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A Celebration of Trerieve Farm - Looking towards the sunrise from Keveral, the Seaton valley is in front of you with woods rising up the valley side into ecologically diverse permanent pasture with carefully managed clumps of gorse, bramble and small trees all creating habitats and micro climates.

A new wood has been established. As the ground flattens at the top of the slope the fields have been in a rotation with grazing, arable crops and vegetables. You can walk freely on a network of paths established over the hilltop and down the valley sides, past wildlife ponds and corners of fields full of wildflowers and hedges rich with life.



The sheep and lambs, cows and their calves ambling around the slopes, sometimes even appearing to be standing on the

horizon, have been a daily feature of life on the other side of the valley for as long as most of us remember.

This is Trerieve Farm a special place for all the Community of Growers. It's a special place because as well as the setting for our sunrises, for close to thirty years it's been the home of the Candy Family, Jim, Marian and their sons Eric, David, Haydon and Josh.

Their loving generous spirit has been a great boon to the community at Keveral and their patient support has even enabled some of us to be better growers than we would ever have achieved without them. (Some of us even know something about farming now) Their good will and humour has kept many things going, including some of our cars, long mornings packing veg, or long evenings planting.

In 2000 the Candys decided to turn Trerieve Organic. This was the start of a relationship that lasts to this day. Hay has flowed to Trerieve and lots of lovely muck has come back to Keveral to help fertilise the vegetable beds. We have had fun. Many an event for the local community around

Seaton, Downderry and Deviock has been at Trerieve and Marian and Jim's drive and commitment to their local community has brought us all lots of fun and pleasure with the music weekends, bonfires and events.

If there was a job with a tractor that needed doing Jim was there to help us out, or Haydon, as he grew up and took on work helping to support the farm. They invested in tools and implements to help grow more and better vegetable crops. Either working with us or supporting us to work land at Trerieve or growing and supplying their produce to the Box Scheme. (Not to mention the lovely lamb.) Masses of food for the local community have come from Trerieve. Their lovely potatoes have been a mainstay of the boxes for years.

Everyone at Keveral has wonderful memories of beautiful sunrise or sunset evenings in the fields of Trerieve cutting a lettuce, planting another 10,000 leeks or a few thousand cabbages. (We have some very tired wet cold ones too.)



There was never anywhere more welcoming than the Candy Kitchen tea breaks with Jim, Marian and Haydon warmly welcoming the strays from the fields in despite the mud and warming our hearts and our bodies and filling us with tea and biscuits. Jim would talk to us sometimes too!

Time moves on and this month Jim and Marian have come to the end of their tenancy at Trerieve. It's a time of mixed emotions for us. Trerieve has been such a big part of our lives for so long and it's hard to think of it changing. We will miss all that we have shared, the welcoming home and all the wonderful produce.

Jim and Marian have not gone far, they are still part of the community and are still a key part of the box scheme helping to pack and deliver the veg and work the market stall. **Jim, Marian and their family made Trerieve the special place it is and we all want to celebrate their achievements and wish them well in their new homes.**