## NATALIE HILTON REMINISCES : NOVEMBER 2009

## The first time my sister Ardene and I ever came to Ringmore was when we were searching for a new home and came to view Hill Cottage.

As we walked out of the Journey's End car park we met Alice Mason and she kindly advised us which side of the road was safest. We walked on to Cross Manor and stopped to gaze through the iron gate in wonder and delight at the beautiful house. Then we went on to Hill Cottage and could believe our fantastic luck to have found so enchanting a cottage. There was also the Studio, perfect for my niece, Anna, The properties were owned by Leslie and Ilona Hoare who also owned the Exeter Inn in Modbury. Leslie was retiring and wanted to buy Pickle House in Brownston Street, Modbury so the sale of Hill Cottage went smoothly. We moved to Ringmore in December 1980 and the first person I met was Ken Williams who lived with his wife Peggy at 'Folletts'.

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 tto 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.

[^0][^1]Natalie Hilton recalls where people lived when she and sister Ardene arrived at Ringmore .

| Ella and Jim Dodds | Lower Manor Farm |
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| 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 Vean |
| (Joan was an expert in lkebana : 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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[^0]:    The Rector was George Corbett and there was a Church Choir including Eric Lock and, I think, Matthew and Mark Capps and Sarah, Debbie and Rebecca Dodds. That first Christmas Eve the choir sang carols outside Hill Cottage on their way round the village which was a great joy to us and made us feel really part of village life.

    Just before Christmas, we were standing in the lane, looking at the studio when a lady came up and introduced herself as Mrs. Kit Taylor. After some conversation, she invited us to Christmas lunch. We were quite stunned by this extraordinary kindness but had in fact brought a packing case filled with all our Christmas needs (pudding, mincemeat, cake etc ). So we had to decline. Leslie Hoare had ordered a turkey for us from Holywell Farm and so we had only to collect it. We were delighted to find that the Chairman of the Parish Council and the President of the W.I. were both young and charming women. Susan Freeman was Chairman of the P.C. and Laura Heathcote of The Lodge was President of the W.I.

[^1]:    Written in her own hand by Natalic Hilton in November 2010 and copy typed by Dennis Collinson

