

HUSBAND		PAUL S. DRAKE	
BORN		AT	
BAPTISED		AT	
MARRIED		AT	
DIED	25/1/2002	AT	ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE, BASINGSTOKE
FUNERAL	5/2/2002	AT	ST PAUL'S CHURCH, TADLEY.
FATHER		MOTHER	

WIFE		EILEEN	
BORN		AT	
BAPTISED		AT	
FATHER		MOTHER	

Lived at Tandanya, Malthouse Lane, Tadley.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

BASINGSTOKE GAZETTE DEATHS 1/2/2002. TADS NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2002.

**PAUL DRAKE**  
 Peacefully on 25th  
 January. A dearly loved  
 Father and Grandfather.  
 Sadly missed by all his  
 family and friends.  
 Funeral Service at St.  
 Pauls Church, Tadley on  
 Tuesday 5th February at  
 1.00pm. Family flowers  
 only, donations to St.  
 Michaels Hospice may  
 be sent c/o Geoffrey  
 Church & Co. 48  
 Bishopswood Road,  
 Tadley, RG26 4HD Tel:  
 0118 9814420

PAUL S. DRAKE

**Paul Drake**

We regret to report the recent death of one of our members Paul Drake. Paul had been active with St Pauls Church for many years but had been unwell for the last two. He was a keen walker and had learned to make violins under the tutelage of John Lodge of Ramsdell. Until his illness he was a violinist with the Basingstoke Symphony Orchestra. He also provided the PA equipment for St Pauls Church Fete. He will be missed by many people and our condolences go to his wife Eileen.

PHYLLIS J. DRAKE

### Recognition

Civil servant Phyllis Drake, 53, has been made an MBE in recognition of service with the DSS.

Miss Drake has worked in social security for 35 years, the last eight months as business manager for the Benefits Agency's Winchester branch.

As well as her service for the DSS, Miss Drake, who lives in Basingstoke, does voluntary work for her Staff Benevolent Society.

BASINGSTOKE GAZETTE 2/1/1998

HUSBAND		KENNETH DRYBURGH	
BORN		AT	
BAPTISED		AT	
MARRIED		AT	
DIED	14/2/2002	AT	STOCKPORT
FUNERAL	ASHES BURIED 11/3/2002	AT	TADLEY OLD MEETING
FATHER	THOMAS HAXTON DRYBURGH	MOTHER	DOROTHY VIOLET CHAPMAN

WIFE		SQUIBB? PREVIOUSLY MARRIED, HAD CHILDREN.	
BORN		AT	
BAPTISED		AT	
DIED		AT	
FATHER		MOTHER	

LIVED AT KEDA FIRS, WOLVERTON ROAD, BAUGHURST,  
 NO CHILDREN OF THIS MARRIAGE. THOUGHT TO HAVE DIVORCED

**KEN DRYBURGH**  
 Passed away peacefully  
 14.02.02. at Stockport  
 Funeral has taken place.  
 Kens wishes were to be  
 brought home.  
 Internment at Tadley  
 U.R.C. Monday 11th  
 March, 10.30am.

B.F. 4/3/2002

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

BASINGSTOKE GAZETTE DEATHS 4/3/2002

HUSBAND		THOMAS HAXTON DRYBURGH		JOINER
BORN	1905/6	AT		
BAPTISED		AT		
MARRIED	11/4/1931	AT	TADLEY, ST PETERS.	
DIED		AT		
FUNERAL		AT		
FATHER	THOMAS HAXTON DRYBURGH	MOTHER		

WIFE		DOROTHY VIOLET CHAPMAN		
BORN		AT	TADLEY	
BAPTISED	31/3/1901	AT	TADLEY OLD MEETING	
DIED <small>ADULT</small>	20/10/1979 AGED 78	AT	TR	
BURIED		AT	TADLEY OLD MEETING	
FATHER	THOMAS CHAPMAN	MOTHER	ALICE BONNER	

CHILDREN				
DOROTHY AFFLECK	B 1932		M 27/12/1952 AT TADLEY	
	Bp		STANLEY JOHN LAY	
KENNETH	B	D 14/2/2002 AT STOCKPORT	MARRIED AT ONE TIME	✓
	Bp	F. ASHES BUR. T.O.M 11/2/2002		
JOCELYN	B			
	Bp			

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- TADLEY PARISH REGISTER OF MARRIAGES 1920-1936, 1936-1952.
- BASINGSTOKE GAZETTE DEATHS 4/3/2002
- TADLEY OLD MEETING REGISTER OF BURIALS 1948-1980
- TADLEY OLD MEETING REGISTER OF BAPTISMS 1886-1931

HUSBAND WILLIAM EDWARD DUCKETT (BILL)

BORN		AT	
BAPTISED		AT	
MARRIED		AT	
DIED	3/2/1990 AGED 91	AT	DIED IN HOSPITAL, OF FIR TREE PIECE, HANNINGTON
BURIED	9/2/1990	SERVICE AT	HANNINGTON, ALL SAINTS
FATHER		MOTHER	

WIFE

BORN			
BAPTISED			
DIED			
BURIED			

CHILDREN

IRIS	B Bp	D 11/4/2006 AT N.H.M. BASINGSTOKE Bur 7/4/2006 AT HANNINGTON	M WILFRED THOMAS APPLETON ✓
MARGARET	B Bp		M ANGELO NOCELLA
FREDA	B Bp		M HERNE

DAUGHTER OF IRIS MARGARET			
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION.

BASINGSTOKE GAZETTE DEATHS, APPLETON, 10/2/1989, DUCKETT 9/2/1990. APPLETON APRIL 06  
PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE.

**DUCKETT.** On February 3rd 1990, peacefully in hospital. William Edward (Bill), aged 91 years, of Fir Tree Piece, Hannington. Beloved father of Iris, Margaret and Freda and much loved grandad and great grandad. Funeral service at All Saints' Church, Hannington, on Friday, February 9th, 1990, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Howe & Son, Funeral Directors, Kingsclere.

Authority of the Registrar-General



**CERTIFIED COPY of an  
Deaths Registration Act 1953**

**ENTRY OF BIRTH**

CK 256  
- 0852

B.

**Registration District**

*Sasmarke*

*in the Connoes of Southampton & Banks*

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When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name, and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description, and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of Registrar	Name entered after registration
<i>Elizabeth February 1867</i>	<i>Elizabeth Jane</i>	<i>girl</i>	<i>William Stanley</i>	<i>Jane Stanley family Murrell</i>	<i>Farm Labourer</i>	<i>Jane Stanley Mother Maile Sherborne</i>	<i>March 1867</i>	<i>Thomas Dennis Registrar</i>	<i>William Dennis Registrar</i>

Certified to be a true copy of an entry in a register in my custody

*Celia Roper*

See note overleaf  
Superintendent Registrar  
*9 9 96*  
Date

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THIS CERTIFICATE IS NOT EVIDENCE OF THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON PRESENTING IT.

HUSBAND		ARTHUR JAMES DUNCOMBE		HOUSE PAINTER, LATER GARDENER	
BORN	14/1/1867	OF	WHITE COLNE, HALSTEAD, ESSEX		
BAPTISED	18/3/1867	AT	WHITE COLNE PARISH CHURCH, ESSEX		
MARRIED	26/12/1891	AT	PAMBER,		
DIED	ABT. SEPT. 1952	AT	162 BEEHCROFT RD, UPPER TOOTING		
BURIED	ABT. SEPT 1952	AT	STREATHAM CEMETERY, TOOTING.		
FATHER	CHARLES DUNCOMBE		MOTHER	SOPHIA WHYBREW	

WIFE		ELIZABETH JANE STANLEY. (LIZZIE)			
BORN	20/2/1867	AT	MONK SHERBORNE.		
BAPTISED		AT			
DIED	15/7/1949 AGED 82	AT	162 BEEHCROFT ROAD, UPPER TOOTING.		
BURIED	1949	AT	STREATHAM CEMETERY, TOOTING.		
FATHER	WILLIAM STANLEY		MOTHER	JANE MURRELL	

## CHILDREN

(BESSIE) ELIZABETH MAY	B 18/11/1892 AT <sup>SHERIFFS ROAD</sup> SOUTH WIMBORNE	D 9/1/1981 AT 27 GILBEY RD, TOOTING AGED 88	M. 7/11/1918 AT EARLSFIELD, 2007 ALFRED STAMP	✓
(CHARLIE) ARTHUR CHARLES	B DEC. 1894 (30 <sup>th</sup> )	D 1917 AT PASSCHENDAELE, BELGIUM BEL. EAST SURREY RECT. 1914-18 PAR	UN-MARRIED.	
DOROTHY (DOLLY)	B 19/4/1896 AT <sup>SU 60/61/62 THE ROAD</sup> SOUTH WIMBORNE	D 17/12/1977 AT ST BENEDICTS HOSPITAL TOOTING. CARM. 22/12/1977.	M. _____ 1962-5 ERNEST CHEESBROUGH	

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

BIRTH CERTIFICATE. (COPY) ELIZABETH JANE STANLEY.

PAMBER PARISH REGISTER OF MARRIAGES. 1849-1913

INFORMATION FROM MIKE GUEST, 220 AKATARAWA ROAD, UPPER HUTT. N.Z.



ARTHUR JAMES DUNCOMBE.

WANDSWORTH 1901

189	95 Bechcroft Road,	Arthur J. DUNCOMBE	H	M	34	Caster. Nursery Man.	Essex, White Colne
		Elizabeth J.	"	W	M	34	Pamber End.
		Elizabeth M.	"	d	8		Sunny, Wimbledon
		Arthur C.	"	S	6		" Upper Tooting
		Dorothy	"	d	4		" " "

ARTHUR  
JAMES  
DUNCOMBE  
b 10/11/1867  
m 26/12/1891 at PAMBER  
DIED 1952

ELIZABETH  
JANE (LIZZIE)  
STANLEY  
b 20/12/1887 at MOKK SHEARBOURNE  
DIED 15/7/1944 AGED 57

ELIZABETH  
MAY (BESSIE)  
b 18/11/1893  
m 7/11/1918  
d 9/11/1981 AGED 88  
b 54 GRIFFITHS RD -  
SOUTH WIMBORNE

ARTHUR  
CHARLES (CHARLIE)  
b DECEMBER 1890  
b MARCH 27/1895  
KILLED 12/10/1917 AGED 23  
GREAT WAR 1914-1918 EASTSURREY REGT.  
DIED AT PASSCHENDAELE, BELGIUM

DOROTHY (DOLLY)  
b 19/4/1896  
d 17/12/1977 AGED 81  
b 54 GRIFFITHS RD -  
SOUTH WIMBORNE  
m EARLE  
CHEESBROUGH (AGED 61)  
M 1939 at 1962

WALTER  
CHARLES  
b 3/3/1920  
m 11/9/1947 at PRESTWICK  
d 17/2/2002 AYBISHIRE

WINIFRED  
MAY  
b 22/5/1921  
m 19/11/1946  
d 24/10/1975  
WILFRED PARKIN  
GUEST

STANLEY  
ALFRED  
b 19/2/1923 d 27/9/1971  
m 15/3/1949  
JESSIE d 5/8/2001  
GILBERT IN JOFFOLK  
(NO CHILDREN)

ALFRED  
JAMES  
b 18/1925  
m 23/6/1945  
ROSE  
BAKER  
(NO CHILDREN)

LINDA  
ANN  
b 30/6/1949  
ZEEN

MICHAEL  
JAMES  
b 16/9/1948  
m 12/11/1971  
BARBARA  
JOAN  
RALPH

PETER  
DAVID  
b 9/3/1951  
m 1975 DIVORCED  
JILL  
HAZEL  
MARGARET  
SARGANT  
m 28/6/1980

ELAINE  
ELIZABETH  
b 7/10/1960  
m APRIL 1987  
SIMON  
SMITH

JULIA  
SARAH  
CY  
b 25/6/1975

KIRI  
b 27/7/1977

JANE  
b 1956  
LOUISE  
b 2/2/1988  
STEPHEN  
PETER  
b 1992 (19/3)

ALFRED  
JAMES  
b 18/1925  
m 23/6/1945  
ROSE  
BAKER  
(NO CHILDREN)



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No	Surname	Rank	Service	Date of Death	Age	Regiment	Nationality	Grave/Memo Ref.
1	<a href="#">DUNCOMBE, ARTHUR CHARLES</a>	Private	2019	12/10/1917	22	East Surrey Regiment	United Kingdom	XLII. F. 15. POELLAPELLE BRITISH CEMETERY .

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1. AJ Duncombe death at Beechcroft rd Tooting same as  
ST C Index. Sept Q 1952 Wandsworth 5d.603. Lizzie  
EJS

2 Elizabeth May Duncombe born at Griffiths rd  
Wimbledon

3. Fell asleep sitting in chair mid morning letter from  
Wally in her lap at 27 Sidley rd Tooting.

4 Dorothy Duncombe born 59 Griffiths rd

Married Ernie after moving to Harlawn Gardens Tooting

Died at St Benedicts Hospital Tooting.

Marriage c 1962-65

I used to leave my bike in Aunt Dolly's  
front garden to go to school near Road.

She moved & I carried on this arrangement with  
her friends who took on the house.

5 Private 2019 8th Service Battalion East Surrey  
Killed in action. Regt.

6/ Walter Charles Stamp. b. 3 MAR 1920  
at 95 Beechcroft rd Springfield upper Tooting  
m. Mary Jane Galloway 1 Sept 1947  
at Prestwich Ayrshire Scotland.

Honourable Artillery Company. (signals)

Head dress up.

One daughter Linda Ann (Mrs Zeeb) b 30 JAN 1948 Julie  
same

7 Winifred May Stamp b 22 May 1921.  
95 Beechcroft Rd Springfield Upper Tooting

Chrt. 24 July 1921 (probably Lynwood rd Chapel)  
Upper Tooting

M. Wilfred Parkin Guest 19 Jan 1946  
P.C. St Nicholas Church Lane Tooting.

d. 24 Oct 1975 St George's Hospital Tooting  
cremated Lambeth Crem. Blackshaw Rd Tooting

8 Stanley Alfred Stamp. b 19 Feb 1923

162 Beechcroft Rd Upper Tooting

(Same home new numbers due to new buildings and starting from opposite end of Rd)

M. Jessie Gilbert 15 Mar 1969  
Wandswoth Reg. Off. No Children

d. 27 Sept 1971 at St James's Hosp. Tooting Rec.

crem. Blackshaw Rd

Royal Engineers. (driver)

S.P.O Technician.

9 Alfred James Stamp. b. 1 Aug. 1925

162 Beechcroft Rd U. Tooting.

M. Rose Baker 23 Jun. 1945.

No Children

R.A.S.C.

Sheet metal / Tin Smith  
Stock Controller.

Welling  
win  
Stam  
- Alf  
all went to "Firecraft" Rd school

10 Wilfred Parkin Guest b. 4 Feb 1922  
at CLYDACH near Pontardawe  
Glamorgan South Wales

m. Win. Stamp R. Eng's. Bridge builder, 124 Corp.  
occ. Foundry man  
maintenance fitter  
manager.

d. 13 July 1996 at St George's Hosp  
Tooting

Crem (Service) Blackshaw Rd. July '96

Ashes scattered by Michael from N.Z. on

Friday, 20 August '96

11 Michael James Guest b. 16 Sept 1948

at South London Hospital for Women  
Clapham South.

(1) M. Barbara Joan Ralph. 12 Nov 1971  
at St Nicholas P.C. Tooting.

Barbara b. 20 Mar 1949. at Fulham.

Emigrated to NZ 16 April 1975.

occ fitter, Tech, Rep. Sales Manager.

children

Cy Guest. b. 25 Jun 1975.

occ Automotive Tech.

Kiri Guest b. 27 July 1977. occ. Temp.

12 Peter David Guest b. 9 Aug. 1951.  
at Weir Hospital Dalham.

occ.  
Storamen  
Supervisor  
for Decca  
radar.

1/ m. Jill Hazel. about 1975.  
at Wansworth R.O.  
1 child Isaac b. about 1975.

2 m. Margaret, Sargent b. 9/6/48  
m. 28/6/80.

13 Elaine Elizabeth Guest.

b. 7 Oct 1960 Weir Hosp. Dalham.

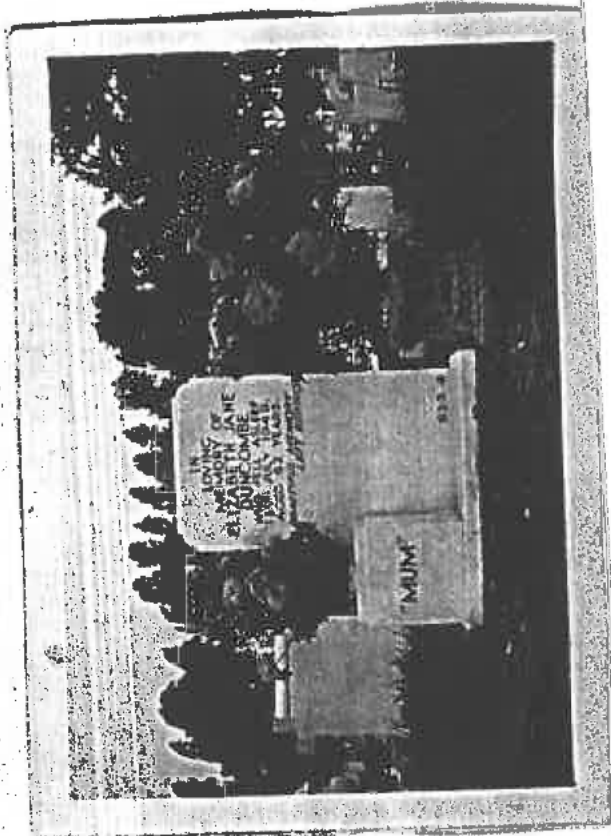
m. Simon Smith about 1986.

Louise b. 2 Dec 1988  
Smith

Stephen Peter Smith, 19 Mar 1992

Pat Guest (Stanley) = Alan HAWKIN'S  
(Lucy)

Ronald Rae's wife = IAN / son = Hayden  
3 next birthday  
(9/9/96)

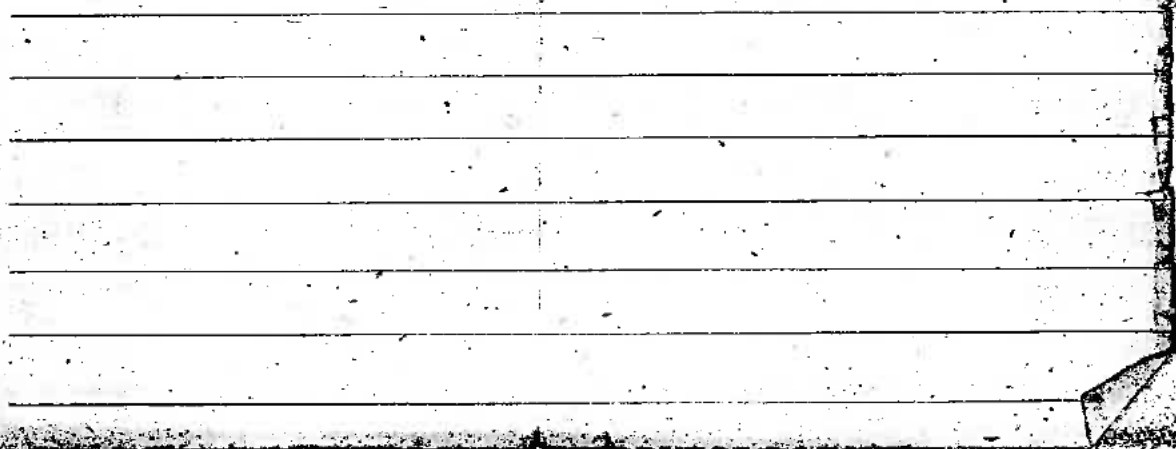
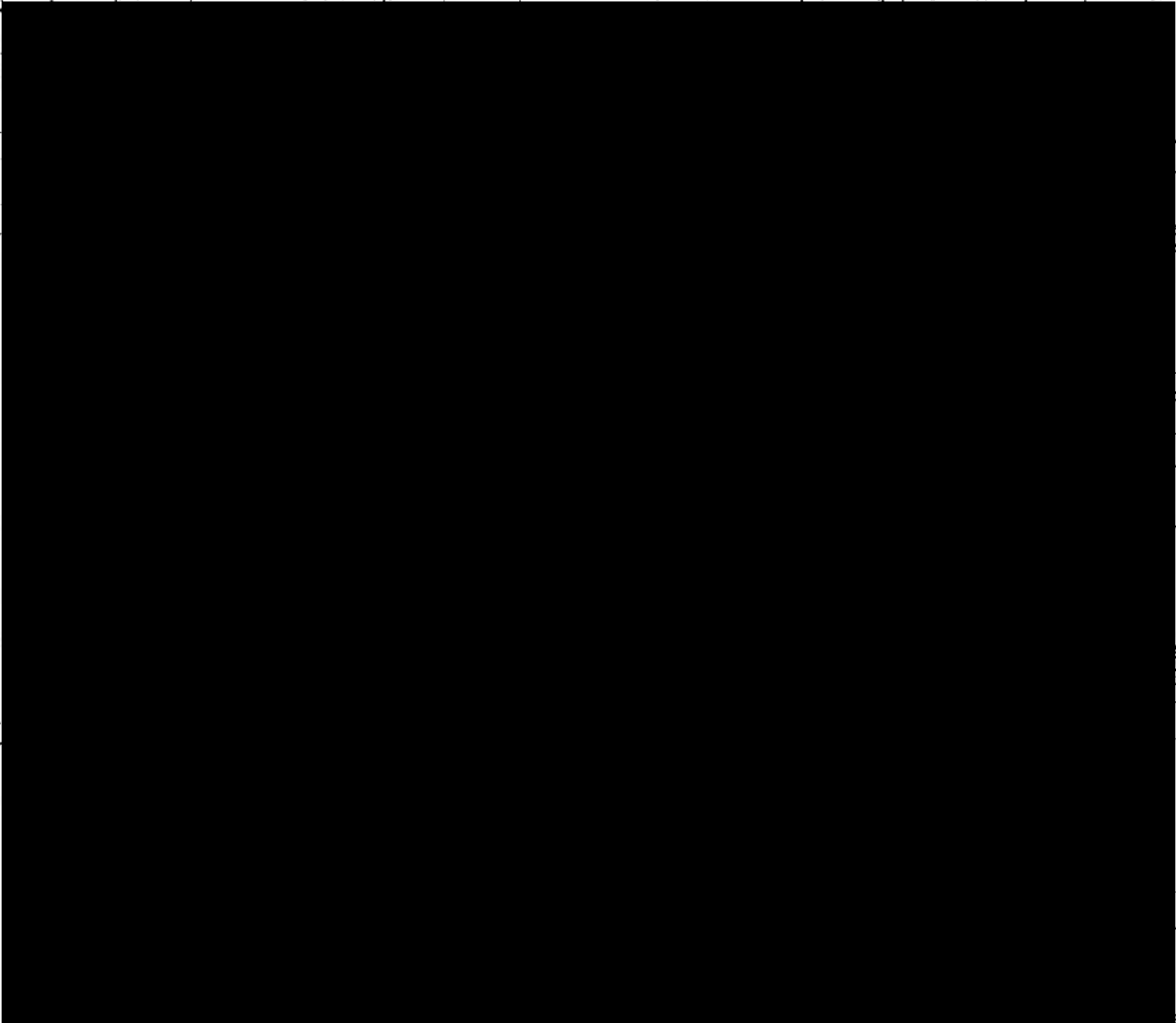


"BEAUTIFUL  
MEMORY  
LEFT BEHIND"

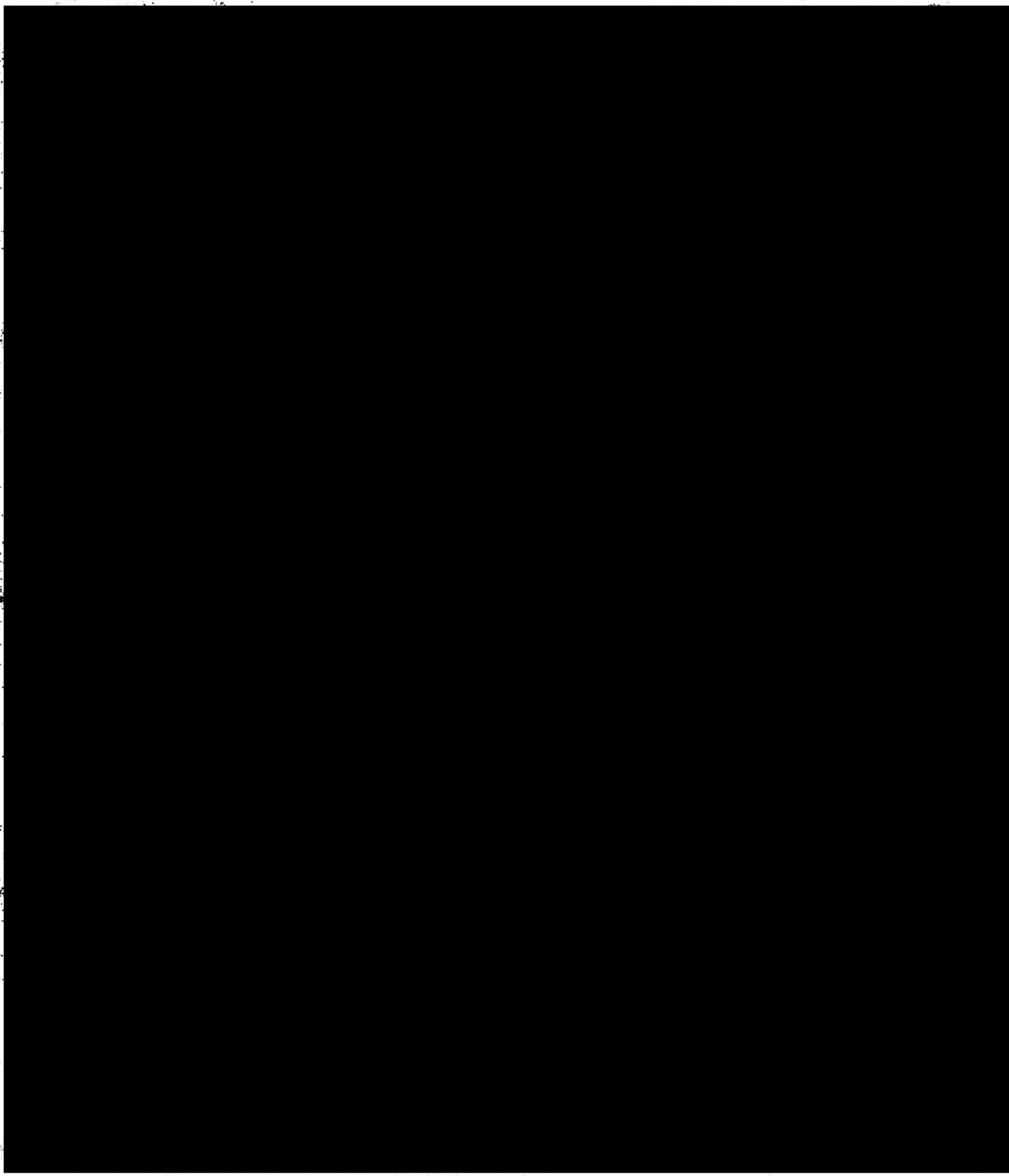


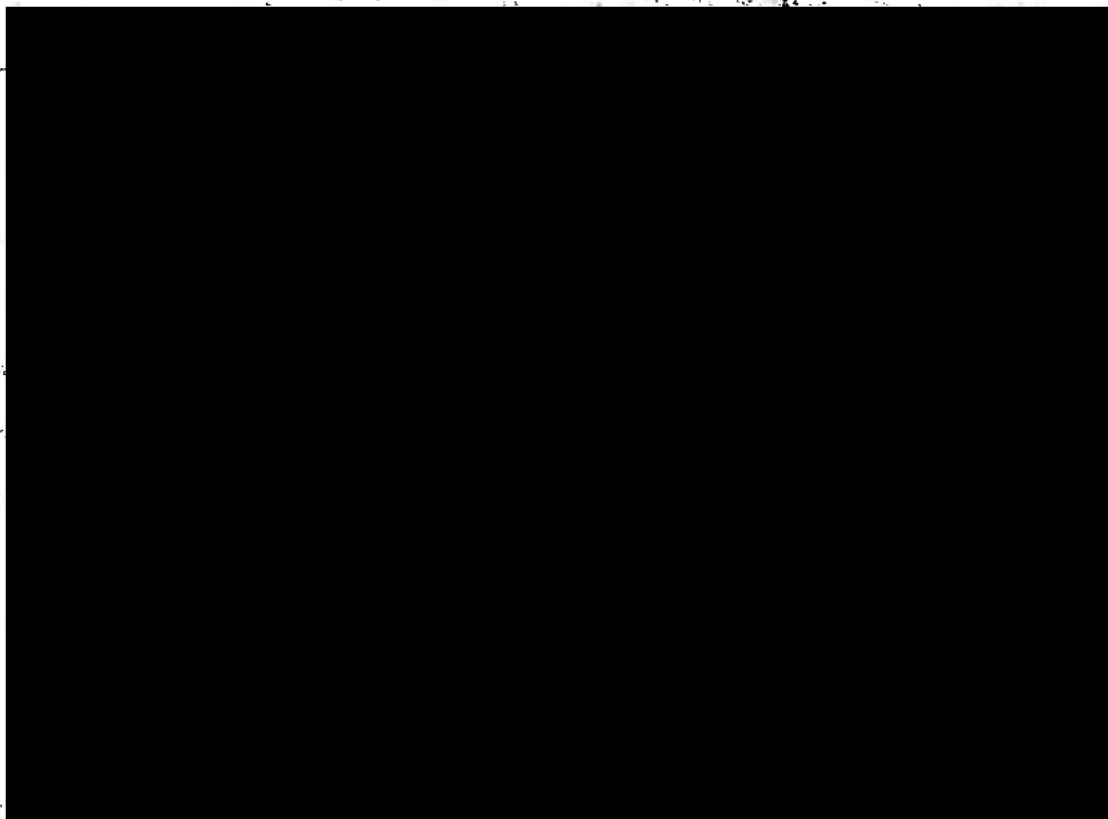
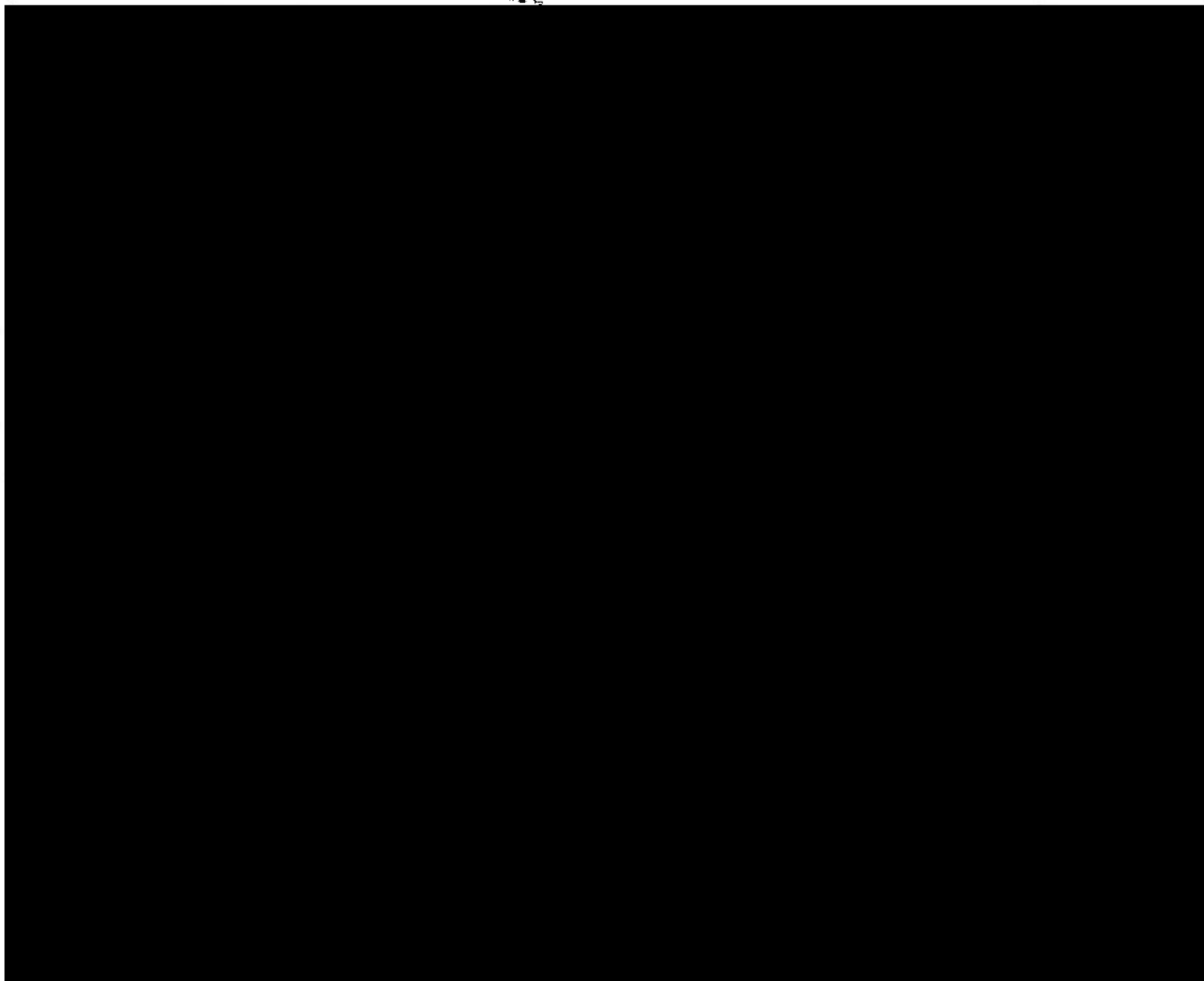
How does a child of 10 with a learning disability...

[Redacted]



Mum & Dad were married 19/JAN/1946





Dear Iris & George,

I thought I would throw  
in these copies of photos too, all related  
to the Beechcroft story.

The exception is the one at Highworth Farm  
holiday camp at Hayling Island as the 4 wheeled  
bike tells us. I was always under the impression  
the place was "Highworth Farm" where your van is.

Also enclosed is the parish record from Monk  
Sherbourne Page 67 as it has the stamp on  
the back "Hampshire Record Office" I think it  
may be an original copy you may have sent me  
by mistake. I found it while organising some  
family records for Linda Stamp's daughter Sarah for  
her school project (That's Wally's granddaughter)  
Any how I took a copy & here's the original.

Have a lovely Christmas

Love to all

Michael

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## BEEHCROFT ROAD

The story about the families that lived at the Beechcroft Road home is a tale of continuing stability from the uniting family members that first came together at Wimbledon who were both originally from country backgrounds, through to the children that were born at Beechcroft, along to the following generation.

Both the Duncombe & Stamp families lived at 95 Beechcroft Road Springfield, however, the number was changed between 1921 & 1923 when it became 162 Beechcroft Road Upper Tooting.

This was probably due to new houses being built along Beechcroft, passed the top of Fishponds Rd along passed Glenburnie Rd with a dozen or so more stopping where the school ground now starts. In 1917 most of the grounds between Hereward & Beechcroft roads were part of the Bell estate, behind the row of shops & houses were fields, part of which was Park House, is this where Miss Bell lived? (See map 1).

Around 1920 when walking up the hill of Beechcroft Rd, on the southern side (your left) you would of passed the old Chapel which was built of corrugated iron. This had become the Church hall when St Peter's was built in 1898. (See photo2). Going on up the hill there were only the fields on your left as Fishponds Rd had not yet been started. The brow of the hill is marked by Glenburnie Rd which in 1920 only had a few homes on the southern corner, the lane that led around to the main entrance of the 'Middlesex County Lunatic Asylum' went passed Park House again on the left. Continuing along Beechcroft where the Bec school now stands, in 1920 there was a cricket ground. Whether this was part of Springfield mental hospital is not known, do you know?

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servant when aged 14 at Pamber End in 1881, was she sent up to London as were so many others to find employment & did she find work around Wimbledon? Was a young painter painting the house in which Elizabeth served? What brought Arthur along with his 70 year old father & mother to live at 54 Griffiths Rd South Wimbledon? It may of been his elder brother William who lived in near by Russell Rd. William lived at No.78 with wife Emily & large family. Charles, Arthur's father, is entered on the 1891 census as being 'employed' not bad at 70!

When the family first moved to Beechcroft what was the motivating factor? Was it at this point that Arthur changed from painter to gardener? Certainly there were many more larger houses closer to their home than there would have been at Griffiths Road, or did he go to help his Dad & learnt yet another trade?

Another factor may have been that Beechcroft had a 'country' atmosphere about it, quiet, not far from Wandsworth Common & with the openness of the fields opposite, although they were behind the wall. As a child I remember the tranquillity of the place during visits for tea to Uncle Alf's & Aunty Rose's, there were always birds singing, especially Blackbirds. I also remember listening for the distant roar of the speedway which came wafting up over the fields from Wimbledon stadium down at Summerstown, this was when Ronnie Moore was king of the track, in the early 1950's.

Very few working families had motor cars then, the next decade saw major changes in how people travelled, this & the building of Hillcroft Secondary School almost opposite 162 changed the character of Beechcroft Rd.

Arthur made his living as a gardener when Wally was a boy, he remembers his grandfather had a hand cart to carry his tools around from job to job at the various big houses where he

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Rd. During the time Aunt Dolly lived at 162 there were significant changes over that half a mile difference between Beechcroft & Herlwyn.

The home at 162 is a typical two storey early Victorian terrace house & is in the middle of the block. On one end is what use to be a post office/grocers, on the corner of Hendham Rd, on the opposite end, the terrace finished with the back garden of one of the larger houses in Dalebury Rd.

As described facing the front door of 162 was the brick wall of the hospital, from the upstairs front room, the largest room in the home, one could look out over this wall into the crop fields & down the hill towards Summerstown. Gazing to the left, about a quarter of a mile back from the wall were the main accommodation areas also the high chimney from the boilers which supplied the place with its hot water & heating. Next to this was the huge brick built water tower with its enormous water tank on the top. Nan once told me that generally the patients did not bother them, however occasionally they were disturbed by terrible screams, usually this was at night.

Bessie went into service & worked as a maid at a large house in nearby Trinity Crescent. Was it here Nan met the bakers roundsman when he brought the bread orders around with a hand cart?, before long they were 'stepping out' together. This was my grandfather Alfred Stamp, he worked for Monk's the baker that was located next to the Surrey Tavern, facing Wandsworth Common.

With the start of the first world war (Aug. 4th 1914) Alf joined the Royal Marines Artillery & was posted to Eastney barracks at Portsmouth. Bessie's brother Charlie also joined up too, he signed up with the East Surrey regiment, unfortunately



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neighbours front door, the whole of the front of the next home is a mirror image of 95. Number 93 was the home of the Hopkins family. 'Bill' Hopkins started his residency there between 1909-10. Alf & Bill remained life long friends & work mates, this friendship has also spanned the generations & the families are still friends today.

Going through the front door of 95 (162) one enters a passage with a flight of stairs rising up in front of you. On your left is a wall about six feet long then a door leading into the front room. This was only used on high days & holidays! That was Sunday's, Christmas, Easter, special occasions etc., here the harmonium was kept & according to Wally, his grandfather, Arthur, was fairly accomplished with this instrument as well as the violin. Wally when aged 10 was given a violin by his Grandfather but never mastered it, as children Peter my brother & I use to sneak it out of its hiding place in the top cupboard at 27 Gilbey & drive Nan mad 'gut scraping!' That old fiddle is still around today, Linda's Julia took it up after Peter re-strung it, the Zeen family are looking after it at their home in the Kent countryside.

Standing at the foot of the stairs the passage veered around to the left & continued along passed, back at the base of the stairs to your left is a door that leads into what was Elizabeth & Arthur's sitting room, here was the heart of the home, table & chairs etc., this is where the Cuckoo clock sung out the hours, & I'm pleased to say that the faithful old bird is still busily doing her job, 12,000 miles away where she migrated too! The sitting room was where the Duncombe family spent what leisure time they had, & in the case of Elizabeth Jane, that was not very much! According to many accounts, my mother Win, Nan (Bessie) & Les Stanley to name a few, Elizabeth Jane worked long & hard all

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2 foot wide with each neighbours fence as a backdrop. On the left hand side (Hendham) the flowers were protected by a low picket fence, no doubt to keep the kids off of them!

In the photograph, Circa 1932, of Bessie & Alf's 4 children Wally is wearing a cap & tie of green & yellow the uniform of Fircroft Road Elementary School, blazers were not around in those days for working class children! All 4 of the Stamp children went to this local school reached by walking along Beechcroft turning into Brenda Rd. Then along passed Mandrake Rd. & right into Fircroft. The school took up all the block between Brenda & Glenburnie Roads with its back wall running along Mandrake. In the same picture you can see a white pole by the top of the small fence, Alf aquired this 20 foot flag pole or mast, it is in the midst of painting before being erected against the post by the shed, where a copper aerial was attached to it for better radio reception as the crystal set they had was difficult to hear even through headphones! The only way to get the pole into the garden was through the front door, up the stairs, & out through Aunt Dolly's bedroom window!

From an earlier picture of Bessie & Alf they are sitting in front of some cold frames up against a fence, this was at Beechcroft too, Grandad was particular in his dress when going out whereas when working around home he had his old clothes on, especially his cap in latter life.

Between the 2 flower beds was the bare earth well compacted down by the 9 pairs of feet! The earth or soil was never referred to as such, it was always called 'dirt', was that because as kids at play in the garden we usually came in dirty? During winter this area would have turned to mud & become slippery so when putting the washing out care had to be taken. From the latter photo's you

cooker hireage as well, that way the family were not faced with a bill.

That large front bedroom upstairs was also needed as Bessie now had 4 children to bed down next to her & Alf! The bed/sitting room had been turned into a dormitory!

Back at the kitchen when entering there was the window on the left looking out onto the alley & side fence, to gain access to the scullery there was another door opposite but more to the left of the kitchen door. In the scullery was the wash boiler, the font of hot water for laundry & the bath. This was fuelled by solid fuel usually wood, generally the 'copper' as it was known was fired up on Monday morning to do the weeks washing of bed linen. The sheets were boiled up in the copper then put through the mangle before being put out to air on the cloths line in the back garden. Nothing was wasted in those days, the current generations talks about & do recycle items, back then necessity & poverty drove our families to maximise everything. The soapy water was not poured down the drain after the cloths were washed, the galvanised bath that hung up out on the side fence in the alley was brought in & filled & whoever was around took a bath. The bath was put in the kitchen & the water bucketed in & out. During winter the gas oven was left on with its door open to help keep the place warm. Friday night was official 'bath night' for those who worked, the first one in got the clean water, the rest just followed on with an occasional top up of hot water as required. Also in the scullery was the only sink & cold water tap in the home, originally this was an earthenware yellow sink about 4 inches deep by 2 feet wide & 18 inches from the back wall. The sink faced you as you went through the door in the corner.

13/

own home at Cheam in the late 50's.

Elizabeth Jane Duncombe 'fell asleep' according to the monumental inscription on the 15th of July 1946<sup>9</sup> aged 82.

Arthur James Duncombe lasted another 5 years leaving Aunt Dolly the last remaining Duncombe At Beechcroft. When Alf & Rose moved on Aunt Dolly took in Connie & Ivy, some old friends of hers & sister Bessie. I believe Nan was in service with them along with 'Aunt Annie' who was not related to us however that's what Nan made us call her when we were young. Wally tells me her name was Annie Edgington, Peter & I looked forward to her visits to Nan's at 27 as 'Aunt Annie' always brought us Snowmen meringues & sometimes a 'thrupenny' bit (a three penny piece) or a tanner! (a six penny piece).

I started attending the newly built Hillcroft School in 1961 & I rode my bicycle there but left it padlocked up in Aunt Dolly's front garden just along the road from the school. It was about a year later Aunt Dolly moved, however I still parked my bike there in front of the bay window.

All the descending families from the original occupants have proved to be stable & good hearted people, even though, like myself. I have moved to the opposite side of the world I have been in my home for 20 years & job for 15.

I also believe we all have a love for the countryside, our roots.

MIKE GUEST

AKATARAWA

NEW ZEALAND

JULY 1995.

## INDIVIDUAL DATA

RIN:17

-----  
 Name: Arthur James DUNCOMBE Sex: M ID No: 042300  
 Birth: 14 Jan 1867 Place: Brooks Farm, White Colne, Ess, Eng  
 Chr: 10 Mar 1867 Place: PC, White Colne, Ess, Eng  
 Death: Abt Sep 1952 Place: Beechcroft Rd, Tooting, Lnd, Eng  
 Burial: Abt Sep 1952 Place: Streatham cem, Tooting, Lnd, Eng  
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Father: Charles DUNCOMB-53

Mother: Sophia WHYBREW-54

## MARRIAGE(5)

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 MRIN Spouse Name Marriage Date  
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 7 Elizabeth Jane STANLEY-18 26 Dec 1891  
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## NOTES FOR ARTHUR JAMES DUNCOMBE

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 ACTION 1 Check with all re AJD's death at B/cft or hosp?  
 Find date of death etc  
 When did he move to Wim check elec rolls of father  
 Apprentice papers?  
 Tax papers for mill?  
 Papers of Brooks Farm/ Fox & Phst  
 Iris Banns?  
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IBIRTH: Cert #192; reg 22 Jan 1867; Halstead; Ess; Eng;  
 St C 1867; Mar qtr; vol 4a; #339 or 329?; Halstead, Ess; Eng;  
 Photocopy in possession of Mike Guest;  
 Copy in possession of Ali or Wally Stamp?.

IBAPTISM: White Colne PC B's; fnc flm #1702239; bpt #643;  
 Photocopy in possession of Mike Guest.

IBANNS: {Were read \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_; pg.\_\_\_\_, entry #\_\_\_\_};  
 data- fnc flm #\_\_\_\_\_.

IMARRIAGE: Cert # 132 reg 26 Dec 1891; Pamber Priory; Monk Sherbourne; Ham; Eng;  
 Monk Sherbourne PC; Page 66; entry #132;  
 St C 1891; Dec qtr; vol 2c; #6 or 4 32; Basingstoke; Ham; Eng;  
 Bride aged 24 of this parish a spinster signed;  
 Groom aged 24 of the parish of Wimbledon, & bachelor and painter signed;  
 Photocopy in possession of Mike Guest.

IWITNESSES: 1/ William Stanley ( He made his mark);  
 2/ Sarah Ann Stanley ( Signed).

IDEATH: {Cert #\_\_\_\_ ?; Handsworth; Lnd Eng; aged 83;  
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## INDIVIDUAL DATA

RIN:18

Name: Elizabeth Jane STANLEY Sex: F ID No: 992302  
 Birth: 20 Feb 1867 Place: Pamber Green, Monk Sherborne, Ham, Eng  
 Chr: Place: , Ham, Eng  
 Death: 15 Jul 1949 Place: Beechcroft Rd, Tooting, Lnd, Eng  
 Burial: Aft 15 Jul 1949 Place: Streatham Cem, Tooting, Lnd, Eng

Father: William STANDLEY-51

Mother: Jane MURRELL-52

## MARRIAGE(S)

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MRIN	Spouse Name	Marriage Date
7	Arthur James DUNCOMBE-17	26 Dec 1891

## NOTES FOR ELIZABETH JANE STANLEY

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## ACTION 1

Get BT for MS &amp; Pamber for bapt try Iris Stanley 1st.

!COMMENT: { } - needs confirmation or further research.

!BIRTH: Cert #2; reg 20 Mar 1867; Monk Sherborne; Ham; Eng;  
 St C 1867; Mar qtr; vol 2c; #176; @Basingstoke;  
 Copy in possession of Mike Guest.

## !BAPTISM:

!BANNIS: None read.

!MARRIAGE: Cert #152; entry pg 66; reg 26 Dec 1891;  
 Priory Church; parish of Monk Sherborne; Ham; Eng;  
 St C 1891; Dec qtr; vol 2c; #632 or 432; @ Basingstoke;  
 Bride aged 24 of Pamber End, Monk Sherborne, a spinster signed;  
 Groom aged 24 of Wimbledon Surrey, a bachelor & painter signed;  
 Photocopy of PR in possession of Mike Guest.

!WITNESSES: William Stanley ( He made his mark) & Sarah Ann Stanley ( Signed);  
 this probably was Bessie's father and elder sister.

!DEATH: {Cert #\_\_\_ ?; reg Sep qtr 1949; Wandsworth; Lnd; Eng};  
 St C 1949; Sep qtr; vol 5d; #633; @ Wandsworth; aged 82.  
 {Copy in possession of Mike Guest}.

## !CAUSE:

## !BURIAL:



## INDIVIDUAL DATA

RIN:14

-----  
 Name:Elizabeth May DUNCOMBE Sex:F ID No:042401  
 Birth:18 Nov 1892 Place:Griffiths Rd,Wimbledon,Sry,Eng  
 Chr: Place:  
 Death: 9 Jan 1981 Place:Gilbey Road,Tooting,Wandsworth,Eng  
 Burial: Jan 1981 Place:Lambeth Crem,Blackshaw Road,Tooting,Eng  
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Father:Arthur James DUNCOMBE-17

Mother:Elizabeth Jane STANLEY-18

## MARRIAGE(S)

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MRIN	Spouse Name	Marriage Date
5	Alfred STAMP-15	7 Nov 1910

## NOTES FOR ELIZABETH MAY DUNCOMBE

10 Aug 2003

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ACTION 1 Got d cert m lic  
 af Write to alf  
 igi Bapt? Holy Trinity Wimbledon reg @ Sry RO 1885-1909 >at Church,

IBIRTH: Cert #417; reg 23 Dec 1892; Wimbledon; Sry; Eng;  
 St C 1892; Dec; qtr vol 2 or 3a; #255; @Kingston;  
 Photocopy in possession of Mike Guest.

IBAPTISM:

ILICENCE: Issued.

IMARRIAGE: Cert # 384 St Andrew's PC Earisfield reg 7 Nov 1910 Wandsworth Lnd;  
 St C 1918 Dec qtr vol 1d #1020; @Wandsworth;  
 Bride of this parish, a spinster aged 26 signed;  
 Groom of this parish, a bachelor and a gunner RMA signed;  
 Original in the care of Mike Guest,  
 A Wednesday.

IWITNESSES: 1/ Arthur James Duncombe (Bessie's father);  
 2/ George Albert Plunkett Alf's life long friend.

IDeATH: Cert #\_\_\_? reg Mar qtr 1981 Wandsworth Lnd;  
 St C 1981; Mar qtr; vol 5a; # ; @ Wandsworth; aged 88;  
 A Friday.  
 {Original / Copy / Photocopy in possession of Mike Guest.}

ICAUSE:

IBURIAL / CREMATION:



NOTES FOR ELIZABETH MAY DUNCOMBE

10 Aug 2003

I thought they were talking about Burt n' Joyce, my excuse is I was only 6 or 7. Similarly there was ELITE motors along Garrett Lane by Broadwater Road (where we all went to school), no doubt the owners thought it a good name for selling & servicing motor bikes & cars, Elite meaning "top class". The locals didn't know much about that, calling the place "E Lights"! I bought my first motor bike here in 1964, a second hand Triumph Tiger Cub. Likewise Nan always called my sister "E" laine much to Mums irritation.

When my Mum (Win) started work at Broadwater school kitchens Mum asked her mother (Bessie) to look after my mid day meal, so off I went to Mans for dinner, Bessie had to cook for Jess & her husband Alf anyway. "One more won't hurt" she said. This excellent arrangement lasted for about 5 years until I left for New Zealand. Well worth the the few quid I paid Nan. We always got rice pudding at least twice a week which I didn't much care for & use to tell Nan, her reply was "Well, just this once". Once in a while Grandad would make bread & butter pudding. clean plates all round those days.

IRESEARCHER: Mike Guest, 220 Akatarawa Rd, Upper Hutt, New Zealand, telephone 64 4 526 6170, e-mail mikegu@paradise.net.nz, fax 64 4 526 5174.

MARRIAGE DATA

MRIN:5

Husband: Alfred STAMP-13  
 Wife: Elizabeth May DUNCOMBE 14  
 Marriage: 7 Nov 1918 Place: St Andrew PC, Earlsfield, Lnd, Eng

- 1-Walter Charles STAMP-33
- 2-Winifred May STAMP-6
- 3-Stanley Alfred STAMP-35
- 4-Alfred James STAMP-37

## INDIVIDUAL DATA

RIN:19

Name: Arthur Charles DUNCOMBE Sex: M ID No: 042402  
 Birth: 30 Dec 1894 Place: Wandie Rd, Springfield, Wandsworth, Lnd  
 Chr: Place:  
 Death: 12 Oct 1917 Place: Passchendaele, Belgium  
 Burial: Aft 12 Oct 1917 Place: British cem, Poelcapelle, West-V, Belgium

Father: Arthur James DUNCOMBE -17 Mother: Elizabeth Jane STANLEY -18

## NOTES FOR ARTHUR CHARLES DUNCOMBE

1 Aug 2063

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ACTION 3 Write to Alf. Charlie's occupation?

at

Get film of Medal entitlement, PRO;  
 Get service record, NOD;

COMMENT: { } - needs confirmation or further research.

BIRTH: Cert #252; reg 6 Feb 1895; 26 Wandie Rd; Upper Tooting; Lnd; Eng;  
 St C 1895; Mar qtr; vol 1d; #781; @ Wandsworth;  
 Copy / Photocopy in possession of Mike Guest.

BAPTISM:

MARRIAGE: N/A.

DEATH: 12 October 1917. Data=CWGC;

The death of Arthur is recorded on a Special Provisions (Act 1957) certificate;  
 St C Misc index  
 Arthur C Duncombe Pte 9/2019 unit EsR 1917 vol 168 #927; aged 22 (dd);  
 Copy in possession of Mike Guest.

NOTE: On the certificate Cause of death is recorded as "Death Presumed".

Read any account about the battle conditions of Passchendaele and it is understandable that many many bodies were not recovered. Obviously Arthur was eventually found as there was a burial and indeed a grave where he now rests.

CAUSE: Killed in action.

data "Soldiers died in Great War 1914-18" Part 36 East Surrey Regt.

BURIAL:

CEMETERY: Grave Ref XK11, F. 15.

Poelcapelle British Cemetery, Langemark-Poelkapelle, West-V Belgium;  
 Located 10 km north east of Leper town centre on the Brugseweg (N315)  
 a road connecting Leper to Brugge;

Data Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC).

ADDRESSES: 64 Griffiths Rd; Wimbledon; Sry; Eng;

26 Wandie Rd; Upper Tooting; Wandsworth; S W 17 Lnd; Eng;

95 Beecheroff Rd; Upper Tooting; Wandsworth; S W 17 Lnd; Eng;

NOTES FOR ARTHUR CHARLES DUNCOMBE

1 Aug 2005

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their sitting room.

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telephone 64 4 526 6178, e-mail [mikegu@paradise.net.nz](mailto:mikegu@paradise.net.nz), fax 64 4 520 5174.  
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ANNA	EMILY	ELIZABETH	LUCY	ARTHUR	<sup>4</sup> EUGEN	DAN
DABBS	STRAKE	JANE	DABBS *	JAMES	DABBS	BARTLETT
	Niece	DUNCOMBE		DUNCOMBE		<sup>3</sup> HAROLD
	DABBS	STANLEY				DABBS
			<sup>1</sup> FLORENCE	<sup>2</sup> NELLY		
			DABBS	DABBS		

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# Dennis turns his hand to domestic chores

By Sarah Lefebvre

**ONE of the handiest men in Tadley is hanging up his overalls and retiring after years of hard graft.**

Handyman Dennis Dyer has worked for Tadley Town Council for the last 13 years, carrying out a whole host of jobs - big and small - throughout the town.

Dennis, who lives with wife Mary in Gravely Close, Tadley, has done everything from clearing footpaths and repairing play equipment, to helping set up the stage for the town's Christmas celebrations.

And now he is ready to take a break. He will officially finish at the end of the year, two weeks before he turns 66. But he won't have his feet up for long if Mary has anything to do with it.

"She's got a list of jobs for me to do, which includes decorating the house," said Dennis. "She's bought the wallpaper already!"

Prior to moving to Tadley, Dennis worked as a pipeline operator and also did national service in Cyprus.

Since Dennis joined the council, the job of handyman has grown considerably. Thirteen years ago, the council was run from a small building in Mulfords Hill where the HSBC bank now stands and Dennis was the one and only handyman.

"I did my first-ever job on a push bike and had to ride up the road with a bag of cement!" he said.

For the last 11 years, he has had someone to help him - Arthur Palmer for five years, and for the last six years, Jim Maynard.

"There's plenty to do around Tadley," said Dennis. "I've been kept busy and I have got to know a lot of people in the town."

Chairman of Tadley council Cllr David Leeks said: "Dennis is a smashing chap. He has done a splendid job for Tadley. The town owes him a great deal. He will be greatly missed and we wish him a lot of happiness in his retirement."



● Dennis Dyer, who is retiring from the role of Tadley Town Council handyman after 13 years  
Pic by Sarah Gaunt



T. 6. 17/11/2003

WILLIAM AND MOLLIE ANN DYER

**MOLLIE ANN  
DYER**

Passed away peacefully in the North Hampshire Hospital on 19th March 2005, aged 94 years.

She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

*Funeral Service will take place at Ashford Hill Church on Wednesday 30th March at 11.30am.*

*Flowers and donations, if desired, to The North Hants Medical Fund, may be sent c/o Geoffrey Church & Co, 48 Bishopswood Road, Tadley, RG26 4HD.*

B.6.25/3/2005

**MOLLIE DYER**

Many thanks to everybody for donations, cards and lovely flowers, and a special thank you to doctors and nurses on E ward, Basingstoke Hospital

*From the Dyer family.*

B.6.6/4/2005



## From the Registers

### Funerals

23rd June at Reading Crematorium, **Frances Mollie Dyer**, aged 71 of Little Aldershot. The eldest of 6, life was not easy. But Frances helped mum Mollie in caring for the family and enjoyed it too. She organised dances in younger days and enjoyed the social life of her colleagues when she worked at Aldermaston Court. Many will remember her time as manageress of the Heath End launderette, and how she helped folk in whatever way she could. In the last few years she helped her mum in advancing years, a task which the rest of the family appreciated so much. She was the lady who was ready with a warm welcome, and a helping hand. What others might back off from, Frances would do. Our prayers go to mum Mollie and the family at this time. May she rest in peace from her sufferings now.

PARISH NEWS, AUGUST 2004

HUSBAND WILLIAM DYER

BORN		AT	OF ASHFORD HILL
BAPTISED	7/7/1907	AT	KINGSCLERE WOODLANDS
MARRIED		AT	
DIED	8/1/1987	AT	B.D.H. OF LITTLE ANDERSHOT, BAUGHURST
BURIED	14/1/1987	AT	KINGSCLERE WOODLANDS
FATHER	SAMUEL DYER	MOTHER	LAURA NELLIE

WIFE MOLLIE ANN CROSS

BORN		AT	
BAPTISED		AT	
DIED	19/3/2005 (94)	AT	THE NORTH HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, BASINGSTOKE
FUNERAL	30/3/2005	AT	ASHFORD HILL CHURCH (KINGSCLERE WOODLANDS)
FATHER		MOTHER	

CHILDREN

FRANCES MOLLIE	B 1932/3 Bp	D. 14/6/2004 AT 29 LITTLE ANDERSHOT BAUGHURST (71) F. 23/6/2004 AT READING CREM.	UN-MARRIED.
REGINALD	B Bp		
DENNIS	B Bp		
	B Bp		
RUBY	B 1944/5 Bp		M. 18/6/1966 AT KINGSCLERE WOODLANDS TERENCE JOHN WHEELER

**DYER**  
Frances  
Peacefully at home on  
14th June 2004  
Aged 71 years.  
Will be sadly missed  
by all the family.  
Funeral Service at  
Reading Crematorium  
on Wednesday 23rd  
June at 11.30am.  
Flowers or donations  
to Macmillan Nurses,  
may be sent c/o  
Geoffrey Church &  
Co. 48 Bishopswood  
Road, Tadley 0018  
9814420  
B.G. 18/6/2004

**THE DYER  
FAMILY**  
Would like to thank  
relatives and friends  
for cards, flowers and  
donations in respect  
of Macmillan nurses.  
Also grateful thanks  
to Rev Andrew  
Barton for his  
kindness and support  
B.G. 28/6/2004

DYER, William. In loving memory  
of Bill, who died January 8th,  
1987. Loved and remembered  
always, from all the family.

BASINGSTOKE GAZETTE  
EXTRA, 4/1/1989

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

PERSONAL DIARY, DEATHS

PRESS CUTTING.

KINGSCLERE WOODLANDS PARISH REGISTER OF BAPTISMS 1846-1917

BMD BIRTHS INDEX, FRANCES M. DYER, M.M.N. KINGSCLERE 22nd JAN-MARCH 1933

HUSBAND		GEOFFREY GORDON DYKES		PURCHASING OFFICER	
BORN	1919/20	AT			
BAPTISED		AT			
MARRIED	29/7/1950	AT		PAMBER PRIORY	
DIED	17/2/2005 AGED 84	AT		ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE,	
FUNERAL	24/2/2005	AT		BASINGSTOKE	
FATHER	ALFRED HECTOR DYKES		MOTHER	ST PAUL'S CHURCH, TADLEY	

WIFE		PHYLLIS CRIPPS			
BORN	1919/20	AT			
BA		AT			
		AT			
		AT			
FATHER	HERBERT JOHN CRIPPS		MOTHER		

DAVID JOHN	A 23/9/1953 OF 5 HILL MEADOWS, TADLEY		
	B 29/11/1953 AT TADLEY		
IAN	B 13/9/1957 OF 5 HILL MEADOWS, TADLEY		M 3/11/1979 AT ST PETERS, TADLEY
	B 27/10/1957 AT TADLEY		SANDRA MULLETT

**GEOFFREY GORDON DYKES**  
 Passed away peacefully at St. Michael's Hospice, Basingstoke on 17th February, aged 84. He will be sadly missed by his wife Phyll, family and friends.  
 There will be a funeral service at St Paul's Church, Tadley at 1pm on Thursday 24th February. No flowers please, but a collection for St Michael's Hospice. Enquiries to Geoffrey Church & Co. Tel: 0118 981 4420.

B. G. 23/2/2005

**Geoff Dykes**  
 On behalf of the family I would like to thank all relatives & friends for the £1,135 donated to St. Michael's Hospice in memory of Geoff Dykes.  
 Thank You.

B. G. 24/2/2005

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- TADLEY PARISH REGISTER OF BAPTISMS 1945-1976
- TADLEY ST PETER'S REGISTER OF MARRIAGES 1966-1981
- PAMBER PARISH REGISTER OF MARRIAGES 1948-1962



**KATH DOWLING  
nee Smith**

Late of Pamber Heath.

A dear Mother,  
Grandmother and  
Great Grandmother,  
will be sadly missed  
by all her family and  
friends.

*Funeral Service has  
taken place, donations,  
if desired to St.  
Michael's Hospice, c/o  
Geoffrey Church & Co,  
48 Bishopswood Road,  
Tadley, Hants, RG26  
4HD.*

8.6.19/2003

**KATH DOWLING  
nee Smith**

Late of Pamber Heath.

A dear Mother,  
Grandmother and  
Great Grandmother,  
will be sadly missed  
by all her family and  
friends.

*Funeral Service at  
Tadley United Reformed  
Church on Thursday  
25th September at  
11.00am.  
Family flowers only,  
donations, if desired to  
St. Michael's Hospice,  
c/o Geoffrey Church &  
Co, 48 Bishopswood  
Road, Tadley, Hants,  
RG26 4HD.*

8.6.22/9/2003

**Patrick Henry  
DOYNE  
"Patsy"**

29.09.2007

September is here with  
sad regret.

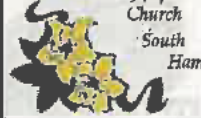
The day and month  
we'll never forget.

3 years have passed but  
memories of you will  
never die.

*Anniversary Mass on  
Sunday*

*3rd October 2010  
at 11am.*

*in St Josephs*



*Church*

*South*

*Ham*

8.6.29/9/2010

**HELEN DAWN  
CHIVERS**

14/11/66 - 04/04/04

Thank you so much  
to those who  
contributed to the  
£322 donated to  
Peach Cottage in  
memory of Helen,

It is intended to use  
this to make an  
aromatic area within  
the garden at Peach  
Cottage.

To Helen, We miss  
you more than words  
can say sweetheart.  
Gay, Phil, Ron, Dave,  
Mel, Charlotte,  
Georgina, Michael, Jo,  
Becky, Myles, Ryan,  
Linda &  
Family at Peach.

8.6.25/6/2004

(WAGON PLACE)

**Patrick Henry  
DOYNE**

"Patsy"

29th September  
2007

I think about you  
always and talk about  
you too.

I know I have my  
memories, but I wish  
I still had you.

Remembering a  
wonderful Husband,  
Dad and Grandad.

Anniversary Mass  
6pm

Saturday

26th September at  
St Michaels Church,  
Tadley.

8.6.24/9/2009

**Patrick Henry  
DOYNE**

"PATSY"

1946 - 2007

Acknowledgement on  
the First Anniversary.

The family of Patsy, on  
the first anniversary of

his passing, wish to  
sincerely thank all  
those who have  
sympathised and  
supported us through  
his illness and death  
and through this  
difficult year.

Especially the staff of  
Basingstoke Hospital  
for their wonderful  
care and attention.

Funeral Director  
Geoffrey Church for  
his sensitivity and  
professionalism, Jamie  
for his time and  
services. Father

Seamus Flynn for  
conducting a moving  
ceremony. All those  
who sent Mass and  
Sympathy cards, and  
Floral Tributes

Friends, Neighbours  
and Relatives for their  
kindness and support.

Those who travelled  
far to be with us and  
finally all those who  
donated to Cancer  
Research.

As a token of our  
appreciation, the Holy  
Sacrifice of the Mass  
will be offered for  
your intentions.

1st Anniversary Mass  
will take place on  
Saturday 27th  
September

at 6pm

at St. Michaels Church  
Tadley.

8.6.18/9/2008

BRINLEY

HUSBAND		JOSEPH ECOTT-BRIMLEY (OR BRINLEY)	
BORN		AT	
BAPTISED		AT	
MARRIED	JAN-MARCH 1965	AT	REG WOKINGHAM
DIED		AT	
FUNERAL		AT	
FATHER		MOTHER	

WIFE		IRIS LILIAN HUTCHINS	
BORN		AT	
BAPTISED	30/9/1923	AT	TADLEY OLD MEETING
DIED	23/1/2010	AT	
FUNERAL	8/2/2010	AT	
FATHER	CALEB HUTCHINS	MOTHER	ADA MARY LAMBDEN

## CHILD

MARRIED AS ECOTT-BRINLEY	?	B 19/7/1950 AT READING Bp 20/8/1950 AT TADLEY OM.	---	M J-S 1971 REG. WOKINGHAM PETER GRIMSHAW
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

TADLEY OLD MEETING REGISTER OF BAPTISMS 1886-1931, 1931-1981.

GRB INDEXES.

BASINGSTOKE GAZETTE DEATHS 28/1/2010

Iris  
ECOTT-BRIMLEY  
Peacefully in hospital  
on  
23rd January.  
Re-united with her  
loving husband  
Joseph.  
Much loved Mother,  
Grandmother and  
Great-Grandmother.  
Will be sadly missed  
by all her family and  
friends.  
Funeral Service at  
Padworth Church on  
Monday 8th February  
at 12:30 pm.  
All Flowers welcome.  
Enquiries to  
Geoffrey Church & Co,  
48 Bishopswood Road,  
Tadley Hampshire  
RG26 4HD  
Tel: 01189 814420

B-6-28/1/2010

A Tribute to Liley Eden by Revd.

Liley Eden first came to Tadley - Pear Tree Cottage - when she and Mr. Eden their grocery shops in Birmingham. Many after her arrival in Tadley, found it difficult it was only as a retired person that she early time, when she and her husband first service in St. Peter's Church, an association in Tadley began. Before long she was a member and of the Mothers' Union, and became Treasurer of the Mothers' Union for some years. She was an ever busy raising events, and a joyful worshipper. Her generous disposition - no-one appealing to a worthy cause in vain - marked her as a lady; but they belied the sadness she so often her life had not been one of ease, nor was she which she yearned.

She and her husband had one son - a well person, and they knew that he would Their life in business, a hard and strenuous directly contributed to the crippling arthritis her old age - was devoted to John - to meet his need to work. Sadly he died - leaving her unable to suppress. It was a bitter blow to her children and would have found infinite joy in children of her own. (Many will remember her children of all the neighbours Christmas Then, in retirement, Mr. Eden suffered ill leaving Liley alone.

It was from this depth of grief that she so cheerfully and readily: and it was through her faith that she was able to do so. She said 'what God wills' - and was for ever urging those whom she loved should 'do His will'. I often wonder in which she did not say something about praying for me as I did His work.

The windows in St. Paul's are but a memorial to her; though they were largely her gift to Mr. Eden - but surely they stand as her memorial.

There are many who will say "thank you" for the path and Liley's crossed - that their lives were enriched by her. There are many of whom she would have been proud of the way in which they enriched her life. Her generosity was for granted. She had a deep and lasting affection for her family - particularly her brother Randolph how expressed by his roving spirit something she would have liked to be herself, and her achievements she was always so intensely proud of. She trusted more deeply than she would ever reckon that relationships demanded giving and she was prepared to give, perhaps no-one else than I. She took me in for 'a few weeks' accommodation could be found. I had difficulty five years later; during that time I had to say "Thank You" - to her - and to God for

HUSBAND AUSTIN LEONARD EDWARDS

BORN		AT	
BAPTISED		AT	
MARRIED		AT	
DIED		AT	
BURIED		AT	MONK SHERBORNE
FATHER		MOTHER	

WIFE MARGARET LUCY BUDD (LWLD)

BORN		AT	
BAPTISED		AT	
DIED	9/12/1988 (87)	AT	
BURIED	14/12/1988	AT	MONK SHERBORNE
FATHER		MOTHER	

A HANDICAPPED DAUGHTER	B		
	Bb		
IRIS	B		
	Bb		
JOHN	B		
	Bb		
SIMON	B		
	Bb		
PETER FRANCIS	B 1937/40		M 27/10/1962 AT BAUGHURST LINDA MARY FREEMANTLE ✓
	Bb		

LIVED AT THE BUNGALOW, NEW ROAD, PAMBER GREEN.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

FUNERAL RECORDS,

BASINGSTOKE GAZETTE EXTRA, (DEATHS) 14/12/1988.

BAUGHURST PARISH REGISTER OF MARRIAGES 1838-1974

EDWARDS Margaret Lucy, passed peacefully away in her sleep, December 9th 1988. Rest in peace mother love, Iris, John, Simon, Peter and families.  
A.B.W. 14/12/88.

**OBITUARY**

# 'Tony' Edwards

**HAROLD "Tony" Edwards**, founder of the building firm of **H. N. Edwards & Partners Limited**, has died at his home at **Rawlins Farm, Ramsdell**, aged 84.

He founded the firm in **Basingstoke** in 1935 jointly with his wife, **Bridget**, who was an active member in all his business interests.

Generally called 'the governor' by all his staff, the firm under his control built hundreds of houses and flats in the **Basingstoke** area and carried out contracting work from **London** down to the south coast, until he retired in 1975.

Among the many industrial establishments his firm built is **Gazette House**. The company is now engaged in building a new press hall there.

Mr Edwards was also

keenly interested in farming and at one time farmed 450 acres with the help of a farm manager.

He was president of the **Basingstoke and District Agricultural Society** in 1977.

In 1964 he bought **Ramsdell Brickworks** and continued making hand-made bricks there, many of which were used by his own building firm, until the clay ran out in 1980.

He was twice president of the **North Hampshire region of the National Federation of Building Trades Employers**, the first time in 1950.

He was a councillor for several years for **Monk Sherborne** in the days of the old **Basingstoke Rural District Council**, and for many years he was chairman of **Monk Sherborne Parish Council**.

He was also associated with many other organisations and societies.

He was an ardent motor sport enthusiast and over a five-year period, starting in 1948, he competed in hill climbs and sprints all over the country in a **Grand Prix Bugatti**.

With his wife he created a magnificent garden at their home at **Rawlins Farm** where until recently many church fetes and fund-raising functions were held.

He is survived by his widow, his son **Mark**—who is continuing the building business—his daughter, **Janet**, and six grandchildren.

The funeral took place yesterday at **St Andrew's Church, Sherborne St John**.

BASINGSTOKE GAZETTE 25/8/1989.

**MAYORCAS A.L.P.** (Bridget) nee **Nicholson**, widow of **Elie Mayorcas** and of **H.N. (Tony) Edwards** died peacefully and without fear at home on **February 17th**. She achieved much and inspired many and will be remembered with love and respect by her large family and all who knew her. The funeral will take place at 2.30pm on **Tuesday, February 27th** at **St Andrew's Church, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke**. Funeral directors, **Spencer and Peyton, 380 Worting Road, Basingstoke, Hants. RG22 5DZ**.

B-6-21/2/1996

**EDWARDS, H. N. (Tony)**, Quietly on **Thursday, August 17th, 1989**, aged 84, at **Rawlins Farm**. Much loved and appreciated by his wife **Bridget**, daughter **Janet**, son **Mark** and **Roland**, **Gerald**, **Sandra** and his six grandchildren. Funeral at **St. Andrew's, Sherborne St. John** at 2 p.m. on **Thursday, August 24th, 1989**.

B-6-X 23/8/1989.

High Court of Justice  
Chancery Division  
Leeds District Registry  
Court Case No. 773 of 2006  
**HN EDWARDS & PARTNERS LIMITED**

Company No. 00519018

Notice is hereby given by **Peter Mark Saville** and **Andrew John Pepper** of **Kroll Limited, 10 Fleet Place, London EC4M 7RB** that a meeting of the creditors of **HN Edwards & Partners Limited** c/o **Kroll Limited, 10 Fleet Place, London EC4M 7RB** is to be held at the offices of **Kroll Limited, 10 Fleet Place, London EC4M 7RB** on **30 August 2006 at 3.00 pm**.

The meeting is an initial creditors' meeting under paragraph 51 of Schedule B1 to the **Insolvency Act 1986**. A proxy form should be completed and returned to me by the date of the meeting if you cannot attend and wish to be represented.

In order to be entitled to vote under **Rule 2.38** at the meeting, you must give to me, not later than **12.00 noon** on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of your claim.

Dated: 14 August 2006

**P. M. Saville, Joint Administrator**

B-6-17/8/2006

## £102,000 legacy

ESTATE valued at **£102,821** has been left by **Mr Harold Neville Edwards**, who died on **August 17 last year**.

**Mr Edwards**, of **Rawlins Farm, Ramsdell**, left **£4,000** to the **Salvation Army** and **£8,000** to **Winchester Cathedral Restoration Fund**.

BASINGSTOKE GAZETTE 24/8/1990

# Enterprising life of county's first woman registrar

A WELL-KNOWN Basingstoke businesswoman has died at her home near Tadley after a short illness.

Bridget Mayorcas, who was 85, led an astonishingly varied life.

In 1937 she acted as registrar and became the first woman in Hampshire to conduct a marriage ceremony.

She was also a patron of the arts, especially theatre and painting, and owned racehorses both on the flat and over the sticks.

In 1934 she married local builder H.N. (Tony) Edwards. They made a formidable partnership, founding a successful construction and speculative

building enterprise based in Basingstoke.

They also ran a farm surrounding the farmhouse they bought soon after it had been hit by a stray bomb at the end of the war.

Born on August 17 1910 in Northumberland, Bridget Nicholson was brought up by her mother and grandmother, her father having abandoned them.

She then settled in Basingstoke with her mother until H.N. appeared at a dance.

Three years later, with £385 saved between them, they walked to church to take their marriage vows and returned to find a present of a



● Bridget Mayorcas.

dover and Southampton.

An apartment block in London's Mayfair followed, along with a theatrical production company co-owned with Anthea Askey.

In between, she ran a printing business and a mushroom farm, and spent any spare hours painting in oils.

She made frequent travels abroad which were often shared by her friends and family.

In all, she made 55 separate visits to 37 different countries, including a round-the-world trip.

After H.N. died in 1989 she did not give up, but enthusiastically embarked on a new life, marrying Elie Mayorcas, also in his 80s, who was a devoted and lifelong bachelor friend. He died in 1995.

Mrs Mayorcas, who died last Saturday, February 17, is survived by a daughter and a son, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

tin opener from her mother, who did not approve of the match!

During the war she made ends meet by writing articles for women's magazines and screen plays for television.

As the building trade picked up she started a string of women's dress shops "Olga" in Basingstoke, An-

BASINGSTOKE GAZETTE 23/2/1996

HUSBAND PETER FRANCIS EDWARDS			
BORN			
BAPTISED			
MARRIED	27/10/1962	AT	BAUGHURST
FATHER	AUSTIN LEONARD EDWARDS	MOTHER	MARGARET LUCY BUDD (LNU)

WIFE LINDA MARY FREEMANTLE			
BORN	6/1/1946	AT	HEATH END, BAUGHURST
BAPTISED	10/3/1946	AT	PROBABLY AT ST MARY'S, HEATH END. BAUGHURST
FATHER	ALFRED CHARLES FREEMANTLE	MOTHER	ELSIE MAY

TWIN SISTER  
OF MARGARET JONES  
( )  
NOT IDENTICAL.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- BAUGHURST PARISH REGISTER OF BAPTISMS 1861-1953
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**LINDA EDWARDS**  
**HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY**



Love from all of us!

BAUGHURST PARISH