The Falmouth Packet 1930:

The Royal Cruising Club celebrated its jubilee by meeting on the Helford River where members were the guests of the vice-commodore, Dr Worth at Bar House. Boats of five ton and upwards came from all over Europe for the event.

BAR BEACH

Shellfish Collectors: Please leave the tradition of trigging (scraping cockles from the mud) on Good Friday to local people, so conserving the shellfish, which have greatly diminished. Watch rather than participate!

In 1943, Lord Runciman's yacht Sunbeam II anchored off Bar Beach to become the base for a Special Intelligence Service (SIS) unit. With Special Operations Executive (SOE) already ensconced in two nearby properties, Ridifarne and Pedn Billy with its thatched boathouse on the foreshore, they were involved in

clandestine sea communications with Brittany and further afield.

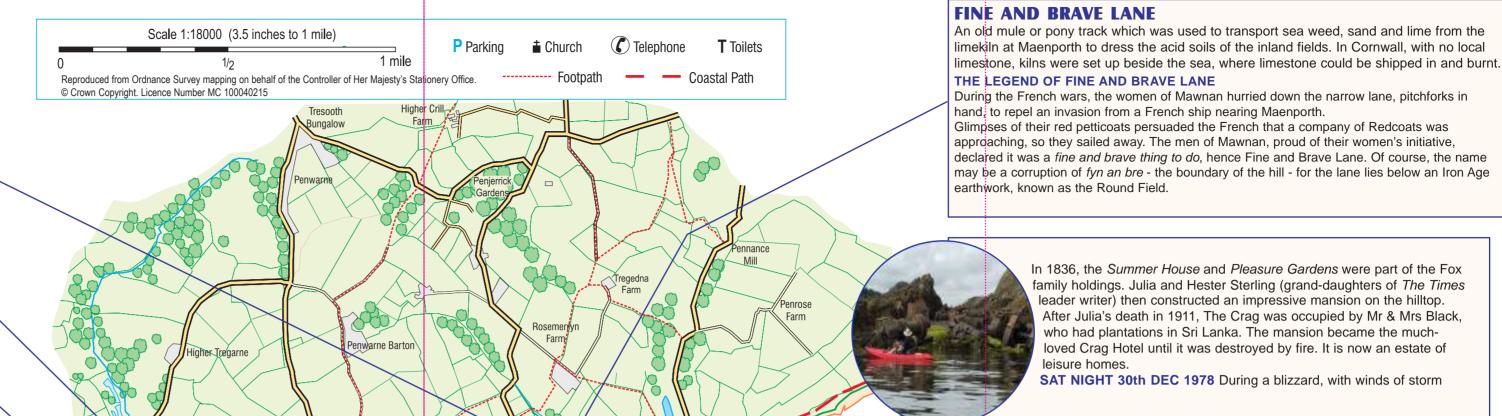
THE HELFORD FERRY

On-demand passenger and cycle ferry operates from 1st April (or Good Friday) to 31st October. The earliest known reference to a franchise for the

operation of a ferry is by a Charter of King Canute in 1023. Horses and carts were transported until the beginning of the 20th century, with the animals

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SMITH

BREAM COVE A large party of us met on Meudon Beach (Bream Cove) to draw a seine for Prof. Owen. We all

The Hutches

Gatamala Cove

ream Cove

CAROLINE FOX 1818-1871. SEINING was an in-shore daytime operation which entailed encircling a shoal of pilchards with a

lounged on the beach most peacefully, John Sterling reading some Tennyson to us.

In 1836, the Summer House and Pleasure Gardens were part of the Fox

family holdings. Julia and Hester Sterling (grand-daughters of *The Times*

leader writer) then constructed an impressive mansion on the hilltop. After Julia's death in 1911, The Crag was occupied by Mr & Mrs Black, who had plantations in Sri Lanka. The mansion became the much-

loved Crag Hotel until it was destroyed by fire. It is now an estate of

SAT NIGHT 30th DEC 1978 During a blizzard, with winds of storm

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Parish map may extend beyond the boundaries of Mawnan Parish

Photographs with thanks to Anne Ohly and others.

large net. The fish were drawn in nearly on to the beach, where they could be kept alive and taken out and cured in manageable quantities.

St EDWARD'S Catholic Church

leisure homes.

The church was built in 1964 on land donated by Mrs Alice Pilgrim of Nansidwell Hotel (now a private residence) in memory of her husband.

CARWINION is a classic Cornish granite and sandstone manor that has been the home of the Rogers family for 200 years.

MEUDON FARMHOUSE

Dates from 1250. The present house was built between 1700 and 1710. The Fox family, who lived here at the end of the 18th century, kept a coach (with a secret compartment for valuables) prepared for a quick escape if the French invaded.

PRISK COVE

Noted for outstanding rock pools, each one like a natural aquarium.

BOSLOE In 1880, Chatham Cottage was enlarged and renamed Bosloe. From 1920-1939 it was occupied by Lord Rendlesham. His yacht, The Lady Bee, was crewed by Durgan ex-fishermen. One of his hobbies was the hybridisation of daffodils. Bosloe is now split into three National Trust holiday apartments.

MAWNAN CHURCH

The ancient earthwork, within which St Maunanus, a Celtic saint, established his church, remains as a section of the churchyard's western hedge. In the 13th century, a more substantial building was erected, with the Tower added 100 years later.

A request from Trinity House in 1842 to whitewash the Tower as a guide to mariners was never followed up! The Cornish inscription over the lych gate has been translated It is good for me to draw nigh unto God.

TREROSE The manor of

Trerose

originally

comprised all the land between Maenporth and Porth Navas. From 1635-1642 the manor house was occupied by the governor of Pendennis Castle, Sir Nicholas

Slanning.

GREEN LANE

This grassy track of mules and ponies

POLGWIDDEN COVE Frebah's private beach, accessible from the mair garden entrance only.

road was created in a **GLENDURGAN** few days from the

Helford

Early in 1944, a military

established road to

150ft (46m) jetty

Helford Passage. The

foreshore was encased

in a concrete mat and a

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river. In June 1944, the

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maze. The village of US 29th Infantry Division public from February to embarked for the assault October, Tuesday to Sunday. Tel: 01326 252020

Glendurgan was given to the National Trust in 1962 by the Fox family. There is a lovely mix of native and exotic plants and a puzzling Durgan is at the foot of the valley garden. Open to the

DURGAN of the county's

from the east.

Shag Rock

This thriving fishing cove with fish cellars, donkey sheds, coal yard, chapel and ale-house was purchased in 1823 by Alfred Fox. The Schoolroom was built over a fish cellar in 1876 by Mr Fox's son-in-law, Sir Joseph Pease. At the same time, he demolished *The Two Cutters* ale house on the opposite quay, replacing it with Quay Cottage and Beach Cottage. Several of the cottages are now holiday lets.

PORTH SAXON A chain of pill-boxes (relics of WW2) from Rosemullion Head to Helford Passage, includes the one overlooking the beach

MAWNAN

(NT land - not open to the public)

along such lanes.

between little stone built hedges is a relic of the main route connecting Trebah to Trerose. Up to the end of the 18th century, most merchandise was carried on the backs