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Dear Janet

30th July 2015

Having found the photographs in the course of a massive clear out of a horde of stuff, I made a point of printing the photographs this morning, before mislaying anything. There are five prints, not six (the sixth one was the family dog!). In order to lighten the faces and make them more easily recognisable, I printed three sets, gradually making them lighter. I'll send you some spares (various lightnesses, so that you can choose) in case you and Vera want copies, as well as your archive set. I will type the captions below:

Top left: "Rosalie at Mr. Busby's garden. Bampton".

Top right: "Mr. Busby, Lel, Mrs. Busby, Mummy, Rosalie. Bampton, 1938"

Centre left & bottom: Lel Busby, my Mother (Mrs Helen Lester), and Ab Busby (taken, like the others by my Father, Albert Lester - known, in the inter-war years as 'Captain Lester'). Enjoying a summer drive to the countryside.

Centre right: John Lester (age 11 years, nine months) in the Busby's garden, the high wall of which (if still there) may help identify the house. We joined the Busby family at the local Harvest Festival service, which fixes the exact date of our 1938 visit.

The captions in quotes are from my boyhood photo album, fortunately identifying the year. There was one of Rosalie with me, among those regrettably missing from the album.

The prints were made with Hewlett Packard's own ink, which dries quickly, but I leave them out for a day to make sure they dry completely. I still have some proper straw-backed envelopes, which I used in the 60's, when I was a public relations consultant. I'll post them to you when next I go to the post office, to ensure they bear the correct postage - another burden we have to bear these days!

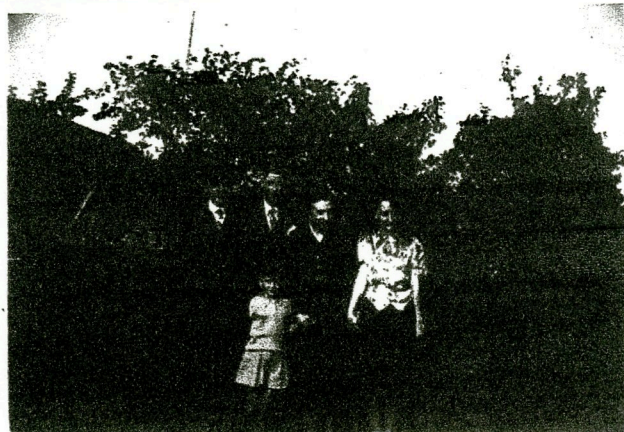
With kind regards and very best wishes - and to Vera for her continued recovery,

Yours ever

John (Lester)

5 sets of 5 prints:

P.S. Stupidly, when I printed all 5 photos on one A4 sheet, I forgot I'd have to cut it to fit the A5 envelope - so I attach a paper print of the original A4 sheet, to match the above captions. - J.



LEGEND:
5 Photos, as originally
printed on the single A4 sheet.



Mr Busby. Draper. Bampton.

1908

May.

Repairing door frame. + putting new lintels re-hanging door + painting + graining same.

£ 0 d.
1 4 6

June.

2 rollers + fittings + rods

10 rollers + belts + ends brackets + pulleys complete + putting on blinds + fixing same at Mr A R. Souders' Meadow Farm.

12 6
3 6.

July.

repairing floor. in shop. outfitting

q/c recd Sept 1908
Paid a.s.f.

June 8th/09 1 Blind roller & brass ends to order

1 0

Dec 30th/09 Mr Jose Aston Rd. Has for Mr Busby's a

1. 14.0 1. 12.0 9x3 1/4 1. 17.0 11x3 1/4

7 10

Oct 23rd Repairing sliding light to greenhouse with angle brackets & screws one piece new glass & putty for all the glass & fixing in

6 6

Feb 11th/10. 3. 15.0 1. 14.0 6x3 1/4 matching

14 5

1. 5.0 5x1 planed

Feb 18th. 1. 9.0 2x1 planed 1. 9.0 9x1 ripped down

1 10

Feb 17th 1 pt stain & 1/2 pint varnish

2 0

Mar 23rd 19.0. 7x1 & 10.0 3x3

3 8

Mar 22nd Supplying 6 blinds as order

1 0

July 1st/10

Paid April 12th/10 J.H. Joyce

1 8 3

Making 4 small wheels & undercarriages for small truck

3 0

Aug 28th. Supplying new sign board making sign painting writing & shading in 2 colours & fixing up at new premises

2 2 0

Aug 30th 1 pint stain & 1 square glass

1 0

Sep 21st 1/2 doz large washers

3

2 6 3

John Loveday

Lived at Manor Cottage

Harry Ledges.

Lived at Corner Cottage Church Street
he was an R.A.F Pilot when he was killed
his wife was left with three small children to bring
up.

Harold Busby

Was the son on Isaac Busby who owned
the drapers shop in high street, now converted to houses

John Coverdale.

Lived with his wife and baby girl
in Sandfords, he was also R.A.F Pilot

Ivor Roberts.

Was a soldier killed in Bampton
Met and Married Molly — a Bampton girl
I can't remember her name ~~she~~ had a small son,
Jeffries.

Godfrey Horne.

Welsh Guards a local boy lived in
Broadstreet he was unmarried

Dr Gaydon's house

- buried in
Normandy War
Cemetery

WEDDING.—A very pretty wedding of considerable local interest, was solemnized on Saturday last, August 23rd, when Miss Dora M. Busby, only daughter of Mr. I. E. Busby, a well-known tradesman of High Street, Bampton was married to Mr. Gerald T. E. Unwins of Uppingham, Rutland. The bride looked charming in a long dress of ivory satin beauté, with a long lace veil draped as a train, which was carried by the bridesmaid; she also wore a wreath of orange blossom and carried a bouquet of red roses and maidenhair fern. The only bridesmaid, Miss Joyce Valentine, a friend of the bride was attired in a dress of rose coloured ring-velvet; she wore a gold lace cap and carried a posy of pink roses. The bride was given away by her father, her eldest brother, Mr. Hubert Busby, acting as best man. The ceremony took place at Cote Baptist Church, which was nicely decorated with flowers for the occasion, the Rev. J. Day of Faringdon officiating. The service was choral, the two hymns sung being, "Lead us Heavenly Father" and "O Father all creating." The organist, Mr. I. Norton (Faringdon), played "The Bridal March" as the bride entered the church and "The Wedding March" at the end of the service. Outside, the bride's brothers and friends formed up as a guard of honour. A reception afterwards was held at the bride's home, about 40 guests being present, after which the happy pair left by car for Surrey where the honeymoon is being spent. A large number of useful and valuable presents were received from their wide circle of friends. The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a gold cigarette case; the bridegroom's gift to the bride, a gold wristlet watch; the bridegroom's gift to the bridesmaid, a pendant.



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DIED NOVEMBER 7TH 1942,

AGED 34 YEARS.

"THE LORD'S WILL BE DONE."