

HIGH LITTLETON INVASION COMMITTEE

Details of the organisation and personnel involved in a variety of emergency activities are contained in a small book deposited at Somerset Record Office (D/P/lit.h.23/1). In the front of the book is a letter from the Town Clerk, Guildhall, Bath, dated 3rd March 1944, which is reproduced below.

Dear Sir/Madam

Bath Invasion Committee

I write to inform you that it has been decided that the Headquarters of the abovementioned Committee should now be established at the Guildhall, Bath. The Telephone number is Bath 5423. The alternative Headquarters will be at Prior Park College, Bath (Telephone 67/2261-2-3).

Will you please let me have up-to-date information as to the name and private address of the Chairman of your Invasion Committee, together with the present address of your Headquarters and their telephone number.

Yours faithfully,

J. Basil OGDEN,
Town Clerk.

The contents of the book have been rearranged in the following transcription to make it more logical. The Invasion Committee has been placed first and lists of the various services and personnel concerned follow in the order in which they appear on the Committee, with a reference applied to each. Whilst most of the Emergency Teams would have operated in some form or another from the beginning of the war it seems likely that the information contained in the book was for 1943 or 1944. The Chairman of the Committee was Rev. J.E.E. TUNSTALL, who was vicar of High Littleton from 1938 until 1950.

PARISH INVASION COMMITTEE

Headquarters	(Timsbury 95)	
Chairman	J.E.E. TUNSTALL (Timsbury 11)	
Vice	G. CLEAVES	
Rest Centres	The Chairman & Vice Chairman	See A
Food Officer	C. BOLWELL (Timsbury 6)	
A.R.P.	W. SCOBELL (Timsbury 27)	See B
Utility Squad	H. TUCKER (Timsbury 9)	See C
N.F.S.	W. MAUL	See D
Police	G. EVANS	See E
	W. HEDGES	
Home Guard	E.J.M. FENTON (Timsbury 57)	See F
District Council	W. CARTER	
1st Aid Point	Mrs COXON (Timsbury 5)	See G
Liason Officer	-	
Fire Guard	M. PURNELL	See H
War Agricultural Committee	L. FILER (Timsbury 55)	See I
Regular Police	P.C. MORRELL (Timsbury 26)	
Billeting Officer	-	
Code Phone	E.M.11	
Messenger Service		See J
Defence Committees in the Locality		See K
Telephone Numbers of Services		See L

A**REST & FEEDING CENTRES**

	<u>Church House</u>	<u>Lansdown</u>	<u>Welfare Hut</u>	<u>Central Chapel</u>
Leader	Mrs TUNSTALL	Mrs L. HORWOOD	Mrs E.B. CARTER	Mrs W. HEDGES
	Mrs C. CHURCH	W. BRICE	Mr M. MOODY	Mrs ROGERS
	Mrs B. BRIMBLE	Miss E. BRICE	Mrs MOODY	Mrs E. EVANS
	Mrs HUGHES	L. HORWOOD	F. HOOK	W. MAUL
	Mrs BOULTON	L. BRICE	Mrs HOOK	Mrs W. MAUL
	Mrs HANNEY	Mrs L. BRICE	F. BELCHER	Miss PAYNE
	Mrs FUDGE	Mrs G. MAGGS	Mrs BELCHER	Mrs E. BRIMBLE **
	Mrs JAMES	T. HARRIS	Mr DIX	Mrs A. CARTER
	Mrs WRIGHT	Mrs T. HARRIS	Mrs DIX - 2nd Leader	Mrs BOWDITCH
	J. PARSONS	Mrs C. CURTIS	Mrs HATHWAY	A. HANNEY
	Miss PEARSON	B. FRICKER	Mrs F. BROOKS	Reg. MAGGS
	Miss JENNER	Mrs B. FRICKER	Mrs G. FORD	Mrs R. MAGGS
	Miss DAY	Mrs G. SAMPSON	Mrs G. MAULE	
	Miss SAGE	Mrs E. CARTER	Mrs W. DIX	
	Miss GURNEY		Mrs B. CARTER	
	Miss BISCOMBE		Mrs C. EVANS	
	Miss LACEY **		Mrs S. EVANS	
	Miss BOMFORD		Mrs S. HOWE	
	Mrs GOLDNEY		Mrs HOWE	
	Mrs FILER		Mrs WORKMAN	
			Mrs CLEAVES	
			Mrs SALVIDGE	
			Mrs DENNING	

** = deleted in pencil

B**AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS**

Head Warden - Capt. W. SCOBELL (Timsbury 27).

Wardens

A. STRUGNELL

L. FILER

J. TUNSTALL

M. MOODY

W. PEEK

F. HOOK

R. BLATCHFORD

G. CLEAVES

V. CLEAVES

G. MAUL

G. BRIDGES

O. HATHWAY

H. HEAL (Greyfield)

R. CLEAVES (Kingwell)

G. YOUNG

M. SMITH (Mearns)

Post at High Littleton House - (Timsbury 95).

C

GENERAL UTILITY SQUAD

Leader - H. TUCKER (Timsbury 9)

H. BIRD
L.J. BRICE
F. BOX
N. BLANNING
Bart CARTER
Bert CARTER
L. CARTER
S. CARTER
C. CURTIS
G. CURTIS
H. DAVIES
E. DIX
S. EVANS
L. EVANS
D. FILER
S. HOWE
W. HANNEY
T. JAMES
E. MINALL
Eddie MINALL
S. RAPPS
W.T. RAPPS
R. ROGERS
C. RAIKES
S. SAMPSON
C. SMITH
T. SALVIDGE

Traffic Control

J. BRICE
H. DANDO
A. HANNEY
W. HATHWAY
J. JAMES

The above list was crossed out in red and a note made "Revised on next page". It is not clear whether the above was a draft list, which was amended before it was issued, or whether it was issued but the personnel were changed around at a later date in accordance with the following list.

GENERAL UTILITY SQUAD - 18.11.1943

Leader - H. TUCKER (Timsbury 9)

L.J. BRICE - New Rd.
Bert CARTER - Scumbrum
L. CARTER - New Rd.
S. CARTER - New Rd.
G. CURTIS - Southover
H. DAVIES - New Rd.
E. DIX - Southover
Stan EVANS
L. EVANS - New Rd.
D. FILER - New Rd.
S. HOWE
E. MINALL (Sen'r)
E. MINALL (Jun'r)
S. RAPPS - New Rd.
W.T. RAPPS - New Rd.
R. ROGERS - New Rd.
C. RAIKES - New Rd.

Traffic

J. BRICE
C. CURTIS
B. CARTER
H. DANDO
W. HATHWAY
G. DANDO

S. SAMPSON
Chas. SMITH
N. BLANNING

D

NATIONAL FIRE SERVICE (Mid. Norton 193 or 151)

Chief Officer - F.A. RAISEY - Paulton

Leader - W. MAUL

W. JONES
R. PIKE
V. PURNELL
A. BROAD
H. FORD
J. LEAR
R. SAMPSON
F. CHURCH
A. MAUL
J. FILER
Don. PARFITT
E. FORD

Messenger
R. EVANS

E

POLICE

Regular Constable

P.C. MORRELL (Timsbury 26)

Special Constables

A. MAGGS
G. EVANS
W. HEDGES

F

HOME GUARD (Timsbury 57)
4 Platoon, 3 Coy, 7th Somerset.

Section 8 (date 14.7.43)

Lieut. E.J.M. FENTON
2 Lt. D. KNIGHT
G. BOULTON Sgt. Section Comd'r
W. BARNES Cpl.
J. RHYMES L/Cpl.
J. BRIMBLE L/Cpl.
K. GREGORY
B. AVERY
E. HATHWAY
B. HATHWAY
G. FILER
G. SMITH
L. SMITH
A. BROOKS
R. BROOKS
C. BOULTON
F. MITCHARD
A. PREDDY
V. PREDDY
W. BIRD

A. BRIMBLE
J. SMITH
W.G. HARDWICKE

Platoon Sgt. at Timsbury - Sgt. D. PAIN
Major FRAZER - Coy. HQ, MAGGS' Yard (T. Cld 324)

G

A.R.P. (FIRST AID)

1st Aid Point (Timsbury 10)
Leader - Mrs COXON (Timsbury 5)
Second for Day Duty - Miss SAGE, Mrs FUDGE
Second for Night Duty - Miss GARRETT

Miss DAY
Mrs E.B. CARTER
Mrs S. EVANS
Mrs JAMES
Miss JENNER
Miss ROSSER
Mrs DAVIES
Miss G. MAUL
Miss MAWDESLEY
Miss HARRISON
Miss Molly DAVIS

Stretcher Bearers
Mr F. BROOKS
Mr D. COTTLE
Mr Ivor HERBERT
Mr Oliver BROOKS
Mr Victor MAIDMENT
Bert SHEPPARD

H

FIRE GUARD

Leader - M. PURNELL
Trained Personnel
Alan CARTER
Tom HARRIS
Len HORWOOD
Harold MAGGS
Clif. MAGGS
Stan BRIMBLE
Tom CURTIS
Bert. PIKE
A. HOWE
Reg. BRIMBLE
Bert. SAGE
Matt. BROOKS
Arthur DIX
Bert BRICE
Stan. THICKETT
T. DAVIS

Contacts
F. PARSONS
W. DANDO
H. BOWDITCH
E. JAMES
C. BOULTON
I. CLAVEY
H. TAVINER
T. POLLARD

Geo. BLINMAN
W. DOWNS

I

COUNTY WAR AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

Local Representative - Mr L.J. FILER (Timsbury 55)

J

MESSENGER SERVICE

		<u>Place of Work</u>
<u>Leader</u> - Edwin SAUNDERS	*	Bristol
Desmond ALDERMAN, 16 Council Hs.	*	Bristol
Ray REID	*	PURNELL
Bernard SMITH, 26 Rotcombe		
Sidney BROOKS, 8. Southover		
Grenville DAVIES		
Roy PARSONS ?		

* = Bicycles

The last 3 names (including ?) and all the addresses were added in pencil and ALDERMAN's name was deleted in pencil.

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DEFENCE COMMITTEES (Adjoining)

Farmborough	Rev. E. STEELE (Timsbury 92)
Timsbury	Temperance Hall (Timsbury 80)
Cameley	Rev. I. WESTHEAD (T. Cld 296)
	Ivy House (T. Cld 266)
Chelwood	Commander STUBBS (C. Dando 220)
	Post Office (C. Dando 220)
Clutton	Mr REES-MOGG, Longclose (T. Cld 242)
	Brewery Yard [A.J. MAGGS Ltd] (T. Cld 264)
Farrington Gurney	J.K. FROUD, Parsonage (T. Cld 211)
	Warden's Post, Old Parsonage (T. Cld 211)
Hallatrow	C. BLANNING (T. Cld 210)
	Lyn House (T. Cld 210)
Paulton	J.G. HEAL, High St. (Mid. Norton 101)
	High St. (Mid. Norton 101)
Ston Easton	Rev. J.J. ANTROBUS, Oddgest (Chewton Mendip 85)
Bath	Guildhall, Bath (Bath 5423)
	Alternative HQ at Prior Park College (67/2261-2-3)

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TELEPHONE NUMBERS

E.F. REES-MOGG - Chairman, District Def. Comm.	T. Cld 242
A.R.P. Control Centre	Mid. Norton 221
Fire	Mid. Norton 193 or 151
1st Aid Point	Timsbury 10
Ambulance	Timsbury 1
Home Guard	T. Cld 324
Coy. HQ	
Platoon	Timsbury 57

Mrs BARWICK - Clerk to D.I.C.

Ministry of War Transport - C.A. STRONG, 23 High St., Bath
A.R.P & P.I.C. Headquarters
Police

Rescue Squad
Vicarage

T. Cld 206
T. Cld 267 (Private)
Bath 2077
Timsbury 95
T. Cld 233
Timsbury 26
T. Cld 280
Timsbury 11

M

WATER SUPPLY

1st INSTRUCTION Fill Baths & Receptacles

Wells in Regular Use

- 1 at Alice Cottages
- 1 at Post Office
- 1 at Kingwell Cottages

Wells not in use for human consumption at

- Mr Bert BRICE
- Mr BALE - Brick Cottages
- Mr TUCKER - Strand
- Mr RHYMES

Wells not in Regular Use

- Kingwell Hall - one under scullery floor
 one in park outside tennis court
- "Wall Paddock" - 150 yds. from top Mearns Hill
- No. 49 Mearns - one filled up
- No. 44 Mearns - one disused
- Mrs LEWIS - Kingwell (petrol pumps)
- One at Back of High Littleton Inn
- 2 in New Road, 1 back of Southover
- One in Greyfield - reported damaged

Tanks

- Kingwell Hall - Swimming Bath - 39,000 gallons
 Back Yard Tank - about 5,000 gallons
- Vicarage - Soft Rainwater Tank in Back Yard
- Mr COXON has Rainwater Tank
- High Littleton House (probably)

Pit Shafts

- One at Mearns (opposite No. 47)
- Several in "Still Ground", field south of Mearns - Rotcombe Lane

