



## **Higher Barn**, Rose Hill

Yvonne Cleave remembers, "The Oaten and Lark family lived here. The two Oaten brothers, Harry and Andy were fishermen. Mrs Lark was a sister. Mr Lark ran the Cobblers Shop at the Birdcage. They had one daughter who lived down the hill.

Everyone called Mrs Lark 'Mammy Lark'. She loved children – lovely 'Mammy Lark'. There were several surrogate mothers in the village – the older women looked after the children while the young mothers went out to 'tend to visitors' (that's what they called it), the same idea as childminding today."