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A MOORLAND HISTORY

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St Dennis lies in the centre of the Cornish peninsula overlooked by its church, once an Iron-Age fort, 665 feet above sea level. The book reveals how tin recovery, china-clay mining and farming were integral to the development of the village. With the decline of these industries many people no longer work locally, creating a shift in the life of the community that once boasted an array of organisations from church and chapel, through sports teams, bands and choirs, to drama groups. Despite all this, villagers still enjoy a strong sense of belonging.

This book also tells the history of Goss Moor, which lies in the parishes of Roche, St Dennis and St Columb, from the legendary King Arthur through the heyday of the railway (featuring one of the largest collections of St Dennis Junction pictures ever published), the agricultural and industrial exploitation of the moor that reshaped the landscape, including the bringing to the moor of Plymouth's rubble after the Blitz, to the conservation projects that are taking place today under the management of Natural England.

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