

## **ST ISSELLS HOUSE**

*St Issell's House dates to the late 19th century and was built by the Vickerman family of Hean Castle. It stands on the site of the earlier Saundersfoot Farm, which stood here before Saundersfoot had developed as a village of significant size. In the late 1890s, after the death of Charles Ranken Vickerman, his son C.H.R. Vickerman sold most of the Hean Castle estate and moved to St Issells' House. Within a few years, the Vickerman family moved to another house on St Bride's Hill, as the proximity of the harbour scouring basin, where much of Saundersfoot's sewerage waste ended up, meant that life at St Issell's House was less than pleasant. The building was turned into a restaurant called The Captains' Table during the 1960s, founded by the transatlantic yachtsman Val Howells. In appearance, it retains much of its original character as a 19th century gentry house.*