

# census

an official count or survey, especially of a population

“... in those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken ...  
and everyone went to his own town to register...” Luke 2:1-7

A UK census has been undertaken every ten years (except for during WWII in 1941) since 1801. Unlike the Bible story, the census was taken by every household being visited by a census enumerator and more recently by every household being sent a form to complete. Prior to 1801, St Endellion population estimates can be made from information supplied by the Rector to the Bishop of Exeter.

The earliest estimate, from the time of Henry VIII, suggests there were 475 people living here in 1548 .... In 1871, the Port Isaac community had a population of 808 living in 211 households. In 1991 the population was 892 but now living in 407 homes, and these were certainly larger homes than in 1871... Although the population changed very little numerically, Port Isaac in 1871 was very different to Port Isaac in 1991. In 1871 almost all the 808 people lived in the old village below the Old School and there would have been hundreds of children playing in the streets and on the beach.

# Nicknames

For many years, men in Port Isaac have been known either by their nicknames or derivatives of their family names. David Castle wrote about the ones he remembered in *Trio* in June 2002 ...

... These are just some of the nicknames, past and present:

Tank - Kevin Burt. Dry - Charles Thomas. Nibs - Drank Brown.  
Squib - Cyril Spry. Boulder - Barry Cleave. Kipper - John Ridge.  
Squeak - Michael (Billy) Hawkins. Cockeye - Leonard Mitchell.  
Tinker - Edwin Brown. Kenty - Donald Kent. Tuffy - Jack Spry.  
Yank - Mark Townsend. Billy Pom Pom - William (Bill) Brown.  
Cogs - Michael Collings. Gaggy - William Hoskin.  
Harry Bluff - Harry May. Bramble - Eric Donnithorne.  
Weeds - Michael Collins. Wiffle - Richard Cann. Baler - Ian Taylor.  
Nimbo - Norman Tamsett. Jordan - George Honey.  
Ningy - Norman Short. Russian - Thomas Glover



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