

I was Born in Hyunige in 1930. what is Hayfield. Stoves now. My Father had the Garage of which Charles has Built the new Houses on now (in the 1920s). My Gran-mother had me from 10 weeks old, I lived with her and Gran-dad Matthews in Hyunige Paper-shop which they owned until I was five, then I remember walking across the fields with Gran-dad and my pet cat to join Gran-ma at Tudor-Cottage. Etchingwell which she had bought. Mother + Father had Rumbolds build the Bungalow which was "Ridge hodge" now Cherry Tree Cottage owned by Miss Westfold next to Village Hall Rumbold Brothers Charlie + Frank used to have the Breeze Block works at Westfield lane. Frank was married to my Auntie Win (nee Hunt) then he married Hogbens girl ^{from} from Water-cross farm.

My Gran soon opened a Tea Room during the war. Known as "Tudor Cafe" to all the D-Day Boys and Spitfire pilots from Hawkinge airfield. Gran let Mother open a shop to ~~left~~ ^{Right} of front-door while the Cafe was the other side, it was the first shop after the Ark Shop, which was also the Guest Shop and Pub, then Slaughter-House where they used to kill the Beef + hang it round the walls on big Hooks which are still there today, also the Big pulley wheel is still in the Ceiling at NO 1 ARK Cottage.

The Village was only the Old Houses then until Rumbold got Building, the Roads were like cart tracks only.

In 1934 my father Alf Matthews took over. Ecting Hill
Nurse. Teddies heas Road.

The Village Consisted of Rock, Brick, Chapper-Board
"Rock Cottage" which I have lived in since March 14th 1956
Believed to be 1634 is the only Cottage all Rock, which
was the farm house going back some years.

"Tudor Cottage" is Rock Based and then all Brick, I've
heard say it was the Stable, then there's "Joy
Cottage" which belongs to the "Spikes" as called
St Mary's Hospital + the Piggery used to be
where they built Jobsford House, The Hospital
had their own supply of pig meat, and there's
many a time I've watched + helped old "Alf"
mixing the swill after collection from wards!!

"Alf" used to push a big old wooden wheel barrow
out-through the little wooden Gate opposite "Joy
Cottage" the sheds where he mixed ^{the} swill was behind
that was a lovely smell!!! I might say!!

St Marys used to grow all their own Veg. helped
by In-mates, with Mr Dick Wells in charge,
"Dick Wells" used to live in "Joy Cottage" well
known cricketer of village, when Dick retired
Joe Taylor took over doing the garden's but
they no longer grew Veg.

Opposite Rock Cottage which then housed Miss
Palmer + Miss Bromley her house-keeper. was the
village Queen with a well and 4 Cottages hardly
old places (sad the council pulled them down to make
way for Up-Street now.)

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The Inside Cottage with over-hang Jolly was in the 1300 with lattice windows, Right next door was the lovely old Barn, which was burned to the ground by Vincent Hushes with a Box of matches. He was the gran-son of Mrs Charlie Jacobs of No 14 Ark Cottages. The Auntie of Ted Jacobs who lives in Up-street Flats now.

Going back to Rock Cottages now (2.) next door was Miss Wood + Miss Golden. The Cottage used to belong to The Jones's, Charles + Stephen Vincent of "Pound Lane" Newington. also he owned the ~~two~~ old Cottages opposite and "Coombe Lane" Cottages which had the Gaddets and Bob Cullen Family. Bob used to collect the Rents for Vincent's

The New old people's Flats were built on ~~an~~ Village Pond. where our Pigs used to walk from Nursery and Gulp in water.

The Waddingtons owned the Petrol pumps there, they came from the Walth and had the Cottage built there which is called "little Orchard". Opposite in the Bungalow old Charlie Birch used to live, they say it was a Coal-Bunker in world war 1.

The Nook. Next to New Inn. was the Home of the Miss Shellingford "Winnie" + ~~her~~, Winnie used to take sewing classes for Village kids in the Village Hall which was donated by the Riddens family who used to own "Ridge Hill"

The white Clapnet-Bored Cottage known as ^{Hobgobens} (S)
"Water Cress Farm" was owned by the ~~Smiths~~ it
had a water mill on side, with Nail Bar stream
nearly touching the cottage sides. Old man Ryden
(who used to own Ridge Hill)
used to "dive" around village in Pony & trap.

Mexican House which stands on Small
Cross-road at top of Teddies heas, now known
as Teddies heas House was owned by the
Pushs. and was a Buns Hospital during
war for Bowed Air-man. Johnny Banks
another fine ~~gentleman~~ who used to Race Pigeons
with my father. Had the house built which
Mr P. Tavy lives in called "Green-hoaming".
During the war father's + Johnny's pigeons
were used for carrying messages. Mr Bunn
that used to have humpy Post office, was
in charge of the Birds, as he was the Air force
side of it.

The white pebbled dashed Bungalow built
by Rumbold called "Raylands" opposite
Rock Cottage was used as a fish + chip shop.
owned by the "Nisbets" - Paul Baker of humpy was +
married the daughter of Roy Nisbets

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Down the lane ~~at~~ the Back of Alameda.
another Rumbold House, where Aunt Anna
Rumbold lived was an Army Hospital
Dug in under the Bank which the Army
in village used for ~~Red Cross Center~~ ^{Red Cross Center}, The New Houses
called Fry close are now built on top of
Army Hospital, As the Residents say; when they dig
their gardens they find all sorts of medicine
Bottles.

During the War we had 2 Big Gun in-
placements. One in the corner of Conner-way
which was just an open field then, and one
Behind the Bungalow "Little Patch" which
now houses Creelock's Grand-daughter
Daphne Roberts + Pete Roberts.

The Old Wood-Barn which was converted
into a lovely Cottage at Back of Ridge Hall
Stables. Now owned By ~~Lawrence~~ ^{Ray} Turner. Still
has all the marks on the Beams of the fleeces
which they used to take off sheep.

Going back to the war-days, The Brenquins
that was stationed in Father's field. Removed
some poor old Tramp, while he was asleep in
ditch opposite Nursey. gate and killed him. He
was a regular old Meth Boy that used to come
Begging for tea.

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Going back to "Brook House" after Canadian.
away went to D. Day. The Dewees
Bought it and Miss Queenie Frost who
still lives up Westfield have used to be
the (Childrens Dewees) Nanny. The
Evans-Smith used to live ^{(where the white brick house now) Spices Farm.} Budget & Hovie +
Jane their Daughters. Budge was very
badly hurt in the Newsham Train crash
on way home from City, has since died. Hovie
married Dr Buchanan. who retired to Scotland
from being a Surgeon.

When my Gran-mother Florence Matthews sold
Tudor Cottage, A Mr + Mrs ^{who} Gornicheal, were,
put in to ~~manage~~ ^{manage}, then it was sold to
Miss Havafeet Duncan + Miss Rosa Renter, who
then sold it through Heath to, Mr + Mrs
Charles + Miss Broad Bent, then once
again with Charles Heat attack, and pass on
also Miss known as "Beauty" in V. R. Gage has died
only last month in ~~Canterbury~~ ^{Canterbury} Hospice. Sold
Once more to Charles + D. Wainford. Now
Claire + David Prebble live there. They started
a tea room, But had to give ^{the teas} work up.

The Edgely Hill Village Hall once had a stage and us kids used to do shows with Mrs Horton on piano.

Old Mr + Mrs. Kennett a Retired Police-man. Lived in Pleasant View in Teddys heath Road. Next to Nursey. Before the Pleasant owners sold the ground to Sandy Hall for the New one. Mr Kennett sadly drowned his self after his wife died in the Water-Butt at Bottom of garden.

Present owners being Mr + Mrs G. Hask + Son. The Stone ~~blinded~~ ^(Building New house) started on Teddys heath ^(Building New house) and Miss Coker, sister, father moved into what is Hillcrest now. Then they had Middlefield Cottage build on Suffolk Cottage design. They were both teachers. Miss Kathleen Coker helped alot with Village.

Going Back to Ridge Cottage now lived in by Pockets, it was an old Retired Canadian Doctor and his man-friend that lived there.

Going Back to war days, 1940 Dad and I used to hear the German Planes coming in cross Folkestone when working on Nursey and we would go quickly and stand right up tight at Base of 3 Big old Elm trees and watch the planes split formation half dive-bombing Hauxley + half Breaking away to give Bomb hymne Aero domes.

My Father off Matthews was also a Chief Observer for The Royal Observer Corps during war. The Post P.T.O.

was at the top of Nash Hill dug in to ground with a view right over channel for plotting in German Planes, This Hut was called "Spitfire Cottage".

One night while on duty at Post the German planes were dropping incendiary Bombs to light up by night for the Bombers coming in behind them. Old George Baker "Bob" ~~was on duty~~ was on with my dad Alf Matthews + Sid Holman's from Ottery, when they saw one incendiary Bomb fall just in front of Post, old Bob ran out quick with a sand Bag to stop it falling and it blew up in his face. Melting all his glasses and de-forming the top half of his Body. Poor devil was in a state!!! They had lots of new misses and so did my dad + Etch Hill.

I saw a German fighter Plane fly right round the Hospital Kitchin Chimney, But they never touched the Hospital. Whether a "Spit" or Hurricane got him before he had chance to Radio in, we shall never know!

Going back to "Sun hodge" where Addie Haste lived we had our own Police Sergeant having Police Sergeant Slavery.

Also my Dad Alf H. had the first Electric lights put on when in Ridge-hodge and also gave the ground for first foot-path in front, after my sister Louisa was knocked down + injured by the rays of the + his wife during the war.