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Word	Meaning
'OOKENER	Corner of the hearth where the wood (fuel) was stored
OAKUM	Frayed rope ends, used with tar for caulking
OAK WEB	A Cockchafer / Maybug almost irradiated due to use of pesticides.
OAKA, OAKA	To call cattle
OAL THE WOR	In fashion. Hoodies be oal the wor; an' bunnets be weared with a dap. Comes from the Bodmin area – but what's a dap?
OAR-VROST	White hoar frost
OAR-WEED/ORE WEED	Seaweed (I presume this has come from catching so much of the stuff on one's oars when rowing or skulling. (This kind of skulling is to propel the punt or pram from the back, standing up and with one oar only. The oar is worked in a kind of figure eight. Young lads are ver adept at whizzing around the harbour in this way.)
'OBBLE	To tie legs of 'breaking' animals
OBB'N	Oven 'There's no het in the obb'n day, this ol' east wind is a proper nuisance.' (The het (heat) generated by the old Cornish Slabs was very dependent on the wind direction and of course the location of the property.)
OBEDULLION	To chide a child "The lil cheeld was playin up brave, so she gived 'er some obedullion."
OBTAIN	To memorise something, perhaps a poem or quotation.
OD RABBAT	Exclamation – 'confound it'.
OD(D)IT	Adit An almost flat channel cut in a mine to allow flood water to escape over the cliff or down a hillside.
ODDS / NO ODDS	No difference 'I'm goyn this way, but it don't make no odds to me which way you de go.'
ODDS	To change. <i>Wass the odds ie. What's the difference. What does it matter to you?</i>
OFF 'ISS CHUMP	Insane . Don't worry about poor ol' Johnny there, ee's off 'is chump, but quite 'armless with all that."
OFT	Ought. "They oft naw better than that, after all they're grawn up lads now."
'OGG	Year old lamb
OGGAN	Hogwash ?? The modern description of Hogwash doesn't seem applicable. Any help welcomed.
OGGIE/OGGY	Pasty (not strictly correct) A pie also pastry
OGO	Cliffs
OILE/ILE	Ear of Barley
OILER	A waterproof used by fishermen, farm workers etc. Farm labourers would hang their oiler from a beam in an out building and soak it in linseed oil every year to keep it waterproof. Can to imagine the extra weight and immobility? But they smelt lovely!
OILET	Fryingpan/Gridiron
OKIES	Cows
OKUM SNIFFY	Hot sweet glass of grog
OLD	To smell off or rancid This 'ere coat bin hangin' up since last winter, 'tis smellin' some old.' (Fousty)
OLD JOHNNO	The S.S. Wind (Obviously incorrect but cannot decipher better. Help)
OL'LARR(ENCE)	Lascitude
OLD MEN	Stream or mine workers in past centuries. "We think we work 'ard, but the Old men worked 'arder still."
OLD MEN'S BUCKS	Old mine workings
OLD PEDIGREE	Old story
OLDSTER	An old person
OLD WADDLE	Prescribed Medicine. "I don't use none o' that the doctor's old waddle; I de steep a few

	fresh 'erbs from the 'edges."
OLLICK. HOLLICK	A kind of leek (used to be grown on roofs to waerd of lightening)
OLL-NIT	Hazel Nut
OLL ON A MINIT	Hold on a minute, or wait a minute. "Oll on a minit, Rome wadn't built in a day, I'm goyne as fast as I can." Could also refer to a situation like – "Hold on a minute, listen to what I've go to say."
OLLY	To shout or bellow
OLT	Holding capability of rope fastening
'OME	Home. Gone 'ome = died
ONE MORE EACH AN' THEY'LL BE LEVEL OR EQUAL	Self explanatory
ONGRY	Hungry
OOD	Wood
OODIN	To cut and bind wood for the kitchen fire
OODIN 'OOK	Hokk for cutting faggot wood
OOGLEY	Vindictive, dangerous ugly "Es ooglier then a' adder."
OOL	Wool "As plum as ool." Presume this refers to dough rising. Ed
OOLERS	Drums at rear of a wagon to tighten the ropes around a loose load. They comprised a cylinder of wood, much like a very large rolling pin. They had sliding metal bars through them which were tensioned against a metal ratchet
OOME	Home. 'Thanks fer cup taa, But tis time te go oome now.'
OOP	Up 'Give us a 'and oop the steps with these taatties will ee?'
OOSE/OOZE	To leak or escape, like blood from a cut or water from a leaking hose.
'OOSE	'Husk' Liver Fluke
OOZLE/UZZLE	The throat. 'Me ol' uzzle is chucked up brave, can 'ardly draw breathe.' I think usually pronounced 'uzzle.'
OPE /OPE WAY	Opening/ narrow footpath between buildings. I have also heard, "Up the opening" referring to a narrow space between buildings, Ope may stem from that. There are a number of named Opes in Helston.
OPEN WORK	Excavation on the back of a lode (<i>see 'hatch' 'lowman' & 'stennack'</i>)
OPPON / OPON.	Upon 'Give es a lift te git the milk churn opon the milk plat will 'ee?'
ORDER	Disorder 'There was some order down the pub last night.'
ORE-DRESSER	One who separates and cleans ore
ORE-WEED	Seaweed. "We de use ore-weed on the tattes
ORGAL	Penny Royal,used for organ tea. ??? Penny Royal is a herb of the Mint family
ORGAN	The herb Pennyroyal. (Slightly resembles rthe Cornflower)
ORGAN TEA	Tea made from the Mint family of Penny Royal
ORINAWINKS	Ornaments Mrs go se many o' they ol' orinawinks, she's goyn take sum up Chapel te the sale.'
ORNY-WINKS	The Plover
ORRACK	Dung heap. Cess pool. A dirty mess
ORRAN WINDER	Peep hole in barn wall
ORREL	Raised woodn porch or balcony of a house above the cellar, and approached by outside steps
ORRY	Either 'I thought I seed Jan an Billy cumin' down the road, but hen I got close twad'n orry of them.'
ORTS	Fragments 'The glass bowl slide off the shelf and now there's awnly a few orts left.
ORTS	Leftovers
OSGIT	A hog's head
OSS	Horse 'That oss is walkin' lame te me.' (te me = I think and not that the horse is walking towards him.)
OSTLER	One who looked after horses that were stabled at inns.

OTIOUS/OASHUS	Proud
OULD	Old
OUNCE	16 th part of any property
OUT	At fault/ wrong/ incorrect. ‘You’re out there my beauty, what I was tellin of ee was right.’ ‘Off the mark.’ “You’re a bit out there my ‘ansome, it idn quite like that.”
OUT OF CORE	Working in one’s spare time.
OUT ON THE RAN TAN	Out on the tiles
OUTLANDER	A foreigner ‘I see there’s a new party o’ outlanders moved in te that empty ‘ouse up the road.’ (Foreigner = anyone not local to the village or immediate community.)
OUTRIGHT	When the angle between the head of a tool and the handle (hilt) is so great as to prevent the blade from penetrating the ground easily. (Opposite to crum)
OUTWENDERS/ OUT WINDER	Bow or bay windows. ‘I like that house ‘ee got they there out wenders you can see wass goyne on ev’rywhere with they!’
OUZE	House
OVER STAIRS	Upstairs. Often shouted as a command, perhaps to a naughty child, meaning, ‘Get upsatairs.’
OVERFANGED	Stretyched; strained
OVERGONE	Excited. Carried away with delight. ‘ You’d think I gave ‘er a £1,00 instead of just a few flowers, she was overgone.’
OVERGONE	Exhausted – done in. (Faded and wilted flowers are said to be overgone.) Also similar to ‘overcome.’
OVERLOOK / AWVERLOOKED	To bewitch to ill-wish
OVERNIGH	Near to. Close by “’Tis overnigh Uncle Tom’s shop.”
OVERRUN THE CONSTABLE	Gone in debt. End of one’s resources. “He’s overrun the constable sure nuff this time, abm got a penny te scratch ‘is ass with I’m told.”
OVVER	Over. ‘He’ll be back in a minite, he’s gone ver the road minite.’
OVVIS	The eaves of a building. I can see ‘nother expense cumin up, the ovvises need painten ‘gain.”
OW (HOW)	Ow often used instead of why. E.g. “Ow dawn’t ee go?”
OW DE DO	A greeting – how are you? Right state of affairs; any kind of disruption
OWAREE?	How are you “Owaree, I heerd you’ve bin proper poorly.”
OWEN	Own. ‘Even though I spoke te her she wood’n owen me.
OWN	To acknowledge a greeting, but usually used in the negative. E.g. ‘I spoke to ‘er down street but she would’n even own me.’ Often where two people perhaps in the family have had a serious disagreement. A situation where one person wont admit to knowing or being associated with another.
OWNER’S COUNT	A meeting of mine shareholders to audit accounts
OWNERS/AWNERS	Mine shareholders
OWT OV CORE	Gainfully employed out of woring hours. “Money’s tight, so I de do a bit owt ov core down farm in the ebnins.”
OZED	Hoarse
OZLE / UZZLE / OUZLE	Windpipe or throat. ‘I got a bit o’ chuckage in the uzzle this morning.’

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PA-AKE	To go to work reluctantly or in a lazy manner
PA-AP	Mother's milk
PACHIN 'OOK	Steeping or 'oodin' hook. A handy size and weight hook for trimming.
P'TIC'LER	Particular "She's always sum p'tic'ler 'bout what she de put up fer Chapel Sunday's." (put-up = wear)
PADAL / PADEL	A dish or pan 'I think I'll put the tattes in the padel an' roast them fer a change.'
PADDICK/PARRICK/ PATTICK	Small brown pitcher holding over 2 quarts
PADDLE	Pair of animls
PADDLE	A long handled small metal hoe, but straight along the same line as the handle, used specifically for weeding and thinning turnip seed in the fields.
PADDLES	Oars.
PADDYLINCUM/	A small boneless squid
PADGETTY-POW	(Newt in West Cornwall) Or a lizard
PADELENICA	A big cuttlefish
PADELENKIN	A big cuttle-fish
PADGE	Temporary repair 'Tyre's flat I'll 'ave te padge the tube spose.'
PADGE	Also cow droppings. "Mind the cow padge, dussen stank in un."
PADGY-PAOW/PAW	A lizard. Also Pajerpaw. A newt also frog or tadpoles
PADZHER POU/ PADGETPOOS	As above. (Literally four footed from padhzer and pa, Cornish 'four' & 'footed')
PAENS	Parsnips
PAIR/PARC MOYLES	Usually 30 mules for carrying tin
PAIZE	To estimate weight. 'I paize en te be three score and ten.'
PAJERPAW	Newt
PALE	Horizontal baer of a farm gate
PALCH/PALCHY / PALCHED	Mending. Poorly from sickness. Weak 'How's Mr, Mrs. Brown?' 'Still a bit palchy, but gitten on – thanks.'
PALLACE	A cellar used for balking pilchards
PALLSHALLALS	Diarrohea
PAME	Palm
PAN BED/LOPPETY BED	Pattern for playing Hopscotch. Also known as skip beds
PANCH	Stomach. Belly (Paunch)
PANCRACK	An earthenware vessel. A small pan
PANDOODLES (EATEN WITH SAUSAGES)	Slices of stale bread, soaked in cold tea with the excess liquid squeezed out, then fried up crisp and golden in the fat of the sausages with which they are served.
PANDORA	Large Oyster
PANES	Rows of pins on a sheet of paper
PANKIN'	Panting. "I can see yu bin runnin, you're pankin' like a wind broken oss."
PANSHON / PANSHEN	A milk pan
PANT	Panic. 'We 'ad some pant yest'day mawther lost her weddin' ring. Took uz ages te find'n.' 'she was in some pant.'
PAPISHERS	Papists
PAR STACK	Box hat

PARADISE	Parody
PARD/PARDNER	Partner – companion – mate – friend. Possibly brought back by miners who had spent time in America, where everybody is ‘Partner.’ “Allright pard?” “ess, grand thanks.”
PARE	To cut or pare growth, usually of hedges
PARE	A gang or company of men working at the same thing, not necessarily a pair (two)! More often there were three.
PARK.	An enclosure. Field
PARRAMYSAWNSES PARAMASEES	Affected ways
PARRICK	A small coarse earthenware jug
PARSON-IN-THE-PULPIT	The cuckoo pint, <i>Alum maculatum</i>
PARTY	A young woman. However it was also used to denote a new group or family who perhaps had moved into the locality. “have ‘ee seed that party who have moved in to Mrs Polkinhorne’s old house? Bra,bn rough lookin’ te me.” Once such a family had integrated they’d be called by their name the same as the rest of the community!
PARVEN	Pairing of nails
PASHER	A clumsy workmen
PASS	A beating. A stripe. A punishment
PASSAGE	A ferry, hence terms like Helford Passage
PASSEL	A small number. ‘Passel of ould trade’ – rubbish. Also a small piece of land.
PASSIVANTING	Pursuing a headlong course; or dashing along
PASSON(UN)	Parson
PASSY – AN / AMPASSY	Etcetera (the sign &, perse without c.)
PASTY	Segment of an orange
PASTY NUT	Brazil nut
PATCH HOOK	A Billhook
PATTENS	Clogs. Wooden footwear. “I’m goyne put up me pattens, the grass is long an’ wet.”
PATTERNY	Conceited. ‘He’s pattern & pompous’.
PATTIC	Simpleton.Senseless person
PAUL PITCHER NIGHT	Eve of the conversion of St Paul. Miners holy day. A pitcher was set up and stones were thrown at it until it was broken. The broken pieces were rthen thrown against doors of houses, while rthwe throwers shouted, “Paul’s Eve and here’s a heave.”
PAUNCH	To gut a rabbit
PAW/PAWING	Handle or handling
PAWSE/PRSE	A head or nose cold
PAY	To lay on a coat of pitch or tar
PAYN’T	To pay it or pay him/her. “I’ll payn’t next time I see ‘en.”
PEA(S)	The hard roe in fish
PEACH	Chlorite, a bluish green soft stone. ‘A peachy lode.’
PEACH / PEACHER	To entice. A bait. An allurement
PEART	Pert. Lively. Brisk. ‘Susan’s baby is a peart lil thing.’
PEASEN	Peas
PEASON	Plural for peas
PEATH/PEETH	A draw-well?? (West Cornwall)
PEATHY	Witty, full of quant sayings
PEAZE	To weigh in
PEDALINOAN	Large cuttlefish
PEDN CAIRN TIN	Tin ound by itslf, awy from any lode
PEDN-A-MEE(A)N	Head or Point. Also said of pins in a game?
PEDNAMENY/PINNY NINNY	A game with pins

PEDNAN	Head of a Buddle.
PEDNAN	Small piece of turf
PEDNANS	Pieces. Parts. “yest’day Alberts wagon crashed gin the Post Office wall, I’m goyne out an’ pixck up the pednans minit.”
PEDN-CORBAS	Cod’s head
PEDN-HA-TEEN	Head te tail (like Pilchards in a barrel)
PEDN-JOWL	A term of abuse. ‘Devil head’ ‘I’ll git you fer that you pedn-jowl.’
PEDN-PAL(E)Y	The tomtit
PEDN-PRAL	Horse’s head.
PEDOLING/BEDOLING	Lingering pain or illness
PED(ER)RACK MOW	Rick of corn built on stubble or arish. This particular Mow is of conical shape and with all its sheaves turned with their ‘ears’ turned inwards and upwards. (See also Brummel Mow)
PEEK	A 2 or 3 pronged pitching fork for hay or sheaves. (See pike)
PEEL	Pillow ‘I must say Ma, these ‘ere new peels are nice ‘n soft fer the ‘ead.’
PEENY	Musty (applied to stale meats)
PEER	Pair ‘Tha’s a fine peer o’ osses you got there in the sharps Mr Giles, if you don’t mind me a saying so.’
PEER	A gang of miners (not necessarily just two) who take on a particular piece of work, or pitch as it is called, in a mine, and frequently consists of five men. The term is also applied to a string of mules.
PEETH	A well (West Cornwall)
PEETHY	Witty. “‘E got a answer fer ev’rything, ‘e’s brab’m peethy I de call ‘n.”
PEETHY	Inside of rushes used for light when placed into pilchard oil, known as train oil. (A wick)
PEGGELS	Legs ‘I tell ‘ee wat, she may not ‘ave been no oil paintin’ but she had a mighty peer o’ pegglets on her!’
PEGGY	Obstinate.
PEIL	Pail. Bucket. “Wed must o’ ‘ad sum rain in the night, my peil is full te the brim.”
PEIZEN/PIZEN	Weights
PELCHER /PELCHUR	Pelchard = pilchard
PELFY/PILFY	Soft or spongy
PELLA	Pillow (As above at Peel)
PELLAR	Conjurer; one who charms complaints; wiseman; or wizard
PELLAS / PELAZ/PILLAS/PELLIZ/PILLCORN	The naked oats. Naked oats are oats grown for their lack of hull, with largely similar agronomy to husked oats but slightly lower yielding. There is rising demand for naked oats in the markets for birdseed, pet foods and animal nutrition. Increasingly used in the health food industry, they are high in fibre, nutritious and gluten free.
PELLOW-BIER	A pillow-case
PEMBY/PENBY	Having a meaning similar to dreckly. i.e. will do something in a minute or later without specifying exactly when.
PENEGUE	Heat
PENIGUE	Firm or precise
PENNARD / PENNORD/ PENNOTH	A Pennyworth. ‘I’ll ‘ave a pennard worth o’ gob-stoppers please Miss Tregonnin’. Another of my Dad’s stories: Two young boys met in St Ives where they use to sing their words probably more than they do today. The quick conversation went something like this, “Weer ‘e goyna?” “Down town.” Wat far a?” Tuppamy loaf an’ two pennoth o’ ndrew , mawther got strangers.”
PENNY SHORT	Not too wise
PENNYLEGGAN	Penniless. ‘My oss fell at the last ‘urdle so I’m pretty pennyleggan now.’
PENNYLEGGAN/ PENNYLINKEN	Penniless. Down at the heel.
PENNYMEAN WAYS	Ciss-cross or heads to tails
PENTICE / PENTISS	A small weather protection oer a door way. “Comuss on in under the pentice minit while I pay ‘ee fer the eggs.”
PENTICE / PENTISS	Small weather protection over doorway. ‘I de find our pentice some ‘andy, stop ‘ee gittin wet when yer tending to Johnny Fortnight every week!’

PERE.	Appear. 'She 'pered from nowhere.'
PERGINETTY/ PERJINKETY	Apt tol take offence; quite sensitive
PERNIC / PERNICK	Precise, stif in manner, prim, neat.
PERNIC / PERNICK	Precise. Stiff in manner. Prim. Neat 'She was lookin' so pernic, you'd think she just stepped out of a hatbox.'
PERVANS	Frayed edges. 'Time fer 'ee stitch these ere pervans in Ma er this table cloth idn goyn stand two jumps te the back door.'
PESTIC	Pest
PETCH	Pitch. 'We didn' 'ave no organist up Chapel this morning, so I 'ad pitch the tune fer every hymn.'
PETTERING/PELTIN'	Pelting.Pouring down (as rain) 'Lashing down with rain.
PEWER	Pure, pretty much or very. Used as expressions of increase as 'pure and stout' i.e. very stout.
PEZAC/PEZZACKY	(Of a pilchard) unsound or with a broken back
PHIBBIE/PHEOBE	An old fashioned dance. Has Anyone any ideas, cannot find reference to it on Search Engines? Could it be a mispronunciation of Faddy as in fthe Floral Dance?
PHISH	Splash
PHRASES	Habits
PIG'S CROW	Pig's sty
PIGGY WHIDDEN	The youngest or smallest pig of a litter; literally the little white pig. (<i>Corn whidn or gwydn, being white in Cornish</i>)
PILCHER	Pilchard
PI(T)CHED	Taken root They plant I stuck in last week 'ave pitched now.'
PITCH	To put or step
PITCH	To be in tune; out of pitch, = out of tune. To pitch (vb) to strike up a tune unaccompanied.
PIANNER	Piano. 'Look Mawther, come 'ere bit, Mrs Trewhella is 'avin' a new pianner delivered, sum hymn practice now!'
PICK	To pluck 'I shall be gald when Christmas is gone, I seem to 'ave been pickin' poultry fer weeks.' 'I'm gone pick the pie-fowl fer dinner.'
PICK IN	To bring in – particularly washing off the line. (Pick in the clothes.)
PICKING FOWLS	Plucking fowls. Poultry. "I shall be glad when Christmas is aver, I seem te 'ave been pickin fowls fer weeks, an' I've seen more gizzards then I've 'ad hot dinners."
PICKLE HERRING	A droll or merry ndrew?? (A merry Andrew is someone who clowns publicly.)
PICROUS DAY	Second Thursday before Christmas – miners holiday
PIDDLEMEAN PEDNAMENE	Head to foot. Articles lying side by side in reverse, like herrings in a barrel.
PIECAN	Patch
PIECE	A bit of poetry or prose that a child would be required to learn for the Sunday School Anniversary
PIFF. PIFFED	To vex. To offend. 'He piffed me off the minite 'e opened 'is mouth.' (today we used the word miffed in this context, and there is another similar sounding word of course.)
PIG'S CROW	A pig sty (crow is pronounced crew)
PIGGAL	A kind of digger for cutting peat
PIGGWIDDEN PIGGYWIDDEN	Smallest pig of the litter
PIGGY	Obstinate, pig headed, even dirty
PIGGY DOG	Dogfish
PIKE	2 Pronged Hayfork
PILCHER	Pilchard
PILER	Insrument of crossed iron used for beating off the ears of barley from the grain. A form of winnowing
PILF	Residue of topsoil. Today we describe the soil as having a 'fine tilth'.
PILF	Fluffy dust, as found under & behind furniture after a while

PIL-JACK	A low mean fellow
PILL	Awkward person. Unruly
PILLAS (SEE PELLAS)	A small yellow grain quoted as 'oatmeal for the poor'. It is not unlike rye, but the stalks are much finer and were used for plaiting straw hats. It was seldom ground for flour but boiled into a kind of porridge, known as Gurts.
PILLAS / PILLUM	The naked oat. An absolute grain
PILLERDS	Barley
PILLIACK	Useless person
PILLIARS	Tufts of long grass on a downs; also rushes
PILLIOCK / PILIACK	A person giving annoyance (Modern day pillock??) a useless person
PILLOW-BERE	Pillowcase
PILLUM/PILLEM/PILM/PILF/PELF	Dust
PILLUS	The oat grass
PILLYER	A hummock or small heathy knoll like an ant-hill
PILM	Light fibrous dust or down
PILMER	Downpour of rain
PILTH	Stubble removed from field and used to cover a crop of Mangals in a rick or clamp.
PILTH	An accumulation of dust etc under a bed or other household fixture
PIMPING/PIMPER	Spying on courting couples. Or even secretly spying on anybody or anything.
PIMP-PEEP(ING)	To spy on others
PIMPY	Weak cider, made by throwing water on exhausted 'CHEESE'
PINBONE / ALSO PIN	The hip. 'Mrs Tredrea 'ave 'ad a fall and broke her pinbone.'
PINCH BAR	Crowbar, angled one end for quarrying
PINCHFURT	Miser
PINCH GUT	Third size pitcher
PINDY	Mouldy "We awnly got single blocked walls so they tend to go a bit pindy."
PINDY MEAT (MATE)	Tainted meat. Meat that is on the turn.
PINICKIN(G)	Puny/weak
PINNET	Pint
PINNICK	The Wryneck (attendant on the cuckoo) (Wryneck is a bird akin to the woodpecker, but sparrow sized and apparently is able to turn its head 'round 360 degs like an owl. (I have never seen one.) Their appearance is akin to that of the Nightjar.
PINNICKIN	Very small and weakly 'She's bin pinnicken like that ever since she was born.'
PINNY	Apron. Pinafore. 'Mother got her best pinny up, Preacher is comin fer tea.'
PINNY PENNY	Name of a little chapel at trenance Bridge, Nr. St Austell
PIP	A common disease in fowls
PIPPED	Offended or vexed
PIRAN	Dead drunk
PIRAN BROAD CLOTH	Rush mats
PIRAN DAY	5 th March, Tinnars' Holy Day. Also Slander on St piran who is Sid to have died drunk
PISKEY	A fairy, (<i>Corn Pisky, = a Fairy. There are several remains of this in the West.</i>)
PISK(E)YSTOOL	Mushroom. Toadstool. Fred next door 'ave bin an' bott one o' they concrete piskeystool fer 'is garden fer the birds te 'lite on."
PISKEY STOOL	Mushroom
PISKEY-LADEN	Drunk / A fairy also beset by minor accidents. 'Tha's the second thing you've dropped this marnin, thee'rt Pixy Ladden I believe.'
PISKEY-LED	Bewildered. Led away by the fairies
PISKEY-RIDDEN	The nightmare
PISKY	Common clothes moth

PISKY(EY)	Pixie (One of the folklore people, along with elves, Jack o' Lanterns, Spriggans, fairies etc.)
PITCH	A particular length, breadth, (and sometimes depth) of ground set to Tributors, yet to be worked
PITCH	To strike up a tune. 'We 'ad no argonsist down Chapel day, I 'ad pitch up every tune.'
PITCH	To put weight onto. 'I can hardly suffer to pitch on my foot my bunion is se painful.'
PITCH	To throw up or hoist sheaves of corn or loose hay from ground level to the top of the thrashing machine or builder of the rick with a pitch fork or (pike). A popular attraction at local shows was the sheave pitchin competition where competitors pitched pre-made sheaves over a horizontal bar, which was raised until the best man was left 'standing'.
PITCH- (TO)	To pave (mining term) Also to start 'We'll make a start and pitch to 'ere.'
PITCH UP TO	To make advances. Carry favour. "I see Joe the rabbit catcher bin pitchen up te the Squire braa bit lately, 'e got some scheme up 'is sleeve."
PITCH UP TO	O make advances; make love to.
PITCHED	Taken root after planting or fruit set
PITCHER	Utensil for carrying water, usually made of terracotta.
PITCHER	Man who threw up the sheaves of corn or pooks of hay from ground level up to the load on the wagon
PITCH-HAIRED	A rough, uncombed coat
PITCH-TO / PITCH IN	To set to work earnestly (Turn to)
PITCH-IN	Adding some money to a 'kitty' already in existance
PITHY/PITHYNESS	Forceful, terse, full of vigour
PITWORK	Mining machinery placed in shaft to draw water to the surface
PIZENDOWN	Raining heavy. "Tis pizendown out there, I shudden go fer a minit." I am sure you can think of a more vulgar form of this!
PIZZELY	Water spout or shute
PLA(A)CE	A smallholding or small farmstead. "Faather bin farm labouren all 'is life, but have now bin offered a lil plaace down te Carloose an' I think 'e's goyne 'ave a go at'n."
PLAISE / PLAISED	Please. Pleased
PLANCHIN / PLANCH(E)ON	A plank floor. A wooden floor. Very particularly the landing at the top of the stairs. (<i>Corn. Plankan = plank</i>)
PLAT DOWN	To smooth. To press down. 'Maake sure you plat en down flat, I'm goyne saw lettuce seed in there.' (Pat down)
PLAT(T)	A level place. Every milking farm would have a milk plat at its gate from where the milk-lorry driver would collect the milk and leave tomorrow's empty churns. (NC a small piece of land or field)
PLAT-FOOTED	Flat-footed
PLATTED DOWN	Flattened, pressed down
PLATTY	Flatten
PLAZE	Please. 'Plaze miss can I leave the room?'
PLEASE?	What did you say?
PLETHON/PLATTAN	To plait. To braid
PLIFTER	Lower part of a double or epse door
PLISHER	A branch bent down and fastened with hrooks
PLISKEN	Egg shell
PLOD	Plot. A long-winded tale. 'That there was a right ol' plod, took 'en nearly half hour te tell thay old yarn.'
PLODDEN	Pool
PLOFTY/PLUFTY/ PLOFFY	Fat; plum; soft & spongy
PLOO	Plough
PLOSE /PLOSH	A wet, miry place. "They bottm meadows aren't nuthin more than a swampy plose since we 'ad all that there rain."
PLOSHER	Half grown Bream
PLOSHER	A small cobble used in herring fishing

PLOSHY	Splashy, sloppy; wet & miry
PLOUGH	A wheeled cart/ arriage drawn by oxen
PLOUGHYA	Splash; crack or sudden shock
PLUCK	Liver and lungs (usually of a pig)
PLUFF / PLUFFY	Spongy. Soft. Tough. Swollen
PLUFF	Unwell
PLUM	Soft; crackbrained; simple; out of his/her mind.
PLUM / PLUMMY	To 'plum up' to ferment dough. 'I put the dough up above the slab half 'our ago but he's hardly plum yet.' Soft spongy ground
PLUM CAKE	Yeast cake
PLUM DOUGH	Well risen dough
PLUMAN	It is pluming. (The dough is rising.)
PLUMMING	Dough rising
PLUMP	A draw well 'Martha! I gone out plump fer turn o' waater.'
PLUMP	To shake up cushions and pillows
PLUMPY	To churn
PLUNGER	Fall heavily 'I went down a right plunger.' (We'd say grunter perhaps.)
PLUNK. PLONK	Drop heavily 'Plonk 'en down there yo' I'll tend te 'en in a minit'.'
PLUTHICKS	Cat coughing to clear throat
POAM(ING)	To thump. To beat. Pummel with the fist. Thumping
POCK	Poke. Shove or push. "Tis time te pock up the fire an' git a bit o' het in this obben, I got pasties ready go in."
PODDING ROUND	Doing odd jobs. Working aimlessly; meddling
PODER/PODAR	Mundic or pyrites
PODGER	A small coarse earthenware vessel
PODGING	Poking about, a bit like fooching
PODREK	Newquay term for Spider Crab
POINT	Mason's drill
POKE	Piles of hay made by made by raking along trones. Trone = row of hay left behind by the rake. NC.
POKEMAN	To mend or patch clothes clumsily
POKEMEN	Stupid; clumsy
POLAN/PALLON	A saltwater pond, similar to a rock pool
POLAXE	A kind of pickaxe, combining the attributes of a Spear, Hammer & Sword – popular in medieval warfare.
POLDAVY	Coarse cloth or canvas. <i>Powle-Davies</i> was the former name of sail-cloths.
POLLED	Beheaded said of fish
POLLED STONE	A stone, hewn ino shape and faxced ready for building. (Dressed)
POLLER	Op hat
POLLET/POLLICK	A crooked stick knobbed at one end
POLRUMPTUOUS	Restive
POLTATES/TATIES	Potatoes
POLYN	A stick
POMSTER	A quack or a cure. <i>Ponster (Cornish) quackery</i>
PON	Upon 'Sit down pon this eer cher yo' tis more comfortable than they ones.'
POODLE	'This side of the poodle; this side of the channel
POOK	A cock of hay or turf, comprising a number of shocks. (A shock = ten to a dozen sheaves.)
POOL	To cut holes in granite

POOR	Tainted. Rotten I awnly bott these apples up shop yest'day, they're gone poor already.'
POOR ABLE	In poor health
POOR TENDER WORM	Term of endearment or mild contempt
POORLY	Sick, under the weather; ill.
POOT/POOTED	A kick like a horse. A push with the foot, to kick. "You shud 'ave seen en, 'e gib'm some poot up the bum, nuff te send en kiten."
POP-AN-TOWSE	Fuss. Uproar T'was some pop-an-towse up square just now, Mr. Williams's donkey went down kiten, an' smashed the shay te pieces.' (Usually accompanied by all sorts of oaths)
POP-DOCK	The foxglove
POPPYDOCKS	Foxgloves 'There's poppydocks everywhere this year, dun aw where they de come from I don't.
POR / PORE	A fuss. A temper. A rage Capt Cardell is in some por up street I dunnaw what the matter is.'
PORE / POAR	Fuss. Rage. Agitation
PORF	A pool of stagnant water
PORGY / PORGEY/PURGY	Short. Stumpy He's got a proper Cornish porgy build.' "Georgey porgy put in a pie, Kissed the girls and made them cry."
PORTH	A core
PORVEN/PURVEN	A rush wick for a lamp
POSE/PAWSE	A COLD IN THE HEAD
POSH	A chest cold. Mawther got some posh on 'er just minit, can 'ardly clonkey." Phlegm oppressing the breathing.
POSSED/PROSSED UP	Supported, rested Prop or propped up. Pushed up – placed up
POSSET	Hot milk curdled with sweetened liquor and spice. Usually a light dry wine was used.
POSS-UP	To support; to prop up; to lean against. "You needn' poss up the wall boy, ee went fall down."
POST GROATS	Term used for Coining tin
POSTES	Posts ; gate posts
POT GNOUAN	Soft granite, like ground in which it is easy to drive an adit
POT GROUND	Miners term for loosed ground. (Similar to above I imagine)
POTATO JOWDIE	A bit like raw fry. I love a bit o' tatte- jowdie, 'specially with a nice fried egg on top ob 'n.'
POTS	Pigs intestines (When washed use to make homemade sausages.) People would also say, "I'm starven, me pots are rattlen."
POTTLE	A former wooden unit of measure equivilent to half a gallon. Used mainly by Millersfor measuring corn but also liquids.
POUND	A small enclosure for 'arresting' stray animals
POUND	A cider mill.
POURTRAY	To show also Poetry.
POUTING	Known by a number of other names – a member of the Cod family
POWDERED	Slightly salted.
POWER	The fish Gadus minutis The Toald fish
POWER(S)	A great deal, a quantity. "Gib'm sum coff mixture, twill do en a ower o' good."
PRALLA	Porrthallow (Place name)
PRAL / PRALLING	To tie a can to a dog's tail or to pin strips of paper to a person's clothes. (An April st trick)
PRALLED	Pestered, tail-piped. Fettered or beaten
PRANG	A four toes general purpose fork
PRAZE / PRASE	A small common, a cattle drinking place.
PREEDY	Easily – creditably
PREEDY	On even balance as of scales;
PREEDY/PRIDY	Pert; precocious; rather free; forward. "Mind yer awn busnis, you're too preedy tha's

	your trouble. Keep yer nawse on yer face an' not in other people's dinner!"
PREEN	Penryn
PRENTIS	Apprentice
PRID/PRAD	Blue Tit
PRIDY	Proud. Pushy, forthy
PRIDN-PRALL/PREDN-PALL/PEDN-PALEY	Tom Tit (Which is the same as Blue Tit)
PRILL	A small bit
PRILLED	Tipsy; half drunk; turn sour as with beer.
PRINCETOWN COLLEGE	Facectious name for Dartmoor Prison
PRINK	Close the eye in sleep
PRINK / PRINKED UP / PRINKINGG ALONG	To pleat. To dress in fine clothes,, Mrs. Trewhella's gon' up 'long all prinked up, goyne chapel spouse.' To dress smartly
PRINK/PRINKED-UP. PRINKY/PRINKING ALONG	To pleat and to ddress up in rather fine clothes.
PRINKING ALONG	Walking in an affected manner
PRINPRIDDLE	The Great Tit
PRITCHELL	A heath stem or other article to stick in the wick of a 'chill' lamp; to prevent it falling into the oil. Also the pointed piece of iron used by a blacksmith to put into the nail hole of an animal's shoe to hold it in position on the hoof while the heat is burning away the hoof to give the shoe even contact.
PROGUE	To prod. "He's out there proguin' about in they there bushes tryin' make a rabit bolt."
PROGUE	To prod
PROJECT	Experiment
PROJECT	Experiment; trial
PRONG	A fork 'Nice springy prongs on this evil I think I'll abn.' "I'm goyne in Cornwall Farmers see if I can git a five prong fark, too much earth is fallen through this four pronged one."
PRONG	The metal tines of a farm or garden fork
PROPER	Handsome. Good. Correct 'How are 'ee boy?' 'Proper thanks, owse yerself?'
PROPER	Handsome, good, correct. 'Proper job.' A good job well done! Also used in other situations; 'proper poorly', 'proper li'l maid,'
PROPER PA-AKE	Lazy worker
PROUD	Pleased. 'Proud as Punch, - pleased as Punch.'
PROUD	Protruding (such as manhole cover in road) Someone breaking tarmac to find a burst pipe, when back filling might say, "I'll leave 'en a bit proud, he'll always pack down when there's a bit o' weight on en."
PROUD FLESH	Inflamed flesh (Swollen) "You must 'ave gived that some wallop the flesh is some proud 'round that cut."
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PROUSTOCK	Porthoustock (Place Name)
PROVE	To thrive.
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PROWL	Re-glean a field; to plunder
PRYAN	Soft white clay
PRYAN LODE	A flooken lode. (See under 'f's' for Flookan)
PSALMASUNTING	Hypocrite
PUCKER (UP)	Drawing stitches too tight causing the stitched material to ridge up."
PUCKIE	Pucca.
PUL	Mud
PULL CRONACK	Small fish found in salt water pools, (BullyCod or Shanny)?
PULLAN	Pit or pond among rocks

PULROSE	The wheelpit of a watermill’ “Be careful, that pulrose is brab’m deep, does’n ee fall in en, we shall never git ee out”
PUL-ROSE	The wheel pit of a water mill
PULT	Pulse. “Even if he is looken a bit pale ‘e got a strong pult, tha’s one thing in ‘is favour.
PUNISH	To hurt “I wrenched my ankle and punished omething’ rott’n”.
PUNNION END	The gable end of a house
PUNT	Small rowing boat, often for going to and from an anchored vessel in deeper water, and often ‘skulled’ with one oar in the stern.
PUNYON PUNNION- END/PUNKIN END	Gable end The punyon end want paintin’ badly, best gone git the ladder an’ do it spose.’
PURE	In good health. Simple. Unpretentious.
PURL	To turn or twist; ‘Purl’n round’
PURSER	Secretary of a Cost-Book Company. Financial agent to a mine.
PURTY	Pretty “Ow are ee?” ‘Purty Good thanks, ‘owse yerself?’
PURVAN	The Pith of a rush used as wicks. (From Cornish Cletic)
PUSKIN	Breathless
PUSSIVANTER/PUSSIVANTING	A fussy meddler (ing) “She’s nawthen but an old pussivanter, always medlin’ with something”
PUT HOM’	Shut. “Put hom’ the door willee? I can feel sum draft ‘ere.”
PUT THE MILLER’S EYE OUT	To mix too much water with the dough in cooking.
PUT. PUT AWAY	To take. ‘He’s put away’ (buried).
PUTCH	Vb to pitch hay, sheaves or straw
PUTCHER	Man who pitches
PUTCHER	Pitcher ‘Father’s gone out plump fer a putcher o’ waater.’
PUTIS	Put ‘Putis on the kittle maid wilt a? Used always in the form of a question or request.
PUT-GOING	Kill, murder. “That drake out in the yard is still lame, I’ll ‘ave put’n goin’ dreckly.”
PUTT	Escort. Early stages of courtship?? You don’t take a child or girlfriend for a walk, you putt them
PUTTY	Pretty ‘She’s a putty lil’ maid I tell ee.’
PUZZLE-HEADED SPOONS	Apostle spoons.
PYE	Blocks of tin when formerly adulterated by lumps or pieces of iron being enclosed in the centre. (Said by old Stannary Laws; ‘A person convicted of this fraud was made to swallow three spoonfuls of melted tin!!! (A sure cure)
PYSKEY POWS	Ornamental Ridge Tiles with a knob on, said to be for the Piskies to dance on.