

## **The Sibbys, Rose Hill**

"In June 1772 Jonathan Remick bought from Robert Child Esq a plot of land called The Sibbys with a ruin on it. It was passed down to sons – all called Thomas or Jonathan who were carpenters and joiners.

The 'ruin' became the base of the main house built in the 1870s and was, for about 80 years, a workshop for the family business which included coffin-making!

The house when built was notable for it's large rooms, big windows, and a water closet! Today the ground floor – the house is built into a hill – is incorporated into the main house.

It continues to be lived in by the Remick family (though the name has changed as it was passed on through daughters). It is possibly the only house in the village to have been continually lived in and owned by the same family. In addition, there is still a Jonathan and Thomas (always known as Tom) in the family!"

*Janet Townsend*

***In the 1930s:*** "Mrs Townsend, a clever sewing lady, lived in The Sibbys. She had one handsome son, Mark, a fisherman, who married Janet and they made it their family home and brought up their daughters Julia and Lizzie there."

*Yvonne Cleave*



*Mark Townsend and his Grandad, circa 1931, outside The Sibbys*