

Memories of Breinton by Jane Hill, who used to live at Sunnyside, Breinton Common

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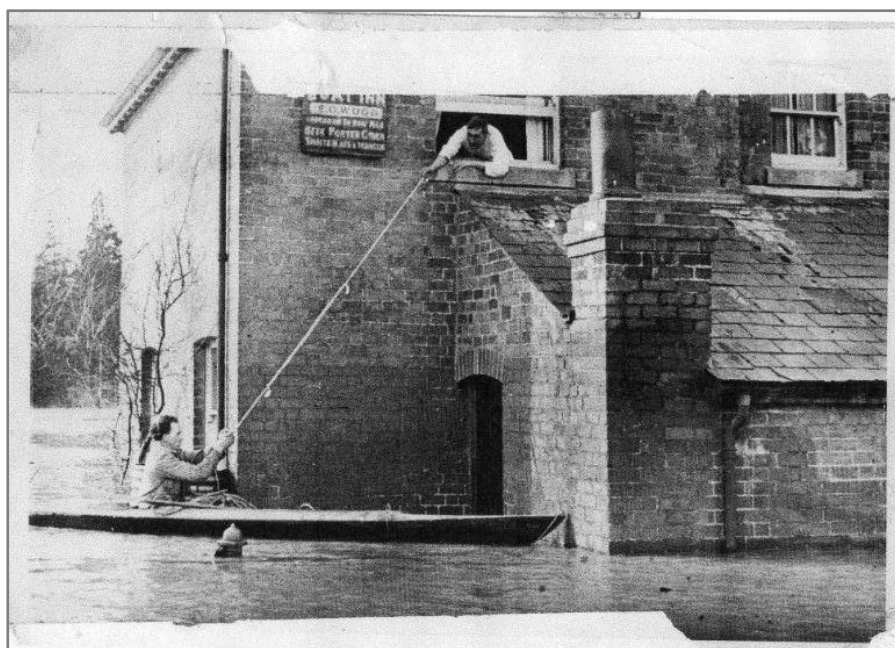
During the 2nd World War, the field next to the Boat Inn (*on the River Wye just west of Breinton Common*) was occupied by four caravans, one of which was owned by my father.

Boats from Hereford rowing club used to row up the river bringing customers every Sunday in the summer months. Mr. Wood, the landlord of the Boat, offered a ferry service to people wanting to cross the river from the far side!

The first of the two photographs shows The Boat during a flood (possibly in the 1960s?) My uncle is trying to get provisions up to Mr Wood, who is trapped in an upstairs room!

My grandmother, Mrs. Bayley, lived at Sunnyside in the village (*in Breinton Common, now the home of Bruce and Jane Wallace who are very old friends of Jane Hill*). When she moved back into town my father bought the cottage for £2000. It had to be extensively renovated having an earth floor, a well in the garden, and a privy in the orchard! After many years, my parents moved back to Hereford and sold the cottage for £6000.

When the Boat Inn was closed, my husband and I rented it for thirty shillings a week. The second photograph is of all our family helping Mr Wood with his haymaking. (Incidentally, "Mullions," the house next to "Sunnyside" and once called "Ford View" was a tea room for people who rowed up river on a Sunday afternoon.)





"Sunnyside" today (June 2016)