

## **John Bellamy**

### **Memories of Fernley Warne the Water Bailiff.**

And the great thing with Fernley was that, he had a great love for the river, but he would say, 'Come over here.' And he'd have got an old hook that he'd got from somewhere or other and he'd tie up a fly, and his hands were quite arthritic by that time, and he'd make up a fly out of a feather he'd got out of one of Margery's pillows and a bit of wool he'd picked up from somewhere and you'd look at this thing and you'd think, 'That will never catch a fish.' And he'd say, 'Put that on, that will get you a good trout.' And you didn't like to say no, and sure enough you'd go down there, second cast, bang, you'd get a nice trout, you know, he was a good old character was Swifty.

*He was a natural fisherman.*

I think so, he certainly knew a lot about the river.