Charles Matthews
Age 34
Royal Navy

Charles Matthews was the son of Son of Charles, a coal miner, and Elizabeth Matthews was born in Killamarsh, Derbyshire on 21st May 1906. For most of his formative life he lived with his parents in Eckington, Derbyshire.

In 1925 he was recorded as living in Harthill, and working as a coal miner. On 4th February, 1928, he married Alice Waplinton, from Harthill, at All Hallows Church.

Charles Matthews 1944

In 1939 Charles and Alice lived at Firvale, Harthill, and Charles was employed as a Coal Hewer, and at that time had volunteered for the Auxiliary Fire Service.

In the 1940's Charles joined the Royal Navy and became an Engineering Mechanic. There is at present very little information about his service. However, there are the following 3 photographs from that time.

Charles Matthews 5th from the left on the back row

Harthill with Woodall Memories and History Society
Compiled from information provided in 2021 by Tony Laking the nephew of Charles Matthews

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Alice & Charles Matthews pictured in 1944

Charles, who lived at 18 De Sutton Place, Harthill, passed away on 13th August 1979, from a combination of a Cerebral haemorrhage , Chronic Bronchitis, and emphysema