

Rudgwick Evacuees from Southwark

An asterisk* by the year of birth indicates photograph(s) below. Note, some addresses in 1939 were for only one parent as anyone serving in the forces was not registered.

Addresses as far as possible are for family location in 1939, when evacuation took place.

NAME	BIRTH YEAR	BIRTH PLACE	FATHER + occupation	MOTHER	MARRIAGE year & place	PARENT'S ADDRESS 1939	RUDGWICK ADDRESS
Herbert Alden	1927	Southwark	William, examiner of bullets Woolwich Arsenal	Rose Sanders	1920 Peckham	35 Cater St Camberwell	Hyes Farm
Lilian (Lily) Alden	1929	Southwark					Hyes Farm
Henry Bird	1927	Southwark	Henry, police constable	Ivy Chivers	1925 Camberwell	21 Sumner Rd Peckham	Hyes Farm
George Quarrington	1926	Camberwell	Alfred, oil mills heavy worker	Ethel Souch	1919 Camberwell	Father: 55 Poplar Rd Old Kent Rd	Hyes Farm
Peter Stratford	1931	Camberwell	Sidney, brewer's labourer	Violet Buck	1929 Camberwell	33 Commercial Way Peckham	Hyes Farm
Charles Virgin	1927	Camberwell	Charles, builder's labourer	Annie Cook	1927 Camberwell	6 Grenard Rd Camberwell	Hyes Farm
Lilian Virgin	1930	Camberwell					
Joan Lane	1931	Lambeth	Thomas, engineer	Gertrude Warr	1926 Camberwell	Father: East Surrey Grove Peckham;	Hyes Farm mother, 43 Park Terr E Horsham
Olive Wilday	1925	Camberwell	William, LCC bricklayer	Lilian Pilgrim	1924 Camberwell	272 Sumner Rd Peckham	Hyes Farm (7 siblings, Olive md 1943!)
Clive Wilday	1929	Camberwell					Hyes Cottages

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Richard Mogg	1932	Camberwell	James, drayman	Olive Grant	1912 Lambeth	15 Leeds House, Pitman St Camberwell	Hyes Cottages
Olive Mogg	1927						?
Mary Mogg	1929						
Joan Exall	1927	Camberwell	Harry, mat maker	Lily Barrett	1916 Hammersmith	23 Willowbrook Rd Peckham	?
Peter Exall	1929						
Sylvia Exall	1933						
Constance Ray	1928	Southwark	William, not known	Lizzie Frost	1913 Southwark	128 Westmoreland Rd, Southwark	?
Dorothy Harvey	1934	Camberwell	Frederick, jeweller	Mildred Edwards	1926 Streatham (2 nd marr)	35 Erridge Rd Merton Surrey (with husband's brothers)	?
Iris Sanders	1934*	Camberwell	Philip, heavy deal (wood) porter	Mary Ann Simpson	1932 Camberwell	39 Boathouse Walk Peckham	Ramblers Bucks Green
Kenneth Hinton	1930	Lambeth	Albert, carter wharfinger/scavenger	Alice Downs	1929 Walworth Southwark	79 Mann St Walworth Southwark	?
Sylvia Hinton	1932						
John Lomas	1934	Camberwell	John (died Dulwich Hospital 1941)	Eileen Daly	1930 Camberwell	Not found	?
Elsie Stocker	1928	Camberwell	George, builder's labourer	Sarah Edwards	1921 Peckham	24 Primrose House Bells Garden Road Peckham (formerly Sumner Rd)	7 Mill Cottages Naldretts Lane Bucks Green

NAME	BIRTH YEAR	BIRTH PLACE	FATHER + occupation	MOTHER	MARRIAGE year & place	PARENT'S ADDRESS 1939	RUDGWICK ADDRESS
Samuel Davenport	1934	Southwark	Frederick, street trader	Rose Best	1926 Southwark	Father 10 Tarver Rd Kennington Southwark Mother The Mill House Gibbons Mill Rudgwick	The Mill House Gibbons Mill Rudgwick
Patricia Davenport	1936						
Rosina Davenport	1939						
Joyce Willcox	1928	Camberwell	Arthur	Edith Sells	1926 Camberwell	Both 51 Cator St Camberwell (electoral register) Mother Gravel Pits Tisman's Common	Gravel Pits Tisman's Common
Sylvia Willcox	1934						
Patricia Willcox	1936						
Irene Smith	1926	Camberwell	Thomas, deceased 1888-1934	Jane Martin	Not found	3 Sumner Rd Peckham (later No 77)	Farnbrakes Rudgwick, later Hyes Farm. Jessie died in Rudgwick Joyce still alive, in Station Rd Rudgwick
Jessica Smith	1928						
Joyce Smith	1929						

Note re Willcox family: the three names chosen are the three youngest of a larger family, three redacted at Gravel Pits.

Known schools:

St Luke's & Camden School, Sumner Road, also known as Sumner Road School, now called the Sumner Road buildings are now apartments.

Oliver Goldsmith School, Peckham Road (built 1937, but was taken over by the army in 1939, returning to its old site in Kingsbury Road for the duration (minus evacuees of course).

Both sets of buildings survived wartime bombs and rockets.



Sumner Road left, then and now

Oliver Goldsmith right



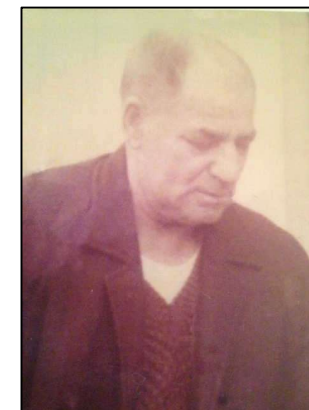
1939, Oliver Goldsmith pupils (placard) arriving at Billingshurst Station (photos George Garland). Not all were sent to Rudgwick.





Southwark children about to depart London (may not be on Southern Railway as the electrification of the lines was completed before the war. some Oliver Goldsmith pupils are known to have gone to Devon.

*Mary and Philip, parents of Iris Saunders, Boathouse Walk, Peckham.



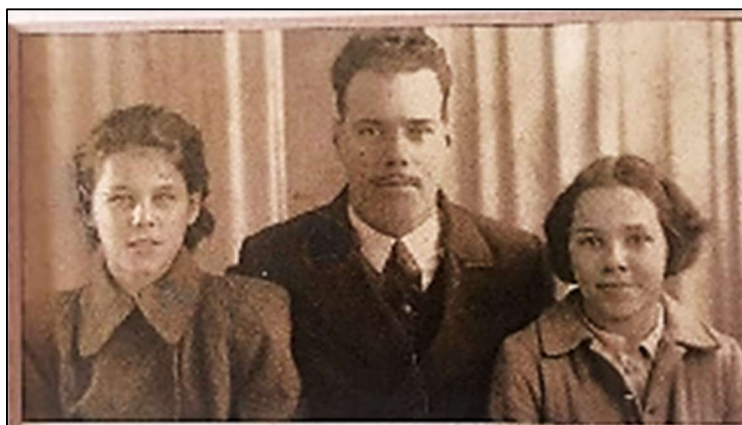
Rudgwick Evacuees from Lambeth

NAME	BIRTH YEAR	BIRTH PLACE	FATHER + occupation	MOTHER	MARRIAGE year & place	PARENT'S ADDRESS 1939	RUDGWICK ADDRESS
Ivy Stammers	1927	Lambeth	William, painter decorator	Kathleen Seymour	1926 Lambeth	19 Effra Parade Herne Hill	Arundene
John Stammers	1930	Lambeth					Haven Rd
Kathleen Stammers	1932	Lambeth					Bucks Green
Kenneth Hill	1927*	Camberwell	Harold, compositor	Rose Conway	1921 Lambeth	7 Shakespeare Rd Herne Hill	?

NAME	BIRTH YEAR	BIRTH PLACE	FATHER + occupation	MOTHER	MARRIAGE year & place	PARENT'S ADDRESS 1939	RUDGWICK ADDRESS
Peggy Bowden	1930	Lambeth	Henry, gas service engineer	Rosina Griffiths	1929 Camberwell	20 Mayall Rd Herne Hill	?
Robert Bowden	1932						?
Margaret Church	1930	Lambeth	George, public works labourer	Rose Archer	1919 Brixton	84 Somerleyton Rd Brixton	?
Joyce Wallis	1931	Lambeth	(William) Henry Wallis, miner, underground	Nellie Baker	1927 Brixton	Both 15 Mayall Rd Herne Hill	Yew Tree Farm The Haven
Rose Taylor	1933	Lambeth	Frederick	Rose Lynch	1932 Lambeth	57 Talma Rd Norwood (electoral register)	Lugmore The Haven Rudgwick
Beryl Taylor	1934						
Velda Ambridge	1924	Lambeth	Hammond, bricklayer	Ada Bunney	1919 Brixton	Both 72 Mayall Rd Herne Hill	Alablasters Lodge Rudgwick
Edna Ambridge	1925						
Hammond Ambridge	1928						
Joyce Adkinson	1930	Lambeth	Edwin, printer machine manager	Ada Jones	1929 Lambeth	Father 49 Trelawn Rd Lambeth mother Burnalls House Bucks Green	Burnalls House Bucks Green
John Adkinson	1932	Croydon					
John Easthope	1930	Streatham	Robert, not known	Elsie Hillyer	1929 Wandsworth	1 Conyers Rd/1 Babington Rd Streatham (from electoral register)	?
Sylvia Easthope	1933*	Streatham					?
Peter Johns	1933	Lambeth	Randolph,	Sarah Hands	1932 Kensington	55 Dalberg Rd	?

NAME	BIRTH YEAR	BIRTH PLACE	FATHER + occupation	MOTHER	MARRIAGE year & place	PARENT'S ADDRESS 1939	RUDGWICK ADDRESS
Doreen Johns	1935	Lambeth	managing clerk			Brixton	?
Douglas Ash	1926*	Lambeth	Alfred, police constable	Elsie Williamson	1925 Lambeth	Alfred 27 Shakespeare Rd Herne Hill mother Hencocks Rudgwick	Hencocks Rudgwick (not at Rudgwick School)
Allen Ash	1928*	Lambeth					
Christine Ash	1932*	Lambeth					
Maureen Pike	1932	Lambeth	Ernest, dock labourer	Margaret Johnson	1930 Southwark	375 Shakespeare Rd Herne Hill	?
James Pike	1933	Lambeth					?
Peggy Williams	1929*	Lambeth	Harold, tramway driver	Edith Tripp	1929 Lambeth	18 Morval Rd Brixton	?
Rhoda Williams	1933*	Camberwell					?

Allen and Christine Ash were redacted, but with detective work seem to be correct siblings for Douglas, mother Elsie



***Peggy**, left, and **Rhoda Williams**, right, their father, **Harold**, centre.

Two portraits of **Rhoda**. Rhoda died in Rustington E Sussex in 2017.



Peggy and Rhoda Williams's parents



***Kenneth Hill, aged 19.**



***Sylvia Easthope, with her husband Leslie**

Knight, married 1953, and later in life.

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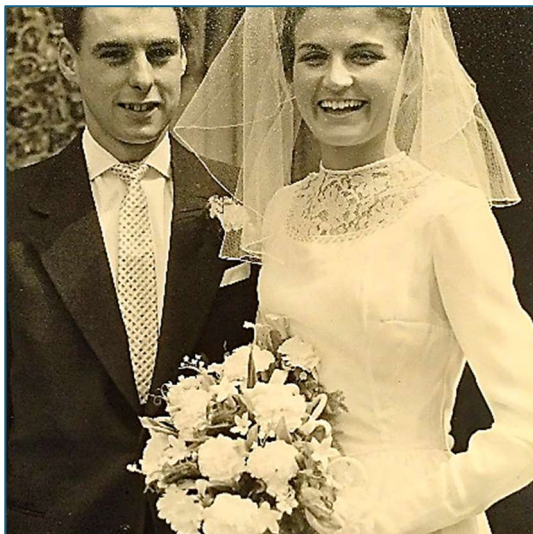


Elsie and Alfred, parents of ***Douglas, Allen and Christine Ash.**

Rudgwick Evacuees from Wandsworth

NAME	BIRTH YEAR	BIRTH PLACE	FATHER + occupation	MOTHER	MARRIAGE year & place	PARENT'S ADDRESS 1939	1939/RUDGWICK ADDRESS
Ronald Moss	1932	Battersea	Walter, licensed victualler	Ellen Chaplin, SRN	1931 Walworth Southwark (Ellen Re-married Devon 1949)	27 York Rd Clapham Junction	?
Gerald Moss	1935	Battersea					?

NAME	BIRTH YEAR	BIRTH PLACE	FATHER + occupation	MOTHER	MARRIAGE year & place	PARENT'S ADDRESS 1939	1939/RUDGWICK ADDRESS
William Riley	1934	Surrey Mid East	William, builder's labourer	Ethel Hancock	1934 Surrey Mid East	200 Beechcroft Rd Tooting	Beechcroft Rd Tooting
Sheila Riley	1937	Battersea					
Derek Wilson	1933	Wandsworth	Alfred, NAAFI canteen invoice clerk	Kathleen Tresidder	1919 Wandsworth	34 Fairmile Ave Wandsworth	8 Mill Cottages Naldretts Lane Bucks Green
Valerie Royce	1933	Battersea	Charles	Lily Hough	1933 Battersea	16 Herndon Rd Wandsworth (electoral register)	?
Peter Denton	1936	Wandsworth	Vernon	Chrissie Cook, telegraphist		37 Elmfield Rd Tooting	?
Eileen Cross	1934*	Battersea	Percy, chauffeur	Vera Sayer	1933 St George's Hanover Sq	40 Westover Rd St Anne's Hill	?
Frank Trussler	1928	Wandsworth	Thomas	Lilian Bailey	1922 Wandsworth	Sanatorium Annexe Church St Rudgwick	Sanatorium Annexe Church Street Rudgwick
Geoffrey Ridout	1928	Wandsworth	Arthur	Annie Tarling	1925 Battersea	Mother Cavendish Nursing Home Surbiton	Snell Farm Rowhook
Vera Eades	1926	Lambeth	Alan, builder's foreman	Kathleen Birrell	1926 Lambeth	Father 555 Garrett Lane Earlsfield	Hazeldene Haven Rd Bucks Green
Elsie Edlin	1934	Wandsworth	Arthur, motor driver coal lorry	Winifred Webb	1932 Wandsworth	Both 44 Wellfield Rd Streatham	4 Council Cottages Church St Rudgwick
Patricia Edlin	1936	Surrey Mid East					



Eileen Cross, on her wedding day, with husband Derek Hall, 1955.

Eileen's father, Percy. Photos © Vicky Hall, Karen Rickety.

Rudgwick Evacuees from Croydon

NAME	BIRTH YEAR	BIRTH PLACE	FATHER + occupation	MOTHER	MARRIAGE year & place	PARENT’S ADDRESS 1939	1939/RUDGWICK ADDRESS
Grace Wall*	1929	Croydon	Frederick, milk sales inspector	Doris Street	1928 Croydon	6 Southcote Rd Croydon	6 Southcote Rd Croydon. *1947, Grace Wall married Arthur Wait in Rudgwick
Bernard Wall	1931 twins	Croydon					
Clifford Wall							
Alan Cayley	1934	Croydon	Frederick, railway lengthman	Ellen Plummer	1927 Croydon	139 Harington Rd Croydon	?

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Anthony Cumpstone	1935 twins	Croydon	Vivyan, senior audit clerk	Beatrice Hood	1935 Croydon	Father 36 Braemar Ave Croydon mother Bury St Austen's Rudgwick	Bury St Austen's Rudgwick
Graham Cumpstone							
Eileen Smith	1935	Croydon	Samuel, railway bridge repairer	Doris Benson	Croydon 1931	Father 15 Lambert's Place Croydon mother Bury St Austen's Rudgwick	Bury St Austen's Rudgwick
Leonard Smith	1936	Croydon					
Brian Mitchell	1937	Croydon	Albert, railway porter	Doris Anscomb	Croydon 1936	Father 129 St James Rd Croydon mother Bury St Austen's Rudgwick	Bury St Austen's Rudgwick
Charles Thoroughgood	1936 twins	Croydon	Charles	Ivy Jackson	1931 Croydon	Mother Bury St Austen's Rudgwick	Bury St Austen's Rudgwick
Sylvia Thoroughgood							
Frances Hewitt	1932*	Croydon	Windsor, coach painter	Catherine Carter	1932 Croydon	Father 27 Wyche Grove	Rudgwick Grange stables
Beryl Hewitt	1936*	Croydon					

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Hewett (redacted)		?				Croydon Mother Rudgwick Grange Stables	
Patricia Pocock	1936	Croydon	Arthur	Doris Jordan	1932 Croydon	Mother Hale Farm Rudgwick	Hale Farm Tisman's Common Rudgwick
Pocock (two redacted)	? ?	? ?					
William Jordan	1927	Croydon	James, plasterer	Lilian Lambert	1921 Croydon	Father 12 Lahore Rd Croydon Mother Hale Farm Rudgwick	Hale Farm Tisman's Common Rudgwick
Jordan (redacted)	?	?					



Catherine, mother of **Frances** and **Beryl Hewitt**

Rudgwick Evacuees from Islington

NAME	BIRTH YEAR	BIRTH PLACE	FATHER + occupation	MOTHER	MARRIAGE year & place	PARENT'S ADDRESS 1939	1939/RUDGWICK ADDRESS
Edris Thelma Fowler	1935	Islington	William, cooked meat manufacturer	Ada Bellamy	1934 Islington	38 Halton Rd Islington	?
Frederick Fraye	1937	Islington	Frederick, iron worker	Frances Bellamy, machinist (ret)	1937 Islington	14 Quick St Islington	?
Joan Dawson	1930	Finsbury	Charles, horse carman	Elizabeth Bellamy, ofice cleaner		26 St Philip House Finsbury	?
William Stocker	1932	Camberwell	William, stationary machine attendant	Ruth Edwards	1925 Islington	Both 1 Montem Rd Islington	Greathouse Farm
+ one of 3 siblings (redacted)	?	?					

Note: the coincidence of several mothers born Bellamy is intriguing. They are sisters, daughters of George and Elizabeth Bellamy who were married in 1899 in Clerkenwell, Islington. Their mothers were: Elizabeth Dawson b 1901 Clerkenwell, Georgina Wakefield b 1902 Clerkenwell, Ada Fowler b 1910 and Frances Fraye b 1918.

Frances's birth was not found but she and her husband Frederick were living with George Bellamy in 1939.

Rudgwick Evacuees from Newham

NAME	BIRTH YEAR	BIRTH PLACE	FATHER + occupation	MOTHER	MARRIAGE year & place	PARENT'S ADDRESS 1939	1939/RUDGWICK ADDRESS
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Rudgwick Evacuees from Lewisham

NAME	BIRTH YEAR	BIRTH PLACE	FATHER + occupation	MOTHER	MARRIAGE year & place	PARENT'S ADDRESS 1939	1939/RUDGWICK ADDRESS
Catherine Bickle	1929	Lambeth	Stanley, motor car repair foreman	Doris Thompson	1923 Camberwell	40 Wood Vale Forest Hill Lewisham	? (Catherine md Camberwell)
Joyce Marchant	1936	Southwark	Charles, printer, disabled	Charlotte Whitnell	1919 Newington Southwark	Both Albion Rd Ramsgate Kent (with Charles's family); 1934-7 16 Winsford Rd Lewisham	?
Josephine Gardner	1929	Lewisham	Leonard, hotel clerk (died 1941, HMS Repulse)	Amelia Stratford	1929 Lewisham	70 Horncastle Rd Lee Lewisham	?
John Gardner	1932	Lewisham					70 Horncastle Rd Lee Lewisham

Rudgwick Evacuees from Hammersmith & Fulham

NAME	BIRTH YEAR	BIRTH PLACE	FATHER + occupation	MOTHER	MARRIAGE year & place	PARENT'S ADDRESS 1939	1939/RUDGWICK ADDRESS
Peter Vaughan	1933	Wandsworth	Albert, plumber	Florence Widdows	1914 Hackney	35 Carthew Rd Hammersmith	? (Peter emigrated to Canada)

Ruby Staines	1935	Hammersmith	Charles, trooper 12 th Lancers	Kathleen Birmingham	1935 Romford Essex	277 Uxbridge Rd East Acton Hammersmith	?
Dorothy Bates	1931	Hammersmith	William	Mary Allwood	1931 Hammersmith	Mother The Vicarage Lynwick Street	The Vicarage Lynwick Street

Rudgwick Evacuees from Elsewhere

NAME	BIRTH YEAR	BIRTH PLACE	FATHER + occupation	MOTHER	MARRIAGE year & place	PARENT'S ADDRESS 1939	1939/RUDGWICK ADDRESS
Kenneth Lloyd	1933	Croydon	George, carpenter & joiner	Florence Batsford	1931 Battersea (died Surrey SE 1938)	Father Masters Hse Effingham Junction East Horsley Surrey (mother dec'd)	?
Joan Lloyd	1934	Surrey Mid East					?
Mary Rhodes	1928	St George Hanover Sq	John, stationer packer despatch	Daisy Cleaver	1927 Hackney	55 Millfields Rd Clapton Hackney	?
Josephine Oakes	1925*	Marylebone	Harold	Eugenie Repington	1923 Chelsea	Mother Glovers Tisman's Common	Glovers Tisman's Common
Edward Hare	1926	Shoreditch	John	Frances (Fanny) Morton	1924 Shoreditch Hackney	Sanatorium Annexe Church	Sanatorium Annexe Church St

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Margaret (Peggy) Hare	1929	Shoreditch				St Rudgwick	Rudgwick
Barbara Wakefield	1931	Islington	David	Georgina Bellamy	1922 Islington	Both 49 Lynmouth Drive Uxbridge (electoral register) Sanatorium Annexe Church Street Rudgwick	Sanatorium Annexe Church Street Rudgwick
Malcolm Kirkby	1935	Hendon Middlesex	Sidney	Gwendolen Standing	1930 Paddington	Both 14 Dyne Rd Willesden (electoral register) Mother Dale Cottage Church Street Rudgwick (with Charles Standing)	Dale Cottage Church Street Rudgwick
Maureen Tuohy	1930	Edmonton Middlesex	Michael	Doris Ireland	1930 Edmonton Middlesex	Both 112 Haselbury Rd Edmonton (electoral register) Mother Old School House Lynwick Street Rudgwick	Old School House Lynwick Street Rudgwick
Michael Tuohy	1933						

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John Tuohy	1934						
Josephine Johnson	1932	Lewisham	Richard	Edith Dubois	1931 Lewisham	Mother 2 High View Villas Tisman's Common	2 High View Villas Tisman's Common



***Josephine Oakes**

Rudgwick Other Known-to-be-Private Family Evacuees in Rudgwick

NAME	BIRTH YEAR	BIRTH PLACE	FATHER + occupation	MOTHER	MARRIAGE year & place	PARENT'S ADDRESS 1939	1939/RUDGWICK ADDRESS
Sybil Stevens	1925	Croydon	Joseph Edward (Ted), maint'nce foreman fitter	Edith Doris Crisp	1924 Croydon	Father 211 Western Rd Mitcham,	Sunnyside Nursery Tisman's Common
Doreen Sheila Stevens	1927	Morden Surrey					

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Geoffrey Stevens	1934	Morden Surrey	for haulage coy (died Rudgwick 1985)			mother Sunnyside Rudgwick	(home of James, John & Florence Crisp, market gardeners)
John Piddock	1931	Croydon	Frederick, company secretary	Nellie Crisp	1925 Croydon	Father 25 Albert Rd Mitcham	
Margaret Jordan	1932	Croydon	Philip, gas worker	Phyllis Crisp	1928 Croydon	Both 2 Edwards Ave Morden	
David Pilditch (aka Hamilton)	1938	Manchester	Claude, journalist	Joyce Hamilton	1923 Wimbledon	Mother Gibbons Mill Farm The Haven Rudgwick	Gibbons Mill Farm The Haven Rudgwick (home of Hamilton grandparents)

If you stumble upon this piece because you know someone who was an evacuee, please get in touch. Should there be mistakes, and I am sure there are. let us know. the only certainty about evacuees is that there are very many others of whom we do not have a name.

To finish, an attempt has also been made to identify teachers and other adults involved.

Evacuee Teachers at Rudgwick School, 1939

Mrs Ethel Emily Beatrice Sutcliffe, 56, a widow [husband Alfred, married 1900] was living with her daughter Olive, aged 18, at The Beeches, Church Street. Ethel, nee Bond, was born 1883, and lived in 1901 in Camberwell, 1911 in Sydenham. She was already an LCC teacher in 1921 at Frankham Street School Deptford, LCC. She died in Lewisham in 1977.

Miss Florence Gertrude Peacock, 55, lodged with Mrs King at Rose Villa Bucks Green. She was born in 1884 in Gateshead, was teaching in Southampton in 1911, in 1921 at Holland Street School Blackfriars, LCC. In 1938 she was living in Mitcham Surrey. She died in Oxford in 1972. She never married.



Miss Edith Maud Lawford, 50, lodged with Mrs Beaumont at Beckington, now Boreham House, Church Street. She stayed the longest, 1939-1945. She taught 8-9s. she was born in Chelsea in 1889. In 1911 she was teaching in North Croydon, in 1921 at Cook's Ground School Chelsea. Before moving to Rudgwick in 1939, she lived in Streatham. She died in 1973 in Wandsworth. She never married. Left, from a group photo 1940.

Mrs Mabel B Maxwell, 41, lodged with Mrs Christie at The Old Parsonage, Church Street. She is believed to have been killed in London bombing, but this cannot be confirmed. She taught 10-11s. Born in 1898, she returned to London in 1943. Right, from the same group photo 1940.



Mrs Winifred E Twist, 41, lodged at Mill Hill Bucks Green with the Hendricks. She taught 6-7s, but was back in London in summer 1940. Born in Stockwell in 1898, in 1911 she lived in Lewisham, in 1921 she taught at St George the Martyr School Southwark, but commuted from Rochford Essex. She never married.

Miss Gladys Marie Chellingworth, 32, lodged at Hyes with the Holmans. Born in 1907 near Sheffield in Ecclesall Bierlow, she was still there in 1921. It is likely she died in Derby, still unmarried, in 2002. She was it sems, teaching the group of Southwark evacuees living on the Hyes estate – see above. Some who were in Rudgwick village in 1939 also moved to Hyes later, for example the two younger Smith sisters. Mrs Hoilman had a very strong interest in education, having previously founded the special school at Dedisham.

Regular West Sussex County Council Teachers in 1939

(from Headmaster's Logbook)

The school employed four teachers, including the headmaster, in 1939.

Alfred Bacon, headmaster 1917 to 1946, came to Rudgwick fresh from the RAMC in the Great War, and before that headmaster of Lurgashall School. He came from a Shoreham family, and was married to Marguerite, who was the school meals supervisor. During the war, he had to teach the top class for much of the time because of a shortage of staff.

Miss Ethel M Simmonds, 24, (address 2 Trafalgar Road Horsham, living with parents), school teacher, born 1915. Became the second teacher (we might refer to them as Deputy Head today) in school taking the older pupils. She married Roy Smith in 1947.

Miss Claudia Dawes (address 157 Rushams Rd Horsham), school teacher, born 1913, later married Hammond and Jackson. She was in dispute with the school, reason unknown, when she resigned in 1940. In 1942, she married Louraine Hammond, and in 1948 she married again to David Jackson, this time in London.

Miss Eileen Tuff (address Exfold Wood Tisman's Common), born 1914, taught infants for many years, remained unmarried. Died in Rudgwick in 1997. Photo right, one of the longstanding staff, taken 1952.

Mrs Lucy Margaret Jackson, 34 in 1939, born 1905, in 1939 lived in Forest Road Horsham, married to Ernest, a registrar of births, marriages and deaths, replaced Miss Dawes.



Adults Other Than Teachers



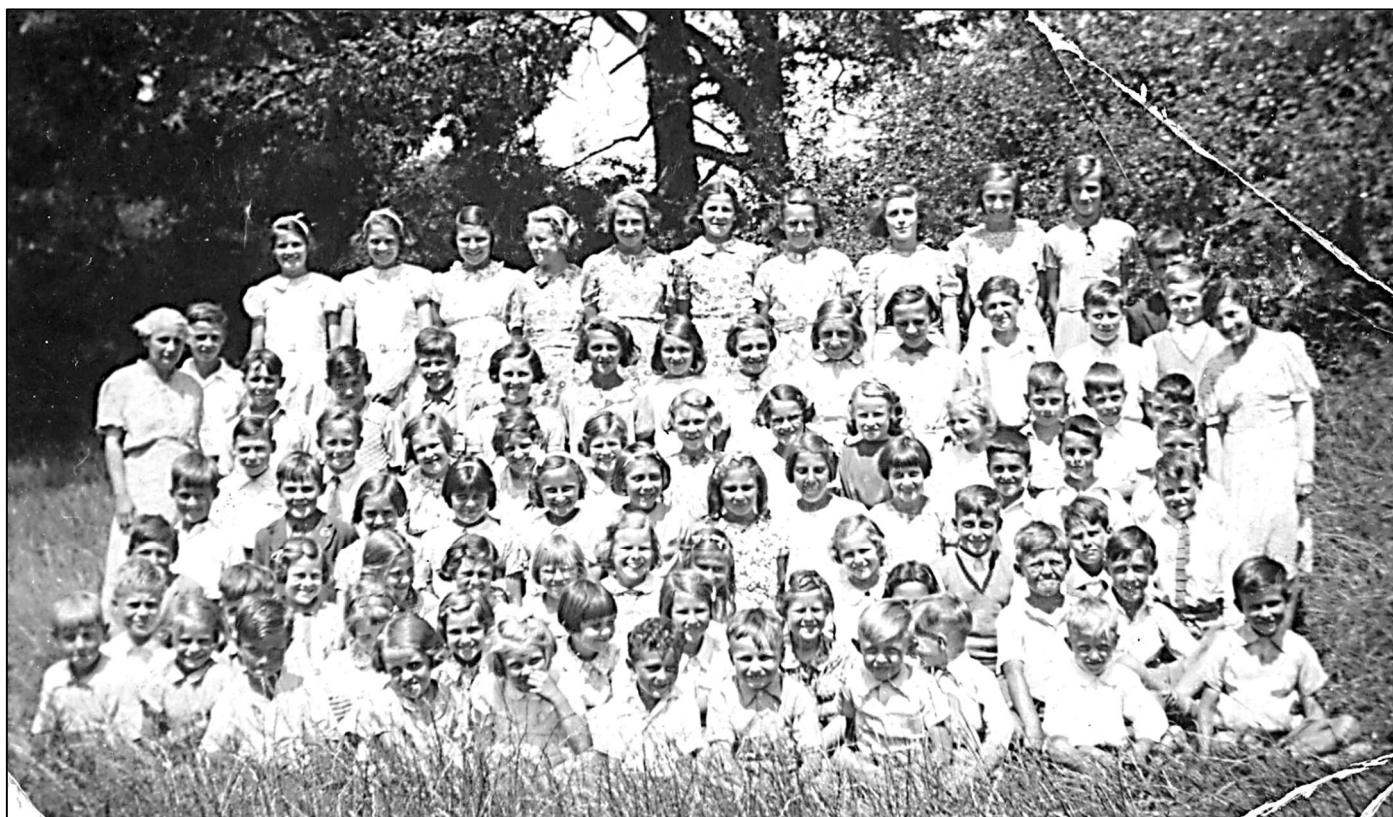
At Old School House, Lynwick Street, **Mrs Rosalie Frances Cooper**, 40, in her capacity as senior member of the WVS in Rudgwick, was the "**Billeting Officer** for Rudgwick" (photo left in 1952). She was born in 1899 in Hammersmith, née Winner, she was married to Ivor Cooper, a company MD, born in Paddington in 1921. She was of Jewish ancestry (Winer). The Coopers lived in Rudgwick from about 1939 to about 1962.

At The Old Parsonage, Church Street, **Mrs May Isabel Morgan**, 35, was a "helper with LCC evacuee children". Born in 1904 in Lambeth, née Maxwell, in 1911 & 1921 she lived in Brixton. She was married to John Morgan in 1934 in Lambeth. They had no known children. At The Old Parsonage she lodged with Mrs Christy, a widow.

At Myrtle Cottage Church Street, **Mrs Dorothy Eileen Twist**, 22, with her son Peter aged 3, was an "official evacuation helper". Born in Croydon in 1917, née Ward, she married her husband Charles in mid-east Surrey in 1935, Peter was born 1936. Prior to moving to Rudgwick in 1939, they had lived in Boundary Road, Mitcham.

At Woodfalls, Loxwood Road, **Miss Eva Mogg**, 44, was “running a home for evacuees”. It is not known where this home was, possibly at Oak Lodge next door, where four names are redacted. She was born in 1895 in Battersea. In 1921 she lived in Golders Green and in 1959, she married John Laird in Folkestone.

At Plum Tree Cottage, Marles Lane, The Haven, **Mrs Ada Gertrude Harrison**, 26, was a government evacuation officer. Née Baker, she was born in Lambeth in 1913, and was living in Southwark in 1921. She married Robert Harrison in 1931 in Southwark. Before moving to Rudgwick in 12939, they lived in Spencer Road Tulse Hill. In 1939, she was living with her own child, and her sister-in-law, Helen Baker, who also had two evacuated children. It is possible she was working with evacuees at Haven School. Robert stayed in London, lodging with his parents in Brixton. He was a milk salesman.



Key to group photo above (older pupils only, evacuees in bold) above:

Back row, left to right: the Brighty twins, Pam Smith, Pat Turner, Peggy Turner, u/k, u/k, Sheila Fawks, **Jesse Smith, Joyce Smith.**

2nd to back row, **Miss Lawford, Ken Hinton?**, George Thompson (brother of Jean, see next photo), Leonard Piper, u/k, Hilary Woodhatch, Joyce Mandelove, u/k, u/k, June Southerton (later Burse), u/k, ? Fawks, John Turner, **Mrs Maxwell.**

Bottom right, ? Tilley (family had the garage in the village).

Photo
of **Joyce**
(**Smith**)



courtesy
Bone



Joyce Bone, centre rear, on a winter ramble, and in full group photo above, a tall girl, is a principal source of information on Rudgwick evacuees. She was able to move to Station Road, Rudgwick with her husband and sisters after the death of May Churchman of Farnbrakes, Church Street, who had taken the Smith family in in 1939. Mrs Churchman generously left the house to the Smiths in her will. Joyce is still alive in 2025, at the time of writing. Photo courtesy of **Joyce Bone**.

Miss Ethel Simmonds, right, with **Miss Edith Lawford**. It is ironic that the only people in this photo not looking at the camera are the teachers!



Key to group photo above:

Dark-haired girl with an open coat on the left is Daphne McCreedy. The girl in the front with a hat is Jean Thompson, sister of Eric Thompson, who was the creator of TV films, "The Magic Roundabout", and whose daughter is Emma Thompson, the actress. June Southerton is at the back, third from the right. Daphne Goldsmith is second from the right. The taller teacher, middle back, is Miss Simmonds.

The overriding impression of the children is how happy, healthy and well-groomed they seem in wartime. We are fortunate to have these two group photos, but we do not know the exact context, such as why the children are all in white in the first.

Right, **Alfred Bacon**, headmaster, and his wife **Marguerite**, in retirement after the war. Photo courtesy of Paul Leaney, grandson.

