



**Extract from “Memories Shared”  
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*“I lived in the centre cottage at 3, Church Street as a child and we paid rent of 2/6d per week to Henry Anstiss who lived at The Armed Yeoman. He didn’t like us children sitting on the wall outside our cottage. He had a brother, Ted, who cut hair in an old caravan down the bottom of the High Street. I loved the ‘Eton crop’ hairstyle Ted Anstiss used to give me when I was about 14 years old.*

*We only had an outside toilet up the garden and we got our water from the pump outside Abbott’s Cottage. I remember Alice Ward trudging up from the bottom of Quanton Road to get her water every day, carrying two buckets on a yoke. She wore old men’s shoes and a long coat. When it was a new moon, Ted Tattam had to go round with a scoop and empty the toilets and put all the stuff in a pit.*

*My dad was a tailor but he suffered ill health and died from consumption in 1930. He came from Botolph Claydon and Sir Harry Verney paid for him to do an apprenticeship with Holden’s the tailor’s shop. He was very young when he first went there and they half-starved him. They only gave him bread with grease on it. He ran home back to Claydon but his mother sent him straight back again.*

*My mother went to work every morning at 6am to Dominion Dairies in Buckingham Road in Aylesbury. She cycled there and back, and, at night, she’d come back with some wooden crates strapped to her cycle which she’d give to my Uncle Bernard Carter to chop up for kindling wood to sell round the village. As children we played with hoops, tops and whips in the road (there weren’t any cars about).”*

