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increasing knowledge of Cornish history through the background of the carols and the local scenes.

Holly Bailey added: "In our minds we feel we are sharing community pride in the local scene. It gives us a chance to see how we can all contribute to a better Christmas with our own stories from this region set in the streets or in the hills."

However, both Holly and Eileen are from the Bedruth area. Eileen's great-grandfather, William, was a well-known local man which certainly gave the book a special meaning. It was a chance to share the local history of the Bedruth area with the wider community.

"The Holy Family is a very special story to me," Eileen said. "I grew up in a small village and I was very lucky to have been in the school where the Holy Family was the central theme of the year. It was a very special time for me."

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books of young men, sometimes known as the 'the little red book' or the 'the little green book', have been passed down through the generations in a series of small, handwritten volumes. This has been going on for almost 200 years, from the early 1800s to the present day.

For a long time, the carols were passed down from one generation to the next, but they were often lost or forgotten.

The project was started by Eileen Coleman and Holly Bailey, who are both from the Bedruth area. They wanted to share the local history of the Bedruth area with the wider community.

"We were pleased that we could do this for the 2011 Christmas season," Eileen said. "It was a great opportunity to share our local history with the wider community."

Holly and Eileen decided to do something about it by collecting the carols and having them printed in a book. They wanted to share the local history of the Bedruth area with the wider community.

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which shows how popular they are," says Bailey.

Throughout December they will be holding 'sing-alongs' in places around Cornwall where people can express an interest in learning them. All these events will be free and the book will be given out, including the book to those who live in the area.

"We believe these carols are an important part of our Cornish cultural identity and we hope through this project to help to raise the profile of Bedruth's unique heritage. It is a chance for us to share our local history with the wider community."

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