

Charles Matthews (1906 – 1979)

Half Brother of George Edward Matthews (1900 – 1980)

Son of Charles Matthews (1876 – 1947) and Elizabeth Matthews (1882 – 1959) (nee Oliver)

Born: 21st May 1906, Killamarsh, Derbyshire, England

Married: 4th February 1928 to Alice Waplington, Harthill, Yorkshire, England

Died: 13th August 1979

Occupation: Coal Miner

My Uncle, Charles Matthews was born on the 21st May 1906 in the village of Killamarsh, Derbyshire. His father was also called Charles Matthews and his mother was Elizabeth Matthews (Oliver)

When Charles (junior) was born in 1906 he already had a half-brother George Edward Matthews (aged 6) and a half-sister Hannah Matthews (aged 4). A further sister, Florence, was born on the 18th March 1909.

On the 4th February 1928 Charles married Harthill girl Alice Waplington in the ‘All Hallows’ Parish Church, Harthill.

Uncle Charlie loved playing football, he was goal keeper for the Blue Bell FC circa 1935. Charles is the 6th from the left on the back row.

Below: Blue Bell F.C., A. Laking, W. Weston, W. Coupe, J. Wragg, G. Bass, C. Matthews, W. Riley, S. Laking, J. Wainscoat, J. Rose, J. Harrison, W. Froggatt, H. Whitworth, A. Clarke, L. Laking, J. Moseley, S. Drakett, G. Taylor.



(This picture was sourced from a publication entitled “Harthill With Woodall – The Village & its People” produced in 1989 by the Harthill with Woodall Conservation Group and Mr. C. R. Marshall)

Charles joined the Royal Navy during the Second World War although I have little information about his service I do have a few photographs from that period though.



Charles Matthews 5th from the left on the back row



Charles Matthews 1944

This is the last photograph that I have of my Uncle Charlie taken at Blackpool in 1955.



Charles Matthews passed away on the 13th August 1979.



L to R Charlie Matthews, Alf Minty, George Matthews



Some of the members of Harthill Auxiliary Fire Service:
Back row left to right: George Widdison, Charles Widdison, Tom Cape, Bill Coupe,
John Swain, Bert Peat, Eric Oakton, Harry Hartley.
Front row left to right: Harold Sampson, Gilbert Edgington, Len Richardson, Ernest
Lancashire, Jarvis Guest, Len Laking, George Matthews.



Alice Waplington & Charles Matthews 1944