

NATALIE HILTON REMINISCES : NOVEMBER 2009

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We had brought a van loaded with plants and rhododendrons and azaleas from our garden, and there were two gardeners, Tim Thornton and Tom Woodall, waiting to unload them. My sister stayed at the Journey's End Inn for about a week to organise the planting. The landlords at the Journey's End were Ray and Hazel Hollins. The village shop was at what is now Ivy Cottage and was kept by Charles and Jean Hearnden. They were very friendly and introduced to other customers in the shop. Jean also served Cream Teas.

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Written in her own hand by Natalie Hilton in November 2010 and copy typed by Dennis Collinson

Natalie Hilton recalls where people lived when she and sister Ardene arrived at Ringmore .

Ella and Jim Dodds	Lower Manor Farm
Ethel and Eric Clegg	Middle Manor
Mr.Welles	Holidays
Ivy and Sid Cowan	Little Barn
Sheila and Carl Carlisle	Three Ways
Marise Coleman-Mills	Well Cottage
Patsy	Spring Cottage
Joan and Bacchus Baughan	Walnut Tree Cottage
Amy Eves	Cumberland Cottages
Gladys French	Hillside
Naomi and Bill Warne	Trewarne (Holiday..later Permanent)
Peggy and Reg Hussey	Wychwood
Ivy Cullum	
Hazel and Gordon MacIntosh	Cross Manor
Gladys and Stan Hinks	Quarry Park
Rachel and Douglas Hall	Barnford
Joan and Peter Lutwyche	The Veau
(Joan was an expert in Ikebana : Japanese Flower Arranging : Peter was Churchwarden)	
Peggy and Ken Williams	Folletts

(This is not meant to be an exclusive list, merely those persons that Natalie remembers)

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Eric + Ethel Gless	Lued at Middle Mana
Mr Nelles Lued	at Rymen House (Holiday)
Sid + Ivy Lued	at Little Barn
Carl + Sheila Carlisle	3 Ways
Maivie Coleman-Mills	Well Cottage
Patsy	Spring Cottage
Bacchus + Joan Bayhan	Walnut Tree Cottage
Amy Eves	Cumboland Cottages
Gladys French	Hillside
Bill + Naomi Harne	Treowane (Holiday)
Reg + Peggy Hussey	Wyndwood
Ivy Lutton	
Gordon + Hazel Macintosh	Cross Manor
Stan + Gladys Strick	Canary Park
Douglas + Rachel Hull	Banfield
Peter + Joan Fitzgibbon	The Vein
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Ken + Peggy Williams	Wollett's