

# St Keyne Well. A Recent History

On the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1934 Albert de Castro Glubb bought the St Keyne Well from John Cosmo Stuart Rashleigh for £2.

Albert de Castro, who was then the first president of the Old Cornwall Society, raised money to renovate the Well. On the 4th July 1936, when the renovation was complete, the ownership of the Well was conveyed to the Rev Canon Frank Rupert Mills, Rector of St Keyne Parish Church.

In 1945 Albert de Castro established a Trust Fund, with £100, for the Diocese of Truro to invest and use £3 of its income for the benefit of the Parish, provided that the Well was kept in a tidy condition, presumably by the Church.

On 19<sup>th</sup> November 1948 it was reported that the Vicar of Liskeard and St Keyne, Jack Parsons a former Warwickshire cricketer, refused to become the custodian of the Well and said, "as to what happened to the £3 per year I have not the foggiest idea".

The matter of the Trust Fund was resolved in 1977 when the Liskeard Old Cornwall Society agreed to continue to clean the Well every year going forward. The Trust Fund was closed, with the balance of its money used as a contribution towards the cost of a new organ in St Keyne Church.

The well is still owned by the Church and maintained by the Liskeard Old Cornwall Society.

The documents are kept in the Liskeard Old Cornwall Society's archive in Stuart House and are available for inspection / copying, during normal opening hours.

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