

Bill Reed's Newspaper Scrapbooks – 5 (1989-1991)

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1. Summary of newspaper cuttings by Graham Davies, August 2017

Retired Lyme Regis shopkeeper **Glyn Rees**, aged 82, has died at his home in Uplyme Road. Mr Rees, a Welshman, moved to Lyme Regis during his 20s, having married his brother's sister-in-law. For some time he owned and lived at the Corner Shop and went on to own several other businesses. He was a quiet man who kept himself to himself. At one time he was a volunteer hospital car driver, and also helped operate the Lyme Regis ambulance service. He was buried in Uplyme cemetery. (B&LRN, January 1990)

The new proprietor, **Neil Carr**, is to be prosecuted by West Dorset District Council. It is alleged that Mr Carr has substantially altered the interior of the listed building, at 2 Broad Street, without permission for the work to be carried out. It is believed that Mr Carr intended to turn the Milk Bar into an 80-seater restaurant and fish and chip shop. He had not applied for listed building consent and planning permission for the alterations to ground and first floor. (B&LRN, January 1990)

Lyme Regis auxiliary coastguard, **Peter Gill**, aged 54, has died at the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital. Mr Gill, who lived at Fairfield Park, was for many years a radio officer in the merchant navy. He was the son of one-time Lyme Regis trader who ran the former Argyle Café on the Marine Parade. On leaving the merchant service, he returned to Lyme to work at Stonebarrow radar station, and, when it closed down, he joined the staff of the Post Office. Mr Gill became an auxiliary coastguard in 1975, reaching the position of second in command. A former Lyme Regis Lifeboat coxswain, he helped to save at least 22 lives. Coastguard spokesman Jim Bolton described Mr Gill as, "The genuine nice bloke His death had come as a great shock to everyone who knew him. Peter did his last patrol on January 28." Mr Gill's ashes are to be scattered at sea. (Lyme Regis News, Feb 1990)



Merry Bolton, town councillor for about 4 years, has resigned over a dispute between the town council and the man she has lived with for 16 years, **Carl Salter**, who has the skiff and deckchair concession. Miss Merry Bolton, 45, of Cliff Cottage, Cobb Road said she was resigning because of the council's "heavy handed and dictatorial attitude" in doubling Mr Salter's rental to £2,000 a year.

Merry Bolton



Carl Salter

When Mr Salter's plea to keep the increase to £1,500 was ignored by the councillors, the businessman raged: "As a council you stink". Mr Salter said: "I appreciate the fact that it's been quite a step for Merry because she enjoys councillor work. It is a big sacrifice." Chairman of the works sub-committee, Miss Bolton was one of the council's most prominent members. She was organiser of the local Britain in Bloom and was largely responsible for Lyme's garden enhancement scheme. The mayor, Councillor Mike Hartley, said he was "extremely sorry" to hear of Miss Bolton's resignation. The council numbers are already one down following the resignation of Mrs Gillian Warr, North Avenue, two months ago. (February 1990)

Palmers Brewery has once again refused to comment on the future of the **Three Cups**. Company secretary William Almond said as far as Palmers was concerned the running of the hotel was left to the tenant. In response to complaints that the bar was not opening regularly, hotel manager, Dennis Petty said he was doing the best he could - with no staff. The 25-bedroom hotel, which has a bar, restaurant and wine bar, was being run by just two people, including himself, and that they had to have some time off. Mr Petty confirmed that the wine bar had not been open for over a year, and that the restaurant had been closed during the winter. Mr Petty continued that he had no idea if the tenancy holder, Nicholas Woodcock, intended to give up the hotel, and would keep the hotel running until told otherwise. Mr Woodcock was not available for comment.
(Lyme Regis News, March 1990)

Elizabeth Fowles, wife of John Fowles, died on March 1, 1990, aged 54 after a short illness. She was cremated at Exeter.
(March 1990)

Nell Camplin, aged 86, who had been ill for some years, died at Lyme Regis Hospital on Friday following a stroke. She leaves a husband, Charles, and a sister, Babe McMurtry. Mrs Camplin, a member of the well-known Searle family, was born in Lyme Regis. She was one of seven children, having five brothers and a sister. Her involvement with the Lyme Regis Conservative Club spanned more than 40 years. From 1947 until recent years, she and her husband were caretakers of the Conservative Club building in Coombe Street. She was buried at Lyme Regis cemetery on Wednesday, April 11, after a funeral service, conducted by Rev Murray Dell, at the parish church.
(April, 1990)

The Department of Transport is inviting tenders for the construction of the **Axminster by-pass**. Work on the 2.7 mile stretch of road is scheduled to start this summer. Completion is expected in 22 months. The southern by-pass of the town will run from Gammons Hill, in the west, to Hunters Lodge, east of Axminster. The 7.3 metre wide single carriageway will have a climbing lane for the eastbound traffic where the road climbs from the A358 to Hunters Lodge, a distance of about 1.25 miles. (April 1990)

A former alderman of the old Lyme Regis Borough Council, Mr **Edwin 'Phil' Moore**, has died at Lyme Regis hospital, aged 86. He was the son of a coastguard, and as a result moved about the country very much in his early years. Born in Leven, Scotland, but educated in Jersey and Cork. He came to Lyme Regis many years ago and lived in Church Street until 1950 when he went into the hotel business at Glenholme, off Cobb Road. He converted the hotel into flats a few years ago, but had his own accommodation, with his wife Betty, within the complex. His service to local government spanned 20 years. He was also a member of the old East Devon Water Board and the Lyme Regis Chamber of Trade. He was particularly involved with the RNLI and was honoured with the presidency of the Lyme Regis station. He leaves a widow and a son, Nicholas.
(June, 1990)

Lyme Regis man Edward Barker, of Staples Terrace, died on Monday at Dorchester County hospital at the age of 78. He lives a widow, Kathleen, two children, Colin and Carol, and grandchildren and a great grandchild. A funeral service will take place on Monday at Lyme Regis Baptist Church, followed by cremation at Weymouth. (June 1990)

Lyme Regis Town Council has lost a quarter of its membership. Deputy mayor Bill Froom and Councillors Dennis Applebee, Ken Gollop and Sid Froom quit the local authority, while Councillor Sheila Poupard decided to stay. The resignations came when Messrs Froom, Applebee and Gollop claimed that 'wheeling and dealing' behind the scenes by a section of the council saw them ousted from committees of their choice. Bill Froom has become the shortest serving deputy mayor in the town council's history. The mayor, Councillor Mike Hartley, said, 'I am extremely sorry that the town is losing the services of extremely competent and experienced councillors. I did try to persuade them to stay on, but I have to say that, to a great extent, I can understand the feelings which prompted them to take the action they did.'
(June 1990)

Police Sergeant Peter Brown is moving from Lyme Regis next month. He has been posted to Dorchester, from where he came to take over the Lyme station five years ago. Sergeant Brown, formerly a policeman in Bermuda, has been extremely active in the Rotary Club of the town. He asked for a move to further his career, and will be replaced by Sergeant Roy Symes, who has been stationed in Bridport for the past 10 years or so.

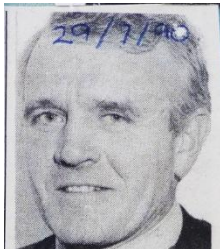
(June 1990)

The 2.7 mile **Charmouth by-pass** was opened by West Dorset MP Sir James Spicer. Sir James praised the work of contractor's A E Farr, of Westbury, who had completed the £10.7 million bypass well ahead of schedule. The work began in January 1989. The new road starts at the eastern end of the existing dual carriageway at Penn Hill. The route runs south of Charmouth tunnel, following the general line of the A35 to a new junction with the A3052 Lyme Regis road. It continues north of Charmouth to rejoin the existing trunk road near Bellair Cottage. It includes one overbridge, a bridge over the River Char, a stream crossing and two under bridges.

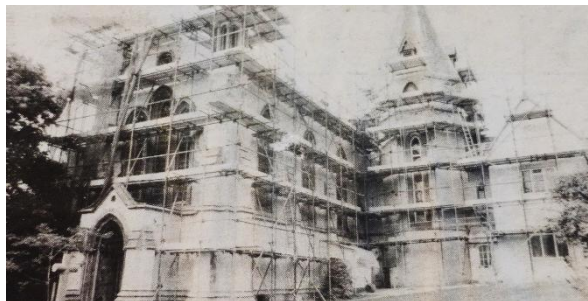
(July 1990)

Lyme Regis man, sound technician **Bill Boalch**, aged 55, who had retired from Television South West only a few weeks ago, died suddenly, from a heart attack, whilst on holiday in Tenerife. Mr Boalch's parents, Leslie and Christina, lived at Mill Green. The former Lyme Regis Grammar school pupil was born and bred in the town and was well known and much respected for a long and successful career in broadcasting. After joining the RAF in 1953 to complete his national service, Mr Boalch spent five years specialising in photography. He worked for the BBC for a short spell before joining the newly formed Westward Television Company in the early 1960s. Mr Boalch stayed with the local independent regional station, later TSW, until he took early retirement in April this year. He ended his career as one of TSW's outside broadcast unit's senior sound technician supervisors. One of his last jobs was at Lyme earlier this year when he was crew chief for the filming of TSW's award winning 'Highway' programme, featuring Sir Harry Secombe.

(July 1990)



Councillor **Owen Lovell** is the new deputy mayor succeeding Councillor Bill Froom who resigned. He has been a member of the town council for 12 years. He is chairman of the council's publicity and advertising committee. Councillor Lovell has also served on the district authority for over three years. The new deputy mayor, a former policeman, has a wife and two children. He is a painter and decorator. (July 1990)



If all goes to plan, the scaffolding will have gone by late September, and the 153-year old **Roman Catholic church** will be fully restored. Since the start of a complete renovation programme last November, stone work has been replaced, followed by rendering of the entire ham stone structure. The roof has been renewed, and new, leaded light windows have been installed. 80% of the estimated £160,000 cost has been given by English Heritage, with the balance met by fund-raising events, coupled with the generosity of the church's congregation and friends. (July 1990)

Care Holdings Limited has completed the refurbishment of a six new bedded nursing wing of **Lyme Regis Hospital**. As agreed with West Dorset Health Authority, two of the six bedrooms were available at the basic DSS rate to the local community. All the bedrooms were on the second floor with access to the gardens, and all had washing facilities, television points and nursing call system. The wing also comprised a lounge, a separate dining room and nursing station. (August 1990)

Richard Austin (36) has resigned as chairman of Lyme Regis Football Club due to family and work commitments. He told a reporter: "my work load is ever increasing and I just can't find the time to carry on." The former Seasiders' striker's playing career was curtailed through injury in 1984, and he took over the chair a year later. (September 1990)

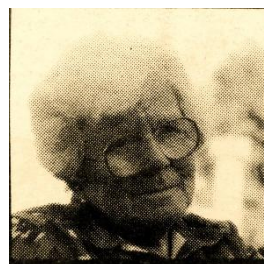
William (Bill) Case, aged 65, of Summerhill Road, died in Dorset County Hospital after a long illness. Lyme born, eldest son of Mrs Eliza Case and of the late George Case, he was educated locally and originally worked for the town's Co-op and Tudor Café. A member of the Home Guard during the war, he also worked for Dennings, of Chard, for a spell. In later years, Mr Case was well known in the local building trade. He worked for several firms before retiring due to ill health about 14 years ago. (?Jan/Feb 1991)

Palmers Brewery has denied rumours that the **Three Cups Hotel** in Broad Street is up for sale. Company secretary Mr Bill Almond confirmed on Wednesday that Palmers had not advertised the premises for sale. The hotel was closed last April and has remained empty ever since. (February 1991).

2. Transcription of Newspaper cuttings by Felix Cox, July 2017.

Celebrated Lyme Regis author **John Fowles** was this week mourning the **death of his wife Elizabeth**. Mrs Fowles who was 54 died after a short illness, she leaves a daughter Anna. Many Lyme residents are deeply shocked and saddened by the news of Mrs Fowles death and have been quick to express their sympathy. The funeral service will take place at Exeter Crematorium. (Bridport and Lyme Regis News 9 March 1990)

One of Lyme's most unselfish residents who always put other people's wellbeing before her own has died. **Miss Milly Frost** died peacefully at Buckfield House Residential Home, Westhill Road, Lyme Regis, she was 77. Miss Frost moved to Lyme Regis with her parents at the age of 9 and was educated at the old Lyme Regis Grammar School. The family had a small holding at a place now known as Frost Corner at the top of Colway Lane. It was a well-known collecting point for parcels because the Royal Mail would not deliver any further into town. It was also a resting place for walkers who were always welcome to a free glass of water. Miss Frost spent the best part of her life caring for her parents, but she was also heavily involved with the Brownies and the British Red Cross Society. She became commandant of the Lyme Regis branch of the Red Cross. Miss Frost was also a familiar face at Lyme Regis Hospital where she undertook voluntary work. (March 1990)



Brian Collier of 56 Talbot Road clocks up 41 years' service as Lyme Regis postman next month. His only break from the Post Office came during his National Service. Every day he walks to work at 4.45am before stepping out again on his rounds and during his leisure time one of his favourite hobbies is walking. "I walk the dog for two or three hours a night I must be one of the fittest people in Lyme". When Lyme born



Mr Collier started his Post Office service as a boy he had to deliver telegrams by push bike, he used to find the hills a bit of a struggle but he's got them licked on foot.
(March 1990)

Sir Harry Secombe brought his special brand of worship to Lyme Regis this week during filming for a forthcoming screening of the former Goon's "Highway" series. The jolly Welshman's lusty voice rang out from the Cobb on Tuesday when sang "Eternal Father" before the cameras. The visit to Lyme's sea front included a blessing of local fishing boats. Among those who met the celebrity was well known local councillor, fisherman and aquarium owner Ken Gollop. Mr Gollop of Avenue Road had the pleasure of taking Sir Harry out to sea in a boat. On Wednesday the camera crew followed Sir Harry during a trip to the Spittles woodland owned by the National Trust. His walk was well timed as it was only last week that volunteers finished a mammoth clearing operation at the Timber Hill beauty spot. Sir Harry had a very special duty to perform while in Lyme, that was to present a "farewell" gift to TSW's outside broadcast unit's crew chief Bill Boalch, who was born and bred in the town. Mr Boalch 55, is retiring after a long and successful career in broadcasting. The former Lyme Regis Grammar School pupil, whose parents Leslie and Christina live in Mill Green, was presented with a "Highway" umbrella by Sir Harry. Mr Boalch whose father's family have lived in Lyme Regis since around the time of the Armada started his career as an RAF photographer in 1953. (April 1990)



Former Lyme Mayoress mourned. The funeral service for **Mrs Lily Annie Halliday** 88, took place at Lyme Regis Parish Church followed by interment at the cemetery. Lyme born Mrs Halliday was the daughter of the late William and Annie Emmett who were mayor and mayoress of the former borough throughout the Second World War. As a young girl she helped the family with the running of their guest house at Guildhall Cottage and at the Marine Theatre, known in those days as the Drill Hall. Mrs Halliday married the late George Ernest Halliday in 1924. They had one son Kenneth who was killed in a flying accident in 1945 while serving with the RAF. In the early 1930's Mr and Mrs Halliday established Cloverdale Garage, the site of which is now occupied by Cloverdale Court Flats. They ran the garage until 1967 when Mr Halliday died but Mrs Halliday continued the business until 1969 when she retired to Ferndown Road. Mrs Halliday was well known for the beautiful gardens she created around the garage and the love of flowers was a lifelong interest.
Bridport and Lyme Regis News 20 April 1990

The veteran of two world wars 95 year old **Frank Stone** was the centre of attention at the Dunkirk Remembrance Parade at Lyme Regis on Sunday. Spritely Frank who lives at Lym Close was greeted by fellow members of the Lyme branch of the Royal British Legion after the parade marshal Cecil Quick informed the public that the old soldier was the only person on parade who had fought through both campaigns. The parade through Lyme commemorated the 50th anniversary of the allied retreat from Dunkirk in 1940.
June 1990



David Vivash a former town councillor has died aged 85. He was well known for good works throughout West Dorset and will be greatly missed. He came to live in Lyme Regis at the age of 18, he had various jobs in the catering trade and also worked for ironmonger RJ Stratton. In later years he was employed as a porter at Lyme Regis Hospital, a job which gave him his greatest satisfaction. During the Second World War he served with the Army in India and Burma. At the end of hostilities he joined Lyme Regis branch of the Royal British Legion and David became the gentle giant in helping good causes and the less fortunate. He was heavily involved in the branch's project to build the hospital extension at Lyme Regis and he was always to the fore in visiting the sick on behalf of

the Legion. A former chairman of the branch he also had periods as service secretary. His devoted work did not go unnoticed, he was awarded the national certificate and life membership, the coveted gold medal and county and area certificates. He was delighted to be chosen to receive the Royal Maundy Money from the Queen at Salisbury Cathedral in the early 1970's. Mr Vivash, widowed in 1959, was also interested in the welfare of young people and for many years he served on the management committee of the Lyme Regis Boys Club. His interest in council work extended from 1964 for 12 years. He was a life deacon at Lyme Regis Baptist Church where tributes to him were paid by the minister the Rev Alan Edwards at the funeral service. Mr Vivash leaves two daughters Mrs Joy ApSimon who lives in Perth Australia and Mrs Rachel Lewis, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.
October 1990

Dave Rattenbury of Lyme Regis retires tomorrow after 50 years in the electrical trade. Mr Rattenbury who is 65 became an apprentice electrician for James of Silver Street on leaving school. After war service in the Royal Navy he joined the old Lyme Regis Borough Council when it was responsible for providing the town with electricity. Following nationalisation of the industry in 1948 Mr Rattenbury worked for SWEB for several years before going into business with a partner and then on his own. The business has now been taken on by one of Mr Rattenbury's employees Mike Blackmore.
December 1990

Jack Spiller is Lyme Regis branch of the Royal British Legion's member of the year. He received the Jack Loveridge Trophy in recognition of his loyal service from branch president Cecil Quick who said "he has been an outstanding representative for us in Uplyme where we have 26 members. Jack has looked after them, collecting their subs, visiting the sick and carrying out all sorts of duties on our behalf". Mr Spiller aged 70 lives with his wife at 34 Whalley Lane, Uplyme. During the Second World War he was with the Catering Corps attached to the Guard's Armoured Division serving in France, Holland and Germany. He first came to live in Lyme Regis when he left a catering job in Sidmouth to become chef at the prestigious Alexandra Hotel. Later he went to work at the wine shop in Broad Street before taking employment with builders merchants Bradfords. His last full time occupation, for 13 years, was with the South West Water Board, after which he and his wife were popular caretakers at Uplyme Primary School for a similar period.
Bridport and Lyme Regis News 14 December 1990

Cecil and Ruby Quick of Rubantia Colway Lane celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They first met while watching silent movies at the former cinema in the Marine Theatre, they were still at school. They were married in February 1941, within months Cecil was serving his country. He spent most of the war with the Army's Royal Artillery coastal defence unit. During that time he was a member of Britain's crucial last line of defence, firing at enemy aircraft as they bombed London and South Wales. After demob in 1947 Cecil, a mason, apprenticed by A and F Wiscombe formed Harris Quick and Co Ltd building merchants. "I built 163 houses in Lyme and sold them all but none of them was bought for more than £5000" said Cecil proudly. After starting out with just a wheelbarrow, a shovel and some tools Cecil expanded the business. At its peak he employed 42 men. Meanwhile Ruby was bringing up four children Tina, Angela, Derek and Douglas. She still had to keep order in Norman House, the couple's homely guest house in Coombe Street, for many years. With his brother Fred, Cecil also ran 'Quickies' fish and chip shop for nine years. The couple remain very active in retirement, Cecil is the longest serving committee member of the local branch of the Royal British Legion and its current president. A former chairman of the East Devon Fishermen's Association Cecil fished out of Lyme for 30 years. Ruby is greatly involved with the Women's Section of the Royal British Legion and the Get Together Club. They have nine grandchildren and marked their anniversary with a celebration party at the Royal Lion hotel.
February 1991

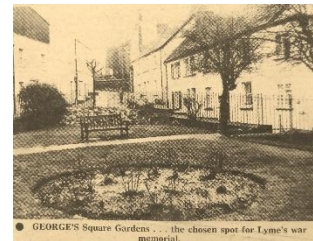
Bert Holman has kept the parish church clock ticking for more than 50 years, now it's time for Bert to clock off. Bert aged 70 from Silver Street has been climbing the church tower twice a week since 1936 – excluding the war years – to do his 30 minute job of winding the clock wheels. Four times a year the former watch maker has carried out the difficult task of oiling the clock which is no easy operation. Bert says the process takes up to three hours. The church authorities are looking for someone to take over from Bert and shoulder the responsibility of keeping Lyme Regis running on time. February 1991



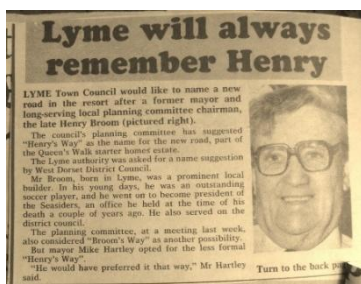
CLOCKING OFF... Bert Holman who is retiring after looking after Lyme Regis clock for 50 years. Photo Richard Austin

Lyme Royal Legion's final tributes to **Bert Holman**. Lyme Regis branch paid final tributes at the funeral service for one of its outstanding members Bert Holman. Greatly respected by fellow Royal Legion members, he served on the committee for over 15 years. He was awarded branch and county certificates of appreciation and the coveted gold badge in 1969. A superb organiser, he will be remembered by many for arranging endless fund raising dinners, dances and other social events. He was particularly well known for raising money to help local servicemen and widows. In 1977 he was honoured when life membership of the Royal British Legion was bestowed upon him. Mr Holman died only weeks after retiring from a lifetime role of caring for tower clock at Lyme's parish church. He had performed the task since 1936. Mr Holman served as an RAF instrument mechanic during the Second World War and later set up business as a watch maker. He leaves a widow Hazel and nine grandchildren. February 1991

Lyme Regis is to get its very own war memorial erected in the town. The present memorial is a stained glass window in St Michael's Church which bears a list of names. Now a major fund raising campaign by the town's Royal British Legion is underway to get a replica of the Cenotaph in London to commemorate the dead of Lyme. The idea was first put forward 10 years ago by the president of the Lyme British Legion Cecil Quick. He told The Star newspaper this week "When we first started talking about a new memorial it was never taken seriously because we already had the church window". The new memorial will cost around £20,000 to make and erect and will stand in the town gardens by St George's Square. So far £1,000 has been raised and the figure is expected to rise further over the next few months with planned coffee mornings, a marathon run and a mile of pennies. The Star 25 January 1991



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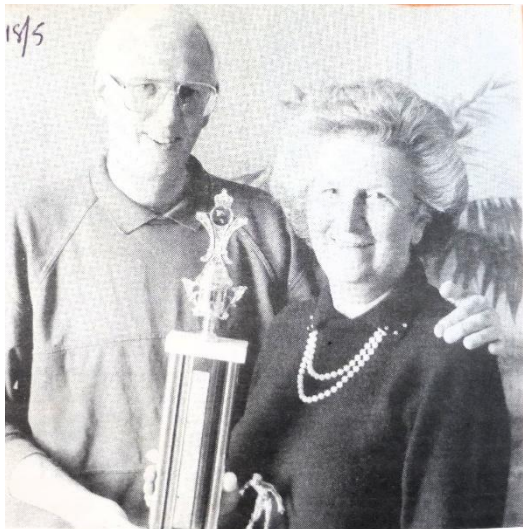
Henry Broom – naming of Henry's Way



Sid & Elsie Froom
50 years of marriage



Mayor Mike Hartley 1990



Les Loveridge presents the Lyme Regis F.C. clubman of the year award to Mrs Barbara Austin.

Les Loveridge & Barbara Austin 1990



Frank Stone 1990



● GOING SLOW... Bandsmen in Lyme Regis dropped the tempo on Remembrance Sunday so a former soldier could take his place in a Royal British Legion march past. Ninety-three-year-old Frank 'Flint' Stone asked band leader Joe O'Donnell if the pace could be slowed as he walks with the help of a stick and a couple of friends. Photo Richard Austin.



● Brian Manners, the man who set-up and masterminded the progress of Woodroffe School's brilliant madrigal group, pictured with the hi-fi equipment, presented on Saturday night. See Story

Brian Manners, 1990



Doug Rose, Rotary Club president 1990



Rev Murray Dell (B&LRN Jan 19, 1990)