



Auxiliary Fire Service (AFS)



Herbert Charles (Charlie) Goldup

Fire Service Badge No.: 96427

Residence: Mill Hill Farm, Elham

Before WW2:

Charlie was born at Mill Hill farm 6TH September 1914 the second son of Thomas and Ellen Goldup and went to Elham school. When he left school he was an apprentice to George Boughton as a carpenter where he made coffins. He married Connie Clout the daughter of the manager of Vyes on 9th September 1936 and built his own bungalow at Mill Hill where they had daughter Ann on August 1937. The 1939 Register shows his occupation as Carpenter, Joiner & Undertaker.

During WW2:

When the war started he went to join up but they would not accept him as he had a damaged his trigger finger, so he joined the AFS with his friend Frank Southern.



Charlie Goldup with Frank Southern

During the war he work for Costains building pillboxes and rebuilding bomb damaged Dover.

After WW2:

At the end of the war his son Keith was born and eventually in 1952 Charlie started his own building firm with two friends and called it Goldup and Wood where he continued until he lost his father and brother.

Charlie returned to Mill Hill to run the farm, where he continued to work until he retired and Keith took over.