

## **John Bellamy**

### **Memories of Jack Bellamy, the petrol pumps, shop and postal service during the 1950s and '60s.**

*So, tell me about your grandfather, because he famously did the post round on his horse didn't he?*

Yes, he did, there were two rounds, one, Bob White used to do, and the other one my granddad did and he did that on horseback and of course he could get round much quicker in a lot of ways because he could go places on horseback that you couldn't take a car. But Jack being a farmer as well he was always up, sort of five or six o'clock in the morning, particularly in the summer months and people that were travelling down to Cornwall, they'd often come across the moor because it was more scenic and we didn't have the infrastructure you've got these days, and they knew that they could get petrol at that time and so they'd come across, you know, they'd have travelled down from up country over night and they would hit the moor in early daylight and they'd be able to pick up petrol and have the beauty of the moor as well. I mean Elsie and Jack (Bellamy) ran the shop for over 30 years and Jack also had the farm at Greyhound and I don't think the shop was often shut in reality, you know, it always seemed that somebody was knocking on the door for something or somebody wanted some petrol or whatever.