

Questionnaire, Tony Budden, 03.09.14

I have with me Tony Budden, younger brother of Bill, whose family in Loders goes back to 1637s. There is a Budden table tomb in Loders Churchyard dating back to the 17C.

Tony is six years younger than Bill & was born in 1927; like Bill he lived as a child in what was the old Post Office, opposite the Farmers Arms.

Both of you went to Loders School, I believe, and you both won scholarships to Bridport Grammar School. You would have started school, I suppose in 1932. Can you tell me some of the highlights of your school life, particularly when you were in Loders.

Bill has told me about life in the village during his early years, but in 1939, when he went off to serve in the RAF, you would still have been a child. Would you describe life in Loders during the Second World War.

Aurora Borealis

In Bill's interview, he told us that you went to Bristol College of Technology, then to Lehigh University in the States, then to Harvard. I assume, like Bill, you felt that there were no opportunities for a satisfying career in Dorset. Tell us briefly what you did after that, before retiring in Lyme Regis.

Notes: Bill & Tony's mother was a pianist, read a great deal & went to Grammar School.

Their grandmother lived next door to Oak Cottage, house since demolished.

Tony was a good friend of the Darby's: Dick, Fred, Harold (Doug), Lily, Wilfred, Bill (his special friend) & Margaret.