



The Manor House

This is one of the oldest buildings in the village. It rises against Church Hill where the front door is and the back entrance is off Middle Street. The stream runs along the edge of the large, level garden.

Legend says that the preacher Wesley stayed here and this story is substantiated by the fact that the turret on the front of the Manor House resembles one with extra rooms for itinerant preachers on a Methodist House near Launceston. Wesley wrote that he preached from a balcony at the back of the village where there was an open space and when the turret was reslated there was evidence that there could have been a balcony here.

Prouts Garage was here until the 1920s. They had a horse-drawn chassis that took different tops as needed. The story goes that one, with the hearse top fitted to take a coffin up to St Endellion Church, they forgot to remove the plate that said, "Hackney Carriage for 12 persons"!

The first petrol bus in the village ran from here - the mind boggles as to how it travelled along the narrow streets!

In the 1930s: "No-one lived in the Manor House as it was nearly falling down. Mr Tom Brown was offered the building for £50 but he declined."

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