
THE PHOTOGRAPHY

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In June 2006 I visited the southwestern coast of England where my friend Hilary from the Peace Corps days in the early 1970s now lived. We had kept in touch but had not seen each other in over 30 years. Nevertheless, we immediately recognized each other at the train station in Bristol where we had arranged to meet.

Along with her husband, Mike and their two grown children, Hilary lives in Plymouth on the southern coast of Devon County. To the west lies the Peninsula of Cornwall County, a land full of romantic and mystical Celtic legends.

Hilary and I went on a six-day tour of Cornwall and Devon, stopping at peaceful towns and sleepy fishing villages as well as historic places along the way.

In Devon, we visited an aquarium and climbed Dart moor to see ancient ruins, including a working water “leet,” a channel that allows water to flow from higher to lower elevations, attributed to King Arthur. We visited Tintagel, the legendary castle home of King Arthur himself and of Merlin’s Cave, which is snuggled deep within the rocks far below. We saw small fishing villages, the rocks at Lands End, and places of higher elevation where the sapphire sea seemed to be visible from all directions at once.

The Images:

- *Chysauster* – the remains of an ancient village located at the plateau top of a long slow incline. The ruins now exist in the middle of a working sheep farm where animals graze and the surrounding farmland is worked as if nothing unusual were enclosed in its midst. (Page 4)
- *Merlin’s Cave at Tintagel* – the entrance to the legendary cave at the base of the Tintagel Castle. (Page 18)
- *Tintagel Doorway* – one of the doorways to the legendary King Arthur’s castle at Tintagel through which one can view the sea with miles of visibility in nearly every direction. (Page 56)
- *Fishing Village* – a small village along the coast of Cornwall. (Page 28)
- *Land’s End* – the rocks at Land’s End on the western tip of Cornwall. (Page 44)
- *King Arthur’s Leet* – a small channel where water passes from the high elevations inland to the lower villages below. (Page 12)
- *Anenomes* – found in the aquarium in Plymouth, England. (Page 66)
- *Coral Reef* – found in the Plymouth aquarium. (Page 68)
- *Floating, Sleeping Seal* – found in the Bristol Zoo, Bristol, England. (Page 68)

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