

Dear Jan

Sorry we have not been back in touch sooner but are pleased now to forward some images which may be of interest.

We did not go round and take any pictures ourselves as standing outside someone's house and photographing their property is not always welcomed!

So we have used the Google Earth images and hope they are OK?

The house CYMA is much changed from back then in the war years. Now painted yellow it has been extended, an additional room has been put in the roof space, the garden has been paved or laid to gravel and of course there is now a garage. The house next door is actually more representative of how CYMA would have looked in those days, red brick, no dormer window and even so there would not have been the garage. So quite small properties but obviously the way the billeting officers worked is that any free space available would have been taken up for officer accommodation. Of course cars during the war years were mostly locked away (if indeed many actually had cars) as petrol was only available to the few who had specific war related needs to use them.

So the attachments show the two houses together and CYMA by itself.

Also of interest this past week we have had an American veteran laying a wreath on the old Sherman Tank memorial at Slapton Sands where hundreds of American servicemen died during a night time rehearsal for the D-Day landings when German E Boats got in amongst the undefended landing craft. The fact this happened only became public knowledge during the past few years and there is still some mystery as to what happened to many of those killed.

We have not searched further through all the family pictures but one which may also be of interest shows Deirdre, the fair haired @3 year old (front row second on the left!) in the garden of CYMA with her mother behind her. We can name all in the picture except the lady on the left (and her dog!)

Should you be in contact with Lieutenant Berry's daughter, we would welcome being put in touch, and we could probably give her a better idea of how things were in this area during the time her father was here. Also we will see if we have any other pictures which might interest her, such as Deirdre's mother and father at that time, since CYMA was Lieutenant Berry's last home before he was killed..

I hope all this is of interest?

With all kind regards

Peter & Deirdre