

HUSBAND	EDWARD CHARLES TURRELL (EDDIE)	Painter & Decorator
BORN		AT
BAPTISED		AT
MARRIED	26/12/1929	AT
DIED	7/12/1973 AGED 65	AT
BURIED		AT
		ST STEPHEN'S, BAUGHURST
FATHER	ERNEST THOMAS TURRELL	MOTHER
		JENNIE

WIFE	LILLIAN KATE RAMPTON (LILY)
BORN	2/6/1909
BAPTISED	
DIED	25/2/1959 AGED 49
BURIED	
	HEATH END, TADLEY
	HEATH END, TADLEY
	ST STEPHEN'S, BAUGHURST
FATHER	ALBERT RAMPTON
MOTHER	KATE MILLS

CHILDREN				
KENNETH EDWARD EARNEST	B 23/11/1933 OF HIGHFIELDS, B' HURST	— — — — —	M 3/7/1954 AT BAUGHURST	—
	Bp 27/11/1934 METHODIST		ALMA ALICE BEATON	✓
MAVIS WINIFRED	B 12/5/1936 OF HIGHFIELDS, BAUGHURST	— — — — —	M 5/9/1954 AT BAUGHURST	—
	Bp 31/5/1936 METHODIST		DAVID RICHARD ALDWORTH	✓

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

BAUGHURST PARISH REGISTER OF MARRIAGES 1838-1974

SILCHESTER METHODIST CIRCUIT REGISTER OF BAPTISMS 1889 —

BAUGHURST MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS.

'MY FAMILY BOOK', A FAMILY HISTORY BY DAVID RICHARD ALDWORTH

BAUGHURST PARISH REGISTER OF BURIALS 1889 —

#### KEN TURRELL

Peacefully on 25th  
December

A much loved  
husband, Father and  
Grandfather. Sadly  
missed by all his  
family and friends.  
Funeral Service at St.  
Stephen's Church,  
Baughurst on Friday  
15th January at  
11.00am.

Spring flowers please  
and all enquiries c/o  
Geoffrey Church &  
Co., 48 Bishopswood  
Road, Tadley.  
Hampshire RG26  
4HD.

B.6.11/12010

HUSBAND KENNETH EDWARD ERNEST TURRELL			
BORN	23/11/1933	AT	HIGHFIELDS, BAUGHURST
BAPTISED	27/1/1934	AT	A SILCHESTER CIRCUIT CHAPEL
MARRIED	3/7/1954	AT	ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, BAUGHURST
DIED	25/12/2009	AT	THE NORTH HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL BASINGSTOKE
BURIED	15/1/2010	AT	ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, BAUGHURST
FATHER	EDWARD CHARLES TURRELL	MOTHER	

WIFE ALMA ALICE BEATON			
BORN		AT	
BAPTISED		AT	
FATHER	ALBERT WILLIAM ISAAC BEATON		

CHILDREN			
MICHAEL L	B 19/12/1954 Bp 20/3/1955 BAUGHURST METHODIST		M
COLIN L	B JULY - SEPT 1958 REG BASINGSTOKE Bp		M

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

BAUGHURST PARISH REGISTER OF MARRIAGES 1838-1974

SILCHESTER METHODIST CIRCUIT REGISTER OF BAPTISMS 1889-

BAUGHURST PARISH REGISTER OF BURIALS 1898- ALSO M.I.S

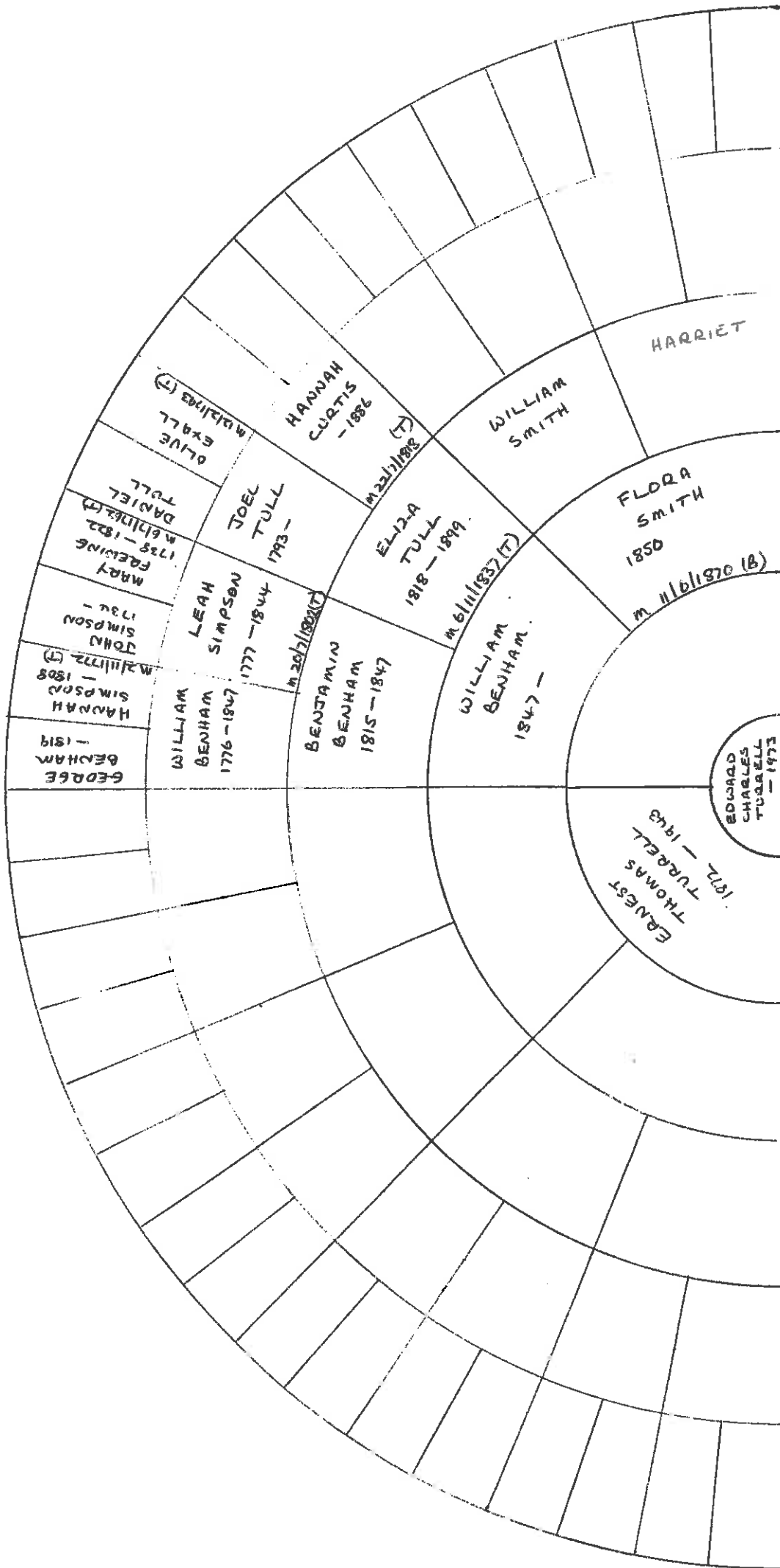
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B-6-11/1/2010



**BEATRICE  
ENA TUDOR**

Passed peacefully away  
on 20th February 2001 at  
the North Hampshire  
Hospital, Basingstoke,  
aged 90 years.

Loving sister of  
Kathleen, Dorothy and  
Sylvia. Will be sadly  
missed by all her family  
and friends. Special  
thanks to the doctors  
and nurses for their  
loving care.

Funeral service at  
St Mary's Church,  
Tadley on Friday 2nd  
March at 12.00 noon  
followed by cremation  
at Reading. Family  
flowers only. Donations  
to St Michael's Hospice  
may be sent c/o  
Geoffrey Church & Co,  
48 Bishopswood Road,  
Tadley, RG26 4HD.  
Telephone 0118 9814420.

BASINGSTOKE

GAZETTE 28/2/2001

**TOWNSEND**

**George**

Passed away  
peacefully at home on  
14th February 2008,  
aged 95 years.

Much loved Father of  
George, loving  
Grandfather of  
Nicola, Julia, James &  
Andrew, George will  
be very sadly missed  
by his family and  
friends.

Funeral service to  
take place at The Old  
Meeting, Tadley on  
Thursday 21st  
February at 2.30pm.

*Flowers welcome*

Enquiries to A. Monger  
Funeral Directors -  
Telephone 01276 33241.

8.6.20/2/2008

HUSBAND	CEDRIC DONALD UPTON		
BORN		AT	
BAPTISED	21/5/1916	AT	TADLEY
MARRIED		AT	
DIED	18/3/2005	AT	
FUNERAL	31/3/2005	AT	ST PETER'S, TADLEY
FATHER		MOTHER	FLORENCE EMILY UPTON. *

WIFE			
BORN		AT	
BAPTISED		AT	
DIED		AT	
FUNERAL		AT	
FATHER		MOTHER	

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

TADLEY PARISH REGISTER OF BAPTISMS 1885-1976

BMD BIRTHS INDEX, CEDRIC DONALD, M.M.N. SAUNDERS, KINGSCLERE 2c 483 A-J1916

#### **CEDRIC "DON" UPTON**

Peacefully on 18th March 2005.

A dear Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral Service to be held at St Peter's Church, Tadley on Thursday 31st March at 1.45pm.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Royal British Legion may be sent c/o Geoffrey Church & Co,

48 Bishopswood Road, Tadley, RG26 4HD. Tel: 0118 981 4420.

\* WIDOW OF EDWARD WILLIAM UPTON, BURIED 16/11/1907, (NFE SAUNDERS)

B.G. 29/3/2005

HUSBAND		DENNIS GEOFFREY UPTON	
BORN		AT	OF PAMBER HEATH
BAPTISED	9/11/1930	AT	ST LUKE'S CHURCH, PAMBER HEATH
MARRIED		AT	
DIED	30/3/2006 AGED 75	AT	
FUNERAL	10/4/2006	AT	ST JAMES CHURCH, BRAMLEY
FATHER	EDWARD WILLIAM UPTON	MOTHER	LILIAN MAUD NAISH

WIFE		OLIVE	
BORN		AT	
BAPTISED		AT	
		AT	
		AT	
FATHER		MOTHER	

#### DENNIS UPTON

Olive Upton and her Family would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts, cards of condolence and prayers at this sad time, and to thank all who gave donations to Cancer Research.

8.6.2014/2006

#### UPTON

**Dennis Geoffrey**  
Aged 75 years. Passed away peacefully at home on Thursday 30th March 2006. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. The funeral service will take place at St James Church, Bramley at 10.30am on Monday 10th April followed by Cremation at the Basingstoke Crematorium at 11.45am

Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Cancer Research UK. Enquiries c/o A. Monger Funeral Directors 01256 851124

8.6.6/4/2006

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

PAMBER PARISH REGISTER OF BAPTISMS 1869-1935

BASINGSTOKE GAZETTE DEATHS 6/4/2006

HUSBAND EDWARD GEORGE UPTON

BORN		AT	OF PAMBER HEATH
BAPTISED	10/10/1926	AT	ST PETER'S, TADLEY
MARRIED	10/4/1950	AT	ST PETER'S, TADLEY
DIED	30/12/2002 AGED 76	AT	
FUNERAL	6/1/2003	AT	TRINITY CHURCH, BASINGSTOKE
FATHER	WILLIAM EDWARD UPTON	MOTHER	LILIAN MAUD NAISH

WIFE LINDA VIOLET YATES

BORN		AT	
BAPTISED		AT	
FATHER	WILLIAM GORDON HENRY YATES	MOTHER	

CHILDREN

GRAHAM	B ep		
DAVID	B ep		

TED UPTON

Lyn, Graham and David Upton would like to thank Family and Friends for attending the funeral of their beloved Ted. Also for the many letters and sympathy cards received and the donations for St Michaels Hospice. Please accept this as a personal thank you to you all.

B.6.17/1/2003

TED UPTON

Passed away peacefully on 30th December 2002, aged 76 years. Will be sadly missed by loving Wife Lyn, Sons Graham and David, families and friends. Funeral service at Trinity Church Basingstoke on Monday 6th January at 11am. Family flowers only, donations if desired to St Michael's Hospice care of Spencer and Peyton 01256-323165

B.6.3/1/2003

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

TADLEY PARISH REGISTER OF BAPTISMS 1885-1945

TADLEY PARISH REGISTER OF MARRIAGES 1936-1952

BMD INDEX, BIRTHS, EDWARD GEORGE, M.M.N. JULY-SEPT 1926 BASINGSTOKE LC 386

HUSBAND EDWARD WILLIAM UPTON		GROOM/GARDENER	
BORN	1875/6	AT	SOUTH WARNBOROUGH
BAPTISED		AT	
MARRIED	15/12/1900	AT	TADLEY
DIED	AGED 31	AT	OF BACK LANE, TADLEY
BURIED	16/11/1907	AT	TADLEY
FATHER	EDWARD UPTON	MOTHER	

WIFE FLORENCE EMILY SAUNDERS			
BORN		AT	TADLEY
BAPTISED	29/12/1878	AT	TADLEY
DIED	AGED 87	AT	OF 5 TADLEY HILL, TADLEY
BURIED	1/2/1966	AT	TADLEY
FATHER	THOMAS SAUNDERS	MOTHER	ELIZABETH KENT

CHILDREN			
* EDWARD WILLIAM	B 8p 14/4/1901 AT TADLEY.	D 3/6/1964 AT TADLEY AGED 63	M LILIAN MAUD NAISH ✓
LEDRIC DONALD	B 21/5/1916 AT TADLEY	D 18/3/2005 F 31/3/2005 AT ST. PETER'S, T.	M ✓

\* MARRIED AND BURIED AS WILLIAM EDWARD

Q SECOND MARRIAGE OF FLORENCE EMILY, 9/2/1918 TO LIONEL GRANT CLACK, AT TADLEY

1891 CENSUS LIONEL CLACK, 9 MTHS b PAIGNTON S/O WILLIAM C.H. CLACK. PRIVATE SECRETARY

1901 CENSUS LIONEL CLACK, AGED 11 b PAIGNTON S/O WILLIAM C.H. CLACK, MDR. SG. RACE HORSE TRAINER

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

TADLEY PARISH REGISTER OF BAPTISMS 1885-1945

TADLEY PARISH REGISTER OF MARRIAGES 1837-1905, 1905-1920

TADLEY PARISH REGISTER OF BURIALS 1886-1968

BMD BIRTHS INDEX, M M N, WIFE OF EDWARD WILLIAM



EDWARD WILLIAM UPTON

TADLEY 1901

154	Nt Kiem.	Edward W. UPTON	H	M	25	Gloom Gardener	South Wainborough
		Florence E	"	W	M	22	Tadley
		Edward W.	"	S	2mo		"

\*  
BURIED AS  
WILLIAM EDWARD

HUSBAND EDWARD WILLIAM UPTON			
BORN		AT	
BAPTISED	14/4/1901	AT	
MARRIED		AT	
DIED	AGED 63	AT	OF 22 PAMBER HEATH ROAD, PAMBER
FUNERAL	3/6/1964	AT	TADLEY
FATHER	EDWARD WILLIAM UPTON	MOTHER	FLORENCE EMILY SAUNDERS

WIFE LILIAN MAUD NAISH			
BORN		AT	
BAPTISED		AT	
DIED	AGED 51	AT	OF THE LAURELS, PAMBER HEATH
BURIED	25/3/1948	AT	TADLEY
FATHER		MOTHER	

CHILDREN			
EDWARD GEORGE	B — OF PAMBER HEATH — Bp 10/10/1926 AT ST PETERS, T	D 30/12/2002 — — AGED 76 F. TRINITY CHURCH, BASINGSTOKE	M 10/4/1950 AT ST PETERS, TADLEY LINDA VIOLET YATES ✓
DENNIS GEOFFREY	B — OF PAMBER HEATH Bp 9/11/1930 AT PAMBER HEATH	D 30/3/2006 — — AGED 75 F.	M. — — — — — ✓

\* SECOND MARRIAGE 12/12/1949 TO NELLIE LOUISE FITZALAN, WIDOW, AT TADLEY.

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

TADLEY PARISH REGISTER OF BAPTISMS 1885-1945

TADLEY PARISH REGISTER OF MARRIAGES 1936-1952

BMD BIRTHS INDEX. M. M. IV OF EDWARD G. BASINGSTOKE LC 386 JULY-SEPT 1926

**BRENDA UPTON**

Passed away peacefully at the North Hampshire Hospital on 21st January aged 82 years.

Will be very sadly missed by son, daughters, granddaughters, family and friends.

Family flowers only or donations, if desired, to

The Stroke Association care of Spencer and Peyton tel 01256 323165

B-6-26/12006

**UGLE**

**Ronald Bertram**

Aged 84 years.

Passed away peacefully on Friday 2nd March 2007. He will be sadly missed by his Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will take place at ST Peter's Church, Tadley. On Thursday 15th March 2007 at 1.30 pm. All Welcome.

Enquiries to A.Monger  
Funeral Directors  
01256 851124

B-6-8/3/2007

HUSBAND	PHILLIP DESMOND VASIC	ENGINEER
BORN	12/11/1950	AT
BAPTISED		AT
MARRIED	2 <sup>nd</sup> JULY 1990	AT
		ST STEPHEN'S, BAUGHURST
FATHER	BOGOJULUB THEOFIL VASIC	MOTHER
		MARGARET
WIFE	SHARON ELIZABETH MONGER	
BORN	3/5/1961	AT
BAPTISED		AT
FATHER	JOHN FREDERICK MONGER	MOTHER
		EILEEN HILARY ADAMS
LAUREN	B 17/5/1994	
	Ab	
GEMMA	B 11/7	
	Ab	

**SHARON VASIC**  
Happy 40th Birthday



Revenge is sweet.  
Love and best wishes xx

BASINGSTOKE  
GAZETTE 4/5/2001

**Phillip Vasic**



Happy 50th  
12th November

BASINGSTOKE  
GAZETTE 10/11/2000



TWELVE-year-old organist Ben Constant played at the wedding of Sharon Elizabeth Monger and Phillip Desmond Vasic at St Stephen's Church, Baughurst.

The bride, a self-employed computer design engineer, is the daughter of Mrs Eileen Monger and the late Mr John Monger, of Baughurst Road, Baughurst, and the bridegroom, an engineer, is the son of Bogojulub and Margaret Vasic, of Spring Close, Sherborne St John.

The Rev John Franks officiated and the bride was given away by her brother Robert.

The bride was attended by Sarah Hartley, Lisa Toms and Rebecca Gardiner. Best man was Ronald Wilder.

After a reception for 160 guests at Hurst School hall, Baughurst, the couple left for a honeymoon at a secret destination.

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION .

BAUGHURST P.R OF MARRIAGES 1983-1992.

Sheet No. 1

Born	29/1/1926	Place	
Chr.		Place	
Marr.	9/7/1949	Place	ST PETER'S, TABLEY
Died	15/10/2012 AGED 84	Place	HOLCOMBE, LAKEFIELD ROAD, STUTTON, IPSWICH, IP4 2AZ
Bur.		Place	
Father	CHARLES ARTHUR VAUGHAN		Mother
Other Wives			

Born	30/3/1929	Place	SHERBOURNE ROAD, BASINGSTOKE
Chr.		Place	
Died		Place	
Bur.		Place	
Father	ALFRED VERNEY STANLEY.		Mother ELSIE BEATRICE MURIEL DORIS COTTRELL
Other Husbands			

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Year 1987

## LEGION MEMBERS HONOURED FOR LONG AND LOYAL SERVICE



**THANKS:** Richard Greenland, centre, with, from left, Ron and Jill Cook, Rosalie Vaughan, Peggy Way, Joyce Wright. Picture: RICHARD SNASDELL

FIVE Suffolk members of the Royal British Legion, one of who has been collecting poppy money for 55 years, have been honoured at a dinner.

In a presentation evening at the Gardeners Arms pub, Stutton, long-serving member Peggy Way was presented with a medal with bars and a letter of commendation for her 55

years of service with the Stutton branch of the legion.

President Richard Greenland, DSO, also presented awards to Rosalie Vaughan for 32 years service and Joyce Wright, Jill Cook and Ron Cook each for 15 years' service.

Margaret Scott, organiser of the poppy appeal collectors, said the

branch had been going since 1927 and always presented awards for long service, though this obviously did not happen every year.

"They give out awards for 25 years and 30 years service," she said. "But they start giving awards at 15 years as well. We also give them when we think they are ready for them."

"Last night was a buffet for everybody to thank the helpers and poppy collectors which the British legion put on every year for us."

Mrs Scott said last year's appeal raised £400.

Since she started organising the collectors, the amount of money raised had risen each year.

HUSBAND MICHAEL CHARLES VAUGHAN			
BORN	14/5/1965	AT	HOLCOMBE, LARKSFIELD RD, STUTTON.
BAPTISED		AT	
MARRIED	3/9/1988	AT	ST MARYS, WHITTON, IPSWICH
FATHER	ALBERT WILLIAM VAUGHAN	MOTHER.	ROSALIE DORIS STANLEY

WIFE JANE SUZANNE HAKES			
BORN		AT	
BAPTISED		AT	
FATHER		MOTHER.	

CHILD				
REBECCA JANE	B 11/1/1993			
	Bp 23/5/1993 AT SHOTLEY(COPE)			
MEGAN ELIZABETH	B 11/2/1995			
	Bp			
JACOB MICHAEL	B 28/6/1997			
	Bp			
ISAAC MATTHEW	B 14/6/2004			
	Bp			

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION.

FAMILY RECORDS, ALSO DIARY.

\* BORN AT 23.27 AND WEIGHED 9lb 6ozs

MICHAEL CHARLES & JANE SUZANNE VAUGHAN



REBECCA JANE VAUGHAN - 1993



HUSBAND PETER ALFRED VAUGHAN			
BORN	6/11/1952	AT	STUTTON, IPSWICH, SUFFOLK
BAPTISED		AT	
MARRIED	8/6/1974	AT	STUTTON METHODIST CHURCH
FATHER	ALBERT WILLIAM VAUGHAN	MOTHER	ROSALIE DORIS STANLEY.

WIFE KAREN LITZA RUNCLES			
BORN		AT	
BAPTISED		AT	
FATHER		MOTHER	

CHILDREN			
SARAH LOUISE	B 15/8/1980 bp		M. 12/11/2005 STUTTON METHODIST KEVIN PAUL FAYERS ✓
ASHLEY PETER	B 11/10/1981 bp		

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE AND DIARY.

PETER ALFRED & KAREN LITZA VAUGHAN



SARAH AGED 11 YEARS, ASHLEY AGED 10 YEARS.

TAKEN MAY 1992.

HUSBAND      ANDREW M. VENTOM			
BORN	JULY-SEPT 1959	AT	REGISTERED KINGSCLERE
BAPTISED		AT	
MARRIED	OCTOBER 1988	AT	REGISTERED SURREY S-W
FATHER	HERBERT VENTOM	MOTHER	LILY ARMITAGE

WIFE      CLARE E. HEMMINGS			
BORN			
BAPTISED			
DIED	2009		
FUNERAL			

CHILDREN			
MATTHEW RICHARD	B OCT 1992 REG READING WOK. Bp		
CHRISTOPHER EDWARD	B MARCH 1996 REG ABINGDON Bp		

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

A.M.D. INDEXES

HUSBAND HERBERT VENTOM (BERT)			
BORN	13/3/1929	AT	YORKSHIRE
BAPTISED		AT	
MARRIED	OCT-DEC 1955	AT	REG HEMS WORTH, YORKSHIRE
DIED	24/9/2010	AT	THE NORTH HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL SERVICE AT TADLEY COMMON METHODIST
BURIED	5/10/2010	AT	TADLEY CEMETERY
FATHER		MOTHER	

WIFE LILY ARMITAGE			
BORN		AT	
BAPTISED		AT	
FATHER		MOTHER	


CHILDREN			
ANDREW M	B 7-5-1959 REG KINGSCLERE 8p	---	IN OCTOBER 1998 REG SURREY S-W CLARE B. HEMMINGS ✓
PAUL A	B 18/4/1962 8p	---	IN APRIL 1998 REG KINGSCLERE FIONA M. NISBET

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

B.M.D. INDEXES.

T.C.M. CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTER.

**Herbert  
VENTOM  
"Bert"**  
Peacefully on  
24th September.  
A much loved  
husband, father and  
grandfather.  
Sadly missed by all his  
family and friends.  
Funeral Service at  
Tadley Common  
Methodist Church on  
Tuesday 5th October at  
12:00 noon  
Family flowers only,  
donations if desired to  
Hampshire Partnership  
NHS Foundation Trust  
c/o Geoffrey Church &  
Co, 48 Bishopswood  
Road, Tadley, Hampshire  
RG26 4HD  
Tel: 01189  
814420



B.6.30/9/2010

HERBERT AND LILY VENTOM, 58, WHITEDOWN ROAD, TADLEY

# Flood ordeal for 32 years

...but there's still no help in sight for pensioner couple

**SEWAGE** brimming with condoms, urine and faeces has spilled out onto a Tadley pensioner's garden for 32 years - yet water company bosses refuse to help him.

Herbert Ventom, 75, (pictured below), has always complained, but every time it rains heavily he has been forced to clean the 'sewage canal' himself. As a retired chartered engineer, Mr Ventom said he knows how to fix the problem, but blames 'incompetent' Thames Water managers and engineers, who just don't listen to him.

The problem lies in Tadley's rapid expansion over the past half century and the natural springs beneath the town.

The underground springs saturate the ground, which makes it hard for the earth to naturally drain away heavy rainfalls.

The antiquated sewage system, which was never designed for Tadley's population of 11,000, is thus unable to cope with heavy rainfall.

Mr Ventom started suffering when the Aldermaston Atomic Weapons Research Establishment, at which he used to work, stopped cleaning out the drain every year in the early 1970s. Since then neither Thames Water nor Hampshire County Council have been able to fix the problem, despite officials and engineers coming out to Mr Ventom's home 'dozens of times' over the years.

Mr Ventom, who lives with his wife Lilly, 72, says it has cost him 'hundreds of pounds' in postage and telephone calls when he has complained to the authorities. Ron Darley, Tadley Town Council Clerk, said that recently Thames Water had started addressing the complaints of local residents.



**EXCLUSIVE**  
by Andy Foxwell

Mr Darley said: "Thames Water has been trying to fix the problems and things aren't as bad as they were. We haven't had any flooding for about a year now."

However Mr Ventom said that was because the area had had a 'drought' for the last year. Mr Ventom said: "When it starts to rain heavily, it'll start happening all over again."

"I've told Thames Water to put a grill on the drain, which would let water escape but keep out the sewage, but they just don't listen to me."

Liz Almond, Thames Water spokesman, said the company was unable to solve the sewage problem because of the cost involved: "We would have to build a storage capacity tank just for Mr Ventom's property. But we can't justify the cost."

## Jill Walford

A WOMAN who had lived in Baughurst for many years has died suddenly while on holiday abroad with her husband Michael.

Mrs Jill Walford, 65, was taken ill on a cruise and was rushed to the cardiac unit at Queensland General Hospital in Australia.

She died on December 8.

Mrs Walford had lived in Baughurst for 45 years and had been involved in various local organisations.

It was 32 years ago that she was a co-founder of Inhurst House School at Baughurst.

She became a governor of Harriet Costello School four years later and was also on North West Hants Area Advisory Education Committee.

She founded and chaired a rights of way group in the mid-1970s working with ramblers, riders, motor-cycle scramblers, the county council and land-owners.

Mrs Walford, who has been a

governor at Queen Mary's College Foundation for the last 18 years, spent three years on Baughurst Parish Council from 1973.

She had been a long-term member of the Alister Hardy Trust and for some time a trustee. She was also a member of the Religious Experience Research Group.

A keen gardener and a member of the Royal Horticultural Society, Mrs Walford had been a regular exhibitor at the annual show of the Monk Sherborne Horticultural Society and a major prize winner on several occasions.

For two years she had been joint chairman of the Thames Valley Progressive Jewish Society.

Mrs Walford leaves a husband Michael, a brother and sister, four grown-up children and five grandchildren.

A thanksgiving service will be at the Friends Meeting House in Reading on January 1.

BASINGSTOKE GAZETTE 31/12/1998

When they first came to Baughurst Michael and Jill Walford lived at Wildwood House, which had previously been named Rosland and had been the home of Miss Dunlop, who was a Quaker. The Walford family later sold Wildwood House for development and moved to Baughurst House, where they were still living when Mrs Walford died. Baughurst House had earlier Quaker connections, but this could have been coincidence. As far as we knew both Michael Walford and his wife were Jewish, but this may not have been the case.



HUSBAND	ARTHUR GILBERT WALLACE		BUS DRIVER
BORN		AT	
BAPTISED		AT	
MARRIED		AT	
DIED		AT	
FUNERAL		AT	
FATHER		MOTHER	
WIFE	STELLA ARNOLD		
BORN		AT	
BAPTISED		AT	
DIED	5/10/2001	AGED 89	
FUNERAL	11/10/2001	AT	TADLEY SALVATION ARMY
FATHER		MOTHER	
CHILD			
BARBARA ANN	B bp		M 12/10/1958 AT PAMBER BRIAN WALTER CULVER

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

PAMBER PARISH REGISTER OF MARRIAGES 1948-1962

#### **STELLA WALLACE**

Passed away at home on Friday 5th October 2001, aged 89 years, surrounded by her loving family.

Loving wife of the late Arthur, beloved mother of Barbara, mother-in-law to Brian, grandmother to Martin, not forgetting the ever faithful family dog Bonny.

Funeral service to take place at the Salvation Army Citadel, Tadley on Thursday 11th October at 10.45 am. Donations, if desired, made payable to Cancer Research. Flowers & enquiries to Alexander & Dry funeral directors, Tel: 01256 844663.

B-6-10/10/2001

#### **STELLA WALLACE**

Barbara, Brian & Martin send their heartfelt thanks to the overwhelming support we had in the last few weeks. Family, friends and neighbours visiting everyday. It was great comfort for Mum & us. Also for all the flowers, cards, messages of sympathy (over 100) all on display in her room.

Thanks to Holmwood Health Centre, Tadley, doctors, district nurses and support team. Without their loving care and attention we would not have coped. Also to Alexander & Dry, the way they conducted the funeral, it was a credit to their profession. Donations to Cancer Research.

B-6-22/10/2001

STELLA WALLACE. IN MEMORIAM.

1st Anniversary.  
In loving memory  
of Mum  
STELLA WALLACE

5.10.2001.

The flowers we place  
upon your grave,  
will wither and decay,  
But all the love we have  
for you,  
will never fade away.  
Barbara, Brian and  
Martin Culver.

B. G. 4/10/2002

STELLA  
WALLACE  
MUM

05.10.2001

As Autumn flowers  
begin to fade  
Our thoughts are with  
you once again.

We miss you.  
Love Barbara, Brian  
& Martin.

B. G. 3/10/2003

MUM

STELLA  
WALLACE

5.10.2001

Three years has  
passed since that sad  
day, But we still miss  
you every day  
Barbara, Brian &  
Martin.

B. G. 4/10/2004

STELLA  
WALLACE

Oct. 5th 2001

Your name is often,  
mentioned our  
thoughts are with you  
still



Barbara,  
Brian,  
Martin &  
Bonny

B. G. 3/10/2005

STELLA  
WALLACE  
OCT 5th 2001

Your name is often  
mentioned our  
thoughts are  
with you  
still



Barbara,  
Brian &  
Martin

B. G. 5/10/2006

STELLA  
WALLACE

Oct 5th 2001

Your name is often  
mentioned our  
thoughts are with you  
still



Barbara, Brian,  
Martin

B. G. 1/10/2007

STELLA  
WALLACE

October 5th 2001

Never forgotten  
Always in our  
thoughts  
Always remembered  
Barbara, Brian, Martin

B. G. 2/10/2008

Stella  
WALLACE

October 5th 2001

Time passes  
Memories linger  
of a dear Mum and  
Grandmother  
Miss you deeply  
Barbara, Brian &  
Martin

B. G. 8/10/2009



HUSBAND	RICHARD CHRISTOPHER WALLIS	ENGINEER
BORN		
BAPTISED		
MARRIED		
DIED		OF
BURIED	22/1/1953 AGED 42	AT
FATHER		MOTHER

FORMERLY OF UNIQUE, BAUGHURST  
BRIDGE HOUSE, TADLEY.  
ST PETER'S, TADLEY

WIFE	BRENDA	
BORN		AT
BAPTISED		AT
DIED	11/10/1995 AGED 87	AT
BURIED	18/10/1995	AT
FATHER		MOTHER

ST PETER'S, TADLEY

CHILDREN.			
PHILIP RICHARD	B 17/8/1944 OF BAUGHURST Bp 2/10/1944 AT BAUGHURST		
EDWARD	B Bp		

**WALLIS.** On October 11th 1995, Brenda, peacefully after a short illness, formerly of Tadley, aged 87 years. Widow of the late Richard. Loving mother of Philip and Edward and grandmother to Helen and Richard. Internment service at St. Peter's Church, Tadley on Wednesday 18th October at 2pm. Flowers c/o I.N. Newman Ltd., Griffin House, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury, SP1 1HL.

BASINGSTOKE GAZETTE  
16/10/1995

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

BAUGHURST PARISH REGISTER OF BAPTISMS 1861-1953

TADLEY PARISH REGISTER OF BURIALS 1886-1968

BASINGSTOKE GAZETTE 'DEATHS' 16/10/1995

HUSBAND      FREDERICK WALTERS			
BORN		AT	
BAPTISED		AT	
MARRIED		AT	
DIED	4/3/1988 AGED 65	AT	BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT HOSPITAL
BURIED	12/3/1988	AT	CLIDDESSEN.
FATHER.		MOTHER	

WIFE      EDNA WYTHE.			
BORN		AT	
BAPTISED		AT	
DIED		AT	
BURIED.		AT	
FATHER		MOTHER.	

CHILDREN.			
PAULINE	-----	-----	-----
SUSAN	-----	-----	-----
MICHAEL	-----	-----	-----
BETTINE	-----	-----	-----

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION -

BASINGSTOKE GAZETTE, DEATHS, 11/3/1988

FAMILY INFORMATION, (PHYLLIS STONE)

WALTERS, Frederick (Fred), late of Oakley and Cliddesden, died at Basingstoke District Hospital on 4th March aged 65 years. Beloved husband of Edna and father of Pauline, Susan, Michael and Bettine. Will be laid to rest in Cliddesden churchyard; funeral service at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday 12th March. Sweet sleep darling.

B.G. 11/3/88.

FARMER  
SEEDSMAN

HUSBAND ALFRED WARD

BORN	17/4/1851	AT	PAMBER
BAPTISED	11/5/1851	AT	A METHODIST CHAPEL
MARRIED	25/9/1873	AT	PAMBER
DIED		AT	
FUNERAL		AT	
FATHER	WILLIAM WARD	MOTHER	JUDITH HAM

\*

WIFE MARTHA STANLEY

BORN		AT	PAMBER
BAPTISED	5/3/1854	AT	PAMBER
DIED	OCT-DEC 1887 (33)	AT	REG READING LC 242
FUNERAL		AT	
FATHER	GEORGE STANLEY	MOTHER	SARAH SPENCER

CHILDREN

ELLEN MARY	B 7/11/1874 AT LATCHMERE GREEN Bp 27/12/1874 AT METH CHAPEL	D AT LATCHMERE GREEN (9M) Bui 20/8/1875 AT PAMBER	
ANNIE E	B 1876/2 AT READING, BERKS Bp	D Bui	
ARTHUR W	B 1878/9 AT READING, BERKS Bp	D Bui	
ALFRED THOMAS	B 1881 AT READING, BERKS Bp	D Bui	
MARTHA MARY	B READING JAN-MCH 1888 Bp	D Bui	

SECOND MARRIAGE TO JANE NOTES. READING LC 821 OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1889

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- SILCHESTER METHODIST CIRCUIT REGISTER OF BAPTISMS 1844-1888
- PAMBER PARISH REGISTER OF MARRIAGES 1849-1913
- PAMBER PARISH REGISTER OF BAPTISMS 1813-1869
- PAMBER PARISH REGISTER OF BURIALS 1813-1909 GRO INDEX, DEATHS READING LC 242 0-0 1887
- 1881 CENSUS. (INTERNET) GRO INDEX OF BIRTHS, READING LC 366 (MARTHA MARY) J-M 1889

FARMER  
SEEDSMAN

HUSBAND	ALFRED WARD		
BORN	17/4/1851	AT	PAMBER
BAPTISED	11/5/1851	AT	A METHODIST CHURCH
MARRIED	OCT-DEC 1889	AT	READING LC 821
DIED		AT	
FUNERAL		AT	
FATHER	WILLIAM WARD	MOTHER	JUDITH HAM

WIFE	JANE NOYES		
BORN		AT	PAMBER
BAPTISED	14/9/1856	AT	
DIED		AT	
FUNERAL		AT	
FATHER	JOSEPH NOYES	MOTHER	ELIZABETH

CHILD			
SYDNEY	B 1894/5 AT PAMBER 8p	D 8m	M

\* FIRST MARRIAGE 25/9/1873 TO MARTHA STANLEY AT PAMBER

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

SILCHESTER METHODIST CIRCUIT REGISTER OF BAPTISMS 1844-1888

1901 CENSUS.

B.M.D INDEX OF MARRIAGES

# ALFRED WARD.

## READING 1881 ST LAWRENCE

22 Market Place.	Alfred WARD	H	M	29	Seedsmans assistant caretaker of office.	Pamber
	Maltha "	W	M	27		"
	Annie E "	d		4		Reading
	Arthur W. "	S		2		"
	Alfred Thomas "	S		1m		"
	Jane HAWKINS	Visitor wid.		33	Cook (Dom)	Pamber.

Wife's  
Sister.

## ST MART, READING 1891

Caversham Road,	Alfred WARD	H	M	39	Greengrocer	Pamber
8 Penelope Terrace	Jane	"	W	M	34	"
	Annie E "	d		14	Dressmaker	Reading
	Arthur W "	S		12		"
	Alfred T "	S		10	Schoolat	"

## PAMBER 1901

39 Elm Farm	Alfred WARD	H	M	50	Farmer	Pamber
	Jane	"	W	M	45	"
	Arthur	"	S	S	22	Reading
	Alfred	"	S	S	20	"
	Annie	"	d	S	24	"
	Sydney	"	S		6	Pamber
	Judith	"	Mother wid	80		Silchester



● Members of the scientific expedition to Antarctica in 1956

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# An Antarctic anniversary

By Sara Assarsson

Picture: The expedition to Antarctica in 1956. Photo: The British Antarctic Survey.

**A PIONEERING scientist who was part of the team that discovered the now infamous hole in the ozone layer above the South Pole is set to be part of a memorable reunion event.**

Meteorologist Derek Ward, 74, joined a scientific expedition which built a research station at Halley Bay on the British territory of Antarctica in 1956.

This month, the pioneering voyage, which was one of the first modern expeditions to Antarctica, celebrates its 50th anniversary, and there will be a reunion in Northampton on October 14 and 15 for all the people who lived in Halley Bay.

"We were the first to measure ozone at high altitudes and found the first hole in the ozone layer in 1958, but at the time we didn't know the significance of our discovery," said Mr Ward, who was in his early 20s when he left home to spend two long winters in Antarctica.

Mr Ward recalled: "It was pitch black for three months and the temperature in the winter was around minus 40°C. Even in the summer, the temperatures were well below zero. We had to eat and drink the snow as we had no other water supply."

Mr Ward, who lives in Bowmonts Road, Tadley, applied to be part of the International Geophysical Year Expedition (IGYE) after seeing an ad in a newspaper. He was working as a meteorologist at the Met Office in London at the time and was keen to join the trip.

The main purpose of the expedition



● Meteorologist Derek Ward with the Polar Medal he received from the Queen and an Emperor penguin egg he collected on his Antarctica trip 50 years ago **Pic by Richard Garfield**

was to carry out weather observations, but the team of biologists, physicists and meteorologists also studied glaciers, geophysical patterns and the behaviour of Emperor penguins.

He explained: "We worked 18-hour shifts and lived underground for the whole time, but we never really felt isolated."

When the adventurers returned to the UK, they were awarded the Polar Medal by the Queen.

Next week, the 200 scientists who wintered at Halley Bay will meet up for the first time.

Mr Ward said: "I met some of them at a reunion six years ago, but this time we will all be together."

Halley Bay, which was named after the British astronomer Edmond Halley, remains an important research station and is the southern-most permanent base in Antarctica.

HUSBAND	GEORGE WARD.	SECURITY POLICEMAN.
BORN		AT
BAPTISED		AT
MARRIED		AT
DIED	24/6/1974	AT
FUNERAL		AT
FATHER		MOTHER.

WIFE	EVELYN M.	
BORN		AT
BAPTISED		AT
DIED	11/7/1996 AGED 91	AT
FUNERAL	19/7/1996	AT READING CREMATORIUM.
FATHER		MOTHER.

CHILD		
JOAN EVELYN	B 28/3/1938 bp	M. 10/9/1960 AT ST PETERS, TADLEY COLIN REGINALD BELCHER.

**WARD.** Eva Suddenly on July 11th 1996 aged 91 years. A sadly missed Mum, Nan and Great Nan. Funeral service at Reading Crematorium on Friday July 19th at 2pm, family flowers only, donations to Talking Newspapers association may be sent c/o Geoffrey Church and co, 46 Bishopswood road, Tadley Tel (01734) 814420.

B.G. 7/1996

**WARD.** The family of Eva would like to thank friends & relatives for their support and kind messages. Many thanks to nurses at Holmwood Health Centre also Geoff Church.

B.G. 26/7/1996

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION.

TADLEY PARISH REGISTER OF MARRIAGES 1953-1966

BASINGSTOKE GAZETTE DEATHS 17/1996.

INFORMATION FROM FELICITY QUELCH, (BIRTHDAY OF JOAN)

**EVA WARD**  
11-7-96  
**GEORGE WARD**  
24-6-74  
Remembered  
always by your  
loving family

B.G. 13/7/2001

**EVA WARD**  
Much loved Mum,  
Nan and great nan.  
Died suddenly 11-7-96  
Also George, dear dad  
and grandad 24-6-74  
Sadly missed by  
all the family.

B.G. 11/7/1997

HUSBAND	LESLIE AUBREY WARD	TIMBER FELLER.
BORN	1914/15	AT
BAPTISED		AT
MARRIED	20/4/1940	AT
DIED	AGED 47	AT
FUNERAL	BURIAL OF ASHES 27/4/1962	AT
FATHER	HORACE WARD	MOTHER

WIFE	EVELYN ANNIE SMITH
BORN	1914/15
BAPTISED	
DIED	24/12/2001
FUNERAL	4/1/2002
FATHER	FREDERICK SMITH

CHILDREN.	
MELVYN	B 1912/1941
MARCOLIN	B
MARTIN	B

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

TADLEY PARISH REGISTER OF MARRIAGES 1936-1952

PERSONAL DIARIES.

TADLEY PARISH REGISTER OF BURIALS 1886-1968

#### **EVELYN ANNIE WARD**

Formerly of 44 Mount Pleasant, Tadley, died peacefully on 24th December 2001.

A dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother who will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral service at Basingstoke Crematorium on Friday January 4th at 9.45 am.

Family flowers only. Donations to Oakridge House may be sent c/o Geoffrey Church & Co, 48 Bishopswood Road, Tadley, RG21 4HD, Tel: 0118 9814420.

BASINGSTOKE GAZETTE, 31/12/2001



HUSBAND MELVYN G WARD

BORN

AT

BAPTISED

AT

MARRIED

J-5 1968

AT

REGISTERED KINGSCLEERE

FATHER

MOTHER

WIFE PATRICIA A SQUIRE (NEE WOODALL)

BORN

AT

BAPTISED

AT

FATHER

WOODALL

MOTHER

EVELTN

CHILDREN

ALISON

ROBIN

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

KNOWN TO ME (LS)

GRO INDEXES

# Emma Louise

by Robert and Karen Ward

In February 1988, my wife Karen and I experienced something so upsetting to our wonderful life that it has taken a year to the day to be able to write about it. We lost our daughter to SIDS, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome or Cot Death, as it's often termed.

Our daughter Emma Louise was born to us on June 26th, 1987, completing our family of one boy and one girl. I know it may sound selfish, but I was convinced that this was the best combination and was just looking for the .4 of a dog to make us Mr. and Mrs. Average.

It was a Friday, and I was on leave enjoying the family atmosphere. Emma had a little bit of a cold and, as I am more prone to panic than Karen, I took her to our GP for a check-over. A liar she called me, by smiling and gurgling to our Doctor. No problems, and with my mind at ease we went home. That night, Karen had gone to work for the first time after the birth of both children and to pay for damaging the car a few weeks previously. On Karen's return we talked about how she had got on and then wended our way to the bedroom. Like most parents, we always check that the kids are OK and just tuck them up in bed and feel proud. When I checked Emma, she was hot with a little sweat on her brow, but something disturbed me and I listened for her to breathe or sigh. Becoming worried I shook her, now I was frightened and as I picked her up out of the cot she hung limply. In my heart of hearts I knew something was very wrong and laid her onto the landing floor where the light was strong. I shouted for Karen to ring the doctor and ambulance. The phones would not answer so she rang AWE who sent an ambulance and called Basingstoke. During this time I tried to revive Emma with a will I never knew could be in me. I reminded myself not to panic as she had only little lungs and not to blow too hard. The ambulances of both Basingstoke and AWE arrived together with medics rushing to take over and place her onto a ventilator. I then realised what truly was happening. Karen and I clung to each other for support and a neighbour came in to look after our son John who remained asleep during all the activity. We were not allowed to ride with the ambulance that had taken Emma away to the hospital, but the crew from AWE took us following behind. How long that journey took, and, not knowing if Emma was recovering, how miserable we felt.

At the Hospital Emma's still little body was run into the emergency ward by the medic and we were shepherded into a waiting room with nice pictures, a soft blue carpet and flowers — the details seem etched on my mind. A staff nurse came in and reassured us with lack of information and a hot cup of tea. We prayed so hard and held each other so tight.

The doctor came and looked at the floor — we knew, we knew, but could not accept it. They had worked on Emma for forty minutes after her arrival at the hospital. The paediatrician came and offered her comfort and asked if we wanted to say goodbye to Emma, our child, my daughter that had stolen my heart. I now held Emma for the last time and spoke gently and quietly to her of my love and my wish for her continued happiness in heaven and asked her to say hello to my dad and other members of the family. I kissed her goodbye for the last time.

Karen and I held each other, oblivious to all around. The police arrived and took us home, nice men who sent a wreath for Emma's funeral. It affected us all. We were interviewed and the description of how Emma was found was noted. We were then left in peace.

During the night we talked and cried. We both decided there and then we wanted another child. The day was hard, explaining again and again of our loss to all concerned. It was most difficult to explain to our two-year-old son who asked question after question, but this helped our grieving.

The funeral was nice, because Emma's flowers looked nice, her casket was pretty and the weather was kind. We were sad but very, very happy to have known and loved Emma for seven wonderful months. I carried the casket into the church for a celebration to God, thanking him in choosing us to bear Emma. He had recalled her very early — we may not understand but we accept it. Her ashes were returned to us for interment into the ground at the Parish Church, overlooking such lovely countryside.

A year has gone by now and a lot has happened. John still gets confused, thinking that she will return. Trying to explain to a two-year-old is difficult but being honest and open helped.

I talked with our minister in great depth about the loss of Emma, and it has re-established my faith. I still don't go to church regularly, but when I'm with Karen or are walking over the hills I can feel peace.

Karen became involved with the Cot Death Foundation who offered her support and advice. As the Chairman of a Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Holders Group, who normally undertake a charitable event for a worthwhile cause, Karen suggested the group nominate the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths as the charity to raise funds for. The aim was to walk over the North York Moors on a route called The Lyke Wake. It has to be completed in 24 hours and covers 42 miles of

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## Emma Louise

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barren and arduous landscape. Family and friends helped collect sponsorship and the response was very moving with so many people helping and contributing. The walk was very hard and Karen achieved 30 miles even though she was expecting our next child in three months' time.

The final sum achieved by this walk was over £1,950.

To train for the Lyke Wake Walk, we did a lot of walking round Berkshire and over hill country. When Emma had been only 12 weeks old we had gone to the Brecon Beacons and Karen had carried her part of the way. After Emma's death, I took a group of youngsters over these hills for Expedition training and I picked up a small flat slab from the spot where Emma had reached before with her mother. It now has two small plaques fixed to it and is placed next to a tree we planted in the graveyard to celebrate Emma Louise.

Since Emma's death, my attitude towards graveyards etc. has changed. I now see them not as where we just put our dead relatives and friends but as a place that shows our love and reminds us of our loved ones, the last tangible place where they are.

I composed a short verse for the plaque fixed to the stone from Brecon:

*Stop, wait, look at all around,  
the love that abounds  
with each stone that marks a place,  
a corner in someone's heart  
of cherished memories.*

When I went around the site here looking for sponsors for the Lyke Wake Walk, I was surprised to speak to and learn from the people who has lost babies to SIDS or of families that have been affected. This led me to believe there are more people affected on site than one first believes.

Finally, we are now expecting a new baby, ironically estimated to be born on the same date that Emma died. This alone has given us a feeling that it is special. It has also prompted long discussions between Karen and myself plus the family with regard to using the available alarms. The decision we came to is that the new baby must not be treated any differently from John or Emma, as we feel we achieved a balance in their upbringing. Having an alarm attached to the baby at all times will create restrictions that the new baby, John and ourselves will be aware of. With all the information we have read and experts we have talked to, we have come to the conclusion that an alarm at best can give us a false sense of security, and at worst create nervous wrecks of us, with all associated false alarms as the baby becomes active. Even with the very sophisticated equipment in hospital and with experts in the field attending, babies are lost to SIDS, and they cannot understand why, so what chance do we have? My mum used to say to me 'What will be, will be.' We can help to prevent some things, but when SIDS can occur without any warning or symptoms, do you love life or worry about life? If you love it, your kids will love it.

P.S. We are now in proud possession of our new little daughter, Helen Louise, who was born on February 22nd, weighing 10¾lbs.

John L 13/1/1986 (the link)



# RONALD LOUIS WARD. (UN-MARRIED)

BORN	25/6/1925	AT	TADLEY HILL FARM, TADLEY
BAPTISED	6/9/1925	AT	ST SAUVOURS, TADLEY.
DIED	31/12/1991 AGED 66	AT HOME	42 THE GREEN, TADLEY
FUNERAL	10/1/1992	AT	ST PAUL'S, TADLEY
BURIED	10/1/1992	AT	THE ANCIENT MEADOW, WHICH HE LOVED AND OWNED, ADJOINING HIS BUNGALOW
FATHER	MATTHIAS WARD	MOTHER	ALICE

## Brave Ron loses his last fight

NATURALIST and former town councillor Ron Ward died on New Year's Eve, aged 66, at his home at The Green, Tadley.

Born and bred in Tadley, he had been fighting lung cancer for many years.

He will be remembered by many townsfolk for his tireless work in the field of natural history and conservation.

The funeral service will take place at St Paul's Church at The Green on Friday.

Mr Ward, who is survived by his brother, Douglas, will be buried on his own land at The Green.

He won a battle with Basingstoke council last year to get permission to be buried there.

The land, reputed to be worth around £20 million for building purposes, is a site of special scientific interest.

Mr Ward appeared in many television films and documentaries.

Director David Puttnam was among big-name film makers who joined in the fight to allow him to be buried on his own land.

A full obituary will appear in Friday's Gazette.

**WARD, Ronald Lewis.** After a long illness passed away on the 31.12.91 at his home, 42 The Green, Tadley. Dearly loved and sadly missed by all his family and friends, service to be held at St Paul's Church, Tadley at 10.30am on 10.1.92. All floral tributes to A. Monger & Son Ltd., Sharborne St John, Basingstoke. Any donations to the Hospice, BDH.

B.G. 6/1/1992.

### OBITUARY

## Town's crusader

**BACHELOR** Ron Ward is said to have only ever been married to his beloved Tadley.

Born and bred in the town, Mr Ward saw Tadley mushroom from a small village of hundreds to a thriving town of thousands.

But he made it much of his life's work to preserve all that he could, both natural and man-made.

His enthusiasm for flora and fauna made him the mainstay of local organisations like the Tadley Watch, where he taught conservation to school children.

Ron Ward was born in Tadley on June

Ron Ward was born in Tadley on June 25, 1925.

After his schooling in the village, he entered the building trade.

But he soon joined his father Matt in the family coal firm.

During the Second World War he spent two years in the Royal Artillery.

Mr Ward died at his home at The Green on New Year's Eve. He leaves a brother, Douglas.

The funeral will be held today at St Paul's Church, The Green, Tadley, at 10.30am.

Instead of flowers, donations should be sent to St Michael's hospice appeal.

B.G. 10/1/1992

**WARD, Ron.** In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle, passed away 31.12.91. Love Doug, Joan and family.

IN MEMORIAM. 30/12/1992. BASINGSTOKE GAZETTE

**WARD, Ronald** 31/12/91. In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle. Forever remembered, Doug and Family.

IN MEMORIAM. B.G. 30/12/1992

**WARD, Ron.** Passed away on 31st January 1991. Always in our thoughts. Doug and family.

IN MEMORIAM 30/12/1992

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

TADLEY PARISH REGISTER OF BAPTISMS 1885-1945.

# New burial ground— a 25 acre meadow?

**A MAN has asked to be buried in a 25 acre hay meadow...but this is no ordinary field.**

The land is 25 acres of pure nature, a flourishing home to six species of orchid, 30 different grasses, 16 forms of sedges and 10 types of rushes.

The man is Ron Ward, an amateur botanist who has lived next door to the field near the Green, Tadley, for all his 65 years.

He has applied to Basingstoke council's planners for a single burial plot in the field.

Ron said: "It has been in the family for 70 years and has given me so much pleasure, it is the only place I would like to be when I die.

"It may be an unusual request, but my friends say I am an unusual man."

A bachelor all his life, Ron kept the field to work on once he retired from his life as a ganger in the building trade.

But the field has remained in its natural state because it created so much interest amongst naturalists and botanists.

Artificial fertilisers and chemicals have never been used and the soil never cultivated.

The closest thing to mass production is the annual hay-making.

Instead the field is a subject for several books on conservation and botany, many of them piled up on the sideboard in Ron's front room.

Now Ron, who is suffering from cancer, wants to ensure the field will continue to give pleasure to others for generations to come.

To secure this wish he

has bequeathed all 25 acres to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Naturalists Trust.

"They will look after my field," said Ron.

In the meantime he spends his days surveying the beautiful views from the windows of his bungalow or sitting in his garden on an old settee under the ash tree watching the deer.

He said: "I buy a new settee for £20 each year, stick the old one in the garden and put the new one in the lounge and I keep rotating each year that way."

Ron watches the changing seasons and keeps busy by chopping wood, tending his vegetable patch and doing the chores that make up his simple lifestyle.

"I am practically self-sufficient, as far as vegeta-



● Ron Ward

bles go," he said.

He is also a founder member of the Tadley Nature Watch group, along with Rosemary Bond, and sits on Pamber Forest Management Committee.

"There is some beautiful countryside near here, Pamber Forest, Silchester and Tadley Commons and this field, I just want to preserve something for the future," he said.

Change of use of 15 square foot plot from meadow to single burial plot at Ron Ward's Meadow, adjacent 42 The Green, Tadley, for R L. Ward.

BASINGSTOKE PLANS.

B.G. 21/12/1990.

BASINGSTOKE GAZETTE, 7/12/1990





● The funeral procession makes its way towards the meadow memorial and left, floral tributes to Ron Ward. Pictures: SEAN DILLOW.

**NATURALIST** and former Tadley town councillor Ron Ward was buried on his own land last Friday.

Family and friends packed St Paul's Church, at The Green, for the funeral service

by the Rev Martin Nockles and later joined a procession to Mr Ward's meadow near his home for the burial.

Towards the end of his

life Mr Ward won a battle with Basingstoke council planners to be buried there. He was laid to rest in a specially-built brick and stone memorial on the land.

In his will Mr Ward left the 25 acres, now recognised as a site of special scientific interest, to the Hampshire Wildlife Trust with the proviso that it is never built on.

### By PAUL STEVENS

# A meadow grave for man who battled for nature

He managed the land himself and the area boasts rare orchids, grasses and herbs.

Ron Ward died of lung cancer, aged 66, on New Year's Eve. The youngest of three brothers, he was born at Tadley Place in 1925.

The family later moved to the farmhouse in School Lane and built the bungalow near The Green where bachelor Mr Ward lived for most of his life.

He served on Tadley Town Council for 18 years before a heart attack prompted his retirement.

At a full council meeting last week members and residents observed a standing silence in memory of Mr Ward.

He sat on the Pamber Forest Management Committee, worked with the Friends of Tadley Common and taught the town's youngsters about nature and conservation through the activities of the Tadley Watch group.

His work and his meadow were featured in several TV programmes. One which was due to be shown on TVS in February will now be shown in October.

HUSBAND	WILFRED WARD		
BORN		AT	
BAPTISED		AT	
MARRIED		AT	
DIED		AT	
FUNERAL		AT	
FATHER		MOTHER	

WIFE	CLARA TAYLOR		
BORN		AT	OF NEWTOWN, TADLEY.
BAPTISED	11/4/1920	AT	ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, TADLEY
DIED	15/12/2009 AGED 89	AT	IN HOSPITAL
FUNERAL	11/1/2010	AT	SERVICE AT SILCHESTER METHODIST CHURCH
FATHER	ARTHUR STEPHEN TAYLOR	MOTHER	LOUISA COTTRELL

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

TADLEY PARISH REGISTER OF BAPTISMS 1895-1945.

BASINGSTOKE GAZETTE DEATHS. 23/12/2009

#### CLARA WARD

Peacefully in hospital on 15th December, aged 89. Reunited with Wilfred.

Dearly loved mum, Nan and Great Nan, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral Service at Silchester Methodist Church on Monday 11th January at 11:00 am. Family Flowers only donations if desired to North Hampshire Hospital, c/o Geoffrey Church & Co., 48 Bishopswood Road, Tadley, Hampshire. RG26 4HD Tel: 01189 814420



HUSBAND	WILLIAM WARD		
BORN	27/1/1856	AT	PAMBER
BAPTISED	24/2/1856	AT	A METHODIST CHAPEL
MARRIED	APRIL-JUNE 1882	AT	READING 2C 646
DIED		AT	
BURIED		AT	
FATHER	WILLIAM WARD	MOTHER	JUDITH HAM

WIFE	MARY STANLEY		
BORN		AT	PAMBER
BAPTISED	29/11/1857	AT	PAMBER
DIED		AT	
BURIED		AT	
FATHER	GEORGE STANLEY	MOTHER	SARAH SPENCER

CHILDREN			
WALTER	B 1892/3 AT READING bp	D F	UN-MARRIED?
HOWARD	B 1895/6 AT READING bp	D F	UN-MARRIED?

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

SILCHESTER METHODIST CIRCUIT REGISTER OF BAPTISMS 1844-1888

PAMBER PARISH REGISTER OF BAPTISMS 1849-1913

CENSUS ST GILES READING 1891 AND 1901

GRO MARRIAGE INDEX READING 2C 641 APRIL-JUNE 1882



WILLIAM WARDST GILES READING 1891

10 14 Hatherley Road, William WARD H M 35 Seedmans ? ? Pamber  
Mary " W M 33 "  
Martha M. " Niece S 3 Reading

ST GILES, READING 1901

14 Hatherley Road, William WARD H M 45 Seedmans Assistant, Basingstoke  
Mary " W M 43 "  
Walter " S 8 Reading  
Howard " S 5 "  
Martha " Niece 13 "

HUSBAND	DELL		
BORN		AT	
BAPTISED		AT	
MARRIED		AT	
DIED		AT	
FUNERAL		AT	
FATHER		MOTHER	

WIFE	DAAPHNE GLADYS		
BORN	21/7/1910	AT	
BAPTISED		AT	
DIED	27/2/2001 AGED 90	AT	OF BEULAH, PINKS LANE, HEATH END, TADLEY
FUNERAL	8/3/2001	AT	ALTON HOSPITAL TADLEY COMMON METHODIST CHURCH - BURIED AT TADLEY BURIAL GROUND
FATHER		MOTHER	

CHILDREN			
CAROLYN			
ANGELA L			M. CLIVE SOLOMONS

Gladys was partially disabled, having suffered a stroke. She was unable to speak, apart from saying 'yes' and 'no', but was very courageous and always had a happy smiling face. We didn't know her husband. Her daughter Angela was adopted, possibly Carolyn was too, but not sure about this. Gladys was always brought to our morning services by another member of our church, mostly by Barbara Rayner. We will miss Gladys.

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

GLADYS WAS KNOWN TO US AND A MEMBER OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT TADLEY COMMON METHODIST HER DAUGHTER ANGELA SOLOMONS LIVES AT 105 FRANKLIN AVENUE, TADLEY AND IS A FRIEND OF OUR DAUGHTER CAROL.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION, WARD

**HORACE  
(SON) WARD**

Died peacefully at  
NHH on Wednesday  
14th February 2001,  
aged 92 years.

A loved father  
of Vera and Wendy,  
grandfather and great  
grandfather who will  
be sadly missed by all  
his family and friends.

Funeral service  
at Tadley United  
Reformed Church on  
Friday 23rd February  
at 11 am. Family  
flowers only please but  
donations if desired to  
Royal London Society  
for the blind.

B.G. DEATHS.

21/2/2001.

**HORACE  
RALPH WARD**


Dearly loved  
stepfather, grandad &  
great grandad. Will  
be sadly missed by  
Daphne, Fred, Robin,  
Wendy, Alison, Alan,  
Annette and Jason.

All enquiries ref  
service to A. Mongers  
FD, 01256 851124.

B.G. DEATHS.

21/2/2001

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**MALCOLM WARD**

02.06.02  
Happy 60th  
Lots of love

Jean, Sam, Paul, Geoff,  
Alison, Paul, Holly,  
Megan, Thomas,  
Georgina, Laura &  
Sophie.

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B.G. 31/5/2002

**ENGAGED**

Mr & Mrs Martyn  
Ward are proud to  
announce the

engagement of  
their daughter

Miss Jo-anne Ward to  
Mr Keith Hinde

Eldest son of Mr Ron  
Hinde.

B.G. 10/3/2004

**HUSBAND EDWARD JOHN WARNER. (JACK)**

BORN		AT	
BAPTISED		AT	
MARRIED		AT	
DIED	10/4/1998	GOOD FRIDAY	AT
FUNERAL	20/4/1998	AT	THE NORTH HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, CREMATED, SERVICE TADLEY COMMON METHODIST CHURCH
FATHER		MOTHER	

**WIFE THELMA EMILY FRANCES**

BORN	6/6/1925	AT	
BAPTISED		AT	
DIED	12/12/2009	AGED 84	AT
FUNERAL	22/12/2009	AT	THE NORTH HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL, BASINGSTOKE TADLEY COMMON METHODIST CHURCH CREMATED
FATHER		MOTHER	

**CHILDREN**

TWINS

RICHARD	B			
	Bp			
MICHAEL	B			
	Bp			SUSAN DELHAM

JACK AND THELMA LIVED AT 38 HUNTS MOOR ROAD, TADLEY. JACK WORKED AT A.W.D.E, BEFORE HIS RETIREMENT.

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION.**

BASINGSTOKE GAZETTE 17/4/1998.

JACK AND THELMA KNOWN TO US AS THEY WERE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY.

**LAST Friday saw the sad**

death of Jack Warner. Jack was chairman of the AWE Retirement Fellowship which is a thriving local club.

Jack will be missed by his wife Thelma, and twin sons Richard and Michael as well as his many friends and fellowship members.

ARTICLE IN BASINGSTOKE GAZETTE, BY DAVID LEES.

**Deaths**

**EDWARD JOHN WARNER "JACK"**

Peacefully in Hospital on 10th April 1998. A dear husband, father and grandfather.

Sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service at Tadley Common Methodist Church on Monday April 20th at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to British Heart Foundation c/o Geoffrey Church & Co. 48 Bishopswood Road, Tadley. Tel: 0118 9814420

B.S. 17/4/1998

**WARNER E.J.**

Thelma and family wish to thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy and donations to the "British Heart Foundation" following the sad loss of "Jack". Beloved husband, dad and grandad.

B.S. 20/5/1998