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Photos from St John's School



Top: The Rock Steady Gig

Middle: Mary Poppins

Bottom (L to R): Starlings & Kingfishers Class Performances

Holy Boundaries?

August is often a time when things slow down a little. Some of you will be heading off on holiday, others might enjoy a few slower mornings, or simply that delicious moment when the school shoes are put away and you know you're not going to be asked for a costume for a school play - at least for a while.

At church, meetings pause, Sunday Club and choir practices take a break, and the usual rhythm settles into more of a gentle background hum. In theory, that means I should slow down too. I like the idea... I think about it a lot... but I'm not terribly good at it.

Being a vicar comes with huge flexibility. We work six days a week, but no one tells me when to start or stop. I can walk the dog at 4pm before an evening meeting, meet someone for breakfast at 7am, or visit someone in Lister Hospital on a Sunday evening when there's no need to park on 'level 105' of the multi-storey. But with that flexibility can come a lack of boundaries. It's easy to stay 'on' all the time - always checking messages, always thinking about the next thing.



And that's not just a clergy problem. Lots of us live like that in 2025 - always reachable, always rushing, always doing.

Jesus did many things - he healed, taught, prayed, and challenged the rulers of the day - but he also had boundaries. He said no. He stepped away. He rested. He made space to spend time with God. He knew that to love well, you sometimes have to stop. And whether faith is central to your life or something you're still figuring out, we all need space to feel grounded - in God, in ourselves, and in what matters most.

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Cover Photo: This is very much the holiday season and we're likely thinking about our favourite holidays from beach to intellectual, or just winding down

Vicar's Message - *continued*

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So this summer, I'm trying to follow his lead - setting clearer boundaries around when I'm 'on', and allowing more room for rest, reflection and joy. Hopefully, I'll even create some healthy habits that I can carry into September and beyond!

Maybe August might offer you a little space to do the same - whether

it's a work boundary, a family one, or simply letting go of something that drains you. Boundaries aren't barriers. They're what allow life - and faith - to flourish.

Let me know how you get on - I may just take a bit longer than usual to reply!

With love,
Kathryn

River of (woollen) Poppies - Can you help?

Marion and Doreen are making 'River of Poppies' for Remembrance Sunday and would love some help.

If you're willing and able to crochet or knit one or more small poppies then please contact Doreen—email d.wright24@ntlworld.com or contact Marion on 07724 996816. They can supply the wool and patterns, however if you have any 'poppy red' wool you can donate, then that would be great too.

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90th Birthday Congratulations to Barbara Taylor

Many congratulations to Barbara Taylor who was Ninety in April. Barbara has been a vital member of our Church over many years, including a spell as Churchwarden, and keeper of records concerning the Graveyard. We all owe her a great deal.

Summer Holidays and the 'New Term'

You'll see from the cover that this is definitely a Summer Holiday edition of the magazine. As Rev Kathryn mentions in her article things are a bit quieter in the church - No Sunday Club until September and also no Thursday School Collective Service or Morning Prayer. But we're back with a bang with our 'New Term' BBQ on Sunday 7th Sept - starting around 12pm - hope to see you there.

15th August - 80 years since VJ Day

See Andy Chapman's amazing article about Lemsford during WW2 (starts on page 15).

Clock Appeal

In the last edition we published an appeal article for the church clock mechanism repair. The total required for the repair is £3270. So far we have raised £203, which is 6.2% of our target. Please do take a look at

the excellent article in the last (June/July) magazine, in case you missed it. If however you'd simply like to donate to keep it ticking (especially as we have recently fixed the chimes), then please use the QR code, or click this link: <https://givealittle.co/c/1UMQQJkDPzwtvOj2duF4gW>





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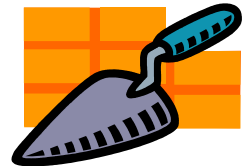
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Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust Bike 'n Hike



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The annual Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust Bike 'n Hike will take place this year on **Saturday 13th September**.

This year we are planning to repeat the hybrid event we did last year, which allows for participation by both cyclists and walkers. We are planning to cycle from Lemsford to Hertingfordbury church, then walk to Hertford to visit all the churches there and walk back to Hertingfordbury before cycling back to Lemsford. Participants are welcome to do all of the above or, if preferred, just the walk from Hertingfordbury to Hertford and back, which we can do as a group. If you are free and would like to take part please contact Kevin and Lucy Earl at kevinearl670@btinternet.com, or 01707 390497. A sponsor form for "Team Lemsford" will appear at the back of the church during August in case you are able to sponsor us. There will also be an opportunity to sponsor us via the card machine at the back of the church and via the QR code. Half of the money raised comes back to St John's and the rest supports the work of the charity.

Many thanks

Kevin Earl



Services

August 2025

3rd The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

8 am MP (BCP) 11 am HC

10th The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8 am HC (BCP) 11 am All Together Service*
with Baptism

17th The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

8 am HC (BCP) 11 am Reflective Worship

24th The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

8 am HC (BCP) 11 am HC

31st The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8 am HC (BCP) 11 am Matins

September 2025

7th The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8 am MP (BCP) 11 am 'All Together' HC*
followed by New Term BBQ*

14th The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

8 am HC (BCP) 11 am HC with Sunday Club

21st The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

8 am HC (BCP) 11 am Reflective Worship
3pm St Johns's@3: Autumn Wild
Worship Adventure*

28th The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

8 am HC (BCP) 11 am HC

** Children are welcome at all our services, but these services and events are especially suitable for families and children (as well as people of all other ages!)*

HC Holy Communion; MP Morning Prayer (Matins); BCP Book of Common Prayer; NB Kathryn's day off is Friday each week

More News and People



Peregrine Falcons Update

Following up last month's Nature Notes, the three Falcon chicks have now flown their nest on St Albans Abbey.

Barry Trevis sent us this picture of them shortly after he had ringed them on 30th June.

Introducing... St John's@3

A creative, interactive, family-friendly gathering for all ages

We're excited to share that our informal afternoon gatherings - which take place at key moments through the year - are getting a fresh new look and time! From September, "**Connect@4**" becomes "**St John's@3**".

We've listened to feedback from families who've said that **3pm feels more relaxed** - especially for little ones who are tired and ready for tea by late afternoon. We also felt that *St John's@3* has a gentler, more inclusive tone that reflects the welcome we want to offer to all.



Our first gathering will be:

St John's@3: Autumn Wild Worship Adventure

Saturday 21st September at 3pm

Meeting outside the Annexe

Expect a joyful, all-age celebration with story, songs, prayer and hands-on fun — all in the beauty of the outdoors.

Wrap up warm, wear shoes you don't mind getting muddy, and bring your sense of adventure! Everyone's welcome, whatever your age or stage.



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During the 11am service on

14th September

12th October

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14th December



Children and Young People at St John's *by Jo Brooks*

Term has ended, children, teachers and staff are off on their holidays; the classrooms are quiet, the corridors empty, and the playground peaceful. Perhaps the birds, squirrels and other small creatures will reclaim the space for a few weeks, enjoying the calm before the joyful bustle returns in September.



At church too, things slow down during August; we're still here, Sunday by Sunday, but Collective Worship and Sunday Club take a break, a rest from the term time busy-ness. Rest is a big thing. The Bible talks about it a lot! The book of Genesis tells us that God rested on the seventh day after all his work of creation. He looked at what he had made and said, 'it's good'. And then he rested. Jesus too regularly took time out from the demands of his earthly ministry: he went out in boats, climbed mountains, found a quiet place, alone or with his friends, to spend time with his Father, to renew and recharge.

We need our rest just as Jesus did – in Matthew's gospel Jesus says, "Are you tired, worn out?" Of course we are! Life is busy, there is so much to do, so many responsibilities. "Come to me" he says, "Come away with me and I will give you real rest, for your souls". He doesn't want us to be weary and worried, he wants us to give him what we're carrying, to put our hand in his, to walk with him through working days or holidays, and to rest. Whether you are holidaying or not this summer, away or at home, I hope that you can find time for rest.

All-Together Worship, continues during the summer on **Sunday 10th August** including baptisms

Then after the summer rest, we'll all gather again in September:

Thursday 4th September – "Welcome Back!" Coffee Morning at school, hosted by church for parents joining or returning to St John's School, 8.40am

Sunday 7th September – All-Together Worship at St John's at 11am followed by 'New Term' BBQ (all welcome)

Sunday 14th September – Sunday Club returns during our 11am service

For more information: revkathrynalford@gmail.com or joholifield@gmail.com



Top: St John's Governors' Treat Afternoon at Brocket Hall
Bottom: St John's Ukelele Performers

As I write this, we are nearly at the end of the school year, a year that has been busy, successful, challenging and enjoyable. In school we count the weeks in each term, marking the changing seasons and the church's calendar as well as the topics, projects, performances, sporting competitions and so much more that structure the school year. Here are a few of our recent highlights;

This last week we enjoyed performances of Mary Poppins given by the children of Kingfishers and Sandpipers classes [see inside front cover]. Their story telling was gripping as they entertained us with their singing and their acting. The whole show was full of fantastic singing, acting and dancing. We were so proud of every child who took part.

We had a fantastic Sports Day, the sun shone and the school field was full of children and their families enjoying the competitive atmosphere! The children took part in a carousel of activities in their house teams and were supported by Sports Leaders from Stanborough School. The event ended with races including the traditional toddler race, parent race and slowest cycling! It was a lot of fun!

Sandpipers took part in an activity week which included a residential trip to a centre in Shropshire. They



participated in lots of activities and, as always, represented the school beautifully with their impeccable behaviour. One of the highlights was the children sitting around the campfire breaking into song - Brother, Sister let me serve you!

Robins class (our reception children) enjoyed a trip to the Campus West theatre where they watched a performance of 'Aliens love underpants!'

This time of year gives us an opportunity to reflect as well as to prepare. We are looking forward to welcoming our new group of reception children in September. They have spent a morning with us and our staff have visited them in their homes and nursery settings. In preparing for the journey through our school that our newest children will make, we can also reflect with those

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children who are about to complete that journey, our year 6, as they prepare to move onto secondary school. They are a great group of children, each one unique and special. We have appreciated their brilliant contribution to life at St John's. Our school vision is based, as you know, on John 10:10 'I

came that they may have life, life in all its fullness.' We wish them all the very best in their future and pray that it is indeed a life of fullness; fullness of opportunity, hope and love.

Best wishes,

Michelle Boylan (Head)

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This Parish Magazine will be available in August 2025 and on August 15 we celebrate 80 years since VJ Day, or Victory over Japan Day. This marked the end of World War II, one of the deadliest and most destructive wars in history. When President Harry S. Truman announced that Japan had surrendered unconditionally, war-weary citizens around the world erupted in celebration including the community of Lemsford Parish.

The Lemsford Local History Group has many illustrations of life in Lemsford Parish in WW2. The four men and one woman who gave their lives in the Second World War, a POW camp, the landlords of our local pubs, St John's Church and School, a maternity hospital in the parish and memories of the community that lived through five years of war.

Let's start with the hub of the parish, St John's Church. Unlike WW1 we have very little information on how the Church responded to five years of war. The vicars who served the community were Rev.N.A.Lash (1935 - 1944) and Rev. R.R.P.Rigby (1944 - 1949). St John's School was also a focal point in getting the community through the war years. Our first article is from David Roden (**Just a heads-up:** This article includes some (very) outdated language and attitudes when describing a girls' toilet incident. Be warned!)

'In 1939, the school numbers suddenly rose from 83 to 144, a result of many children being 'evacuated' from London at the beginning of the Second World War. During the War, the school acted as a centre for various money-raising efforts. In 1942, £3,265 was raised for Warship Week; Wings for Victory Week in 1943 resulted in £3,375, of which the school raised £310; Salute the Soldier Week in 1944 raised £1,410, the school contributed £166.

In 1945, the school was reorganised as a Junior and Infants' School as part of the implementation of the 1944 Education Act, and the older pupils were transferred to St. Mary's School, Welwyn. The school was a large room with a dividing wooden screen between the Infant classroom and the Junior classroom. There was a connecting door through the screen. At the side of the Junior classroom there was a third classroom built between the school and the school house and accessed by a door from the Junior classroom. In the third classroom there was the rope to ring the bell atop the bell tower and from time to

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time a pupil who had been good was allowed to pull the rope although mostly a hand bell was used. At the road end of the main building there was a small cloakroom from which the Juniors room was accessed. Heating for each classroom was in the form of a cast iron stove - fuelled by coal. They certainly put out a lot of heat but it was poorly distributed around the room and pupils nearby were roasted whilst those further away were cold. In winter the daily milk deliveries had frozen outside the porch by the school gate and the crates had to be placed by the stoves to thaw out. The school toilets were in a separate brick building at the East end of the main building with the girls section accessed via a playground reserved for only girls and infants. The boys had a urinal outside the main toilet block at the Eastern edge of the boundary. It was exposed to the elements and consisted of a simple half-round gulley sloping to a soak away at one end. Privacy consisted of a 5 foot high brick wall [whitewashed] between the user and the garden next door. A 'right of passage' was to pee over the top of the wall into the garden of the cottage on the other side. The main toilet block had two bucket closets and the seats were just planks of wood with a hole to take the waste. There was a pair of similar closets on the other side of a dividing wall but that wall only reached down to the seat level and it was possible for the boys to reach through beneath the planks and tickle the bottom of any girl occupying the adjacent compartment [nasty if the tickling stick was a nettle]. The school cook was Mrs Newsome and she with a helper prepared all the meals. V.E. Day was at last celebrated by a holiday on the 8th, and 9th. May, 1945.'

We also have a wonderful article from Kath Atkinson. Kath is the granddaughter of Frederick Samuel Sharp, headmaster of Lemsford school during the war. He was Headmaster from 1936 to 1946.

'His daughter (my mum) is now in her late 80s and can still clearly remember her childhood at the school. One of the things she has told me was that an Italian POW, called Lorenzo, from a nearby camp was allowed to have Sunday lunch with the headmaster's family from time to time. He had at least one Christmas lunch with them. He was a doctor in civilian life and made her a little toy for one of his visits. Apparently the vicar also hosted a POW for lunch. Sounds like the

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village had a very big heart. Her young age (born in 1933) may account for the fear of Germans. She had never seen one and only heard bad things so imagined them to be very scary people. One apparently parachuted down and got entangled in bush/trees in a neighbouring field. He was very young (20ish) but she was scared by the thought that a German had been so close. She doesn't know what happened to him. On her birthday (27 July, year unknown), there was a bit of a dogfight overhead and she got ushered inside from her birthday party in the garden. On another occasion a plane decided to machine gun the cows in a nearby field. On the subject of the school, the produce from the garden was used for school meals. The Sharps also consumed some of the fruit. Mr Sharp taught gardening. He was a keen gardener but he acquired additional qualifications in horticulture in order to teach techniques such as grafting etc. I presume others have recounted the smell of presumably glue from the aircraft factory nearby?'

Kath mentions POW camp and 'aircraft factory nearby'. Both are important to understand what life was like in Lemsford during the war.

The POW camp between Green Lanes and Sheriff Farm Drive on the Marford Road between 1939 until 1945 housed prisoners of war. The camp consisted of many wooden buildings near to the Marford Road with a main entrance between Green Lanes and Sheriff Farm drive. Behind the huts was a concrete building sunk into the ground which was soldiers' accommodation and administration. The camp was surrounded by a high barbed wire fence. In the early days of the war it held German prisoners of war. Later in the war the camp held Italian P.O.Ws who did not have guards and, according to several people I have spoken to, went around the area doing jobs. During this period, it was described as a 'Holding Camp'. The camp was demolished in the early 60's and several of the huts were used by local farmers. Looking through the archives I have found personal stories about the camp, the first from the memories of Arthur 'Pop' Freeman who lived in Bury Cottages, Stanborough.

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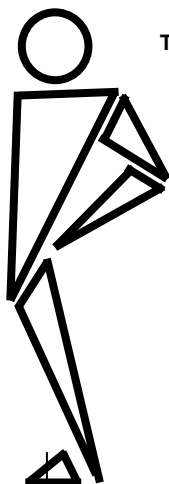


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'Arthur had two children June and Richard, June must have caused some controversy when just after the war courted and married Ivan Lust a German sailor, who was a POW from the camp near Lemsford Church. Ivan was one of the few survivors of the Bismarck and after a frosty start with Art and a shot gun, he went on to be the "best son-in-law a man could want". June and Ivan became close associates with Lord Mountbatten of Burma through the North Atlantic Star Association.'

The second report is from the late Rex Tait.

'The POW camps cookhouse ran parallel to the fence. Wartime kids would whistle to the Italian prisoner cooks and cadge cooked potatoes. Rex can remember as a young lad on his paper round on morning seeing a group from 12th SS Hitler Jugend alight at WGC station who became inmates of the Lemsford camp. Rex also recalls an Italian prisoner who worked in Cochrane coal yard until 1944 with Peter Cochrane. This is confirmed by an article written by Peter Cochrane in November 2002. He writes 'I started my career as a coal loader in the family business. This menial job did have its compensations though, I met some memorable characters. Many of them Italian prisoners of war such as Carmelo Grasso of Catania, Sicily.'

'The Nearby Aircraft factory' Kath mentions is De Havilland in Hatfield. For younger readers, the main entrance gate house is now KFC, opposite the Galleria. For Lemsford Parish this caused major problems. The problem was the Germans needed to destroy aircraft manufacture and sent bombers to drop on De Havillands. If they failed to find the factory they got rid of the bombs in local field before returning home. Below is a report by founding member of LLHG, Shirley Cochrane.

'The records show that bombs were dropped in and around Cromer Hyde during WWII. The reason for this was the Aircraft Factory in Hatfield known as De Havillands. The Germans sent bomber raids to destroy and disrupt essential war work. They did cause disruption in 1940 on 3rd October, when the sheet metal shop was destroyed with the loss of 18 and 33 injured. This followed a miss on the factory 5 days before, when on September 29th 1940, several high explosives

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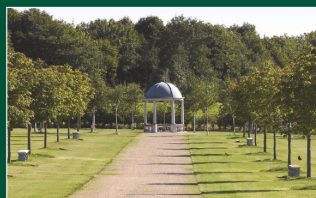
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and 2 unexploded bombs fell on Cromer Hyde between the Avenue and Archers pig farm. The next recording of bombs was January 1941 when 5 HE and incendiaries fell. In 1944 on July 25th. A V1 cruise missile hit the Chalkdell area causing damage to Cromer Hyde Farm. If you go past the farm on the bridle path towards Chalkdell farm on your right you can see a large hole filled with trees and 200 metres in circumference, this is the spot the V1 hit.'

We also have a wonderful map of Cromer Hyde in 1945 by Trevor Roberts which informs us that bread and groceries were delivered from Coulson's, Old Welwyn, Paraffin from Stanborough Garage and Accumulators (Batteries) were recharged at Stanborough for Radios. Note, no electricity or gas in Cromer Hyde.

The bombing of De Havillands reminded me of some great afternoons in the Long & Short with the late, great Brian Smith (Smithy). He told me many a story about the past. He was born in the L&S in 1942. His Dad, Lou, was landlord of The Long and Short during the war. The L&S was one of four pubs in the Parish. Chequers (Crooked Chimney), Ernest Brown, The Sun Inn was the home of the Halseys until the late 1940s and Mrs Eleanor Cliffe was licensee of the Waggoners.

Smithy's Dad was also an electrician and worked for second Lord Brocket, Arthur Ronald Nall-Cain rewiring Brocket Hall. Smithy claimed spotlights were shone on the lake to help the bombers find De Havillands. He also claimed he was shown a photo of Hitler's henchman, Herman Goering, drinking outside the Crooked Chimney. These tales could have been true as Lord Brocket entertained German supporters and was a close friend of Ribbentrop as the Foreign Office used him to convey British concerns to Germany. He urged a settlement with Germany and arranged contact between Foreign Office and Goering, but German demands were unacceptable. When I used to be the speaker at the Brocket Babies Lunch, I was told one of the bedrooms used to be named the Goering room. I have seen articles claiming the room was named Ribbentrop after Von Ribbentrop, Minister of Foreign Affairs, a personal friend of Lord Brocket who was so enamoured with Nazi Germany he attended Hitler's 50th Birthday party. Brocket was interned during the war.

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My latest half-yearly water bill was a pleasant surprise: it was much lower than the previous one and the accompanying analysis said that our usage was a quarter of similar houses. My guess it is that whoever read the water meter under our front hedge six months ago made a slip and entered too high a figure. Even so taking the year as a whole we still use only half the number of cubic metres of an equivalent house.



This is not an accident. We take no baths but instead shower daily. We use a bucket to collect the cold water which comes out before the hot and use this to flush the loo.

We have a busy garden with flowers in pots as well as a vegetable plot but five water butts mean we do not often have to use a hosepipe. And with our lawn having been left to its own devices we never have to water it.

Apparently one of the best ways to help wildlife in our gardens is to install a pond. Years ago I laboriously dug one out and it has been a source of pleasure ever since, particularly when the frogs arrive in Spring. It is fed by a diverter from the down pipe off our roof, so rarely needs topping up.

Jo Brooks, who runs our junior church and works for WaterAid, must take some credit as she has drilled into us the importance of saving water. The east of England is getting drier and with an increased population supplies are tightening. Local rivers are suffering from over-extraction which is particularly damaging to the wildlife that depends on them.

Years ago, when we took up the water company's offer of free installation of a meter, our bills were immediately reduced by three-quarters; previously they had been calculated on our Council Tax Band. It is great to save money, without too much effort, and yet feel smug that we are doing our bit to help the environment.

All Geoffrey's Nature Notes are at geoffreyhollis.com/nature-notes

A Prayer for Israel

Isaiah 26:3 - "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you."

We trust in Your promise of peace and ask that it be realized in Israel.

And finally as old as the Ark.



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During WW2 (1939) they turned Brocket Hall over to the War Office and it was used as a maternity hospital. Over 8000 babies were born (the exact figure shows 8338). These babies are now called the Brocket Babies and have a website dedicated to them. This was due to the bombing in London and damage to the London City Road Maternity Hospital.

The Williams family move into Mill House, Lemsford in 1943, they were from Cheshire. Edmond Williams was a research chemist doing top secret work for ICI and the government on the development of polythene. A full report in the next Parish Magazine.

As someone whose Mum was 14 at the start of WW2 and lived near the London City Road Maternity Hospital, which was close to the docks and suffered the blitz, and a dad who joined the RAF in 1939, I know the sacrifice this generation made and like WW1 we should never forget them. Many joined up from Lemsford Parish and the Parish Memorial remembers those who gave their lives in WW2:

RICHARD C. ALDERSON. CDSM. CDS.

ARTHUR J. EAGLES. R.A.

ERNEST L. FLITNEY. Beds & Herts.

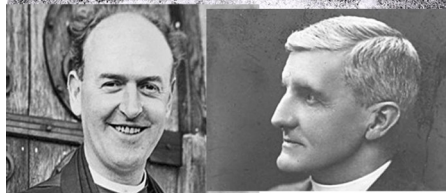
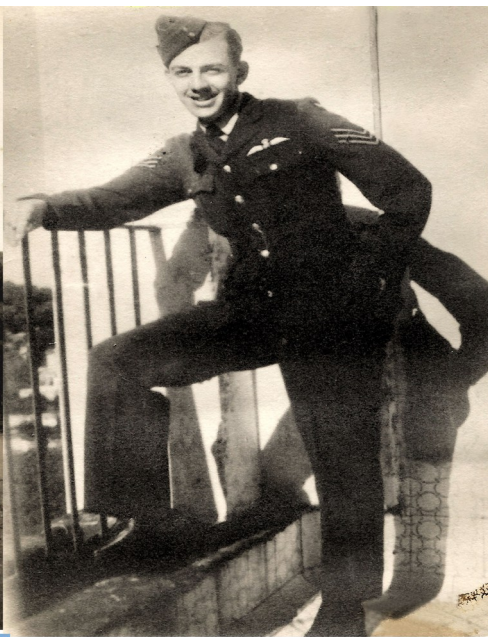
DORIS M. FLITNEY. W.A.A.F.

ALFRED A. WILLIAMS. R.A.M.C

The Then and Now on the inside back cover [opposite - Ed] shows the Then - Bernard Smith as a small boy outside Long and Short in the 1920s showing number 2 Lemsford on the road out towards the A1. Now shows Bernard in WW2 serving his country. The following images L to R going down the page are a POW hut on Brays Farm. St John's school class in the old hall in 1941. Land girls at one of the farms in the area, possibly Stanboroughbury , Brays, Chicken farm (opposite the Church), Hanside or my choice, Stanborough Farm (where the lakes are today). The opening of St John's school canteen by Lord and Lady Brocket in 1941. Rev. R.R.P.Rigby (1944 - 1949) Rev.N.A. Lash (1935 - 1944).

The Lemsford Local History Group is happy to share its archive and research with the community and provides walks and talks to groups for more information contact us on info@lemsfordhistory.co.uk. The same email address is available if you want to share memories.

Then and Now: Lemsford and the Second World War



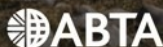
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