



Westcotes Congregational Church WW2

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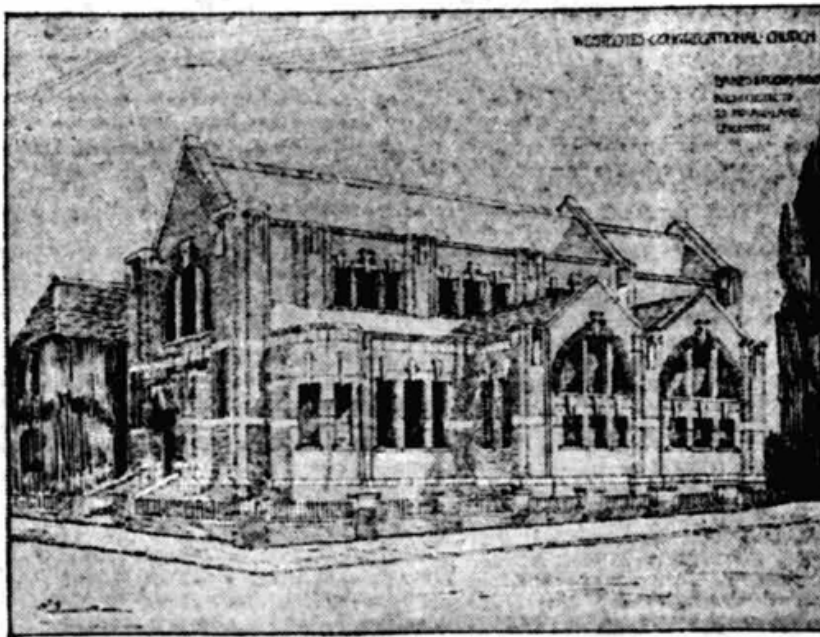
Service.
WESTCOTES. Hinckley-rd.—10.45
and 6.30. Preacher, Rev. D. A.
Thomas, M.A., B.D., M.Th., Dedica-
tion of War Memorial at Morning
Service. A special invitation to all
old scholars. cb

8th November 1948 Leicester Evening Mail

Memorial services were held in
Westcotes Congregational Church,
Leicester, when an oak tablet,
bearing the names of six men
connected with the church who
gave their lives in the 1939-45 war,
was unveiled and dedicated by
the Rev. D. A. Thomas, minister
of Westcotes. The anthem, "The
Supreme Sacrifice," was sung by
the choir.

The Leicester Mail 17th October 1922

WESTCOTES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.



Gordon Wm Carter

Geoffrey Arthur Haddon

Charles Brian Kendall

Ian Shaw

Edmund EF Snutch

John Leonard Sugden

An important stage in the development of the Leicester Free Churches was reached this afternoon, when the foundation-stone was laid of the new buildings of the Westcotes Congregational Church.

The new church owes its origin to the initiative of an Extension Committee representing all the Congregational Churches in the city, amongst which the late Mr. H. T. Chambers and Mr. S. Birch Carnley were prominent. This Committee, of which the Rev. T. W. Hodge and Mr. S. Russell were secretaries, raised funds for the erection in 1906 of the first part of the buildings, consisting of two lecture halls, each with a seating capacity of 300, together with class rooms and vestries. A number of Congregationalists residing in the West End formed the church and invited the Rev. J. E. Simon, B.A., to be their pastor.

Since 1906 the church has been steadily developing its activities under the leadership of Mr. Simon and the Rev. B. T.

Holden, M.A., who left for Newfoundland in 1921. The lower hall has been used for the Sunday services, but for many years has been urgently required for Sunday school and institute extension.

The older Congregational churches in Leicester have steadily kept in mind the necessity for completing the scheme of buildings, and, after many disappointments and delays the Extension Committee has raised an available fund of approximately £7,000. The last £3,000 of this was due to the very successful Saxon fair and pageant opened by Mrs. Lloyd George in October last.

The new church will consist of a nave of three bays with two aisles and a short chancel, providing in all seating accommodation for about 430 people on the floor level. A transept, providing additional accommodation for some 70 persons has had to be omitted for the present owing to financial considerations. The total cost of the present scheme is estimated at £9,000.

Service Number: P/SSX 19717
Royal Navy H.M.S. Royal Oak.

His parents were Wm Henry & Lilian Carter (nee Jones)

Who married in Leicester in 1908

They can be found in Leicester in 1921 Census at

William Henry Carter Head Male 1882 39

Leicester, Foreman Pressman (Shoe Trade)

Nichols Son & Clow Ltd Shoe Manufacturer

Lilian Carter	Wife	Female	1885	36
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Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, Home Duties

Gordon William	CarterSon	Male	1919	1
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Leicester,

Gordon Wm Carter married Mary Kathleen Marston in Leicester in 1939, And they may have had a daughter Pamela M Carter in 1940



SAILOR'S BRIDE.—The bridal party after the wedding at Westcotes Congregational Church to-day of Mr. Gordon William Carter, of Fosse-road South, Leicester (who is serving aboard H.M.S. Dauntless), and Miss Mary Kathleen Marston, of Marriot-road.

The family can be found in 1939
without Gordon

1939 Index 131 Fosse Road South
Leicester

William H Carter 18 Feb 1882 Male -
Married 323 1

Lilian	Carter	22 Apr 1885	Female
-	Married	323	2

Mary Kathleen Carter 29 Sep 1919
Female Married 323 3

Newspaper entries

Leicester Mercury 16th Oct 1939 P1

Leicester Mail 15th April 1939 P9

ILChronicle 21st Oct 1939 P3

Sadly Gordon died aged 20 on 14th October 1939

And is commemorated at

PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL

Panel 33, Column 2.

Son of William Henry and Lilian Carter; husband of Mary Kathleen Carter.

Widow Mary Kathleen went on to marry John Cafferty in Leicester in 1940

Sergeant GEOFFREY ARTHUR HADDON

Service Number: 751070

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve 233 Sqdn.

Geoffrey was born on 13th December 1916
The son of William & Alice Haddon (nee Eagle)

Newspaper entries

Leicester Mercury 9th Jan 1941 P7

Leicester Mail 9th Jan 1941 P7

ILChronicle 11th Jan 1941 P2

The family are found on the census in Leicester

1921 Census 18, Gladstone Street Leicester
William Ernest Haddon Head Male 1883 38
Leicester, Builders Managers W
Haddon & Son Builders

Alice C Haddon	Wife	Female	1884	37	Leicester, Leicestershire, Home Duties
Ernest Roy Haddon	Son	Male	1915	5	Leicester, Leicestershire
Geoffrey Arthur Haddon	Son	Male	1917	4	Leicester, Leicestershire,

1939 Index 15 Westhill Road, Leicester

William Haddon	21 Nov 1882	Male	-	Married	164	1
Alice E C Haddon	12 Apr 1884	Female		Married	164	2
Geoffrey A Haddon	13 Dec 1916	Male	-	Single	164	3
Derek A Haddon	07 Sep 1924	Male	-	Single	164	4

Geoffrey died on 8th January 1941 Age 24 years old

And was buried on 15th January in Sec. J. Grave 1147 at

LEICESTER (GILROES) CEMETERY

He is also remembered on the Wyggeston Grammer School Memorial

Son of Ernest and Alice Haddon, of Leicester.

Personal Inscription

KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE, OUR BELOVED SECOND SON.
GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN



Lieutenant CHARLES BRIAN KENDALL

Service Number: 289421

Leicestershire Regiment

"Educated at Alderman Newton School in Leicester, Charles Kendall was commissioned 2Lt in the Royal Artillery on 2.7.1943, and transferred to The Leicestershire Regiment on 8.8.1944 Served in Western European Campaign, 1944-45. While attached to The Glasgow Highlanders he was Killed in Action on 18.4.1945, aged 26 in Germany. Buried in Hanover War Cemetery, Germany."



Born in 1918 the son of Albert & Elsie Kendall (nee Pettifor

The family can be found in the census in Leicester with Mrs Pettifor at

Newspaper entry Leicester Mercury 27th April 1945 P6

1921 Census 48 Tudor Road, Leicester

Albert Kendall Son-in-law Male 1887 33 Leicester, Mechanic Watchman Reynolds Co Ltd, Corset Manufacturer

Elsie Kendall Daughter Female 1886 34 Leicester, Home Duties -

Charles Brian Kendall Grandson Male 1918 2 Leicester,

1939 Index 35 Hinckley Road, Leicester Forest East

Albert Kendall 30 Nov 1887 Male - Married 127 1

Elsie Kendall 27 Jun 1886 Female - Married 127 2

Clifford R Kendall ? Jun 1922 Male - Single 127 3

Charles died on 18th April 1945

Age 26 years old and is buried at

HANOVER WAR CEMETERY

7. J. 3. Germany

Son of Albert and Elsie Kendall, of Leicester.

Personal Inscription

"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE,
GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN "

There is probate of his will confirming his details

KENDALL Charles Bryan of 35 Hinckley-road Leicester Forest East **Leicestershire** died 18 April 1945 on war service Probate **Leicester** 17 October to Albert Kendall manufacturers departmental manager and Elsie Kendall (wife of the said Albert Kendall).. Effects £791 8s. 4d.

Captain IAN SHAW

Service Number: 207340

Royal Artillery

172 Bty., 179 Field Regt.

Born on 29th January 1915 in Fife

1939 Index 57 Letchworth Road, Leicester

Harry Farnsworth 09 Apr 1885 Male Civil Servant Custome

Ex Married 124 1

Margaret Farnsworth 08 Jul 1890 Female Unpaid

Domestic Duties Married 124 2

Ian Shaw 29 Jan 1915 Male Traveller In Yarn Single 124
3

Isabella Alexander (Shaw) 10 ? 1913 Female

Parlourmaid Single 124 4

Newspaper entries

Leicester Mercury 25th July 1944 P5

IL Chronicle 29th July 1944 P2

Date of Death Died 13 July 1944

Buried or commemorated at

ST. MANVIEU WAR CEMETERY, CHEUX

VIII. E. 15.

France



Captain Ian Shaw, killed in action, was well known in Leicester Rugby circles.

Sergeant ERNEST EDMUND FARROW SNUTCH

Service Number: 751069

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
105 Sqdn.

Born on 10th November 1914 the
son of Harry & Annie Elizabeth
Snutch (nee Farrow)

Baptised on 22nd November 1914
at St Andrew's Church Jarrom
Street

(Address given as 23 Rydal
Street)

Newspaper entries

Leicester Mercury 21st May 1941 P6

ILChronicle 24th May 1941 P15

Missing

Mr. and Mrs. H. Snutch, 8, Melcroft-avenue, Leicester have been notified that their only son Sergt. Edmund Snutch, R.A.F., V.R., is reported missing.

Sergt. Snutch, a wireless operator and air-gunner, is 26. He joined the R.A.F., V.R. in May, 1939, and was called up when war broke out. He was a member of Holy Trinity Church and was educated at Wyggeston School.



1921 Census 26, Ullswater St.

Harry Snutch	Head	Male	1883	38	Leicester, Leicestershire,	Shoe Clicker	Lewitt A
Annie Elizabeth Snutch	Wife	Female	1886	35	Stamford, Lincs.	Household Duties	-
Ernest Edmund Snutch	Son	Male	1914	6	Leicester, Leicestershire,		
Arthur Memdy	Boarder	Male	1900	20	Leicester, Leics.	Pattern Cutter	Shoe Trade

J H Clarke & Co

1939 Index, 8 Melcroft Avenue, Leicester

Harry Snutch	16 Dec 1882	Male -	Married	281	1
Annie E Snutch	12 May 1886	Female	Married	281	2
Ernest E F Snutch	10 Nov 1914	Male -	Single	281	3

Ernest/Edmund died on 16th May 1941 aged 26

And is commemorated at

RUNNYMEDE MEMORIAL Panel 52.

Son of Harry and Annie Elizabeth Snutch, of Leicester.

There is probate of his will confirming his details

SNUTCH Ernest Edmund Farrow of 8 Melcroft-avenue Leicester died on or since 16 May 1941 on war service Administration Leicester 29 June to Harry Snutch shoe clicker. Effects £247 17s. 11d.

Sergeant JOHN LEONARD SUGDEN

Service Number: 747767

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

55 Sqdn.

Born on 15th February 1916 in Shrewsbury
Shropshire the son of Henry Ernest & Ethel
Marion Sugden (nee Sparrow)

Newspaper entries

Leicester Mercury 6th Sept 1940 P12

Leicester Mail 6th Sept 1940 P9

1921 Census 10 Glenfield Road Leicester
Henry Ernest Sugden Head Male
1875 46 Bradford, Yorkshire,
Linotype Operator-Mechanic Raithby
Lawrence Co Ltd, Printers Publishers & C
Ethel Marion Sugden Wife Female 1882 38
Shrewsbury, Shropshire, Home Duties
Ernest Henry Darrall Sugden Son Male
1912 8 Shrewsbury, Shropshire,
John Leonard Sugden Son Male
1916 5 Shrewsbury, Shropshire,

1939 Index, 10 Glenfield Road Leicester

Henry E	Sugden	26 May 1875	Male	Linotype Operator Printing	Married	319	1
Ethel M	Sugden	26 Oct 1883	Female	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Married	319	2
John L	Sugden	15 Feb 1916	Male	Accountant's Clerk	Single	319	3
Edith F	Flude (Sparrow)	21 Sep 1873	Female	Housekeeper	Single	319	4

John died on 31st August 1940 Age 24 years old

Killed in Action Crashed when control was lost in a forced landing at Mersa Matruh after
aborting a raid on Tmimi or El Gubbi due to engine trouble

He is buried in Egypt at

EL ALAMEIN WAR CEMETERY
XVIII. H. 13.

Son of Henry Ernest Sugden, and of Ethel Marion Sugden, of Leicester.

Personal Inscription

O LOVE, THAT WILT NOT LET ME GO I YIELD MY FLICKERING TORCH TO THEE

Leicester R.A.F.

Sergeant Killed

Sergeant J. Leonard Sugden, Royal Air Force, has been killed in a flying accident whilst on active service.

He is the son of Mrs. E. M. Sugden, of Glenfield - road, Leicester, and the late Mr. H. E. Sugden, who was on the "Mercury" staff for 14 years.



Sergt. Sugden, who was 24 years of age, was a well-known table tennis player. In 1933-34 he won a county badge, and in 1934-35 was winner of men's singles and men's doubles (with B. Owen). He had played in county team from 1933 onwards.

He was employed by A. C. Palmer and Co., accountants, and joined the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve, June 1939.