



Stories of Stuff



Learning to swim at Calstock
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From a tale told by Wurzel

Father said to me, 'you need to learn to swim'. So I started off going round the ferry steps first, where the ferry goes across, not very far but you had to get around there, steps to steps they used to call it, and I managed to do that. Then father said, 'if you swim across the river boy, I'll buy you a canoe', because my brother Keith had a canoe. So Keith was with me swimming and he was pushing the rubber ring in front and I got to the other side! And then I swum back – but I never got my canoe! They couldn't afford it. 'The way you swam', Father said, 'I thought you'd sooner drown than get across there'.

Stories of Stuff is a community arts project discovering the stories inspired by treasured objects. It has been created by The Writers' Block.