

'Penryn', Berkeley Road

Thomas Vezey Strong – knighted in 1905

The Rt Hon Sir Thomas Vezey Strong was made Lord Mayor of London for 1910-11.

By this date he had a property in Birchington ('Penryn, now known as 7 Berkeley Road) and is listed in Kelly's from 1910-1920. The entry in the directory reads "Strong Rt.-Hon. Sir Thos. Vezey (Penryn)".

By 1924, only his wife's name appears under the property - as Lady Strong. The entry in the directory simply reads "Strong Lady (Penryn)".

In 1925 the house was let to the Rev Royston Cole (of 'The Curate & the Queen' story), who lived there until 1930, when he took over the vicarage at Hastingleigh, near Wye in Kent.



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Princess Alexandra and
Dennis Cole 1928 in the
back garden of Penryn



Penryn in 2008