

# Know your Neighbour

Guy and Myra Eddy live at Highcroft, a bungalow and is the last but one house along the cliff path towards Toby's Point.

Guy was born in Wadebridge, Cornwall and Myra was born in Plymouth, but on the death of her grandfather, the family moved to Wadebridge. Myra met Guy at the Saturday Night Hop one Christmas Eve in 1941—Guy was on leave from the RAF and went along to the dance. The Eddy family always held a dance on Boxing Day in the aid of the Red Cross and so it was at that dance that they got to know each other better and Guy asked Myra if she would write to him when he returned to duty—Myra said yes, however, they weren't to see each other again for 3½ years. Guy was posted to India, whilst he was there he kept volunteering for flying duties and in 1943 his wish was granted and he was transferred to Rhodesia, where he was taught to fly. He learnt to fly Tiger Moths,



Oxfords and Wellingtons and gained his wings in 1944. He then joined a squadron in Italy.

During this time, Myra remained in Wadebridge and worked during the day as a secretary, but also was a messenger for both the Red Cross and the St Johns Ambulance. She continued to correspond with Guy, except for a short time when Guy had called it off, but he soon realised that he had made a mistake and missed Myra's letters. It was in one of these letters that he asked if Myra if she would become engaged. Fortunately for Guy, she said yes and on his next leave home, which was when Myra turned 21 (a celebration that Guy only just made it to) they got engaged—in fact Guy bought both the engagement and wedding rings before being posted back to the Middle East.

On the 6th April 1946. Guy and Myra married— Guy was 22 and Myra was 21. The story might have ended at this point and they would never have become residents of Ringmore if fate had not smiled on them. The day before they were married Guy had bought a car for them to go on honeymoon, A two seater, Austin 7(1929). They set off to cross on the King Harry ferry and going down the hill to the ferry, Guy was driving rather fast, Myra was concerned but Guy insisted there was nothing to worry about. They hurtled down the hill, over the ramp and shot straight onto the ferry very nearly shooting off the other end into the water, The ferryman turned to them and said there was no need for them to drive quite so fast—he would have waited for them. It was at this point Guy decided to reveal his brakes had failed.

After they were married, Myra stayed in Wadebridge, Guy was posted to Cambridge. Their children, Carol was born in 1948, Vivien in 1952 and the twins in 1956. Guy's father had sold the farm and bought a small holding at Rock, he gave them a piece of land on which they built a bungalow. Guy came out of the RAF in 1950 and took over running the small holding with poultry and cows. It was hard work and when Guy heard the RAF were considering taking back personnel, he wrote to them a offered his services. He rejoined the RAF in 1956 and was posted to a station near Bath. In 1959 the family all moved to Singapore for nearly 3 years—a move that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. On their return Guy was posted to RAF Lynham and Brize Norton were he started to fly and captain Britannia's. He eventually ended up at RAF St Mawgan and had responsibility for organising one of their famous Air Days.

During the last few years in the RAF, Guy along with Myra had been looking around for somewhere to live when Guy retired. They had visited Bridport on numerous occasions, but decided to look further down the coast toward the South Hams They stayed in Kingsbridge and Frogmore but eventually found a bungalow with planning approval in Ringmore. So in 1978, Guy retired at the age of 55 and they moved into Ringmore. Myra joined the WI, where she has been chairwoman and was the treasurer for over 20 years. Guy and Myra started the produce stall at the WI fete and have continued to do it for 25 years. They have both served on the Parish council, with Guy being chairman for 7 years and whilst chairman was instrumental in getting a new road built to carry the caravans down to Challaborough via Bigbury village avoiding Ringmore.,

In the 1980's, with the Cold War, parishes were invited by the Devon council to set up an emergency plan in the case of a nuclear attack. Guy and Myra were both on the committee that organised the plan and ran regular events feeding the village with food made in an old Soyer Boiler, the boiler was eventually given to the Modbury Scouts. Guy was in charge of the Millennium Appeal which saw the church have a clock installed on the tower face and 1500 trees planted around Ringmore. He has also ran the British Legion Poppy Appeal, only retiring from this recently after 22 years at the helm.

Both Guy and Myra take things a little more easily these days, but find time to enjoy the odd drink or two or even three at the JE. Myra is still a member of the WI and Guy of the British Legion but tend to leave the organisation of things to others.