

90th Birthday Brief.

L & G. Thank you for your kind wishes.

24 May Empire Day.

Earliest memories. Topsy and the trap.

School days at Bodmin Grammer School.

Left Easter 1940. *RAF TONY 40*

Training complete posted to India early 42.

Aircrew training, back to S. Rhodesia.

To Middle East late 44. *RAF TONY*

First Sqdn. in Italy July 45.

Home Xmas 45.

Yorks as co-pilot, then on to Dakota as 1st pilot. Berlin Air Lift.

Hectic 48-49, coal in pax. out.

RAF engagement finished early 50 came out went farming.

Had married in 46 to Myra who I had known since Xmas 41.

We set up home in Rock with our 2 yr. old daughter Carol.

2nd daughter Vivien born in 52, life was hard but good. Farming squeezed.

Colin and Rosemary arrived in tandem in March 56, smallholding inadequate.

Applied and accepted to rejoin RAF in Oct. 56.

Hastings tour, including Xmas Isle. and long trips.

Whole family went to S'pore for 2 1/2 yrs. and enjoyed it. *59-62*

I was commissioned and joined Brit. force at Lyneham.

Bought house in Wootton Bassett where we lived for 13 yrs.

Me flying at Lyneham and later Brize Norton. *Wootton Bassett*

Children had a decent go at schooling though Carol had suffered most by moves.

Brit. force sold in 76 and I was posted to St. Mawgan as SFSO for final post.

Organised flying programme for 1977 Air Day. Pretty good.

Retired to Ringmore in 78. Had bought Higncroft in 76, only 2 of us now.

Myra already involved with Parish Council and W.I.

I joined REL and later became PAO for 22 yrs.

Elected to P.C. in 84 and served until 96, 7 yrs. as chairman.

Got caravans on a different route to Challaborough.

Shifts at J.E. for 11 yrs. Helped Richard Scully to keep it from closing.

Managed to celebrate the Millennium with trees, seats, notice boards and clock.

Ringmore is a good place to live; when Myra sadly died last year we had spent

36 of our 66 yrs married life here. It has been good to us and I like to

think that we have given something back, though sadly not much lately.

Whichever way I look at it I have been lucky. 5 yrs. in WW2 and the only

people who shot at me were the Royal Navy. Plus a few dodgy aircraft.

I was lucky enough to have married a lady who put up with a lot of hardship and loneliness, and was chiefly responsible for bringing up our four children to be decent citizens. In addition I have 8 grandchildren and to date 6 great grand children - and I've even still got some of my own teeth. Will you please join me in a toast.
"To the health and prosperity of Ringmore"

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h. g. C. Thank you for your good notes.

24 May En. Hope Disp.

24 May Enfield Dep.
Enfield memory. Taking notes & things.

School Day n^o 1 Berlin, G.S.

Left Encls. 1940 with Photo. Sec. Certif. 44.

No need to accept what we see. 18 cont. of.

Sealed RIF July 1940 as experiment at Rosh. Noble in shelter.

Nichte in Sketche.

Completed training posted to Gurdon in early 42.

Boat Quay & Cantonment. April 2nd 1870.

Back to C. Rhodes for the full training.

On completion to N.E. for electrical bonding
4 Henry conversion.

Wochen Apr. in, Fokly in July 185.

Came home Xmas Eve.

Мурд и Омариди Архив. ак Радмет-Басе
Овент-девену.

Did a tour from 1945, as co-field. Then posted
as Captain in 1st Cavalry in 1946
in Berlin Air Post. 48-49 2nd Lt to Berlin.
Q 3 1/2 ton coal in a open box. back to, 000
equality sat.

RFF engagement - limited & decided to export.
life. no further work seized from long. garden &
bought a small holding but found it too much
for him & offered it to me.

Hyder & I set up home in Rich with our eldest-Cast
born in 185. But second child which was
born in 52 & life was hard but good. But
farming was getting squeezed, prices for wool
dropping & sheep was just as poor for food stuffs
when C. W. Rosemary arrived in a joint
package in 56, there was no way we could

make it living.

I applied to join the RAF, & in Oct. 56 went
back flying. Did a

did a tour in Hastings as in 1956 which
included a detour to Lomas Island for new posts,
a many overseas trips.

The wife finally did a 1st class tour of 1956
which we thoroughly enjoyed.

Back in UK I was commissioned & joined
the Britannia Sqdn. at Ripon.

I stayed with the Brit. force for the next
14 years going from one base to the next &
ending at Brize Norton with them.

We bought a place in Watton Bassett where
we lived for 10 years & the children had a
great go at education, which I think the others
had suffered the most with changing schools.

The Brit. force was sold off in 1976 & I did
my final tour at St. Mungton as S.F.S.O. One
of my most interesting jobs was to organise
the flying for the St. Mungton Air Base in 1977.
It was pretty good.

Meanwhile we had sold our house in W.B. &
downsized to Highcroft in 76, because there
were only the two of us now.

I retired in '78 & my wife was already retired
in P.C. a H.I. busman in Hingham.

I joined the local P.B.L. & later took the P.A.O.
which I did for the next 10 years.

I was elected to the P.C. in 84 & served to
up serving as Chairman for 7 years. One of my
claims to fame was getting another vote for
extension to Chalfont, because they were
knocking some of the village down.

Shifts at N.E. for 11 years.

Reluctantly pleased to help Richard Latty
keep it open when the license debanded
to Boston.

I had a go at the Millennium because I
thought it ought to be celebrated & with
some willing help we have left a few
little marks, in particular the church clock
because there are so many difficulties, and very
fervent.

Remember good friend. when Nelly and I died last
year we had spent 36 of our 60 year married life
in the village. It has been good to us, & I
like to think that we have given something
back, though I admit to falling by the
wayside and. Sally.

Which does say I think I have been the best
5 ft. 10 in 2nd W. only that from N.E.
Haven some stories in the air.

Noticed a lady who had a lot of
kindness & confidence, & was chiefly
responsible for bringing up a few children
to be decent citizens.

I have four children, eight grandchildren,
& to date six great-grandchildren — & I
still have some of my own left.

Please join me in interest.

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