

Mrs Ludlow, b, Bakers' Piece House, Kingston Blount. June 1986.

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Has lived in Bakers Piece for 11 or 12 years. Previously lived 50 years in the same house. 4 bedrooms, had 9 children. Her husband was Shepherd for Mr. Clark for 14 years. Husband was 87 when he died. She is 94 and was born in Bucks.

Baker May was by Cherry Tree, Mrs Worth lived there, she came from Aden.

Children went to Aston Rowant School then on to Chinnor. Had to walk to Chinnor so Britnell and Ludlow families kept their children at home for one year and were summoned. They went to Watlington Court and won and got a school bus.

Railway was called 'The Donkey' one carriage and an engine.

Her children went to Kingston Crossing to get to Risborough to go to work.

Earned 14s a week when had 5 children. They kept pig in the sty which they killed every Christmas, put bacon in muslin bags, kept till next Christmas. Also had chickens, and eggs.

She has a daughter Mrs Evans, Icknield Close, one in Sydenham. Husband born Sydenham, married there 1911. Shepherding in 1914 for old Mr & Mrs Clark.

Hurt her eye when chopping wood and was taken to hospital in a pony and trap.

Had oil lamps for light.

B. Piece built on allotments, her husband had 20 poles, they were self sufficient in veg, made her own jam,

Washing was done in a copper filled with water, using lifebuoy red washing soap. Got water from the well.

The Butcher's shop in barn was Thomas Chapman's. Then Brown and Hatton took over.

Another butchers called Gates in Rose Cottage in front of Bennett's in Brook Street. (Now Parkers)

Pubs were Cherry Tree, Shoulder of Mutton and Royal Oak.

Stores - P.O. then another down by Gates' butchers, which kept everything. (Reid's house)

Baker May, son Osborne took over in Vine House.

Baker Oakley - The Green in the Bennett's house.

Mr Ludlow grazed sheep on Green to cut it, then somebody put a fence round it.

Jenny Green was headmistress of the School. Dressmaker Mrs. Turbards. Coalmerchants, Tom & Lizzie Croxford.

Jack Barnett Blacksmith & Sammy Pullen.

Church closed in Mrs Ludlow's young life.

Col. Arthur Brown used to come for rent.

Bus to Wycombe for shopping, also one to Oxford.

Butcher from Thame killed pig and Chapman cut it up.

Children went to Aston School until 11 and Chinnor until 14.

Eldest son was cowman for Mr Britnell, Moat Manor was three houses, her son helped convert it. He dredged the moat.

Lady Brown used to go and visit school, children had to go tidy and their work was inspected.

Moat manor - poor family wore boots, dredged one up from moat and hung on a beam in the house.

Old Croft - Shepherds Close, Belsons lived there - three houses.

Blacksmith lived in one, Mr. Harding.

Mrs Britnell in another?

Doctor came from Thame, nurse at Chinnor. 7s6d for doctor and 18d to have a baby.

Stayed in bed for 2 weeks when baby was born and its eyes had to be covered.

Verg, bungalow by Plough & Harrow, Sydenham.

Sid

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Eric - farm Sydenham

Freda

Cath - Haddenham

Joyce

Ron - Chinnor

6 daughters - 2 sons.

14 grandchildren.