A Seaplane lands in Port Isaac harbour after engine trouble

The aircraft that landed in the harbour was always referred to as a Walrus Seaplane, but it was actually the longer range version of the Walrus known as the Sea Otter (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Supermarine_Sea_Otter). Sea Otters first entered service in November 1943 with 277 Squadron (http://www.historyofwar.org/articles/weapons_supermarine_sea_otter.html), which had a detachment at Portreath from November 1944 to February 1945 carrying out Air Sea Rescue. That is probably where this aircraft came from.

Photos: George Steer

washed up on the Main ...

The Para-vane at Port Gaverne, a wartime relic. It was part of the cable cutting apparatus from a minesweeper, which was washed ashore and put on the Main. Always a great favourite with the local children who would clamber all over it.

Photo: Peter Rowe