



The old coal shute

Secrets, Fore Street

This whole building is The Liberal Club and it was built on the site of a row of cottages built by Sam Billing; known locally as Billings Row or Rat's Terrace. 2011 celebrates the building's 100th birthday.

The Club was always a male domain where snooker, billiards and draughts were played – today this is the home of the Snooker Club.

The Club's smaller room on the corner, now *Secrets*, was used as a reading room and for whist drives. It had a coal fire and provided a warm respite from the weather to sit and read the daily newspapers. However, ladies were welcomed into the reading room to whist drives and also to vote when there was an election.

The small low window on the Back Hill side of the building used to be the coal shute straight into the coal store in an outside yard.

The Brimmacombe's were probably the first to use the room for commerce; they had a greengrocery business

In the 50s and 60s it was a vegetable shop ran by Ern May.

Mike Daly then ran it as Port Isaac Relays – he put a TV mast up to enable people in the village to receive TV reception.

Secrets took over the premises in 1993.