MEMORIES OF

MAGARET LOCKE (NEE TRIGGS)

AND

ALICE MASON (NEE FARLEY)

RECORDED BY

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1999

Ringmore, as many other villages in England, was very late in having running water, electricity, and main sewage.
Water came to Ringmore in 1947, and before that water was caught in a barrel outside for washing, and people went to the village pumps for drinking water. Pumps in Ringmore were at Well Cottage, by Rock Cottage, and a tap at Towns Well. Cross Manor, and a few other places had their own well, including Pleasant Cottage. Mr. Luckcraft was very put out when he had to use mains water and seal up the well. He used a lot of water for his cattle so water bills quite high. Mrs. Luckcraft used the shelf in the well to keep her homemade cream and butter cool. The water from the wells was very sweet, and most people were sorry to have to use tap water.
Electricity arrived just before the war, and up until then obviously candles and oil lamps were used. Lamps were used in Church ofcourse, and a chimney and fireplace was behind the organ, but smoked so much was never used. Oil heaters were used in the Church instead of the fire.
The sewage system arrived in the village in the 1960's , and people had cess pits, emptied by Sanitation Dept. and soakaways. Before that earthen toilets.
Up until 1923 there was no district nurse or midwife in the village, and a Mrs. Freeman, who lived at Barnford acted as midwife, and also laid out the deceased. The district nurse lived in Bigbury, and looked after people in the three villages, Ringmore, Kingstonm and Bigbury. Up until then if you wanted a doctor, who was in Modbury, you either walked, or rode there if lucky enough to have a horse. The new nurse was called Nurse Reynolds, and it was all due to an Association, The Nursing Assoc. which was started all over the country. Margaret Locke was the 2nd delivery by Nurse Reynolds, being beaten to the title of first by Mrs, Broom, who had her sixth child a few months before Margaret. Mrs. Broom lived in Houghton Cottage as her husband worked for Mr. May who at that time owned Houghton Farm. Nurse Reynolds married Farmer Crimp from Tuffland Farm, and they had one child, and their grandson farms it today.
A little bit about Dinahs Cottage (Hillside Cottage) as remembered by Alice when she lived there with her mother and father whilst Elmsleigh was being built. It was a one up, one down, and a small kitchen, with a Ripping Gale cooker. This had two burners, so you either used both for boiling food, or put on one container over both to cook. It was very damp, and Alice slept downstairs on a camp bed. They had a fire in the grate, which smoked from time to time. Toilet was outside and water had to be brought from the Towns well. Quite primitive, much different now! Warm, hot water, good kitchen, and a lovely bathroom, thanks to Andrea and David Young.

Journeys End Inn.
Mrs. Johns (mother of Lily, who married Alf Barden, licensee of the Royal Oak at Bigbury). Mrs. Johns was also the grandmother of Flossie and Mrs. French. Mr. Johns, a very jovial man, died at the pub. Mr. Dick Rowe took over eventually wife and pub. He was a very popular man. The garden opposite the pub at this time housed Ernest had a little joiners shed. He shared this with Uncle David (drank a bit and rather fancied himself as a ladies man, he also owned a donkey and cart!)
Mr. Mrs. Glanville came in rags and left quite well off. They had a shop in the dining room in the early 1900's. Uncle Bert Pierce worked there and at that time was the only car driver in the village around 1923. Mrs, Triggs needed a doctor as Margaret was taking her time arriving in the world, so he drove into Modbury to bring back Dr. Miles.
Mr. Mrs. Nathan, he was in Indian. Quite small and a bit of a bully to his small blonde wife. They had a child at the pub. born whilst they were there. They lived in the small cottage where T.V. room is now. Edward Rogers worked with them when he married Dorothy.
Mrs. Mathews, a widow, with daughter Norah, and a brother Wilfred very handsome in his navy uniform. Norah was a good lookin girl, and played the piano at the W. I. for many a jolly evening.
Mr. Mrs. Picks, and sister in law, Monahan, known as giggles. He was a tall good looking man, and he joined the R.A.F. leaving Mrs. Picks to run the pub. They seperated as a baby was born, quite a few months after he left. They were friends with Freddie and Ivy Cullum, who lived at Little Westbury.
Mr. Ansell, who was a batchelor, met Ivy's niece, Bunty, and they were married quietly in the Church by Mr. Cuming. Simon a son was born there. He had a small office built in where the telephone is now housed.On the 8th May, 1945, a celebration for war ending. There was a bit of a scuffle, with some evacuees from London, living in Challaborough, mainly a man called Berry. Policeman was called but could not do much to stop it, as he couldn't get out of his cloak.
Colonel? and Mrs. Henry. He was a very flamboyant person, patch over his eye, parrot on his shoulder. Made the long room into a smart dining room, having many stars from stage and screen staying there. They came from Shepperton, near the studios, so had a lot of connections. The tables and seats were made by Albert Freeman. Some of them still remain, in the Nelson Bar and also out in the garden. He seemed to employ most of the village, and was very popular. He went unfortunately to a British Legion dinner with a load of medals (which he shouldn't have had) causing real Colonels to have epilectic fits. It was the first pub for miles to have a London style restaurant and food.

Mr. Mrs Gordon and Sybil Hood Cree with a son and a daughter. She was a good looking woman, he was a tall chap. She was a very good cook, but had had a Hotel in Reading and was more used to town life and never really settled in Ringmore. They eventually left and took The Richmond Arms, on the Duke of Richmond-Gordon estate.

George and Coral Clipstone, with two boys. They came froma a pub in Weymouth, from Jersey. Also the barman Alf Lockyer, came with them. He stayed at the pub even after they left. Tried very hard to make a go of the pub, and had a lot of jolly evenings there, turning the main bar into a Bistro type, with Gordon on a keyboard, playing for dancing. They kept a race horse in the stable up the rocky path. It was entered for a race at Newton Abbot, but only two horses enetered, the other one fell at the first fence. so George's was declared a winner. They eventually left for foreign parts, and after a while they split.

Barry and Jean Leger, and son. He had been in the police in Rhodesia. She was a very good cook, and the pub was very well known for drinking late. Barry quite enjoyed a drink. They were here for some time, he unfortunately died and Jean left the pub.

Ray and Hazel Hollins, two sons. Hazel had been a nursing sister. The food was still very good and noted for fish. Ray did a lot of alterations upstairs, making most room en-suite. They also did up the cottage. They were also at the pub for some time, and they moved to Kingston.

87-89 DUNKLEY Tessa and Bob, didn't stay long, she didn't like it. During this period no chips sold.

BRINKHURST 89-90 Dick and Rosemary stayed about 18 months. She had previously been married to a Saudi "Prince". They decided to leave and went to Spain. After they left, the pub went into reciever ship, for about two years. It was eventually bought by James and Gill Parkin, who had a holiday cottage in the village, into which they came and lived permantently. It took some time, but they worked hard and made the dining room really smart again, serving very good food. At the time of writing still there.

92-99

1999 - Graeme and Debbie Gilham · 2 sons - 2 dogs - 2 cats

The entertainment was of their own making. Dances, concerts, and dances were held in The Church Hall (now Parish Rooms) Mrs, Blacker widow of Colonel Blacker used to direct the plays. She was very strict but very good. She was always having to tell Margaret and Alice to stop talking and giggling. Mrs. Blacker had been India and had directed and produced plays whilst living there. She smoked strong Turkish cigarettes, and she also has asthma badly. She lived at Spring Cottage after leaving Little Follets where her husband died. On Coronation Day of Q.E.2 the village had a fancy dress parade, finishing up in the field opposite the Rectory House. Mrs. Rogers who kept the Post Office was Brittania, Margaret was Queen Anne, and Barbara Taylor was Good Queen Bess. Alice was a Victoria Lady, Long skirt, high boots, black picture hat, and looked a real treat.

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Mr. MB. Hood-Cree with two children, boy and girl. She and the daughter very good looking. They came from Reading, a much livlier social life and MB. Hood-Cree never

really liked it here. They eventually left and went to The Richmond Arms on the Duke of Richmond-Gordon estate.
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Pleasant Cottage.
Mr. Luckcraft in the early 1900's had it built. He worked for farmer Ash. Mr. Luckcraft had a threshing machine, which he kept in a shed belonging Margaret Locks family. In 1900's the field belonged to Ash. Luckcraft wife was called June, and they had a son called Bill, who married Edith (Southern) a daughter Jane and George the son died there, and when Edith died Bill lived either went to Modbury to daughter Emmy, and partly to son Herbert in Newton Abbot.
It was sold to Mr. Mrs. Wright who had lived at Smugglers,There was no deeds to the house, these could not be found. They did a lot of alterations to it, and Mrs. Wright lived there for some years after her husband died. ~~Challaborough Cottage.~~

CHALLABOROUGH COTTAGE

This was previously a pub, called The Rising Sun. A Mr. Hooppell known as Flying Hoopell, as he ran a lot, often running to Modbury fetch the doctor, or any other emergencies. He was also a shoemaker and repaired shoes as well. Always wore an apron, which he tucked up whilst running. There was a Mrs Hoopell, but not much remembered about her. It finished as a pub about 1900's. The next people we know about was a George Freeman (Grandma Triggs brother) with his wife Margaret from Norfolk. Margaret died of T.B. and George remarried to a Fortescue, but he was killed during the first world war. Nanny (daughter) married Jack Medway, and he was also the local barber, and used to cut hair in a shed at the back, on Sunday mornings.It was also a small holdinmg,they had one daughter Margaret, favourite saying, "Gee Whiz, Gee Gosh". He was also the coast guard, and Jack and Nanny kept the Post Office there for a few years. During any air raids they arrived at Margarets with a black cat in a basket. Margaret married Harry Smale, from Marwell Farm. They eventually moved there.
Alf Moore Mary, (daughter Mary married John Foal, farm worker) It was still a smallholding, but not the Post Office She was a nice person, a good horsewoman. Mr. was a very good worker, and preferred being outside working.
During the war evacuees called Ellson moved there, he was a cook in the forces. The family eventually moved to the Council Houses. They lived there for some time. They had one son and one daughter.
Mr. Mrs. Jeffries bought the house. It was in a sad state and had to have a lot of work done to it. Ernest Farley, (Alice's father) did a lot of the work there. They had three daughters, he worked in Plymouth, but they were also caretakers at Folly Hill, for some people called Ashton. (They were related to Hugh Gaitskill,Labour Politician), the house was Rock Haven., They had a chalet built in the Garden, where they lived whilst they let out the house. After Mrs. Jeffries died, the house was sold to Sally Davies. Before being sold to Mrs. Davies it was rented by Mr. Mrs Carlisle, Mrs. Davies was a small precise lady, she was retired school

teacher, she had a garage built at the back of the house.
She was a member of W.I. and a churchgoer, helped with the Spring cleaning, and painted the floor.
Mr. Mrs Tagent, children, he was a lay preacher.

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They had, Bill, Jane and George, who died there. Bill married Jane (Southern) and they had two children, Herbert and Emmy. When Bill's wife died, he spent his time with his daughter in Modbury and his son in Newton Abbot.
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Nothing much remembered about lady with the labrador, she didn't stay long, and moved to Modbury.
A Mr. Carter, and after him a Mr. Campbell, both letting it out through Letcher and Scorer.
Mr. James and Gill Parkin bought for a holiday home, plus letting, and then they bought the Journeys End and moved in permanently.

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During the war some Evacuees called Elson lived there. He was a cook in the forces, he eventually moved to one of Crossway Council Houses. One son and a daughter. He was a small man and very pleasant.
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Mr. Mrs. Tagent with three children, lots of extension added. Church goers, son playing the organ at family service. Mr. Tagent lay preacher.

LOWER MANOR FARM

About 1890's

Mr. and Mrs. Baker, only one son. Not much known about son but Mr. Baker liked a drink. He rode horses. Stanley Triggs, Margaret Lock's father, was employed at the age of 11 after leaving school at 1 shilling a week but as he lived in he had a good breakfast and other meals. Mrs. Baker was a very good cook but could be very feisty. Stanley lived in attic – damp.

About 1910's-30's

Mr. and Mrs. Colwill, two sons Fred and Bertie. Bertie was unfortunately drowned at Ayrmer, diving off a rock, right after his dinner on a Sunday, at the age of 14. Son Fred married Altha, 2 girls , 2 boys and unfortunately the 2 boys died young. The 2 girls, Ethel and Hilda survived. Ethel returned to Ringmore in 1949 to be married in the Church. Plaque to Bertie in Church in choir stalls. All the family worked hard on the farm. Mrs. Colwill, senior, was a member of the WI which was held at the then New Hall, which is still used today. Ethel and her husband, the last couple to be marred by the Rev. Dade, about Christmas 1949.

About 1930's-40's

Mr. and Mrs. George Lugger, son born at Lower Manor Farm, called Roy (still does contracting work in the area). Friends with Dorothy and Edward Rogers, who kept the post office and taxi later. They were church going people and took in visitors during summer. Mr. Lugger said it was slavery – much worse than farm work. They were both tallish; she was slight build, dark hair. After they left Ringmore they had a daughter Beryl.

Wartime

Hiltons – not much known about them

1950's

Major and Mrs. Thornburgh. Daughter who went away to school. They were quite tall people, didn't mix much, kept themselves to themselves – quiet. They farmed sheep, bullocks. Caused an uproar about right of way to beach claiming the beach was theirs. Left late 50's.

1960

Jim Dodd, joined by Ella after being married up North. Three daughters Debbie, Sarah and Rebecca. Farm owned by a Mr. Wells who lived near Andover and when the farm was sold and Jim and Ella moved to a house built by the Wells in a field behind the old farm.

1984

Richard and Sandra \perraton. Wife a good looking dark haired woman, worked as a secretary. Two girls Margaret and Julie. Both girls loved horses and hunting. Sandra didn't like village and farm life. After leaving farm it was left empty for a while.

1995

The National Trust bought the valley about 1995. The farmhouse was bought by Mr. and Mrs. Jenson who completely refurbished it and tidies up the yard and buildings. Mr. and Mrs. Jenson use it as a holiday home.

MIDDLE MANOR (Previously Lower Manor Cottages)

Top Cottage
1900's
Sarah Ryder (Great Aunt to Margaret Lock and Alice Farley (Mason). Husband called Richard, went fishing, but one day fell over cliff and died. Buried in Ringmore churchyard. He was in his early 40's when he died. The children - quite a few – were Lucy, Annie, Sam, Jack, Richard (Dick), Kitty, Jenny, all squashed into two bedrooms. When her husband died she had to help on the farm and took in washing and was on what was known as "the parish".

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Lucy Ryder (married Alf Farley, Farmworker). Aunt Sarah lived with the. Lucy had rather big ears and used to put cotton wool in them which was always hanging out. She always wore boots. No children. He went rather odd and like to sing "Three Cheers for theRed White and Blue". Alice had to got to see them regularly and sing "Forever with the Lord". They were farmworkers. Eventually moved to Cumberland Cottages. Jack was an elder brother.

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1949
Mr. and Mrs. Clegg. Renovated and made the cottages into one house. Lived in farm cottage until the house was finished on 14th July. He was mill owner in the north, only coming down at weekends. One son, Roger , was in the navy. Cleggs lived in the village for some time and joined in village life. Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Cleggs's mother, came to live with them and lived to over 100 years.

1980's
Col George and Nancy Grimshaw, who after leaving the army went abroad with Church Missionary Soc. came to Ringmore. Joined in church and village life. Had their diamond wedding party in Church hall. Five children many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Had a dedication to their lifge on 29th Nov. at Church.

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The Vean, built 1860's. as a Gentlemans Residence, and Mrs, Hingston, mother of Preb. Randolph Hingston lived there with a companion Miss Heathcote.
The Sekkers (date unknown) Mr. and Mrs. Gentry people, and there is a stained glass window in the Chancel of the Church, to Mrs. Sekker. They used a pony and trap. Grandfather Triggs worked there as a Gardener. They had many exotic plants and many of these went to Kew Gardens.
Mr. Mrs Truan. tobbaconist, not real top drawer, but were rather jumped up. Uncle ,Jack Triggs worked in the gardens, and he also worked on the farm,never married died of heart attack in 1919.
Mrs. Creber. Late 1900's 1920's widow, livbed with her mother (very large lady, had to go through doors sideways). Mrs Creber started seeing Mr. Percy Biddell who lived at The Old Barn. She moved into The Old Barn. Mr. Biddell liked a drink and was always trying to get Uncle George (another uncle of Margaret and Alice) to go to the pub and drink and play nap until early hours in the morning, sometimes with Edward May.
Cdr. Mrs Rogers, very village minded, lay reader, his teeth didn't fit properly and would always drop down when talking. Mrs. Rogers was a small woman, she was the 1st President of Ringmore W.I, about 1922, in The Church Hall, with Kingston, who eventually broke away to form their own group. this was about 1924. When Margaret was a babyMrs. Rogers gave her a black kitten for luck, only father told Margarets mother to take it back, cats not healthy. Uncle Edward was the driver when he was a single man.
Mr. Mrs Rogers sold and went to Ottery St, Mary.
Mr. Mrs Sadler. Very nice person, outgoing, belonged to the W.I. and she smoked very heavily. Mr. Sadler was a quiet man. They came from abroad, very tall and smartly dressed. Very tanned, spent time in sunny places. Two neices used to come for holidays. One Joan was at drama school, and very good at recitation. The younger sister was called "Chuggles" and she became very friendly with Rosemary Chapman who lived in the village. Saddlers acted as guardians to the nieces. They eventually moved to Somerset.
Mrs. Read mother with daughter, also Mrs. Reid but spelt different. They were both widows, and very nice people There was also another daughter called Searles Wood, who lived at Well Cottage. When Mrs Read died the sister lived togethert. They sold Well Cottage and bought Three Corners, All were members of the W.I. and active members of the Church, and a Communion Cup was made by Revd. Wood, in memory of Mrs. Read the mother. This was stolen from the Church in1996. Mr. Read and a son were killed during the war.

More to follow

Mr. Mrs Linnecore. He was a builder, and Margaret had nursed his wife, and when the wife died, they married. George did Pig farming at The Old Rectory. and also chickens. They eventually sold the Vean and had a bungalow built The Lodge by the Old Rectory Gates. Just after they moved in George died, so Margaret was left on her own. She eventually married Alf Lockyer who worked at The Journeys zend They sold and went to live in Norfolk.
Mr. Mrs Lutwyche, with two daughters. She was a large lady, and very clever at Ikibani, Japanese flower arranging. Had small classes in studio she had prepared at the side of the house. Mr. Lutwyche was a very active member of the Church being warden, also helping in many ways around the village. They had a live in helper, called Chrissie, who came from Scotland. They sold the house and went to live at Easton, near Bigbury.
Mr. Mrs. Trant. He very active in the Church, being Warden for many years. He was a retired Civil Servant. They joined in village activities.
Mr. Mrs Dykes.

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Three Corners.
1920's Mr. and Mrs. Lewis had it built. They had a daughter Babs, she was rather delicate, but she had a fancy for Kenneth Randolph, but married a coloured Gentleman called Bland, they had a baby. Mr, Lewis was an architect. Mrs. Lewis died and Mr. Lewis married Mrs. Stovell, a widow who lived at X Manor. She was of German origin, and taught Alice the piano for some time. Alice was rather frightened of her as she could be quite ferociuos. By all accounts she rather chased Mr. Lewis. After they married they .lived at X Manor.1930's,
House let out to various people, Alice worked as a housemaid for three months for some people called Harding. They were very nice people, but Alice caught chicken-pox whilst working there.
1940's Evacuees, but a Miss Jean Mealsham who worked for one of the families dropped dead in the Institute at a dance. She remained there all night, and next day Alice's father went and measured her up for a coffin. Quite a lot of people renting, came and went rather quickly.
1954's Mrs, Read moved there from the Vean, after her mother died, and lived there for quite a few years.
1960's Mr. Mrs. Riley and daughter Jill a nurse. John Riley had a massive heart attack and lingered for years, well a long time. He was retired from business, also a son called Peter
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who lived at Slapton. Mrs, Lewis was a tall thin woman, and was an active member in the W.I. and village life.
1970's Mr. Mrs. Carlisle, he was a tall and rather grand. He also had very bad eyesight.(When they eventually moved to Smugglers, he had floors dug out so he didn't bang his head) He wanted to put trees around the village for Coronation Day, including in front of the council houses. Margaret and he had a slight argument, as she was wicked about trees being planted right in front of her windows. Trees were not planted.
1980's Eileen Noakes who was Radio Presenter for Religious Programmes. Very smart looking always dressed well. Had children living away, she eventually went to live in Kingsbridge.
1992 Mr. Mrs Shepherd, one son.

The Barn. Converted about 1920's by Mr. Pedell, who previously lived at the Vean. He had a lisp, Mrs. Pedell was on her second marriage, being previously married to Mr. Creber. He enjoyed going to the pub, playing cards and having a beer. Margaret went to sit with Mrs. Bidell in the evenings, very boring although she learnt to make rugs from wool. Mrs. Bidell was a rather large lady, and she was President of the W.I. At one of the W.I. does, Margaret let off a clockwork mouse, poor Mrs. Bidell thought it was real and chased around, trying to kill it. The poor lady fell, and although she was rather heavy, did no damage to the floor or herself.
1945. Mr. Mrs Pearson, with daughter Monica, Mr. Pearson died Mr. Penwell, who worked on the roads, moved into The Barn, first as a lodger and then as a husband. He had a small car and went to London in it, he was so overwhelmed by the traffic he went to the nearest garage and said "Sell it Mister, I'm going home by train".

Mr. Mrs. Marshall moved in, Mrs. Marshall was Mrs. Blackers sister. They lived there for about 4 yearts, when a gypsy came round the village. called to see Marshall, and said as she saw a swan hovering, this meant death would call soon. It did, Mr. Marshall died. She moved away shortly after.
Mr. Mrs. Sid Cowan, lived there from 1971/1990's. He was a very tall man, and she was a very smart woman. He played the organ at Church, they were both churchgoers. She was a member of the W.I. He was not a very well man, and died there. Mrs. Cowan moved away to be near her daughters, where she died, but is buried in Ringmore Churchyard.
Bob and Fiona Batten: 1987

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Well Cottage.
1860's, Granny and Grandpa Triggs (James and Louisa) grand parents of Margaret Lock and Alice Mason(Farley). They had 13 children, Lizzie, Emily, Ida, Fred, Jane, Annie (Alice-died) Nellie, Stanley, Jack, George, Alice and Matilda. They had 3 bedrooms and all outside facilities, water from the well, and the room that is now the lounge, was the kitchen. The left room was the sitting room. He was a gardener at The Vean. Granny washed Rectory clothes, and also helped in The Rectory. James was a Churchgoer, and was the sexton, bellringer, grave digger, all for £1.00 a year. Nellie and Ernest (Alices mum and dad) with Alice lived there looking after Granny and Grandpa until 1929. Nellie and Ernest had Elmsleigh built, and whilst it was being built lived at Dinahs (now Hillside Cottage) for 6 months. Granny and Grandpa stayed on at Well Cottage with Uncle George, who had sold the cottages to Saddlers. He also had a bungalow built which is Greenways. Saddlers let out both cottages. One to Mr. Mrs Ryder who had lived at Pleasant, but moved to Spring Cottage. as they worked for Saddlers.
It was requisitioned during the war. A Mr. Mrs. Gaysford Gotton rented one, came from London. Thought they were much better than the villagers, very snobby. Pamela was the eldest, and the youngest one was Christened in the Church. Mr. Gaysford was in the navy, and he turned up for the service in uniform. (An A.B. but thought he was a admiral.) Mrs. Searles Wood sister of young Mrs. reid, a very nice lady, widowed during the war, both son and husband killed whilst fighting for England. She was a very smart looking woman and very kind.
Mrs. Mill and daughter Miss Coleman-Mills. Mrs. Mills translated Latin right up until her death in her 80's. Miss Coleman-Mills spoke Russian and German, and was a translator during the war in Germany. Both mother and daughter died there.

Irelands: Estate Agent + Wife + 2 children
Had 3rd baby whilst at Cottage
Left 2001 - to Holbeton.

Spring Cottage.
1900's. Joe Bartlett and wife, Mary Ann, sister to Granny Farley. Joe went rather senile, he didn't mind Alice's mother looking after him but nobody else allowed near him.They had two children, Joe and Amelia. Joe got married to Flo, a very heavy woman from Millbrook, Cornwall. She was a very good needlewoman. She was in service here. They had three children Beryl, Marjorie and Spencer, a rather rough diamond. Lived in council houses at Bigbury, Beryl married Bill Moore, and lived in Ringmore.
Mr. Mrs Bell. Rented the cottage. They came from Evesham but had to be near the sea as Mr$ Bell had asthma. Stayed at the Korniloff before renting the cottage. They were friends of Margarets mother and later stayed with Margarets mother for June and July. He used to come down for the last two weeks. She walked to the beach everyday, and always 'dressed' for dinner. She was a strong well built woman , he was tall with a moustache a retd. Major in the army.
Mr. Mrs. Patterson, he was in the navy, and she was a theatrical person. They had two daughters Peggy and Denise, two sons Michael and Tim. Peggy was rather spiteful to Alice, pulling her hair. Peggy went on to be an actress, Denise and Michael became schoolteachers.
Holiday place until Mr and Mrs, Ryder went there (Sam) they lived and died there. He worked at The Vean.
Mrs. Blacker went there to live after Col. Blacker died. She moved from Little Follets, where he died. Mrs. Blacker stayed there for some time and died there. Jean Rogers and Grace Bowden used to work for her. Edward Rogers, Jean's father drove Mrs, Blacker to go shopping.
Patsy Lattimer. a friend of Miss Coleman Mills lived there for a number of years, until she also died there. She was quite fond of a drop of drink.
Bought as a holiday home by people from Bristol.

Hillside House (Was two cottages)
1860's, Orchard Side.
James and Louisa Triggs, (Grandparents of Margaret and Alice) Louisa was only young when she married, James was qujite a lot older, but quite fit as they had 10 children.He was a gardener at The Vean and later moved to Well Cottage.
Bill Triggs, (nephew, his father lived in Kingston) married to Jeanette, he was in the navy. They had three children Dora, James who died in the first world war, and Frank who died of T.B. Bill was a handsome man, being fancied by lots of ladies, including the rectors daughter, who would try very hard to bump into him somewhere in the village. Not approved of by the rector, and rumour has it that Bill was sent abroad on the rectors instructions. Bill and Jeanette split up and she went back to Scotland.

When the syndicate was split up, Harry Kearswell who owned Houghton at one time, lived at Bearscombe, and son Bob bought the two cottages...
Tom and Emma Farley, no relation to Alice, Emma was a Barden, and related to Harry and Helen who live at Bigbury. Emma's brother Sid lived at Bigbury with his unmarried sister, Minnie, where the tea rooms are now. Tom was a navy man, and he and Emma had no children. (Emmas aunt was married to a Kearswell) Tom liked fishing, and Emma and Tom took in visitors. The Farleys adopted Flossie, who was Emmas niece, and was told she could stay in the house for life. Uncle Tom died, and is buried in the Churchyard. Tom was a regular churchgoer, not so much Emma. After Tom died, Emma never went outside the gate, Tom died many years before her, so she was in the garden for a long time. When he went to Church, he always said plum before going in, to make sure his mouth was in the correct position for singing the hymns. Emma and Flossie lived alone for many years, and then Mrs. French (Flossies sister) came to live there when Emma died. Mrs. French was a widow, came from Bude, jewellers. Also a Mr. Prizeman arrived as a lodger, living in the roadside part, which was one up, one down. He was very well looked after, but when he became very feeble, he went into British Legion home, where he died. Flossie who was President of the W.I. died rather suddenly and Alice took over the Presidency. Flossie had often played the organ at Church, she was a small nimble woman. Alice French was now on her own, but a Mrs. Ash, an old friend from Bude came to live there for a few years before she also died. Mrs. French once more on he own. She was a regular Churchgoer. and always managed to come in late with the prayers, after everyone else. She was Aunt to Harry and Helen Bardens, she had a massive stroke, and died. She left money to the Church for. lighting.

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1984. Mr. Mrs Hearndon, who had the post office, sold it and bought Hillside house. They lived there for some years and then moved away.
1987. Mr. Mrs. David and Andrea Young bought it, and made many alterations, extending the house making more bedrooms and bathrooms,, with storehouse underneath. The gardens and the house are in excellent taste.

Hillside Cottage (Known once as Dinahs)
Nothing much known about Dinah Skinner, but was reputed to be a witches ccottage at one time' There is now another one renting it. (Hazel Mackintosh) It was a very poor cottage, damp, dark, one room up, one down with water from the well and outside toilet (Somewhere) Alice, and her mother and father lived there for six months whilst there bungalow was being built. No water, or electricity, and coal kept in a small lean too shed. They cooked on a small oil stove, but went across to Well Cottage for main meals.
Cottage then belonged to the pub, was used for the staff. It was in a very bad state, Ray Hollins made it habitable, but when David and Andrea bought it, they made it into a very smart cottage. Rented out for summer and winter lets, and then the Merry Widow, Hazel Mackintosh, seemed to have moved in on permanent rent,

Little Cottage (Journeys End T.V.Room)
This was lived in by a Mr. Mrs. Bailey. she was a music teacher and aunt to Barbara and Anne Mays. Mr. Bailey worked in Plymouth for Atwells. He travelled around on a motor bike. Mrs. Bailey and Mrs, May were sisters. They had no children. Mrs, Baileys mother (Rutherford) built Westbury for two families. Mrs. Bailey continued with the piano lessons. She was a lively woman, loved dancing and joined in many things in the village. Margaret had her first piano lessons in the small room in the Journeys end.
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Barnford

Mrs. Freeman. Village midwife. bit of a witch put curses on people. Told someone he would not walk for 3 months, and he didn't. He complained about her work.

Phillip Triggs. separated,

Lady Auckland joined houses together drew awful chinese men about the walls of the house, and the doors, quite dreadful. Biggish woman, upright, deep gruff voice.

Dr. Mrs. McNaughton. Both doctors, retired. Taught first aid at beginning of the war with Mrs Knowles from X Manor who was a nurse. Both tall and thin belonged to W.I. always same coat and hat, coat too big, both looked as though they could do with a square meal. left.

Mrs. Squirrel with a companion Miss Banbury, cooked kept house, retired nursing sister. Mrs. Squirrel rather arty, made long pencils with tassles on the end, made trays and also carved wood. Came from Lincolnshire, very wealthy family lived about 10 years here.

Miss Rowe, little grey haired lady prominent teeth, had a short leg with a boot, having suffered polio. Aunt Clara Pierce, Nellie Ryder worked there, wouldn't allow sweeping before washing floor. Had a.

Hankin (willie - Marjorie) he was an artist, fussy little woman, let out to visitors. Tallish man. Buy and sell houses, moved to Bigbury.

Sir Douglas - Lady Hall, last governor of Somaliland, 3 children.

Belle View Farm.

About 1900's. Mr. Mrs Sawoury (Nellie Ryder worked there, and one Sunday going to Church a small fire started "What about my hat, what about my hat" said Nellie "Bugger your hat" was Mr. Sawoury's reply. He was a dance instructor at the Church Hall for anyone in the village. He was very good, always wore gloves, and taught village boys how to approach a lady properly. She played the piano, (Ernest Fawley - Fran Triggs, father of Alice. Margaret) were very good dancers.

Mr. Mrs. Beck, no children, farmed a small holding. She was a little precise woman, they were both Churchgoers. He died after a massive stroke, Alice's father made the coffin. After he died Mrs. Beck had a companion, a Miss Thomas, from Wales. hived there for many years, and when Mrs. Beck died she left £100 (a lot of money then) for the church, they bought a brass alter rail. Miss Thomas was a small lady always wore a brown hat, not very fashionable She was related to a previous vicar of the time in Kingston, and went to Kingston to live.

Mr. Mrs. John - Kate Moore. No children but were devoted to a collie dog. The poor dog was shot for worrying sheep, only to discover it wasn't their dog that had worried the sheep. Mr. Moore was devastated and never got over it. They farmed, a smallholding. They also had a small car, only drove in 2nd gear, and at every corner Mrs. Moore would say "Pop your horn boss". After Mr.

Moore died she went to live in Modbury with a niece. The farm fell into disrepair, the car rotted in the garage. Eventually Belle View was bought by Alfred Freeman and Emily, they came from Nodden. Alfred and Emily moved to The Laurels, and David (son) and wife Sue took over farm. Two children John, Catherine. Useful members of village and Church.
Sold to Mr. Mrs. Collinson. 1994 ~~1995~~

Homestead - Two cottages, now known as Walnut Tree Cottage.

About 1910 Mr. Mrs. Ash with daughter Connie and son William. Also living with them was Miss Nellie Giles, village schoolteacher, taught Alice at Village school. The Ash's farmed Higher Manor Farm. William was a good horseman but was unfortunately thrown over the horse's head and was killed. This happened on the flat by Houghton Farm. His collie stayed on his grave for a long time grieving.

Miss Bessie Damerel and Mr. Damerell. father and sister to

House joined as one by The Ash's.

Mr. Mrs. Shinner, many children, they were very poor. (Nellie & Sam). all the children at the Village School, he worked at the farm, and she did cleaning. They didn't remain in the village long. Sam also helped in the pub

1920's A Mr. Mrs. Ward, they rather fancied themselves as aristocracy. but it didn't come off. He always wore plus fours. She was a tallish woman with dark hair.

1930's. Mr. Mrs. Spooner, very attractive woman related to Spooners of Plymouth, dept. store. Doris Parker and Alice (aged 15) worked for them. Doris lived in. They had no children, and often gave dinner parties to out of town people.

They kept alsations, and they were in the Hunting set. He went to work in the store in Plymouth.

1935 Mr. Mrs Rolleston (He was a Major, called back during the war) Both young, just married. They were well connected and were related to The Queen Mother. She was a Strickland, a lovely person. petite and was churchwarden for a while. Iris Triggs was a live-in maid. Alice helped out occasionally. They had a baby, George. Margarets mother helped with fine washing. Moved about 1940's to live in Yelverton.

Late 1940's requisitioned by the army. A Mr. Mrs. Nash, they were something to do with the Theatre. They had seven children. She was a gaunt thin lady. One evening when they were out, a fire started and one of the children, aged about 6, died. She was buried in the Churchyard. It was a tragedy for the village as well as the family. They moved away soon after.

Mr. Mrs. Winstanley, she fancied her chances, rather snooty. He was a keen gardener and gave talks at the W.I. She always insisted that the house was full of fleas.

A Colonel - Mrs. Cowley, not long enough neither of these two families stayed very long. The ladies were more "Townies" and didn't join in anything.

Mr. Mrs. Baughn

Mr. Mrs. Patterson.

Hill Cottage (Two. one very small).
Mr. Mrs. Karen Coker, he was a farm worker. She had a remedy for everything. Dried herbs on the beams, and used them in herb remedies.
Annie - Ernest Freeman, he had asthma, and in the small kitchen used to burn Potters Asthma cure, you couldn't have seen across the kitchen for smoke and steam. They lived there for many years. Died there. Alice used to sing "Forever with The Lord" for them. He went to Bigbury, gardening for Mr. Atkins. She had a rather prominent nose, her glasses were always dirty, but she was a very pleasant woman. After Ernest died, her sister Lily came to live there and keep her company. They had a lodger, a Mr. Parsons, he gave shoes at Christmas to all village children. He went to live at Bigbury with Mr. Bardens. Annie died at Hill cottage, and Lil stayed on, and eventually sold.

Very Small Cottage.
Miss Potter, did a lot of knitting.
Miss Francis, she was village school teacher, school closed in 1929, and she returned to Bristol.
Mary - Wallace Freeman, parents of Vio Freeman in mid 1930's.
Miss Francis returned for a few years before returning to Somerset.

The two cottages were joined to form one house, and Mimi and her husband Shorthouse, they had been publicans in Duybridge

and they had a large poodle. They had a grant to put in facilities. They were a lively couple and stayed there for about 5 years. The left and started a taxi business in Kingsbridge.
They were followed by a Mr. Mrs. Foster, followed by Peggy-Leslie Hoare, who had The Exeter Inn. Miss Hilton and Mrs Bennett, who are still there.

Sea View.

It was owned by The Manor and the village was starting to be sold up and in 1915, Margaret's great uncle David bought it. He was a carpenter and undertaker, his wife was called Ellen. He rather fancied himself, he owned a donkey. He was church warden, and he always had to clear his throat as he went into church. They had two daughters, Miriam who married an Olver (mother of Dorothy Rogers) and Maude who married Farmer Holman (3 sons - 1 daughter) Miriam was widowed early, husband died young, and she ran the Post Office from the front room. In 1945 Stan. Lily Triggs bought the house from Maude for £500. Margaret was only a baby, and in due course was married from there and had a baby Michael, and it was pouring with rain when he was born. Margaret still lives there, unfortunately mother, father and husband all died.

At one time two cottages 2/6d a week.

Quarry Villa.

1920's. Fred and Bessie Ryder. No children. He was tallish with a moustache, she was very dark haired, and looked very gypsish, came from Blackawton. She had a very acid tongue, but always went to church. They had a small holding, from their backgarden, up through Alice's as far as where Ganders lived and taking in Ann's field. They were Coyle's fields, he rented them. He blew the organ whilst someone else played. He dropped dead outside the house, Ernest Farley found him. Buried in the churchyard, she moved back to Blackawton but when she died was buried in Ringmore with her husband. She sold butter and eggs from a pony trap round the area. The small back room between Ryders and Hunters was infested with rats and mice. She kept hens and had a stall in Plymouth, took the bus from St. Anns Chapel, and plucked the chickens on the bus, throwing the feathers out of the door.

It was later requisitioned, and then Harry Dorothy Buck with family moved in. It was then used as a store room for Budds Antiques.

John and Betty Ackland moved in with family they moved to Kingsbridge and had a restaurant. Mr. Mrs. Hussey, she was always sweeping the road outside. He played golf, and did the accounts for the Church. Killed in an accident in Spain. Dentist Mr. Mrs. Phipps.

Rock Cottage. Mr. Lederer bought cottages when Syndicate broke up

Mr. Mrs. Hunter, retd. Naval man, very tall fine looking, she was very short, and hubby. Always wore blouse and skirt, dog called Teddy Hunter, slept in the porch, he was very big. Member of W.I. very interested, she was schoolteacher, church ~~wardens~~ members, ~~they were selected~~ They rented from Mr. Lederer.

Admiral Chapman and wife, played the organ at church, plaque in the Church in her memory, moved to Smugglers, where they lived for sometime. Rosemary daughter married from there. Owned by Mr. Lederer, Mrs. Chapmans father.

Mr. Mrs. Budd, bought the house from the Chapmans. They were antique dealers from London, She was a little woman, and he used to sit outside the back door in his deck chair wrapped in a blanket. The rooms were small and dark, She was his housekeeper before they married. They both died there.

It was put for sale by the niece, and altered, still for sale and used for holiday cottage.

Rose Cottage.
1930's. Percy. Molly Jarvis, they had the Post Office in the small room. He was in the Marines during the 1st World War, and he was not a very fit man! They had quite a big family. Molly was Irish, a heavy smoker and rather grubby.
1940's. Mr. Mrs. Bredge. from London. Very cockney people, evacuated, came here to escape bombing on London. Quite elderly. he was A.R.P. warden. They were a very nice couple, took part in the concerts. They eventually moved to Kingsbridge where they both died.
1950's Mr. Bill - Mrs Beryl Moore, daughter Ursula. He trapped rabbits, eventually moved to council house, and he was a gardener. lovely man.
1960's Mr. Mrs. Roly Lederer. Mrs. Chapmans brother whose father owned the cottages. Were Church goers, son in the Merchant Navy, Paul.
Mr. Taylor organist, very clever fellow, Mrs. Taylor Matron of an Old Peoples Home. Didn't like it here, didn't stay long.
Mr. Mrs. Russel Lim people, she was called Barbara, they divorced, he married Phylis who died at the cottage. He remarried Barbara. They came from Shepperton Studios. He was taken ill at the Memorial Hall, a celebration of some kind, he was never very fit again. He died in hospital in Plymouth, ashes in Ringmore Churchyard. Lived on her own.

moved to Bournemouth.
David - Pam Wilkinson - children. He played guitar.

Old Castle - Rectory. (Previous Rectory burnt down)
Randolph Hingston, extended the old castle, and he lived there from 1868 to 1911. He had 10 children so needed large house. He had built the School and The Lodge, and he employed 9 servants indoors, and 3 outside. It was a very cold house, and haunted. Young Hingston (Herbert) took over Church (lived in Wales) he was a nice fellow but ailing and not very strong. He had a wife Helen, who was related to Scott of the Antarctic. They had one son, Kenneth another very nice fellow, and he married a cousin, Marjorie Marshall, she was a lady but a very humble person.
They left about 1933/4. Mr. Dade a batchelor, who lodged with the Scobles. at The Manor House. He was the rector and he married a Mary Kingdon in 1942, and the moved to the Rectory and lived in smaller quarters. They had no children, and they lived there until 1950 when they moved to Exeter. He was a strong, very full. good preacher, musical, she was quiet and didn't go visiting. He taught Miss Scobles to drive.
Church Commission sold to Albert Freeman, the house was in dis-repair and he sold it to Linnecome from the Vean. Kept pigs and chickens in the house. Mr. Linnecome had a bungalow built by The Lodge and moved there after selling The Vean.
It was derelict, bought by Cynthia and Edward Taylor, made it habitable. They built themselves a bungalow in the grounds.

An Aunt Clara lived with them.
It was sold to people called Lovatt and again sold in 1996 to a family, he involved in filming - T.V.

The Lodge.

Mr. Mrs. Sam Ryder. Gardener, handyman for the Rectory, Dick Ryder ~~also lived~~ later there, cousin to Alice's mother and Margarets father. He was ~~Sarah was married to Richard~~ married to Alice, a nurse from Bigbury, one child Monica, could go into a size of a pint pot. He was handyman at the rectory. Alice and Dick remained at The Lodge until Randolph left, and then they went and had the Laurels built. 1934/1935

Sarah (a Freeman) was married to Richard Ryder went fishing and walked up the cliff and overbalanced at Toby's Point, killing himself, leaving Sarah with a large family to look after. Sarah was sister to Margaret and Alice's grandmother, from Ringmore.

Lorna - Trevor, wealthy business man, did a lot of alterations, making it a very pleasant house. She was a village type and President of the W.I. He was more of a city type. They had a small dogs They were in the 40's. Separated, she stayed there on her own for some time.

Joyce - Jim Jarvis, ex landlords of Royal Oak. They bought a shop, but returned here to live where unfortunately he died. Joyce lived there on her own.

Jane Guy

Higher Manor Farm

Ash - Farmer, related to Homestead Ash's, in the days when barges used to bring coal to Chillaborough. Mr. Alf Moore (Bigbury Down Farm) carted coal up to Ash's farm, unloaded it, and villagers bought coal for 6 pence (2½ np) a bag.
John Moore farmed there, and later he built The Manor House, and went there to live, a Gentlemans farm house, he later moved to Belle View.
Mr. Mrs. Holman. (Maud - Sid) Mrs. Holman was David Triggs daughter. They had three sons and a daughter, she married Baker Ward from St. Anne's Chapel. Milk was sold at the farm, straight from the cow for 3 pence a pint (1½ np) Rolph, Kenny, Ronny, left late 30's - war years. The Holmans moved to Torquay, tree felling. Sid was killed by a tree, Rolph married district nurse called Kitty, a cousin of Dorothy Rogers.
Goodalls. a young couple with children. She was a member of W.I but they moved away shortly after they arrived so little known.
Mr. Mrs. Vincent from London, his manager was Mr. Hiram Hext. Mr. Mrs. Vincent's daughter married and the couple had The Pickwick Inn. They had a child rather late in life. Mr. Vincent had Higher Manor built and lived there for several years. They were quite wealthy. he also bought the Old School and made it into a house. Roy

Herk delivered the milk with Poggy the horse and obviously a cart. Later he had a blue van and the round was then his.
Grace - Percy Bowden lived there for a time
Hiram and Richard born there.
Eventually Mr. Mrs. Capps. two sons.

Old School Cottage.

Built 1860, finished as a school in 1929. In 1930 it was used as a library with Carrie Scoble the librarian. Mr. Vinant bought the land from Higher Manor down to the road. Renovated it, putting in bathroom, small kitchen.

Miss Richmond, pleasant lady, had a little dog, moved to the Toll House in Modbury. Mr. Mrs. Stream, he died there in 1964. He played the organ, she lived on her own for sometime and then went to Sussex. They had twin daughters and a son in the navy. Mr. Mrs. Jones, Headmaster at Laira School, also Aunt Ada; they extended bedroom, and eventually moved to Bere Alston. They had ~~2~~ daughters, Madge - teacher, Jill was a nurse, Martin an architect. Madge died young. Alice worked for them, Mrs. Jones had a heart attack, and Alice looked after her for a while.

Mr. Mrs. Baty and daughter, a Mrs. Gray. They were greengrocers from Kingsbridge. Mr. Mrs. Baty died there and Mrs. Gray and daughter Susanne went to Australia. Gordon, Hazel Mackintosh with son Robert moved there, had more alterations, larger kitchen, conservatory. Stayed for ten years, Gordon died, Hazel stayed on for some time.

David. Lynne Knight, more alterations

Manor House.

Built as a gentleman farmers residence at the turn of the century by Coyte who owned a lot of property locally. He owned an allotment, the 2nd field on the right going down to Challaborough. Margaret's father had an allotment there and paid 10 shillings a year. Had to go to the Downeys End to pay the rent, and was given a beer for good behaviour.
John Moore (wife Kate) and brother Albert lived there. Stone floors, coco nut mats, small farm. Came from Okenbury, and they then moved to Belle View farm.
Mr. Mrs. Scobles and two daughters from Ugborough, farmers (Bullcombe). Daughters Emily and Carrie. Mr. Scoble was not very strong. He died here and is buried in Churchyard. Mrs. Scoble lived for years, and never came out and died in the 50's well into her 80's. She came from Newton Ferrers and is buried in the Churchyard there. Carrie and Emily lived there, still no water, (from well) no electricity, no gas, so had candles and oil lamps. Had a "Cook and Heat" Stove in the back kitchen, stone floors, wash-house, coal-house all next to the back kitchen. Emily was tall, slight, very Victorian, Brown Shoes, stocking, cream blouse - long skirt.
Carrie, small, always wore black, shoes, stockings, white blouse.
Sometimes navy blue skirt.

They had governesses when young in Ugborough. Did a lot of work for the Church, stitched some of the alter cloths. Didn't go to Womens Institute, because the W.I. fell out with the Vicar and Emily and Carrie very loyal to Mr. Randolph. Emily died, and is buried in Newton Ferrers.

Carrie died and is buried in Ringmore.

Somerskills. completely renovated, had all mod cons, they didn't stay long. Had a vineyard at Haddiscwell. ~~left~~ Left to take over a pub in Doybridge. They were a ~~young~~ young couple with children.

St. Aubyns. From St. Michael Mount family, they had 4 children, they believed in self expression for children'. Went to Church but left after a few years to go to St. Michaels, next in line to Title.

Cdr. and Mrs. Stark.

Rose Cottage (Now ~~Pleasant~~ MAINT Cottage)
Mrs. Davies and father in law, who owned cottage, lived together, sharing house. Reg, Mrs Davies son, who worked as labourer at Lower Manor Farm, ~~came to live~~ also lived there. After Mr. Davies died, Reg looked after his mother, cleaned up etc. This was in the days before indoor sanitation. Mother was a sickly soul. Reg married rather late in life to Florrie Shute, and when cottages sold moved to St. Annes Chapel. They had four children, 3 sons, 1 daughter. One boy died tragically in an accident. Cottages were sold to a Mr. Hilton.
Albert Freeman and Bessie and family lived there, then bought The Old Rectory from the Church after Revd. Wade left Kingmore.
Mr. Thurley, came to work on farm for Hilton. He came down from Yorkshire, he was a farmers son. He liked the nursemaid, Olwyn, who worked for Hiltons. They married and had a baby, and then moved to East Anglia.

Mr. Mrs. George Freeman.

Mount Pleasant Cottage (Now Rose Cottage nearest to the village)
Mrs. Davies and her father in law owned both cottages (Pleasant and Rose) and lived in Rose Cottage (now Pleasant) but let out Pleasant (now Rose) for 2/6d per week, to Mr. Mrs. Triggs, Margaret Locks mother and father, in 1922 and Margaret was born here in 1923. (June) When Margaret was two moved to Sea View, bought for £500, a lot of money then, and have been there ever since. ~~Mr Mrs. Sam Ryder~~
Ernest and Annie Freeman and lived there for a while and saved enough money to buy Hill Cottage. No children, he was a jobbing gardener. After them Mr. Mrs. Ryder, he was a farm worker, they had no children, they were very nice people, he was short and had a ruddy complexion, he also cut the graveyard. May Ryder beautiful hair, on the the large side, and was a very interested member in the W.I. very houseproud. Mr. Saddler bought Well-Spring Cottage, so Mr. Mrs. Ryder moved to Spring Cottage as they worked for Mr. Saddler.
Harold and Annie Hannaford, he was a rabbit trapper, she was sister to Lil Edgecombe, Harold and brother Cyril lived in a gypsy caravan at the bottom end of Cockle Lane. Cyril joined Royal Marines, moved to Council Houses at Bigbury.
Mr. Mrs. Rolf Walters, daughter Sheila, lived there. Mr. Walters was a rabbit trapper and odd jobs, Mrs. worked in J.E. as a cleaner.

Daughter was a chubby, dark haired happy soul. Moved to Kingsbridge.
A couple came from Cornwall, not here for long, he fancied himself as a singer and often sang We are a couple of Swells at the W.I. concerts.
Mr. Mrs. white, no children, always very clean and in an apron. He was a farm labourer, she was in W.I. Very pleasant people. She was quite a biggish woman, he was quite a tallish man.
Ken and Rosie Light?
Alan and Mary King,
Mrs. Jenkins, a gifted needlewoman, member of W.I., but went back to Scotland to be near daughter, on Isle of Mull.
Mrs. Noel Donnyl.
a teacher in Plymouth.

Cumberland Cottages.

Aunt Nellie and Jack Ryder, a naval man, he was on H.M.S. Cumberland, and when he bought the cottages called them Cumberland Cottages. She was much younger than him, and very houseproud, and often took up carpets to beat them outside. No children. She was always dressed smartly, tall and well built and looked good in clothes. Went to Church, always on time. When he died Nellie moved to Modbury but still owned the cottages. When her sister died she looked after her brother in law. Cottages left empty.

Bought by Mr. Mrs. Eames in the 1950's. She was a nice lively small lady, and painted very good, and sew, especially tapestry. loved the W.I. He used to enjoy to sing in Church.

Mr. Mrs. Summerville (Val) kept all kinds of live stock, including a parrot, which was always squawking. Julie daughter. Eventually left to live in Wales.

Used as a holiday let.

Mr. Mrs. Antoby.

No.

Eliza Ellen - Richard Fouley, granny - grandad to Alice. Children, Annie, Emily, Clara, Bill (died of menengitis) George, Alfred, Ernest. Richard Fouley worked at Folly Farm at Bigbury. walked there and back every day. She took in washing from the rectory. Very particular and clean, tall and rather austere, hair parted in the middle bun on top. Always wore a black shawl and apron. Grandad had ginger hair, and walked with a stick, he had a bad leg. He died in early 30's of cancer. She died in 1951 aged 96. Very sprightly to the end.

Aunt Clara, youngest daughter, continued to live in house, married to Bert Pearce, and after a few years ~~they moved to~~ at Lynmouth ~~and~~ moved back to Kingsbridge early 1960's. Pat Stanesby ~~bought cottage~~ moved in after mother had bought No. 1 and 2. Now son Peter lives there with wife and family.

Cumberland - ~~3~~ ~~4~~
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1890's Betsy - Bill Triggs (Farmlaborer)
He died there.
Jim (married well to do widow - Mrs. from Bigbury - Devonshire House)
Sarah (married Jim Tall from Modbury)
Nellie (married Jack Ryder)
Alfred (killed in 1st. world war, married, expecting child when notified, and was very distraught)

Betsy up at 4 a.m. washing for by candle light, so to get everything done by lunchtime.

1930's Miss Jay was very deaf, and had a companion Miss Reed (about 80) from Thurlestone. Miss Ried had been a nurse. Miss Jay was quite wealthy, quite well educated always wore knitted clothes. Miss Reed ~~was a~~ had a lot of nervous energy. Miss Jay always nagged along being told "Come along Miss Jay, Come along Miss Jay". In the 1940's they moved to the lodge rented from Church Commissioners (in Kingsbridge) Miss Reed died there, so Miss Jay moved back to sisters

Cumberland Cottage. No.3.
1920's. Lil Freeman, in service at The Rectory. She lived with her two brothers, Cecil and Sis. They were farmworkers and very clean after working on the farm, and always smelt of strong erasmic soap. Also brother Alfred, nicknamed Far he married a widow called Minnie Line.
Tom and Evelyn Jarvis, no children Had a small holding, and also kept and killed pigs. Evelyn was a very hard worker, and worked at The Vean and also for Margarets mother at Sea View, in the early 30's. They went to live in Kingston (Frances Jarvis uncle and aunt.)
Before the war early 30's Mr. Frampton. He was the bus driver. Mrs. Fisher and son Philip lived there, she was his housekeeper. She was a war widow. Mr. Frampton was a rather gruff person. The bus went three times a day from Bigbury to Plymouth, to and fro.
Mrs. Rand, a widow and young daugther. She sang in the choir and had a beautiful voice. They went back to London after the war.
Mr. Mrs. Babbage and son, they were music hall players. from London. They moved to Bigbury on Sea.
Mrs. Babbage a very good needle woman and a good member of the Womens Section of the British Legion, and made many things for raffles.Granny Smith from Rochdale,connected with the Cleggs, elderly. she went back up to Lancashire. She was very good with home remedies, and recommended brandy on gums for teething babies!
Various people followed, including a curate from Plymouth.
No. 4 Cumberland Cottages.
1890's Betsy and Bill Triggs. Farm Labourer. He died there. 4 children. Jim married a wealthy widow from Devonshire Guest House, Bigbury.
Sarah, married Jim Tall from Modbury.
Nellie, married Jack Ryder.
Alfred, killed in 1st world war. His wife was expecting their second child when she heard and was very distraught.
Betsy used to be up at 4 a.m. washing by candlelight, she loved to have everything done by mid-day.
1930's Miss Jay was a very deaf lady, and she had a companion Miss Reid, about 80, from Thurlestone. Miss Reid had been a nurse. Miss Jay was quite a wealthy woman, educated. She always wore knitted clothes. Miss Reid had a lot of nervous energy, and poor Miss Jay tagged on behind. Miss Reid calling, "Come along Miss Jay, come along". In the 1040's they moved to The Lodge where Miss Reid died, and Miss Jay went back to live with her sisters.
Miss Rule, coming from Plymouth, after being bombed out. She wore a wig, and a funny little wooly hat. She died there and is buried in the Churchyard.

Nothing known in between but I'm sure somebody will.
Mr. Holywell with a French wife. They had a son with very poor eyesight, which came on very suddenly, and cleared up just as suddenly for no apparent reason. Also a married daughter, she was married to a coloured gentleman, who was an excellent musician, and taught the organ at a College in London. He used to go to Church with Alice, and gave her lots of help and advice about organ playing. Jonathan the son came and stayed with Miss Coleman Mills occasionally.
Holiday Cottages, now owned by people from Oxford Way.

Now
Ivy Cottage

End Cottage (Church End)
Mrs. Minnie Oliver after having Post Office at Sea View, took the Post Office to Joy Cottage. Mrs. Oliver was mother to Dorothy, who later married Edward Rogers, who had local taxi service. Post Office moved again across road to Rose Cottage, having Percy and Hollie Jarvis, who had many children, ran it for quite a few years. Once more the Post Office was moved to Quarry Villa, where Mrs. Bessie Ryder rented out large room to Auntie Mary Figgs, Uncle Fred, late husband to Mary, brother of Stanley - Nellie, jumped off a hay rick after a heavy meal and died. Post Office there for about 10 years and then moved across the road once more to corner cottage near X Manor. Auntie Mary there for some years, where she eventually died, Dorothy Rogers helped daily in Post Office, and when Grandad Rogers died, Dorothy - Edward bought all three cottages. Post Office moved once more to cottage nearest Church, also small shop started.

After Rogers, Wyatt - Hereward. daughter
Gander
Hearnden
Race - Enlarged shop / closed
Muller. Private House

Cross Manor

Miss Heathcote, sister to Mrs. Secker. It was known as Ringmore Cottage. Mrs. Stovell lived there on her own until she married Mr. Lewis from Three Corners. She was a tall thin gaunt woman, taught Alice music. They lived there for a number of years.

During the war, an actress and her husband lived there, they had children. They were there only a short time.

Mr. Mrs. Knowles, also during the war, they kept Alsations, she was a nurse and laid out Granny Triggs at Elmsleigh.

Mr. Mrs. Occleshaw, two children Robin and Susanne. They had a sweetshop in Plymouth, came to Ringmore to escape ~~bom~~ bombing in Plymouth. Didn't mix with the village, although people from Houghton went to play tennis.

Gordon - Hazel Mackintosh 1958, he was the grandson of the founder of Mackintosh's toffees. They had many parties, had a swimming pool, also a drive built. Had a son Robert, and a son by Gordon Mackintosh's previous wife David. lively couple and joined in village life.

Mr. Mrs. Trumble, helicopter pilot. 2 children.

Peter Godwin and family.

Smugglers (Prince) (Cypress) Smugglers.
Mr. Mrs. Charlie Freeman, brother to Grandma Triggs. Large family and worked on the farms.
Dr. & Mrs Alice Miles, bought it from The Manor. They had 4 children, one a doctor in Plymouth. He had a surgery in Modbury, and Mrs. Miles had a nervous break down. Dr. Miles enjoyed amateur dramatics, especially Gilbert and Sullivan, which he put on in the village in 1921 in the barn in Higher Manor, there was a right of way where Sayan is now. The girls were friendly with the kids in the village.
Miss Truscott with dogs Patrick and Darby, Yorkshire Terriers, renamed it Frica Cottage. Margaret Lock was at school there, also Barbara Taylor, Rosemary Chapman and Monica Ryder. One shilling a morning, for 2 hours, learnt the three R's. Miss Truscott got food poisoning, and died in hospital, this was in the 30's. She was small, played the organ. Sister, a deaconess, came to sort out things. Rather eccentric, from a good family.
Admiral - Mrs. Chapman and Rosemary. Renamed Cyrus Cottage. Nice enough people, she was musical, helped out in the Mens Club in The Church Hall. Retired from the navy. They moved away to Shaldon. Mrs. Chapman was a hoderer.
Dr. Mrs. Wright. Dr. Wright died in hospital, he was a retired doctor. Was

a keen gardener. Changed back to Prince Cottage.
Mr. Mrs. Caulylse, he was very tall and lowered the floors, but he was still too tall for the very low rooms, moved to Three Corners, then chalaborough Cottage for a while and eventually moved away.
Mrs. Harriott. Came from Dartmoor, saw ghosts, told fortunes, herbalist and fulk healer. She was a rather strange woman. ~~Very~~ quite tall, straight. Had a female companion for a while, didn't stay long and went back to Dartmoor.
Coles. Gail. lived abroad but eventually came to live in ir permantly.

Middle Cottage.

Early 1910's - 20's.

Walter Goodman - wife. He drank cider and was often locked out by his wife. One night coming around Barnford after being in Pub on all fours in a white smock, was mistaken for a pig, and he was whacked hard.

Emma - Tom Farley, also Flossie Bardens, their neice. Mrs. Farley kept the Post Office, in the middle Cottage.

Edward - Dorothy Rogers, he was taxi service, and after Auntie Mary died suddenly, Dorothy moved to The Post Office to help, when Grandad Rogers died in 1944 Edward - Dorothy bought the three cottages, and moved the Post Office once more to cottage near the Church. Dorothy also started a small shop. Daughter Joan, married and lived in cottage nearest X Manor. Grandad Rogers bought the cottages beginning 1st World War and let it out.

Inner Bohemia. bght. 1915's Farm workers, Leddra

A holiday cottage for Mr. Mrs. ~~Ledrer~~ and family. They had 3 sons and a daughter.

* Evacuees Mr. Mrs. Dredge, followed by more, one woman children, always shouting at the kids. Mr. Mrs. Dredge's parents also evacuated to Rose Cottage. Father a A. R. P Warden. Mr. Dredge a rather mysterious person, left for days, Mrs. Dredge a nice little person, very dark, they had a girl. They left to lodge at The Laurels (St. Kernow) for a while. It was a let out as a holiday cottage until Lederedes sold it, Helen. Jim Norman, to Chrissie and Alex Gunn, one child.

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Mr. Mrs. Harper but kept it for themselves, coming out regular. Mr. Harper liked to smell Margaret's breakfast cooking. Mr. Harper a real labour man, often big discussions with Margaret father who was Conservative, (putting the world to rights).

END

Outa Bohemia.

Also owned by Lederer, and still owned by family connection, Robin Teverson, ~~son of~~ mother was Joan Lederer, marrying a Dr. Teverson.

Let out to various families, one being a Mr. Mrs. Brown & children and he played the organ at Church. Was a teacher at Plymouth. Gave Margaret and Alice a lift to Plymouth on a frosty, skidding all over the place. Margaret and Alice pleased to get to Plymouth without mishap.

Mr. Mrs. Lee rented for a few years & called Orange

Mrs. Elson, Dorothy Bucks mother, lived there for a long time, aunt to Roy Hext. Always asked Margaret's mother at the end of season "Are you up close with your washing. Kept for themselves, using it for holidays.

Rented out to Jill - Anthony Rooney. ~~who~~ Jill was Robins wife sister. They lived there for sometime before moving to Modbury. They had a baby and very happy, the baby called Richard.

It is now let out as holiday lets.

Miss Rule from Plymouth, after being bombed in Plymouth. She had a wig and always wore a little woolly hat. Miss Rule died there, buried in Church.

Nothing known at the moment.

Mr. Hollywell and wife (French) he had son with bad eyesight, came on very suddenly, and cleared up just as quick (Jonathan) Also a married daughter, to a coloured musician. He taught the organ in London, was very talented, used to play the organ with Alice and helped her a lot. Jonathan used to stay with Maurice Coleman. Mills.

Holiday Cottage owners from Oxford way

Schooldays.

Alice went to School in Ringmore, from the age of 5 until 14. Didn't like school and didn't want to go. Miss Giles was the teacher, she retired to Oppen, not a firm teacher like Miss Francis who followed her. She was a good teacher, emphasing the 3 r's. Alice was the ink monitor. The school was one big room, and Uncle George was cleaner, and in charge of lighting fire. Two areas, big ones, and small ones. The school closed in 1929, not having enough children in the village to support it. Alice laughed a lot, told to pay attention, as her mind wandered. The playground ~~was~~ had many trees. Margaret went to school when she was four but in 1929 Margaret went to school at Bigbury. She didn't like it, Mrs Easton head teacher. Betty Easton daughter, taught the young ones. Mr. Hunter took Margaret and two others in his old ramshackle taxi, dropped them of at the top of Easton and had to walk to school. Only there for two years, authorities said for Bigbury only, and so went to Modbury. Walked to the Pubwicle caught school bus to Modbury. Alice went to Miss Francis privately for two years, in Hill Cottage, small house before being into one. Margaret went onto, rather ill in 1931, and couldn't be bridesmaid for Rogers. Miss Truscott at Smugglers. Went until 14, two hours a day, sometimes the only one. 1 shilling a day, 2/6 a week 4 days
Concert got up by the school to pay for the lamp over the Church Gate. Mr. Pulsons

came on a Tuesday from Modbury. hardware, oil etc. and Miss Francis always bought ~~to~~ 1lb toffees and gave ~~to~~ the children.
There were 25-30 children attending at School. Alice did not like sport, but played rounders, as she liked Ronnie Holman as he was a rounder expert. He lived in Ringmore at Higher Manor Farm. Bertram Toms and Margaret always late.