

as a service engineer on ships' navigational equipment including Gyro compasses. I left S.G. Browns and went to work for the C.E.G.B. (Electricity Board) Elstree Super Grid Transmission Site from 1965 for about 8 years.

I spent the remainder of my working life selling Plastic Pipe Systems and then moved to Somerset 20 years ago (and still support Watford FC)

At the end of the '60s I moved to Watford.

My Mother's older sister, Rose, and her husband Fred, ran the Hayden Arms pub at the top of Upper Paddock Road about 1954. Their surname was Wilson.

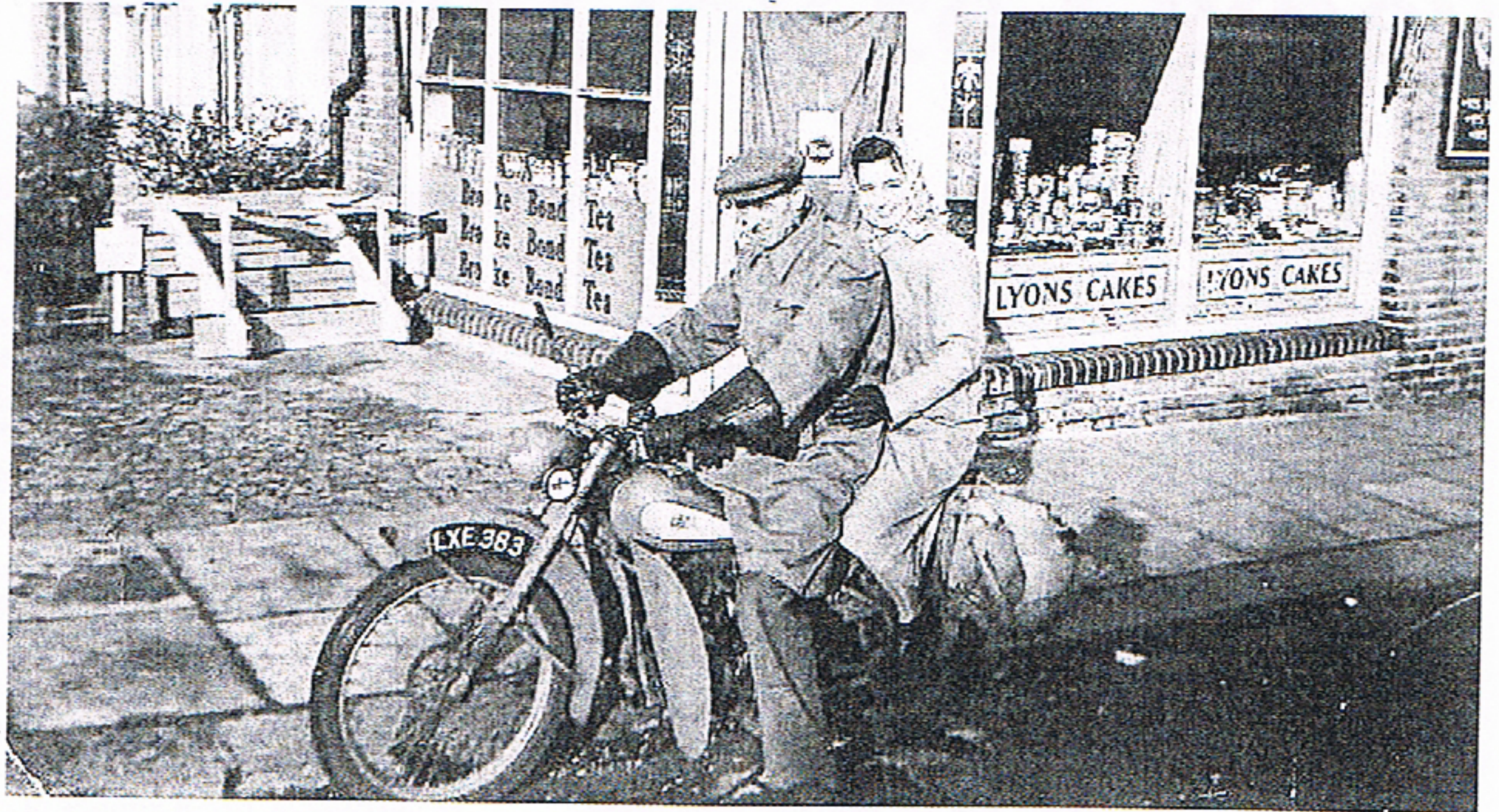
There was one old boy who used to go into the pub at lunchtime several days a week and drink anything upto 12 Benskin Colne Springs (a strong Barley wine) and walk home without wavering. I used to go up and do the garden.

My father, Edward (Jack) Hawkins, told me of pigs being kept somewhere at the top of Lower/Upper Paddock Roads. Anyone who wanted a pig or two would take a cart to the sty, point to the one or more pigs wanted. The farmer would stick them, then they were taken away.

My doctors when I lived in Oxhey were Dr. Aveling, his son Dr. John Aveling and Dr. Carverus. Their surgery was on Chalk Hill.

My dentist was Mr. Dinnis. His surgery was on London Road just round the corner from Villiers Road.

Oxhey names that come to mind include:



Grocer's shop, Lower Paddock Road, Field Road. Edward and Grace Hawkins on a 1951 BSA Bantam

Barry Hopcraft (Oxhey School?), Barry Saunders (Grover Road/Oxhey School), Michael Bowley (Pinner Road/Watford Grammar School), Mr. & Mrs. William Coathup (22 Lower Paddock Road), Mrs. Bergquist and then Mr. & Mrs. Ian Haines (24 Lower Paddock Road), Miss Geary (Lower Paddock Road close to Stanmore Cottage), Miss Hartley (Lower Paddock Road), John Scarrott (King Edward Road) who worked with his father (builder) whose yard was at the top of Lower Paddock Road just at bottom edge of the playing field and Mrs. Stacey (Field Road).

Other branches of Hawkins with connections to Oxhey include the following.

The 1871 Census shows that James and Jane Hawkins moved to Dell Cottages, Oxhey, by 1868, with their son William born in Letchmore Heath.

James and Annie Hawkins lived first of all in Caroline Cottages, Oxhey then moved to 10 Capel Road and remained there the rest of their lives. I am told that there is no link between the Rickmansworth branch of family Hawkins and Aldenham, Bushey and Letchmore Heath branch(s).



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