

Poldark Trail around Lostwithiel Museum

There are 12 Poldark novels in total starting with “Ross Poldark”, released in 1945 and ending with “Bella Poldark” written in 2002, just a year before the author, Winston Graham, died.

They are set between 1783 and 1820.

The museum is housed in a Georgian building built in 1740. It was here throughout the life of Ross Poldark and so he could have been in the building. It was originally the Corn Exchange and has also been a magistrate's court and the town jail, so the kind of places Ross often found himself.

Nowadays the building houses the museum, with the old jail still at the rear, and the Guildhall, above the museum, which is used for meetings of Lostwithiel Town Council.

There are many artefacts in the museum that would have been a part of everyday life for the characters in Winston Graham’s novels.

Items to look out for:

Tallow candles, in the cabinet next to the jail window.

Lantern, hanging in the jail window

Fighting collar, hanging on the right of the jail window.

Stocks, in the Law and Order cabinet.

Most items on the Mining shelf.

Most items on the Farming shelf.

Pit saws, on the wall above the medicines display.

Shipwreck timber, in the jail window.

Wooden pump barrel, on the floor near the fireplace.



Fireplace, but not the pots and pans.
Duke of Wellington statue and
provenance, in the jail on the right hand
side
Door lock, in the medicinal display case.
Swordstick, above the Law and Order
cabinet



Nampara kitchen set.

Costrel, in the cabinet containing china, in
the front room.

Pewter measures, in the same cabinet
as the Costrel.

Desk lid with Scraps of the time,
pasted to the desk lid next to the stewards
desk

Baby's bonnet, in the lace cabinet

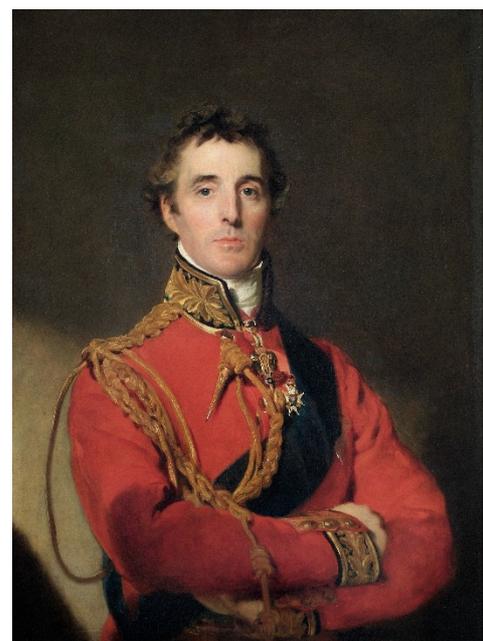
Clay pipe, in one of the white drawers
labelled "Mr Mutton"

Tin Sample, in one of the white drawers

Wooden crest, in the trophy cabinet.



Afternoon tea at Trenwith



The Duke of Wellington