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## ***Regular revision***

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In *Sheetlines* 47 I carried out a brief examination of the eleven First Series Regular 1:25,000 maps of the area north and east of Plymouth, whilst in *Sheetlines* 69 I attempted a comparison of changes between the A and very early B editions (except in the cases of SX45 and SX55 which were effectively B2s reprinted in 1967 and 1972 respectively).

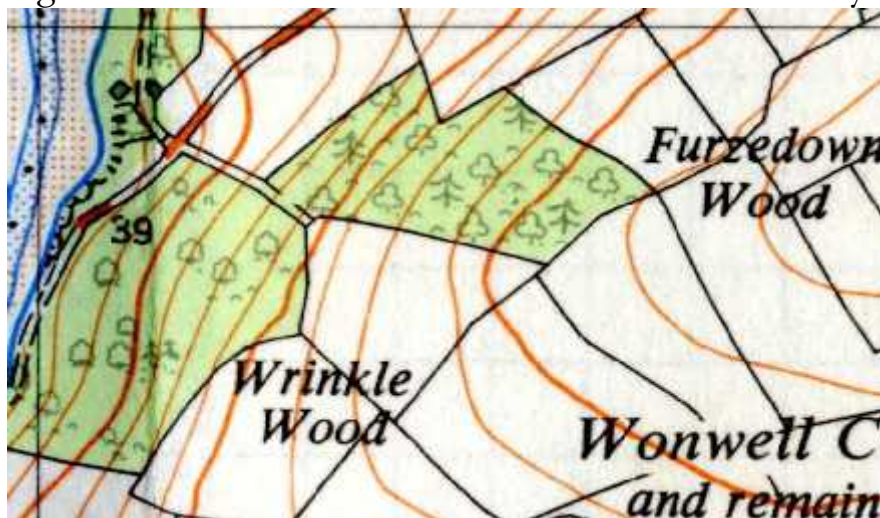
In the first article I quoted the survey/revision dates of the 1:1250, 1:2500 and 1:10,560 maps from which the series was derived, but not those of individual sheets. Whilst in the case of SX54 (1949-51), SX56 (1950-52) and SX57 (1950-52) these are indeed the correct revision dates, the compilation diagram of the other eight maps simply gives the publication date of the six-inch map.

In spotting the differences I missed plenty of minor changes (added post offices and public telephones on all except SX66, for example) and several of significance. The most obvious ones were: deletion of reservoir names at Burrator (SX56) and Venford (SX67) and the annotation *dam* at the latter. The two *dam* annotations at Burrator were retained and the dam annotated at the new reservoir on the B edition of SX66.

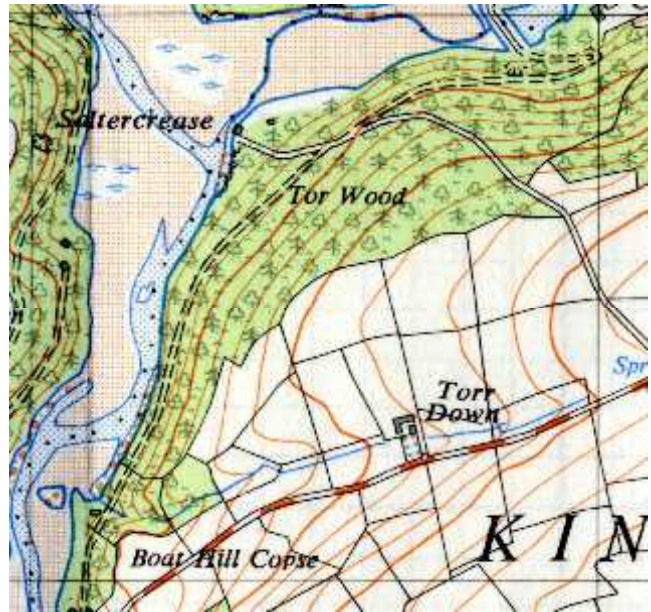
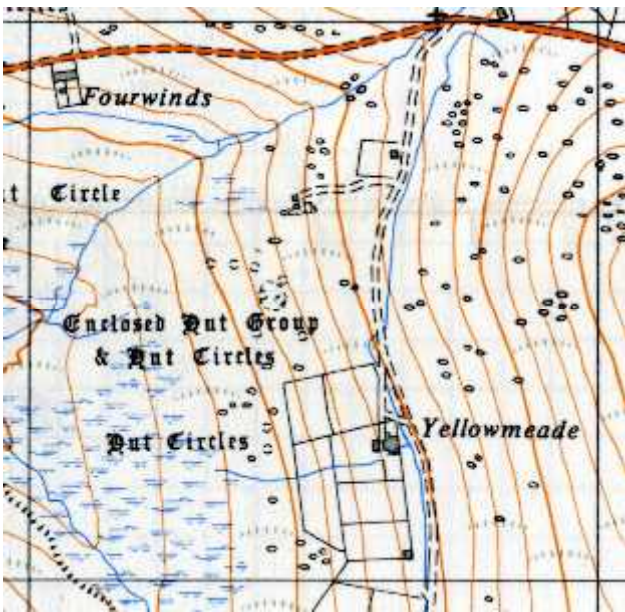
Major changes to the River Tavy, which indeed show up on the one-inch map revised 1957-8, appear on the B edition of SX46 at 4764, 4765 and 4766. At least five new schools were noted on SX45 though not all had been built by the date of the original B edition.

The positional alteration of (P) underneath the village name Aveton Gifford was noted on SX64 A edition; similarly at Walkhampton on SX56. This simply indicated that there was a post office in the village and was properly positioned on the B edition.

I still haven't discovered an explanation for the provisional marsh symbol on SX57 A and B editions, nor the provisional coniferous and non-coniferous trees mixed with the regular in the north-west corner of the B edition only of SX64.



*Regular tree symbols in Wrinkle Wood, with provisional symbols in adjoining Furzedown Wood, in square 6247 of SX64*



*Provisional marsh symbols on SX57 square 5674 (left), regular marsh on SX64 square 6248 (right)*



*SX5674  
Entrance to Yellowmeade  
farm looking south to  
Leeden Tor  
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*SX6248  
Erme estuary looking  
upstream  
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