

John Hammond - Born in London.

I first came to Llangollen area to ride in a Motorbike scramble and it was then that I met my future wife who was secretary of the local club.- I came to live in Llantysilio in 1957 and Pat Bennisom and I were married.

Initially we lived up on the Pass, where her parents rented Maes Y Ychaen Farm. Then we bought the farm next door. It had 10 acres. There was no electricity until 1976 and no piped water until about 1978. The water until then was taken from a mountain stream, and even today that water is used for outside needs.

The farm is up by the old tramway. Part of the track bed goes over land still on the deeds of the farm. You can still see bits of cable from the tramway, but it is rotting away. I remember the old winding house, but this was pulled down when it became too dangerous. They used to stable the quarry horses, so that when the wagons from the tramway incline were unhitched at the bottom, they were pulled by horse to Pentrefelin.