



TRENTHON MANOR

A brief
HISTORY



HISTORY
& *heavenly
comfort*



Elegant Trenythron Manor has been restored with care to preserve its unique historical features, while modern, luxurious lodges and an excellent leisure centre have been integrated sympathetically within the 24-acre estate, with its woodland and landscaped gardens.





*The*RESORT

Trenython is a very special experience, its agreeable accommodation of 23 en-suite bedrooms and 37 self-catering lodges offer every comfort to guests, who also enjoy wonderful facilities and the beautiful manor house estate with gorgeous views over St Austell Bay.



*The*BAR

Sophisticated style and friendly service make Trenython's bar an excellent place to relax and perhaps enjoy a light bite.

Open from 11 am to 11 pm daily, Sunday 12 noon to 10.30 pm.



*The*RESTAURANT

With an enviable gastronomic reputation, TM's fine restaurant serves dishes exhibiting simple flair and creativity, using fresh local produce where possible.

Open 6 pm to 9.15 pm daily.
(To avoid disappointment, please book.)



Leisure&BEAUTY

Trenython's superb leisure centre, with its 12m indoor heated swimming pool complemented by a sauna, steam room, spa bath and fitness suite, offers membership facilities and is, of course, available to our hotel and lodge guests.

Our Treatment Rooms offer a range of beauty therapies and treatments, from a simple uplifting facial to a full body massage. (Advance bookings essential.)



*Trenytho*Manor

was built on the estate of Little Pinnock in 1872 by an Italian architect commissioned by the famous General Garibaldi. It was his way of saying ‘Thank You’ to local military man Colonel Peard for his part in Garibaldi’s Italian Campaign. Colonel Peard lived at Penquite before moving to Trenytho.

Colonel Peard (1811-1880) and Garibaldi were almost doubles, a fact that the General used to confuse

enemies and even friends. They were big, broad shouldered, bearded, cool and courageous. Colonel Peard was “this gigantic man... one of the biggest soldiers who ever shouldered a rifle.” He had been at Oxford where he earned a fearful reputation for strength and valour in contests between town and gown.

Peard was with Garibaldi in the Alpine Campaign against the Austrians in



1859. He became a daring leader of the Carabineers and won the affection of the General. He gave up law to organise and captain the Fowey Militia, as part of the Duke of Cornwall's volunteers. Garibaldi gave him command of the 'English Thousand Legion' which distinguished itself so much that the whole of Italy was won back for King Victor Emmanuel, who awarded Colonel Peard the Cross of Valour. Garibaldi awarded him Trenyhton.

In 1891, Bishop Gott, the third Bishop of Truro, bought the house and it remained a Bishop's Palace for 15 years. He panelled the dining room walls with carved wood, mostly oak, obtained largely from churches. Some of the fine panelling originates from York Minster and some from Worcester Cathedral, the oldest panels date back to the 16th century. Trenyhton's treasures also included General Wolf's

Headboard, Lord Nelson's Sea Chest and fine Italian marbles sent over by Garibaldi.

For 50 years following the Gott family departure, Trenyhton was a Great Western Railway convalescent home. A local paper during that time reported: "Trenyhton, the seventh Railwaymen's convalescent home was opened by Viscount Churchill, chairman of the GWR. It has accommodation for 85 men – the cost of refurbishment about £25,000 – and the architect was Mr B, Andrew of St Austell. The two Egyptian pillars standing sentinel inside the front door had originated from the Temple of Ephesus and are thousands of years old. Trenyhton is a self-contained institution with its own water supply, own electric system and own sewage system." (Source - Tywardreath Past and Present')

Tywardreath and Du Maurier

Trenython Manor lies on the outskirts of the proper Cornish village of Tywardreath – in Du Maurier country, with many of the places which inspired the famous 20th century author to be found hereabouts.

She made Cornwall her home in 1943, and stayed up until her death in 1989, much of her time as a tenant of 17th century Menabilly – recognised as Manderley in her much loved novel *Rebecca* – at close by Fowey.



In her latter years, Du Maurier lives at Kilmarth House, a short distance from Par Sands in St Austell Bay – which is overlooked by Trenython Manor.

Trenython means the gorse farm in Cornish, though today it is ancient woodland and landscaped gardens that surround the main house. With its bucolic scenery and dozens of Du Maurier references close by, the resort is an ideal location for fans of the author to discover the reasons why Cornwall so inspired her writing.



*Breakfast is not served on the terrace



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