

**A Collection of Memories**  
**And Historical Data**  
**Relating to**  
**The Hamlet of**  
**CRICK**  
**In the county of**  
**MONMOUTHSHIRE.**



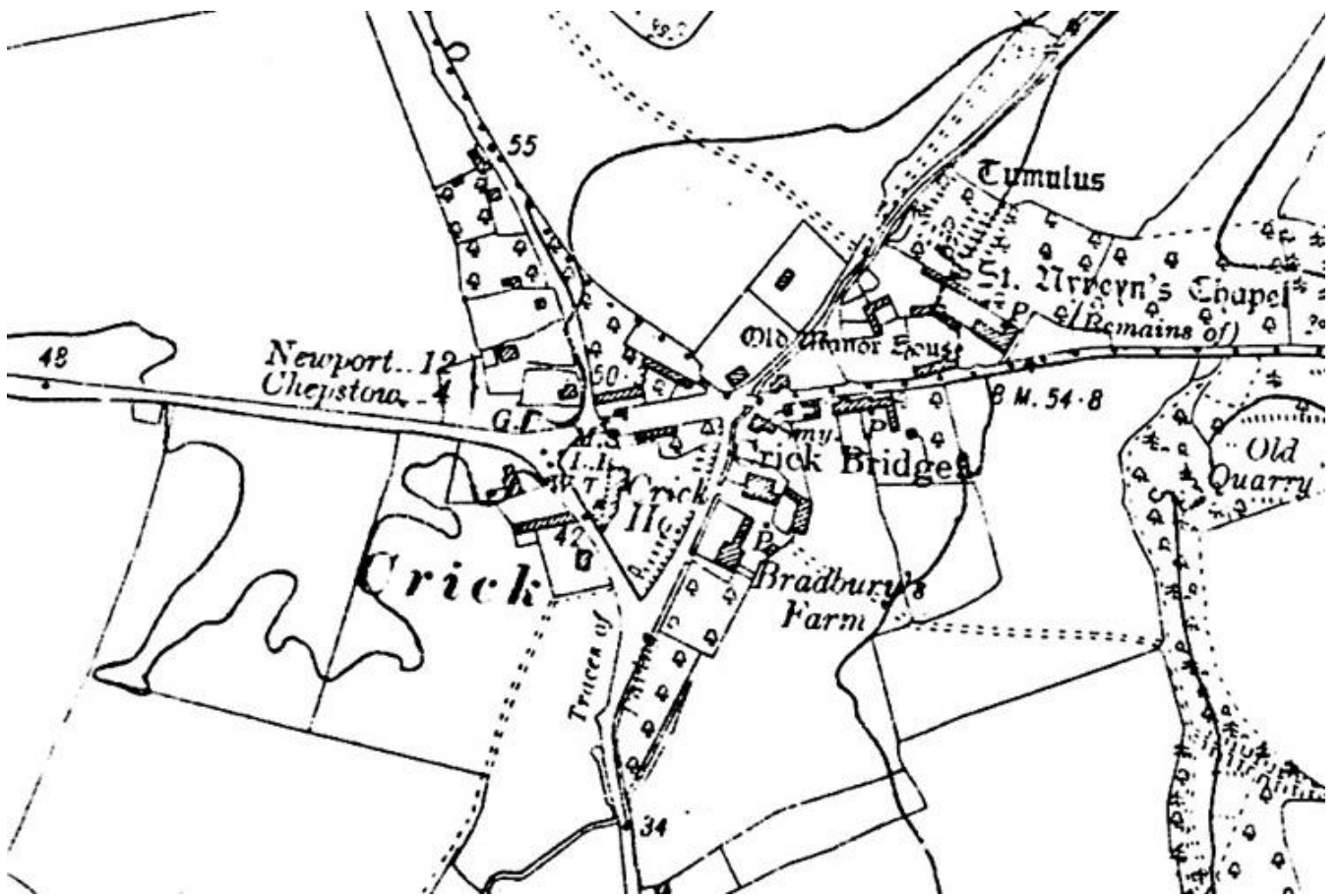
The photograph on the front cover is very old, it would have been taken from the Bradbury Farm Lane (now closed off), the corner of Brook Cottage is shown on the right, but the house in the centre was demolished to make way for the new Shirenewton Road.

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Crick as it was.

## Objective.

The aim is to document, as much information as can be gathered on the recent history of the hamlet of CRICK, so that is recorded, together with the memories of those still living who have a knowledge of Crick. Historical information from very early times has not been included in detail, but where appropriate references are made to historical items. Caerwent Historic Trust has information of a more detailed historical nature for those whose interest might be in the earlier history of Crick.

To achieve this aim people who have lived in or near Crick will be interviewed with the aim of collecting information on each dwelling in the hamlet and the people who lived there.

Efforts will also be made to borrow photographs to be copied, for use in any publication that may result and also to be stored on a computer database.

The project will be in two sections:

1. A general overview of the development of Crick.
2. Places and the People of Crick, this is the main body of the project.

*Extracts from the national censuses of: 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891 and 1901. that relate to Crick have been transcribed and the data obtained has been included in this document. Similarly extracts from the parish records of Caerwent, Mathern and St. Pierre that relate to Crick have been transcribed and the data obtained has been included in this document.*

*These records have been entered in the main body of this booklet in italics.*

This project will never be complete, and it is quite possible that some of the data will be questioned. What I will try to do is to make it as accurate and as complete as I can.

### National Censuses Summary of Data.

Data from the censuses can only be used as a rough guide to help create a picture of the past. There can be many errors and inconsistencies. Particularly with the earlier censuses as many people could not read or write and the enumerators could only record what they heard, names would be spelt as pronounced and often not very clearly and pronunciation would also be affected by dialects, this not only applied to peoples names but also to their place of birth. There could also be errors in their ages, as many people would probably guess their ages, as they might not have a record of their birth date.

The enumerators notes would be transcribed onto an official record, this has now been stored on microfilm from which I have transcribed the data, all these transcriptions and difficulty in reading the writing from earlier days means that they are liable to misinterpretation and errors.

Dwellings were often recorded in the earlier censuses by number and not name, however where names of properties were given this data will be included in the record of "**Places and People of Crick**".

**But Beware**, there is a lack of accuracy and consistency in census data, due to writing that is difficult to read, poor communication skills and omissions.

I have been unable to find any record of Crick House on the 1901 census, either on the microfiche in Newport library or by searching on the 1901 census internet site, and as there are other similar situations, this data must be treated as a guide only.



Caerwent School circa 1938/1939.

*Those names underlined and in italics lived at Crick at some time.*

Front row, L to R: Donald Spooner, Graham Williams, Billy Peach, John Peach, Harold Williams, Alan Thomas, Alan Chappel, David Milne, Robert Griffiths,  
 2nd. Row, L to R: Wyndham Spooner, David Lewis, Desmond Morgan, Graham Willets, Grenville Griffiths, Alan Slayne, Ronnie Williams, Michael Roberts,  
*Keith Adams*, *Alfie Williams*.

3rd. Row, L to R: Miss Amy Baker, Miss Thomas, Ken Jones, Albert North, Mervyn Richards, Jack Hobbs, Charlie Milne, Bernard Francis, Ted Chappel,  
 Miss Pritchard, Mr Frank Vicarage.

Back Row, L to R: Edwin Lewis, Kenny Oliver, Norman Parry, Alfie Milne, Dennis Herbert, Lionel Gibbons, Raymond Fuller.

## Summary of Census Data recorded as relating to Crick.

<u>Year.</u>	<u>Dwellings.</u>	<u>Number of Inhabitants.</u>
1841	21	148
1851	22	114
1861	26	119
1871	24	118
1881	16	110
1891	15	97
1901	22	116

### Overview.

The origin of name of Crick has had various suggestions,

- a): it takes its name from a mound or *CRIG, or CRÛG* or tump, of which no remains exist, or
- b): that the Nedern brook once formed a tidal *CREEK*, which came up to Crick.

From earliest time Crick was a main crossing point for two major South Monmouthshire routes that had been used since Roman Times. The road from Chepstow and further points East went through Crick to Caerwent and points West, and this road, crossed the road from the Severn crossing at Blackrock (Portskewett) going North to Usk, Abergavenny, Monmouth and beyond.

It is believed that the property now known as Brook Cottage was many years ago a mail staging post and may later have become the White Hart Inn referred to in the census's.

It is reported that King Charles 1. visited Crick twice in 1645, staying at The Manor.

Although there is no church in Crick, there was a chapel dedicated to St. Nefyn (Neveyn's), adjacent to the Manor farmhouse. This may have been a chapelry within Mathern parish, the vicars of Mathern were, named as "of Mathern, Crick and Runston", until at least 1740.

There was also the Pentecostal Church, Full Gospel Mission on Killcrow Hill.

"How did Killcrow Hill get its name??" One possible explanation is that "Kill", is the Celtic/Irish name for a wood, so it could be, "the wood of the crows". Or it could simply be the place you went to kill crows.

Before the main road was developed as we see it today and in the area between Crick House and Cottage Farm there were the remains of what was once the village green. Quoits used to be played here and also on the bit of green under the coach house walls and where sweet chestnut trees overhung.

Factors, which have affected Crick, include: -

- 1). The Sale by Public Auction, in 1919 by the Lewis family of many of the farms cottages and other properties of the St. Pierre Estate.

The St. Pierre Estate included many of the farms, cottages and other property in Crick.



**Caerwent School, 1939.**

Pictured left to right are;

Back Row: Peggy Jones, Margaret Titcombe, Doreen Harris, Gertie Jenkins, Ethel Jones, Mary Francis, Nancy Probert, Christabel Munday, Doris Oliver,  
 Third Row; Miss Baker, Miss Thomas, Florrie Milne, Ivy Maddocks, Rosemary Williams, Joan Rees, Mona Creed, Margaret Griffith, Mary North,

Phyllis Counsel, Doreen Lewis, Elste Stafford, Mr. Vicarage.  
 Second Row: Betty Titcombe, Rosie Oliver, Jill Adams, Mabel Counsell, Rita Fuller, Edith Francis, Rose Francis, Joyce Powell, Gwendoline Chappell,  
 Sylvia Stafford, Nesta Creed, Miss Pritchard.

Front Row: Joan Chappell, Elaine Chappell, Lillian Griffith, Doreen Lewis, June Reece, Shirley Harris, Nora Price, Barbara Titcombe, Nancy Counsell  
 Phyllis Jones, Shirley Adams, Margaret Williams, Nancy Francis, Margaret Hicks.

Most of the farms were purchased by Monmouthshire County Council (Mon CC), these farms were, as possession became available, split up into smaller units with the aim of giving ex servicemen from the First World War, the opportunity to start farming on their own account.

- 2). Crick was very much affected by the construction just prior to the Second World War, of the Royal Naval Propellant Factory (RNPF) at Dinham.

This resulted in the commandeering of some farms, and the reduction in size of other farms. The new road to Shirenewton had to be built as the old road to Shirenewton went through the RNPF site and was closed off. This necessitated the re routing of the Hayes Gate to Crick lane which previously went through the present council depot and joined the A48 opposite Brook House, and led to the lane to Portskewett past Bradbury farm, the entrance to which is now closed.

At about this time (1937/1938) the A48 from Crick to Caerwent was made into a dual carriageway, land for this was taken from the north side of the old road. The Caerwent bypass was opened in October 1932 by the Earl of Plymouth, Parliamentary Under Secretary to the Colonies. A single-track (full gauge) railway line was constructed from Portskewett into, and for the sole use of the RNPF.

All this work needed more workers than were available locally; engineers, construction gangs, and navvies, and so to meet this demand many people came into the area and were accommodated as lodgers by local residents, and also in special accommodation hostels that were built on the northern side of the A48, there was also a canteen situated behind New House Farm to feed these extra workers. The hostels and the canteen were run and ruled with a rod of iron by a highly respected little Scottish lady, Mrs. Crosbie. Later the "Welfare Centre", was built which had a cafeteria, a club with a bar, billiards/snooker tables and a superb ballroom/theatre. The welfare Centre building still stands today but has been put to industrial use.

To control these extra workers it was necessary to increase the police force from one constable to three, in particular to get them out of the local pubs at closing time.

Army and Naval personnel came into the area, as also did Land Army Girls who stayed in Mount Ballan House.

Some Anti-aircraft gun sites were built to defend the RNPF.

All this extra construction work resulted in MacAlpines yard being developed, as there was a lot of work for their construction equipment. McAlpines were brought in to complete the construction of the RNPF when the original contractors got into financial difficulties.

In 1939 a "Home Guard" division was formed, with its headquarters in Crick House.

In the year before the Normandy landings large stocks of ammunition were stored hidden in woodland and waste areas on the side of the new Shirenewton road, they were covered in camouflage netting. There was also an encampment of American servicemen in this area.

- 3). Also having an influence on Crick was the building of the M4 Motorway in 1960.

This construction had an impact on Manor Farm and Bradbury Farm, severely reducing the viability of Manor Farm and making Bradbury Farm harder to operate by making the access to most fields more difficult. It necessitated some re-routing of the Crick to Portskewett road, and changing the access to some properties on this road.

Crick was a hamlet of farms and farm workers cottages with some trades people who were needed to support a rural community. There was no church, no school no post office and really no focal



point. It is of interest to note that in the 1851 census there is an entry for Harry Rowlands at Crick who was a blacksmith and "Innkeeper". Also in a 1877 Directory for Monmouthshire there is a record of Lewis Rowland who kept the "White Hart", at Crick and the 1851 census listed Lewis Rowlands, a son of the above Harry Rowlands, Lewis was aged 17 in 1851.

Many years ago various tradespeople would bring their wares to Crick to sell. These included Mr. Ayland a fishmonger followed by Mr Cooper a fishmonger from Chepstow. Mr Fred Williams would bring his fish and chip van, which he would park in the Shirenewton Road, and customers would collect their cooked meals. "Walls" and "Eldorado" Stop-me-and-buy-one ice cream sales men visited and there was also an ice cream sales man from Newport by the name of Porretta. Oil for heating and lighting was delivered by Mr. Griffiths and his nephew Tom, they came from Chepstow where they had a shop, the site is now a chemist's shop run by Peter Merrick.



## "Places and People of Crick".

Properties and or people will be listed alphabetically, by the name of the property where this is known, or by the name of the principle occupants. Where the name starts with "The", the first letter of the next word will be used to place the entry alphabetically.

### Adams.

*1900 Charles Ernest Adams aged 22 a labourer from Caldicot (father not stated) married Mary Jane Jones aged 30 of Crick (father John Jones a labourer) at Caerwent church.*

*1932 Reginald Arthur Adams aged 27 an agricultural worker at Bradbury Farm Crick (father Walter Adams a farmer) married Constance Hilda Jones 22 of St. Woolos, Newport (father Thomas Jones a gardener) at Caerwent church.*

### Baker.

*1914 Frederick Charles Baker aged 32 a labourer of Crick (father Thomas Baker dec. a shepherd) married Lillian Maud Florida aged 23 of Crick (father Benjamin Charles Florida a gas fitter) at Caerwent church.*

Frederick joined the R.A.F., before the start of the Second World War.

*1914 Beatrice Mary Baker daughter of Frederick & Lillian was baptised at Caerwent church*

*1915 Frederick Charles Baker aged 33 was buried at Caerwent church.*

*1916 Frederick Charles Baker son of Frederick & Lillian was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### Ballan Cottage

One of three cottages on the Portskewett road, whose access was changed due to the construction of the M4 motorway, which was opened in 1966.

The Crook family lived here, Mr. and Mrs. Crook and their son Reg. They left Crick to take over a pub in Caerwent probably the Coach and Horses.

They were followed by Mr & Mrs Bert Jones and their children Peggy, Kenneth, Phyllis, Ronnie and Keith.

Bert was awarded the B.E.M, (British Empire Medal) for his work in establishing the Home Guard unit in Crick.

Ken had qualified as a teacher and tragically he was killed in a motorcycle accident at Bedwas on his way to work as a teacher; this was his first day at a new job, and he had only been married for two months.

There were two other sons, Ronnie and Keith and two daughters, Peggy and Phyllis. The 1930 Electoral Register lists, Albert George James Jones, Doris Jones and Amelia Jones as living at Ballan Cottage. Amelia Jones was Albert's mother.

*1951 William Frederick Holton aged 29 a Civil Servant from Chepstow (father William Frederick a maintenance engineer) married Margaret Evelyn Jones (known as Peggy), aged 22 of Ballan Cottage, Crick (father Albert George James a Bricklayer) at Caerwent church.*

*1955 Noel Rosser Morgan aged 22 in the R.A.F. from Bedwas (father Leonard a salesman) married Phyllis Eileen Jones aged 21 (father Albert George James a process worker at the RNPF) at Caerwent church.*

*1966 Doris Evelyn Jones aged 61 was buried at Caerwent church.*

*1969 Albert George James (Bert) Jones a widower aged 65 a stone mason of Malpas, Newport formerly of Ballan Cottage, Crick (father James dec.) married Gertrude Elizabeth Pritchard a widow aged 67 from Newport (father James Alpin dec.) at Caerwent church.*

Bert Jones left Ballan Cottage in 1966, Bert had claimed all sorts of occupations but apart from a spell as a process worker at the RNPF, he had always been a general building trades worker.

Mon C.C. County Farms Unit records list tenants of Ballan Cottage as Albert George James Jones from April 1929 to 1966, and W.R. Price from February 1966 to 1982.

### **Ballan Farm.**

The 1930 Electoral register lists, Frederick George Bevis, Ellen Bevis and Montague Bevis as living here.

### **Bartle, Fred. (A Crick Tragedy).**

In 1920 Fred Bartle a pupil at Monmouth School was on his way home on the bus from Chepstow, which went via Portskewett and Caldicot to Caerwent where he lived. On the same bus was Winnie Gardiner who lived at Laurel House, Crick, and Fred instead of staying on the bus got off the bus at Parkwall to accompany Winnie to Crick rather than let her walk home alone at night. Fred left Winnie at her home at Crick and started walking towards Caerwent, it was a moonlit night and Fred was walking near the wall of Crick House when a motorcycle came along with a rider and a lady pillion passenger who was riding side saddle as was the custom in those days, and not seeing Fred, as he was in the shadow of the wall, crashed into him. The crash was heard by the Gardiner family who went out to investigate and when they saw the injured person with his cap they knew it was Fred who tragically died from his injuries.

### **Baynham.**

*1918 Percival George Baynham aged 2 was buried at Caerwent church.*

### **Beale.**

Ken Beale ran the tin printing works that was located on the Old Shirenewton Road. The design and artistic work was carried out here and it then went to Caldicot for printing.

### **Bentley Green.**

This Mon CC smallholding was created in 1933, it was fifteen acres of land formerly part of the Croft, another Mon CC smallholding across the road, but the tenant of the Croft, Mr. Berkeley had become concerned with having to cross the road with his livestock with all the increased motor traffic (in 1933!!!).

Mon CC constructed a house and let it to my father Mr. Ralph Bartlett, who had been a joint tenant of the adjacent smallholding known as Hawthorn, where he was in partnership with his brother Chauncey, they were poultry farming and built and sold poultry houses all over Monmouthshire and beyond.

The house was completed in 1934, when Ralph married Norah Thatcher (no relation to Margaret) and started poultry farming, producing both eggs and table poultry. The acreage was in later years increased by the addition of the land from neighbouring smallholdings to about thirty acres, but it is poor land with not much depth of soil.

There were five children, Peter, (the compiler of these notes) Mary, twins Edna and Sheila and Robert. Robert still lives at Bentley Green, he took over the tenancy from his father and continued poultry farming, in recent years specialising in egg production. In 2004; due to the regulations and red tape he decided to give up commercial egg production. Robert has since bought the property next door, Hawthorn with about thirty acres of rather better land.

*1935 Peter Bartlett son of Ralph Spilling and Norah was baptised at St. Pierre church.*

*1936 Gillian Mary Bartlett daughter of Ralph Spilling and Norah was baptised at St. Pierre church.*

*1940 Edna Bartlett daughter of Ralph Spilling and Norah was baptised at St. Pierre church.*

*1940 Sheila Bartlett daughter of Ralph Spilling and Norah was baptised at St. Pierre church.*

*1943 Robert James Bartlett son of Ralph Spilling and Norah was baptised at St. Pierre church.*

### **Berkly.**

1923 the electoral role lists Thomas George and Jane Berkly as living at Crossways, Portskewett and in 1930 at Crick, this could be a variant spelling of the George Berkeley who lived at Croft Farm.

### **Berries, The.**

A moated tump on Ballan Moor, off the Portskewett road, was probably a Norman Motte and Bailey.

### **Blacksmith.**

See also Rowland's family at the White Hart.

John Townsend who came from Ross had a blacksmiths shop in Crick. He lived at first in Caerwent and then moved to "High Mass", a cottage at the top of Five Lanes. He was a well known agricultural blacksmith in the district with blacksmith shops in, Caerwent, Llanvair Discoed, Portskewett as well as Crick.

John Townsend married Selena Thomas whose family farmed at Caerleon. They had a large family and several of their sons; Percy, Gwyn and Tom were also blacksmiths.

1929 The funeral of Mr. John Townsend took place at Caldicot church. Mr. Townsend was one of the most noted agricultural "Smiths", in the district at Caerwent, Llanvair Discoed, Portskewett and Crick. He also worked for a time in the "Black Gang", in the making of the Severn Tunnel, and he finished when the water broke through for the first time.



**John Townsend the Blacksmith.**

### **Blacksmiths Shop and Three Houses.**

These properties were listed in the sale notice of the St. Pierre Estate in 1919. They were not listed in the sale results printed in the South Wales Argus the day after the sale; it is therefore assumed, that as with other lots Mon.CC had purchased them prior to the sale. The tenants were, Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Townsend and Mrs. Martha Jones.

### **Blossoms, formerly The Kennels, then Cottage Bungalow.**

Please refer to the entries under Cottage Bungalow and The Kennels

### **Bond.**

*1872 Sarah Ann Bond daughter of Thomas and Angelina was baptised at Caerwent church, Thomas was a gamekeeper.*

### **Bradbury Farm.**

The name originates from Edmund Bradbury, who served in the office of sheriff of Crick in 1732.

It is believed that at one time all the land in the triangle from Crick to Parkwall to Crossways and back to Crick was attached to Bradbury farm.

In the woods above Bradbury Farm was a clearing known as, "The Gallows", where horses were slaughtered and the meat hung for the hounds. The meat was taken to the, "Meat House", a cottage adjoining the kennels in the village.

Mr. Archie Jones farmed here until Mon.CC. bought it in 1919, when it was split into smallholdings for ex servicemen. It would appear from the sale details of the farms of the St. Pierre Estate in 1919 that the tenancy was in the name of Mr. Watkin Jones, father of Archibald.

*1916 Archibald Washington Jones aged 27 a farmer from Mathern (father Watkin Jones a provision merchant) married Cathleen Dorothy Huggett aged 21 from Ifton Hill, St. Pierre (father John Huggett a farmer) at Mathern church.*

*1919 Olwen Pamela Jones daughter of Archibald Washington and Cathleen Dorothy was baptised at Mathern church.*

In 1919 this property was part of the St Pierre Estate and had 290 acres and it was at that time let to Mr Watkin Jones upon a lease expiring February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1921.



**Bradbury Farmhouse and Buildings 1997.**

Mr Godfrey Lionel Stafford an ex serviceman became the tenant of Mon CC.; he was the tenant from February 1921 to August 1959. He was quite a progressive farmer being one of the first in the area to have Friesian cattle rather than the more traditional Shorthorns, as he realised their potential to produce more milk, Mr Stafford was also one of the first farmers in the area to have a milking machine, it was made by Alfa-Laval.

John James who had farmed at Broadwell Farm, Hayes Gate, worked at Bradbury Farm for many years, he had a cold bath every morning before he came to the farm, at all times of the year, even in mid-winter. His son Teddy was thought to have been a server at Caldicot Church.

Mr Stafford and his wife Sarah Ellen had five children, two sons and three daughters. The sons Lionel and Eric did not choose a career in farming but one qualified as a veterinary surgeon and the other as a doctor. The eldest daughter was Violet, and there was Elsie and Sylvia.

*1922 Violet Louisa Stafford daughter of Godfrey and Sarah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1924 Lionel Percival Stafford son of Godfrey and Sarah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1925 Eric John son Stafford of Godfrey and Sarah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1928 Elsie Katherine Stafford daughter of Godfrey and Sarah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1930 Sylvia Ellen Stafford daughter of Godfrey and Sarah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*Sylvia died tragically in 1946 as the result of a brain tumour.*

*1946 Sylvia Ellen Stafford aged 16 was buried at Caerwent church.*

*1946 Phillip Leslie Palmer aged 29 a Physicist of Caerwent (father Walter Percy a caretaker) married Violet Louisa Stafford aged 23 of Bradbury Farm Crick (father Godfrey Lionel Stafford a farmer) at Caerwent church.*

*1952 Eric John Stafford aged 26 a doctor of Bradbury Farm, Crick (father Godfrey Lionel a farmer) married Margaret Sophia Spooner aged 26 from The Arches, Caerwent (father Reginald Thomas a farmer Dec.) at Caerwent church.*

*1955 George Thomas Haines aged 36 a school master from Llanharan (father Isaac Dec.) married Elsie Katherine Stafford aged 27 of Bradbury Farm, Crick (father Godfrey Lionel a farmer) at Caerwent church.*

On the retirement of Mr Stafford in 1959 Bradbury Farm was let to Mr Jack Knight who had been a tenant of Mon CC., at Lavender Well Farm, Hayes Gate, Mr Knight had two sons and held the tenancy until May 1978.

With Mr. Phillip Parry of Melrose, Mr. Stafford was one of the last appointed "Overseers of the Poor", before this age old authority was abolished

*1965 Sarah Ellen Stafford aged 76 (she had moved from Bradbury farm at the time of her death) was buried at Caerwent church.*

Violet was a Civil Servant, but she left the RNPF when she married and moved to Kent and later to Hertfordshire where she now lives (2006).

Lionel had a large veterinary practice in Somerset.

Eric a general practitioner had a country practice in Lincolnshire.

Elsie qualified in childcare, and later became a teacher of special needs children and lives in Nottinghamshire.



**Elsie Haines and Violet Palmer formerly Stafford, in 2006.**

*1963 John Mervyn Knight aged 22 a fitter of Bradbury Farm, Crick (father John a farmer) married Janette Marilyn Townsend aged 19 a machine operator from Chepstow (father Norman Redvers a quarry foreman) at Caerwent church.*

*1966 Anthony Phillip Knight aged 21 an electrician of Bradbury Farm, Crick (father John a farmer) married Dianne Walker aged 19 from Caerwent (father John Storey Dec. a former Inspector in the Admiralty Constabulary) at Caerwent church.*

The next and current tenant is Mr. Trevor Price who had previously been farming at Redwick. Mr. Price took the tenancy in May 1978 when Mr. Jack Knight retired.

*1987 Herbert Thomas Stephens aged 24 a farmer of Pen-y-Heol, Llantrissant, (father Charles Henry a farmer) married Sandra Veronica Price aged 21 a farmer (father Trevor John a farmer) at Caerwent church.*

The road in front of Bradbury Farm was closed at it's junction with the A48 main road in 1983 or 1984, this was a big benefit to the cats and dogs at Bradbury Farm, as prior to its closure many pets were killed by the traffic that raced past the farm.

In 2006 planning permission has been given to convert the farm buildings, into dwellings, it is not yet decided if the house will be retained in some form or if will be demolished and rebuilt.

### **Bramley House.**

Bramley House was built in 1985 by Mrs. V. Williams and it was her home until she moved to Newton House which she had built in 1989.

1989 Bramley House was sold to Mr. & Mrs. A Speakman, who later sold it to Mr. & Mrs. C. Williams.

### **Brook Cottage.(From 2014 known as Brook House Cottage)**

Many years ago this was a Coaching House, it was a stop over location for the mail coaches.

There was reported to be a plaque in the wall showing that the house was built in 1660, this plaque was placed there in recent times by a previous occupier, but it has since been found that parts of the house are from the previous century.

*1861 census; Thomas Adams a Tailor and Grocer lived here with his wife Lucy, son John and niece Mary. The address is given as The Shop.*

This was a small shop at one time run by Granny Barrett, just inside the front door was a counter where sweets etc could be bought.

Mr. and Mrs. Sarah Barrett lived here, they had one daughter who married Mr. Benjamin Charles Florida, and they had two children.



**Brook Cottage, and Mrs. Sarah Barratt with her Grandson, Theo Florida.**

Mr. Barrett was a Sergeant in the Engineers and also belonged to Chepstow Volunteer Corps, he died in 1916 and was buried at Caerwent Churchyard. At one time Mr. Barrett kept the Ship Inn, at Caerwent.

*1916 George Barratt aged 68 33 was buried at Caerwent church.*

*1930 electoral role lists Sarah Barratt as living at Crick.*

*1940 William Thomas Kempston aged 29 a labourer of Brook Cottage, Crick (father Thomas Kempston a seaman) married Gertrude Irene Balman aged 27 of 27 Park Road, Staple Hill, Bristol (father Frederick Balman a farm labourer) at Caerwent church.*

The daughter Lillian Maud Florida had a son Theodore, she married Frederick Charles Baker in 1914 and was widowed, and in 1917 she married John Winter who was a widower.

*1920 William Francis Florida aged 25 a steam wagon driver of Crick (father Charles Benjamin an electrician) married Ivy Henry aged 24 of Pwllmeyric (father Thomas a labourer) at Mathern church.*

Theo Florida the great grandson of Mrs. Barrett lived here until his great grandmother died he then went to live with the Gardiner family at Laurel House as a temporary arrangement until he could make other arrangements, he stayed for seventeen years.

*1935 Sarah Barratt aged 90 33 was buried at Caerwent church.*

At one time Mr. & Mrs. Fred Gardener lived here with their son Noel and daughter Hazel. Jack Knight's parents were also here for a very short while with Jim, Jack & Esther.

They were followed by Mr. & Mrs. Howard Price, Howard became a R.M. policeman at the RNPF, and his wife Olive took in lodgers who worked at the RNPF. Olive was the daughter of Mr. Miles a cobbler and shoemaker of Caerwent.

Cecil Stone lodged here, he was employed as a lorry driver in the construction of the RNPF, Cecil later met and married Gwen Powell of Cottage Farm, and later became the tenant of Great House Farm, Caerwent and Cecil also owned Manor Farm buildings and land at Crick.

About 1945 Sydney Hooper and family lived here, sons John Hooper now living at Portskewett, David now living at Green Lane Caldicot, Alan and Kenny. Sydney was a baker at Adams Bakery in Caerwent, and his employers owned the property.

*1948 Kenneth Hooper son of Sydney & Doris was baptised at Caerwent church.*

Mr. & Mrs. Martin lived there from 1954 until the 1990's. In 1982 a large chestnut tree blew down and fell onto the house, the occupants were unaware of this as they were asleep in bed, they were awoken by neighbours who were concerned for their safety. Some damage was done to the property but because of its sturdy construction there was no serious structural damage, a more modern house would have been seriously damaged.

*1965 Julian Richard David Martin aged 21 an electrician of Brook Cottage, Crick (father William George an electrical meter mechanic) married Norma Elaine Savery aged 20 of Caerwent (father Norman Henry a lorry driver) at Caerwent church.*

*1994 William George Martin aged 81 was buried at Caerwent church.*

The owners in 2006 Lisa Martin (grand daughter of the above Mr. & Mrs. Martin) and Mark Sheppard are engaged in renovating the property, as Brook Cottage is a listed building all the work has to be approved and be in character with the age of the property.

2013 new owners Bruce McCusker and Lindsay Winterbourne moved in and are proceeding with renovations.

### **Brook House. (St. Donats, is it's present name).**

Was for many years the home of the Buckle family.

*1826 Elizabeth Buckle daughter of William and Elizabeth was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1829 George Buckle son of William and Elizabeth was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1832 Thomas Buckle son of William and Elizabeth was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1842 Ann Buckle aged about 3 years daughter of William and Elizabeth was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1842 Edith Buckle daughter of William (a butcher) and Elizabeth Buckle was christened at Mathern church, Edith was buried at Caerwent church June 2<sup>nd</sup>. 1842 aged 1 month.*

*1862 Edward Williams a labourer aged 27 of Crick, (father William Williams a blacksmith) married Eliza Buckle aged 28 of Crick, (father William a butcher) at Mathern church.*

In 1919 this property was part of the St Pierre Estate and was sold to the tenant, Mr W Buckle for £260.00, with about half an acre of land. This could be the William George Buckle who in 1881 lived in Cottages near Crick at Runston, his father George came from Clapton, Gloucestershire and was aged 30 in 1881 when William was aged 2.

Mr & Mrs Buckle lived here circa 1935 with their son Arthur, and two daughters. Arthur who never married died as a young man. One daughter married Mr. Andrews and they had a daughter Margaret, the other daughter Mary Jane married Mr. Ivor David, Mary Jane died in 1917, they did not have any children.

*1882 Elizabeth Buckle of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 84.*

*1908 George William Buckle of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 24.*

*1916 Thomas Buckle aged 85 was buried at Caerwent church. (He died in Chepstow Infirmary).*

Mr & Mrs Buckle cut and sold watercress from the spring at the source of the Broadwell Brook, some of this watercress was taken by bus to the produce market in Newport.



*1920 Ronald Andrews aged 23 a shipyard worker from Caldicot (father George Andrews an engine driver) married Gladys Lottie Buckle aged 21 of Crick (father William Buckle a market gardener) at Caerwent church.*

*1927 Margaret Lottie Andrews daughter of Ronald & Gladys was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1939 Arthur Andrew Buckle aged 5 was buried at Caerwent church.*

Mr David R (Bert) Edwards his wife Ethel (nee Morgan from Caerwent) and their family lived here, he kept large numbers of livestock. Bert was originally from Fleur-De-Lys, he then moved to The Forest of Dean area and he was educated at Monmouth School, his parents died when he was quite young. Bert served in the Scots Guards, before coming to the Crick/Caerwent area where he met and married Ethel Morgan. They were farming at Dinham but had to move to Brook House when the R.N.P.F., was built. Bert worked as a gas fitter in the R.N.P.F. at the same time Bert kept large numbers of poultry, pigs and calves at Brook Cottage, all on a very small area of land. To supplement the feed for the livestock he used to collect waste food from the canteen at the RNPF and from local schools etc. with his motorcycle and sidecar. This waste food was cooked and added to other animal feeds.

Bert and Ethel had nine children:

Derrick born 1934, he was a builder in Newport until his death in 1984 aged 49.

Charles worked at Llanwern Steel works and lives in Caldicot.

Jean lives in Pembroke.

Maureen died in 2002 aged 64.

Michael (Mick) worked at the Astral garage at Five Lanes before going to work in the Steel works at Llanwern.

Brian worked for McAlpines at Crick.

Keith owned Caldicot Autoparts, he has recently sold this business.

Marion worked at the Motorway Service Station at Aust until her recent retirement.

Peter was born in 1946 and for many years he was a partner in a roofing company, he now lives in Caerwent and has given me much of the above information.

*1942 Michael Colin Edwards son of David Robert and Ethel was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1943 Robert Keith Edwards son of David Robert and Ethel was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1960 David Robert Edwards aged 51 (he had moved to Sunnyside, Penhow at this time) was buried at Caerwent church.*

### **Brooklyn Cottages.**

There is a Diamond in the wall that shows that these cottages were built in 1874. The numbering I find unusual in that No. 2 is the property nearest the village.



**No.1. Brooklyn Cottages.**

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Joseph and Rachel Davies lived here pre 1913 with their three sons and five daughters; Joseph was a shepherd working for the Warlows at Manor farm. Joseph died in 1912 so the family had to move out of their tied cottage, but they obtained the tenancy of Fir Tree Cottage, near where the telephone kiosk on the Portskewett Road now stands. One son Archie fought in the First World War but lost his life on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. 1918 aged 21.

*1912 Joseph Davies was buried at Caerwent church aged 54.*

*1895 Gilbert Charles Davies son of Joseph and Rachel was baptised at Caerwent church.*

Gilbert known as Bert worked for many years for the War Agricultural Committee, he lived on the Shirenewton Road and was a real character.

*1907 John Edwards aged 30 a shunter from Llanvihangel, Rogiet (father James a woodman) married Alice Davies aged 26 of Crick (father Joseph a labourer) at Mathern church.*

*1930 electoral roll lists Rachel, Gilbert Charles and Edith Davies as living at Crick.*

*Edith Davies married Mr. Miles a cobbler from Caldicot.*

The above data on the Davies family is also included in Fir Tree Cottage data.

*1915 Charles Louvain Barton son of Anthony & Edith was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1917 Bruce Barton aged 4 was buried at Caerwent church.*

*1922 Roy Llewelyn Barton son of Anthony & Edith was baptised at Caerwent church.*

Anthony was a Ship's Steward living in Brook Lane.

Arthur and Lilly Peppin family lived here prior to 1939. Mr. Peppin worked at Penhow Quarries, and cycled there daily in all weathers. In the late thirties Mr. and Mrs. Peppin moved to Didcot.

*1927 Constance Eileen Peppin daughter of Arthur and Lillian was baptised at Mathern church.*

*1928 Mary Maureen Peppin daughter of Arthur and Lillian was baptised at Caerwent church.*

In 1939 Mr. Alec Jonas Ford and his wife Adelaine Winifred (nee Vince) moved here. Mr. Ford came from the Bristol area, he had been a journeyman hay cutter, but on coming to Crick he took up full time employment with the original contractors building the RNPF, when these contractors went into bankruptcy, he then worked for McAlpines who took over the construction. When the RNPF opened Mr. Ford was employed as a security policeman at the RNPF.

They had three children, Barbara (now Mrs. Trevor Franklin) who returned to Crick in 1987 and is living at Ben-Brook Crick, David who lives at Magor and Roger who lives at Stroat in Gloucestershire.

*1939 David Michael Ford son of Alec Jonas and Adeline Winifred was baptised at Mathern church.*

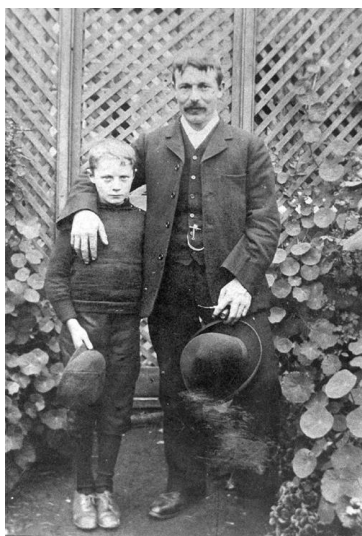
*1941 Roger Alan Ford son of Alec Jonas and Adeline Winifred was baptised at Mathern church.*

*1956 Trevor Alexander Franklin aged 20 a painter & decorator from Chepstow (father William a labourer Dec.) married Barbara Jean Ford age 20 from 1 Brooklyn Cottages, Crick (father Alec Jonas an Admiralty Constable) at Caerwent church.*

## No. 2. Brooklyn Cottages.

*1918 Eveline Mary Hopkins daughter of Stephen and Florence was baptised at Caerwent church.*

Eveline Mary was known as Polly, she was a cousin of Mabel Hudson (nee Gardiner), by virtue of her mother Florence (known as Flossie) being a sister to Mabel's mother Mary whose maiden name was Baynham. Stephen was in the Army.



**Ben Jones with his father James and with his mother Clara.**

Mr. J. Jones and his wife Clara, their son Benjamin and daughters Ethel and Lorraine lived here. Mr. Jones was a carpenter and worked for Mon.C.C., at the estates depot in Crick, he was born at Ballan Cottage, he attended Caldicot School, and at one time he lived in Manor Farm when it was a "tenement". Mr. Jones father John Jones worked at Bradbury Farm, he died in April 1917, his funeral took place at Portskewett Church, and his widow died in February 1934 aged 92.

Benjamin Jones married Phyllis Baker, Phyllis's family lived in a pretty cottage adjoining the bridge, this cottage had to be demolished to make way for the new Shirenewton Road.



**Ben Jones with his wife Phyllis and Phyllis with her mother Mrs. Baker.**

Benjamin and Phyllis had three children, a son Beric who married Barbara Titcombe of Caerwent and two daughters Ethel and Laureen, Beric and Barbara now live at Holt in Wiltshire.

*1957 James Godfrey Jones aged 84 was buried at Caerwent church.*

*1958 Clara Jones aged 83 was buried at Caerwent church.*

*1971 Kirsty Alexis Powell daughter of Geoffrey Malcolm and Alexandra Helena was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1973 Duncan Alexander Powell son of Geoffrey Malcolm & Alexandra Helena was baptised at Caerwent church.*



**Ben Jones with his Grand mother-in-law Martha Jones.**

### **Buckle.**

Some Buckle's have been linked to residences in Crick, the residence of the following was not known.

*1867 Fanny Buckle daughter of Jane (unmarried) was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1876 Charles Buckle son of George and Sarah Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1878 William George Buckle son of George and Sarah Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1881 Mary Jane Buckle daughter of George and Sarah Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1883 Frank David Buckle son of George and Sarah Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1884 Henry Thomas Buckle son of George and Sarah Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1885 Albert Edward Buckle son of George and Sarah Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1891 Faith Buckle daughter of George and Sarah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1858 Edith Elizabeth Buckle was buried at Caerwent church aged 7.*

### **Bundock.**

Mr. William Henry Bundock is believed to have lodged with Mrs. Baker & Mrs. Martha Jones in a cottage, now demolished which stood immediately opposite Brook Cottage and adjoining the bridge, in summer this cottage was smothered in rambling roses even on the roof. This property was demolished when the new Shirenewton road was built. He later moved to live in the woods towards the bottom of Killcrow Hill on the South side. I have not met anyone who had actually seen the property he lived in, Alan Slayne recalls being sent by his mother to collect some raspberries, and Alan had to go to a gap in the woods and call, and the raspberries were brought to him. I have a recollection that Mr. Bundock originated from Essex. Mr. Bundock did work locally on a casual basis, I can remember him cutting down a tree with my grandfather and there was much good humoured banter between them as to who was putting the most effort into the long two handled saw they were using.

Mr. Bundock was very involved with the "Full Gospel Mission", on Killcrow Hill, he cleared the site for the erection of the wooden building and he was concerned with the running of this Pentecostal Church, which later moved to Caldicot and has a separate later entry in these notes.

### **Caldicot Tin Stamping Works.**

This was in a building now demolished on the Old Shirenewton Road.

Mr Jones was the owner; his brother in law was Cyril Luff father of Peter Luff, Peter now lives at Zephyrus. Mr. Ken Beale referred to earlier was also involved.

### **Cann.**

*1850 Marianne Cann daughter of Frederick and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1854 William Frederick Cann son of Frederick and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1871 William Frederick Cann was buried at Caerwent church aged 17.*

*1871 Ann Cann was buried at Caerwent church aged 50.*

*1881 Frederick Cann of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 72.*

### **Cartwright.**

*1836 Gertrude Louisa Cartwright daughter of William and Louisa Cartwright was christened at Mathern church.*

### **Chamberlain.**

*1867 George Ernest Chamberlain son of Thomas and Mary was baptised at Caerwent*

*1867 George Ernest Chamberlain was buried at Caerwent aged 3 weeks.*

### **Chappell.**

*1883 Frederick Walter Chappell son of William and Elizabeth was baptised at Caerwent church*

### **Coach House The, Manor Farm.**

Richard and Kate Cliff moved to The Coach House in 2005.

### **Cole.**

*1890 Joseph Cole aged 24 a labourer of Crick (father George Cole a labourer) married Emily Stafford aged 23 of Crick (father Robert Stafford a labourer) at Caerwent church.*

### **Collar.**

*Charles Mark Collar son of George and Ethel was baptised at Caerwent church, George was a platelayer.*

### **Cording.**

*1855 Ann Elizabeth Cording daughter of Elias and Susan was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Cottage Bungalow, see also Kennels and Blossoms.**

The first occupants after the conversion, from kennels were, Mr. Reg Adams an agricultural worker at Bradbury Farm and his wife Connie, and next door the Maddox family moved in. After a while it was made into one cottage, Mr. & Mrs. Adams moved to Silverdene.

Mr. & Mrs. Probert were tenants for many years.

*1949 Iris Elliott daughter of Percy Arthur and Edith Nancy was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1972 William Noel Woodfield aged 67 was buried at Caerwent church.*

### **Cottage Farm.**

Mr. Joseph (Joe) Edmunds at one time farmed this farm; he was a farmer and rate collector. He had two daughters, Winnie and Eva and a son Claude who was later the estate agent for the Curre Estate at Itton. Mr. Edmunds died in the late thirties, his wife died in May 1925.

The 1923 Electoral Register shows that, Joseph Edmunds, Winifred Edmunds, May Edmunds, Richard Thomas Edmunds and Claude Edward Edmunds were living here; by 1930 Richard and Claude were not included so they had probably left home.

From 1940 to 1989 Mr Powell was the tenant of this farm that included land down to the Neddern Brook. Mr Powell was very skilled in rick building with sheaves of corn, especially round ricks. It is suggested that this was previously owned by the Church and was known as Crick Cottage, see below. Cottage farm was managed by Mon.C.C Estates Department on behalf of the owners. Mr Powell had two daughters, the eldest married local farmer Mr Cecil Stone from Caerwent, the youngest daughter Amy kept house for her father for a while. Amy was very musical and played for a time in a local band. In her early twenties Amy became a nanny, working mostly in London. Amy worked for some famous people including Sir Colin Davies the orchestral conductor and his first wife, the singer April Cantelo. Later Amy worked for the opera singer Valerie Masterson. With some of the families that Amy worked for she travelled the world, Australia, Africa, America and the continent of Europe. Amy died early in 2006.

### **Council Yard.**

*1947 Edwin Parry aged 80 was buried at Caerwent church.*

*1948 George Lewis aged 73 was buried at Caerwent church.*

### **County Farms Unit, Monmouthshire County Council.**

The County Farms Unit very kindly supplied the following information on their smallholdings in the Crick and surrounding areas.

<b>Property.</b>	<b>Tenant.</b>	<b>From.</b>	<b>To.</b>	<b>Remarks.</b>
Parkwall Farm	Richard Bastin	02/02/28	02/05/63	
Parkwall Farm	Thomas Rhys Jones	02/05/63	02/02/87	
Little Peterstow	Thomas Matthews	02/04/29	02/11/43	
Little Peterstow	C.W. Miles	02/11/43	25/03/49	
Little Peterstow	W.J.Knight	25/03/49	02/04/85	
Hawthorn Poultry Farm	C.V. Bartlett & R.S. Bartlett	02/02/21	03/02/48	Sold to the tenants in 1948.
Lorna Doone Poultry Farm	Thomas William & James Perry Heard	02/08/27	02/02/39	
Lorna Doone	Enoch Griffiths	02/02/39	02/02/72	House sold to the tenants in 1972
Bryn Heulog	George Williams	02/05/29	02/08/33	Was this also known as
Bryn Heulog	Thomas Heard	02/08/33	25/12/59	Severn Poultry Farm
Bryn Heulog	Alfred Bastin	25/12/59	02/02/72	
The Uplands	Horace Smith	02/02/22	02/02/44	
The Uplands	Albert Nailor	02/02/44	02/08/71	
The Uplands	Robert Bartlett	02/03/74	1978	
The Croft	Thomas Berkeley	02/02/24	02/04/49	
The Croft	W.A. Chivers	02/04/49	02/02/78	
Bentley Green	R.S. Bartlett	02/11/33	02/02/78	
Hill Farm	Joseph Roberts	29/09/22	02/02/63	
Oak Grove	Joseph Grimmer	29/09/22	09/12/33	
Oak Grove	Charles Price	09/12/33	16/06/45	
Oak Grove	R.L. Harry	16/06/45	01/04/57	
Oak Grove	W.R. Mapps	01/04/57	02/02/81	
Crossways Farm	Frank Hudd	02/10/25	02/03/34	
Crossways Farm	E.C. Kite	02/03/34	1973	
Crown Hill	Herbert Chappell	02/11/29	1975	
Ballan Cottage	Arthur Jones	06/04/29	1968	
Ballan Cottage	W.R. Price	02/02/66	1982	
The Laurels	George Gardiner	17/11/24	1952	
The Laurels	E. Harris	02/02/53	????	
Bradbury Farm	Godfrey Stafford	02/02/21	11/08/59	
Bradbury Farm	John Knight	11/08/59	02/05/78	
Crick	George Lewis	02/08/24	02/08/52	
Old Manor Farm	John Warlow	02/02/20	02/11/61	
Old Manor Farm	A.J. Williams	02/11/61	1963	
Woodside	Hubert Harris	02/06/29	02/08/44	
Woodside	V.L. Rees	02/08/44	02/05/52	
Woodside	M.J. North	???	1971	
Woodside	P.J. Smith	02/02/71	2001	
Poultry Farm, Killcrow	John Slingsby	02/08/20	02/02/65	
Poultry Farm, Killcrow	Mrs. Slingsby	02/02/65	02/02/84	

<b>Property.</b>	<b>Tenant.</b>	<b>From.</b>	<b>To.</b>	<b>Remarks.</b>
Full Gospel Mission	Trustees, Thomas North Ralph Williams Richard Williams Noah Thompson	02/02/24	1946 moved to Caldicot	Chapel on the north side of the A48
Ashtree Farm	Patrick Hicks	02/02/29	1939	Sold to the Admiralty
Trostre Farm	Ernest Waters	02/11/24	02/11/35	
Trostre Farm	Harold Williams	02/11/35	1939	Sold to the Admiralty
Broadwell	John James	02/02/20	02/01/34	
Broadwell	Caradoc Arthur	02/01/34	02/02/38	
Broadwell	Ashley L.J. Reece	02/02/38	02/02/73	
Broadwell	Mrs F.M. Reece	02/02/73	02/08/81	
Greenmeadow	Ernest A. Jones	02/02/25	30/04/53	
Greenmeadow	Ernest E. Jones	30/04/53	02/02/88	
New House Farm	Robert Price	02/02/27	1939	Sold to the Admiralty
Bare Land	Crick Remand Home	02/02/56	02/02/86	Listed as in Caerwent
Slough Farm	J.A. Williams	02/02/35	1939	Sold to the Admiralty
Slough House	George Lewis	27/10/39	05/03/60	House & Orchard only
Slough House	R.N. Griffiths	05/03/60	15/02/86	
Sloughmead	James Wood	02/02/13	02/02/52	
Sloughmead	Miss L.J. Wood	02/02/52	02/04/73	
1 Crick Cottage	Phillip Parry	02/12/39	02/02/62	
1 Crick Cottage	Annie Parry (later Hawks)	02/02/62	1975	
Crick Cottage	W.G. Powell	02/02/40	02/02/89	

### **Cranford.**

This house was built in 1964, it replaced Rosedene see below, and Augustus Cyril Luff moved here with his wife Maisie Sybil (Taylor), they had two sons; John who died aged 22, and Peter who lives next door at Zephyrus with his wife Diane. Cyril died but his widow lived at Cranford until her death in 2006.

Earlier when work opportunities were not good in the area Cyril and Maisie moved to London where Cyril obtained work in the printing industry, and they intended to stay in London. However Cyril received a letter asking him if he would like to return to take up a post in charge of the printing machinery at Caldicot Tinplate Works, and so they returned.

Cyril took an interest in the Printing works on the Old Shirenewton Road, but was not involved in the running of these works.

*1964 Arthur John Luff aged 24 was buried at Caerwent church.*

*2006 Maisie Sybil Luff was buried at Caerwent church.*

### **Cressingham.**

A semi detached property between Rose Cottage and Silverdene.

Mr. John Richards, a builder lived here, he had two daughters, Ada & Georgina.

1939 Percy Noel Edward Evans aged 32 a fitter from Rose Cottage, Caerwent (father George Edward Evans a farmer) married Florence Georgina Richards aged 22 of Cressingham, Crick (father John Richards a builder) at Caerwent church.

In the mid fifties John and Marion Conlon (nee Packer from Shirenewton) lived here, they had a son Michael.

### **Crick Barrow.**

This "Barrow", is situated in a field to the North of the dual carriageway, just on the Caerwent side of the railway bridge, and during 1940, excavations found a calcined flint knife, leaf shaped arrow heads and a thumb scraper, and there was evidence that bodies had been cremated here possibly about 2000 BC.

### **Crick Cottage. (Later became Cottage Farm).**

*1871 census; Henry Jarvis a Coal Merchant and Agent lived here with his wife Mary and they had two servants.*

*1879 Charles James Tame of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 10m.*

*1881 census; there are three separate entries for this address as listed below.*

*William Tame, a Huntsman lived here with his wife Sarah, their son and two daughters.*

*1878 Charles James Tame son of William and Sarah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1880 Elizabeth Annie Tame daughter of William and Sarah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1882 Charles Henry Tame son of William and Sarah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1886 Frederick George Tame son of William and Sarah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*Robert Boulton, a Coachman and Domestic Servant lived here with his wife Jane and their two sons.*

*1878 John William Boulton son of Robert and Jane was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1880 Charles Ernest Boulton son of Robert and Jane was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1882 Arthur Edward Boulton son of Robert and Jane was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1884 Louisa Ann Boulton daughter of Robert and Jane was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1886 Ellen Mary Boulton daughter of Robert and Jane was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1889 Alfred James Boulton son of Robert and Jane was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*Mark May a gardener and Domestic lived here with his wife Mary their daughter Mary and stepdaughter Elizabeth Drew.*

*1879 Mark May aged 30 a gardener of Crick (father Thomas a farmer) married Mary Ann Drew aged 26 a servant of Caerwent (father William a labourer) at Caerwent church.*

*1889 William Henry May son of Mark and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1891 Thomas Henry May son of Mark and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1896 Mark May was buried at Caerwent church aged 47.*

*1891 census; Clara Langley, a widow of 74 and a farmer lived here with her two daughters, Clara and Agnes, her grandson and one servant.*

### **Crick Farm;(see also Bradbury Farm, it's later address).**

The Plaisted family originated from Normandy and the name developed from, du Plessis, their name in the twelfth century

*1833 William Plaisted son of Joseph and Phoebe Plaisted christened at Mathern church.*

*1834 Henry Plaisted son of Joseph and Phoebe Plaisted christened at Mathern church.*

*1836 Cornelius Plaisted son of Joseph and Phoebe Plaisted christened at Mathern church.*

*1837 Rachel Plaisted daughter of Joseph and Phoebe Plaisted christened at Mathern church.*

*1839 Selwyn Plaisted son of Joseph and Phoebe Plaisted christened at Mathern church.*

*1841 census, Daniel Plastead a farmer lived here with his wife Mary, their four children a servant and seven agricultural labourers.*

*1830 Mary Plaisted daughter of Daniel and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1831 John Stephens Plaisted son of Daniel and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1833 John Plaisted son of Daniel and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1835 Clara Plaisted daughter of Daniel and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1863 Laura Leah Plaisted daughter of Edwin and Leah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1871 census, Edward Bull lived here, he was a Farmer of 408 acres and was unmarried, and he had two servants.*

*1881 census; this farm was occupied by Edward Bull a widower aged 52 who came from Harden Huish in Wiltshire, the farm was 558 acres and employed 12 men, 3 boys and 1 woman.*



*1882 Daniel Plaisted of Woolaston was buried at Caerwent church aged 91.*

*1886 Edward Bull of Crick farm was buried at Caerwent church aged 59.*

### **Crick Garage.**

Mr. Harrison and his wife ran this garage, there were petrol pumps on the forecourt and I remember before the days of electric pumps, the petrol was pumped by hand into a glass measuring jar, which I think held 2 gallons, this was transferred to the vehicle or container and if more was required the jar was refilled. The jar was graduated so it would dispense just half a gallon if that was required. Engine oil was pumped out of large containers, not pre-packed as today. Many people had wireless sets powered by accumulators (batteries, plates in glass containers filled with sulphuric acid), and Mr Harrison provided a charging service for these, he would have up to 40 accumulators on charge, and if you were told your accumulator would be ready at 4.00 pm on a certain day, it was no good going before as he would not give it to you until the agreed time.

From the forecourt you went down some steps, which led into the workshops, and also there were steps up into the shop, where I believe they sold, sweets, cigarettes, torches, torch bulbs and everyday items of food etc.



**Alan Slayne on the forecourt of Crick Garage circa 1936.**

There was also a café at the garage but during the war when the RNPF was being built the café was used as an office by a firm of the name Benhams; they were heating engineers engaged in the construction of the RNPF. The staff often used to cross the road to Crick House to consult with the main contractors.

Mrs Harrison is understood to have been a member of the Peacock family, who owned Peacock's clothing stores.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison had three children, Shirley Roger and Josephine. Shirley was a Civil Servant, Roger was a ship's radio officer during the war, and Josephine worked in the laboratories at the RNPF during the war, she later became a Civil Servant and worked in the Foreign Office. Roger died in the 1950's and it is thought he had been abroad where he contracted black-water fever.

Mr. Harrison had a brother Julius who was a well-known composer of music and conductor. There are several Internet sites relating to Julius who was from Worcestershire and lived from 1885 to 1963.

When Mr Harrison retired, the garage was taken over by Mr Edgar Haines his wife Doris (nee Rowlands from Portskewett) and their son Grenville.

### **Crick House.**

*1841 census, Richard Williams, a clerk lived here with his wife their five children and five servants.*

*1840 Laura Elizabeth Williams daughter of Richard and Frances was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1860: this house belonged to the Rev. Edward Freke Lewis, rector of Portskewett and St. Pierre, in which year it was sold to Mr. John Lawrence, who was master of the Llangibby hounds, and he resided here until 1890, when he moved to Langstone and later sold the house to Major William Francis Bell. See below 1930 note.*

*1861 census; John Lawrence, occupation Iron Master or Merchant, lived here with his wife Adelaide and their five children, they had four servants.*

*1871 census; John Lawrence a Master Landowner lived here with his wife Adelaide, their daughter Maria and they had four servants.*

*1876 Arundel James Nixon aged 26 a Lieutenant R.A., of Newport (father James Arundel Nixon a barrister) married Maria Lucy Lawrence aged 23 of Crick (father John a J.P.) at Caerwent church.*

*1881 census; this house was the home of John Lawrence, his wife Adelaide and their son Robert, John and Adelaide both were born in Monmouth and aged 72 & 71 respectively, the occupation of both was given as Local Officers Local District Council and both were J.P.'s. Their son Robert had no occupation, they had four domestic servants.*

*1891 census; William T Summers was listed as living here and "Living On His Own Means", with his wife Amelia, a stepdaughter Anita Studley and they had six servants.*

*1901 census; no record was found for this property but "Kelly's Directory" for 1901 states that; Major W. Francis Bell lived here.*

Major Francis had his coach house cum garage just across the road where the Crick garage was in later years. He employed a gardener, Pat Billing, who lived in a cottage just below the garage, with his wife Emily and son Harry.

1924, Monmouth Unionist Association held a "Garden Meeting", at Crick House by kind permission of Mrs. Bell.

1927, in July the wedding took place in St. Mary's church Chepstow of, Miss Mary Bell only daughter of Major and Mrs. Bell of Crick House, and Captain Edward Potts of Burton on Trent. Father Cronan officiated and a reception was held at the bride's home.

1929, January in the Divorce Courts, a decree nisi was awarded to Mr. Francis Frith Bell, a motor engineer and dealer of Crick House, on the grounds of the adultery of his wife with Col. Wilfred Kelsey Beaman (?a doctor) of Newport, with costs and £500 damages to be paid by the co-respondent.

1930 electoral role lists Percival Harold and Emily Billing as living at Crick.

At a time between the wars Crick House was bought by Newport Council and used as an Isolation Hospital for its citizens. Mr. Billing stayed as caretaker gardener but due to the risk of infection his son Harry was not allowed to live there and he went to live at Laurel House with Mr & Mrs Gardiner.

This large Country House was at the time of the building of the RNPF, bought and used as offices by the architects, planners and builders of the RNPF. The main consulting engineers for the RNPF were Messers Freeman Fox and Partners, Mr. and Mrs. Billing stayed on as Caretaker and cook/housekeeper as several of the staff of F.F.& P. also lived in.

The 1930 Electoral Register lists, Walter Francis Bell, Margaret Jane Bell, and Francis F Bell as living here.

In the 1944 Crick House was opened as a Remand Home for delinquent boys, and it remained as a Remand Home until 1980. Mr. & Mrs. Billing had retired by this time and had left the village. Harry had left Crick earlier and went to London to work in a store. It is thought that Harry was the first child from Crick to go to Larkfield.

*1958 Elizabeth Ann James (aged 14) was baptised at Caerwent.*

*1960 Caroline Johns daughter of Evan Charles Henry and Margaret Joan was baptised at Caerwent church.*

In the 1980's it was the headquarters of a computer company.

Crick House was developed as a residential home for elderly persons; and this is its current use.

### **Crick Lodge.**

Crick Lodge is situated on the corner of the A48 and the Old Shirenewton Road, on the opposite corner to the garage.

In the 1920's or 1930's Granny Gardener lived here with Mr. Waterhouse and Miss Waterhouse, They were related to Thomas Till, the auctioneer.

Mr Arthur Turner aged 41 of Crick Lodge was killed on June 16<sup>th</sup>. 1934 when a light plane crashed in a field near Llanvair Discoed, Mr. Turner was returning from of a business trip to Scotland, the other passenger, Mr. Godfrey Jones, Managing Director of Caldicot Tin Stamping Works was seriously injured; the pilot only suffered superficial injuries.

Mr. Turner was a married man, but had no children, he was a native of Mansfield, Nottinghamshire and had been with Caldicot Tin Plate Stamping works for over thirty years, he was a lithographer and had risen to the post of foreman printer.

It is interesting to note than Alan Lewis of Gunters Farm, Caerwent was aged four at the time of the crash and remembers that he was playing with other boys, and seeing the smoke they ran a mile down the road to investigate and Alan remembers seeing a green ambulance taking the casualties away. It would not be regarded as safe to let four year olds out to play on their own away from home nowadays.

Mr. Hawkins a butcher from Newport lived here with his wife for several years until he sold the property to Mr. G Stafford of Bradbury Farm for one of his workmen, Mr. Albert Althaus. Albert had been a German prisoner of war who chose to stay in this country when peace was declared. Albert married a girl from Usk and they had two children.

*1928 Maria Gardener aged 98 was buried at Caerwent church.*

The 1956 Electoral Roll lists Patricia M Althaus as living here.

*1960 Susan Claire Marion Butcher daughter of Robert and Jocelyn Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1970 Kenneth John Price aged 23 a farmer from Home Farm, Itton (father John Edwin a farmer) married Jane Helen Butcher aged 20 of Crick Lodge (father Robert a retail shop manager) at Caerwent church.*

### **Crick Place.**

No.1 is known as Ty Agored

No.2 Ivan Weaver and family moved here in 2002.

### **Croft Farm.**

A Mon CC smallholding, the first tenant I can remember is Mr. George Berkeley, who lived there from February 1924 to April 1949. Mr. Berkeley had a wife Jane, Jane must have died during his tenancy as I remember he had a housekeeper Mrs. Clara Fulham who also lived at the Croft with her daughter Phyllis, they were previously living in Pound Lane Caerwent.

*1913 Frederick William Fulham aged 26 a carpenter from All Saints, Newport (father Frederick Nicholas Fulham a case maker) married Clara Ponting aged 26 of Caerwent (father Charles Ponting Dec. a labourer) at Caerwent church.*

*1935 William John Irving aged 34 a GWR linesman from Risca (father James Irving Dec. a general labourer) married Clarice Winifred Fulham aged 20 of Croft Farm, Crick (father Frederick Fulham Dec. a GWR labourer) at Caerwent church.*

It was originally about 45 acres but in 1933 Mr. Berkeley decided to give up 15 acres of the holding, as this land was across the A48 and he was becoming uneasy at taking stock across the road due to the increasing volume of motor traffic. This land was used to create Bentley Green referred to above.

*1935 William Alfred Chivers aged 26 a railwayman living at Highmoor Hill (father Alfred Chivers Dec. a cab driver) married Ida Ann Nash aged 20 of Highmoor Hill (father Frederick Nash a quarryman) at Caerwent church.*

*1961 Neville Frederick Perry aged 25 a lorry driver from Chepstow (father Oscar Frederick a retired storekeeper) married Marion Amy Chivers aged 20 a nurse of Croft Farm, Crick, (father William Alfred Thomas a farmer) at Caerwent church.*

Mr. Berkeley retired in April 1949 and the holding was then let to the above Mr. William Chivers who moved in with his wife Ida and daughter Marion and they lived there until 1978 when the property was taken over and purchased by their grandson Phillip who lived there until about 1997.

### **Crowdry.**

*1820 John Craven Lewis Crowdry son of Charles and Harriett was Baptised at St. Pierre church..*

*1832 Charles Crowdry son of Charles and Harriet was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Cupper.**

*1900 Herbert Reginald Cupper son of Austin and Matilda was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Davidge.**

*1913 Edwin Thomas Davidge of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 17 days.*

Edwin John Davidge was killed in the First World War, on 17<sup>th</sup>. November 1914 and was listed as living at Crick, but no record of him living at Crick has been found, but his mother Mrs Kate Banwell and his wife, Mrs. Florrie Louisa Winifred Davidge are listed at different addresses at Pontypridd.

### **Davies.**

*1891 Ethel Gwendoline Davies daughter of Isaac and Susan was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1893 Arthur Cecil Davies son of Isaac and Susan was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1895 Gertrude Davies daughter of Isaac and Susan was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1900 Gertrude Davies was buried at Caerwent church aged 5.*

*1897 Henrietta Maud Davies daughter of Isaac and Susan was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1899 Clifford Harold Davies son of Isaac and Susan was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1904 Sissie Violet Davies daughter of Rosa was baptised at Caerwent church presumably unmarried.*

*1913 Isaac Davies was buried at Caerwent church aged 66.*

### **Davis.**

*1842 Elizabeth Davis daughter of Joseph and Jane was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1850 Hannah Davis daughter of Thomas and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Edmonds.**

*1897 George son of James and Sarah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1927 David Edmonds aged 77 33 was buried at Caerwent church.*

### **Edwards.**

*1820 Mary Edwards was buried at Caerwent church aged 24*

*1837 David Edwards was buried at Caerwent church aged 68.*

*1858 Ann Edwards was buried at Caerwent church aged 84.*

*1867 David Edwards was buried at Caerwent church aged 63.*

### **The Estate Maintenance Yard.**

This was situated opposite the junction of the new Shirenewton Road and the A48. There had previously been a small farm here, the home of the Lewis family who supplied milk to the villagers; see the entry for Lewis's Farm.

This yard was established by Mon CC., to service the farms and other property they owned, much of the property bought following the sale of the St. Pierre Estate. A full range of craftsmen were employed, including Mr Bert Jones a plumber who was assisted by Mr Coles from Portskewett, and Mr Arthur Lewis a carpenter. There was also a blacksmiths shop on the site. Mon CC., had small farms all over the county, as far away as Abergavenny and these were managed by the estate agent Mr Clayton, and the day to day work was controlled by the foreman Mr Billy Gethin who had his office in the yard at Crick, this office was up the outside steps on the end of the long building and these steps are still there today. Previously this room had been used as a meeting place for the Pentecostal Church members. Mr Gethin used to travel around the estate by motorcycle organising the work, and he would often on approaching the workmen; shut of the engine and coast silently into the farmyard to make sure the men were working properly. If there was no outside work or the weather was too bad to work outside the men would be employed casting concrete fencing posts in the yard.

Other people who worked here included; Harry North, Charlie Leach, Digger Evans, Old Rowlands a carpenter, Alan Cowell, Archie Phillips, Tinny Rees a painter and Colin Morgan. Mr. Tuckwell followed Mr. Gethin as foreman and he built the bungalow, "Farndon", where Bill Barry and his wife now live.

The Estate Yard has now been developed into residential housing.

### **Evans.**

*1835 Elizabeth Evans who was living near Crick was buried at St. Pierre church aged 75.*  
*1893 James Evans aged 29 a widower, a groom of Crick (father William Evans a labourer) married Emma Sheppard aged 23 of Crick (father Mark Sheppard a labourer) at Caerwent church.*  
*1879 Emily Ann Vines Evans daughter of Henry and Charlotte was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1881 Eliza Jane Evans daughter of Henry and Charlotte was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1884 William David Evans son of Henry and Charlotte was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1885 Mary Anne Evans daughter of Henry and Charlotte was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1885 Louisa Charlotte Evans daughter of Henry and Charlotte was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1888 Henry Thomas Evans son of Henry and Charlotte was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Farndon.**

Built in 1952/1953 by Mr. & Mrs. Tuckwell who was the Mon.C.C. estates department foreman based at the yard in Crick. There were no children.

In 1967/68 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Barry bought the property and moved in. There were no children. Bill and his wife sold part of the garden as a building plot in 2005, to reduce the workload.

### **Firbank.**

*1894 Godfrey Firbank son of Godfrey and ???? Firbank was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Fisher.**

*1885 William Charles Fisher son of Charles and Selina was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Fir Tree Cottage.**

This cottage is on the Portskewett Road next to Cottage Farm.

Rachel Davies (widow of Joseph) lived here pre 1913 with her three sons and five daughters; her husband Joseph had been a shepherd working for the Warlows at Manor Farm. Joseph died in 1912 so the family had to move out of their tied cottage, but they obtained the tenancy of Fir Tree Cottage, near where the telephone kiosk on the Portskewett Road now stands. One son Archie fought in the First World War but lost his life on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. 1918 aged 21.

*1912 Joseph Davies was buried at Caerwent church aged 54.*

*1895 Gilbert Charles Davies son of Joseph and Rachel was baptised at Caerwent church.*

Gilbert known as Bert worked for many years for the War Agricultural Committee, he later lived on the Old Shirenewton Road and was a real character.

*1907 John Edwards aged 30 a shunter from Llanvihangel, Rogiet (father James a woodman) married Alice Davies aged 26 of Crick (father Joseph a labourer) at Mathern church.*

1930 electoral roll lists Rachel, Gilbert Charles and Edith Davies as living at Crick.

Edith married Mr. Miles a cobbler from Caldicot.

*1943 Rachel Davies aged 84 (of Shirenewton Road) was buried at Caerwent church.*

The above data on the Davies family is also entered on No.1 Brooklyn Cottages.

Fir Tree Cottage was the home of Mr Albert Gibbons and his wife Gladys Evelyn and their family, Albert was a steamroller driver, and years of standing on the hot area near the heat of the boiler fire had damaged his feet and made walking difficult. Despite this he had many sheep that he used to put out "on tack", on local farms. His son Lionel also known as "Fido", can be seen on the Caerwent school photograph. The youngest son Freddie died of Diphtheria in 1939.

*1939 Frederick Gibbons aged 7 was buried at Caerwent church.*

*1960 Albert Gibbons aged 67 was buried at Caerwent church.*

### **Flatcher.**

*1839 Louisa Flatcher daughter of Urinah and Uzenia was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1839 Louisa Flatcher was buried at Caerwent church aged 14 days.*

*1840 Charlotte Flatcher daughter of Urinah and Uzenia was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1842 George Flatcher son of Urinah and Uzenia was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1843 Ann Flatcher daughter of Urinah and Uzenia was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1846 Charles Flatcher son of Urinah and Uzenia was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1848 William Flatcher son of Urinah and Uzenia was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1849 William Flatcher was buried at Caerwent church aged 8 months.*

*1852 Urinah Flatcher was buried at Caerwent church aged 47.*

### **Florida.**

*1920 William Francis Florida aged 29 a steam wagon driver of Crick (father Benjamin Charles Florida, an electrician) married Ivy Henry aged 24 of Pwllmeyric (father Thomas Henry a labourer) at Mathern church.*

Theo (Theodore) Florida lived with his Great Grandmother, Mrs. Barrett, of Brook Cottage until she died. He then went to live with the Gardiner family at Laurel House for a few weeks until he found other accommodation but he stayed for seventeen years.

Theo was born on the 15<sup>th</sup>. July 1910, he was christened Theodore Barrett Florida.

1910 Theodore Barrett Florida son of Lilian Maude was baptised at Caerwent church.

Theo Florida was a very active member of the Territorial Army and with the outbreak of the Second World War he was called up and did active service in Europe. On his demobilisation at the end of hostilities he went to work for the Red and White bus company at Bulwark, and later until his retirement, he worked for Fairfield Mabey, he was a qualified first aid worker. Theo never married and lived in lodgings in Bulwark. Sadly he was killed tragically on the 26<sup>th</sup>. of September 1978, having got of a bus at the junction of Bulwark Road and Mathern Road, he had crossed the road when a motorcycle, which was racing, with another motorcycle struck him and he suffered fatal injuries. He is remembered by his cousin John Florida as a very kindly person always ready to help others and when he was in the T.A. he was regularly the chauffeur to Colonel Evil.

### **Franklin.**

A location was not found for the following.

*1884 Fanny Franklin was buried at Caerwent church aged 19.*

*1886 William Henry Franklin son of William and Lilly was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1888 Richard Ernest Franklin son of William and Lilly was baptised at Caerwent church.*

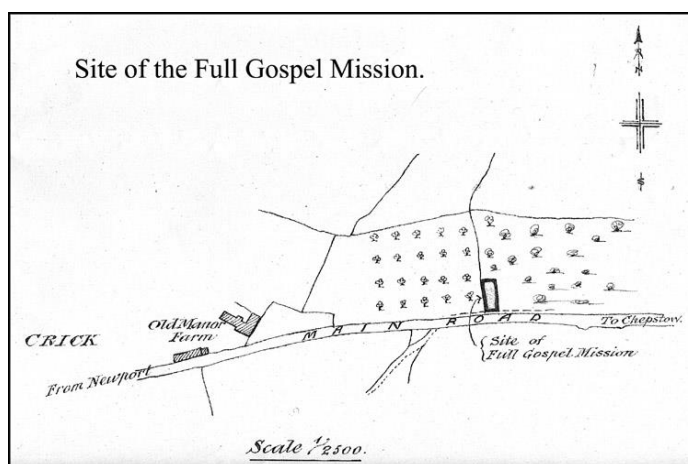
*1888 Beatrice Lilly Franklin daughter of William and Lilly was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1890 Beatrice Lilly Franklin was buried at Caerwent church aged 22 months.*

1890 Florence Annie Franklin daughter of William and Lilly was baptised at Caerwent church.  
 1894 Violet May Franklin daughter of William and Lilly was baptised at Caerwent church.  
 1896 Winifred May Franklin daughter of William and Lilly was baptised at Caerwent church.  
 1898 Lottie Miriam Franklin daughter of William and Lilly was baptised at Caerwent church.  
 1901 Daisy Lillian Franklin daughter of William and Lilly was baptised at Caerwent church.  
 1901 Daisy Lillian Franklin was buried at Caerwent church aged 12 months.  
 1904 Grace Mabel Franklin daughter of William and Lilly was baptised at Caerwent church.  
 1877 Albert Franklin son of Susannah was baptised at Caerwent church.

### **Full Gospel Mission.**

This Pentecostal Church was established in 1921, and in 1946 it was moved to Gas Works Lane (now Mill Lane) Caldicot and in 1964 it moved again to its' present site in Longcroft Road Caldicot.



### **The Site of the "Full Gospel Mission", on the A48 between Sunnybank and the Motorway Bridge.**

Mon.C.C owned the site that was rented to the Trustees, Thomas North of Kilpale, Caerwent, Ralph Williams & Richard Williams both of Post Office Row, Sudbrook and Noah Thompson of Camp Row Sudbrook at an annual rent of £1.00 to be paid by two equal half-yearly payments on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. and August 2<sup>nd</sup>. in each year. The tenancy started on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. 1924 and is assumed to have ceased in 1946 when the church moved to Caldicot. The wooden building at Crick was an ex First World War Army hut. This wooden building was on the north side of the A48 going up Killcrow Hill, it was on a site between the present motorway and Sunnybank bungalow.

The site had a frontage of 37 feet along the Newport-Chepstow main road and a depth of 83 feet, giving an area of 341 sq. yards = 11 perches = 0.068 acre.

Mr. Bundock cleared the site prior to the erection of the wooden building, the site had been covered in brambles and bushes and there were many snakes, which Mr. Bundock killed and then he hung the dead snakes on the gate.

Prior to the building of this mission the congregation used to meet in the room at the top of the steps in the former Mon CC estate yard.

Tonny Thomas reported in his notes on Caerwent, that the leader here was at one time "Gypsy Dawson", and the local youths used to "stir up", the congregation on a Sunday evening, by throwing stones at the building, and as the roof was made of corrugated iron this made quite a noise.

A few local residents worshipped here, Mr Bundock who came from Essex and was not married, originally lodged in a house that was demolished to make way for the new Shirenewton Road, and he then in 1939 moved to live in the woods opposite the mission, was a regular church member, but it is reported that he later fell out with the trustees. People came from a wide area to worship here, from as far afield as Cross Keys.

Members used to be baptised in the Broadwell Brook which would be "stanked up" for this purpose, the candidates after baptism used to rush off to a nearby house to change into dry clothes.

Following the move to Caldicot baptisms took place for a time in the river Severn at Blackrock.

Mabel Hudson (nee Gardiner) remembers being invited to very enjoyable parties at this church given for the children of the village by church members.

### **Galer.**

*1893 George Galer was buried at Caerwent church aged 40.*

### **Gilbert.**

They lived in the last house on the Old Shirenewton Road.

*1914 William James Gilbert son of George and Florence was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1919 Mary Kathleen Gilbert daughter of George and Florence was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1920 Mary Kathleen Gilbert aged 9 months 33 was buried at Caerwent church.*

*1921 Dorothy May Gilbert daughter of George and Florence was baptised at Caerwent church.*

Mrs. Gilbert who was associated with the Pentecostal Church lived on the Old Shirenewton Road. The house was used for changing and dressing of the candidates for baptisms that took place in the Broadwell Brook.

### **Glenbrook Cottage, formerly known as Rose Lea and Cottage Bungalow**

*1968 Alison Jane Smallcombe daughter of Brian and Cherry was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1970 Lucy Marie Smallcombe daughter of Brian and Cherry Joan was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Gould.**

*1869 Leah Gould daughter of James and Louisa was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1870 Frederick William Gould son of James and Louisa was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Green.**

*1885 William James Howell aged 30 a carpenter of Mathern (father James Howell a carpenter) married Annie Green of full age of Crick (father Alfred Green a labourer) at Caerwent church.*

*1877 Alfred Green was buried at Caerwent church aged 45.*

*1878 Emma Green was buried at Caerwent church aged 45.*

### **Greenacres.**

This property was built by Grenville Haines when the original Crick garage was demolished.

Grenville died suddenly whilst on holiday at the age of 47, and a few years later his wife Jean died. Annabel married Mr. C Mason who has a road haulage business in Newport and Lisa married Malcolm Smith, of Hardwick Farm, Caerwent.

*1975 Grenville Augustus Haines aged 47 was buried at Caerwent church.*

*1980 Jean Haines aged 51 was buried at Caerwent church.*

*1984 Christopher John Mason aged 24 a lorry driver of 17 Neddern Way, Caldicot (father Arthur Roland William a fitter) married Annabelle Lester Haines aged 25 an ambulance personnel (father Grenville Augustus Dec.) at Caerwent church.*

*1986 Holly Jane Mason daughter of Christopher and Annabella Helena was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1987 Holly Jane Mason aged 4½ months was buried at Caerwent church.*

*1990 Luke Richard Grenville son of Christopher and Annabella Helena was baptised at Caerwent church.*



### **Hanks.**

*1875 Frank Hanks was buried at Caerwent church aged 2 years.*

*1883 Richard Hanks was buried at Caerwent church aged 20.*

### **Harris.**

*1818 Evan Harris son of Samuel and Alice was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1859 Edward Harris was buried at Caerwent church aged 39.*

*1866 Isaac Harris son of George and Adeline was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1869 Samuel Harris son of George and Adeline was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1871 Kate Harris daughter of George and Adeline was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Hartmann.**

*1896 Ilene Sigrid Hartmann daughter of Henry and Hilda was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1898 Lucille Brenhold Hartmann daughter of Henry and Hilda was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Harvey.**

*1936 John Wentworth Harvey son of Frederick Francis Wentworth and Eleanor Grace was baptised at Caerwent church. John is a descendant of the Walkers and the Croppers of Mount Ballan.*

### **Hatheral.**

*1832 Eliza Hatheral daughter of Edward and Susannah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Hawthorn.**

This was a smallholding created in 1920 by Mon CC following their purchase of part of the St. Pierre Estate; it has 30 acres of land. It was let to Chauncey Bartlett and his brother Ralph as joint tenants; they were ex servicemen from Llanhilleth. When they took possession in 1920 there was no house and the first summer Ralph lived in a Nissan hut with his mother, Chauncey was away on a poultry-keeping course at Adrian Court at Usk. At about this time Chauncey married Beatrice Williams, a schoolteacher from Six Bells. They started poultry farming and also developed a considerable business building and selling poultry houses all over Monmouthshire and beyond, at one time employing ten men to build these poultry houses.

Betty and her family had not been members of the Church of England and so she had not been baptised as an infant, to be allowed into Oxford University it was necessary to be baptised, Dr. Birch the Headmaster at Larkfield Grammar School prepared Betty for her baptism.

*1939 Betty Bartlett (later known as Elizabeth) daughter of Chauncey Vivian and Beatrice May was baptised at Mathern church (aged 18).*

In 1934 Ralph moved next door to Bentley Green, a smallholding created by Mon CC, and as well as continuing to help at Hawthorn, he built up his own poultry business.

The building of poultry houses was brought to a stop with the 1939 war, as not only was timber no longer available to purchase but any stocks they had were impounded for use in the war effort, so the poultry keeping became the main occupation, selling eggs, live poultry to small domestic poultry keepers and table poultry.

In 1947 Chauncey exercised his right, as stated in a clause in the tenancy agreement to buy "Hawthorn", at market valuation.

There was a development in the 1960's when a hatchery unit was built, to hatch not only their own eggs but also eggs on franchise for Sterling Poultry Products and others.

When Chauncey gave up poultry farming he let the land to his nephew Robert, and the hatchery building was let for light commercial use.

Chauncey and Beat had one daughter Betty (at the time of her marriage Betty changed her name to Elizabeth). Betty had no interest in the farm, but did very well at Oxford, and later married a solicitor and they made their home in Birmingham.



**Preparing poultry for Xmas at Hawthorn, the identity of the person in the left foreground is not known, the others left to right are; Beatrice Bartlett, Evan Dobowetz, Frank Furber and Mrs. Andrews.**

When Chauncey died his daughter and later her children let Hawthorn, the house, land and buildings for a number of years, until they sold the property to Robert Bartlett, who as well as letting the house and the old "Hatchery Building", has converted the range of farm buildings into a residential property, which he also lets.

**Highfield House.**

*1944 Sandra Deane Richards, daughter of Glyndwr & Levinia was batised at Caerwent church.*

*1984 David James Bull son of Martin Christopher and Julie Muriel Helena was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1992 Laura Kate Bull daughter of Martin Christopher and Julie Muriel Helena was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1997 Hayley Natalie daughter of Martin Christopher and Julie Muriel Helena was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1962 William Edwin Boulton aged 78 was buried at Caerwent church.*

**Hill.**

*1898 Grace Eleanor Hill daughter of David and Jane was baptised at Caerwent church.*

**Hill Barn Farm.**



**Hill Barn Farm and Beatrice and Joseph Roberts, Michael kneeling and a visitor.**

A Mon CC smallholding and the tenant was Mr Joseph (Joe) Roberts who came from Maisemore near Gloucester, he lived there with his wife Beatrice Frances (Mary) and they had a son Michael. Mr. Roberts came here in September 1922; this information was written in pencil on the barn wall together with much more information on the activities on the farm, unfortunately this was not recorded before the barn was demolished. Mr. Roberts died in January 1962 and Mrs. Roberts gave up the tenancy in February 1963 and moved to a house on Leechpool, Mrs. Roberts died in 1972. The tenant next door at Oak Grove Mr. Stanley Charles Price was a cousin of Joe Roberts.

*1923 Joseph Roberts aged 32 a farmer of Trelenny, Mathern (father Frederick William Dec. a farmer) married Beatrice Frances Jolley aged 31 of Trelenny, Mathern (father unknown) at Mathern church.*

*1931 Michael Raymond Roberts son of Joseph and Beatrice Frances was baptised at St. Pierre church.*

Mr. Alf Williams formerly from Manor Farm Crick took the tenancy in February 1963 and is the current tenant.

### **Hillier.**

*1942 Maureen Elizabeth Hillier daughter of Redvers and Mavis was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Holmes.**

*1824 Elizabeth Holmes daughter of George and Jane was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1828 Harriet Holmes daughter of George and Jane was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1829 George Holmes son of George and Jane was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1832 Alfred Holmes son of George and Jane was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1835 Francis Holmes son of George and Jane was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1824 Elizabeth Holmes daughter of John and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1827 John Holmes son of John and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1829 Ann Holmes daughter of John and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1835 Henry Holmes son of John and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1839 Caroline Holmes daughter of John and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1860 John Holmes was buried at Caerwent church aged 73.*

*1849 George Thomas Holmes son of William and Rachel was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Hoult.**

*1840 Henrietta Hoult daughter of Thomas and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Howell.**

*1887 Frances May Howell daughter of William James and Annie was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Ivy Cottage.**

*1861 census; Thomas Riddle an Agricultural Labourer lived here with his wife Ann, their son Joseph and their grandchildren Susan and Albert.*

*1844 George Riddle a labourer aged 19 son of Thomas married Ann Large aged 23 daughter of Stephen a labourer at Caerwent church.*

*1849 Eliza Riddle daughter of George and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1851 Eliza Riddle was buried at Caerwent church aged 2years 6 months.*

*1851 George Riddle son of George and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1851 George Riddle was buried at Caerwent church aged 4 months.*

*1852 Oliver Riddle son of George and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1855 Elisa Jane Riddle daughter of George and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1855 Eliza Jane Riddle was buried at Caerwent church aged 3 weeks.*

*1856 Emma Jane Riddle daughter of George and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1877 Annie Laura Riddle of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 3 months.*

### **Ivy Dene Cottage.**

The 1956 Electoral Roll lists Robert H Griffiths and Sylvia Griffith as living here.  
*1953 Robert Anthony Griffiths son of Robert Hasting and Sylvia Ethel was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1954 Dawn Griffiths daughter of Robert and Sylvia was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **James.**

*1890 Eva Maria James daughter of Thomas and Maria was baptised at Mathern church.*  
*1892 William Edward James son of Thomas and Maria was baptised at Mathern church.*  
*1895 Stanley John James son of Thomas and Maria was baptised at Mathern church.*  
*The above lived at Runston, Thomas was a labourer.*

### **Jones.**

*1838 James Jones was buried at Caerwent church aged 76.*  
*1847 John Jones was buried at Caerwent church aged 49.*  
*1863 Mary Ann Jones daughter of John and Frances was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1865 Minnie Frances Jones daughter of John and Frances was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1867 Mary Jane daughter Jones of John and Frances was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1871 Susan Jones daughter of John and Frances was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1873 Lotty Jones daughter of John and Frances was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1887 Harry Jones son of Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1891 Harry Jones son of Mary Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1869 Edith Jones daughter of John and Martha was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1871 Agnes Louisa Jones daughter of John and Martha was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1872 Albert James Jones son of John and Martha was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1874 William Charles Jones son of John and Martha was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1877 Olive Helena Jones daughter of John and Martha was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1883 Ernest Jones son of John and Martha was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1884 Lilian Laura Jones daughter of John and Martha was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1844 Alice Jones daughter of John and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1847 Jessie Llewelyn Jones son of John and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1873 James Godfrey Jones son of Annie was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1910 Bertie John Jones aged 24 a GWR engineman of Crick (father John Jones a gardener) married Elizabeth Annie Crook aged 21 of Crick (father George Crook Dec. a farmer) at Caerwent church.*  
*1915 Albert Herbert Jones aged 26 a tin worker from Trethomas, Bedwas (father Thomas Jones a tin worker) married Jessica Mildred Baynham aged 21 of Crick (father Phillip Baynham a farm bailiff) at Caerwent church.*

### **Kennels/Stables. (later known as Cottage Bungalow and now as Blossoms).**

These properties were made into two dwellings in 1934, they were then known as Cottage Bungalow. They are next to the garage and they originally belonged to Crick House, it is believed that the hounds were sold to establish the Curre Hounds. One cottage was used as a "Meat House", to store the meat to be fed to the hounds.

Kelly's Index states that these were the kennels for the Chepstow Hounds, of which W.E. Curre of Itton Court is master.

### **Kiddle.**

*1831 George Kiddle (age about 6yrs) son of Thomas and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1831 Henry Kiddle son of Thomas and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1831 Charles Kiddle son of Thomas and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1834 Louisa Kiddle daughter of Thomas and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Kidgway.**

*1833 Charles Kidgway son of Andrew and Rachel was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Killcrow.**

*1841 census, John Evans an agricultural labourer lived here with his wife Ann and a son and a daughter.*

*1871 census; Joseph Franklin whose occupation is not known lived here with his wife Sarah, their two sons, five daughters and a grandson.*

*1869 Ellen Franklin daughter of Joseph and Sarah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1871 Harriett Franklin daughter of Joseph and Sarah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1873 Richard Franklin son of Joseph and Sarah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1876 Edwin Franklin son of Joseph and Sarah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1883 John Hatfield aged 27 a labourer of Crick (father William Hatfield a miller) married Lucy Frankling aged 22 of Crick (father Joseph a shepherd) at Caerwent church.*

*1884 George Newport of full age, a labourer living in Crick (father Henry Newport, a labourer) married Emily Frankling (father Joseph Frankling, a labourer) at Caerwent church.*

### **Killcrow Poultry Farm.**

This was a semi-detached house with about six acres of very poor stony land. It was a Mon CC smallholding let to Mr. John Slingsby from August 1920 to February 1965, when his widow (his second wife) held the tenancy from February 1965 until February 1984, he was an ex serviceman who had lost a leg. Mrs. Eva Slingsby his first wife would often be seen on the main road walking her Sealyham dogs.

It was an unusual situation in that for a short time, next-door at Woodside lived Mr Walter & Mrs Ellen Slingsby, two brothers having married two sisters.

The brothers before John had lost his leg had been a very successful tandem bicycle racing team.

Mr. John Slingsby was also a bricklayer by trade but the loss of a leg necessitated a change of occupation, so for many years he made a living from poultry farming, selling eggs. He drove a specially adapted car that had a hand throttle control on the steering wheel with a "Bowden Cable", to the carburettor. On his retirement the land was added to the adjacent holding Bentley Green.

It was reported, in the Argus that in November 1928 there was a severe gale and during the night it became much worse and it wrought havoc at the Crick poultry farm of Mr. Slingsby on Killcrow Hill. "Several large well-constructed fowl-houses thirty feet in length, were lifted bodily, carried over the hedge into a neighbouring field and smashed beyond repair. Others were blown off their foundations. Brooder houses, some containing young chicks were lifted, carried like leaves before the wind and destroyed and numerous fowls were killed".

*1956 John Slingsby married his second wife, Audrey Collins at Mathern church.*

### **Kylemore.**

*1946 Edith Davies aged 62 was buried at Caerwent church.*

### **Langley.**

*1840 Elizabeth Langley was buried at Caerwent church aged 78.*

### **Large.**

*1842 Steven Large of Crick aged 77 was buried at Mathern church.*

*1842 Ann Large of Crick aged 58 was buried at Mathern church.*

## Laurels, The,



**The Laurels, this house was demolished circa 1968.**

From 1914 this was the home of Mr. George Gardiner, his wife Mary, also known as Polly and their children, Mary, Winnie, Mabel, Percy, Ruby and Joyce. Ruby and Joyce were born at the Laurels, the rest of the family had moved from a cottage in Caerwent known as The Steps. George Gardiner had been a quarryman, but in 1939 he went to work for the Admiralty at the R.N.P.F., and he was one of the first members of staff to go to Holton Heath, for training on nitro-glycerine production.

Mon CC County Farms Unit records list George Gardiner as the tenant from 17-11-1924 to 1952, and E. Harris as the tenant from 01-01-1953. The 1956 Electoral Roll lists Evelyn Harris and John H Harris as living here.

Winnie was born in 1908, she married Gwyn Watkins the builder from Chepstow, they lived at Mount Pleasant, Chepstow; Mr. Watkins did a lot of work at Mount Ballan.

Mabel was born in 1910, and married Richard Hudson on Boxing day 1936, after their marriage they lived in Caerwent, and Mabel now 95 (born Dec. 29 1910) lives in Highfield Caerwent on her own, doing her own cooking, washing, cleaning and gardening and still goes on the bus to the market in Newport to do her shopping, a truly remarkable lady.

Percy born in 1912 married Mary Hicks from Sharpie, they had one daughter Margaret. They lived at Caldicot, and Percy worked in the quarry and later until his retirement at Uskmouth power station.

Ruby born in 1915, married Syd Williams from Chepstow, they lived in Bulwark and had one son; Syd worked on the buses.

*1911 Lillian Alice Mabel Gardiner daughter of William and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1915 Ruby Dardenella Gardiner daughter of William and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1918 William Edward Enoch Gardiner aged 34 33 was buried at Caerwent church.*

*1919 Dorothy Rose Gardiner daughter of William and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1920 Dorothy Rose Gardiner aged 13 months 33 was buried at Caerwent church.*

*1921 Phyllis Joyce Gardiner daughter of George and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1915 Joseph Robert Harold Gardiner of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 1 year.*

Joyce born in 1921 is living in Larkfield Avenue, Chepstow; she has a son Christopher who is purser with the P. & O. line, currently on the Aurora.



**William & Polly Gardiner with Winnie and Mary, Ruby seated Percy & Mabel in front.**



Mabel Gardiner (later Hudson) of Laurel House and her dog Jerry.

**Mabel with her dog Jerry at Manor Farm.**



**Clockwise from the top left; Mary, Mabel, Winnie, Percy, Ruby and Joyce.**

1930 Samuel Skinner aged 23 a soldier from Pwllmeyric (father Samuel an engine driver) married Rhoda May Elizabeth Gardiner aged 22 from The Laurels, Crick (father William Gardiner Dec. a labourer) at Caerwent church, they had one son Terence.

1931 William Charles Baynham (brother to Mrs. Mary Gardiner) aged 27 a railwayman from Crick (father Phillip Baynham Dec. a labourer) married Phyllis May Herbert aged 21 from Caerwent Brook (father Frank a labourer) at Caerwent church.

1936 Gwynne Watkins aged 28 a carpenter from Chepstow (father Charles Watkins a painter) married Jessica Winifred May Gardiner aged 27 of The Laurels, Crick (father William Dec. a Quarryman) at Caerwent church.

1936 Richard John Hudson aged 28 a labourer from Caldicot Pill (father George Hudson Dec. a tinsplate man) married Lillian Alice Mabel Gardiner aged 25 of The Laurels, Crick (father William Gardiner Dec. a quarryman) at Caerwent church.

1937 Sidney Thomas Williams aged 24 a bus conductor from Steep Street, Chepstow (father Charles Williams a road man) married Ruby Dardenella Gardiner aged 22 of The Laurels, Crick (father William Gardiner Dec. a quarryman) at Caerwent church

1941 Mary Elizabeth Gardiner aged 53 was buried at Caerwent church.

1943 Dennis John Charles Bullen aged 22 a GWR fireman from Ivanhoe, Ifton Avenue, Rogiet (father Clifford James a GWR engine driver) married Phyllis Joyce Gardiner aged 22 of The Laurels, Crick (father George Robert Walter a RNPf foreman) at Caerwent church.

10/06/1945 (born 04/05/1945) Malcolm Clifford George Bullen son of Dennis & Joyce was baptised at Caerwent.

1948 William Percival Gardiner aged 36 a labourer of The Laurels, Crick (father George Walter Robert Gardiner) married Mary Fanny Hicks aged 29 of Caldicot (father Frank Ernest a platelayer with GWR Dec.) at Caerwent church.

1950 Christopher Bullen son of Dennis John Charles and Phyllis Joyce was baptised at Caerwent church.

Theo Florida had been living with his grandmother Mrs Barrett at Brook House but when Mrs Barrett died Theo came to live with the Gardiner family and stayed about eighteen years, he was active in The Territorial army.

This property was demolished in 1968/9 as it had become unsafe through neglect; it had not been occupied for many years.



**Left to Right: Mary, Winnie, Mabel, Percy, Ruby and Joyce; and Mabel receiving her Imperial service Medal.**

### **Lewis.**

*1856 Albert Lewis son of James and Susan was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1857 Fanny Lewis daughter of James and Susan was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1871 Fanny Lewis was buried at Caerwent church aged 14.*

*1861 Hiram Lewis son of James and Susan was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1864 Oliver Lewis son of James and Susan was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1867 Lucy Lewis daughter of James and Susan was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1871 Theresa Lewis daughter of James and Susan was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1889 James Lewis was buried at Caerwent church aged 55.*

*1891 Albert Selby Lewis son of Oliver and Mary Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1896 Robert Lewis son of Oliver and Mary Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1897 Rose Lewis daughter of Oliver and Mary Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1897 Rose Lewis was buried at Caerwent church aged 22 hours.*

*1899 Harold Lewis son of Oliver and Mary Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1901 Reginald Lewis son of Oliver and Mary Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1902 William Lewis son of Oliver and Mary Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1905 Edna Lewis daughter of Oliver and Mary Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1885 Minnie Louisa Lewis daughter of Lucy was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1885 Minnie Louisa Lewis was buried at Caerwent church aged 11 weeks.*

*1911 John Alfred Lewis was buried at Caerwent church aged 18 months.*

*1914 Albert William Lewis son of George and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1915 Albert William Lewis was buried at Caerwent church.*

*1878 Herbert Alfred Lewis son of Thomas and Sarah Jane was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1886 Hiram Lewis of full age a labourer living in Crick (father James Lewis a labourer) married Ada Frances Hart of full age of Caerwent (father Thomas Hart a wagonner) at Caerwent.*

*1890 Oliver Lewis aged 26 a labourer of Crick (father James Lewis a labourer) married Mary Anne Jones aged 27 of Crick (father John Jones a labourer) at Caerwent church.*

*1891 Hiram Lewis aged 30 a widower, a labourer of Crick (father James Lewis a labourer) married Harriet Sarah Jane Nicholas aged 29 of Crick (father William Nicholas an engine driver) at Caerwent church.*

### **Lewis's Farm.**

A small farm providing milk for the villagers, it later became the Mon CC estate yard. This was the home of George and Mary Lewis and their son Arthur. Arthur later built the bungalow, West View for his family. George and Mary kept a couple of cows, Mary did the milking in their cowshed, which backed onto Bradbury Farm buildings, and Mary carried the milk back to the cottage using a yoke. People would go to their cottage with their jugs to buy the surplus milk.





**George and Mary Lewis with their son Arthur.**

For many years they had a lodger, Ted Parry, Ted never worked because he suffered from Lupus and always had one hand bandaged, he did however deliver the "Argus", for many years, he died in the 1950's.

*1948 George Lewis aged 73 was buried at Caerwent church.*

*1953 Mary Lewis aged 73 was buried at Caerwent church.*

### **Little Ballan.**

One of three cottages on the Portskewett road, their access was changed by the construction of the M4 motorway.

*1842 Henry Price son of John and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1861 census; John Price a bailiff lived here with his wife Ann, their daughters Emily and Sarah, and their sons John and James.*

*1871 census; John Price an Agricultural labourer lived here with his wife Ann, their son James and daughter Elizabeth.*

*1881 census has the Hendy family living here, Thomas and Editha and their eight children Thomas was a gardener as was his eldest son Alfred, the other children were scholars.*

*1891 census; William Buckle an Agricultural Labourer lived here with his wife Ellen and their three sons and two daughters.*

*1888 Andrew Arthur Buckle son of William and Ellen was baptised at Caerwent church.*

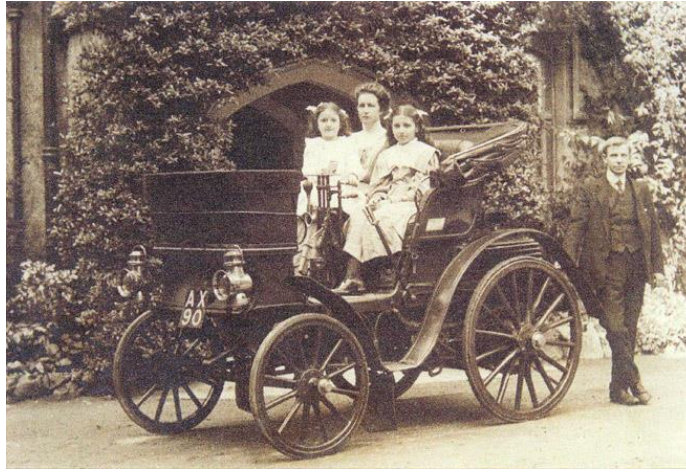
*1889 Richard Thomas Lewis son of William and Ellen was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1899 Gladys Lottie Lewis daughter of William and Ellen was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1902 John Albert Lewis son of William and Ellen was baptised at Caerwent church.*

Mr Arthur Hallock & Mrs Agnes Elizabeth Honor Hallock lived here; Mr. Hallock was an ex-serviceman and he came from Norfolk. Mr Hallock was chauffeur for Mrs Cropper at Mount Ballan, they had two sons, Arthur worked in an aircraft factory near Gloucester where he married a hairdresser, they had one daughter, Arthur developed T.B. in early adulthood, Mrs. Hallock was an excellent needlewoman, and she also developed T.B. when she came home to recuperate Mrs. Cropper provided her with a revolving summerhouse to facilitate this recuperation. The other son Percy served in the Royal Air Force in Egypt where he carved a camel out of wood, Mabel Hudson was given this camel when Mrs Hallock moved to the Burton Homes at Caerwent, it is also reported that Percy later emigrated to Tasmania. Mrs. Hallock lived until she was 103 in the Burton Homes at Caerwent.

The Hallocks always had a Xmas party when Mr. Hallock would put on a lantern slide show; there was one slide of an old man that was always looked forward to, as by clever



**Mr. Hallock with Mr. Cropper's car circa 1910.  
In the car; Dorothy Cropper, their governess and Eleanor Cropper.**

manipulation Mr. Hallock would make it appear that a mouse was popping in and out of the old man's mouth.

*1962 Arthur Hallock aged 77 was buried at Caerwent church.*

*1970 Timothy Frederick Williams son of Sydney Frederick and Maureen Elizabeth was baptised at Caerwent church.*

Later Mr Reg Studley lived here, Mr Studley was at one time head of the poultry unit at Usk College of Agriculture and he had also held a position with an animal feedstuff company, whilst at Crick he became involved in the Chepstow Agricultural Show Society.

### **Little Ballan Cottage.**

One of three cottages on the Portskewett road, their access was changed by the construction of the M4; opened in 1966; the road is now a dead end.

*1854 Charles Cooper aged 28 a labourer of Caerwent (father John Cooper a labourer) married Mary Phillips aged 28 a maid servant of Crick (father Samuel a labourer) at Caerwent church.*

*1893 Charles Cooper of Little Ballan Cottage was buried at Caerwent church aged 67.*

*1937 Alfred Noel Beard aged 28 a labourer from 31 Sea View, Sudbrook (father Alfred James a painter) married Beatrice May Baker aged 22 of Little Ballan Cottage, Crick (father Frederick Baker dec. a farm labourer) at Caerwent church.*

Alfred was known as "Snowy", and he worked at Bradbury Farm.

Frederick Baker was the grandchild of Mrs. Barrett of Brook Cottage.

The 1930 Electoral register lists John and Lillian Maude Winter as living here, Lillian was the daughter of Mrs. Barrett of Brook Cottage.

*1935 John Winter aged 76 was buried at Caerwent church.*

During the 1940's John Harris and his family lived here, John had previously lived at The Laurels and prior to that with his parents on a smallholding on Killcrow Hill known as Woodside.

*1953 Christine Ann Coldwell daughter of Bertram Alan and Ivy Florence was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Llewelyn.**

*1886 William Charles Llewelyn son of Charles and Eveline was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1887 (Jan 5<sup>th</sup>.) Charles Llewelyn was buried at Caerwent church aged 6 hours.*

### **Lucket.**

*1913 Alice Ann Lucket daughter of Ernest Henry and Emily was baptised at Mathern church.*

### **Luff.**

*1875 Frederick William Luff son of William and Helen Eliza was baptised at Caerwent church.*

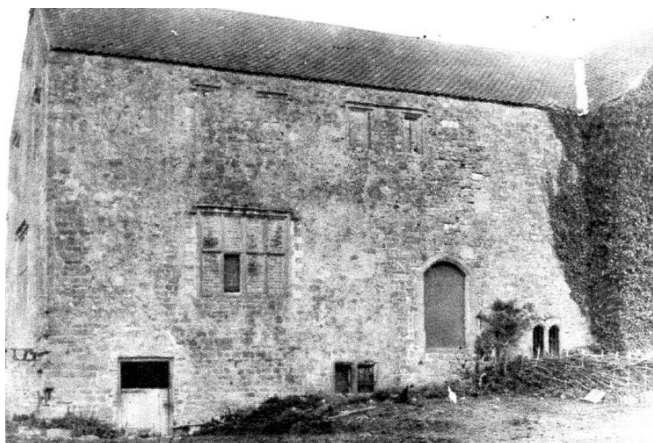
### Lynwood.

Edgar Haines built this bungalow on the Old Shirenewton Road for his son Grenville who lived there with his wife Jean (Wilkinson) and their daughters Annabel and Lisa. Grenville built Greenacres and moved into Greenacres, when the original Crick Garage was demolished, his parents Edgar and Doris who had been living at the garage moved into Lynwood.

### Maddox.

1863 William Thomas Maddox son of John and Rhoda was baptised at Caerwent church.

### Manor Farm.



**Views of Manor Farm.**

Prior to the construction of the new Shirenewton Road, there was a turning off the Hayes Gate Lane, which at that time went through the present Mon.C.C. Highways Depot, over a bridge crossing the Broadwell Brook into Manor Farm.

It has been claimed that the stone barn adjacent to the main road was used many years ago as a court to try people accused of sheep stealing.

In 1919 this property was part of the St Pierre Estate and had 213 acres, it was let to Mr John Warlow on a yearly tenancy commencing 2<sup>nd</sup>. February 1920. He lived here with his wife Mary, their five sons, Albert, Fred and Billie, Georgie, Frank and a daughter Mary. Albert was killed in the First World War, on 25<sup>th</sup>. of November 1914 aged 28. The surviving brothers took over the tenancy of the farm until November and they were looked after by their sister, none of the family ever married.

Miss Jenkins was the housekeeper.

From the Burial registers of St. Tewdric Church at Mathern we find that: -

*John Warlow was buried on 22nd. May 1920 aged 85, therefore born c.1835*

*Mary Warlow was buried on 25th. June 1928 aged 82, therefore born c.1846*

*Fred Warlow was buried on 12th. Feb 1920 aged 82, therefore born c.1870*

*George Warlow was buried on 3rd. April 1929 aged 52, therefore born c.1877*

*Benjamin Frank Warlow died 1936 aged 49, therefore born c.1887*

Benjamin Frank was wounded whilst serving with the Lancashire Fusiliers, was captured and taken to Germany as a P.O.W., during internment his health deteriorated.

*Ellen Warlow was buried on 28th. May 1942 aged 63, therefore born c.1879*

*Albert Warlow died on Weds. 25<sup>th</sup>. November 1914 aged 28 therefore born c.1886*

He is buried in Cement House Cemetery, Langemark, north of Ypres, grave ref 1.A.6

Post 1919 the acreage was reduced and it was let to Fred and Billie Warlow.

They were traditional farmers growing corn and roots and had beef cattle that were yarded in the winter time, they employed a waggoner to look after and work their horses.

When the Warlow brothers retired, they went to live at Woolaston.



**Manor Farm; on the left Ron Williams and Alf Jones.**

Manor farm was let to Mr John Williams in 1938, and it would be about his time that the building of the RNPF and the construction of the new Shirenewton Road would have resulted in a loss of land and making access to some of the Manor Farm land more difficult.

John Williams was married to Olive Wood and they had five children, Ron born 1930, Alfie born 1931, Margaret born 1933, Harold born 1934, and Colin born 1940.

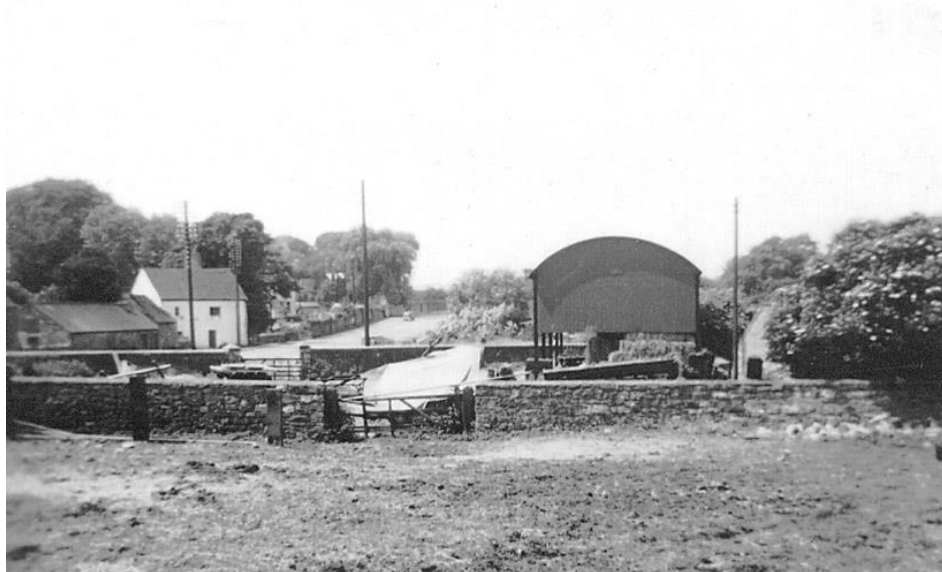
1941 Colin Williams son of John Alfred and Olive was baptised at Caerwent church.

Ron Williams now farms at Llanvair Discoed, Alfie Williams lives at Hill Barn farm but has given up the land, Margaret Williams is now a widow and lives at St. Albans Hertfordshire.

Harold Williams is living at Caerwent and is now retired having had his own haulage business, which when he started his business included the collection of milk in churns from local farms, and Colin lives at Llanmartin.

Olive Williams died in 1961 and John Williams died in 1974.

In about 1944 part of Manor Farm house was let to Moses Adams, a dairyman with a milk round, his wife and family, Keith, Shirley, Jill and Kevin, some time later the family emigrated to the Canada. The Adams had moved from Croydon to avoid the bombing and chose this area as they had relatives at Caerwent.



**Manor Farm Yard before the development occurred.**

03/02/1946 (born 25/08/1945) Kevin Adams son of Moses & Elsie May was baptised at Caerwent church.

1956 Denise Elizabeth Williams daughter of Margaret was baptised at Caerwent church.

1961 the tenancy was given to Alfie Williams, but with the building of the M4 motorway the farm lost a lot of the land and it was no longer a viable unit, and Alfie Williams and his wife Mary moved in 1963 to become tenants of Hill Barn Farm where they now live.

Some of the land was added to Broadwell Farm (this is the land where the Chepstow Agricultural Show has been held in recent years) and the Farm House was sold. The buildings and yards and the small amount of land were also sold and purchased by Mr Cecil Stone, who was farming at Caerwent. For a while Mr Stone ran a dairy herd here also utilising some of his father in law's (Mr Powell) land at Cottage Farm. Eventually Mr Stone sold the site and it has now been developed into a number of dwellings.

1967 Jennifer Susan Spooner of Crick Manor married Jeffrey Howard Bolas, a transport driver of Laurel Cottages Llanvaches at Mathern church.

1970 Diane Spooner of Crick Manor married Bernard William Morgan of 16 East Gate Caerwent at Mathern church.

1971 Mr. & Mrs. Weller bought Crick Manor, they moved the Welsh Archery Centre that they had established at their sports shops in Cardiff to Crick, they stock a very wide range of archery equipment, the business is now run by Mr. Weller's son his daughter in law and their children.

### **Marco.**

1916 Vera Esther Marco daughter of Sidney and Beatrice was baptised at Caerwent church.

### **May.**

1880 Mary Jane May daughter of Frank and Mary Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.

1883 Evan Ruth May daughter of Frank and Mary Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.

### **McAlpine's Yard.**

Established about 1938/1939, provided garaging and repair workshops for the heavy lorries and equipment used in the construction of the RNPF. There was a very busy canteen alongside the yard, run by Mrs. Crosby and it was used by many people, they also sold cigarettes.

### **Melrose.(Previously known as 1. Crick Cottage)**

This dwelling was attached to Cottage farm and was the home of the Parry family; Mr. Phillip Parry was a tenant of M.C.C. from December 1939 until February 1962 when the tenancy went to Annie Parry (later Hawks). Mr. Parry was a "lengthsman" for Mon.C.C. before the RNPF was built, he was later a night watchman at McAlpines yard. A lengthsman was responsible for keeping a designated length of highway tidy, cutting the verges and keeping the drainage channels clear etc. With Mr. Stafford of Bradbury Farm Mr. Phillip Parry was one of the last appointed "Overseers of the Poor", before this age-old authority was abolished. There was a daughter Barbara who married Mr. Malcolm Chick from Langstone, sadly Malcolm died within 1 year of the marriage. Barbara then married Bob Tyrrell. Barbara died on 14<sup>th</sup>. December 2001.

1955 Malcolm John Panting aged 20 a pattern maker from Langstone (father Arthur John a hairdresser) married Barbara Irena Parry aged 20 of Melrose, Crick (father Phillip Arthur retired) at Caerwent church.

1956 Malcolm John Panting aged 21 was buried at Caerwent church.

1957 Robert William Tyrell aged 29 a store man living at Woolaston (father William dec.) married Barbara Irena Panting a widow nee Parry aged 22 a clerk of Melrose, Crick (father Philip Arthur a night watchman) at Caerwent church.

The 1956 Electoral Roll lists Raymond French as living here.

1958 Dorian Christopher Tyrell son of Robert William and Barbara Irena was baptised at Caerwent church.

*1960 Dorinda Jane Tyrell daughter of Robert William and Barbara Irena was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1960 Phillip Arthur Parry aged 71 was buried at Caerwent church.*

*1960 Dorinda Jane Tyrell aged 9 months was buried at Caerwent church.*

*1962 Pernel Jason Tyrell son of Robert William and Barbara Irena was baptised at Caerwent church.*

1981 Mrs. V. Williams bought Melrose and moved in with her son Jonathan. Mrs. Williams lived here until 1985 when she moved to Bramley House that she had built.

1985 Melrose was bought by Mr. & Mrs. C. Tawton.

### **Miles.**

*1814 Richard Miles son of Richard and Elizabeth was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Miller.**

*1896 Lily Catherine Miller daughter of James Bett and Emily was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Milsom.**

*1888 William Milsom was buried at Caerwent church aged 19.*

*1888 John Milsom was buried at Caerwent church aged 24.*

### **Morgan.**

*1823 Charles Ayskew Morgan son of James and Elizabeth was baptised at St. Pierre church.*

*1901 Albert Morgan son of Frederick and Mary Ann was baptised at Mathern church.*

*1904 Norman Tago Morgan son of Frederick and Mary Ann was baptised at Mathern church.*

*1906 Marion Morgan daughter of Frederick and Mary Ann was baptised at Mathern church.*

*1909 Percy Morgan son of Frederick and Mary Ann was baptised at Mathern church.*

### **Mount Ballan Farm.**

1881 shown in the census as the home of Charles Meredith a coachman, his wife Elizabeth their two young children and a boarder Charles Wymark who was a groom.

*1887 George Ernest Meredith son of Charles and Elizabeth was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1887 Gertrude Eleanor Meredith daughter of Charles and Elizabeth was baptised at Caerwent church.*

Since 1950 the Broome family has owned Mount Ballan Farm, firstly Fred Broome and his wife and later his son David of show jumping fame.

*1964 Frederick Arthur Edgar aged 29 a farmer from Leek Wooton, Warwickshire (father Thomas Haining a farmer) married Elizabeth McPherson Broome of Mount Ballan Manor (father Frederick Morgan a farmer) at Caerwent church.*

### **Mount Ballan Garage.**

The 1930 Electoral Roll names Joseph and Caroline MacNaughter as residents. This is remembered as a large garage at ground level with a gardener's flat above. It was later turned into a large house.

### **Mount Ballan House.**

*1841 census, Caroline Williams of independent means lived here with a daughter and a son, a lodger a clerk and three servants.*

*1843 Fanny Williams of Mount Ballan was buried at St. Pierre church aged 24.*

*1844 Caroline Williams of Mount Ballan was buried at St. Pierre church aged 59.*

*1849 Edmund Leyton Williams KCB a Major General of Mount Ballan was buried at Mathern church aged 70.*

*1861 Census; this was the home of Edward Tuberville Williams, the vicar of Caerwent, and his wife Elizabeth, they had four servants.*

*1871 census; John Francis a Magistrate for the County of Monmouth lived here with his wife Margaret who was The Consul for The Argentine Republic, they had four servants.*

*1881 census; living here were Thomas A Walker, his wife Fanny their four children, three nephews, two cooks and another servant.*



**Mount Ballan House circa 1997.**

Thomas came from Brewood, Staffordshire and was a railway contractor involved in the construction of the Severn Tunnel. When the tunnel was completed his workshops at Sudbrook were lying idle so he used the site to establish the Sudbrook shipyard, the ownership of which later passed to his nephew Charles Walker and they operated until their closure in 1922. The Lych Gate at Caerwent Church was funded by donations from former employees of Mr. Walker from around the world.

*1883 Charles Henry Walker of full age, a Civil Engineer of Caerwent (father Charles Walker an Engineer) married Fanny Walker of full age of Caerwent (father Thomas Andrew Walker a Contractor) at Caerwent.*

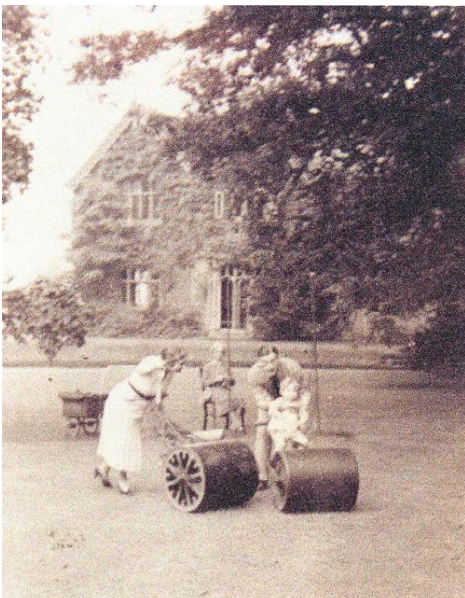
*1889 Thomas Andrew Walker of Mount Ballan, Caerwent was buried at Caerwent church aged 62.*

*1892 Fanny Walker of Mount Ballan, Caerwent was buried at Caerwent church aged 66.*

*1891 census; listed as living here are; William Harris a gardener, his wife Elizabeth, their four sons and three daughters.*

*1874 George son of William and Harris Elizabeth was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1894 William Frederick Abbott aged 26 a surgeon of Pokesdown, Bournemouth (father George Frederick Abbott a gentleman) married Alice Maud Walker aged 32 of Mount Ballan, Caerwent (father Thomas Andrew Walker a contractor) at Caerwent church.*



**This photograph shows: Mrs. Cropper, seated in the background, her Grandson John Harvey is being held on the roller by his uncle Colonel Stanley with his aunt Dr. Stanley pushing the other roller..**

1895 John Cropper aged 30, a surgeon of Great Crosby; Liverpool (father Edward William Cropper a gentleman) married Anne Ellen Walker aged 32 of Mount Ballan, Caerwent (father Thomas Andrew Walker a contractor) at Caerwent church.

1901 census; Dr. John Cropper a surgeon and his wife Annie, (Annie was the daughter of the above Thomas Walker), their two daughters and a son, a visitor Octavia Allen and their six servants.

Dr. Cropper who lost his life in the First World War when the ship he was on was sunk by enemy action off the coast of Greece. After Dr Cropper's death Mrs Cropper devoted her life to local affairs and the church.

1923 electoral roll lists Dorothy Alice Denman as living at Mount Ballan.

1926 Douglas Richmond Stanley aged 29 a Captain in the 3/2 Bombay Pioneers at Razmak, Wazviestan (father Edward Charles Stanley a gentleman) married Dorothy Alice Denman Cropper aged 29 of Mount Ballan (father John Cropper Dec. a doctor of medicine) at Caerwent church.

1930. electoral roll lists Annie Ellen and Eleanor Grace Cropper as living at Mount Ballan.

## Women who helped feed the nation

MOUNT Ballan, near Crick, was home for sixty Women's Land Army girls during the war years. Mrs Aline James was Aline Riddle when she and her colleagues tilled the land of East Gwent.

Aline was at Mount Ballan from 1942 to 1947 and now lives at Hereford Road, Monmouth. "Hard work, but some happy times as well," she recalls. The girls of Mount Ballan had their own monthly magazine, "The Mount Ballan Diary", in which the following poem, written by N Humphreys, appeared in February, 1945.

If by chance you should  
stray,  
To Mount Ballan, through  
Crick way,  
There you'd find to your  
surprise  
Sixty land girls, all numbers  
and size  
Green pullovers and  
green ties,  
Rosy cheeks and sparkling  
eyes,  
Clad in breeches, figures  
neat,  
They wear big gum boots  
on their feet  
Wet or fine you'll see  
them smile  
Even though they walk a  
mile  
So if by chance you lose  
your way  
A welcome you'll find with  
the W.L.A.



Sign of the times, Land Army pals, Mary Stokes and Audrey Ball, pictured near Devauden.



Audrey Ball and tractor



Aline at Mount Ballan

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Ann McGrath used to drive the lorry to transport the Land Girls to the local farms, she would also meet the new arrivals when they came by train to Portskewett Station, Ann married a local man Tom Wilshire from Sudbrook. Marjorie Mary Smith was a Land Girl who worked at Bentley Green Poultry Farm, she later married Mr. S.M. Powell and lived in Rogiet, sadly Majorie died very suddenly in 2005.

### **New House Farm.**

This smallholding, situated midway along the dual carriageway to Caerwent, was the home of Mr. Robert Edgar (Roy) Price and his wife Ellen, and daughters Nora and Ruth. Roy was the son of Mr. E.G. Price of Caerwent who travelled to local farms with his threshing machine which was powered and moved by a steam traction engine. Roy took over this business, and later the steam engine was replaced with a Marshall single cylinder diesel engine tractor to supply the power to drive and move the threshing machine.

Mr. Price was a tenant of Mon.C.C. from February 1927 until it was sold to the admiralty in 1939. Mr. Price then moved to The Homestead at Portskewett, another M.C.C. smallholding.

Mr. Edmund James (Ted) Hern and Mrs. Winifred Nellie Hern then moved into New House Farm in 1941, from Caldicot where they had lived since their move from Holton Heath in 1940, with their sons Peter and Terry and daughter Doreen, they stayed there until 1962. Ted had transferred from Holton Heath Cordite Factory, in 1940, he had had experience of Nitro-glycerine (N.G.) manufacture, to be a foreman in the N.G. section at the R.N.P.F., at Caerwent. He became principal foreman in the 1950's and held this post until he retired in 1962. The three children all attended Caerwent Junior school and later they all worked for the Ministry of Defence at the R.N.P.F, Doreen worked in the Welfare Centre, Peter in manufacturing and Terry in the stores department. Peter moved to The Royal Ordnance factory at Bishopton and then to The Research Establishment at Porton Down. Terry transferred to the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Ships and completed his service at Bath. Doreen married Phillip Coles and lives at Caldicot.

This house is adjacent to the A48 main road, a very busy road, particularly during the war with heavy army vehicles. Many people on foot also used the road; Mrs. Hern was a regular provider of food and drink to passing tramps.

### **Newton House.**

Newton House was built by Mrs. V. Williams in 1989 and it was her home until 1995 when she moved to Russett House that she had built and Russett House is where Mrs. Williams now resides.

1995 Newton House was sold to Mr. & Mrs. C. Lawrence.

### **Oak Grove Farm.**



**Joseph Grimmer and his family.**

A Mon CC smallholding; the first tenant from September 1922 to December 1933 was Mr. Joseph Alfred Grimmer (born 1879, died 1955); his wife was Annie Elizabeth nee Morgan (died 1953).

Joseph came from Leicestershire where he was a groom; he had also served in the Hussars, and in the Boer war. Annie came from Hay on Wye, where her parents kept the Maes Luke Arms. Joseph and Anne had eight children including twins who died when they were very young. The other children were Walter who spent his early years in Canada, and then went to live in London and is buried in Brompton Cemetery (died 1941), and then came Bob (died 1986) he also lived in London at Highbury near the Arsenal football stadium, his wife was Celia, and he was a mechanical engineer. Joan came next she married William Jordan and made their home in Rhodesia, and there was another daughter Margery (also known as Madge) Madge was a nurse (died 1972).



**Mr. Grimmer with his horse Bonnie and friends. David and Phillip Grimmer.**

There were then two more sons, Phillip (died 1990) who farmed at Coedkernew Near Newport and was a prominent County Councillor. In the Second World War Phillip was on active service and was taken prisoner at Turbrok, he was taken to a prison of war camp in Italy from which he managed to escape, on his own. Phillip was taken in by an Italian family who sheltered him, and he kept contact with this family until his death. The youngest child was David who had a very successful electrical business in the Caldicot and Chepstow area, when young, David had a vaccination to which he reacted badly and he was quite ill, however his parents bought a Jersey cow named Buttercup and her rich milk helped David's recovery, David also had a sheepdog called Ben.

David also saw active service in the Second World War, David was part of a military band. David married Joyce in 1941 and Joyce very kindly gave me this information on the Grimmer family, and told me that, Annie (her mother in law) and her daughter Joan won prizes for milking at Usk Agricultural College.



**Contestants at a milking competition at Usk College, Mrs. Grimmer and her daughter could be on this photograph.**

Mr. Stanley Charles Price and his wife Elizabeth were the tenants from December 1933 to June 1945, they did not have any children, Stanley was a cousin to his neighbour Mr Joe Roberts.

Mr. Ron Harry, a bachelor was the tenant from June 1945 to April 1957. He lived here with his mother and sister; he was a very keen cricketer and later played golf at St. Pierre. Before he left Oak Grove he had taken a position as salesman for Lever Bros selling animal feeding stuffs to farmers. When he gave up the tenancy he moved to a bungalow at Rogiet and when Lever Bros became part of B.O.C.M., he then worked for West Midland Farmers.

*1949 George Albert Hanner aged 53 a farmer from Llangibby (father George Valentine a farmer dec) married Doris Mary Harry aged 45 of Oak Grove Farm, Crick (father Evan Henry a farmer dec.) at Caerwent church.*

Mr & Mrs Mapps were the tenants from April 1957 until February 1981 they did not have any children of their own but their niece Margaret and nephews Ron and Derrick often stayed with them. Mr. and Mrs. Mapps had moved from another smallholding, The Rodge at Caerwent, and they drove their herd of Guernsey cattle along the road from Caerwent to Crick when they moved.

*1958 Fred Nash aged 63 (Mrs Mapps father) was buried at Caerwent church.*



**Mr. Bill Mapps moving his cattle from The Rodge Farm, Caerwent to Oakgrove Farm in 1957, and Bill Mapps cutting his hay with a horse drawn mowing machine.**

The present tenant is Mr. Gamble.

### **Oakwell.**

*1903 Jonathan Cole a collier aged 31 of 31 Glyn Fach Road, Cymmer (father George Dec. a labourer) married Kate Oakwell aged 20 of Crick (father William a labourer) at Mathern church.*

### **Old Barn, The.**

*1999 James Thomas Anthony Bazley son of William Roger Anthony and Janice Louise was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Old Poor House Near Crick.**

This is listed in the 1881 census and must have been a fairly large property as there were nine members of the Parry family living here as well as three members of the Thomas family and two other men. They were all occupied as agricultural labourers, except the three younger Parry children who were scholars.

### **Old Shirenewton Road.**

Mr. Beale lived in the last house on this road, he was well known for making home made wine, which he shared "merrily" with others.

### **Parry.**

*1831 Edwin Parry son of Samuel and Sarah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1839 Samuel Parry was buried at Caerwent church aged 43.*

*1870 Sidney Parry son of Edwin and Eliza was baptised at St. Pierre church.*

*1873 John Parry son of Edwin and Eliza was baptised at St. Pierre church.*

1877 Samuel Parry son of Edwin and Eliza was baptised at St. Pierre church.  
1885 Alice Parry daughter of Albert and Caroline was baptised at Caerwent church.  
1886 Charles Parry a labourer aged 22 of Crick (father Edwin a labourer) married Flora Blake aged 20 of Chepstow (father George a carpenter) at Mathern church.  
1889 Eliza Parry of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 59.

**Parsons.**

1852 Sarah Parsons of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 28.  
1856 Richard Paul Parsons son of Richard and Susan was baptised at Caerwent church.

See also Slough Farm.

**Payne.**

1820 Margaret Payne of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 80.  
1833 Ellen Payne daughter of Thomas and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.  
1836 William Payne son of Thomas and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.

**Pembox.**

1918 Doreen Maisey Pembox daughter of James and Emily was baptised at Caerwent church.

**Phillips.**

1819 John Phillips son of William and Elizabeth was baptised at Caerwent church.  
1828 Catherine Hamilton Phillips daughter of William and Margaret was baptised at Caerwent church.  
1829 Grace Rebecca Phillips daughter of William and Margaret was baptised at Caerwent church.  
1903 William Phillips of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 56.

**Pitt.**

1885 Gary Pitt aged 22 a groom of Mount Ballan (father Silas Pitt a labourer) married Clara Jones aged 22 of Crick (father George Jones Dec. a labourer) at Mathern church.  
1922 Charles Challenger Courthoys aged 23 a clerk of 21 Hinders Road, Abertillery (father John Edward Curthoys Dec. an ostler) married Gwendoline Jessie Pitt aged 23 (father Frederick Tom Pitt a platelayer) at Mathern church.  
1934 Frederick Frape Pitt aged 31 a road foreman of New Cottages Mathern (father Frederick Tom Pitt a platelayer) married Florence Gwendoline Palmer aged 31 of New Cottages Mathern (father Percy Octavious Palmer a gardener) at Mathern church.

**Plastead Nr. Crick. (Or Plaisted see Bradbury Farm).**

1881 census; there were two entries at this address;

1). George Wicks a farm Labourer lived here with his wife Emma their three sons and one daughter.

1837 Rachel Plaisted of Mathern parish was buried at Caerwent church aged 88.  
1840 William Plaisted of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 55.  
1841 Phoebe Plaisted of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 40.  
1845 Eliza Plaisted of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 16  
1847 Thomas Plaisted of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 16.  
1850 Mary Plaisted of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 51.  
1862 Joseph Plaisted of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 67.  
1866 George Wicks son of George and Emma was baptised at Caerwent church.  
1868 Sarah Wicks daughter of George and Emma was baptised at Caerwent church.  
1870 Charles Frederick Wicks son of George and Emma was baptised at Caerwent church.  
1872 John William Wicks son of George and Emma was baptised at Caerwent church.  
1875 Lottie Wicks daughter of George and Emma was baptised at St. Pierre church.  
1886 William Henry Smith aged 24 a labourer of 11 Hanbury Road, Hornsey (father William a labourer) married Annie Wicks aged 23 of Crick (father George Wicks a labourer) at Mathern church.

*1896 William Henry Davies aged 23 a tiler of Crick (father Isaac Davies, a tiler) married Lottie Wicks aged 21 of Crick (father George Wicks a labourer) at Caerwent church.*

*1896 Florence Louisa Davies daughter of William Henry and Lottie was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1897 Florence Louisa Davies was buried at Caerwent church aged 9 months.*

*1898 Ernest Henry Davies son of William Henry and Lottie was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1906 Violet May Davies daughter of William Henry and Lottie was baptised at Caerwent church.*

2). *George Jones lived here with his wife Susannah their daughter Clara, their grandson James and a lodger.*

### **Price.**

*1816 George Price son of Thomas and Margaret was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Printing Works.**

These were situated on the west side of the Old Shirenewton Road. They traded as El-Be Litho Ltd.; the proprietors were Messers Luff and Beale. The works have been demolished and dwellings are now built on the site.

### **Pritchard.**

*1878 Elizabeth Emma Phillips daughter of Joel Benjamin and Emma was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1879 Florence Phillips daughter of Joel Benjamin and Emma was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1881 Frank Ernest Phillips son of Joel Benjamin and Emma was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1890 John Henry Phillips son of Frank and Eunice was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Quarry.**

This was situated off the Old Shirenewton road on Slidy Hill, just past a farm with land and buildings. This farmhouse and buildings was used as a quarry office and then let to an RNPF employee before it was demolished. It is thought that there was a rail track from this quarry to take stone into the RNPF for it's construction.

### **Railway Track, narrow gauge.**

There are suggestions that there was a railway track from the quarry on Slidy Hill to McAlpines yard for the transportation of stone for the construction of the RNPF. I am trying to get confirmation of this. There are recollections of this by Mabel Hudson nee Gardiner, Alan Slayne and David Ford, but no details have been found.

### **Reece.**

*1861 Eliza Amy Reece daughter of Leonard and Eliza was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Red House.(Probably disappeared when the RNPF was built).**

*1841 census, John Wakefield an agricultural labourer lived here with his daughter and a lodger.*

*1861 census; John Makefield, an Agricultural Labourer lived here alone, he was a widower.*

*1871 census; Thomas Hendys a gardener lived here with his wife Editha and their three daughters and two sons.*

*1901 census, William Edwards lived here with his wife Rose, their daughter and his sister Alice Marriott, also at Red House was George Pratten, a stone quarry labourer and his wife Jane.*

### **Richards, John.**

*1828 Mary Anne Richards daughter of George and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1828 Mary Ann Richards was buried at Caerwent church aged 4 months.*

*1829 Elizabeth Richards daughter of George and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1828 Thomas Richards son of William and Rachel was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1836 William Richards son of William and Rachel was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1943 Terence Clive Richards son of Roy Henry and Olive was baptised at Caerwent.*

Mr Richards built houses in Crick, he built two semi detached houses (Cressingham & Silverdene), in what at one time was the garden of Rose Cottage, Mervyn Richards and family (not related) lived in the one nearest to McAlpine's yard, he also built a property on the old Shirenewton road that was part of the garden of Rose Cottage. Mr Richards had previously built houses in Portskewett and Rogiet.

### **Riddle.**

*1837 Louisa Riddle of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 2 years and 6 months.*

*1837 Charles Riddle of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 5 years and 6 months.*

*1844 George Riddle aged 19 a labourer of Crick (father Thomas Riddle a labourer) married Ann Large aged 23 of Crick (father Steven a labourer) at Caerwent church.*

*1848 George Riddle of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 3 months.*

*1877 Annie Laura Riddle daughter of Hiram and Elizabeth was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1878 Clara Elizabeth Riddle daughter of Hiram and Elizabeth was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1879 Lewis Henry Riddle son of Hiram and Elizabeth was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1851 Hannah Riddle daughter of Henry and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1866 Sidney Albert Riddle son of Henry and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1869 Alice May Riddle daughter of Henry and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1851 John Riddle son of John and Sarah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1851 Henry John Riddle was buried at Caerwent church aged 1 week.*

*1859 Jaber Riddle of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 10.*

*1859 Angelina Riddle of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 8.*

*1866 Mary E Riddle of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 38.*

*1869 Ann Riddle of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 77.*

### **Ridgeway**

*1816 James Ridgeway of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 86.*

*1820 Mary Ridgeway of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 80.*

### **Rising Sun. (Probably either Ballan Cottage or Little Ballan Cottage).**

*1871 census; John Powell a gardener lived here with his wife Ellen.*

### **Robins.**

*1826 Mary Robins of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 15 months.*

*1873 Hannah Robins of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 72.*

*1860 Mary Robins daughter of Thomas and Margaret was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1862 Clara Frances Robins daughter of Thomas and Margaret was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1863 Decima Robins daughter of Thomas and Margaret was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1870 William Robins was buried at Caerwent church aged 74.*

*1870 William Robins son of William and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1872 Sarah Robins daughter of William and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1875 Amelia Robins daughter of William and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1825 Charles Robins son of William and Hannah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1845 Charles Robins was buried at Caerwent church aged 19.*

*1827 Mary Robins daughter of William and Hannah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1828 William Robins son of William and Hannah William and Hannah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1833 Thomas Robins son of William and Hannah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Rose Cottage.**

Frederick Gardener lived here with his wife Rosa; they had four children, Fred, Tim, Dorothy and Charles. Frederick was killed in the First World War on 4<sup>th</sup> June 1915 aged 38  
*1906 Frederick John Gardener son of Frederick and Rosa was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1907 William Seymour Gardener son of Frederick and Rosa was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1908 Dorothy Rose Gardener daughter of Frederick and Rosa was baptised at Caerwent church.*  
*1930 Hazel Margaret Gardener daughter of Frederick John and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1913 William John Edwards son of William and Hilda was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1913 William John Edwards was buried at Caerwent church aged 2 months.*

*1915 Frederick Charles Edwards son of William and Hilda was baptised at Caerwent church.*

1930 "Marge", a sister to Jack Knight (Bradbury Farm) lived here.

The Carter family lived here at one time with their son Leonard and daughter Clarice.

In 1932 Robert Slayne came to live here with his wife Alice, Robert came from Swindon and worked at the pumping station at Sudbrook. Alice had been married before to John Corbett. John died as a result of injuries received in the First World War. There were two children from her first marriage, Thomas (known locally as Don or Donald) and Dilys. Thomas joined the Royal Navy and went to Dunoon on the submarines where he met Margaret and they married in 1941.

*1933 Robert David Alan Slayne son of Robert and Alice was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1939 Walter Joseph Fieldhouse aged 24 a labourer from 16 Sudbrook Terrace, Sudbrook (father Thomas John Fieldhouse a seaman) married Delys Margaret Corbett aged 20 of Rose Cottage, Crick (father John Corbett Dec. a teacher) at Caerwent church.*



**Delys Slayne on the A48 outside Rose Cottage, before the Railway Bridge was built.**

*1942 Adrian Walton Fieldhouse son of Walter and Delys was baptised at Caerwent church.*

Robert and Alice had one son Alan, who is on the Caerwent school photograph and he now lives in retirement at Rogiet. Robert died in 1947 and Alice died eleven months later and Alan then left Crick to live at Sudbrook.

*1947 Robert Slayne aged 59 was buried at Caerwent church.*

*1948 Alice Slayne aged 57 was buried at Caerwent church.*

The next occupant was Mrs. Moats. Mrs Moats had retired from a smallholding at Llanishen where she kept goats; she was originally from Llangollen and was an accomplished pianist. In her retirement Mrs. Moats did voluntary work with the Samaritans in Newport, Mrs. Moats had no family and she died in 1998.

### **Rosedene.**

Trevor J Griffiths, his wife Margaret H and son Grenville lived here. The house on the Old Shirenewton Road was demolished and was replaced by Cranford (see above).

*09/09/1945 (born 03/07/1945) Kenneth Griffiths son of Trevor & Margaret was baptised at Caerwent church.*

**Rose Lea. Aka Cottage Bungalow.(Next to Brook House on the Garage side). Later named Glenbrook Cottage.**

*1917 Robert John Blake son of Charles and Alice was baptised at Caerwent church*

*1918 Beatrice Annie Blake daughter of Charles & Alice was baptised at Caerwent church.*

Mr. & Mrs. Billing lived here and were followed by Fred Gardener and his wife Mary. Next came Alf Jones and his wife Winifred, they had two daughters Rosemary and Veronica (Vera). Alf worked at Bradbury farm and he took the tenancy of Rose Lea when it became vacant to save a long cycle ride to work from above Shirenewton.

*1948 Percy Arthur Elliot aged 26 a lorry driver from Shirenewton (father William a woodcutter) married Edith Nancy Probert aged 22 of Cottage Bungalow, Crick (father Joseph a caretaker) at Caerwent church.*

*1941 Veronica Mary Jones daughter of Alfred and Winifred was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1957 Kenneth Arthur Walters aged 22 a general haulier from Newport (father Kenneth Morris a general haulier) married Rosemarie Winifred Jones aged 18 a clerk of Rose Lea, Crick (father Alfred Edward a council workman) at Caerwent church.*

*Linda Louise Walters daughter of Kenneth Arthur and Rosemary Winifred was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1962 Peter Raymond Couchman aged 28 a corporal in the R.A.F. from Tring, Hertfordshire (father Ernest James a fitter) married Vera May Jones aged 21 a SCAW in W.R.A.F. of Rose Lea, Crick (father Alfred Edward dec) at Caerwent church.*

**Roseville.**

This was the home of Arthur Cyril Luff and his wife Agnes Ada, Arthur was a councillor. There were two sons, William was married and had two daughters, one married Dr. Walford Davies of Caldicot. William was killed just after the end of the First World War, it is believed by a sniper's bullet, William had enlisted in British Columbia, he was 23 and in the Canadian Grenadier Guards. The second son (seventeen years younger) Augustus Cyril when married lived in London, Caldicot and then at Cranford on the Old Shirenewton Road.

*1938 Augustus Cyril Luff aged 28 a lithographic printer of Roseville, Crick (father Arthur Cyril Luff a retired gentleman) married Masie Sybil Taylor aged 27 from The Pill at Caldicot (father Albert Oliver Taylor a steam roller) at Caerwent church.*

*1956 John Derrick Bowen Williams aged 31 a schoolteacher from Tintern (father Edwin Charles Bowen a store manager) married Hazel Taylor aged 27 of Roseville, Crick (father Albert Oliver a plumber) at Caerwent church.*

*1961 Albert Oliver Taylor aged 76 was buried at Caerwent church.*

Roseville was demolished in 1968, when Peter Luff built Zephyrus.

**Runston Farm.**

Although not part of Crick, it is in the parish of Mathern it is of interest to note that in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup>. century Sam Wood moved from his home in Gratton, Staffordshire, and bought the Elms Farm at Caerwent, which proved a temporary base as a few years later he acquired Runston Farm, in the acreage of which was the old Runston Church and village. Sam Wood died in 1940 and his daughter, Mrs Alice Jones and James Wood, "Runston Jim", occupied the farm.

Other members of the Wood family also lived there at various times. Alice and Jim died in the late seventies and Runston was sold to the Heselton family. Sam Wood commissioned a large oil painting of Runston Farm. This information has been obtained from the Internet. (Kelly's Index).





**A very early "Radar", unit at Runston.**

**Russett House.**

Russett House was built in 1995 by Mrs. V. Williams and it has been Mrs. Williams home since then.

**Saunders.**

*1824 Elizabeth Saunders daughter of Samuel and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1824 Elizabeth Saunders was buried at Caerwent church aged 6 weeks.*

*1826 John Saunders son of Samuel and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1856 Fanny Saunders daughter of Henry and Marianne was baptised at Caerwent church.*

**Shepherd.**

*1832 Mary Shepherd of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 60.*

*1833 Thomas Shepherd of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 70.*

*1856 William Henry Shepherd son of George and Eliza was baptised at Caerwent church.*

**Silverdene.**

This is the last dwelling, a semi-detached house on the edge of Crick going towards Caerwent, next to McAlpines yard. It was built by John Richards and the first tenants were Mr. & Mrs. Adams who moved from "Blossoms".

Mervyn Richards and his parents lived here.

*1949 Arthur John Richards was buried at Caerwent church.*

*1960 Julie Muriel Harris daughter of Frank John and Beryl was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1962 Amanda Jayne Harris daughter of Frank John and Beryl was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1980 Kelly Louise Scrivens daughter of David Charles and Myra Elizabeth Helena was baptised at Caerwent church.*

**Slade.**

*1937 Ivor Slade aged 21 a gas worker from 44 Dudley Street, Newport (father Percival a painter and decorator) married Mabel Elizabeth Harper aged 22 of Belmere Crick (father Arthur George Harper dec. a railway guard) at Caerwent church.*

**Slidy Hill.**

Slidy Hill is to the west of the new Shirenewton Road; it is a wooded area now within the boundary of the RNPF. There was a quarry here which was used to provide stone for the construction of the RNPF, nearby was a farm that was used as an office for the quarry but has now been demolished, and during the war a gun emplacement was sited in this area.

**Slough Farm.** The original Slough Farm was probably on the site of Slough House.

*1841 census, William Drew a farmer lived here with his wife Elizabeth, their two sons, six farm labourers and three female servants.*

*1853 Michael Parsons aged 36 a widower and a farmer of Crick (father Valentine Parsons) married Susanah Harris aged 34 of Llanmellin (father William a farmer) at Caerwent church.*

*1861 Michael Davies aged 34 a widower and a farmer of Hentland, Herefordshire (father Michael Davies a farmer) married Elizabeth Laura Parsons aged 35 of Caerwent (father Valentine Parsons a farmer) at Caerwent church.*

*1858 Kerzia Parsons was buried at Caerwent church aged 39.*

*1859 Kerzia Parsons was buried at Caerwent church aged 72.*

*1859 Valentine Parsons was buried at Caerwent church aged 73.*

*1860 Fanny Kerzia Parsons daughter of Valentine and Amelia was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1874 Fanny Kerzia Parsons was buried at Caerwent church aged 13 years.*

*1864 Amelia Parsons daughter of Valentine and Amelia was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1874 Amelia Parsons was buried at Caerwent church aged 10 years.*

*1866 Mary Parsons daughter of Valentine and Amelia was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1874 Mary Parsons was buried at Caerwent church aged 8 years.*

*1869 Valentine Hillier Parsons son of Valentine and Amelia was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1871 Ethel Parsons daughter of Valentine and Amelia was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1874 Ethel Parsons was buried at Caerwent church aged 3 years.*

*1874 Laura Elizabeth Parsons was buried at Caerwent church aged 12 years.*

*1879 Lily Parsons daughter of Valentine and Amelia was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1874 Herbert Falkner Parsons son of Valentine and Amelia was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1876 Richard Arthur Parsons son of Valentine and Amelia was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1866 William Lewis aged 34 a farmer of Pontcanna, Llandaff (father John Lewis a farmer) married Fanny Parsons aged 39 of Caerwent (father Valentine Parsons a farmer) at Caerwent church.*

*1871 census, Valentine Parsons a Farmer of 204 acres employing seven men lived here with his wife Amelia, their three daughters and one son, they had a farm pupil living in and four servants including a governess.*

*1874 Laura Elizabeth Parsons aged 12, Amelia Parsons aged 3, Fanny Kerzia Parsons aged 13 and Mary Parsons aged 8 were all buried at Caerwent church in 1874.*

*1901 census; Edward Knight lived here with his wife, their four sons and two daughters, a visitor Elsworthy Tapoon a bankers clerk, a servant and a cattleman.*

The original Slough Farm was a M.C.C. small holding let to George Griffiths from November 1924 until February 1935. The tenancy then went to Mr. J.A. Williams until 1939 when it was sold to the Admiralty.

The property now known as Slough Farm was previously known as Slough Mead and as a M.C.C. smallholding was let to James Wood from February 1913 until February 1952, when the tenancy was taken over by Miss. L.J. Wood until April 1973.

The present tenant is Mr. David Bennett, who lives there with his wife Ruth.

### **Slough House.**

This property was on the Caerwent side of the present Slough Farm, it was also a M.C.C. property comprising a house and an orchard and was let to George Lewis from October 1939 to March 1960, and it was then let to R.N. Griffiths until February 1986.

### **Smith.**

*1816 Thomas Smith son of Thomas and Elizabeth was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **St. Donats.(Formerly known as Brook House)**

The home of Mr. and Mrs Cyril Doble since 1959, they came from Welsh St. Donats where they had been farming.

### **The Stables.**

On the Old Shirenewton Road, Mrs. Groom lived here about 1960.

### **Stafford.**

*1857 Mary Stafford of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 66.*

### **Stanley.**

*1902 Edward Reginald Stanley son of Ernest William and Eva was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1905 Ernest Horace Stanley son of Ernest William and Eva was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1908 Tom Allen Stanley son of Ernest William and Eva was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Sunnybank.**

Originally a wooden bungalow built by Mr Heard, who it is believed was a bricklayer. Mr Cyril Harrhy and his wife Alice followed Mr Heard. Mr. Harrhy delivered newspapers in the locality, and it was during the time that Mr Harrhy lived there that it caught fire in the early hours of Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup>. 1954, and was completely destroyed. It was later replaced by the brick built bungalow that we see today.

*1944 Gillian Margaret Harrhy, the adopted daughter of Cyril Arthur and Alice Elizabeth was baptised at St. Pierre church.*

*1971 Barbara Jean Reece daughter of John and Jennifer was baptised at Mathern church.*

*1988 Marc Christopher Baynton son of Christopher Kippersley and Julia Krystina was baptised at St. Pierre church.*

*1992 Jack Francis Baynton son of Christopher and Julia Helena was baptised at Caerwent church.*



**Sunnybank after the fire Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup>. 1954.**

### **Tanglewood.**

*1992 Mary Jacqueline Walters aged 65 was buried at Caerwent church.*

### **Thomas.**

*1834 Richard Thomas son of John and Elizabeth was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1841 Frederic Augustus Thomas son of Henry and Sarah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1841 Frederick Thomas was buried at Caerwent church aged 9.*

*1844 Emma Thomas daughter of Henry and Sarah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1851 Emma Thomas was buried at Caerwent church aged 7.*

*1882 Henry Thomas of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 71*

*1882 Sarah Thomas of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 81.*

*1891 Margarite Annie Thomas daughter of Joseph and Annie was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Trape.**

*1826 Hannah Trape daughter of William and Margaret was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Trostre Farm.**

This farm was situated on the Old Shirenewton Road. Mon.C.C sold it to the Admiralty in 1939.

Mon.C.C. County Farms Unit let this farm to Ernest Henry Waters from November 1924 to November 1935 he lived there with his wife Irene Maud, and then it was let to Harold Williams until 1939.

From 1939 it was the home of Dr. Perrott and his family, Dr. Perrott was a chemist at the RNPF

It was later the residence of the Mr. Frederick Oxenham his wife Julia and their family, but it has now been demolished.

The 1956 Electoral Roll lists Margaret A W Pemberton-Bennet and Charles Perrot as living here.

### **Vick.**

*1878 Sarah Ann Vick daughter of John and Ellen was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Wait.**

*1858 Richard Wait son of Joseph and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1861 Mary Wait daughter of Joseph and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1863 Emma Wait daughter of Joseph and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Walker.**

*1818 Thomas Walker son of Thomas and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1818 John Walker son of Thomas and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Wallis.**

*1923 Joyce Victoria Wallis daughter of Walter and Lucy was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1925 Robert Victor Wallis son of Walter and Lucy was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Walnut Grove.**

10 houses built by K.W. Bell in 2000, K.W. Bell still owns some adjoining land. The name derives from the fact that for years there was a walnut tree that had to be removed to gain access to the site: a tree surgeon had said it was almost dead, and although it had leaves it was certainly beyond it's prime. A replacement tree was to be planted nearby.

The owners of the properties have formed a company to run their own private sewage works and to maintain some grassed areas.

### **Weaver.**

*1934 Jane Weaver aged 72 was buried at Caerwent church.*

### **West View.**

This bungalow was built by Arthur Lewis on land that he owned, the first building was asbestos sheets on a wooden frame work. Over the years Arthur extended it in brick construction, and replaced the original construction in brickwork.

Arthur's parents were George and Mary, nee Smith, Mary came from Caldicot.

*1936 Arthur George Lewis aged 29 a farmer of Crick (father George Lewis a farmer) married Annie Iris Evans aged 21 of St. Arvans (father Thomas Henry Evans a builders labourer) at Caerwent church.*

Mr Arthur Lewis, a carpenter with Mon CC., estates department, built this bungalow under the woods on the south side of the A48 on Killcrow Hill.



**West View, probably about 1950.**

*1937 Ruby Ann Lewis daughter of Arthur George and Annie Iris was baptised at Caerwent church.  
1938 Mary Edith Lewis daughter of Arthur George and Annie Iris was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1939 Margaret Rose Lewis daughter of Arthur George and Annie Iris was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1941 William Arthur Lewis son of Arthur George and Annie Iris was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1943 Barbara Jean Lewis daughter of Arthur George and Annie Iris was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1948 George Henry Lewis, son of Arthur George and Annie Iris was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1948 David John Lewis son of Arthur George and Annie Iris was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1951 Robin Stanley Lewis son of Arthur George and Annie Iris was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1952 Walter Leslie Lewis son of Arthur George and Annie Iris was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1953 Mary Lewis aged 73 was buried at Caerwent church.*

*1954 Judith Christine Lewis daughter of Arthur George and Annie Iris was baptised at Caerwent church.*



**Arthur Lewis and his wife Annie with five of their children,  
Left to Right: Ruby, Rose, Mary, Jean with Billy at the back.**

1958 Christopher Malcolm Thomas aged 24 a labourer from Chepstow (father Clifford Dec.) married Rose Margaret Lewis aged 18 a machine operator of West View, Crick, (father Arthur George a carpenter) at Caerwent church.

1962 Andrew Peter Lewis son of Arthur George and Annie Iris was baptised at Caerwent church.

1963 Conrad Michael Heywood aged 24 a fireman with B.R. of Chepstow (father Percy a crane driver) married Barbara Jean Lewis aged 20 a machine operator of West View, Crick (father Arthur George a carpenter) at Caerwent church.

1974 Norman Harold Baker aged 21 a Diesel Fitter of 11 Byron Place Caldicot (father Leonard Harold a crane driver) married Judith Christine Lewis aged 20 a soft furnisher of West View, Crick (father Arthur George a carpenter) at Caerwent church.

Other children were; George, John, Walter, Robin (died aged four), Judy and Andrew.

### **White Hart Inn.**

1823 Elizabeth Rowlands daughter of Henry and Elizabeth was baptised at Caerwent church.

1826 Mary Rowlands daughter of Henry and Elizabeth was baptised at Caerwent church.

1830 Henry Rowlands son of Henry and Elizabeth was baptised at Caerwent church.

1835 Charles Rowlands son of Henry and Elizabeth was baptised at Caerwent church.

1836 Lewis Rowlands son of Henry and Elizabeth was baptised at Caerwent church.

1841 census, Henry Rowlands a blacksmith and a widower, with his seven children, several lodgers including an accountant and three agricultural labourers.

1859 Lewis Rowlands aged 25 a blacksmith of Crick (father Henry Rowlands a blacksmith) married Mary Hicks aged 25 a maid servant of Mount Ballan (father Isaac Hicks a farmer) at Caerwent church.

1859 William Lewis Rowlands son of Lewis and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.

1861 Henry Isaac Rowlands son of Lewis and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.

1862 Sidney George Rowlands son of Lewis and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.

1864 Elizabeth Sarah Rowlands daughter of Lewis and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.

1865 Ellen Maria Rowlands daughter of Lewis and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.

1869 Cyril Thomas Rowlands son of Lewis and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.

1871 Alfred Godfrey Rowlands son of Lewis and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.

1874 Sidney Charles Rowlands son of Lewis and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.

1861 census; (listed as Hart Inn), Henry Rowlands, Landlord and blacksmith, a widower lived here with: his son Lewis, also a blacksmith, his wife Mary and their children William and Henry; Henry's married daughter Harriet Pride, her daughters, Fanny and Mary, Henry's unmarried daughter Mary and a servant.

1851 Anne Styant Pride daughter of Thomas and Harriet was baptised at Caerwent church.

1862 Fanny Elizabeth Pride daughter of Thomas and Harriet was baptised at Caerwent church.

1871 census; Lewis Rowlands a Blacksmith and Innkeeper lived here with his wife Mary, their three sons and one daughter and Lewis's unmarried sister Mary, they also had a lodger.

1897 Alfred Godfrey Rowlands aged 25 an agricultural labourer living at Caerwent (father Lewis Rowlands a blacksmith) married Ellen Hale aged 19 of Caerwent (father George Hale a labourer) at Caerwent church.

### **Wicks.**

1864 Elizabeth Agnes Wicks daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth was baptised at Caerwent church.

1866 Gertrude Annie Rowlands daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth was baptised at Caerwent church.

### **Wilkins.**

1888 James Wilkins and Jane Wilkins, both of Crick were buried at Caerwent church aged 76 and 56 respectively.

### **Williams.**

*1836 Mary Williams of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 43.*

*1839 Mark Williams son of Thomas and Ann was baptised at St. Pierre church.*

*1843 Thomas Williams of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 8 months.*

*1845 Rachel Williams of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 66.*

*1851 Thomas Williams a shoemaker of full age of Crick (father Samuel a labourer) married Emma Morgan of full age of Caerwent (father Thomas a quarryman) at Caerwent church.*

*1852 Elizabeth Emma Williams daughter of Thomas and Emma was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1855 Lucy Ann Williams daughter of Thomas and Emma was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1857 Clara Williams daughter of Thomas and Emma was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1858 Clara Williams was buried at Caerwent church aged 1.*

*1853 Edwin Thomas Williams son of Thomas and Emma was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1858 Edwin Thomas Williams was buried at Caerwent church aged 5.*

*1871 Thomas Watkin Williams son of Mark and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1873 Louisa Jane Williams daughter of was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1833 Susan Williams daughter of Thomas and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1844 Ann Williams of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 44.*

*1845 Thomas Williams son of Thomas and Elizabeth was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1900 Louisa Maud Williams daughter of William and Adeline was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1902 William Henry Williams son of William and Adeline was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1837 Amelia Williams daughter of William and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1842 Eliza Williams daughter of William and Ann was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1821 Eliza Williams daughter of William and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1827 William Williams son of William and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1830 Mary Ann Williams daughter of William and Mary was baptised at Caerwent.*

*1830 Mary Ann Williams was buried at Caerwent church aged 6 weeks.*

*1881 William Williams of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 79.*

*1884 Samuel Williams of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 83.*

*1834 Jane Williams daughter of Daniel and Mary was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1888 Jane Williams was buried at Caerwent church aged 56.*

*1892 Mary Williams of the Chepstow Union Workhouse formerly of Crick was buried at Caerwent church aged 82.*

### **Winter.**

*John Winter aged 49 a widower and a shepherd of Crick (father James Winter Dec. a shepherd) married Lillian Maud Baker aged 26 a widow of Crick (father Benjamin Charles Florida Dec. a gas fitter) at Caerwent church.*

John and Lillian had two children Beatrice and Frederick. Beatrice married Alfred Noel Beard ( see Little Ballan Cottage), Frederick joined the R.A.F., before the war, nothing is known of him since.

### **Woodland Cottage.**

*1910 Henry John Alford Weight aged 20 a plumber of Woodlands, Crick (father George Henry Weight a plumber) married Alice Crook aged 25 of Woodlands, Crick (father George Crook Dec. a farmer) at Caerwent church.*

This cottage was up the Old Shirenewton Road. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins lived here with their daughters Rhena and Gertie. They had to leave when the RNPF was built. In 1929 Mr. Jenkins met with a nasty accident near Tintern Sawmills. He was returning from Birmingham on his motorcycle when it skidded, he was thrown off and his head struck the road, he was taken to Chepstow hospital, unconscious, and was detained.

Near the cottage were some large sheds that were used for pea pickers who came once a year when the tenant of the field Mrs. Hickey grew a lot of peas.

### **Woodside.**

This property a semi-detached house on the western side of Killcrow Hill was let as a smallholding by Mon CC.

The first tenants were thought to have been a Mr and Mrs Slingsby, two brothers had married two sisters and the other Mr & Mrs Slingsby lived next door at Crick Poultry Farm.

Then followed Hubert Harris his wife Edith and their family from June 1929 to August 1944, they later moved to Crick.

Mr Vernon Rees and his wife and son, Raymond, followed them from August 1944 to May 1952. This family had previously lived on a Leechpool holding having come there from the valleys. As there was only about ten acres of very poor, stony land with this holding, it was not a viable unit and so the land was later attached to Bentley Green another council holding.

The 1956 Electoral Roll lists William Pearce as living here.

After this there were various tenants, including a Mr. Hicks a lorry driver, and Mervyn North and his wife until 1971, and P.J. Smith from February 1971 to 2001.

*1961 Tracy Linda North daughter of Mervyn John and Beatrice Doreen was baptised at Mathern church.*

*2004 Lucy Helen Bennett daughter of Martin David and Amanda Jane was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Wright.**

*1891 Harriet Emily Wright age 3 years daughter of John and Ada Sarah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1891 John Thomas Wright age 1yr 3m son of John and Ada Sarah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1891 Samuel Wright age 1 month son of John and Ada Sarah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1892 Ada Sarah Wright age 4 years daughter of John and Ada Sarah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1893 Charles William Wright son of John and Ada Sarah was baptised at Caerwent church.*

*1893 Charles William Wright was buried at Caerwent church aged 1 month.*

### **Wymark.**

*1868 Frank Ernest Wymark son of Charles and Jane was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Zelly.**

*1900 William John Leonard Zelly son of Thomas and Isabella was baptised at Caerwent church.*

### **Zephyrus.**

This property on the Old Shirenewton Road was built by Peter Luff who in 2005 is living there with his wife Diane.