

## **PUBS AND INNS**

### **WOGAN ARMS**

*The Wogan Arms, named after the Pembrokeshire Wogan family who at one time owned the Hean Castle Estate, was one of the earliest buildings in Saundersfoot. The first recorded tenant of the Wogan Arms is from 1811 and it closed sometime before 1891. The site had been re-developed by 1901 to be Wogan House, now a guest house.*

### **MILFORD ARMS**

*The Milford Arms was the earliest known public house or alehouse in Saundersfoot. It was part of the Sandersfoot Farm. Stickings states that it was in existence by 1680, although Johnson points out that if the name is connected with the Phillipps family becoming the Lords of Milford, the name would have to postdate 1776. The pub is not separately listed on a plan of Sandersfoot Farm dating to 1770 but may be one of the buildings shown around the farm. An inn keeper is known to have been there in 1784. By 1845 the Milford Arms was being advertised for let with or without the farm of Sandersfoot. The Milford Arms and the farm were unoccupied at the time of the 1861 census and shortly after the area began to be re-developed with the building of Cambrian Terrace and the purpose-built Cambrian Inn. The Milford Arms is occupied by the rear wing of the Cambrian Hotel.*

### **CAMBRIAN HOTEL**

*A purpose-built coaching inn/hotel which replaced the Milford Arms as the area began to be redeveloped in the 1860s. The Cambrian seems to have succeeded to its role, since it was here that the Picton Castle rents were collected. It was badly damaged by a gas explosion in October 1984 which demolished the building next door but the Cambrian survived. It is unoccupied and awaiting redevelopment in 2012.*

### **HEAN CASTLE formerly PICTON CASTLE**

*The Picton Castle public house opened in the 1840s, named after the land-owning Philipps family and their Picton estate. The building was an imposing one for the location being three storeys high. George Borrow stayed here in 1857. In the late 1870s, after C.R.Vickerman had bought the Hean Castle Estate which included the public house, the building was refurbished and provided with crenulations to match those on the house at Hean Castle, recently re-built by Vickerman. The name of the pub was changed at this point to the Hean Castle. The Hean Castle is still in business in 2012.*

### **BREWERY TAP**

*The Brewery Tap was part of the extensive Saundersfoot Brewery established in the 1840s by Thomas Stephenson. In an 1855 advert the business was described as "an ale and porter brewery with small steam engine, malthouse and granary" with a Tap attached. By 1891 the brewery was no longer a going concern but the pub was still in business but closed soon afterwards.*

### **ROYAL OAK**

*The Royal Oak was in business by 1837, and in 1852 was described as having excellent stables, brew house, gardens and other offices. In the 1870s it was the public house favoured by the sea captains of the vessels using the harbour. The Royal Oak is still in use as a public house and restaurant in 2012.*

### **SQUARE AND COMPASS**

*The Square and Compass is said to have been one of the first buildings built as Saundersfoot developed. It was at the southern end of Railway Street, now the Strand.*

### **DRAPERS ARMS**

*The Drapers Arms opened on the site of the former Square and Compass in about the 1870s and closed in the 1880s. By 1901 the building had become the village Post Office and is now a retail shop.*

### **OLD CHEMIST formerly GLOBE**

*The Globe public house was in existence from at least 1860. The front half of the building facing onto the Railway Street was a chemists shop and the back room served alcohol. The spirit licence necessary for chemists to sell certain remedies made it easy to also sell alcohol. However in 1872 Narberth magistrates said that the two activities had to be sealed off from each other. This was duly done and from then onwards beer was delivered to the pub along the beach. In the 1960s another chemist was established in Saundersfoot and the building was converted into one large pub renamed the Old Chemist and is still in business in 2012.*

### **RAILWAY TAVERN**

*The Railway Tavern is referred to in Picton Estate papers of about 1825, and may be linked with the Black Walk, an early tramway at Coppet Hall.*

### **RAILWAY INN**

*The Railway Inn stood near the foot of the Incline in Saundersfoot. It was certainly in existence by the 1840s and closed after 1894. An inquest into the death of William Parsell, chief engine man at Bonville's Court colliery was held there in 1866. The building is now Railway Inn cottage.*

### **MARINERS INN**

*A Mrs Williams of the Mariners Inn, Saundersfoot, was reported in a newspaper of 1868 and Mr and Mrs Williams listed in the 1871 census as running a pub near the bottom of St Brides Hill. The public house must have been short-lived and no other details are known about it.*

### **THE CAPTAINS TABLE formerly ST ISSELLS HOUSE**

*St Issells House was turned into a restaurant in the 1960s. In the 1970s it became a pub and is still in business in 2012.*