

Calenia, Trewetha Lane

The 1840 Port Isaac Tithe Map shows field 946 was owned by the executors of the late Sam Billing. It was just referred to as 'meadow' and was part of Bishop's tenement, a group of five fields - 935, 937, 946, 949 and 965 (at the bottom of 946). The first large scale Ordnance Survey map in 1880 shows that this area was still just a field .

Records show that in 1910 a plot in the field known as Crow Hill (field 946 on the Tithe Map) was owned by retired Master Mariner, Ernest Brown of Port Isaac.

By 1922 a 'freehold dwellinghouse', St Petroc (formerly known as Mizars Villa and also Belmont), was sold by Ernest to Gentleman Stephen Sylvester Thomas, formerly of Delhi, India but then living in Birmingham.

Three years later, in 1925, the property was owned by Mary Jane Letitia Scott, a spinster residing at Vicarage Point, Port Isaac.

Fast forward to 1938 and Devon spinster, Miss Louisa Henrietta Braddon sold the bungalow, now called Pencarne, to Miss Frances Elizabeth Jane Scholefield of Harrogate. Miss Scholefield died at the St Andrew's Nursing Home up on The Terrace in 1945 and she left her bungalow and household furniture and all the money in her Savings Bank at Port Isaac to her nephew, Reginald Francis Wordsworth Scholefield.

He never moved in and in 1946 the trustees of her will sold the property to two sisters from Kent, Ellen Elizabeth and Ethel Adelaide Brookes for £540. The two sisters renamed the bungalow Calenia and lived there for nearly twenty years.

In 1965 the Misses Brookes sold to a couple from Potters Bar , Hertfordshire, retired coachmaker Charles Buttivant and his wife May. Sadly their time in Calenia was not long. Charles died in 1968 and in 1970 May Buttivant sold to Audrey Winifred Jones from Tiverton.

Audrey was only to own the bungalow for three years until in 1973 she sold to Leadville and Yvonne Cleave. They moved from Wadebridge with their son Jon – for Port Isaac maid Yvonne, it was coming home.

In 1995 Leadville and Yvonne sold Calenia to Sam and Dee Littlechild. Not long after they moved in they were restoring the chimney breast in the kitchen and they found on a ledge a folded up piece of newspaper. Why it was put there is anyone's guess but the date on the newspaper was February 19th 1954 – the day that Dee was born! They carefully folded the paper back up and put it back where they had found it."

Dee Littlechild

