

Frank Bird (1906 - 1944)

A brief Summary by James D Bryant

Frank Bird was married to Edith (nee Parsons) and they had three children: Pam the oldest born 1928 and Rene and June, twins born in 1930. My mother was June Bryant (nee Bird) and so Frank Bird is my Grandfather.



Frank Bird with June, Pam and Rene date unknown but say 1940?

This is all the information that I have on Frank Bird:

- Born 1906
- Died 23/2/1944
- Birthday 28/2/1902?
- Married Edith Parsons
- Drove an Austin 7
- His best friend was Johnny Pipkin
- Went to Ireland with his wife, date unknown then moved back to England and probably lived at High Wycombe where Pam Spirit (nee Bird) was born in 1928.
- Was in the home guard
- Buried in Chertsey in an unmarked grave

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Originally believed by family to have died in the air raid at Vickers Armstrong Factory near Brooklands on 4 September 1940. But his name is not listed at Brooklands as one of those who died during that raid, nor has his death certificate ever been found in 1940.

In September 2012 James and Jodie Bryant discovered the truth. Frank Bird had died in 1944 in an air raid on 23/2/1944 at a place called Sound City, Shepperton along with 8 other people namely:

Durell, May Collier, age 40
Cliffe, William Frederick, age 52
Fletcher, Edward Reuden, age 55
Astley, Isaac, male, age 31
Ayres, Alice Elizabeth May, age 24
Bishop, Harry, age 32
Putland, IDA Winefred, age 29
Riches, Walter Henry, age 67

These eight people along with Frank Bird are mentioned in the role of honour book (see next page). Frank Bird was aged 38. His death certificate entry gives the details and also mentions his wife Edith Bird, of Flutters Hill Lodge, Longcoss, Littleton.

Flutters Hill (lodge) is where we now believe that Edith, June (my late mother) and Frank Bird all worked there and probably Frank Bird was a chauffeur to a high ranking Naval officer.

In 1952, Edith Bird married Johnny Pipkin and they lived at "Flower patch" and idyllic cottage in Chobham, sadly now since pulled down. They had been living together well before they married.

If you can add any more information about Frank Bird then please visit my website at <http://jamesdbryant.com> and contact me by email or leave a message in the guest book.

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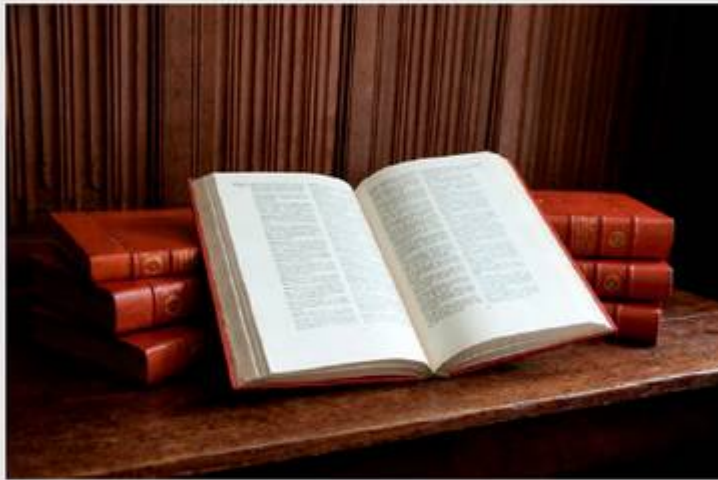
Frank Bird

Civilian War Dead who died on 23 February 1944 Age 38

Husband of Edith Bird, of Flutters Hill Lodge, Longcross, Littleton. Died at Sound City, Shepperton.

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