

Millgates - Margaretting Road

THE BUNGALOW was built around 1920 by Mr Jarvis who lived in *Mill House* on Margaretting Road, for his daughter. He also built my house *Haldon*, on the Common, although the two properties now look very different. I first met Harry Dennis about ten years ago when I was a driver for Community Care and he was attending Broomfield Hospital. Harry worked for the small builder, Burrell who was later bought out by Mr Horsnell (senior). He worked there for fifty years and eventually became the firm's foreman.

Ten years before Harry's retirement, Horsnell bought the bungalow for around £1000. Harry then went to his boss and asked if he could have the bungalow when he retired. His request was initially rejected by Horsnell who told him he wanted the property for his brother, and in any case he couldn't afford it. Harry said he had £800 in the Post Office but Horsnell said the price was £1300. At this point Mrs Horsnell interrupted the conversation and said she would lend Harry the £500. Harry sensed a hidden agenda behind this move and the loan gambit seemed to be just a move to score with the old man. Anyway the deal was done and although Miss Jarvis continued to live there, Harry spent the next nine years assembling materials and equipment to refurbish the bungalow when the time came for his retirement. She often invited him to make a start on the work but he respected her privacy and waited until she eventually was taken away to hospital in her early nineties. He eventually paid about £1000 to buy some of the land behind the bungalow.

Following the death of Daisy Dennis, *Millgates* was sold and is now being renovated by the new owners.

David Stacy

Notes of a conversation with Harry Dennis, in December 1996

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WE were delighted to welcome John de Lisle Crofts to our meeting in March this year. Sarah Walter's study of the first vicar of St Michael's resulted in this surprise appearance of the great grandson of the Rev De Lisle currently living in Edin-burgh, Indiana. This was John's first visit to Galleywood and during his two days here



we were able to provide him with some vital links with his family. The first contact was made late in 2009 when John sent an email to church warden Derek Waters enclosing a faded sepia photo of a family sitting on a garden seat. Where was it taken? Derek forwarded it to David Stacy who was able to confirm that it was in the garden of the Old Vicarage. This provided an instant link for Sarah who was already working on the history of the first vicar.

John found that a business trip to Germany enabled a detour to the UK and so was able to come to our March meeting. The following day we met him in the churchyard where he posed for this photo of the grave of the the vicar's two sons, Edward and Reginald, who were drowned in a boating accident at Broadstairs. In a tour of the church he saw the plaque in memory of the family erected by the vicar's daughter Marion and the Rev Andy Griffiths came along and produced the Parish Registers for that early period of St Michael's history. The short walk to the Old Vicarage in Stock Road found a welcome from the resident there who was fascinated by John's story and showed him the garden featured in the original photo. John was then entertained to lunch at Seabrights Barn by Phil and Sarah and in the afternoon was taken on a tour of the local area by Wendy Cummin.



The Servants of Hylands House

A talk by Wendy Hibbitt

WRITTLE ARCHIVIST AND HISTORIAN

Wendy's talk will reveal some of the fascinating history behind Chelmsford's Stately Home

Wednesday 2 June 2010

Keene Hall Watchouse Road at 8 pm

DATES for your Diary

2010

15 Sept

GONE FOR NEW ENGLAND

Talk by Graham Smith

17 Nov

THE HISTORY OF CHELMSFORD HIGH STREET

Talk by Dot Bedenham

Our Annual General Meeting will precede the talk

Internet story produces a long-distance link

Wendy Cummin has been contacted by Michelle Patient from Australia with a story that links her with Elijah George Saveall who died in 1940 when the bomb dropped in Skinners Lane. Elijah's grand-daughter, Jean Curley, who still lives here is thrilled to hear of this connection and Wendy will put the family in touch with the relatives in Australia. Here is the story so far:

Two Galleywood-born residents have discovered previously unknown relatives in Australia thanks to a contact by Michelle Patient via the website www.galleywoodfolk.com

Michelle's family emigrated in 1952 and were descended from the half-sister of Elijah George Saveall who died in 1940 when a bomb dropped in Skinners Lane.

Elijah's father Richard was married twice; he had a daughter Louisa Eliza by his first wife Jessie Hymas: this daughter was Michelle's 2 x great grandmother.

What a story she tells!

Richard's father Thomas, born 1775 in West Hanningfield, served in the army in the West Indies with the 73rd Foot Regiment where he married in 1810 to a lady believed to be of Negro origin. Richard was born in the East Indies [probably Ceylon] in about 1816 but was back in Chelmsford by 1850 when he married Jessie Hymas.

After her death, Richard married Sarah Underwood, the mother of our Elijah. Elijah and his brother Richard were born in Galleywood; their step-brother John Underwood, born in Great Baddow, lived in West Thurrock in 1911 and he married a Galleywood girl called Alice. [Was she Alice May?]

As our Elijah married Annie Linge, a girl from Chadwell Heath in West Thurrock, this must be how they met?

Doesn't family history throw up unexpected links? Elijah's grand-daughter knew nothing of this. She now has a photo of her 2nd cousin George Edward Patient.

Hitched Land Part of the common arable field used especially for a different sort of crop such as turnips etc. Alternatively called Hookland