





Year	World Event	Local Event
1540		Poundstock Gildhouse built
1546	Henry VIII abolishes Religious Gilds and Charities	
1547		Westcountry gentry prohibit church ales
1548	Government of Edward VI prohibits all feast days and the veneration of saints	Church ales outlawed by Edward VI
1549	Edward VI's Book of Common Prayer - written in English abolished the Latin mass	Outbreak of Cornish Prayer Book Rebellion. The rebellion was brutally suppressed with thousands killed. Simon Morton, Vicar of Poundstock was hung at the market house in Stratton on October 13th and buried on October 18th for high treason for supporting the old Catholic religion. The Gildhouse was probably still being built at this time
1550		Roger Harward appointed Vicar of Poundstock
1553	Mary I daughter of Henry VIII and Catherine of Aragon, Queen of England (to 1558); Restoration of Roman Catholic bishops in England	Church Ales allowed again by Mary 
1558	Elizabeth I daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, becomes Queen; Repeal of Catholic legislation in England	Church ales still tolerated 
1579-1583	Stubbes abuses "merrie making" calls to end ales and church holidays	
1588	The Spanish Armada is defeated by the English fleet under Lord Howard of Effingham, Sir Francis Drake, and Sir John Hawkins	Penfound family noted as "among the chief gentry of the county" 
1595	Strict rules governing church ales introduced in Devon	
1598-1600		Vicar of Poundstock Peter Dennis
1599		In 1599 CHURCH ALES were declared unlawful at all times in Devon and in a Canon of 1603 they were prohibited everywher.