



Brook Cottage, Middle Street

In the 1960s Harold and Joanna Brown purchased this cottage for £500. John Brown remembers his Father, Harold, telling him that he didn't have the money and had to borrow it from his uncle, Nibs Brown.

Remembering his childhood in the cottage, John says, "There were three bedrooms upstairs and two rooms and a kitchen downstairs. One time there was a big flood and everything downstairs was lost. The water was over waist high and I remember being able to sail my tin boats inside the cottage." The family moved to Olivet House on Church Hill while the cottage was restored. Big driers from St Mawgan airfield were used to dry things out.

John also remembers the day when he nearly drowned in the Leat. His Mother, Joanna, heavily pregnant with youngest son Jeremy, jumped in and saved him.

Jeremy tells the story of when he shared a bedroom with his brother John and each night John would throw books at him to stop him snoring. Jeremy finally couldn't stand it any more and so moved his bed outside into the shed!

The Brown family moved out in the 1980s.

In the 1930s: "I remember Mr & Mrs Moyse and several children lived in Brook Cottage. The family later moved to Padstow."

Yvonne Cleave