

GEORGE DAVIES; THE LAST 60 YEARS.

As you will know my brother John has been extremely active over the last few years catching up with family and working on the family tree. I am afraid that I have just sat back and let him get on with it and studying with interest the results.

I have very clear memories of both of you Ian and Bill, when we visited Edinburgh with my mother in the early 1950's to see Aunt Ella and Uncle Bert. We had regular news of the family from Mary Liddle (? surname) after both of them died. Mother always referred to her as 'Mary in Edinburgh' to differentiate between her and 'Mary in Liverpool', our cousin on my father's side. She was also in regular touch with Libby Ingram who I also remember very kindly. I saw Libby with Isla and John Greenwood on a visit to Edinburgh sometime in the mid 90's. She was rather frail by then but had the same infectious humour and kindness she always had.

My clearest memory of you both was visiting your house and playing with your train set. As I recall the clockwork or electrics were not working and you had the set arranged on piles of books of varying sizes. I also remember your mother providing nice teas for us all!

Now for a brief resume of all that's happened since. I spent my working life in the publishing business with excursions into bookselling, latterly being responsible for both the bookselling and publishing activities of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. Prior to that I was engaged on the sales side of publishing, culminating in becoming Sales Director of Edward Arnold, an educational and academic publisher which was subsumed by a larger company in 1986. Hence my change of job!

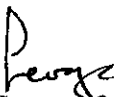
Pam and I were married in 1962 and have two daughters, Sarah and Jenny, both of whom are married, to Graham and John respectively. Sarah went to Exeter university and read maths. She worked for an insurance company before settling down with Graham and having four children Daniel, now 13 and at Tiffins school, one of the few remaining grammar schools in our part of the world, Adam, 10, who hopes to join his brother next year at Tiffins, Anna aged 7 who has recently been the Virgin Mary in the school nativity play and little Lily who is two and never stops talking!. Graham is a computer software engineer and works for Nokia.

Jenny met her husband John at Oxford where she read history. She went on to the LSE and did a one year postgrad course in Social Studies. John is Rector of a C of E church, St Marys Bryanston Square London. They live in a church house in Highgate and have three children, Joshua, the eldest grandchild aged 13, Zoe, 11, both of whom are at secondary school in Highgate and Natasha 9 who is still at primary school. Jenny runs all the children's activities for the church. They are incredibly busy but we manage to see them once or twice a month...Sarah and her children are closer in Surbiton, about 8 miles away, so we see them more often.

After I retired in 1999 I took a part time history degree at Birkbeck College , Univ of London. One of the most interesting periods of my life. Now Pam and I live in Ashted Surrey and still seem to keep busy with church and charitable activities and keeping up with friends..

We do hope you and your families are keeping well.. We would be interested in your news sometime.

Very best wishes


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*P.S. We have just been in touch with Anne Hinge
by e-mail. He would get smaller!*