

Extra Memories

Beauchamp Grange Farm, Harborough Road, Kibworth

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My father, Harold Minors, was in fact in partnership with Mr Spiers at Beauchamp Grange Farm having invested his dairy business into the farm. Father was thus not just the manager but a business partner and, when Mr Spiers died, he took over the tenancy paying rent to Mrs Spiers.

Regarding the Italian prisoners, no way did they live in the lodges at the farm. The cowman, Jack Cornish, lived there. Later the tractor driver, Bert Davis, married our land girl Edna and they then lived in the lodge. The two prisoners, named Ralph and Oswald, worked occasionally on the farm but never actually lived in the cottages.

The wartime tenant in 1 Main Street, Kibworth Harcourt, was Mr Williamson and his family. He was the one, and only one, employee of Marks & Spencer from London (Mrs Williamson was not an employee). Eventually the family had three sons and a nanny was employed at the house.

This memory is linked with the article 'Kibworth in World War 2 Memories' by Sheila Hulme (see her pages 1 and 2).