

# BISHOP'S WALTHAM AREA ORAL HISTORY GROUP

An unincorporated group of oral historians recording the living memory of our local area.

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## Catalogue of Oral History recordings and transcripts

made by Bishop's Waltham Area Oral History Group (BWA) and its predecessor, Bishop's Waltham Museum Trust (BWM). It includes materials contributed by history groups affiliated to our local partnership.

The two archives have been merged in this catalogue to enable a word search by keywords. Recordings and transcripts are listed by collection and narrator's name. Entries are cross-referenced where appropriate to reflect locations of the memories.

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### Abbreviations

BWAOHG	Bishop's Waltham Area Oral History Group	HRO	Hampshire Record Office
BCDHS	Botley, Curdridge and Durley History Society	BWMT	Bishop's Waltham Museum Trust
S&N	Soberton and Newtown Local History Society	SS	The Swanmore Society
WFSa	Wessex Film and Sound Archive	WHS	Wickham History Society

### Key words

**When?** D-Day, 2nd World War, post-War, 1930s, 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s.

**Where?** Bishop's Waltham, Botley, Colden Common, Curdridge, Dean, Droxford, Durley, Meonstoke, Newtown, Portsmouth, Shedfield, Shirrell Heath, Soberton, Swanmore, Titchfield, Upham, Waltham Chase, Wickham, other specific locations.

**Who:** mother, father, grandparent, brothers, sisters, extended family, named people (eg Cunningham, Duke, Hall, Parker, West,).

**What?** childhood, education, social life, home, expatriate life, farming, shops, work, marriage, medical, church, voluntary work, mayor, Councillor (Winchester City, Bishop's Waltham Parish), Great Pond, Abbey Mill, Brewery Mill, James Duke & Sons, Edwards Brewery, Navy, Army.

### Notes

Collections 4 to 8 are current research projects. All collections receive additional material as it is recorded.

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### Master and Access recordings and transcripts

Master recordings are archived in WAV and MP3. In a very few cases, Access copies differ in content if a redaction is deemed essential before the recording is made available to the public. The access copy is available to the public but not the master.

A verbatim master transcript is prepared. Where requested by the narrator, we will edit the transcript for public access, as noted in individual files. This may involve omitting repetitious sounds (ums, OK, etc) or duplicated phrases; including additional written or corrected material provided by the narrator; redacting personal data about living persons to conform with GDPR or libel requirements. Omissions are shown by ellipses (...). The narrator's spoken words are transcribed in plain font and anything else (interviewer's words, stage directions, extraneous sounds, additional written material, editorial notes) in italics. The access copy is available to the public but not the master.

Everyone who records for us gives informed written consent before their memories are made public. It is usual in academic oral history research for contributors to be anonymised or given pseudonyms, but our narrators overwhelmingly choose to use their real names in their wish to make an authentic contribution to our community archive, for the benefit of future generations.

### Availability

Access recordings and transcripts are normally freely available for private study and research purposes. Please note that the material is copyright and should not be reproduced without seeking and gaining the permission of the copyright owner. As a rule, material is copyrighted to one or more of the partner groups but families retain copyright of personal images.

All but a few recordings are available and can be provided in MP3 format (or WAV if necessary). Most have a complete summary and transcript, which will be sent as a PDF file. See each entry for details about what is available.

### How to order a recording or transcript:

Email [trish.simpson-davis@outlook.com](mailto:trish.simpson-davis@outlook.com) with the name and recording number of the item required and if you would like the transcript or recording. Transcripts will be sent by separate email for each request. MP3 recordings can usually be accessed from an email link. If a memory stick is used, we will need to recoup the cost. If the item has not been delivered after 3 days, check your message was sent to the correct address and that you have sufficient space in your in-box to receive a large file. Then contact Trish on 01489 893261.

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### Collections in the archive

#### **Collection 1: D-Day 70: Bishop's Waltham Remembered**

This Collection includes recordings about World War 2 and more generally, the 1940s. A few of the memories pre-date 1940.

#### **Collection 2: The Great Pond, the Abbey Mill, and James Duke & Son Ltd in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century**

#### **Collection 3**

**Time of Change: Bishop's Waltham in the 1950s and 1960s**

#### **Collection 4: Our Growing Town: Bishop's Waltham in the 1970s and 1980s**

This Collection includes 'Everyday Lives: narratives of interesting lives connected with Bishop's Waltham', and recordings about the Falklands War (1982).

#### **Collection 5: Botley, Curdridge & Durley History Society Oral Histories**

#### **Collection 6: Soberton & Newtown Local History Society Oral Histories**

#### **Collection 7: Swanmore Society Living Histories**

#### **Collection 8: Wickham History Society Oral Histories**

#### **Collection 9: Sound clips**

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### Collection 1: D-Day 70: Bishop's Waltham Remembered

#### **BARRETT, Barbara**

Keywords: Bishops Waltham, 1930s childhood, Second World War, work, Follands, air raids, Claude Hemming

Description: Barbara Barrett's unusual childhood home was the old Red Lion Inn, demolished in the late 1960s. Her mother was a single parent working as a cook and the brothers and sisters were much older, mainly in the services.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript Recording number: Z2/30017 Catalogue no: BWA061

Date of recording: 25 March 2023

Duration: 01:08:38

Copyright: BWAOHG/BWMT

#### **BARNETT, Jo**

Keywords: Bishop's Waltham, The Avenue, 2nd World War, post-war, 1950s, education, home, housing, shops, games and pastimes, food, parents, grandparents, Coronation.

Description: Jo Barnett answers questions from pupils at Ridgemed Junior School about growing up in the 1940s and 1950s at The Avenue, Bishop's Waltham, especially the differences in a war-time childhood. Recording made by WFSA.

Availability: MP3 recording or timed summary Recording number: not known Catalogue number: BWA019

WFSA catalogue: AV6/L44/S1 Date of recording: 20 June 2008 Duration: 00:28:26 Copyright: Jo Barnett

#### **BLUNT, Brandy**

Keywords: buildings, D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, childhood, education, Great Pond, Parish Council, Winchester City Council, work

Description: Brandy Blunt was born and grew up in Bishop's Waltham. He spent his working life mainly as a local builder, demolishing several ancient buildings in the town centre. He served on the Parish Council and the City Council in the 1980s and 90s and was Mayor of Winchester in 1997.

Availability: MP3 recording or incomplete summary Recording number: DR00 0061, 0064

Catalogue no: BWMT 006

Date of recording: 7 January 2014

Duration: 01:40:00

Copyright: BWMT

#### **BROOKE, John**

Keywords: D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, 1940s childhood, education, farming, work

Description: John Brooke moved to Tangier Farm, Bishop's Waltham in 1938. He left school in 1941. Working outdoors on the farm and a keen member of the ATC, he describes aircraft he saw with accuracy, including the Messerschmitt in the Palace ruins.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript Recording number: DR00 0135

Catalogue no: BWMT027

Date of recording: 31 March 2014

Duration: 00:44:55

Copyright: BWMT

#### **BUSHER, Georgina (1<sup>st</sup> of 2 interviews)**

Keywords: 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, childhood, education, 1950s, 1960s 1970s, marriage, Winchester City Council, Mayor

Description: In her first interview, Georgie looks back on her wartime childhood, happy times in Germany as a teenager on the brink of adulthood and early years in the village.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: DR00 0204

Catalogue no: BWMT049

Date of recording: 14 May 2018

Duration: 00:40:04

Copyright: BWMT

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### **CARPENTER, Winnie**

Keywords: D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, WAAF, education

Description: Winnie Carpenter was 17 years old when she joined the WAAF. During WW2 she spent time stationed with Bomber Command in Yorkshire and Torquay. On leave near D-Day, she found Bishop's Waltham a dangerous place and was pleased to return to the safety of Yorkshire. When war ended she returned to Bishop's Waltham.

Availability: MP3 recording, summary or incomplete transcript    Recording number: DR00 0108

Catalogue no: BWMT014

Date of recording: 28 March 2014

Duration: 00:31:39 secs

Copyright: BWMT

### **CHAMBERLAIN, Mike and Sylvia**

Keywords: D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, 1940s childhood, education, Great Pond, buildings

Description: The Chamberlain family left Sholing for Bishop's Waltham during the 1940 Blitz on Southampton. Mike recalls a short stay in Basingwell Street, then moving to Free Street. He saw troop movements before D-Day. Sylvia remembers her Coppice Hill Brickyard home with her grandparents during the 2nd World War. She describes how a Doodlebug fell silent above their house (flying in an Easterly direction) then hit the Signals camp near The Mill House.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript    Recording number: DR00 0100, 0101    Catalogue no: BWMT009

Date of recording: 19 February 2014

Duration: 01:13:34

Copyright: BWMT

### **CHURCHER, Sybil**

Keywords: 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, work, mother, shops, education

Description: The late Sybil Churcher's recording was made in 2006, at the age of 92. Married at 18, she was about 24, with a child, when WW2 started. She and her son live with her parents in Bishop's Waltham, and her husband appears to be away, in this recollection.

Availability: Transcript only

Recording number: Unknown

Catalogue no: BWMT004

Date of recording: 3 August 2006

Duration: Unknown

Copyright: S Churcher

No written consent

### **COCKLE, Reg see MITCHELL, Francis**

Keywords: 1950s, 1960s, childhood, education, Fareham, Bishop's Waltham, St Peter's Church 8 bells history, bell-ringing, Reg Cockle, work, electricity board linesman, WW2, Royal Engineers, explosives, Greece, prisoner of war, campaign medal

Description: Francis Mitchell grew up in Fareham and started bell-ringing as a teenager there. This interesting recording starts with memories of his own childhood. We approached Francis as someone who knew Reg Cockle well and could provide a human side to add to Reg's documented history. Through a long friendship, formed through bell-ringing together at St Peter's Church, Bishop's Waltham, Francis was able to recall Second World War stories that Reg had told him. In the second half of the recording, Francis records useful information about the bells of Bishop's Waltham and traditions of bell-ringers in this area. A comprehensive collection of material relating to Reg Cockle is in Hampshire Record Office, 17A08/A3.

Availability: MP3 recording, timed summary    Recording number: Z2/20034

Catalogue no: BWA045

Date of recording: 1/12/202

Duration: 01:54:28

Copyright: BWA0HG/BWMT

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### **COLE, Don and Jean (1 of 2)**

Keywords: D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, 1940s childhood, education, Waltham Chase

Description: The Cole family lived in the Basingwell Street area. During WW2 Don's father served in the Bishop's Waltham Fire Brigade. At school, Don sheltered under the Mafeking Hero during air raids and slipped off to play football during dogfights. He saw a parachute from a German plane displayed by Lang's outfitters shop. There were concerts for the "Welcome Home Fund". Jean's house in Waltham Chase was nearly hit by a Doodlebug, while her family slept. She recalls a bombed house in Shirrell Heath where a boy died. Don remembers the night his brother-in-law escaped death when a bomb fell on the Army Camp near Mill House.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: DR00 082

Catalogue no: BWMT007

Date of recording: 5 February 2014

Duration: 59:11

Copyright: Jean and Don Cole

### **DYKE, Ken**

Keywords: D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, 1940s childhood, education, farming, work, coach tours

Description: Ken was born in 1931 and moved to Upham about 1935. His memories of his childhood include Upham School and his local friends. Currently not accessible

Availability: Timed summary

Recording numbers: mobile phone

Catalogue no: BWA055

Date of recording:

Duration: 00:52:55

Copyright:

### **EMERY, Jean and Bruce**

Keywords: D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, 1940s childhood, education, farming

Description: Jean describes wartime life at Furzecote Farm, Curdridge. Before D-Day, lorries parked along Curdridge Lane, troops camped in The Plantation. She picked strawberries for a cream tea for Churchill and Montgomery when they visited officers there. After the war, Italian Prisoners of War stayed on to work for the Gamblin family of market gardeners. Bruce's father had a market garden business in Shirrell Heath. Bruce helped deliver jerricans of fuel to Hazel Holt. He describes tanks delivered to Shedfield Common. Numbers on a Botley wall record tanks parked along the main road prior to D-Day.

Availability: Transcript only

Recording numbers: DR00123, DR00124

Catalogue no: BWMT020

Date of recording: 18 March 2014

Duration: 01:13:57

Copyright: BWMT

### **FITALL, Doris**

Keywords: 1930s, World War 2, 1940s, 1950s, Swanmore, Fareham, Gosport, childhood, family, home, parents, marriage, education, work, WRNS

Description: The Willoughby family moved to Swanmore in 1929, when Doris, the youngest, was 7 years old. She describes her childhood world in these two recordings. Her father had been recuperating from First World War injuries, but eventually worked in the building trade and built 2 family homes for them, the 2<sup>nd</sup> in Fareham. Doris remembers Swanmore School in the 1930s and leaving home to become a mother's help for a shopkeeper family in Fareham, then Chichester. At the outbreak of World War 2, Doris was working in her uncle's shop at Kintbury, Berkshire, but returned home to Fareham, meeting her future husband at the baker's shop where she worked. At age 18 she joined the Navy: she describes her life at Gosport in the Blitz and serving as a Steward at Fort Wallington in the run-up to D-Day. For many years Doris played piano or organ at local churches.

1. Availability: not for release Recording number: Z2-2026 Catalogue number: BWA041

Date of recording: 22 July 2022

Duration: 00:49:26

Copyright: BWA0HG

1. Availability: MP3 recording and transcript

Recording number: Z2-2031,2

Catalogue number: BWA042

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Date of recording: 9 August 2022

Duration: 01:25:53

Copyright: BWAOHG

### **FLOATE, Cameron and Georgia**

Keywords: D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, childhood, shops, education,

Description: Georgia recalls war-time life, including gas-fuelled buses. Georgia found an ear after a US bomber crashed in the fields behind the Locke's house in Rareridge Lane. Cameron Floate, known as Nut to all, lived in Bishop's Waltham High Street where his father owned the Newsagent & Stationers. He cycled the area, observing RAF Marwell, Salt Lane troops and American dumping in Ashton Lane. His parents are shown picnicking with Mr and Mrs Peterson in a photograph.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: DR00 0120

Catalogue no: BWMT018

Date of recording: 10 March 2014

Duration: 01:24:28

Copyright: BWMT

### **GAMBLIN, Joan**

Keywords: D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, childhood, education, farming, Swanmore

Description: Joan Gamblin grew up on Upper Hill Farm, Swanmore and by D-Day was working full-time in the dairy, arable fields and with chickens. She describes war-time life in Swanmore, selling eggs to callers at the farm and recalls queues in Bishop's Waltham for ration books. As an 18 year old, she remembers soldiers and their vehicles waiting near the farm.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: DR00 0110

Catalogue no: BWMT016

Date of recording: 4 March 2014

Duration: 00:43:48

Copyright: BWMT

### **GENT, John (2 interviews)**

1.Keywords: D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, 1940s, 1950s, childhood

Description: John visited his grandparents at Glider Coach Station in Bishop's Waltham most weekends, until moving to the village after the Second World War. He remembers railway movements and the Glider garages requisitioned. He describes raids on Fareham and Portsmouth Harbour, a Spitfire crashing near Wickham, and his father's wartime job as a heavy goods driver.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: DR00 0130

Catalogue no: BWMT025

Date of recording: 24 March 2014

Duration: 00:25:11

Copyright: BWMT

2.Keywords: 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, 1940s, 1950s childhood, Great Pond

Description: John gives further information about his childhood in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. He describes Bishop's Waltham's Great Pond as his playground and also remembers the River of the Lord and Abbey Mill.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: DR00 0136

Catalogue no: BWMT028

Date of recording: 31 March 2014

Duration: 01:04:59

Copyright: BWMT

### **GIBSON, Ray**

Keywords: Swanmore, childhood, Second World War, farming, school, work, Bishops Waltham

Description: 90-year-old Ray Gibson records growing up in Swanmore in a large family during the War years. He has interesting memories of a country childhood in Swanmore including working on the land alongside attending school. Having served in North Africa in the Army immediately after the War, Ray subsequently became a painter and decorator working on many large houses in the Swanmore and Bishop's Waltham area, living in Wickham and latterly, Bishop's Waltham.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript

Recording number: Z2-30001

Catalogue number: BWA056

Date of recording: 17 December 2022

Duration: 01:05:30

Copyright: BWAOHG



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### **GODWIN, Captain John and Mrs Godwin**

Keywords: D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, shops, work

Description: Captain Godwin worked as a locum in Bishop's Waltham for some of WW2, as well as serving in the Shedfield Home Guard. Mrs Godwin was born and grew up in Durley, although she was evacuated to Bath in 1939-40. They remember major events and the Friday night dances.

Availability: MP3 recording or summary	Recording number: DR00 0127	Catalogue no: BWMT022
Date of recording: 20 March 2014	Duration: 01:02:28	Copyright: BWMT

### **GOMER, Phil and Molly**

Keywords: Swanmore, 1940s, World War 2, childhood, education, Swanmore School, farming, dairy, family, HMS Hood, Royal Yacht Britannia, work, Holywell, vegetable gardener, James Duke & Sons

Description: Phil Gomer recounts his growing up in a family of small farmers in Spring Lane, Swanmore, his work and a period of time working in Canada. His father sadly died when HMS Hood was sunk in 1941; Phil was aged 10 at the time. As he grew up, Phil was expected to take on some dairy farming duties for his grandfather before going on to school. He gives a useful account of making butter.

1.Availability: MP3 recording and transcript	Recording number: Z2-20035	Catalogue number: BWA046
Date of recording: 2 December 2022	Duration: 01:40:19	Copyright: SWS/BWAOHG

### **GREEN, Kathleen**

Keywords: 1920s, 1930s childhood, Derby, silk factory 2nd World War, work, Land Army, Curdridge

Description: Kath was born and brought up in the Derby area. In 1942 she was sent to the Curdridge area as a Land Army girl, and she has stayed ever since. Although difficult to understand, her memories of her parents' work and description of the conditions for Land Army girls makes for interesting reading.

Availability: MP3 recording and timed summary with permission	Recording number: Z3-0022
Catalogue number: BWA040	Date of recording: 21 July 2022
Copyright: BCDHS/BWAOHG	Duration: 01:05:50

### **HALL, Nicholas**

Keywords: Cardiff, Wales, Lockerbie, Scotland, WW2, home, education, work, medical services

Description: Mrs Nicholas Hall recounts her childhood in Cardiff and rural Scotland during WWII with a vivid account of nights in air raid shelters and joining her father on his one short home leave in London. (She also describes the anxiety of the family about her mother in Lockerbie at the time of the 1988 air crash.) In 1947 she began her training as a nurse, first in Oxford, then London, before service in Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service in the 1950s when as a young Sister she had to handle drunkenness and homosexuality with discretion.

In her 2<sup>nd</sup> recording, Nicholas talks about her work as a Queen Alexandra nursing sister at naval air bases. She discusses her life as the wife of a naval officer with postings in the UK and overseas. She also recounts her life in Upper Swanmore between postings and her later move to Bishop's Waltham.

1.Availability: MP3 recording and transcript	Recording number: Z2-1030	Catalogue number: BWA017
Date of recording: 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Duration: 1 hr, 18 mins, 45 secs	Copyright: BWAOHG
2. Availability: MP3 recording and transcript	Recording number: Z2-2002, 03	Catalogue number: BWA023
Date of recording: 26 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Duration: 1 hr, 14 mins, 19 secs	Copyright: BWAOHG



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### **HARRIS, Jimmy**

Key words: Titchfield, childhood, 1940s, Second World War, 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, education, Titchfield School, the Gregg School, USA, tractors, strawberry growing, potatoes, Titchfield Abbey Fruit Farm

Description: Farmer's son Jimmy Harris was born at the start of the Second World War and grew up in Titchfield. Run by his father and uncle, the farm had grown strawberries, fruit and vegetables since 1934. The family had moved down from Oxford in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. During the War, working mainly by hand, they reduced the strawberry crop and expanded vegetable production on 180 acres of land. After the War the brothers split up and Jimmy worked for his father once he left school in the early 1950s. It was a hard life, even with tractors, but Jimmy won a Churchill Scholarship to study mechanical harvesting in the US in 1976. He eventually set up his own fruit farm at Titchfield, now derelict, but in its day a thriving Pick Your Own operation.

Availability: Access MP3 recording and transcript    Recording number: Z2/30032    Catalogue number: BWA070  
Date of recording: 1 November 2023    Duration: 01:06:44    Copyright: WHS

### **HAYLETT, Doris (1<sup>st</sup> of 2 interviews)**

Keywords: 1920s, Yorkshire, London, 1930s childhood, parents, education, work, Second World War, WAAF, marriage, 1970s, 1980s, 2000s, Bishop's Waltham, Mother's Union

Description: Doris Haylett was born in 1919. She remembers her early life growing up, going to school in Yorkshire and attending various schools in London. After a first job in fashion, she describes her life and War work in the WAAF. In her second interview, she reminisces about and her move to Bishop's Waltham in 1974 with her husband.

1. Availability: MP3 and transcript    Recording number: DR00 0269, 027    Catalogue no: BWMT079  
Date of recording: 20 November 2019    Duration: 00:39:18    Copyright: BWMT

2. Availability: MP3 and transcript    Recording number: Z2/1006    Catalogue no: BWA001  
Date of recording: 29 June 2021    Duration: 00:32:57    Copyright: BWMT/BWMT

### **HORN, Anne**

Keywords: D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, childhood, education, Soberton

Description: Anne's father managed Smith's coal yard at Droxford Station and belonged to the secret Auxiliary Home Guard with Mr Peterson. Anne first went to school at Droxford, then travelled to Purbrook every day. In 1944, Anne and her father walked up to Droxford Railway Station and saw Churchill in a carriage in the siding on the weekend before D-Day.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript    Recording number: DR00 0109    Catalogue no: BWMT015  
Date of recording: 4 March 2014    Duration: 00:53:40    Copyright: BWMT

### **HUGGETT, Peggy**

Keywords: D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, childhood, education

Description: Peggy Huggett contributed a written recollection by email from Australia. She was 14 at the time of D-Day and watched the build-up of troops near her home on Stakes Farm, Durlley.

Availability: Transcript    Date: 11 March 2014    Copyright: Peggy Huggett

### **IACCOBUCCI, Gilda**

Keywords: 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, childhood, marriage

Description: Gilda grew up in a small Italian village which was occupied by Nazi troops in the Second World War. She describes her farming family, lack of education and the circumstances of her

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marriage to an Italian prisoner of war who stayed on in Durley after the War. The recording is difficult to understand with no transcript at present.

Availability: MP3 recording

Recording number: DR00 0141

Catalogue no: BWMT008

Date: May 2014

Duration: 00:25:54

Copyright: Gilda Iaccobucci

### **KIMBER, Vic**

Keywords: D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, housing

Description: Vic Kimber is one of three evacuees who contributed information. He contacted the Museum with this recollection of life in Basingwell Street, Bishop's Waltham, written in October 2013. The sound recording has been spoken by a young actor, Oakley Chamberlain.

Availability: MP3 recording, actor's voice or transcript

Recording number: DR00 0140

Catalogue no: BWMT031

Date of recording: 1 March 2014

Duration: 00:12:19

Copyright: BWMT

Consent: O Chamberlain

### **KING, Peggy**

Keywords: D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, ATS

Description: Peggy King was serving in the ATS just before D-Day, stationed at Dover. She was allowed leave to attend her older sister's wedding in Bishops Waltham. Peggy describes her journey to and from Bishop's Waltham and the wedding, held at St Peter's Church in June 1944.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: DR00 0105

Catalogue no: BWMT012

Date of recording: 25 February 2014

Duration: 00:09:38

Copyright: BWMT

### **KIRBY, Ann**

Keywords: 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, 1940s, India, 1950s, Gosport, childhood, home, family

Description: Ann Kirby recounts her childhood in India and England from 1936 to about 1950. Ann describes daily life, animals, servants and difficulties at Independence. The family returned to England by ship in 1943 but returned to India after the War finished. She talks about her English life in Gosport and Woolwich, and the family's eventual move to Bishop's Waltham.

Availability: MP3 and transcript

Recording number: DR000 0268

Catalogue no: BWMT078

Date of recording: 15 November 2019

Duration: 00:51:22

Copyright: BWMT

### **LAMB, Pat**

Keywords: D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, childhood, education

Description: Mrs. Pat Lamb's memories of the Second World War. Pat's family evacuated to The Avenue, Bishop's Waltham with her mother's sister at the outbreak of war.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: DR00 0125

Catalogue no: BWMT021

Date of recording: 19 March 2014

Duration: 00:27:12

Copyright: BWMT

### **LANGFORD, Melva (Avekukk)**

Keywords: D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, childhood, ATS

Description: Melva was born in Claylands Road, Bishop's Waltham. After being in service (to the Gunner family), she joined the ATS and lived away; some of her recollections are hearsay. She was in Bishop's Waltham on D-Day and witnessed gliders being towed by planes.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: DR00 0122

Catalogue no: BWMT019

Date of recording: 13 March 2014

Duration: 00:38:40

Copyright: BWMT

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### **LEAHY, Mary**

Keywords: Curdridge, end of WW2, childhood, 1950s, family, self-sufficiency, farming, education, Botley, Wildern, social life, Coronation, work, Bitterne 1960s

Description: Mary recounts a happy childhood at Ridge Farm, Curdridge, during and after World War 2. The family were mainly subsistence farmers, which was later popularised as 'self-sufficiency', although they also grew some arable crops for the market. She talks about life afterwards as a young woman, and the current redevelopment of the farm as a part of Whiteley.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript      Recording number: Z3-1015,16      Catalogue number: BWA032  
Date of recording: 9 February 2022      Duration: 01:14:08      Copyright: BCDHS/BWAOHG

### **LINTER, Betty and John**

Keywords: D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, 1940s childhood, Durley, education, shops

Description: John Linter was born and brought up at Coppice Hill. In 1944 he worked in his father's High Street Cycle Shop. He saw the Messerschmitt in the Palace, joined the ACF and trained as a PTI. He remembers VJ Day in Bishop's Waltham. Betty grew up in Durley and was at school during WW2. She remembers wartime life in Durley with evacuees, local prisoners of war and buses from Southampton during the Blitz.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript      Recording number: DR00 0133      Catalogue no: BWMT026  
Date of recording: 26 March 2014      Duration: 01:13 mins:45 secs      Copyright: BWMT

### **LOCKE, Janet**

Keywords: D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, childhood, education, shops, work

Description: Janet has lived in Bishop's Waltham all her life. Her gentle reminiscences of the 1930s -50s focus on wartime life in Rareridge Lane, especially the activities of her father, George Locke.

Availability: MP3 recording and partial transcript      Recording number: DR00 058      Catalogue no: BWMT005  
Date of recording: 2 December 2013      Duration: 02:09:41      Copyright: BWMT

### **MARRINER, Den and Jean**

Keywords: D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, childhood, education, farming, shops

Description: Jean and Den Marriner remember war-time in Swanmore, Bishop's Waltham, Exton, Droxford and Meonstoke. Jean recalls war-time food and her stay in RHCH Winchester. She spotted D-Day preparations at Hensting Lane. Den describes fire-watching, an anti-aircraft battery at Meonstoke, Corhampton petrol station, commandeered by Americans and vehicles on the A32 Corhampton-Droxford road. Den worked with farm horses at Exton and learned to milk.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript      Recording number: DR00 0102, 0103      Catalogue no: BWMT010      Date of recording: 21 February 2014      Duration: 01:03:57      Copyright: BWMT

### **MILLIER, Betty**

Keywords: D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, 1940s childhood, education

Description: Betty has been a resident of Bishop's Waltham all her life. As a child she lived at Newtown in Winchester Road (opposite the Railway Inn, now The Priory Inn). Later, she lived at Hermitage Heights and then moved to Claylands Road. She witnessed bombs falling on the brickyard, gliders on D-Day and a Doodlebug over the Moors.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript      Recording number: DR00 0111      Catalogue no: BWMT017  
Date of recording: 5 March 2014      Duration: 00:34:27 secs      Copyright: BWMT

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### MUCCI, Nina

Narrators: Chris Collins, Ted Melsom, Fred Rutter, Bignell

Description: Tape recordings made in the period 1987-2000 and digitized in 2013. Summaries made in 2023 but quality poor. Some parts currently inaccessible. Copyrights, consents not yet established:

#### 1.BWA047: COLLINS, Chris

Key words: Durley, early 20<sup>th</sup> century, childhood, toys, school, First World War, farming

Description: Poor quality and disjointed recordings digitised in 2022 from TDK cassette tapes made in 1987. Summaries are incomplete and incoherent. We hope that technological advances in the future may improve the quality of the recordings to a point where they yield useful information.

Recording number: MZ 1 Chris Collins 1 [Starts: 1-10, later, outbreak of Great War]

Availability: MP3

Duration: 01:11:07

Copyright: not known, no consents

#### 2.BWA048: COLLINS, Chris

Key words: Durley, early 20<sup>th</sup> century, childhood, school

Description: It is not clear whether Chris is talking about his schooldays or his father's. Went to school with beer, hard-boiled egg and slice of bread and butter for lunch. Describes route across fields to Botley, children listening to train overhead. Carrying harness for repair in Botley. Schoolteacher Miss Bird, only paid £5 a year so could only afford to go home to Gloucester in the summer holidays.

Recording number: MZ 2 Chris Collins Farmer [Starts: Where did you go to school?]

Availability: MP3 and timed summary

Duration: 00:09:54

Copyright: not known, no consents

#### 3.BWA049: COLLINS, Chris

Recording number: MZ 3 Chris Collins 3 toys [Starts: 2,3,4, wooden toys, tin toys]

Availability: MP3, partial TS

Duration: 01:06:41

Copyright: not known, no consents

#### 4.BWA050: COLLINS

Recording number: MZ 4 [Starts: Oh how awful, how sad]

Availability: MP3

Duration: 01:05:30

Copyright: not known, no consents

#### 5.BWA051: COLLINS, Chris

Recording number: MZ 5 [Starts: Anything you can remember]

Availability: MP3

Duration: 00:42:42

Copyright: not known, no consents

#### 6.BWA052: MELSOM, Ted

Key words: Durley, World War 2, Home Guard, land mine, Hill Farm, army

Description: Ted Melsom was born in 1922: during World War 2 he was in the Durley Home Guard until drafted into the Army at the age of 19. He recounts the lived experience of this work, including the bombing at Hill Farm and flame-throwing after landing in Europe in 1944-5 as a soldier

Availability: MP3 recording, timed summary

Recording number: DK 100

Duration: 00:31:07

Date of recording: 2000, digitized 2023

Copyright: unknown, no consent

#### 7.BWA053: RUTTER, Fred

Key words: Durley, World War 2, Home Guard, land mine, Rutter, Hill Farm

Description: Fred was 13 1/2 years, living at Hill Farm with his parents, brother and two sisters during World War 2. On 21 June 1941, 2 land mines were dropped, one destroying the farmhouse. His father was badly injured, his uncle was killed and his baby sister died the next day. This is a digital recording made from the original cassette tape and some parts are inaudible. Availability: MP3

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recording and timed summary      Recording no: TDK, Fred Rutter      Duration: 00:33:17  
Date of recording: 2000, digitized 2023      Copyright: unknown, no consent

### 8.BWA054: BIGNELL, Mrs

Keywords: 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, Durley, land mine, Rutters, Pudney, Hill Farm, Rutters Farm

Description: TDK tape recording digitized. Mrs Bignell recounts events from 2<sup>nd</sup> World War including traumatized evacuee Pudney, the land mine on the Rutters' farm, Bomb Disposal called to unexploded shell, fuel tanks stored at railway, German plane shot down.

Availability: MP3, WAV and timed summary      Recording number: Mrs Rutter of Hill Farm  
Date of recording: 2000      Duration: 00:26:38      Copyright: unknown, no consents

### NEW, Joyce

Keywords: D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, farm, work

Description: During the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, Joyce worked on a farm in Swanmore and lodged in Pondside Lane. One night she observed an unusual meeting on the railway line next to her window. She moved to her present address in The Avenue when she married; her husband worked nearby at Stainer's bakery. Sadly, he died ten years ago, but Joyce still receives loaves of bread direct from the bakery.

Availability: MP3 recording or incomplete transcript      Recording number: DR00 0139  
Catalogue no: BWMT030      Date of recording: 22 April 2014      Duration: 00:16:14  
Copyright: Joyce New      No written consent

### PARSONS, Bob

Keywords: Portsmouth, Wilton, Waltham Chase, D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, 1940s, childhood, home, evacuation, education, market gardening, work, 1950s, RAF, Shirrell Heath Methodist Church

Description: 2 recordings, the 2<sup>nd</sup> by students at Bishops Waltham Junior School. Bob was born as a triplet in Portsmouth. When the Second World War started, he was 5 and his family of 6 children were split up for evacuation. Bob describes a hard life as an evacuee, initially with unwelcoming hosts. He moved to live with market gardening relations at Solomon's Lane, Waltham Chase and remembers wartime life there as a child. He stayed there after the War, leaving the market garden to join the RAF; he recalls life in Germany in the 1950's. Returning to Shirrell Heath, he built a bungalow with his savings. After his first wife died, he married his sister-in-law.

1.Availability: MP3 recording or transcript      Recording number: Z2-2010      Catalogue number: BWA030  
Date of recording: 25 March 2022      Duration: 00:55:39      Copyright: not assigned  
3.Availability: MP3 recording or timed summary      Recording number: Z2-2022      Catalogue number: BWA034  
Date of recording: 27 June 2022      Duration: 00:39:37      Copyright: not assigned

### PERRY, Val and George

Keywords: D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, 1940s childhood

Description: George Perry was evacuated for short periods to Alresford and Romsey. At the time of D-Day, he was frequently cycling to his grandmother's house in Alresford. He mentions ammunition stockpiled on the Belmore Estate adjacent to the road. During the interview he remembers a war-time childhood in Gosport and Val recalls shore-side Portchester. Their recollections contrast markedly with less eventful local memories, emphasising the difference between rural and urban wartime childhood experiences. In the excitement of a dramatic narrative, we quite forgot to talk about D-Day troops massing in the Meon Valley.

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Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: DR00 0106

Catalogue no: BWMT011

Date of recording: 26 February 2014

Duration: 00:15:30

Copyright: Val Perry

### **PINK, Kath**

Keywords: Bishop's Waltham, Bunch of Grapes, St Peter's Street

Description: Kath Pink arrived in Bishop's Waltham in 1947. The transcript provides a vivid image of the pub and includes a reference to Reg Cockle's exploration of St Peter's Street. The recording itself is missing.

Availability: transcript only

Recording number: not known

Catalogue no: BWMT003

Date of recording: Duration: Copyright: Consent is verbal from son

### **POND, Tony**

Keywords: Bishop's Waltham, The Avenue, WW2, post-war, 1950s, education, home, housing, shops, games and pastimes, food and rationing, parents, grandparents, Coronation

Description: Tony Pond is brother to Jo Barnett, also interviewed by pupils from Ridgemed Junior School recorded by WFSA. With his father's business in motor engineering, Tony has much to say about transport in Bishop's Waltham in the 1950s and gives information about his home in The Avenue during his childhood.

Availability: MP3 recording and timed summary

Recording number: no data

Catalogue number: BWA020

WFSA catalogue: AV6/L43/S1 Date of recording: 20 June 2008 Duration: 00:33:34 Copyright: Tony Pond

### **QUINEY, Dorothy**

Keywords: Second World War, 1940s childhood, Meonstoke, school, Droxford Youth Club, Case's bakery, 1950s, Saturday dances, White & Co Removals, Prudential Penny Policy, Bishops Waltham, Droxford Rural District Council, Northbrook House, Register Office, Winchester City Council, The Institute, Mrs Gunner, slipper bath, parochial charities, Frank Stubbs & Co, 1960s, Great Pond pollution, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, Bishop's Waltham Parish Council, Chairman, Jubilee Hall, Priory Park, older people, Pop-In, Care Group.

Description: In this lively account, Dorothy Quiney, a well-known Bishop's Waltham Parish Councillor for 30 years, describes community development in the 1970s-90s, as Winchester City Council took over from Droxford Rural District Council. She records important information on the acquisition of community assets such as the Jubilee Hall and Priory Park. Dorothy's rural childhood includes memories of wartime Meonstoke. She attended Eggar's Grammar School, Alton as a scholarship girl, then trained as a secretary. Moving to Bishop's Waltham in the early 1950s, she worked first at Frank Stubbs, Auctioneers, then for Droxford Rural District Council, before marrying a local boy in 1956. She was first elected to the Parish Council in 1973, Chair 1986-7 and was a long-term trustee of the Youth Club and The Institute.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript

Recording number: Z2-0023

Catalogue number: BWA064

Date of recording: 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Duration: 01:36:10

Copyright: BWAOHG/BWMT

### **SORLEY, Peggy**

Keywords: D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, childhood, work, Waltham Chase

Description: Vivid memories from D-Day and the Second World War from a member of the Apps family. Air raids were family times at Gran's house in Waltham Chase. Peggy recalls jazz dances organised by American troops and a Polish partner. She remembers D-Day convoys passing her workplace and a queue of vehicles outside her house. The family gave up birthday rations and made tea for waiting troops. She encountered Canadian troops fighting in Bishop's Waltham, after her



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first-ever visit to a pub, The Barleycorn.

Availability: Transcript

Recording number: DR00 0129

Catalogue no: BWMT024

Date of recording: 25/3/2014

Duration: 1hr, 2 mins, 10 secs

Copyright: BWMT

Availability: Partial recordings, using actor's voice Recording numbers: DR00 281,282 and Z2/1033

Catalogue no: BWMT086

Date of recording: 25/3/2014

Duration: 1hr, 2 mins,

10 secs Copyright: BWMT

### STARK, Elsie

Keywords: D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, 1940s, childhood, education, mother

Description: Elsie was 13 when the war started. Her family had just moved to the Winchester Road property (now Rainbows centre and shop). Her 2 sisters and 1 brother were all younger than Elsie. Her mother, at this time, was very involved in village activities, being a member of the WI, running drama groups and putting on shows. Her father worked in Southampton in the shipyard.

Availability: MP3 recording or summary/transcript Recording number: DR00 0137 Catalogue no:

BWMT029

Date of recording: 3 April 2014

Duration: 00:21:00

Copyright: BWMT

### TATTON-BROWN, Susan

Keywords: Keywords 1: Bishop's Waltham, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, St Peters Church, rectors to date, work, Radio Solent

Keywords 2: Portsdown Hill, childhood, World War 2, 1950s, education, Rookesbury Park School, boarding school, work, Lloyds Bank, 1960s, Canada, road trip, Mexico

Description: Sue has been a stalwart volunteer at St Peter's Church since her arrival in Bishop's Waltham in 1978 as a newcomer. The first interview is based on recollections of the Church and its ministers and congregation during the period of rapid housing development in Bishop's Waltham from then on. In her very interesting 2<sup>nd</sup> recording, Susan Tatton-Brown describes her early years on Portsdown Hill, her education and secretarial training. She spent two years working in Canada, initially in the Conservative Party's headquarters and Prime Minister's office, and then as a chambermaid at the Banff Springs Hotel. With friends, she travelled by car down the western seaboard to Mexico and returned through the southern States to Washington DC. Back in England she worked for the BBC in London and then Radio Solent in Southampton; moving to Bishop's Waltham with her late husband in 1978.

1.Availability: MP3 recording and transcript

Recording number: Z2/2025

Catalogue number: BWA036

Date of recording: 12 July 2022

Duration: 01:00:31

Copyright: BWA0HG

2.Availability: MP3 recording and transcript

Recording number: Z2/2026

Catalogue number: BWA037

Date of recording: 22 July 2022

Duration: 01:10:30

Copyright: BWA0HG

### THORNTON, Bunny

Keywords: WW2, WRNS, Bletchley

Description: Londoner Bunny Thornton enlisted in the WRNS in 1943 and was stationed at a Bletchley Park outstation, where she fed intercepted encrypted messages through a Turing Bombe machine before sending on to cryptographers. She describes working conditions and social life with Wrens at HMS Pembroke V, Eastcote, Middlesex. She was barred from revealing her secret wartime work, even to her husband, by the Official Secrets Act until the 1970s.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript

Recording number: DR0171

Catalogue no: BWMT038



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Date of recording: 26 May 2015

Duration: 00:20:54

Copyright: Bunny Thornton

No consent

### **TIER, Bill (1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of 5 interviews)**

Keywords: 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, 1940s, childhood, education, medicine, work

Description: Bill grew up in Dundridge during the Second World War and witnessed the 1944 crash of a Flying Fortress. He saw the pilot bale out at a low height, but the parachute did not open. In the 4<sup>th</sup> recording session, Bill recalls more details of conditions at home and school in the 1930s and 2<sup>nd</sup> World War and the tough early life of his late wife, Phyllis in nearby Soberton. During the war his father cycled to work at Fareham and Gosport from Dundridge Lane. Bill has pre-NHS memories of Dr Mitchell, Dr Claud Hemming and RHCH. In the 5<sup>th</sup> session, he records details of artefacts given to Museum and pre- 1959 sewage collection arrangements.

1. Availability: MP3 recording or summary/transcript

Recording number: DR00 0150

Catalogue no: BWMT034

Date of recording: 14 August 2014

Duration: 01:53:16

Copyright: BWMT

4. Availability: MP3 recording or summary/transcript

Recording number: DR00 0257

Catalogue no: BWMT071

Date of recording: 28 June 2019

Duration: 01:36:18

Copyright: BWMT

5. Availability: summary

Recording number: DR00 0274/5

Catalogue no: BWMT083

Date of recording: 4 February 2020

Duration: 00:16:31

Copyright: BWMT

### **TURNER, Pete**

Keywords: D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, childhood, farms

Description: Pete was born at Lancen Farm, on the Longwood Estate near Bishop's Waltham. In the build up to D Day, he was 13 years old. He found US troops camped on the Estate, and for a short time was a daily visitor, selling newspapers to them. They gave him gifts from the stores, and once he visited the house to watch a film. After their departure, he visited the White Hill dump with his friends.

Availability: MP3 recording or summary/transcript

Recording number: DR00 0107

Catalogue no: BWMT013

Date of recording: 27 February 2014

Duration: 00:51:13

Copyright: BWMT

### **VECK, Ken and Gill**

Keywords: Bishop's Waltham, Second World War, post-war, education, schools, home, food, housing, shops, games and pastimes, grandparents, Great Pond

Description: both Gill and Ken Veck have long-standing roots in Bishop's Waltham families. Ken remembers war-time school, difficulties of life for evacuees and prisoners of war. He remembers playing around the Pond and in a derelict house and being given the cane by Mr Gimblett. Gill went to the Conway School and remembers watching Tank Etheridge, the smith and her grandfather's work as a carter at Ashton Farm.

Availability: MP3 recording and timed summary

Recording number: not known

Catalogue number: BWA021

WFSA catalogue: AV6/L42/21

Date of recording: 20 June 2008

Duration: 00:46:11 Copyright: Gill Veck/BWAOHG

### **WEATHERALL, Jean**

Keywords: High Wycombe, WW2, childhood, education,

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Description: Jean was well-loved as an enthusiastic volunteer for the Minibus, Pop-In Lunch Club, Care Group and British Legion while living in Bishop's Waltham from the early 1960s. She was notably down-to-earth, a seemingly-typical country woman with her family, animals and garden. In this lively set of 3 recordings, made shortly before her death in December 2021, Jean reveals her other life, as a Scottish MP's daughter, a naval wife in her husband's early overseas postings and as a titled diplomat's wife when her husband was Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps at St James' Palace in the 1990s. The first recording recounts memories of her early life up to her marriage to James Weatherall, an ambitious young naval officer with an eye for a pretty woman.

In the 2nd recording, Jean's everyday life as a Naval wife up to the Falklands War is described. For the first few years after their marriage in 1962, Jean followed Jim in his naval postings, clearly relishing worldwide experiences along the route. She then settled down in Ashton, to bring up her family, a single parent whenever Jim was away at sea. Jean describes some of the difficulties she faced with her characteristic humour and realism.

In the third recording, Jean recounts her extraordinary life after the Falklands War, forever unassuming and looking to support those she meets. After repelling an Argentinian Exocet attack, Jim's triumphant career took him from Captain of Ark Royal V, to Belgium with NATO and to Norfolk, Virginia as Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic. Retiring from the Navy, the family moved into the Clock Tower of St James' Palace where, as the Honourable Lady Weatherall, Jean welcomed and taught English to Ambassadors' wives from around the globe as right-hand woman of the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, Vice-Admiral Sir James Weatherall.

1. Availability: MP3 recording and transcript      Recording number: Z2-1021      Catalogue number: BWA011  
Date of recording: 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021      Duration: 1 hr, 14 mins, 45 secs      Copyright: BWAOHG then BWMT

2. Availability: MP3 recording and transcript      Recording number: Z2-1029      Catalogue number: BWA016  
Date of recording: 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021      Duration: 1 hr, 14 mins, 41 secs      Copyright: BWAOHG then BWMT

3. Availability: MP3 recording and transcript      Recording number: Z2-1032      Catalogue number: BWA018  
Date of recording: 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021      Duration: 1 hr, 26 mins, 1 secs      Copyright: BWAOHG then BWMT

### WEBB-CARTER, David

Keywords: Curdrige, Ashton, Second World War, 1950s, childhood, family, Hoon, home, social life, farming

Description: David Webb-Carter moved between his grandmother's house in Curdrige and his Ashton Lane home during World War Two. He remembers his grandmother's Edwardian attitudes, an aunt who never moved from her room and several servants in the war-time household. Although David worked overseas for much of his career after leaving the Army, his base has remained in Ashton. He names many residents of the area and details the changes to farms in the decades since the Second World War.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript      Recording number: Z2-1018      Catalogue number: BWA007  
Date of recording: 10 August 2021      Duration: 01:29:18      Copyright: Shared BCDHS/BWAOHG

### WHITE, Gerry and Olive

Keywords: D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, shops, work, Admiral Cunningham

Description: Olive White was born in Bishop's Waltham. After working in service, Olive moved to Park Prewett Hospital, nursing soldiers returning from the D-Day battlefield. She met Ted White, her

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future husband, at the Cole family house in Basingwell Street. He was stationed at the Mill House Royal Signals camp and missed death by a few inches when a doodlebug fell on the camp. Their son, Gerald, helps to tell the story.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: DR00 0128

Catalogue no: BWMT023

Date of recording: 25 March 2014

Duration: 00:46:02

Copyright: BWMT

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### Collection 2: The Great Pond, the Abbey Mill, and James Duke & Son Ltd in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

#### **BLUNT, Brandy (short copy of 1st interview)**

Keywords: buildings, demolition, Great Pond, James Duke & Son; mayor, Parish Council, WCC, work

Description: Brandy Blunt was born and grew up in Bishop's Waltham. He spent his working life mainly as a local builder, demolishing several ancient buildings in the town centre. He served on the Parish Council and the City Council in the 1980s and 90s and was Mayor of Winchester in 1997.

Availability: MP3 recording or partial transcript

Recording number: DR0061, 0064

Catalogue no: BWMT006

Date of recording: 7 January 2014

Duration: 01:35:50

Copyright: BWMT

#### **CAFFYN, Neville**

Keywords: James Duke & Son Ltd, Great Pond, the Abbey Mill, 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, 1940s childhood, work, shops, parents, grandparents

Description: The Caffyns were an important family in Bishop's Waltham from the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century, when Ernest Caffyn was the town's dispensing chemist. His son, Alec Caffyn, was Company Secretary of James Duke & Son Ltd for nearly 50 years. He and his wife Doris, a trained nurse, owned Caffyn's the chemist in the High Street (now Boots) and Doris managed it. Their son Neville, speaking here, also recounts his own involvement with Dukes as a management trainee, at a time when Dukes was growing into the pre-eminent seed, fertiliser and animal feed manufacturer and distributor in Wessex.

Availability: Transcript only

Recording number: DR00 0182

Catalogue no: BWMT042

Date of recording: 21 September 2016

Duration: 01:25:14

Copyright: BWMT

#### **CORDERY, Paul (2 interviews)**

Keywords: Abbey Mill, Brewery Mill, James Duke & Son Ltd, work, Bank Street, buildings, cricket

Description: Paul Cordery was a mainstay of accounting at James Duke & Son (Ltd) between 1966 and 1992, soon becoming director and company secretary of the associated companies. In two interviews, he gives management information about James Duke & Son (Ltd) in the 1960s to 90s. He provides a coherent account of the stressors on the company's profitability which eventually determined the early demise of milling at the Abbey Mill and then at the Brewery Mill site in 1992, followed by the sale of the company's land and property holdings. Paul Cordery and his wife, Wendy, moved from Fareham to April Cottage in Bank Street in 1963. In his 2<sup>nd</sup> recording, he gives a lively account of the characters who were his neighbours and reflects on the reasons why the opposition to demolition of the central area to make way for a car park did not succeed.

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1. Availability: MP3 recordings or transcript      Recording numbers: DR00 0184, 0185, 0186, 0187  
Catalogue no: BWMT 043      Date of recording: 7 August 2017      Duration: 02:38:41
2. Availability: MP3 recordings or transcript      Recording numbers: DR0000 0188, 189  
Catalogue no: BWMT044      Date of recording: 21 August 2017      Duration: 02:08:4  
Total duration: 4 hrs,47 mins, 27 secs      Copyright: Paul Cordery

### **EDWARDS, June**

Keywords: 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, childhood, Abbey Mill, James Duke & Son Ltd, education, work, farming

Description: A Waltham Chase girl, June Edwards was employed for most of her working life in the Abbey Mill Head Office of James Duke & Son Ltd. In this interview, she gives a clear picture of the personalities of Tom Duke and other long-term employees, during office hours.

Availability: Recording or transcript      Recording number: DR00 0176      Catalogue no: BWMT040  
Date of recording: 6 June 2016      Duration: 01:11:34      Copyright: June Edwards

### **EDWARDS, John and June**

Keywords: 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, childhood, Brewery Mill, James Duke & Son Ltd, education, work, farming

Description: John was the fifth generation of the Edwards' family business. His great-great grandfather, John, started brewing at Botley in 1850. In 1896, under Edward Ashley Edwards, the family moved to larger premises at the Brewery Mill in Bishop's Waltham. Brewing continued until mid-way through the Great War, after which The Winchester Brewery Company supplied their ales, taking over Edwards' Brewery Company in 1921. In the 1930s, John's grandfather, Archibald, continued to supply Bishop's Waltham residents until 1948, when his son Horace took over. John's family moved into the premises above and behind the High Street shop, vacated by John's great-aunts, Jessie and Gertie, who had run the remaining off-licence (now Studio 4). The newly-married John and June lived in the flat above and assisted John's father in the shop until it closed in the early 1970s. Documents from Edwards' Brewery are available at Hampshire Record Office (31M72/B73).

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript      Recording number: DR00 0191      Catalogue no: BWMT045  
Date of recording: 20 September 2017      Duration: 01:26:22      Copyright: BWMT

### **GENT, John (2<sup>nd</sup> part of interview 2)**

Collections: D-Day; Great Pond, Abbey Mill and James Duke & Son Ltd

Keywords: D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, 1940s childhood, Great Pond

Description: John gives further information about his childhood in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. He describes Bishop's Waltham's Great Pond as his playground and also remembers the River of the Lord and Abbey Mill.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript      Recording number: DR00 0136 from 00:26:41  
Catalogue no: BWMT028      Date of recording: 31 March 2014      Duration: 01:04:59 secs      Copyright: BWMT

### **GLASSPOOL, Barbara**

Keywords: James Duke & Son Ltd, 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, 1940s, 1950s childhood, work, mother

Description: Barbara Glasspool's childhood home was the Winchester Road antique shop belonging to her Booth parents, during and after the Second World War. She remembers Mrs Booth donating the terracotta collection to Bishops Waltham Museum. She joined James Duke & Son Ltd as a telephonist in 1952 and worked in various capacities in the Office (with a career break 1957-1968) until 1982. She gives several anecdotes about Tom 'TJ' Duke and usefully evidences company growth

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between the 1950s and 1970s.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: DR00 0173, 0174

Catalogue no: BWMT039

Date of recording: 31 May 2016

Duration: 01:31:14

Copyright: BWMT

### **HARVEY, Georgina**

Keywords: 1950s childhood, Great Pond, Abbey Mill, James Duke & Son Ltd, farming

Description: James Duke's grand-daughter recollects the Duke family's association with the Abbey and Brewery Mills from the end of the 1940s. The recording includes anecdotes about James Duke in his old age and Tom Duke while Chairman of James Duke & Son Ltd. Georgina, who was tasked with winding up the James Duke group of companies, was able to provide many details about the status and appearance of the Abbey Mill, Great Pond/North and South Ponds at Bishop's Waltham in the last half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: DR00 0160

Catalogue no: BWMT037

Date of recording: 13 February 2015

Duration: 01:20:25

Copyright: BWMT

### **MUNDY, Desmond and Joan**

Keywords: 1950s, 1960s, Abbey Mill, James Duke & Son Ltd, marriage, education, work, farming

Description: Joan Mundy grew up locally. Desmond Mundy moved to Bishop's Waltham on their marriage in 1951 and took up a career position at Duke's Mill. He oversaw the development of a large and thriving Fertilizer and Seed Department during the 1950s and 1960s.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: DR00 0178

Catalogue no: BWMT041

Date of recording: 31 September 2016

Duration: 00:37:32

Copyright: BWMT

### **TIER, Bill (5 interviews)**

Keywords: Great Pond, Abbey Mill, James Duke & Son Ltd, 1930s, 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, 1950s, 1960s, childhood, education, marriage, medicine, work

Description: Bill grew up in Dundridge during the 1930s and the Second World War, and gives much information about home and school conditions at the time. In 1944, he witnessed the Flying Fortress crash next to his home. Leaving school as an electrician apprentice, Bill installed the first electric lights in the Abbey Mill. Bill spent much of his working life at the Abbey Mill during Tom Duke's chairmanship, and later worked for Georgina Duke. In recent years he was caretaker of the Abbey Mill site. He also worked in agricultural contracting and as a digger driver for Mick Gamblin, the groundwork contractor who constructed the new roundabout and roads across the Great Pond, dividing it into North and South Ponds.

Availability (1-4): MP3 recordings or summary/transcript

Total duration: 5 hrs, 47 mins, 18 secs

1. Recording number: DR00 0150

Catalogue no: BWMT 034

Date of recording: 4 August 2014

Duration: 01:53:16

2. Recording numbers: DR00 0152, 0153, 0154

Catalogue no: BWMT 035

Date of recording: 4 September 2014

Duration: 01:31:48

3. Recording number: DR00 0156

Catalogue no: BWMT036

Date of recording: 23 October 2014

Duration: 00:29:25

4. Recording number: DR00 0257

Catalogue no: BWMT071

Date of recording: 28 June 2019

Duration: 01:36:18

5. Availability: recording or summary

Recording number: DR0000 0274/5

Catalogue no: BWMT083

Date of recording: 4 February 2020

Duration: 00:16:31

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### **WHITE, Gerald**

Keywords: 1950s, 1960s childhood, Brewery Mill, James Duke & Son Ltd, education, work

Description: After a childhood in Bishop's Waltham in the 1950s, Gerald's first job was as an office boy for James Duke and Sons Ltd at the Brewery Mill in Lower Lane in the mid-1960s.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: DR0000 0149

Catalogue no: BWMT03

Date of recording: 7 July 14

Duration: 00:01:17

Copyright: BWMT

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### **Collection 3: Time of Change: Bishop's Waltham in the 1950s and 1960s**

### **BARFOOT, Ellen**

Keywords: 1950s, 1970s, childhood, social life, Colden Common, work, marriage

Description: Ellen Hall moved to Bishop's Waltham about 1951, married into the Barfoot family and left the village about 1988. She worked for 20 years at Olive's hairdressing shop in the High Street. In the 1970s Ellen and her sister Jean ran the 1<sup>st</sup> Bishop's Waltham Brownie pack.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: DR00 0230

Catalogue no: BWMT056

Date of recording: 27 August 2018

Duration: 00:56:30

Copyright: Ellen Barfoot

### **BROOKE, John (2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 interviews)**

Keywords: 1950s, farming, work, buildings, shops

Description: John's first interview with us, in 2014, recorded his activities during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War as a youngster living at Tangier Farm. In this recording he tells us more about farming when later, his family moved to Brooklands Farm. John, who was known as Jack in his childhood, followed his passion for engineering and left farming for a career with aeroplanes and cars.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: DR00 0226

Catalogue no: BWMT053

Date of recording: 6 August 2018

Duration: 01:06:05

Copyright: BWMT

### **BUSHER, Georgina (2 interviews)**

Keywords: 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, childhood, education, 1950s, 1960s 1970s, marriage, Winchester City Council, Mayor

Description: Georgina Buser moved to Bishop's Waltham with her young family in 1960, immediately involving herself in St Peter's Church and Girl Guiding. In 1976 Georgie translated her strong interest in community service into representing Bishop's Waltham as a Conservative on Winchester City Council. Later elected as a conservative Independent for 17 years, Georgie was Mayor of Winchester in 2000-2001. In her first interview, Georgie looks back on her wartime childhood, happy times in Germany as a teenager on the brink of adulthood and early years in the village. Her voluntary service with numerous local charities and organisations, political life and Mayoral year are remembered in the second interview.

Availability: MP3 recordings or transcripts

1. Recording number: DR0000 0204

Catalogue no: BWMT049

Date of recording: 14 May 2018

Duration: 00:40:04

2. Recording number: DR0000 0232

Catalogue no: BWMT057

Date of recording: 10 September 2018

Duration: 00:45:17

Total duration: 01:25:21 secs

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### **CAFFYN, Neville**

Keywords: James Duke & Son Ltd, Great Pond, the Abbey Mill, 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, 1940s childhood, work, shops, parents, grandparents

Description: The Caffyns were an important family in Bishop's Waltham from the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century, when Ernest Caffyn was the town's dispensing chemist. His son, Alec Caffyn, was Company Secretary of James Duke & Son Ltd for nearly 50 years. He and his wife Doris, a trained nurse, owned Caffyn's the chemist in the High Street (now Boots) and Doris managed it. Their son Neville, speaking here, also recounts his own involvement with Dukes as a management trainee, at a time when Dukes was growing into the pre-eminent seed, fertiliser and animal feed manufacturer and distributor in Wessex.

Availability: Transcript only

Recording number: DR00 0182

Catalogue no: BWMT042

Date of recording: 21 September 2016

Duration: 01:25:14

Copyright: BWMT

### **CARPENTER, Jack and Pat (2 interviews)**

Keywords: 1950s, 1960s, childhood, education, social life, marriage, farming

Description: : Pat and Jack Carpenter grew up in Bishop's Waltham with childhood memories of the 1950-60s. Jack comes from a Beeches Hill farming family. In the first interview, he describes changes in farming practices and manpower from his father's day and touches on changes in wildlife around his farm. Pat was born at the Priory, where her mother worked; growing up in Martin Street as a Catholic, Pat knew the White Fathers well.

Availability: MP3 recordings or transcripts

1. Recording number: DR00 0240

Catalogue no: BWMT062

Date of recording: 14 January 2019

Duration: 01:03:43

In their second interview, Pat and Jack Carpenter recall the 1950s Infants and All-age Mixed School in Victoria Road, followed by the move to the new Swanmore Secondary school in 1960. It includes memories of Mr Gimblett's discipline as Headmaster, teachers, buildings, transport, food, trips out. There are more memories of life in 1950/1960s Bishop's Waltham for teenagers and young adults.

2. Recording number: DR00 0241

Catalogue no: BWMT063

Date of recording: 21 January 2019

Duration: 00:59:39

Total duration: 02:03:22

Copyright: BWMT

### **COLE, Don and Jean (2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 interviews)**

Keywords: 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, marriage, mother, work, buildings, medicine, Admiral Cunningham

Description: Jean and Don Cole recalled their memories of wartime childhood for the D-Day project. In this interview they recollect having lived and worked in central Bishop's Waltham all their married life. They give more details about their childhood homes, describe the village as it was in the 1950s and how their locality gradually changed in the 1960s and 70s.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: DR00 0193, 0194

Catalogue no: BWMT047

Date of recording: 12 February 2018

Total duration: 01:04:22

Copyright: BWMT

### **COLE, Paul - see PINK, COLE & GAMBLIN**

### **CORDERY, Paul (2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 interviews)**

Keywords: Abbey Mill, Brewery Mill, James Duke & Son Ltd, work, Bank Street, buildings, cricket



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Description: Paul Cordery was a mainstay of accounting at James Duke & Son (Ltd) between 1966 and 1992, soon becoming director and company secretary of the associated companies. In two interviews, he gives management information about James Duke & Son (Ltd) in the 1960s to 90s. Paul Cordery and his wife, Wendy, moved from Fareham to April Cottage in Bank Street in 1963. In his 2<sup>nd</sup> recording, he gives a lively account of the characters who were his neighbours and reflects on the reasons why the opposition to demolition of the central area to make way for a car park did not succeed.

Availability: MP3 recordings or transcript

2) Recording numbers: DR00 0188, 189

Catalogue no: BWMT044

Date of recording: 21 August 2017

Duration: 02:08:46

Copyright: Paul Cordery

### **DOWLING, Bill AND GLASSPOOL, Dave**

Keywords: 1950s, 1960s, Bishops Waltham, childhood, social life, work

Description: Memories of two members of the pop group Karl and the Rapiers, which played locally for most of the 1960's. They describe their music teacher, Billy Woods of Bank Street, and their origins playing dance music in the late 1950s before a talent contest pulled them together. As young men juggling full-time work and a pop music career, when their chance came, they decided not to pursue fame and fortune. Lifelong friends, these two members still live in Bishop's Waltham.

Availability: MP3 recording, transcript

Recording number: Z2-1015

Catalogue number: BWA005

Date of recording: 3 August 2021

Duration: 00:51:17

Copyright: BWAOHG/BWMT

### **ELLEN, Lesley**

Keywords: Bishops Waltham, ST John Ambulance Brigade, 1950s, 1960s 1970s, childhood, education, social life, work, Eastleigh, marriage, Dr Steele, Ridgemed Estate

Description: Lesley Ellen was born and brought up in Bishop's Waltham, one of four children of Les and Joan Powell. Les worked for British Rail at Eastleigh Railway Works and later was well-known as the village's Father Christmas. Joan survived two bouts of tuberculosis when Lesley was a child, described vividly here. Lesley also remembers her mother as a leading member of the St John Ambulance Brigade, whose activities included helping a whole generation of local children gain first aid skills in the 1970-1990s.

Lesley herself went to Fareham Grammar School for Girls (now Cams Hill) but rebelliously left before A levels to work in an Eastleigh shop. She married Peter aged 18 and inadvertently bore her first child at 19. With Dr Steele's help, they were allocated a house on Oak Road in 1966. Living alongside other young families suited the sociable women without jobs. The Ellens left Bishop's Waltham for Peter's career moves, returning for a period in 1976 before Peter worked for the European Space Agency. Lesley returned to her local roots from France, after her husband's death. Lesley's life experiences give a different perspective to her local memories and her contribution adds usefully to our knowledge of the era.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: Z2/30034-30035

Catalogue no: BWA071

Date of recording: 22 November 2018

Duration: 01:30:21

Copyright: BWAOHG/BWMT

### **FREEMANTLE, Mary and Roger**

Keywords: 1950s, 1960s 1970s, childhood, shops, education, social life, Scouts, work, marriage

Description: Roger recounts a lifetime involvement with Bishop's Waltham Scouts, including a log book for 1965-1973 when he was Akela to the Cub Pack. He describes Victoria Road school and his career:

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failing the 11+, leaving school at 15 for an electronic apprenticeship at Belton and Hall and progressing to a university degree. Mary came from West End, and apart from her family, Scout family and employment commitments, volunteered to cook lunches for up to 100 at the Tuesday Pop-In, from 1981 to 2016.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: DR00 0233

Catalogue no: BWMT058

Date of recording: 5 November 2018

Duration: 01:00:28

Copyright: BWMT

### **FREEMANTLE, Terry**

Keywords: Bishop's Waltham, 1950s, 1960s, childhood, education, family, home, work, Pirelli, Eastleigh

Description: This recording gives a brief overview of 1950s Bishop's Waltham. Terry Freemantle was born in Bishop's Waltham and his family moved to a new house in Follyfield in the early 1950s. Terry went through the Infants and Juniors and then to the new Swanmore Secondary School which he left at 15. Edward Pyle, his grandfather had been a thatcher and later worked at Pirelli's in Eastleigh. This contact provided Terry with an apprenticeship making wooden drums for the cables manufactured there from the 1960s. Terry played dominoes very successfully at pub competition level and joined bell-ringing at local churches, which he still enjoys today.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: Z3-017,018

Catalogue no: BWA033

Date of recording: 5 April 2022

Duration: 00:37:46

Copyright: BWAOHG/BCDHS

**GAMBLIN, Chris – see PINK, COLE & GAMBLIN**

**GLASSPOOL, Dave - see DOWLING, Bill AND GLASSPOOL**

**GOUGH, Marion - see Roddis, Hazel and Gough, Marion**

### **GREENS Close Friday Lunch Club**

Key words: 1953, Coronation of Elizabeth II

Description: 2023 group recording by members of a lunch club meeting at Green's Close Common Room, with memories about the Coronation 1953 from different parts of the country.

Narrators: Jean Hunt, Pamela Spinner, Ken Downing, Gerald Thompson, Diane Dowsett, Marlene Beale (nee Floyd), Diane Walker, Rita Squire, Gill Stainer

Availability: edited and unedited MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: Z2/30020

Catalogue no: BWA063

Date of recording: 14 April 2023

Duration: 00:04:18; 00:09:56

Copyright: BWAOHG

### **HAMMERTON, Jean**

Keywords: 1950s, 1960s 1970s, medicine, work, marriage, Winchester City Council, mayor

Description: Jean is well-known locally, firstly as Practice Manager for 20 years at the Bishop's Waltham Surgery; she says, 'I do have to thank the medical profession for managing to keep me employed,' after laboratory training and a bout of TB. Secondly, in political life: she was elected in 1974 and served for 26 years as a Parish Councillor and then in 1994 became an Independent Winchester City Councillor, serving for 18 years. She recalls encounters from volunteering and her year as Mayor of Winchester in 2003-4.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: DR00 0225

Catalogue no: BWMT052

Date of recording: 30 July 2018

Duration: 01:01:58

Copyright: Jean Hammerton

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### **HARTLEY, Roger (2 recordings)**

Keywords: 1950s, 1960s, Bishop's Waltham, Wickham, Walter J West, extended family, childhood, education, work, butchers shop, St George's Square, Newtown, Wickham, Houchin Street, Basingwell Street, Vernon Hill Estate

Description: Roger Hartley was born into the West family of master butchers. His great-grandfather and his grandfather Walter J West were astute businessmen who accumulated considerable wealth and were among the most affluent tradesmen of Bishop's Waltham in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. By the 1950s, the Wests owned not only the shop in St George's Square but also most of the tenements in Houchin and Basingwell Street. As a boy, Roger collected the fortnightly rent from the tenants. His grandfather, a Grand Mason and man of firm Christian faith and principles, believed in looking after poorer members of the community and instilled the values of thrift and financial security in his own family.

1.Availability: Access MP3 recording or transcript	Recording number: Z2/30026	Catalogue no: BWA066
Date of recording: 24 July 2023	Duration: 01:01:58	Copyright: BWAOHG/BWMT
2.Availability: Access MP3 recording or transcript	Recording number: Z2/30027	Catalogue no: BWA067
Date of recording: 7 August 2023	Duration: 01:01:58	Copyright: BWAOHG/BWMT

### **HARVEY, Richard (2 interviews)**

Keywords: 1930s, 1940s, childhood, education, shops, work, farming, Ashton Lane, Hockley water mill, father, Frank Stubbs & Co.

Description: Richard Harvey lived in Bishop's Waltham until he left school in 1943 for his first job at Hockley Farm, Twyford. He worked in Owslebury before moving to Becketts Farm in Bishop's Waltham in the 1970s. He recalls details about village life we have not heard elsewhere, including the Houghton Sawmill steam engine and the blacksmith's shop in Red Lion Street. His father was a mainstay of Frank Stubbs land and estate agency for more than 50 years between 1906 and 1961.

1.Availability: MP3 recording and transcript	Recording number: DR00 0256	Catalogue no: BWMT070
Date of recording: 15/6/2019	Duration: 1 hr, 7 mins, 19 secs	

2. Availability: MP3 recording and transcript	Recording number: DR00 0262, 263	Catalogue no: BWMT075
Date of recording: 5 August 2019	Duration: 00:38:16	Copyright: BWMT

### **HEMMING, Paul**

Keywords: 1950s, 1960s 1970s, parents, grandparents, childhood, education, work, medicine

Dr Paul is the 4<sup>th</sup> generation of Hemming family doctors to have served Bishop's Waltham and the wider local area. He shares the family's information about the first Dr Charles, who arrived about 1873 and his grandfather, Dr Claude Hemming. His father, the second Dr Charles, had a distinguished 2<sup>nd</sup> World War Army medical career and subsequent long service to Bishop's Waltham from 1946. An account of the origins and development of Bishop's Waltham Surgery as part of the National Health Service from 1948 is interspersed with fascinating anecdotes from Paul's childhood and own career (from 1973-2012) and his locally much-loved and respected family members. In this thoughtful account, he gives a local perspective to the population health problems of his lifetime (including predicting a coronavirus epidemic).

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Availability: MP3 recordings or transcript    Recording number: DR000276, DR000277  
Catalogue no: BWMT084    Date of recordings: 10 February 2018    Total duration: 02:10:06  
Copyright: unclear

### **HENDERSON, Pauline**

Description: Pauline Henderson was born into the local West and Daysh families and has lived in Bishop's Waltham ever since. In a lively and personal account, she recalls her early life, centred round her grandparents at Brooklands, and later, Tangier Farm. Her first job was at Dukes. She remembers with affection Nanny, Gramps and her estranged father, as well as other locals including Dukes' personnel, Nurse Brown, PC Wyatt, Drs Steele and Hemming.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript    Recording number: DR00 0228    Catalogue no: BWMT055  
Date of recording: 21 January 2018    Duration: 01:01:01    Copyright: BWMT

### **HILL, Mary (1 and 3 of 3 interviews)**

Keywords: 1950s, education, work, social life, Bishop's Waltham All Age School, school visit.

Description: Several ex-pupils who we interviewed remembered Miss Tosdevine, a teacher at Bishop's Waltham County Mixed All-age School, who came from nearby Southwick. We feel very privileged to have had the opportunity to record the vivid memories of this young teacher, fresh out of teacher training, who taught junior classes in the period 1953 to 1958.

Mary's 3<sup>rd</sup> recording was made by students at Bishop's Waltham Junior School, In this interview, Mary recounts some wartime experiences at Upham, East Meon and Southwick. US troops used a shed on her farm as a cinema and church. Eisenhower slept in a comfortably fitted-out van adjoining the farm. In the early 1950s, at the age of 20, Mary had trained as a teacher and joined Bishop's Waltham All-age mixed school in Victoria Road as class teacher of the 7 year olds. She describes a class visit to a bacon factory.

1. Availability: MP3 recording and transcript    Recording number: DR00 0236    Catalogue no: BWMT060  
Date of recording: 26 November 2018    Duration: 01:21:55    Copyright: BWMT  
3. Availability: MP3 recording and transcript    Recording number: Z2-2023    Catalogue number: BWA035  
Date of recording: 11 July 2022    Duration: 00:39:46    Copyright: BWA0HG

### **HISCOCK, BETTY (2 interviews)**

Keywords: 1950s, 1960s, childhood, education, family, home, local history, John Bosworth, Bishop's Waltham Museum

Description: Betty has spent nearly all her life in Bishop's Waltham. As a young child she lived in Victoria Buildings, which were condemned. Her family was moved out to a council house on the new Ridgemed Estate, in 1966.

Betty went to Infant and Junior school at Victoria Road, before moving to the new Swanmore Secondary School in 1966. She was one of the first pupils to take the new CSE exams alongside GCE O Level and was encouraged to go on to an A level course at Eastleigh College.

In the end she married at 19 and had a family, before finally triumphing in later life with a history degree at the (now) University of Winchester. In the second interview, Betty recounts working with John Bosworth from the formation of Bishop's Waltham Museum Trust. She was Chair at the time of his death.

1. Availability: MP3 recording and transcript    Recording number: Z2/1007    Catalogue no: BWA002

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Date of recording: 30 June 2021  
2.Availability: MP3 recording  
Date of recording: 2 February 2018

Duration: 00:51:00  
Recording number: DR000192  
Duration: 00:36:27

Copyright: BWMT  
Catalogue no: BWMT046  
Copyright: BWMT

### HUNT, Jean

Key words: childhood, Meonstoke, Coronation, Droxford School, Cowplain Girls' School, social life, The Hurdles dances, jobs

Description: A memorable account of a Meonstoke childhood. Jean started school there and remembers the King's death and Queen's Coronation in 1953 and the wonderful celebration at the time. Moving to Droxford School at 8, and Cowplain Girls at 11, she was overwhelmed by the size and number of children at each school. Jean's father was a Londoner with an older family and strict discipline, who held down a job as a toolmaker at Briggs/Fords until his retirement. Jean enjoyed a "brilliant childhood", free to roam with friends from the green where she lived. Like her contemporaries, she had no option but to leave school at 15. Jean worked a 12 hour day briefly at Woolworths, then landed a job – and lift to work - at the Post Office in West Meon. After marriage, she lost her job once she became pregnant.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript  
Date of recording: 13 April 2023

Recording number: Z2/30019  
Duration: 01:15:25

Catalogue no: BWA062  
Copyright: BWAOHG

### 'JETHRO'

Keywords: 1950s, 1960s, childhood, education, family, social life, work, Bishop's Waltham

Description: Jethro grew up in a family of 5 children on the newly-built Penfords Paddock estate. As St Peter's Head choir boy, a highlight was attending courses at the Royal School of Church Music. He was also a mischievous boy who didn't really like school and Jethro landed in a number of scrapes as a 'nipper'. The family had little money to spare, and so he was eager to work. Jethro started earning early on as a paper boy. It wasn't until he got married that he settled into a steady job for 22 years as a night-time lorry driver delivering bread around Durley.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript  
Date of recording: 3 December 2019

Recording number: DR00 0272  
Duration: 00:58:08

Catalogue no: BWMT081  
Copyright: BWMT

### JONES, PETER

Keywords: Second World War, childhood, 1950s, Army, 1960s, medical services

Description: Peter Jones grew up in Bishop's Waltham and relates anecdotes of life in Houchin Street during the Second World War. He followed his brother, Frank into the Army. He remembers training and sport in the Army Boys' Service and in the Royal Signals Corps as a Regular and Reservist, serving in Malaya, Singapore and Ceylon. In the early 1960s Peter returned to Bishop's Waltham, where he married Margaret Brown. They lived with his mother-in-law (Nurse Brown) and her mother for a time before moving to Albert Terrace and then amongst the first residents on the new Ridgemede estate in 1965.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript  
Date of recording: 16 March 2020

Recording number: DR00 0278  
Duration: 01:05:26

Catalogue no: BWMT085  
Copyright: Peter Jones

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### **LEAHY, Mary**

Keywords: WW2, 1950s, childhood, farming, Curdridge, Botley, education

Description: Mary recounts a happy childhood at Ridge Farm, Curdridge, during and after World War 2. The family were mainly subsistence farmers, which was later popularised as 'self-sufficiency', although they also grew some arable crops for the market. She talks about life afterwards as a young woman, and the current redevelopment of the farm as a part of Whiteley.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript      Recording number: Z3-1015,16      Catalogue number: BWA032  
Date of recording: 9 February 2022      Duration: 01:14:08      Copyright: BCDHS/BWAOHG

### **LIVERMORE, Martin**

Keywords: 1960s, childhood, education, social life, work, cricket

Description: Martin recalls Bishop's Waltham in the years 1950 to 1980, looking particularly at his schooling in Bishop's Waltham schools. His parents ran the County Stores in High Street, Bishop's Waltham during this time. Martin has been highly involved in the development of the Bishop's Waltham Cricket Club. He served for 21 years as a Bishop's Waltham Parish Councillor with a particular interest in open spaces.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript      Recording number: DR00 0237      Catalogue no: BWMT061  
Date of recording: 8 January 2019      Duration: 00:37:25      Copyright: BWMT

### **LONGMAN, Sylvia**

Keywords: 1950s, 1960s, childhood, education, social life, farming, buildings, medicine

Description: In this information-rich interview, Sylvia recalls her 'wonderful childhood' mostly at Brooklands Farm: Knowles and Geale were her father and uncle. She names local farmers, White Fathers, doctors, other local characters. Although Bishop's Waltham School was in a parlous state during her time there 1945-1955, Sylvia managed to transfer to Wildern School for 5<sup>th</sup> Form and to Winchester High School for the 6<sup>th</sup> Form.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript      Recording number: DR00 0227      Catalogue no: BWMT054  
Date of recording: 13 August 2018      Duration: 01:18:04 sec      Copyright: BWMT

### **MARSH, Judy**

Keywords: 1950s, 1960s, childhood, education, social life, work, shops, farming

Description: Judy is a daughter of the Stainers who owned the Bakehouse in The Avenue and baker's shop in the High Street. Here she recalls 1950s to 70s life as a child, teenager and young woman in Bishop's Waltham. She remembers working in the bakery and her father keeping pigs to eat the shop leftovers. Judy has spent a number of years contributing to the village as a Parish Councillor, even though she says it takes a long time to get anything done!

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript      Recording number: DR00 0222      Catalogue no: BWMT051  
Date of recording: 23 July 2018      Duration: 00:51:31      Copyright: BWMT

### **MEADOWS, Jenny**

Keywords: 1950s, 1960s, childhood, education, work, Eastleigh

Description: Jenny recalls her Eastleigh childhood and driving through Bishop's Waltham in the early 1960s, which seemed to her 'way out in the country'. She recounts her mother in service at Upham as a kitchen maid.

Availability: No consent to public availability      Recording number: DR000214      Catalogue no: BWMT050  
Date of recording: 11/6/2018      Duration: 00:11:50      Copyright: Jenny Meadows



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### **MITCHELL, Francis**

Keywords: 1950s, 1960s, childhood, education, Fareham, Bishop's Waltham, St Peter's Church 8 bells history, bell-ringing, Reg Cockle, work, electricity board linesman, WW2, Royal Engineers, explosives, Greece, prisoner of war, campaign medal

**Description:** Francis Mitchell grew up in Fareham and started bell-ringing as a teenager there. This interesting recording starts with memories of his own childhood. We approached Francis as someone who knew Reg Cockle well and could provide a human side to add to Reg's documented history. Through a long friendship, formed through bell-ringing together at St Peter's Church, Bishop's Waltham, Francis was able to recall Second World War stories that Reg had told him. In the second half of the recording, Francis records useful information about the bells of Bishop's Waltham and traditions of bell-ringers in this area. A comprehensive collection of material relating to Reg Cockle is in Hampshire Record Office, 17AO8/A3.

Availability: MP3 recording, timed summary    Recording number: Z2/20034    Catalogue no: BWA045  
Date of recording: 1/12/202    Duration: 01:54:28    Copyright: BWAOHG/BWMT

### **NICHOLSON, Barry**

Keywords: 1950s, 1960s, childhood, education, Swanmore School, social life, family, parents, grandparents, farming, Bishop's Waltham,

**Description:** Barry grew up locally, with an extended family who had been tenant farmers since 1906. He has detailed, vivid memories of the farm and lack of facilities in the farmhouse in the 1950s and 60s. Importantly, Barry was an early pupil at Swanmore Secondary School and as such was our first recorded example of someone who benefitted from the improved education it offered and transcended the limited aspirations previously set by a poor rural community.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript    Recording number: DR000273    Catalogue no: BWMT082  
Date of recording: 29 January 2020    Duration: 00:58:50    Copyright: BWMT

### **NOBLE, Michael**

Keywords: 1950s, 1960s, childhood, education, work, shops, farming, Swanmore

**Description:** Mike Noble knew Bishop's Waltham School in Victoria Road in 1960, its last year as an all-age school. As a student teacher and then teacher, he taught History and English. Mike moved with Mr Gimblett and the 11-15 year olds when the new Swanmore Secondary School opened. He retired as a Deputy Headteacher from that school, having spent his whole career teaching Bishop's Waltham children.

Availability: Recording or transcript    Recording number: DR00 0224    Catalogue no: BWMT059  
Date of recording: 19 November 2018    Duration: 00:23:42    Copyright: BWMT

### **PINK, Stuart, COLE, Paul & GAMBLIN, Chris**

Keywords: Bishop's Waltham, 1960s, childhood, home, family, education, football, social life, Bunch of Grapes, Scouts

**Description:** Stuart, Paul and Chris grew up in Bishop's Waltham as friends, sharing schools and leisure-time activities. Here they remember their childhood selves in extended Bishop's Waltham families and reflect on growing up in the 1960s. As Chris puts it: 'I know it was hard times when we were younger,' but 'I think we were very lucky.'



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Availability: MP3 recording or transcript  
Date of recording: 19 May 2019

Recording number: DR00 0253  
Duration: 00:45:47

Catalogue no: BWMT068  
Copyright: BWMT

### **POLLARD, Geoff**

Keywords: Bishops Waltham, 1950s, 1960s, Karl and the Rapiers, pop group

Description: Geoff Pollard, brought up in Bishop's Waltham, talks about his time as a drummer in the local band Karl and the Rapiers which formed in the early 1960s and played locally and further afield. Contemporaries of bands like the Hollies and the Troggs, the Rapiers had opportunities that could possibly have taken them further but they chose not to pursue them. The band folded in the 1960s but reformed in 1999 on a local basis in order to celebrate the Millennium and then continued to play for a further 18 years

Availability: MP3 recording, transcript, music tracks      Recording number: Z2/30035  
Catalogue no: BWA072      Date of recording: 27 November 2023      Duration: 01:01:45  
Copyright: BWAOHG, BWMT; music tracks have separate arrangements

### **PRIDE, Geoffrey**

Keywords: 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, Bishop's Waltham, Durley, work, farming, Frank Stubbs & Co.

Description: Geoffrey Pride came to Bishop's Waltham in 1964 as a partner in Frank Stubbs & Co, auctioneers, land and estate agents, who (along with Austin & Wyatt) negotiated in the area from the 1900s to the 1980s. The information recorded here provides an important overview of agricultural and commercial holdings in the parish and details how purchases changed the landscape of Bishop's Waltham parish and beyond from the mid-1960s to the mid-1980s.

Availability: Transcript can be read at Museum      Recording number: DR00 0242      Catalogue no: BWMT064  
Date of recording: 28/1/2019      Duration: 1 hr, 41 mins, 1 sec      Copyright: Geoffrey Pride

### **QUINEY, Dorothy**

Keywords: Second World War, 1940s childhood, Meonstoke, school, Droxford Youth Club, Case's bakery, 1950s, Saturday dances, White & Co Removals, Prudential Penny Policy, Bishops Waltham, Droxford Rural District Council, Northbrook House, Register Office, Winchester City Council, The Institute, Mrs Gunner, slipper bath, parochial charities, Frank Stubbs & Co, 1960s, Great Pond pollution, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, Bishop's Waltham Parish Council, Chairman, Jubilee Hall, Priory Park, older people, Pop-In, Care Group.

Description: In this lively account, Dorothy Quiney, a well-known Bishop's Waltham Parish Councillor for 30 years, describes community development in the 1970s-90s, as Winchester City Council took over from Droxford Rural District Council. She records important information on the acquisition of community assets such as the Jubilee Hall and Priory Park. Dorothy's rural childhood includes memories of wartime Meonstoke. She attended Eggar's Grammar School, Alton as a scholarship girl, then trained as a secretary. Moving to Bishop's Waltham in the early 1950s, she worked first at Frank Stubbs, Auctioneers, then for Droxford Rural District Council, before marrying a local boy in 1956. She was first elected to the Parish Council in 1973, Chair 1986-7 and was a long-term trustee of the Youth Club and The Institute.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript      Recording number: Z2-0023      Catalogue number: BWA064  
Date of recording: 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023      Duration: 01:36:10      Copyright: BWAOHG/BWMT

### **REED, David**

Keywords: 1950s, education, Bishop's Waltham, Scouts,

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Description: David Reed was trained at King Alfred's college after National Service. His first teaching appointment in 1954 was at Bishop's Waltham all-age Mixed School on Victoria Road. He taught Junior classes there until 1960, when he moved away from Hampshire for the rest of his teaching career. He has happy memories of a close-knit community of teachers and pupils at the school, led by Mr Gimblett. A life-long Scout, David attended the first post-War World Scout Jamboree in France and lead Hamble Sea Scouts and Bishops Waltham Scouts in the 1950s.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: DR00 0258

Catalogue no: BWMT072

Date of recording: 9 July 2019

Duration: 01:39:42

Copyright: BWMT

### **RODDIS, Hazel and GOUGH, Marion**

Keywords: 1940s, 1950s, 1960s childhood, education, social life, work, medicine, shops

Description: Marion and Hazel came from the Hall family. Their father George owned Belton & Hall, a mainly electrical shop in the village, mentioned in several oral histories. As Chairman of Droxford Rural District Council and Bishop's Waltham Parish Council and as an important local trader, Hall Close commemorates his part in BW's history.

Marion grew up in Bishop's Waltham but then moved away. Her younger sister, Hazel, trained as a florist and then returned to open a shop in the High Street, which still trades today as Hazel's. The pair mainly remember their teenage social life in this robust narrative.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: DR00 0248

Catalogue no: BWMT065

Date of recording: 2 February 2019

Duration: 01:15:40

Copyright: BWMT

### **SNOOK, Trevor**

Keywords: Bishopstoke, WW2, childhood, Bishop's Waltham, home, education, work, marriage

Description: Trevor remembers his wartime childhood in Bishopstoke and his grandparents who lived at Upham. Post-war, Trevor's family lived in Bishop's Waltham; sadly his mother had poor mental health and Trevor and his father spent periods of time alone with Trevor taking on most of the household responsibilities. On leaving school Trevor trained as a motor mechanic with Fred Locke and followed speedway in his spare time, meeting and marrying June who worked at the Bunch of Grapes. June died in 2021 after 60 years of marriage.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript

Recording number: Z2-1022,23

Catalogue number: BWA012

Date of recording: 11 October 2021

Duration: 00:52:32

Copyright: BWAOHG then BWMT

### **SNOW, Sue**

Keywords: John Bosworth

Description: Personal recollections from a family member made prior to 2018 Museum exhibition

Availability: MP3 recording pending accession

Recording number: DR00 0195

Catalogue no: BWMT048

Date of recording: 06 March 2018

Duration: 00:30:06

Copyright: Sue Snow

### **STAINER, Gill**

Keywords: 1950s, 1960s, childhood, family, home, education, social life, work, shops, farming

Description: Gill Stainer was born and brought up at the Stainer family bakery in the Avenue. She is well-known in Bishop's Waltham after driving the Minibus for more than 30 years, including shopping trips, outings and Lunch Clubs mainly for the benefit of older people in community. She still co-ordinates volunteer drivers for the Minibus and chairs an active and expanding social group of older people in Greens Close.

Availability: MP3 and transcript

Recording number: DR00 0254

Catalogue number: BWMT066

Date of recording: 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

Duration: 00:50:53

Copyright: BWMT

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### THOMPSON, Lynn

Keywords: 1960s, 1970s, childhood, education, Bishop's Waltham, shops, work

Description: Lynn Thompson grew up in Bishop's Waltham, living above her grandfather's wet fish shop in the High Street and then on the Ridgemedes housing estate. She vividly remembers her school, childhood activities, working career and gives information about the big houses she noticed as a child.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript

Recording number: DR00 0249

Catalogue no: BWMT066

Date of recording: 4 March 2019

Duration: 01:09:25

Copyright: BWMT

### TIER, Bill (5 interviews)

Keywords: Great Pond, Abbey Mill, James Duke & Son Ltd (1,2,3) 1930s, 2<sup>nd</sup> World War (1,4), childhood (4), parents, 1950s, 1960s, education, marriage, medicine, work

Description: Bill grew up in Dundridge during the 1930s and the Second World War, and gives much information about home and school conditions at the time. In 1944, he witnessed the Flying Fortress crash next to his home. Leaving school as an electrician apprentice, Bill installed the first electric lights in the Abbey Mill. Bill spent much of his working life at the Abbey Mill during Tom Duke's chairmanship, and later worked for Georgina Duke. In recent years he was caretaker of the Abbey Mill site. He also worked in agricultural contracting and as a digger driver for Mick Gamblin, the groundwork contractor who constructed the new roundabout and roads across the Great Pond, dividing it into North and South Ponds.

Availability (1-4): MP3 recordings or summary/transcript

Total duration: 5 hrs, 47 mins, 18 secs

1. Recording number: DR00 0150

Catalogue no: BWMT 034

Date of recording: 4 August 2014

Duration: 01:53:16

2. Recording numbers: DR00 0152, 0153, 0154

Catalogue no: BWMT 035

Date of recording: 4 September 2014

Duration: 01:31:48

3. Recording number: DR00 0156

Catalogue no: BWMT036

Date of recording: 23 October 2014

Duration: 00:29:25

4. Recording number: DR00 0257

Catalogue no: BWMT071

Date of recording: 28 June 2019

Duration: 01:36:18

5. Availability: recording or summary

Recording number: DR0000 0274/5

Catalogue no: BWMT083

Date of recording: 4 February 2020

Duration: 00:16:31

All Copyright: BWMT

### TRIBBECK, Vera

Keywords: Swanmore, D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, 1940s childhood, home, education, work, Bishop's Waltham, High Street, Lloyds Bank, Gunners Bank

Description: Vera was born and has lived nearly all her life in Swanmore. Her father was a baker with a small family shop at Hill Pound. Vera was a promising pupil, progressing from Swanmore School to Winchester County High School, but the family needed her to earn, ending all thoughts of university or art school. In two recordings, Vera gives vivid descriptions of working at Lloyds Bank in Bishop's Waltham for 8 years, where discipline for employees was strict. Over the next 30 years, she moved to Lydd, then back to Fareham and Portsmouth branches. She was Treasurer of the C of E Aided School Managers for over 20 years, 10 of which were taken up with rebuilding and fund-raising.

1. Availability: MP3 recording and transcript

Recording number: Z2/1010

Catalogue number: BWA004

Date of recording: 12 July 2021

Duration: 01:22:10

Copyright: TheSS/BWAOHG

2. Availability: MP3 recording and transcript

Recording number: Z2/1017

Catalogue number: BWA006

Date of recording: 9 August 2021

Duration: 01:24:05

Copyright: TheSS/BWAOHG

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### **UPFIELD, Ron**

Keywords: 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, work, electricity, Belton & Hall, Knowle Hospital, Coldeast Hospital

Description: Ron Upfield left school at 14 and was apprenticed until the age of 21 at Belton & Hall, the electrical shop on the corner of Cross Street and High Street. In this lively and information-rich account, Ron recollects electric shocks when charging accumulators before electricity was widely available, and various surprises while visiting houses as a repair man. Later, he and Ann started in business as a repair contractor in Botley and eventually took over from Belton & Hall as the town's electrical retailer. Now retired, he undertakes repairs of electrical items as an enjoyable hobby to this day.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript

Recording number: DR000 0271 Catalogue no: BWMT080

Date of recording: 2 December 2019

Duration: 00:57:19

Copyright: BWMT

### **WATTS, John**

Keywords: 1940s, Somerset, childhood, family, education, social life, 1950s, National Service, 1960s, work, teaching, 1970s, 1980s; Bishop's Waltham; Ridgemede Junior School; Ridgemede swimming pool

Description: The first set of recordings made by a friend of the family already existed when we approached John to record about his teaching career in Bishop's Waltham. John describes in more detail his family, childhood, teacher training, National Service, marriage to Elizabeth, teaching career, holidays, retirement at the Red Slipper and attitudes to life. Memories recorded here are not usually duplicated in the second recording.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> recording recalls John's educational career. From the age of 10, John's childhood was spent in Somerset, where his family were based during the Second World War. When his Sixth Form course proved unsatisfactory, he left Somerset for Acton, London to become a pupil teacher. This led on to teacher training before National Service, which he spent in 1950's Berlin. A first job near Croydon with a far-sighted Head lead on to Deputy, then Headship roles in Kent.

He set up and became the first Head of the newly-built Ridgemede Junior School from 1969-1987.

John established a vibrant school with an excellent local reputation. He improved education standards in Bishop's Waltham by introducing new horizons for pupils in and beyond the curriculum, for example with primary French and school visits and holidays. John Watts is remembered today for achieving a 20 metre indoor swimming pool which was built mainly by volunteer effort 1976-1979.

This remarkable provision, still in daily use today by nearby schools and the local community, remains the only one of 2 indoor pools ever built in Hampshire's primary schools.

1.Availability: MP3 recordings and transcripts of tracks 1-5,7-8,10-12 Recording number: Tracks 1-12

Catalogue number: BWA044 Date of recording: not known Duration: 01:40:23 Copyright: John Watts

2.Availability: MP3 recording and transcript Recording number: Z2-2030 Catalogue number: BWA043

Date of recording: 5 August 2022 Duration: 01:05:55 Copyright: BWAOHG

### **WEBB-CARTER, David**

Keywords: Curdridge, Ashton, Second World War, 1950s, childhood, family, Hoon, home, social life, farming.

Description: David Webb-Carter moved between his grandmother's house in Curdridge and his Ashton Lane home during World War Two. He remembers his grandmother's Edwardian attitudes, an aunt who never moved from her room and several servants in the war-time household. Although David worked overseas for much of his career after leaving the Army, his base has remained in Ashton. He

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names many residents of the area and details the changes to farms in the decades since the Second World War.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: Z2-1018

Catalogue number: BWA007

Date of recording: 10 August 2021

Duration: 01:29:18

Copyright: Shared BCDHS/BWAOHG

### **WILLIAMS, Ann**

Key words: 1950s, 1960s childhood, Shirrell Heath, mother, father, grandparents, education, home, farming, shops, marriage, medical, Swanmore, Bishop's Waltham

Description: Ann Williams was part of the Lilywhite family who have farmed in Shirrell Heath for at least 3 generations. Her father's business in the 1950s to 1970s was market gardening and pig-keeping. As a child, Ann was bookish, but had to work on the land in her spare time, so unsurprisingly she decided against an agricultural career and was "lucky enough not to have been a boy," and expected to inherit the farm.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: Z2-30024

Catalogue number: BWA065

Date of recording: 15 May 2023

Duration: 00:59:21

Copyright: WHS, SWS, BWAOHG

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## **Collection 4: Our Growing Town: Bishop's Waltham in the 1970s and 1980s**

Everyday Lives: narratives of interesting lives connected with Bishop's Waltham, is now amalgamated into Collections 1,3 or 4 as more reflective of our chronological research themes.

### **BUSHER, Georgina (2 interviews)**

Keywords: 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, childhood, education, 1950s, 1960s 1970s, marriage, Winchester City Council, Mayor

Description: Georgina Busher moved to Bishop's Waltham with her young family in 1960, immediately involving herself in St Peter's Church and Girl Guiding. In 1976 Georgie translated her strong interest in community service into representing Bishop's Waltham as a Conservative on Winchester City Council. Later elected as a conservative Independent for 17 years, Georgie was Mayor of Winchester in 2000-2001. In her first interview, Georgie looks back on her wartime childhood, happy times in Germany as a teenager on the brink of adulthood and early years in the village. Her voluntary service with numerous local charities and organisations, political life and Mayoral year are remembered in the second interview.

Availability: MP3 recordings or transcripts

1. Recording number: DR0000 0204

Catalogue no: BWMT049

Date of recording: 14 May 2018

Duration: 00:40:04

2. Recording number: DR0000 0232

Catalogue no: BWMT057

Date of recording: 10 September 2018

Duration: 00:45:17

Total duration: 01:25:21

Copyright: BWMT

### **CHIERCHIA, Janet and Louise**

Keywords:

Description:

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Availability: MP3 recordings or transcript

Recording number: Z2/00013

Catalogue no: BWA073

Date of recording:

Duration: 00::

Copyright: BWAOHG/BWMT

### COOPER, Gill

Keywords: Bishops Waltham, 1980s, 1990s, working, Ridgemed Junior School, swimming pool, swimming coaching

Description: Gill Cooper moved to Bishop's Waltham in 1984 and started teaching at Ridgemed Junior School about 1988. Since then she has been a member of St Peter's Church and has volunteered in several important community roles.

The focus of the recording is on her significant contribution to swimming in Bishop's Waltham. The school pool, opened in 1979, was already well used by the school and the wider community in 1988. Gill Cooper's expertise supported class teachers in their swimming tuition. She introduced competitive swimming coaching: teams from the school competed nationally and the Mitres Swim Club established. For a number of years, Gill had overall managerial responsibility for the Pool, including fund-raising for a £70k upgrade in 2013. Bishop's Waltham Junior School's pool is one of a handful still to remain funded by Hampshire County Council. Today it is fully used, not only by several schools in the area, but by Bishop's Waltham Community Swimming, Mitres Swim Club and as a lifesaving centre. Gill continues to coach young swimmers there in her retirement.

Availability: MP3 recordings or transcripts

Recording number: Z2/30013

Catalogue no: BWA058

Date of recording: 9 January 2023

Duration: 00:39:43

Copyright: BWAOHG/BWMT

### ECKERSALL, Mary

Keywords: 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, Portsmouth, childhood, education, marriage, 1970s, 1980s, medical services

Description: In the first part of this training interview, Mary recounts memories of growing up in post-War Portsmouth, where a bomb site was an adventure playground. After leaving school, Mary worked as a clerk before moving to London to work in the Foreign Office, well before James Bond popularised its secret activities. Mary and her husband Arnold Eckersall bought their first home in Bishop's Waltham in 1970, typical of the many new houses built at the time and much better equipped than the existing older houses. Mary told us: 'We felt really proud to come and live here you know'. She describes her life as a young Mum and her eventual return to the workplace at the local Surgery.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: Z2/1008,09

Catalogue number: BWA003

Date of recording: 5 July 2021

Total duration: 01:17:19

Copyright: BWAOHG

### GIBSON, Ray

Keywords: Swanmore, childhood, Second World War, farming, school, work, Bishops Waltham

Description: 90-year-old Ray Gibson records growing up in Swanmore in a large family during the War years. He has interesting memories of a country childhood in Swanmore including working on the land alongside attending school. Having served in North Africa in the Army immediately after the War, Ray subsequently became a painter and decorator working on many large houses in the Swanmore and Bishop's Waltham area, living in Wickham and latterly, Bishop's Waltham.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript

Recording number: Z2-30001

Catalogue number: BWA056

Date of recording: 17 December 2022

Duration: 01:05:30

Copyright: BWAOHG



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### **HALL, Nicholas**

Keywords: Cardiff, Wales, Lockerbie, Scotland, WW2, home, education, work, medical services

Description: Mrs Nicholas Hall recounts her childhood in Cardiff and rural Scotland during WWII with a vivid account of nights in air raid shelters and joining her father on his one short home leave in London. (She also describes the anxiety of the family about her mother in Lockerbie at the time of the 1988 air crash.) In 1947 she began her training as a nurse, first in Oxford, then London, before service in Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service in the 1950s when as a young Sister she had to handle drunkenness and homosexuality with discretion.

In her 2<sup>nd</sup> recording, Nicholas talks about her work as a Queen Alexandra nursing sister at naval air bases. She discusses her life as the wife of a naval officer with postings in the UK and overseas. She also recounts her life in Upper Swanmore between postings and her later move to Bishop's Waltham.

1.Availability: MP3 recording and transcript	Recording number: Z2-1030	Catalogue number: BWA017
Date of recording: 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Duration: 1 hr, 18 mins, 45 secs	Copyright: BWAOHG
2. Availability: MP3 recording and transcript	Recording number: Z2-2002-03	Catalogue number: BWA023
Date of recording: 26 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Duration: 1 hr, 14 mins, 19 secs	Copyright: BWAOHG

### **HAMMERTON, Jean**

Keywords: 1950s, 1960s 1970s, medicine, work, marriage, Winchester City Council, mayor

Description: Jean is well-known locally, firstly as Practice Manager for 20 years at the Bishop's Waltham Surgery; she says, 'I do have to thank the medical profession for managing to keep me employed,' after laboratory training and a bout of TB. Secondly, in political life: she was elected in 1974 and served for 26 years as a Parish Councillor and then in 1994 became an Independent Winchester City Councillor, serving for 18 years. She recalls encounters from volunteering and her year as Mayor of Winchester in 2003-4.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript	Recording number: DR00 0225	Catalogue no: BWMT052
Date of recording: 30 July 2018	Duration: 01:01:58	Copyright: Jean Hammerton

### **HAYLETT, Doris (2 interviews)**

Keywords: 1920s, Yorkshire, London, 1930s childhood, parents, education, work, Second World War, WAAF, marriage, 1970s, 1980s, 2000s, Bishop's Waltham, Mother's Union

Description: Doris Haylett was born in 1919. She remembers her early life growing up, going to school in Yorkshire and attending various schools in London. After a first job in fashion, she describes her life and War work in the WAAF. In her second interview, she reminisces about and her move to Bishop's Waltham in 1974 with her husband.

1.Availability: MP3 and transcript	Recording number: DR00 0269, 027	Catalogue no: BWMT079
Date of recording: 20 November 2019	Duration: 00:39:18	Copyright: BWMT
2. Availability: MP3 and transcript	Recording number: Z2/1006	Catalogue no: BWA001
Date of recording: 29 June 2021	Duration: 00:32:57	Copyright: BWMT/BWMT

### **HILLS Helen**

Key words: 1950s childhood, father, education, work, Wickham Children's Home, Eastleigh College, voluntary, Ridgemede School Swimming Association, Bishop's Waltham Care Group, Lunch clubs and Pop- In, Gateway, Bereavement Support, Men's Shed.

Description: This important recording adds considerable information to the archive on community development in our growing town in the 1970s and 80s. Helen Hills was in a powerhouse group of



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young women in the final years when 7 in 10 women stayed at home with their young children. About 40 young women with a smattering of older women and men set up Bishop's Waltham Care Group, the Pop-In, 2 Lunch Clubs, the BW Minibus and Dial-a-Ride, in the period 1973 to 1986, run on a shoe string and almost entirely staffed by young women volunteers recruited in friendship groups. Apart from the Pop-In, which closed in the 2010s, these groups survive to the present day. (2023). Helen's has been a life of service, inspired by her teacher father and forward-thinking school. She trained and worked as a nursery nurse, interested in children with special needs of all kinds. After 15 years at home with her children, Helen returned to work at Eastleigh College where she taught and supported young people growing up with home or personal difficulties (and in her spare time gained an MA in education). Helen describes volunteer work to build the swimming pool and school governor (both at Ridgemed Junior School); the Gateway Club; and two individual initiatives: founding and running Bereavement Support locally for 30 years and launching the successful Men's Shed as a retirement activity. Helen remarks in summing up: "I think I'm one of those people, I can't sit back and see something that needs doing and not do it."

Availability: Access MP3 recording and transcript    Recording number: Z23011    Catalogue no: BWA057  
Date of recording: 2 Jan 2023    Duration: 01:25:43    Copyright: BWAOHG/BWMT

### **KARA, Sandy**

Keywords: 1950s, Winchester, childhood, education, 1960s, work, Hursley IBM, 1970s, 1980s, marriage, home, food, shops, voluntary work, Care Group, Minibus, Pop-In, lunch clubs

Description: Sandy Kara moved into Bishop's Waltham in 1968 and was one of the most influential of the newcomers during a profound time of change. During the next few years, she invigorated community services, mainly for older people: the Care Group, the Pop-In and the Minibus. Sandy inspired many other mothers to volunteer during career breaks while their children were young. She returned to work in the 1980s with 3 lunch clubs running. In 2004 she was awarded an MBE for her services to the community. Today she remains an active volunteer for Bishop's Waltham Minibus Group and at the Junior School.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript    Recording number: DR00 0264    Catalogue no: BWMT076  
Date of recording: 12 August 2019    Duration: 00:56:36    Copyright: BWMT

### **MARSH, Gen**

Keywords: 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, education, working, Bishops Waltham, Ridgemed Junior School, swimming pool, Tumble Tots

Description: A well-known and respected local figure, Gen Marsh moved to Bishop's Waltham in 1975 and taught at Ridgemed Junior School from 1975 to 1983 and from 1990 to 2010. She was responsible for PE in the school during the early period when John Watts was Head and an indoor swimming pool was built mainly by volunteer fund-raising and the practical DIY skills of the growing community. On her return, she was Deputy Head during the headships of David Porter, Eric Halton and Darren Campbell. She brings thoughtful perspectives on differing eras in educational practice as well as vivid memories of various school-related events.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript    Recording number: Z2/30016    Catalogue no: BWA060  
Date of recording: 21 February 2023    Duration: 01:34:00    Copyright: BWAOHG/BWMT

### **MCLEAN, David**

Keywords: 1950s childhood, Southampton, work, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, medical services, Bishop's

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Waltham, voluntary work, Scouts, Dynamos, North Pond Conservation, Parish Council, Winchester City Council, Mayor.

Description: David McLean records life story after moving to the Southampton area with his family as a young child. After a busy career, he had a heart attack and surgery, which completely altered his outlook on life. Rather than returning to work he decided to extend his public service to Bishop's Waltham Parish Council. He was Chairman until 2010 when he was elected to Winchester City Council. As a Dad, he worked for the Dynamos Football Club and local Scouts, and was also one of the first volunteers to join in conservation of the North Pond. In 2017 he was elected Mayor of Winchester.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript      Recording number: DR00 0260, 0261      Catalogue no: BWMT074  
Date of recording: 22 July 2019      Duration: 00:41:05      Copyright: BWMT

### **QUINEY, Dorothy**

Keywords: Second World War, 1940s childhood, Meonstoke, school, Droxford Youth Club, Case's bakery, 1950s, Saturday dances, White & Co Removals, Prudential Penny Policy, Bishops Waltham, Droxford Rural District Council, Northbrook House, Register Office, Winchester City Council, The Institute, Mrs Gunner, slipper bath, parochial charities, Frank Stubbs & Co, 1960s, Great Pond pollution, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, Bishop's Waltham Parish Council, Chairman, Jubilee Hall, Priory Park, older people, Pop-In, Care Group.

Description: In this lively account, Dorothy Quiney, a well-known Bishop's Waltham Parish Councillor for 30 years, describes community development in the 1970s-90s, as Winchester City Council took over from Droxford Rural District Council. She records important information on the acquisition of community assets such as the Jubilee Hall and Priory Park. Dorothy's rural childhood includes memories of wartime Meonstoke. She attended Eggar's Grammar School, Alton as a scholarship girl, then trained as a secretary. Moving to Bishop's Waltham in the early 1950s, she worked first at Frank Stubbs, Auctioneers, then for Droxford Rural District Council, before marrying a local boy in 1956. She was first elected to the Parish Council in 1973, Chair 1986-7 and was a long-term trustee of the Youth Club and The Institute.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript      Recording number: Z2-0023      Catalogue number: BWA064  
Date of recording: 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023      Duration: 01:36:10      Copyright: BWAOHG/BWMT

### **SHIELDS, Robert**

Keywords: 1940s, 1950s childhood, family, education, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s work, Welbeck, Sandhurst, Cambridge University, Army, REME, Training Battalion, Germany, Northern Ireland, Whitehall

Description: Robert Shields came from an Army family, developing an early love for the Arab world in Egypt. At public school he was labelled 'a dunce', yet after joining the Army's Welbeck College at 16, he shone academically and read Mechanical Engineering at Cambridge University. From the outset a divergent, logical thinker, Robert's 34-year career took him from Sandhurst and Oman to Germany and Northern Ireland in the Troubles. As CO of REME recruits, he stamped out bullying and his unit became the Army's most successful Training Battalion. Later in his career he worked in Whitehall; was part of a 3-man Defence (cuts of £300million) team and then worked at Director level in defence-related industry for 10 years after leaving the army.

In his first interview, Robert records his work after retirement as a leading Bishop's Waltham Parish councillor 2010 to 2020. Robert Shields' enthusiasm and energy delivered significant improvements to the town's efficiency and development. He remains a committed volunteer in the community

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today, particularly for the First Responders.

1.Availability: MP3 recording and transcript	Recording number: Z2-2005	Catalogue number: BWA027
Date of recording: 3 March 2022	Duration: 00:37:17	Copyright: BWAOHG
2.Availability: MP3 recording and transcript	Recording number: Z2-2006	Catalogue number: BWA028
Date of recording: 7 March 2022	Duration: 02:03:10	Copyright: BWAOHG

### **TATTON-BROWN, Susan**

Keywords 1: Bishop's Waltham, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, St Peters Church, rectors to date, work, Radio Solent

Keywords 2: Portsdown Hill, childhood, World War 2, 1950s, education, Rookesbury Park School, boarding school, work, Lloyds Bank, 1960s, Canada, road trip, Mexico

Description: Susan Tatton-Brown has been a stalwart volunteer at St Peter's Church since her arrival in Bishop's Waltham in 1978 as a newcomer. The first interview is based on recollections of the Church and its ministers and congregation during the period of rapid housing development in Bishop's Waltham from then on. In her very interesting 2<sup>nd</sup> recording, Sue describes her early years on Portsdown Hill, her education and secretarial training. In the early 1960s, she spent two years working in Canada, initially in the Conservative Party's headquarters and Prime Minister's office, and then as a chambermaid at the Banff Springs Hotel. With friends, she travelled by car down the western seaboard to Mexico and returned through the southern States to Washington DC. Back in England she worked for the BBC in London and then Radio Solent in Southampton; moving to Bishop's Waltham with her late husband in 1978.

1.Availability: MP3 recording and transcript	Recording number: Z2/2025	Catalogue number: BWA036
Date of recording: 12 July 2022	Duration: 01:00:31	Copyright: BWAOHG
2.Availability: MP3 recording and transcript	Recording number: Z2/2026	Catalogue number: BWA037
Date of recording: 21 July 2022	Duration: 01:10:30	Copyright: BWAOHG

### **TODDLER GROUP REUNION**

Keywords: 1980s, Bishop's Waltham, childhood, medical services

Description: These 8 women met in 1979 at a temporary post-natal group set up by the local Health Visitor, Pat Morris. To them it became, and remains to this day, 'the Toddler group'. A core group of around 15 mothers met regularly with one, and then further children. As they tell us, they looked to the other mothers for their main social contact. They remember their daily lives, the support and facilities available to them and the contribution they made as incomers to the Bishop's Waltham community. Reflecting the changing demographics of the time, almost all the women had moved into the Bishop's Waltham locality during the 1970s. Again typically, all were married and for the first few years, none of the mothers worked full-time. In the intervening years 4 of the speakers moved away, but 4 remain in the area. Narrators were: Jenny Allen, Sandy Baars, Jane Bennett, Doreen Hutchinson, Carol Jukes, Jean Lambert, Trish Simpson-Davis, Jenny Tuttle.

Availability: MP3 and transcript	Recording number: DR00 0259	Catalogue no: BWMT073
Date of recording: 14 July 2019	Duration: 00:57:33	Copyright: BWMT

### **WEATHERALL, Jean**

Keywords: High Wycombe, WW2, 1950s, childhood, education, social life, Navy, Falklands War, Ark Royal V, NATO, USA, Diplomatic Corps, Minibus, donkeys

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Description: Jean was well-loved as an enthusiastic volunteer for the Minibus, Pop-In Lunch Club, Care Group and British Legion while living in Bishop's Waltham from the early 1960s. She was notably down-to-earth, a seemingly-typical country woman with her family, animals and garden. In this lively set of 3 recordings, made shortly before her death in December 2021, Jean reveals her other life, as a Scottish MP's daughter, a naval wife in her husband's early overseas postings and as a titled diplomat's wife when her husband was Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps at St James' Palace in the 1990s. The first recording recounts memories of her early life up to her marriage to James Weatherall, an ambitious young naval officer with an eye for a pretty woman.

In the 2nd recording, Jean's everyday life as a Naval wife up to the Falklands War is described. For the first few years after their marriage in 1962, Jean followed Jim in his naval postings, clearly relishing worldwide experiences along the route. She then settled down in Ashton, to bring up her family, a single parent whenever Jim was away at sea. Jean describes some of the difficulties she faced with her characteristic humour and realism. In the third recording, Jean recounts her extraordinary life after the Falklands War, forever unassuming and looking to support those she meets. After repelling an Argentinian Exocet attack, Jim's triumphant career took him from Captain of Ark Royal V, to Belgium with NATO and to Norfolk, Virginia as Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic. Retiring from the Navy, the family moved into the Clock Tower of St James' Palace where, as the Honourable Lady Weatherall, Jean welcomed and taught English to Ambassadors' wives from around the globe as right-hand woman of the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, Vice-Admiral Sir James Weatherall.

1. Availability: MP3 recording and transcript      Recording number: Z2-1021      Catalogue number: BWA011  
Date of recording: 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021      Duration: 1 hr, 14 mins, 45 secs      Copyright: BWAOHG then BWMT

2. Availability: MP3 recording and transcript      Recording number: Z2-1029      Catalogue number: BWA016  
Date of recording: 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021      Duration: 1 hr, 14 mins, 41 secs      Copyright: BWAOHG then BWMT

3. Availability: MP3 recording and transcript      Recording number: Z2-1032      Catalogue number: BWA018  
Date of recording: 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021      Duration: 1 hr, 26 mins, 1 secs      Copyright: BWAOHG then BWMT

### **WILLIAMSON, David (2 recordings)**

Keywords: Bishops Waltham, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, Claylands, Southern Regional Ambulance Training Centre, paramedic training, Heartstart, Community First Responders

Description: These spirited recordings are densely packed with information about the development of ambulance service personnel training 1977-1983 in Hampshire, from the modest perspective of a leading pioneer of paramedic training. David moved to Bishop's Waltham in 1977 as an Instructor at the Southern Counties Ambulance Training Centre. Situated in the old Claylands brickyard site, original and Civil Defence buildings were used for training exercises. When in 1983 the ATC relocated, David moved to the Hampshire Ambulance Service, with Ambulance Liaison in Portsmouth, paramedic training in Southampton and leading computerisation in Winchester as Ambulance Control Officer in charge. Retiring in 2000, he started a Health and Safety training company. Knowing the poor response times for ambulances to rural casualties, in 2001 he introduced Heartstart resuscitation training in Bishop's Waltham for local residents, and First Responders, a volunteer group which bridges the gap until emergency services arrive. Today it trains volunteers to a sophisticated level to respond to medical emergencies. He has been active in St Peter's Church since the 1970s and started the community Men's Breakfast - now with 70 members

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(2023)

1.Availability: Access MP3 recording and transcript

Recording number: Z2-30031

Catalogue number: BWA068

Date of recording: 11 October 2023

Duration: 00:58:15

Copyright: BWAOHG/BWMT

2.Availability: Access MP3 recording and transcript

Recording number: Z2-30033

Catalogue number: BWA069

Date of recording: 6 November 2023

Duration: 00:42:51

Copyright: BWAOHG/BWMT

### **WILLS, Tim and Lilian**

#### **1.BWA075: Wills, Lilian**

Keywords: Falklands, war, 1982, Endurance, South Georgia, Navy wife, support, Ron Patterson, RAF Lyneham

Description: Lilian was a teacher in Scotland when she met Tim Wills, a naval officer. His career shaped their married life, with regular absences of several months meaning she dealt with all the practicalities of household and family organisation. In April 1982 the Falklands War broke out and Tim was ordered at a few hours' notice to join HMS Endurance, Lil driving him with their young daughters to RAF Lyneham, then returning to resume normal life in Swanmore. She pays tribute to Ron Paterson, Vicar of Swanmore, in gathering the wives of those serving in the war for mutual support at a time when censorship and poor communications meant great anxiety when ships were in action. She describes Tim's homecoming from the War and the difference in understanding between Navy families and civilian members of the local community in Hampshire.

Availability: Access MP3 and transcript      Recording number: Z2/30040      Date of recording: 7 February 2024

Duration: 00:58:14

Copyright: BWAOHG/BWMT

#### **2.BWA074: Wills, Tim**

Keywords: Navy, Falklands, war, 1982, HMS Endurance, HMS Sheffield, SAS, SBS, auxiliaries, South Atlantic, Ascension, South Georgia, family, RAF Lyneham, Hercules, warfare expert

Description: Tim Wills, ex-Royal Navy, talks of his experience of deployment to the South Atlantic during the Falklands War where he served as a warfare expert aboard HMS Endurance and was largely stationed in South Georgia. The role of Endurance was, initially, as part of a task force that successfully retook the island from Argentinian occupying forces and he subsequently served as the coordinator for transfers of stores, troops and equipment between civilian and fleet auxiliary ships. Because Tim did not see action in the Falklands themselves during the War, he often reflects that he felt somewhat on the fringes, despite serving important roles in the war effort.

Availability: Access MP3 and transcript

Recording number: Z2/30038

Date of recording: 23 January 2024

Duration: 01:27:13

Copyright: BWAOHG/BWMT

### **WILSON, Terry**

Keywords: 1950s, Wales, childhood, work, 1980s, Bishop's Waltham, voluntary work, Dynamos, Ridgemed swimming pool, Parish Council

Description: Terry's life story starts in Wales in the 1950s. After training as an accountant he worked mainly for Johnson and Johnson, finding himself at the Cosham factory and in a newly-built Bishop's Waltham house in 1987.

For 32 years, Terry has thrown himself into community life: he was involved with Ridgemed School Swimming Association and for 16 years as Chairman of Bishop's Waltham Dynamos Football Club. He is currently chairman after 12 years' service on Bishop's Waltham Parish Council. Now retired

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from work, this 'incomer's' continuing commitment, common sense and good humour remain a great asset to the community.

Availability: MP3 and transcript

Recording number: DR00 0265

Catalogue no: BWMT 077

Date of recording: 19 August 2019

Duration: 01:22:10

Copyright: BWMT

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### Collection 5: Botley, Curdrige and Durley Oral Histories

#### Mrs BIGNELL of Hill Farm, Durley

Keywords: 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, Durley, land mine, Rutters, Pudney

Description: TDK tape recording digitized. Mrs Bignell recounts events from 2<sup>nd</sup> World War including traumatized evacuee Pudney, the land mine on the Rutters' farm, Bomb Disposal called to unexploded shell, fuel tanks stored at railway, German plane shot down.

Availability: MP3, WAV and timed summary

Catalogue number: BWA054

Date of recording: 2000

Duration: 00:26:38

Copyright: unknown, no consents

#### DIBLEY, Kath

Keywords: 1920s, 1930s, home, family, school, Boorley Green, Botley, Curdrige, 1940s, 1950s, 2<sup>nd</sup> World War work, social life

Description: Kath Dibley remembers Botley, mainly during the Second World War

Availability: MP3 and timed summary

Recording number: MZ1,2,3,4,5,6

Catalogue number: BWA026

Date of recording: 22 August 2019

Duration: 00:43:10

Copyright: BCDHS/BWAOHG

#### COLLINS, Chris (5 recordings)

Key words: Durley, early 20<sup>th</sup> century, childhood, toys, school, First World War, farming

Description: Poor quality and disjointed recordings digitised in 2022 from TDK cassette tapes made in 1987. Summaries are incomplete and incoherent. We hope that technological advances in the future may improve the quality of the recordings to a point where they yield useful information.

Recording number: MZ 1 Chris Collins 1 [Starts: 1-10, later, outbreak of Great War]

Availability: MP3

Catalogue number: BWA047

Date of recording: 1987, digitized 2023

Duration: 01:11:07

Copyright: not known, no consents

Recording number: MZ 2 Chris Collins Farmer [Starts: Where did you go to school?]

It is not clear whether Chris is talking about his schooldays or his father's. Went to school with beer, hard-boiled egg and slice of bread and butter for lunch. Describes route across fields to Botley, children listening to train overhead. Carrying harness for repair in Botley. Schoolteacher Miss Bird, only paid £5 a year so could only afford to go home to Gloucester in the summer holidays.

Availability: MP3 and timed summary

Catalogue number: BWA048

Date of recording: 1987, digitized 2023

Duration: 00:09:54

Copyright: not known, no consents



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Recording number: MZ 3 Chris Collins 3 toys [Starts: 2,3,4, wooden toys, tin toys]

Availability: MP3, partial TS Catalogue number: BWA049 Date of recording: 1987, digitized 2023

Duration: 01:06:41 Copyright: not known, no consents

Recording number: MZ 4 [Starts: Oh how awful, how sad]

Availability: MP3 Catalogue number: BWA050

Date of recording: 1987, digitized 2023 Duration: 01:05:30 Copyright: not known, no consents

Recording number: MZ 5 [Starts: Anything you can remember]

Availability: MP3 Catalogue number: BWA051 Date of recording: 1987, digitized 2023

Duration: 00:42:42 Copyright: not known, no consents

### **FREEMANTLE, Terry**

Keywords: Bishop's Waltham, 1950s, 1960s, childhood, education, family, home, work, Pirelli, Eastleigh

Description: This recording gives a brief overview of 1950s Bishop's Waltham. Terry Freemantle was born in Bishop's Waltham and his family moved to a new house in Follyfield in the early 1950s. Terry went through the Infants and Juniors and then to the new Swanmore Secondary School which he left at 15. Edward Pyle, his grandfather had been a thatcher and later worked at Pirelli's in Eastleigh. This contact provided Terry with an apprenticeship making wooden drums for the cables manufactured there from the 1960s. Terry played dominoes very successfully at pub competition level and joined bell-ringing at local churches, which he still enjoys today.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript

Recording number: Z3-017,018

Catalogue no: BWA033

Date of recording: 5 April 2022

Duration: 00:37:46

Copyright: BWAOHG/BCDHS

### **GREEN, Kathleen**

Keywords: 1920s, 1930s childhood, Derby, silk factory 2nd World War, work, Land Army, Curdridge

Description: Kath was born and brought up in the Derby area. In 1942 she was sent to the Curdridge area as a Land Army girl, and she has stayed ever since. Although difficult to understand, her memories of her parents' work and description of the conditions for Land Army girls makes for interesting reading.

Availability: MP3 recording and timed summary with permission

Recording number: Z3-0022

Catalogue number: BWA040

Date of recording: 21 July 2022

Duration: 01:05:50

Copyright: BCDHS/BWAOHG

### **HARDING, Clare**

Keywords: 1950s Botley, Curdridge, High Street, Maffey's, Botley Mill

Description: In her 1950s childhood, Clare Harding's large extended family all lived in Botley. The Maffey family owned the most important shops in Botley High Street, which have been frequently referenced in other Botley recordings.

Availability: MP3 and timed summary

Recording number: Z3-0019,0020

Catalogue number: BWA038

Date of recording: 25 April 2022

Duration: 00:35:13

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### **HOUGHTON, Jean**

Keywords: Waltham Chase, 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, work, medical services, Army

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Description: Jean Houghton was born and brought up in Waltham Chase during the Second World War. Leaving school at 14, she worked in a Shirrell Heath factory before moving on to domestic work at Wickham. Her ambition was to become a nurse, which took determination when life didn't roll out smoothly for her. After training at the Royal South Hants hospital, she took 4 years off with the WRAC band, then combined both careers as a QARAMC nurse, serving in Germany and Netley. When Netley closed she worked at Wickham practice and Southampton General Hospital: 50 years in all.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript      Recording number: Z2-1019,20      Catalogue number: BWA010  
Date of recording: 23 August 2021      Duration: 00:45:46      Copyright: BCDHS/BWAOHG

### **KING, Roy**

Keywords: Botley, 1950s, 1960s, farming, strawberries

Description: Roy King's grandfather and father worked in strawberry market gardens in Botley. Roy remembers a little about his childhood and describes what had to be done to grow the strawberries in the 1950s.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript      Recording number: Z2-1024      Catalogue number: BWA013  
Date of recording: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021      Duration: 11 mins 38 secs      Copyright: BWAOHG then BCDHS

### **LEAHY, Mary**

Keywords: WW2, 1950s, childhood, farming, Curdrige, Botley, education

Description: Mary recounts a happy childhood at Ridge Farm, Curdrige, during and after World War 2. The family were mainly subsistence farmers, which was later popularised as 'self-sufficiency', although they also grew some arable crops for the market. She talks about life afterwards as a young woman, and the current redevelopment of the farm as a part of Whiteley.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript      Recording number: Z3-1015,16      Catalogue number: BWA032  
Date of recording: 9 February 2022      Duration: 01:14:08      Copyright: BCDHS/BWAOHG

### **MELSOM, Ted**

Key words: Durley, World War 2, Home Guard, land mine, Rutter, Hill Farm, army

Description: Ted Melsom was born in 1922; during World War 2 he was in the Durley Home Guard until drafted into the Army at the age of 19. He recounts the lived experience of this work, including the bombing at Hill Farm and flame-throwing after landing in Europe in 1944-5 as a soldier

Availability: MP3 recording and timed summary      Catalogue number: BWA052      Date of recording: 2000, digitized 2023  
Duration: 00:31:07      Copyright: unknown, no consent

### **RUTTER, Fred**

Keywords: Durley, World War 2, farming, Home Guard, land mine, Rutter, Hill Farm

Description: Fred Rutter was a 13 and a half year old boy living on Hill Farm with his parents, brother and two sisters during World War 2. On 21 June 1941, 2 land mines were dropped, one destroying the farmhouse. His father was badly injured, his uncle was killed and his baby sister died the next day. This is a digital recording made from the original cassette tape and some parts are inaudible. consent and copyright not yet established.

Availability: MP3 recording and timed summary      Catalogue number: BWA053  
Date of recording: 2000, digitized 2023      Duration: 00:33:17

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### **TICKNER, Pauline**

Keywords: 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, Botley, family, home, education, work, hairdresser, social life, shops and services, medical services

Description: Pauline Tickner has lived in Botley all her life.

Availability: MP3 recording and timed summary    Recording number: Z3-0021    Catalogue number: BWA039

Date of recording: 23 March 2022    Duration: 00:51:50    Copyright: BCDHS/BWAOHG

### **WEBB-CARTER, David**

Keywords: Curdridge, Ashton, Second World War, childhood, family, Hoon, home, social life, farming

Description: David Webb-Carter moved between his grandmother's house in Curdridge and his Ashton Lane home during World War Two. He remembers his grandmother's Edwardian attitudes, an aunt who never moved from her room and several servants in the war-time household. Although David worked overseas for much of his career after leaving the Army, his base has remained in Ashton. He names many residents of the area and details the changes to farms in the decades since the Second World War.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript    Recording number: Z2-1018    Catalogue number: BWA007

Date of recording: 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021    Duration: 1 hr, 29 mins, 18 secs    Copyright: Shared BCDHS/BWAOHG

### **WRIGHT, Sylvia**

Keywords: Botley, Second World War, D-Day, evacuees, childhood, family, home, education, social life, shops, medical services

Description: Describing herself as: 'I'm just Botley, through to the core,' Sylvia was born and spent her childhood there during the Second World War. She recalls wartime school and the Canadian troops quartered with them in the run-up to D-Day. When she left school, Sylvia became a local GPO telephonist. She describes local shops and shopkeepers she remembers, the Botley Carnival and hiring rowing boats on the Hamble river.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript    Recording number: Z3-1011    Catalogue number: BWA009

Date of recording: 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021    Duration: 44mins, 41 secs    Copyright: BCDHS

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## **Collection 6: Swanmore Living Histories**

### **FERRONE, Bert**

Keywords: Italy, WW2, 1950s home, family, farming, community, economic hardship, education, 1960s, Bournemouth, work, immigration, Dorset

Description: Bert was born in the village of Pianola in the Abruzzo region of Italy. He describes conditions for his family of 7 children. In 1964 he followed a sister and 2 brothers to England as a partly-trained mechanic with no English initially. His account of life as a white immigrant during the Windrush period makes for an interesting comparison.

Availability: MP3 recording or timed summary    Recording number: Z2-1028    Catalogue number: BWA015

Date of recording: 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021    Duration: 47 mins 13 secs    Copyright: SWS

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### **FITALL, Doris**

Keywords: 1930s, World War 2, 1940s, 1950s, Swanmore, Fareham, Gosport, childhood, family, home, parents, marriage, education, work, WRNS

Description: The Willoughby family moved to Swanmore in 1929, when Doris, the youngest, was 7 years old. She describes her childhood world in these two recordings. Her father had been recuperating from First World War injuries, but eventually worked in the building trade and built 2 family homes for them, the 2<sup>nd</sup> in Fareham. Doris remembers Swanmore School in the 1930s and leaving home to become a mother's help for a shopkeeper family in Fareham, then Chichester. At the outbreak of World War 2, Doris was working in her uncle's shop at Kintbury, Berkshire, but returned home to Fareham, meeting her future husband at the baker's shop where she worked. At age 18 she joined the Navy: she describes her life at Gosport in the Blitz and serving as a Steward at Fort Wallington in the run-up to D-Day. For many years Doris played piano or organ at local churches.

1. Availability: not for release Recording number: Z2-2026 Catalogue number: BWA041

Date of recording: 22 July 2022

Duration: 00:49:26

Copyright: BWAOHG

1. Availability: MP3 recording and transcript

Recording number: Z2-2031,2

Catalogue number: BWA042

Date of recording: 9 August 2022

Duration: 01:25:53

Copyright: BWAOHG

### **FRENCH, Ron**

Keywords: 1930s, childhood, education, World War 2, 1940s, Swanmore, Mislingford, work, Austin & Wyatt, British Transport Police

Description: Ron French was born in 1930, son of the chauffeur at Holywell House, Mislingford and he has lived in the area all his life. After a basic education at Swanmore School, he went to Greggs Commercial College in 1945 and then started work at Austin & Wyatt's in Bishop's Waltham as an office boy. In his first interview, he recalls life as a child before and during World War 2. In the second recording he mainly recalls life from 1945 on. He joined the Ordnance Survey and was a cartographer during National Service. He became a Police Constable in Portsmouth and then for British Transport Police, often on duty at Southampton Docks. In 1955 he and his wife moved to their Mislingford house, with few mod cons at the time.

1. Availability: MP3 recording and transcript

Recording number: Z2-1035

Catalogue number: BWA022

Date of recording: 29 November 2021

Duration: 00:57:06

Copyright: S&NLHS

2. Availability: MP3 recording and transcript

Recording number: Z2-2008

Catalogue number: BWA029

Date of recording: 10 March 2022

Duration: 00:58:27

Copyright: S&NLHS

### **GIBSON, Ray**

Keywords: Swanmore, childhood, Second World War, farming, school, work, Bishops Waltham

Description: 90-year-old Ray Gibson records growing up in Swanmore in a large family during the War years. He has interesting memories of a country childhood in Swanmore including working on the land alongside attending school. Having served in North Africa in the Army immediately after the War, Ray subsequently became a painter and decorator working on many large houses in the Swanmore and Bishop's Waltham area, living in Wickham and latterly, Bishop's Waltham.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript

Recording number: Z2-30001

Catalogue number: BWA056

Date of recording: 17 December 2022

Duration: 01:05:30

Copyright: BWAOHG/SWS

### **GOMER, Phil and Molly**

Keywords: Swanmore, 1940s, World War 2, childhood, education, Swanmore School, farming, dairy, family, HMS Hood, Royal Yacht Britannia, work, Holywell, vegetable gardener, James Duke & Sons

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Description: Phil Gomer recounts his growing up in a family of small farmers in Spring Lane, Swanmore, his work and a period of time working in Canada. His father sadly died when HMS Hood was sunk in 1941; Phil was aged 10 at the time. As he grew up, Phil was expected to take on some dairy farming duties for his grandfather before going on to school. He gives a useful account of making butter.

1.Availability: MP3 recording and transcript	Recording number: Z2-20035	Catalogue number: BWA046
Date of recording: 2 December 2022	Duration: 01:40:19	Copyright: SWS/BWAOHG

### HALL, Nicholas

Keywords: Cardiff, Wales, Lockerbie, Scotland, WW2, home, education, work, medical services

Description: Mrs Nicholas Hall recounts her childhood in Cardiff and rural Scotland during WWII with a vivid account of nights in air raid shelters and joining her father on his one short home leave in London. (She also describes the anxiety of the family about her mother in Lockerbie at the time of the 1988 air crash.) In 1947 she began her training as a nurse, first in Oxford, then London, before service in Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service in the 1950s when as a young Sister she had to handle drunkenness and homosexuality with discretion.

In her 2<sup>nd</sup> recording, Nicholas talks about her work as a Queen Alexandra nursing sister at naval air bases. She discusses her life as the wife of a naval officer with postings in the UK and overseas. She also recounts her life in Upper Swanmore between postings and her later move to Bishop's Waltham.

1.Availability: MP3 recording and transcript	Recording number: Z2-1030	Catalogue number: BWA017
Date of recording: 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Duration: 1 hr, 18 mins, 45 secs	Copyright: BWAOHG
2. Availability: MP3 recording and transcript	Recording number: Z2-2002, 03	Catalogue number: BWA023
Date of recording: 26 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Duration: 1 hr, 14 mins, 19 secs	Copyright: BWAOHG

### TRIBBECK, Vera

Keywords: Swanmore, D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, 1940s childhood, home, education, work, Bishop's Waltham, High Street, Lloyds Bank, Gunners Bank

Description: Vera was born and has lived nearly all her life in Swanmore. Her father was a baker with a small family shop at Hill Pound. Vera was a promising pupil, progressing from Swanmore School to Winchester County High School, but the family needed her to earn, ending all thoughts of university or art school. In two recordings, Vera gives vivid descriptions of working at Lloyds Bank in Bishop's Waltham for 8 years, where discipline for employees was strict. Over the next 30 years, she moved to Lydd, then back to Fareham and Portsmouth branches. She was Treasurer of the C of E Aided School Managers for over 20 years, 10 of which were taken up with rebuilding and fund-raising.

1. Availability: MP3 recording and transcript	Recording number: Z2/1010	Catalogue number: BWA004
Date of recording: 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Duration: 1 hr, 22 mins, 10 secs	Copyright: SWS/BWAOHG
2. Availability: MP3 recording and transcript	Recording number: Z2/1017	Catalogue number: BWA006
Date of recording: 9 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	Duration: 1 hr, 24 mins, 5 secs	Copyright: SWS/BWAOHG

### WILLIAMS, Ann

Key words: 1950s, 1960s childhood, Shirrell Heath, mother, father, grandparents, education, home, farming, shops, marriage, medical, Swanmore, Bishop's Waltham

Description: Ann Williams was part of the Lilywhite family who have farmed in Shirrell Heath for at least 3 generations. Her father's business in the 1950s to 1970s was market gardening and pig-

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keeping. As a child, Ann was bookish, but had to work on the land in her spare time, so unsurprisingly she decided against an agricultural career and was “lucky enough not to have been a boy,” and expected to inherit the farm.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript    Recording number: Z2-30024    Catalogue number: BWA065  
Date of recording: 15 May 2023    Duration: 00:59:21    Copyright: WHS, SWS, BWAOHG

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### Collection 7: Wickham Oral Histories, including Titchfield

#### **BURT, Ron**

Keywords: WW2, childhood, Wickham, education, shops, fire service

Description: Ron Burt is aged 85 and has lived in Wickham since around the beginning of the 2WW. He has excellent recall and a careful presentation. He reflects on his early years, the war (Canadian troops, Beverley maternity hospital, bombs), school, a fatal train accident, working for the forestry commission, going to Pompey, the new cricket field and Wickham fire service among other topics. He mentions Wickham Square and the shops, Bridge Street, Warren Cottage, Mayles Lane, Buddens Farm and Chesapeake Mill.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript    Recording number: Z1-1031    Catalogue number: BWA025  
Date of recording: 3 December 2021    Duration: 01:02:00    Copyright: WHS

#### **CROOK, Bunty and Brian**

Keywords: 2nd World War, D-Day, childhood, Wickham, Southwick, Shedfield, home, family, poverty, education, shops, gamekeeper, Admiral Ramsay

Description: Sylvia (Bunty) Crook was born at Wickham and went to Shedfield School. Many of her memories concern her extended family; she and her sister were particularly close to their grandparents and Bunty vividly remembers the privations of their everyday lives in and after wartime as well as life in her own home. Brian was born on the Southwick Estate, where his father was gamekeeper. Brian remembers the build-up to D-Day, dog fights and doodlebugs, talking to Admiral Ramsay and a surprise trip in an aeroplane. He gives details of gamekeeping during his childhood and life at Shoothill. A resilient child and man, Brian often managed to turn difficult circumstances to his advantage: he remembers training as a chef in the RAF during National Service after being sent to Domestic Science lessons at school as a punishment for fighting.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript    Recording number: Z2/2012    Catalogue number: BWA031  
Date of recording: 29 March 2022    Duration: 01:59:56    Copyright: WHS

#### **CRUSE, Stephanie**

Keywords: Shrewton, Bulford Camp, childhood, father, Saturday job, work, farming, Tom Parker dairies, Heytesbury Farm, Wallopswood Farm, Spurlings Farm, Charity Farm, land use, arable, dairy, Wickham, health, Dr Kinnear, Dr Bostock, Dr Moore, maternity services, Blackbrook, St Mary's, post-natal isolation.

Description: in this information-rich and vividly-described account, Stephanie remembers her country



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childhood, first at Nissen huts at Bulford, and then at Shrewton where her father was a pig farmer and she worked for a butcher whilst at grammar school. She married a cowman at 19, who moved to work at Tom Parker Dairies; they were housed at Wallopswood Farm. Stephanie has detailed recollections of land use on the farms in the Tom Parker estate. She also describes maternity and post-natal services at the Wickham Surgery and Dr Kinnear's expertise and interest in obstetrics. As an isolated mother with 2 young children in the mid-1970s, Stephanie had difficulties in making social contact and suffered depression. Moving on from Wickham, she retrained and remarried in Gosport but has now returned to Wickham.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript      Recording number: Z2/20015      Catalogue number: BWA059  
Date of recording: 30 January 2023      Duration: 01:08:54      Copyright: WHS

### **HARRIS, Jimmy**

Key words: Titchfield, childhood, 1940s, Second World War, 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, education, Titchfield School, the Gregg School, USA, tractors, strawberry growing, potatoes, Titchfield Abbey Fruit Farm  
Description: Farmer's son Jimmy Harris was born at the start of the Second World War and grew up in Titchfield. Run by his father and uncle, the farm had grown strawberries, fruit and vegetables since 1934. The family had moved down from Oxford in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. During the War, working mainly by hand, they reduced the strawberry crop and expanded vegetable production on 180 acres of land. After the War the brothers split up and Jimmy worked for his father once he left school in the early 1950s. It was a hard life, even with tractors, but Jimmy won a Churchill Scholarship to study mechanical harvesting in the US in 1976. He eventually set up his own fruit farm at Titchfield, now derelict, but in its day a thriving Pick Your Own operation.

Availability: Access MP3 recording and transcript      Recording number: Z2/30032      Catalogue number: BWA070  
Date of recording: 1 November 2023      Duration: 01:06:44      Copyright: WHS

### **HILL, Mary (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> recordings)**

Keywords: WW2, East Meon, evacuees, Southwick, D-Day, Eisenhower, cinema, childhood, home, farming, education, 1950s, Bishop's Waltham All Age School, school visit.

Description: In her 2<sup>nd</sup> recording, Mary describes domestic details of her childhood, mainly spent on a farm at Southwick during and immediately after the Second World War. She remembers details of 5 schools she attended, including Purbrook Park High School. Mary also has memories of US troops at Eisenhower's nearby camp, Doodle bugs and gas masks. She describes the practicalities of rationing in daily life and for her farmer's wife mother.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> recording was made by the Platinum Club at Bishop's Waltham Junior School. In this interview, Mary recounts some wartime experiences at Upham, East Meon and Southwick. US troops used a shed on her farm as a cinema and church. Eisenhower slept in a comfortably fitted-out van adjoining the farm.

In the early 1950s, at the age of 20, Mary had trained as a teacher and joined Bishop's Waltham All-age mixed school in Victoria Road as class teacher of the 7 year olds. She describes a class visit to a bacon factory.

2. Availability: MP3 recording and transcript      Recording number: Z1-1023      Catalogue number: BWA008  
Date of recording: 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021      Duration: 1 hr, 15 mins, 34 secs      Copyright: BWAOHG then WHS  
3. Availability: MP3 recording and transcript      Recording number: Z2-2023      Catalogue number: BWA035  
Date of recording: 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022      Duration: 39 mins, 46 secs      Copyright: BWAOHG/WHs

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### **MALLETT, Jenny**

Keywords: Wickham, Great Funtley, 1940s, 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, home, parents, 1950s, 1960s, 1980s, farming, education, shops and services

Description: Jenny Mallett talks about her eighty years at Great Funtley (Fontley) Farm, Titchfield Lane, Wickham including fruit and dairy farming, the war years, the purchase and sale of Lee Ground Farm, her education and life on the farm and in Wickham.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript      Recording number: Z1-1024,5,6,7      Catalogue number: BWA024  
Date of recording: 21 September 2021      Duration: 00:35:03      Copyright: WHS

### **PARSONS, Bob**

Keywords: Portsmouth, Wilton, Waltham Chase, D-Day, 2<sup>ND</sup> World War, 1940s, childhood, home, evacuation, education, market gardening, work, 1950s, RAF, Shirrell Heath Methodist Church

Description: 2 recordings, the 2<sup>nd</sup> by students at Bishops Waltham Junior School. Bob was born as a triplet in Portsmouth. When the Second World War started, he was 5 and his family of 6 children were split up for evacuation. Bob describes a hard life as an evacuee, initially with unwelcoming hosts. He moved to live with market gardening relations at Solomon's Lane, Waltham Chase and remembers wartime life there as a child. He stayed there after the War, leaving the market garden to join the RAF; he recalls life in Germany in the 1950's. Returning to Shirrell Heath, he built a bungalow with his savings. After his first wife died, he married his sister-in-law.

1.Availability: MP3 recording or transcript      Recording number: Z2-2010      Catalogue number: BWA030  
Date of recording: 25 March 2022      Duration: 00:55:39      Copyright: not assigned  
3.Availability: MP3 recording or timed summary      Recording number: Z2-2022      Catalogue number: BWA034  
Date of recording: 27 June 2022      Duration: 00:39:37      Copyright: Bob Parsons

### **WILLIAMS, Ann**

Key words: 1950s, 1960s childhood, Shirrell Heath, mother, father, grandparents, education, home, farming, shops, marriage, medical, Swanmore, Bishop's Waltham

Description: Ann Williams was part of the Lilywhite family who have farmed in Shirrell Heath for at least 3 generations. Her father's business in the 1950s to 1970s was market gardening and pig-keeping. As a child, Ann was bookish, but had to work on the land in her spare time, so unsurprisingly she decided against an agricultural career and was "lucky enough not to have been a boy," and expected to inherit the farm.

Availability: MP3 recording or transcript      Recording number: Z2-30024      Catalogue number: BWA065  
Date of recording: 15 May 2023      Duration: 00:59:21      Copyright: WHS, SWS, BWA0HG

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## **Collection 8: Soberton and Newtown Oral Histories, including Meonstoke and Droxford**

### **FRENCH, Ron**

Keywords: 1930S, 1940S, World War 2, childhood, Mislingford, education, Swanmore, Greggs, work, Bishop's Waltham, Austin & Wyatt, British Transport police

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Description: Ron French was born in 1930, son of the chauffeur at Holywell House, Mislingford and he has lived in the area all his life. After a basic education at Swanmore School, he went to Greggs Commercial College in 1945 and then started work at Austin & Wyatt's in Bishop's Waltham as an office boy. In his first interview, he recalls life as a child before and during World War 2. In the second recording he mainly recalls life from 1945 on. He joined the Ordnance Survey and was a cartographer during National Service. He became a Police Constable in Portsmouth and then for British Transport Police, often on duty at Southampton Docks. In 1955 he and his wife moved to their Mislingford house, with few mod cons at the time.

1.Availability: MP3 recording and transcript	Recording number: Z2-1035	Catalogue number: BWA022
Date of recording: 29 November 2021	Duration: 00:57:06	Copyright: S&NLHS
2.Availability: MP3 recording and transcript	Recording number: Z2-2008	Catalogue number: BWA029
Date of recording: 10 March 2022	Duration: 00:58:27	Copyright: S&NLHS

### HUNT, Jean

Key words: childhood, Meonstoke, Coronation, Droxford School, Cowplain Girls' School, social life, The Hurdles dances, jobs

Description: A memorable account of a Meonstoke childhood. Jean started school there and remembers the King's death and Queen's Coronation in 1953 and the wonderful celebration at the time. Moving to Droxford School at 8, and Cowplain Girls at 11, she was overwhelmed by the size and number of children at each school. Jean's father was a Londoner with an older family and strict discipline, who held down a job as a toolmaker at Briggs/Fords until his retirement. Jean enjoyed a "brilliant childhood", free to roam with friends from the green where she lived. Like her contemporaries, she had no option but to leave school at 15. Jean worked a 12 hour day briefly at Woolworths, then landed a job – and left to work - at the Post Office in West Meon. After marriage, she lost her job once she became pregnant.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript	Recording number: Z2/30019	Catalogue no: BWA062
Date of recording: 13 April 2023	Duration: 01:15:25	Copyright: BWAOHG

### SALMON, Jane

Keywords: Coronation, 1953, television

Description: This is a short recording of my memories of the Queen's Coronation in June 1953. It was made when I was attending a preliminary Oral History Day Course. I hadn't prepared anything, I just spoke of what I remembered of the day.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript	Recording number: Z2-1027	Catalogue number: BWA1014
Date of recording: 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Duration: 2 mins 40 secs	Copyright: S&N LHS

### QUINEY, Dorothy

Keywords: Second World War, 1940s childhood, Meonstoke, school, Droxford Youth Club, Case's bakery, 1950s, Saturday dances, White & Co Removals, Prudential Penny Policy, Bishops Waltham, Droxford Rural District Council, Northbrook House, Register Office, Winchester City Council, The Institute, Mrs Gunner, slipper bath, parochial charities, Frank Stubbs & Co, 1960s, Great Pond pollution, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, Bishop's Waltham Parish Council, Chairman, Jubilee Hall, Priory Park, older people, Pop-In, Care Group.

Description: In this lively account, Dorothy Quiney, a well-known Bishop's Waltham Parish Councillor for 30 years, describes community development in the 1970s-90s, as Winchester City Council took over from Droxford Rural District Council. She records important information on the acquisition of

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community assets such as the Jubilee Hall and Priory Park. Dorothy's rural childhood includes memories of wartime Meonstoke. She attended Eggar's Grammar School, Alton as a scholarship girl, then trained as a secretary. Moving to Bishop's Waltham in the early 1950s, she worked first at Frank Stubbs, Auctioneers, then for Droxford Rural District Council, before marrying a local boy in 1956. She was first elected to the Parish Council in 1973, Chair 1986-7 and was a long-term trustee of the Youth Club and The Institute.

Availability: MP3 recording and transcript

Recording number: Z2-0023

Catalogue number: BWA064

Date of recording: 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Duration: 01:36:10

Copyright: BWAOHG/BWMT

### Collection 9: Sound Clips

#### Sound clips used for the Listening Bench

Cat no	Title	Length	Narrators	About
BWC01	The Richards shop	00:02:09	Richard Harvey	Houchin St
BWC02	BW in the 1950s LB 00:02:39		Georgie Busher, John Gent, Sandy Kara, John Edwards, Richard Harvey	BW
BWC03	Vic Kimber- an evacuee's story LB 00:02:36		Read by Oakley Chamberlain	Basingwell St
BWC04	Air Raid Shelters(a) (2 versions) LB; Manor Farm 00:00:40		(b)Brook out, Cole in (May 2022) John Brooke (or) Don Cole, John Linter, Janet Locke, Sylvia Chamberlain, Cameron Floate, Peggy Sorley (read by Jenny Allen)	BW
BWC05	Christmas in the 50s LB; 00:03:44		Paul Hemmings, Bill Tier, Vera Tribbeck, Bill Dowling and Dave Glasspool, Georgie Busher, Barry Nicholson, Ron Upfield, Pauline Thomas	High St
BWC06	Wartime Christmas LB 00:03:10		Mary Hill, Peggy Sorley (read by Jenny Allen), Sylvia and Mike Chamberlain	area
BWC07	Ron Upfield's first job LB 00:04:31		Ron Upfield	High St
BWC08	John Thomas' first job LB 00:02:06		John Thomas	
BWC09	Easter in the 1950s LB 00:04:02		June Edwards, Paul Cordery, Don and Jean Cole, Gerry White	BW

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BWC10	The Police LB 00:04:50	Tony Pond, Paul Cole, Pauline Henderson, John Thomas, Bill Tier, Gerry White	BW
BWC11	Coronation memories (b) (2 versions) LB 00:03:56	(b) Jo Barnett, Tony Pond, Jane Salmon (ed out in (b)), Pauline Henderson, Hazel Roddis and Marion Gough, Mary Leahy	BW
BWC12	Mary Leahy's Curbridge farm house in 1953 LB 00:03:48	Mary Leahy	Curbridge
BWC13	Southwick's WW2 troop cinema and Eisenhower's sleeping caravan LB 00:04:45	Mary Hill	East Meon, Southwick
BWC14	An evacuee from Portsmouth: two experiences LB 00:04:24	Bob Parsons	Wilton and Waltham Chase
BWC15	Claylands bombing LB 00:03.47	Cameron Floate, Elsie Starks, Betty Millier	Claylands
BWC16	Ted Chamberlain's family evacuate from Woolston LB 00:02:44	Ted Chamberlain	Woolston Basingwell Street
BWC17	Wartime Christmas (repeat of no 6) LB 1/12/2020- 00:03:10	Mary Hill, Peggy Sorley (read by Jenny Allen), Sylvia and Mike Chamberlain	Area
BWC18	Christmas edited (repeat of no 11 from HRO selection LB 1/12/2020-) 00:03:56	(TBE)Paul Hemmings, Bill Tier, Vera Tribbeck, Bill Dowling and Dave Glasspool, Georgie Busher, Barry Nicholson, Ron Upfield, Pauline Thomas	Area
BWC19 BWC20	Improving life chances 1 & 2 LB 00:02:05 and 00:02:02	Barry Nicholson	
BWC21	1953 Coronation Memories from Greens close residents (1953) LB -April 2023 00:04:09	Marlene Floyd, Pamela Spinner, Jean Hunt, Ken Downing, Diane Walker, Diane Dowsett, Rita Squire, Gill Stainer and Anonymous	National
BWC22	The Coronation at Meonstoke LB – April 2023 00:02:25	Jean Hunt	Meonstoke
BWC23	Claylands bombing LB – August 2023	Cameron Floate, Elsie Stark, John Brooke, Georgia Floate, Betty Millier	BW

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BWC24	Battle of Britain LB – August 2023 00:04:47	Pete Turner, Cameron Floate, Joan Gamblin, George Perry, Peggy Sorley (read by Jenny Allen), John Gent	Area
BWC25	Wartime Food – rationed LB – October 2023 00:04:15	Jo Barnett, Joan Gamblin, Jean Marriner, Den Marriner, Peggy Sorley (read by Jenny Allen), Val Perry	Area
BWC26	Wartime food – unrationed LB – October 2023 00:03:23	Den Marriner, Jo Barnett, Jean Emery, Pete Turner	Area
	Christmas 2023 repeat of 06 and 11 LB Dec 2023 00:03:10		
BWC27	The Black Market in eggs LB Jan 2023 00:01:30	Joan Gamblin	Swanmore
BWC28	The Black Market at Portchester LB: Jan 2023 00:01:29	Val Perry	Portchester
BWC29	D-Day preps in the Valley LB: Mar 2024 00:03:31	Peggy Sorley read by Jenny Allen, Bruce and Jean Emery, Den and Jean Marriner, David Webb-Carter, Betty Linter, Melva Langford	
BWC30	Pete Turner and the Americans at Hazelholt LB 1 Mar 2024 00:03:29	Pete Turner	
BWC31	The Wild West in Waltham LB 15 Apr 2024 00:03:01	Peggy Sorely read by Jenny Allen	
BWC32	The weekend before: at Droxford siding and strawberries at Curdridge LB 15 April 2024 00:03:19	Anne Horn and Jean Emery	
BWC33	D-Day as it happened LB 15 April 2024 00:03:18	Robert Shields (Admiral Cunningham's voice), Jenny Allen (Peggy Sorley's voice), Jean Emery, John Linter, Bruce Emery, Mike Chamberlain,	BW locality
BWC34	6 June – D-Day LB 22 May 2024 00:03:38	Betty Linter, Cameron Floate, John Gent, Pete Turner, Admiral Cunningham quotation from 'A Sailor's Oddysey' read by Robert Shields	BW locality



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Cat no	Title – Memories of the 1950s Location HRO TOC ex Date Oct-Dec 2022 Length	Narrators	About
BWC001	First impressions of Bishop's Waltham from newcomers 00:03:28	Georgie Busher, John Gent, Sandy Kara, David Reed, Paul Cordery	BW
BWC002	At home 00:03:17	Paul Cole, Chris Gamblin and Stuart Pink; Pauline Thomas; Lynn Thompson; Hazel Roddis and Marion Gough; Pauline Thomas; Barry Nicholson	
BWC003	Life before mains drains and electricity in a Curbridge farmhouse, 1952 00:03:58	Mary Leahy	
BWC004	Out and about 00:03:23	Pat Carpenter; Gill Stainer; Paul Cole, Chris Gamblin and Stuart Pink; Pauline Henderson; Martin Livermore; Judy Marsh; John Edwards	
BWC005	The Police 00:03:19	Tony Pond, Paul Cole, Pauline Henderson, John Thomas, Bill Tier, Gerry White	
BWC006	First job: milkman 00:02:10	John Thomas	
BWC007	First job: apprentice electrician 00:04:05	Ron Upfield	
BWC008	Improving life chances 00:04:02	Barry Nicholson	
BWC009	The High Street 00:04:46	John Brooke, Lynn Thompson, John Edwards, Lynn Thompson, John Thomas, John Edwards, Vera Tribbeck	
BWC010	1950s Christmas 00:03:18	Paul Hemming, Bill Tier, Bill Dowling and Dave Glasspool, Georgie Busher, Barry Nicholson, Vera Tribbeck, Pauline Thomas, Ron Upfield	