

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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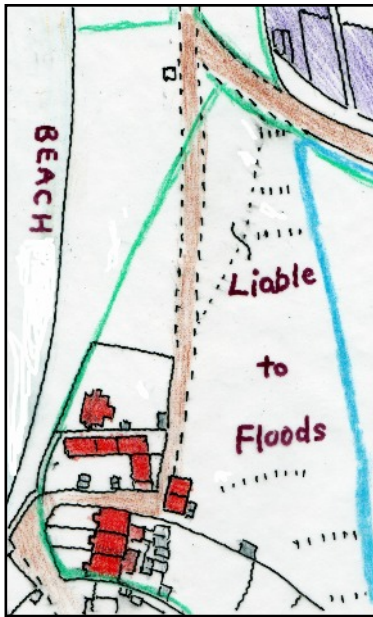
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WERNFACH BUNGALOWS

Lôn Glan-y-môr

Llwyn Heulog, Gilmar, Awel-y-mor, Maesnant, and Pant Haul

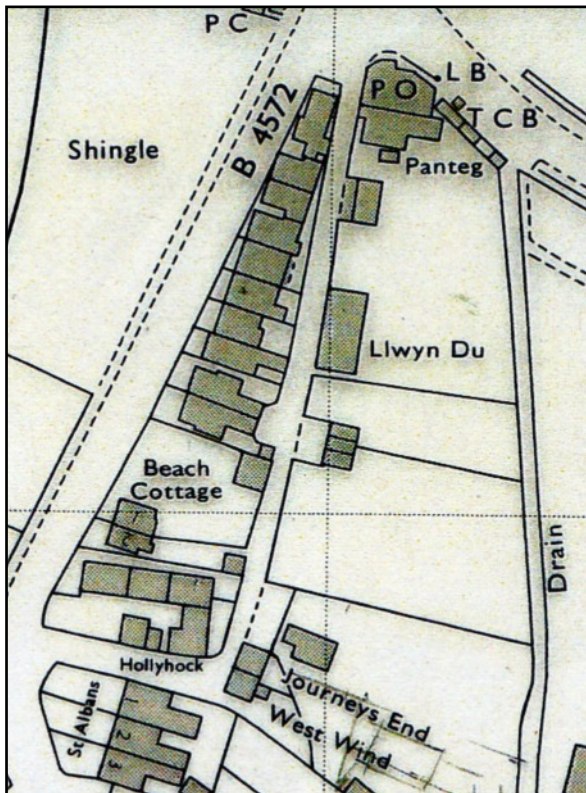
The gardens of these bungalows all end at the drainage ditch, and all are built on the former Wernfach - (Little Marsh).



LEFT In 1925 there were no bungalows on the ground, and the green outline shows Crown Manor 'waste' - unsuitable for farming. Some was built upon. The purple are recently sold off plots. The Lôn Glan-y-môr (the lane by the sea, or by the marsh) was then unfenced (Detail after the 25 inch Ordnance Survey Map coloured by the Crown in 1925 but published in 1905, Cardiganshire NW, National Archives LRRO 1/3060)

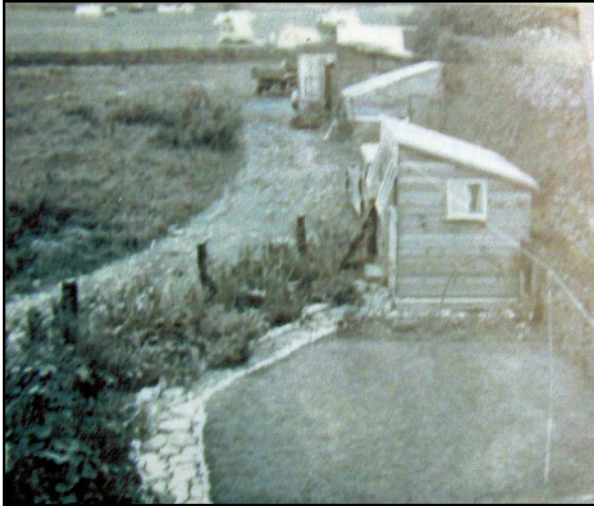


ABOVE The lane in 1915 looking south, Beach Cottage is on the far right, this photograph is from a very old set of tiny postcards (Courtesy of Peter Fleming)



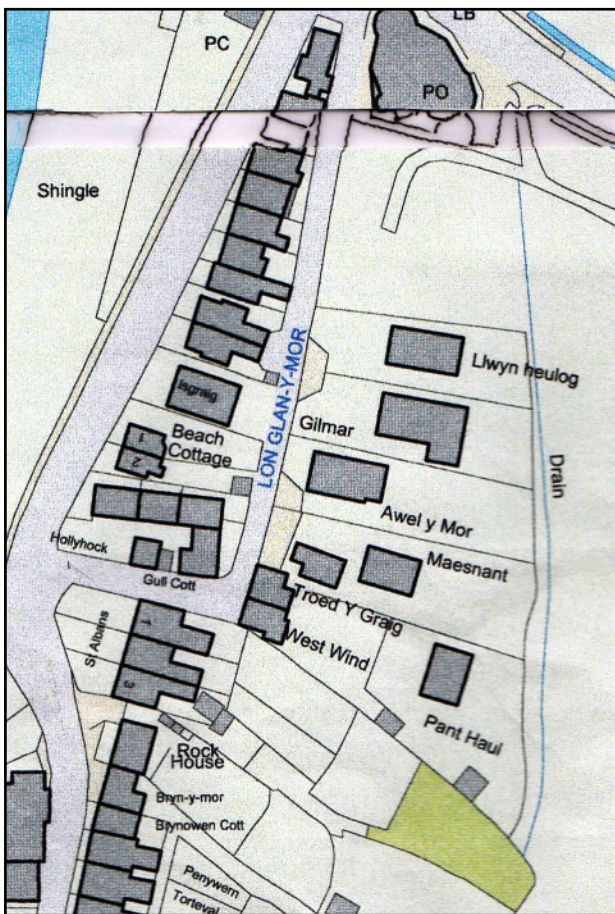
BELOW By 1930 a shop and post office called the Canteen Stores of the Hughes family had been built at the road junction. Close to it was a house called Panteg. The Canteen Stores became a 'Spar' and there was a fire there which damaged Panteg, and both were pulled down to build the present Nisa Supermarket (Detail of a map, Ceredigion Archives)

Next to it on the south was Can-y-wawr, now gone, and another house, Llwyn Du (Black Grove). Helmut Karl Meyer paid the rates for it in 1957 and in 1963 Mr Meyer and Margaret Elizabeth Meyer had votes for it. This became decayed and was pulled down. The remaining buildings were garages.



The ground behind Journey's End and West Wind was farmed.

LEFT In the foreground is the garden of West Wind in 1937 and behind can be seen farming going on. On the right the ground rises and there were small gardens for some Upper Borth cottages and houses.



BELOW This detail from a modern Council Map shows the position of the bungalows, their gardens all end at the drainage ditch. The ground between Llyw Heulog and the Nisa is part of the Bryn Owen Caravan Park and is grass (Map courtesy of Councillor Ray Quant who provided it for research for a village event).

It has been suggested that the bungalows date from the 1980s. As the ground is former marsh they will all have needed to have their weight spread out by a raft beneath them.

BELOW The north side of the Llyw Heulog bungalow, the caravan's green field in the foreground.





ABOVE Llwyn Heulog (Sunny Grove). The front door faces south.



ABOVE Glimar. This has a built in garage.



ABOVE Awel-y-mor (Sea Breeze)



ABOVE Maes Nant (Valley Field) from the lane. It has a building possibly a holiday cottage in its garden.



ABOVE Maes Nant from the south.



ABOVE The front door of Maes Nant opens on to the open area behind Journeys End and West Wind.

Wernfach Bungalows



ABOVE Pant Haul (Sunny Hollow) is set back from the area behind West Wind, and faces almost east/west.

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