

# Welcome to The Lerryn Hotel, the perfect location for a relaxing Cornish holiday



Built between 1908 – 1909 and originally named ‘The Wrekin’ by Mr A Parsons and his family, who bought the land in autumn of 1907. It was one of the first purpose build hotels in Falmouth and was mentioned in a 1909 local trade directory, as well as being advertised with ‘furnished apartments’ in 1910, and providing board residence and apartments in 1914. Accommodation for one week, bed and breakfast in 1936 cost three guineas (around £3.60 in today’s money).

With the outbreak of the Second World War, the hotel was rented and used by Falmouth Docks as part of its operations from 1940-1945. Sustaining bomb damage on 30 May 1944 – the last day the Luftwaffe flew an air raid over Britain, it was lucky to survive as its near neighbour The Pentargen was completely destroyed.

From 1946 to 1949 ‘The Wrekin’ reverted to being a hotel and was sold by Mrs Parsons to a Mr H Watson, who in turn sold it Mr J Vrij. In 1949 Mr Vrij sold the property to Miss Andrews and Miss Kernan, who converted it to a nursing home, before it changed hands in 1951. This time the owner was Miss Stella Fox (from the famous Fox family of Glendurgan, now a well known garden on the Helford River.)

Then in 1963 ‘The Wrekin’ was no more after new owners, Mr and Mrs Butler (Mr Butler was Probation Officer for Falmouth), changed the name of the hotel to ‘The Lerryn’. The reason for the change was that Mrs Butler had previously owned a guesthouse called The Lerryn.

Mr and Mrs Humphreys-Jones were the next owners in 1971. Extensive work by the couple saw the addition of the three-storey extension and fire escape on the side, as well as the new kitchen, during a 20-year ownership.

Finally in 1991, we (Ann and Roy Picken) bought the hotel and have set about a programme of constantly upgrading the property, which has included the accessibility to balconies for three rooms, a new fire escape, and a ground floor room suitable for wheelchair users.

Top image: "Salvage squads set to work in the rubble of the Pentargen Hotel, with the Lerryn in the background, after the last Luftwaffe Air Raid on Britain"

