

# THE BUILDINGS OF MOREFA BORTH

- the Marsh Harbour

Ceredigion



That part of Borth Village on a pebble bank with the sea on one side and the Cors Fochno marsh some reclaimed and the railway on the other. In the distance is the River Dyfi. Photograph Michael Lewis

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# OAK TREE FILLING STATION (gone)

Morfa Borth

On ground behind the Sands now a car park, and accessed from the road to Llandre. 1964 to 1991.

This was set up by Mr E. I. Budge, the owner of the (then) Acorn Garage on the High Street in 1964. He chose the name Oak Tree Filling Station naturally enough, and only sold petrol there. An employee there for many years and in the Acorn Garage remembered by villagers was 'Frank'.

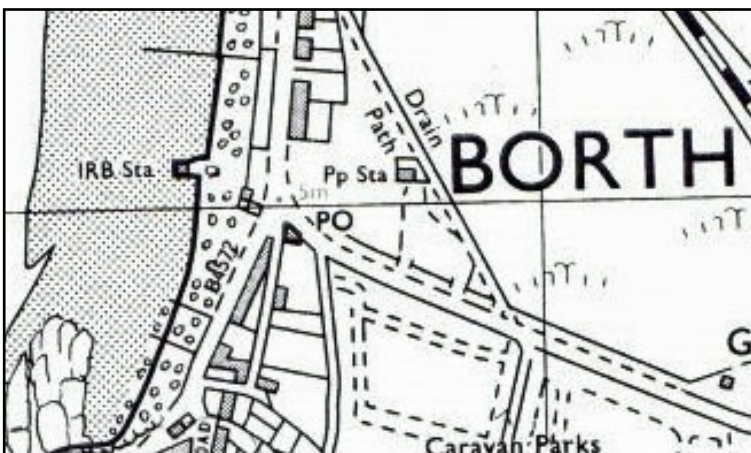


A sapling was brought by Evan Lewis of Troed-y-Rhiw from Hafod near Furnace where he had been working in a Reclamation Scheme during the war was planted on the site and Mr Budge was able eventually to raise from one of its acorns a five foot sapling for his family's home. Mr Budge lived at Holmleigh.

*LEFT A photograph of the Oak Tree Filling Station with Mr Budge and Frank, and BELOW of Mr Budge on the site. The filling station was selling BP petrol*



There was nothing on the site before the Filling Station. In 1925 it was still 'waste' belonging to the Crown Manor (National Archives LRRO 1/3060). After 1995 the place was derelict and the Ceredigion Council managed to get environmental funding to clear the site. The old fuel tanks, mainly containing water, were emptied and filled with sand, and the area was covered with crushed slate waste. It is now a car park (Courtesy of County Councillor Ray Quant, and the story of Mr Budge and his Filling Station and the pictures courtesy of Y Tincer, January 1991



*A detail from an Ordnance Survey Map of 1983. The garage was set back on its site, and had an entry and exit drive from the road to Llandre. It was also close to the footpath.*

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