

Dolphin Street - Yvonne Cleave remembers Dolphin Street in the 1930s

Rubena Cottage – William Steer and his wife Kathleen lived here. Mr Steer was a Fish Jowder nicknamed 'Blarney'. He was full of fun and very good humoured. They had two children, Ruby and Billy.

May House – This was home to Bill Brown and his wife Jessy. Lovely Billy was a navy man. They had one son, Billy.

Capt and Mrs Lobb, an elderly couple with a grown up family lived in Rosemary Cottage.

Then there was Mr & Mrs Charlie Short and their two grown-up sons.

Mr & Mrs Jack Short and their son Jack. Mr Short's second wife, Phoebe, was the organist at the Wesley Chapel and took her role very seriously.

Norman (Ningy) and Ethel Short and their daughters Ruby, Norma, Clara, Elaine and Alison. Mrs Short was a lovely cook and housewife.

Mr & Mrs Polkinhorne. Nona was a local. They were a young couple with two children, Jean and Lloyd.

Archie and Anne Lobb. Anne was a local girl and Archie was a builder. They had three children, Carol and Ian and later Mark.

Mr & Mrs Tom Collings. Mrs Collings was always known as Mammy Collings. Tom had a fine singing voice. They had one daughter, Gladys.

Granfer Glover lived alone in the corner cottage. He was a very tall man with a black beard and never had much to say to anyone. He had family in the village.

Mrs Rhoda Honey. When she was younger she helped local mothers deliver their babies. She had two grown up children, Jim a fisherman and Clara who was a lovely cook and earned her living cooking.

Mr & Mrs Chadband lived at number 16. He was known locally as Chaddy and was a sailor. His wife, Eva, took in visitors. They had three children, Allan, Betty and Mary.

Tom and Lotty Strout. Lotty was sister to Mammy Collings. Tom was a fisherman. They had no children.

Cyril and Hetty Spry. Cyril was a fisherman. They had two children, a boy and a girl.

Mr & Mrs Andrew Steer. They had one son, George.

Gran Keat lived in The Dolphin that was once a local pub. She always took in visitors and was helped by a local girl, Amanda. She lost her only son, Samuel, in the war. His wife and their son, Gordon, lived nearby.

Mr Richards and his spinster daughter 'Miss Val'. She was a great Wesley Chapel lady and didn't have a lot of time for children playing near her garden.

Mr & Mrs 'Cockney' Honey. Mr Honey was a fisherman and Mrs Honey a dressmaker. They had one daughter, Edith, who was very musical.

Mr & Mrs Frank Masters. Frank was a local man and had one daughter. Mrs Masters had two daughters from her first marriage. All three girls, Joyce, Joan and Thursa, were lovely singers and still live in the village today.



