

IMPORTANT DATES IN FALMOUTH'S HISTORY

1385	EARLIEST DATE RECORDED FOR ARWENACK MANOR HOUSE - HOME TO THE KILLIGREW FAMILY FOR 16 GENERATIONS
1540 - 1545	PENDENNIS CASTLE COMMISSIONED BY HENRY VIII (PENDENNIS - CORNISH "CASTLE ON THE HEADLAND")
1544	SUPPOSED DATE OF HENRY VIII VISIT TO PENDENNIS CASTLE
1567	ARWENACK HOUSE REBUILT
1595	SIR WALTER RALEIGH VISITS
1596	JOHN HARRINGTON (QUEEN ELIZABETH I GODSON) INSTALLED ONE OF THE EARLIEST WATER CLOSETS AT ARWENACK MANOR
1598	WALTER RALEIGH ENDORSED JOHN KILLIGREW'S PROPOSAL TO PROMOTE THE SMALL HAMLET OF SMITHWICK
1600	ALE-HOUSE CALLED "PENNY-COME-QUICK" NEAR GREENBANK QUAY
1613	SMITHWICK HAMLET STARTED TO GROW & BECAME PENNY-COME-QUICK
1613	SIR JOHN KILLIGREW CREATED THE TOWN AND PORT OF FALMOUTH (FALMOUTH - CORNISH "ABERFAL")
1613	PETITIONS OF TRURO, PENRYN AND HELSTON TO JAMES I AGAINST FALMOUTH'S PROGRESS
1646	ARWENACK HOUSE SIEGE
1646	SIEGE OF PENDENNIS CASTLE ENDED (5 MONTHS)
1650	THE CUSTOMS HOUSE MOVED REMOVED FROM PENRYN TO FALMOUTH, NEAR MARKET STRAND
1660	SEVEN STARS PUBLIC HOUSE HAS BEEN SERVING ALE FROM THIS DATE
1660	MARINE HOTEL (CHAIN LOCKER PUBLIC HOUSE)
1660	PRISON BUILT IN QUAY STREET
1661	FALMOUTH TOWN CHARTER GRANTED BY CHARLES II - (October 5th)
1664	200 HOUSES IN FALMOUTH
1662 - 1664	PARISH CHURCH BUILT - FALMOUTH SEPARATED FROM THE BUDOCK & GLUVIAS PARISH IN 1664
1674 - 1676	TOWN QUAY BUILT - PETER KILLIGREW (CUSTOM HOUSE QUAY)
1688	PACKET STATION SET UP
1696	CONSTITUTION OF FALMOUTH DRAWN UP AND ADOPTED
1700	350 HOUSES IN FALMOUTH
1709	TRURO LOST JURISDICTION OF THE HARBOUR
1717	PENDENNIS CASTLE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING AND SERIOUSLY DAMAGED
1725	TOWN HALL - HIGH STREET (LUDGATE HILL)
1737	KILLIGREW MONUMENT ERECTED - OBELISK MOVED TWICE 1836 AND PRESENT POSITION 1871
1745	JOHN WESLEY VISITS (ALSO 1770, 75 & 89)
1750	BETWEEN 500 AND 600 HOUSES IN FALMOUTH
1751	FREEMASON'S LODGE ESTABLISHED
1757	BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LANDED AT FALMOUTH ON HIS WAY TO AMERICA
1757	CARNES BREWERY BUILT NEAR MARKET STRAND. BOUGHT BY DEVENISH IN 1921 & DEMOLISHED IN 1935 AND REBUILT AS THE ODEON CINEMA (NOW TESCO'S SUPERMARKET).
1766	FIRST JEWS SYNAGOGUE AT FISH STRAND
1785	EARLIEST DATE FOR THE GREENBANK HOTEL
1785	CUSTOMS HOUSE MOVED FROM MARKET STRAND TO ARWENACK STREET
1788	FOX HOUSE BUILT - BURNED DOWN & RE-BUILT AS BANK HOUSE HOTEL IN 1868 - THIS BUILDING BECAME THE Y.M.C.A. IN 1930 AND ARE NOW DESIRABLE APARTMENTS
1789	WYNN'S HOTEL BUILT IN MARKET STREET
1798	ORGAN PLACED IN THE GALLERY OF THE PARISH CHURCH
1790	FISH STRAND QUAY BUILT
1791	JACOBS LADDER BUILT (JACOB HAMBLYN - 111 STEPS)
1800	PARISH CHURCH TOWER RAISED FOR THE CLOCK
1800	PENRYN NEW ROAD OPENED (NORTH PARADE)
1801	OLD FALMOUTH PACKET PRINTED FOR THE TRAFALGAR NEWS
1805	LT JOHN RICHARD LAPENOTIERE LANDED AT FISHSTRAND QUAY FROM HMS PICKLE WITH NEWS THE VICTORY AT THE BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR AND OF THE DEATH OF ADMIRAL LORD NELSON (4th NOV)
1806	JEWS SYNAGOGUE MOVED TO SMITHICK HILL
1808	BOARD OF TRADE DECREED A COMPULSORY PILOTAGE AREA
1808	FIRST PILOT LICENCE ISSUED TO HENRY VINCENT OF ST MAWES
1809	LORD BYRON SAILED FROM FALMOUTH TO LISBON ON THE "PRINCESS ELIZABETH" PACKET SHIP - HE STAYED AT WYNN'S HOTEL WHICH BECAME THE ROYAL HOTEL - NOW THE HSBC BANK
1809	NATIONAL SCHOOL BUILT ON WODEHOUSE TERRACE
1810	MUTINY OF THE PACKET MEN
1812	PARISH CHURCH LENGTHENED ONE THIRD AT THE EAST END
1814	THE "QUEEN" TRANSPORT SHIP IS WRECKED IN FALMOUTH AND 195 SOLDIERS DROWN
1815	NAPOLEON BROUGHT INTO FALMOUTH HARBOUR ON BOARD HMS NORTHUMBERLAND
1819	FIRST CORNISH TOWN TO HAVE DOMESTIC GAS LIGHTING
1820	FIRST SEAMAN'S BETHEL AT MULBERRY SQUARE
1821	850 HOUSES IN FALMOUTH

1824	CLASSICAL & MATHEMATICAL SCHOOL BUILT (NOW THE FALMOUTH MARINE SCHOOL)
1826	PUBLIC READING AND NEWS ROOMS BUILT AND OPENED IN CHURCH STREET
1827	900 HOUSES IN FALMOUTH
1827	PENWERRIS CHURCH IS BUILT
1833	ROYAL POLYTECHNIC SOCIETY FORMED BY MISS ANNA MARIA FOX
1834	POLYTECHNIC HALL BUILT IN CHURCH STREET
1835	ST ANTHONY LIGHT HOUSE BUILT BY OLVER & SONS FOR TRINITY HOUSE
1836	FIRST BOROUGH POLICE STATION
1836	CHARLES DARWIN ARRIVED ON HMS BEAGLE ON OCT 2nd AFTER FIVE YEARS SPENT CIRCUMNAVIGATING THE GLOBE
1837	BLACK ROCK BUILT BY OLVER & SONS (FORMERLY FALMOUTH ROCK & PARSON'S ROCK)
1839	GOLD DUST ROBBERY
1840	STREETS LIT BY GAS LIGHT
1843	QUEEN VICTORIA & PRINCE ALBERT VISIT TOWN
1844	FIRST FALMOUTH PACKET NEWSPAPER - RICKERSBY
1846	QUEEN VICTORIA & PRINCE ALBERT VISIT TOWN
1847	WATER WORKS COMPANY FOUNDED IN THE COLLEGE VALLEY OF PENRYN BY COX BROS
1849	VESTRY ADDED ON NORTH SIDE OF THE PARISH CHURCH
1849	SEAMAN'S BETHEL LOWER QUAY HILL
1850	PACKET STATION SERVICE ENDED
1851	FALMOUTH UNION WORKHOUSE BUILT BY OLVER & SONS
1852	SAILORS HOME AND HOSPITAL AT BANK PLACE
1852	SWANPOOL ARSENIC MINE FIRST WORKED
1855	FALMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL FORMED
1855	PRESENT FALMOUTH PACKET NEWSPAPER - JAMES LAKE
1857	ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH COMPANY OPENED A STATION IN ARWENACK STREET
1858	FIRST DOCKS MEETING
1859	THE BRITISH SCHOOL IN GYLLYNG STREET FORMERLY THE FALMOUTH PARISH WORKHOUSE
1860	FOUNDATION STONE - DOCKS (28th FEB) - VISCOUNT FALMOUTH
1861	FIRST SHIP ENTERS FALMOUTH DOCKS
1861	MISSIONS TO SEAMEN ESTABLISHED
1861	PARISH CHURCH PROVIDED WITH THREE BELLS
1861	REPAIRS AT THE PARISH CHURCH, SIR PETER KILLIGREW'S VAULT SEEN
1862	GREAT FIRE IN LUDGATE HILL (NOW THE HIGH STREET) NO SERIOUS CASUALTIES BUT 400 MADE HOMELESS
1862	No1 DOCK COMPLETED
1863	RAILWAY TERMINUS AT FALMOUTH DOCKS (FIRST INTENDED FOR GREENBANK - OLD PACKET DEPARTURE POINT) THE STATIONS FROM FALMOUTH TO TRURO WERE ALL BUILT BY OLVER & SONS
1863	EASTERN BREAKWATER BUILT & No2 DOCK COMPLETED
1864	TOWN HALL - THE MOOR BUILT BY OLVER & SONS
1864	44 ARWENACK STREET BUILT (NOW THE FALMOUTH HARBOUR OFFICE)
1865	FALMOUTH HOTEL & CASTLE DRIVE BUILT
1865	WESTERN BREAKWATER BUILT
1866	WORKING MEN'S CLUB AND INSTITUTE BUILT AT BELLS COURT
1866	NEW GAS WORKS OPENED (NOW GAS WORKS CAR PARK)
1867	LOCAL LIFEBOAT STATION WAS FOUNDED
1867 - 1868	METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORY BUILT AT ALBERT COTTAGES
1868	COX BROTHERS - DOCKS FOUNDRY & ENGINEERING (LATER COX, FARLEY & Co)
1869	ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH BUILT IN KILLIGREW STREET
1869	EARLE'S RETREAT BUILT FOR AGED PERSONS
1870	FALMOUTH HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS WERE FORMED
1870	MARKET STREET FIRE
1871	FISH STRAND QUAY EXTENDED
1871	MARKET STRAND PIER BUILT
1871	NORTH QUAY ARM WIDENED
1873	ROYAL CORNWALL YACHT CLUB FOUNDED - FALMOUTH HOTEL & GREENBANK HOTEL WERE BOTH USED AS FIRST CLUB HOUSE
1873	VOLUNTEER DRILL HALL BUILT
1874	WESLEYAN CHAPEL REBUILT ON THE MOOR
1875	BAPTIST CHURCH BUILT IN MARKET STREET (NOW THE SITE OF FW WOOLWORTHS)
1877	CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE IS TOWED INTO FALMOUTH BEFORE ITS JOURNEY TO THE EMBANKMENT IN LONDON. IT BROKE ITS TOW LINE CROSSING THE BAY OF BISCAY AND WAS FOUND FLOATING OFF SPAIN.
1877	KIMBERLEY PARK PRESENTED TO THE TOWN BY THE EARL OF KIMBERLEY
1882	CLARE TERRACE SCHOOL FOR GIRLS BUILT
1882	TWO TON FOG BELL INSTALLED ON ST ANTHONY LIGHTHOUSE
1883	ROYAL CORNWALL YACHT CLUB BUILT IN GREENBANK GARDENS
1885	"MIGNONETTE" CANNIBALISM INCIDENT

1887	FALMOUTH & DISTRICT PILOT BOAT ASSOCIATION FORMED (63 LICENSED PILOTS - 33 IN FALMOUTH & 30 IN ST MAWES)
1887	RECREATION GROUND
1887	ALL SAINTS CHURCH IS BUILT - FOUNDATION STONE LAID BY H.R.H. PRINCE OF WALES
1887	HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS BUILT WESTERN TERRACE
1889	FIRST DATE FOR KING HARRY FERRY
1891	2400 HOUSES IN FALMOUTH
1892	SUBMARINE PIER BUILT
1893	FIRST FALMOUTH PUBLIC HOSPITAL BUILT AT THE TOP OF KILLIGREW STREET - BENEFACTOR WAS PHILANTHROPIST JOHN PASSMORE EDWARDS
1893	PENDENNIS HOTEL BUILT (LATER HYDRO HOTEL & NOW ROYAL DUCHY HOTEL)
1893	THE MAYORS GOLD CHAIN PURCHASED FOR £125
1895	FIRST FIRE STATION - WEBBER STREET
1896	PASSMORE EDWARDS FREE LIBRARY - THE MOOR
1897	WELLINGTON TERRACE SCHOOL BUILT
1898	MONUMENT ON MOOR TO "MEMORY OF THE GALLANT OFFICERS & MEN OF HM POST OFFICE PACKET SERVICE SAILING FROM FALMOUTH 1688 - 1852"
1898	THE BRITISH SCHOOL PURCHASED BY THE FALMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD AND BECAME SMITHICK SCHOOL UNTIL THE 1970's WHEN IT WAS DEMOLISHED
1901	POLICE STATION - BERKLEY VALE
1903	CUSTOM HOUSE QUAY OUTER ARM WIDENED
1903	PRINCE OF WALES PIER - FOUNDATION STONE LAID BY THE PRINCE OF WALES (THE FUTURE KING GEORGE V)
1905	LORD KIMBERLEY OPENS PRINCE OF WALES PIER
1907	FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE STAYED AT THE GREEN BANK HOTEL (19th APR)
1908	BAY HOTEL BUILT
1910	ROYAL CORNWALL YACHT CLUB BOUGHT LEASEHOLD OF THEIR PREMISES FOR £710 & FREEHOLD IN 1945 FOR £203
1912	ST GEORGES CINEMA BUILT (SECOND LARGEST IN THE COUNTRY)
1918	JOHN H SILLEY MADE A SUCCESSFUL BID FOR OWNERSHIP OF DOCKS AND SILLEY, COX & CO. LTD WERE FORMED
1921	No3 DOCK COMPLETED
1923	FALMOUTH HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS BOUGHT 44 ARWENACK STREET WHICH BECAME THE HARBOUR OFFICE, THE PREVIOUS SITE WAS WHERE THE HARBOUR LIGHTS FISH & CHIPS SHOP IS SITUATED ABOVE THE FRONT BAR ON CUSTOM HOUSE QUAY
1923	DRACAENA AVENUE CONSTRUCTED (NEW ENTRANCE TO TOWN)
1923	SCHOONER CUTTY SARK IN FALMOUTH AND STAYED HERE TILL 1938
1785	OIL TANK STORAGE FARM CONSTRUCTED ON WASTELAND BEHIND EASTERN BREAKWATER IN DOCKS
1928	GRAND CINEMA BUILT
1928	No4 DOCK COMPLETED
1930	EMPIRE WHARF & KINGS WHARF BUILT
1930	PRESENT HOSPITAL BUILT AT TRESCOBEAS ROAD
1930	POST OFFICE - THE MOOR
1933	EMPIRE WHARF COMPLETED
1937	KINGS WHARF COMPLETED
1938	NORTHERN ARM EXTENDED
1940	KING GEORGE VI & QUEEN ELIZABETH VISIT TOWN
1942	NORTHERN ARM REBUILT & QUEENS WHARF COMPLETED
1942	HMS CAMBLETOWN LEFT FALMOUTH TO RAM THE DOCK GATES AT ST NAZAIRE (26th MAR)
1944	29th US ARMY DIVISION (FRIENDLY INVASION) CAMP SITUATED AT THE BEACON - BUILT ORIGINAL SLIPWAY AT GROVE PLACE
1948	ST GEORGES CINEMA CLOSED
1954	FOG BELL REPLACED WITH ELECTRONIC FOG WARNING SYSTEM ON ST ANTHONY LIGHT HOUSE
1958	DUKE OF EDINBURGH - QUEEN ELIZABETH II DRY DOCK OPENED
1958	COUNTY WHARF & DUCHY WHARF COMPLETED
1960	ST GEORGES ARCADE OPENS
1961	TERCENTENARY (5th OCT)
1966	FIRST TALL SHIPS RACE
1968	ROBIN KNOX-JOHNSON SAILED FROM FALMOUTH IN THE SUNDAY TIMES GOLDEN GLOBE RACE 14th JUN
1969	ROBIN KNOX-JOHNSON ARRIVED AT FALMOUTH - FIRST TO CIRCUMNAVIGATE THE GLOBE NON STOP AND SINGLE HANDED (22nd APR)
1971	ODEON CINEMA DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR A NEW TESCO'S SUPERMARKET
1971	FALMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL CLOSED
1974	CAPTAIN LAURIE MITCHELL (FALMOUTH PILOT) DIED ATTEMPTING TO CLIMB THE ROPE LADDER OF THE FERRY "EAGLE" IN STORM FORCE WINDS
1982	SECOND TALL SHIPS RACE

1982	THE OLD WOODEN LIFEBOAT HOUSE WAS REPLACED ON NORTH QUAY WITH A NEW CREW ROOM & STORE HOUSE (THIS BECAME FALMOUTH HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS VISITORS AMENITY CENTRE IN 1995 WHEN THE NEW LIFEBOAT STATION WAS BUILT NEXT TO THE TINNERS WALK SLIPWAY)
1985	SUBMARINE PIER DEMOLISHED
1986	GRAND CINEMA DEMOLISHED FOR SHOPPING COMPLEX
1990	STORM WINDS OF 177 MPH ARE RECORDED OVER 24th & 25th JAN
1993	TAIL END OF HURRICANE FLOYD CAME THROUGH THE HARBOUR ON 12th SEPTEMBER CAUSING HAVOC WITH VESSELS ON THE WATER- WINDS WERE ESTIMATED AT ABOUT 60 KNOTS FROM THE EAST (VIOLENT STORM FORCE 11)
1993	BAY HOTEL DEMOLISHED
1998	THIRD TALL SHIPS RACE
1999	FALMOUTH SEES A TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN AT 11:11AM (11th AUG)
2002	QUEEN ELIZABETH II STARTED HER GOLDEN JUBILEE TOUR IN FALMOUTH ON 1st MAY BY NAMING THE NEW RNLI LIFEBOAT RICHARD COX SCOTT
2003	NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM OPENED (14th MAR)
2003	QUEENS WHARF REBUILT AFTER ORIGINAL BURNED DOWN
2006 - 2008	EMPIRE WHARF & KINGS WHARF DEMOLISHED FOR NEW MARINA
2008	DUKE OF EDINBURGH - RE-DEDICATED QUEEN ELIZABETH II DRY DOCK - 50th ANNIVERSARY (12th JUN)
2008	PRINCE CHARLES AND CAMILLA , DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CORNWALL VISIT TOWN AND REDEDICATE THE RELOCATION OF THE S.T NAZAIRE RAID MEMORIAL STONE ON PRINCE OF WALES PIER (11th JUL)
2008	FUNCHAL 500 TALL SHIPS RACE - FOURTH TO BE HELD IN FALMOUTH