



As Time Goes By



Louise Darby -
When I lived next door!



Farm building 1983 before it became
workshop or - Clay Barn in 1992



Restored Barn and Garden



Louise Darby and her work



For potter and photographer, Louise Darby, the last 30 years have seen a way of life and work evolve. In addition to craft&design celebrating 30 years of publishing, Louise is also marking 30 years - of working from a barn that she has known all her life. Louise lived her first five years in the old farm house next door to the barn, and then just two fields away until she left home to start work.

In 1983, after five years art training, and five years working as a potter's assistant with the late Reg Moon at Torquil Pottery, Louise, with the help of her father, began to turn part of an old farm building on the family farm into a workshop.

Nine years on, and without the part-time teaching which had been such a financial help in the early days of establishing a business, Louise needed a larger workspace and felt that moving home and work together was the next practical move. So she set to the task of saving the rest of the crumbling building where she had established her workshop.

So, to the next phase in her life and work, with the creation of Clay Barn, as she named the completed restoration, when it became home as well as workshop in 1992. As a result of all the building work, Louise missed her by then established Winter Exhibition, and introduced the first Spring one. She was encouraged to continue her Christmas events, and so began the biannual exhibitions, with more fellow artists invited to join her.

Come 1998, a passing offer from the starting-out Devon garden designer, Andrew Osborne, to design a garden, set in motion the creating of Louise's garden to his design - it has now become another exhibition space for her summer exhibitions.

Louise is marking her 30 years at Clay Barn with her Summer Exhibition 'As Time Goes By', from Friday 7 to Monday 10 June, open from 10-5. She and her fellow exhibitors do hope that you will be able to join them at the welcoming venue, meet the artists, watch demonstrations and buy unique gifts.

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