

PS: Oh yea, yea, his library, with books far beyond us, we used to stick to the old detective stories and that, that he had there. 'E was a very good man and 'e always encouraged you. He always told you, if you ever did the football pools and won, never to spend anything 'till you'd spoken to him and he would advise you, which was a very sensible thing. We didn't realise it then.

Int: You had a lot of fun in your childhood.

PS: We had a very good childhood, much better, I think. I think there's more money available today, we had no money then, nobody 'ad any money, but everything you did was so much more enjoyable. Then o' course we had the scout troupe as well, was held at Loders Court, we had a real scout room there and during the war we had a club for breeding rabbits, for food you see! Wild rabbits were a real mainstay for meat, during the war. Young ones we used to fry, we used to have rabbit stews, rabbit stuffed and roasted. There was so much meat on them and then the skins, you see, were worth quite a bit and my mother, she used to hang the rabbit skins by the bread oven and there used to be an old chap, Silverstone, a horse and cart with fruit on come through, and she used to change so many rabbit skins for so much fruit, you see. No money, it worked well.

Int: Tell me more about your mother and how she managed at home.

PS: Well, I think 'er life must 'a' been just work, really, because, as well as bringing up all us children, she did nets and, I mean, when they used to bring those nets, they wanted them on a certain day and, I mean, there was times when she used to sit up half the night, really, to get them finished, you see. It was poorly paid in those days, it was really bad, I think it's different now. Then Mondays was wash days. I can always remember and, when I think back on it, I do feel ashamed, how we used to moan that we had to pump the water and fill up the copper, which had to be a fire lit under it and a big bath of water for rinsing and we used to moan because we had to do that on a Sunday afternoon. Yet she stood at that wash tub all Monday and when we came home from school, our dinner was ready and she was still probably washing. Then they had to dry that and they only had the air to do it, no tumble dryer, then iron it and the iron's heated in front of the fire and all the cookin' done in the oven by the side of the fire, no thermostatically controlled ovens. How they managed, I don't know.

Int: Did you have electricity?

PS: We did, yes, that came through in 1939, before that it was just paraffin lamps and the old accumulator for the little old wireless. But I can never remember going hungry and everybody was happy, with little simple games we used to play, children would laugh at if you told them now, what you used to do, to be amused.

Int: You had things like butter and eggs. Did you keep your own chickens?

PS: We did keep a few chicken, yes, because all those old cottages had gardens that went down to the river, you see. He was a terrific gardener, my father, he had five gardens, four beside the big one we had behind the house an' he would get up p'raps 4 o'clock in the morning to do diggin' before 'e started at 7, you know. It was always dug by hand and he grew enough potatoes and could store them, that would last us through the winter, you see. I can remember they were in big barrels in what we called the back house, which was a lean-to and we used to shake lime on them, I suppose to absorb moisture. My mother, she used to make gallons of home-made wine, which used to keep him happy, I think, if he was sorting potatoes or choppin' wood.

Int: What did she use, elderberries and things like that?

PS: Oh she used elderberries, beetroot, dandelion, parsnip and we used to go and pick cowslip heads. She would make wine out of most things and she made it in the old way in stone jars that was fermentin' and spillin' over and all this, but it was very strong. I always remember, she made some just before the war, parsnip wine, and when the war started, they were going to keep this until war finished and they kept it and an auntie of mine, she had a little drop in a glass, she had a job to get home, almost neat alcohol! We were always, as I can remember, quite a happy family, and as the older ones, Bill and Dave, they always used to buy a few sweets on Sundays, which us younger ones used to look forward to.

Int: What sort of meals did she manage to cook?

PS: Rabbit was very much of a main meal, but there was always potatoes, cabbage, all that sort of thing. We used to get our milk from Herbert Bartlett, who had Croads Farm, Mr Dennett's there now. We used to fetch the milk in open jugs. He used to deliver and serve people from the bucket, but we used to fetch ours because it was probably a halfpenny a pint cheaper and we had plenty of boy power then to fetch it!

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NAMES OF PEOPLE I CAN REMEMBER
LIVING IN LODERS

Late
1930s
early
1940s

* DIED WHILST IN THE ARMY DURING THE WAR)

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MISS GRACIE CHILCOTT BUNGALOW NEXT TO (ROAD)S TARM

MR & MRS CECIL LEGG. NEXT TO " (KELSO)

MR & MRS CLARKE & WALTER ~~WALTER~~ (NEW HSE ON SITE)

MR & MRS STEPHEN LEGG BROOK HOUSE (BUS SERVICE)

MR & MRS TAYLOR (NETTA) & ROY. PINE COTTAGE

MR & MRS ALFIE CRABB (CARTER) " "

MRS HINE (DRESSMAKER) " "

POLLY ? COTTAGE ON CORNER. (KNOWN AS POLLY'S CORNER)

MR & MRS GEORGE HYDE & GRANDSON GEORGE (VILLAGE SHOP)
(DID ALL HER COOKING ON PARAFIN HEATED OVEN)

MR & MRS BILL BASS & WILKIN, HOME FARM

MR & MRS HARRY CRABB. ANN, ERNEST & WILFRED ROSE COTTAGE

MR ERNEST GALE RN. RETD. " "

MR & MRS OSCAR GALE ALBERT & ALFRED. (HAPPY KNOWLE)

MISS FRIEND & SISTER

MR & MRS ALFRED MARSH (RETIRED POLICEMAN)

MISS BROWN

MR DOUGLAS W. DUFF. (HEAD OF PALESTINE POLICE & AUTHOR)

MR & MRS DICK HYDE RN RETD. LIVED IN 'TROSSACHS' AFTER ABOVE

SARAH ANN TRAVERS & JACK. COTTAGE BY RIVER

MR & MRS TOM BARTLETT. 3 BOX COTTAGES

MR WALTER TUBBALL 2 " " (SHOE MAKER)

MR & MRS FREDERICK SYMES 1 " " ANY. BERTHA, WILLIAM

DAVID, RUTH, ERNEST, MABEL, PHYLLIS, OSCAR, PHILIP & RODNEY

* KILLED IN 1943 IN ACTION WITH R.N. MR & MRS FRED YARDE & DENNIS KNOWLE FARM

MR TED & MRS MARY CRABB, PC HARRIE. (CARPENTER WITH WORKSHOP)

MR & MRS TOMMY YOUNG 'THE CABIN'

MR & MRS TOMMY LEE, RUTH CONSTANCE PETE & JOHN (TINKER WITH SHOP IN BRIDPORT)

MR & MRS PETER BURGESS & LILY.

MRS AGNES CRABB

MR & MRS FRANK CRABB (CARTER AT UPTON HANGER FARM)

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MRS HAWKER & ANNIE
MR & MRS BARNES & SON 'BUDSCOT'
MR & MRS PRENTICE? MYRTLE COTTAGE
MR & MRS MAY SHATCOMBE
MRS WALBRIDGE & JEAN BODDEN SHATCOMBE (MR HAWKINS & PARROT)
MISS EVANS (COLLECTED 1 PENNY A WEEK "HOSPITAL LEAGUE")
MR & MRS SID TILLEY, FIFTEEN FRED & BERYL.

MR & MRS HANSFORD (DORCHESTER RD & NEW ROAD)
COCKING CORNER DORCHESTER RD (HOUSE GONE)
MR & MRS RON FOOT & FAMILY TRAVELLERS REST INN
MR & MRS SAUNDERS CLAYKNAPP
MR & MRS LEN CHURCHILL WINNEY CROSS
MR HERBERT DAVIES UPLANDERS FARM
MR & MRS LEONARD HILTON GRIBB FARM
MR & MRS McCAULEY BUNGALOW LODERS CROSS
MR & MRS KNOBBES & SON NEW ROAD FARM
CAPTAIN & MRS WEASTEAD & ROSEMARY.
MR & MRS CHARLIE HINE
MR & MRS STEPHENS
MR & MRS HOLMES (SON GEORGE KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENT DURING THE WAR)

103 OR 109 CHILDREN ON SCHOOL REGISTER DURING THE
EARLY FORTIES. THIS INCLUDED QUITE A LOT OF CHILDREN
FROM SOUTHAMPTON. EVACUATED FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR.

BLACK HUT CORNER WAS AT THE END OF MATRAVERS
PATTERSON'S CORNER WAS AT UPLANDERS HOUSE.
RANDALL'S HILL WAS UPLANDERS SIDE OF WELLPOT
WARDS " " BY VILLAGE HALL
BISHOP'S CORNER AT BOTTOM OF WARD'S HILL.
MACEY'S " AFTER RAILWAY BRIDGE
MILL LANE WAS THE HILL BEFORE LODERS HILL

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LYNDONVER & LONDON

MR & MRS JACK BAGGS. WELLPACOT (SON REGINALD)

MR & MRS WARD & SON TOM. (CHAUFFEUR TO MISS SHAW SHEEPWASH LANE)

MR & MRS BROWN & FAMILY

MR & MRS GEORGE RANDALL, GEORGE MURIEL EDDY & MARGERY. (YONDONVER FARM HIGHER)

MRS ROGERS. CECIL. KIZZIE, PETER & JEAN. (CAN'T REMEMBER NAMES 2 OTHER DAUGHTERS)

MR & MRS WILFRED CRABB. ARTHUR & MAURICE NEW HOUSE FARM

MR & MRS SADE

MR & MRS HAROLD BISHOP. WALTER, EDGAR & JEAN. YONDONVER FARM

MRS DE ALCON (BY RAILWAY BRIDGE)

MRS & MRS SYMS. DORA & ? DAIRYMAN TO H. BISHOP

MR BOWERING. MRS HYDE & JOHN NEW STREET LANE

Raikes - MR & MRS 'HICKEY' MACCY & EDWARD (VILLAGE CARRIER)

(TONY KILLED) MR & MRS CHAD & TONY

951 AGED 19 MRS READ HORACE & SISTER

TRAINING TO BE RAF PILOT MRS BAGGS & DAUGHTER.

MR & MRS JACK CRABB. (A WOMAN LOVED BY ALL THE CHILDREN WHO WERE ATTENDING LODGERS SCHOOL. SO KIND, UNDERSTANDING & COMFORTING)

MR & MRS WHITTLE (OPPOSITE SCHOOL)

MR & MRS DABBY, DICK HAROLD FRED DOUG BILL MARGARET FLOSSIE (LILY & JACK)

MR & MRS READ & FLEEN

MR & MRS EDDY GREENING AUDREY & AVRIL

MR & MRS CLEN POOLE & DAUGHTER

MR HYDE

MR & MRS ROB TOLLEY WADDON FARM

MR & MRS HARRY LEES (THATCHER)

MR & MRS FRANK OSBORNE & JOAN LODGERS ARMS

MR & MRS WALT HANSFORD & SON. (COTTAGE WHERE " " CAR PARK IS)

MR & MRS ALBERT WALLS. TONY & ROBIN (BUTCHER)

MR & MRS 'SHEP' CRABB (OPPOSITE LODGERS ARMS) GEORGE FLEET

MISS MINNIE CRABB. (FORTUNE TELLER)

NatWest Bank Trophy

MR & MRS ARTHUR BUDDEN. BILL & TONY. POST OFFICE & FARM

MR & MRS TOMMY PITCHER & MARY FARMERS ARMS INN

MR & MRS SIDNEY HANSFORD

MR & MRS WATTS & DAUGHTER

MR PERCY CRABB CHURCH FARM

EASTAN PAUL (WORKED FOR SIR EDWARD LE BRETON)

DORA " (MARRIED S. HYDE UPLODERS)

MR & MRS
FELIX LEGG

MR & MRS SAUNDERS & BILL

MR & MRS COOMBS & JOYCE (CHAUFFEUR TO LADY LE BRETON)

MR & MRS DAVE CRABB, JESSIE & DAVID (HEAD GARDENER LODERS)

MR & MRS BEARDMORE VICAR

MR & MRS PALMER NEXT "

MR & MRS WILMOTT " "

P.C. FRANK BUGLER & MRS BUGLER ^{POAICEMAN} & DAUGHTER

MR & MRS JACK GREENING (CARTER) & NORA

MR & MRS DAVID THOMAS GEORGE & PHYLLIS

MISS ELIZABETH HINKS (SCHOOL TEACHER)

MISS - " (WORKED IN SIR EDWARD LE BRETON HOUSE)

SIR EDWARD & LADY LE BRETON & PERRINALL LODERS COURT.

MR & MRS HAMMEL BARNES (MILLER) DERRICK & DAUGHTERS (LODERS MILL)

MR & MRS HERBERT FRY. KEN & ROY & OTHERS BOARSBARROW FARM

MR & MRS REG PITCHER. JOHN. RAYMOND CHIFFORD & LEGG " " (AFTER

MR & MRS NEAVES. NIMMIE & JEAN BOARSBARROW COTTAGE (AFTER

MR & MRS CLYDE. SON & DAUGHTER. FARM BY BRADDOLE BRIDGE