

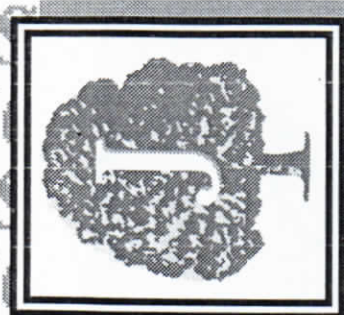
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# FAMILY HISTORY DAY,

Bocking Church Hall, Braintree, 29 March 1998

## WELCOME

Hello again, welcome to the Josselin Journal, Summer/Autumn 1998 we have a variety of material in this our 14th publication to-date and we hope you enjoy it.

We can announce an interesting family history day at Bocking Church Hall, Braintree and a full report by our Chairman begins opposite.

Reproduced on page 4 is an account of the fire which engulfed the stores of Clement Joscelyne in Bishops Stortford on May 1997.

There is a feature on the descendants of Thomas Joslin beginning on page 5 kindly supplied to us by David Joslin (member 04) and on page 10 Dr Averil Snodgrass allows us to share the results of her research into her Great Grandmother Anne Hart Joscelyne.

There is a humorous account of life growing up in the late 1960s and early 1970s as Simon Joslin (member 05) begins his profile, some of the events described may bring back a few memories of that very strange & bizarre era.

Last but not least, on page 12 we have a competition kindly provided to us by Brian Joscelyne (Member 06)

**T**wenty Members attended our get together in Bocking Church Hall, Braintree for a display of family trees, Genealogical Records and memorabilia. One family tree unrolled in one peice, covered five long folding tables, this can be seen in the left of our picture below. There were albums with old photographs contrasting with modern day computers.

The programme was timed to commence at 11.00 a.m. and a talk by Peter Josling (01) on how to research your family tree, where to look and find information together with some of the pitfalls to avoid when starting your research.

Unfortunately our speaker was

delayed and this part of the programme started at 12.10, Peter was able to give us some useful advice drawn from his experience in genealogical research and it wasn't long before we locked up the hall for lunch.

12.40 we strolled up the hill to

the King William public house for pre-lunch refreshments and an excellent meal for £10 per head in a section of the bar specially reserved for us. after our enjoyable meal and refreshing interlude we returned to the church hall.

3.15 Ben Joscelyne (09) gave us a talk about the Braintree and



Bishops Stortford branches of the Joscelyne family.

3.25 Dr Averil Snodgrass (103) explained her researches into her Gt. Grandmother's name, Anne Hart Joscelyne.

3.40 Brenda Joscelyne (95) followed Averil and told us of her family connection with Woodham Walter and neighbourhood in Essex. Her family were owners of the Bell Inn, Woodham Walter. (see 1861 census).

3.50 Michael Brill (82) told us the story of his interest in genealogy, when a friend chose the Joscelyn pedigree for a university paper he was to submit, and after producing a work of art in the form of a family tree with coats of arms in their colours and covering a number of drawing size sheets he presented it to Michael when he was finished with it.

3.55 our new member Vernon Lane made a request for information about Pollard Joscelyne who he is researching (any offers from members?)

4.00 Peter Josling (01) gave us further advice on importance of Wills and the information contained in them.

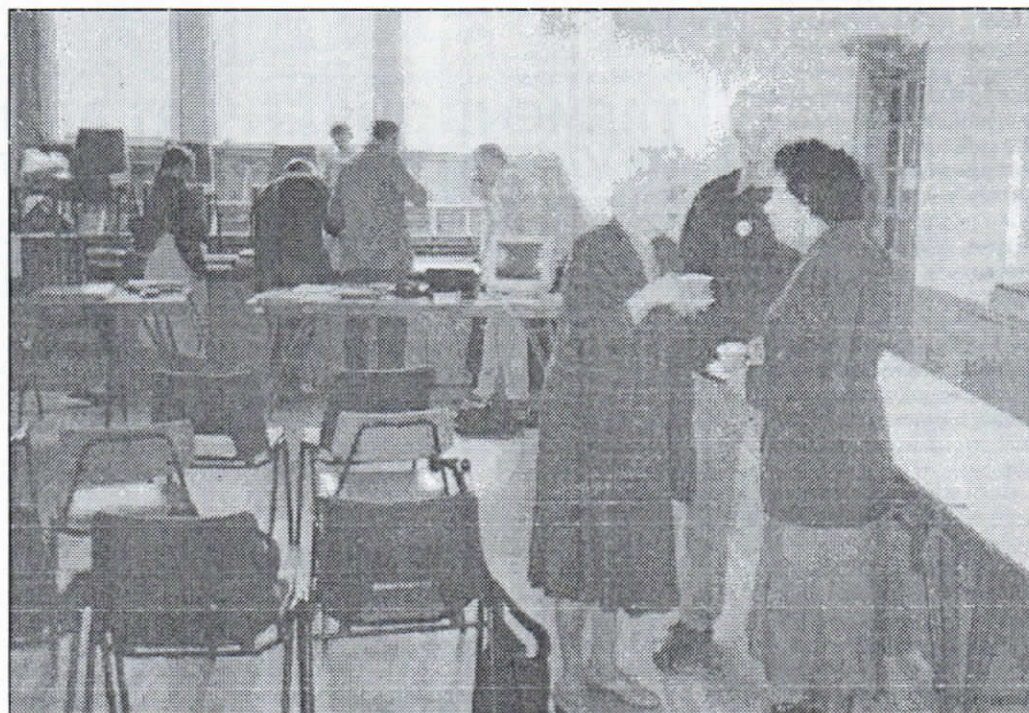
4.10 Peter Joslin (29) advised us of the availability of three CD's containing millions of names and addresses, very useful to genealogists.

4.20 This concluded the talks given by our members and the meeting broke up shortly after as many members had a long drive home.

I think it was an excellent turnout by our members, and I hope they enjoyed the day as much as I did. The two Peter's (01) & (29) had their lap top computers with them and were, as usual, helpful to enquiries. My own regrets were, there wasn't enough time to examine all the information exhibited and the acoustics in the hall made the talks a little inaudible for me.

Thank you to our committee members who organised it and to all who attended.

*Bill Joscelyne, Chairman*





# STORE IN FLAMES

## £1.5M damage to family business

by Sue Plester

**F**irefighters battled around the clock against a ferocious fire which ripped through the heart of a family business in Bishop's Stortford. The flames caused £1.5 million worth of damage as they engulfed furniture and interior design store Clement Joscelyne Limited, Market Square.

As firecrews fought to contain the blaze on Wednesday evening, managing director Raymond Joscelyne could only watch helplessly on the sidelines as his business became an inferno.

Mr Joscelyne, 43, who rushed from his Suffolk home to the scene vowed to fight back.

He said 'I was at home when I received a phone call saying what had happened, so I prepared myself for the worst, but the business is very much the staff and people involved and not the building which will be reconstructed in around nine months time'.

Mr Joscelyne added: 'The staff and everybody have been very supportive and my thanks go to the emergency services who have done all they can under the circumstances'.

Miraculously nobody was injured as a result of the blaze which started at about 5.30 pm and is being treated as suspicious by the police.

Initially a small fire was reported at the back of the building which is used as a furniture showroom, but the flames quickly caught hold.

A total of 80 firefighters tackled the blaze from stations including Bishop's Stortford, Much Hadlam, Rickmansworth, Sawbridgeworth and Harlow.

At one point there were eight engines, two hydraulic platforms and specialist control units fighting the inferno.

Speaking at the scene Hertfordshire fire and rescue spokesman Ian Fergusson said: 'The flames quickly escalated into a major fire after taking hold of the furniture in the rear storage area'.

On hand supplying the hardworking crews with food and drink was the WRVS from Hertfordshire who set up a stall outside the George Hotel in North Street.

Police cordoned off a ring around the town centre. Motorists and pedestrians stood outside the

designated boundaries and watched the drama unfold.

It was not until just after 8pm that Divisional Officer Frank Jones declared the fire under control, but 60 per cent of the premises were left fire damaged.

Firefighters worked through the night and into the morning to continue damping down the two badly damaged buildings.

Mr Joscelyne who also has branches in Norwich, Bury St Edmunds, Hitchin and Brentwood said he would continue trading from the undamaged part of the building.

Witnesses who may have seen anything suspicious should contact Bishop's Stortford CID on 01992 533164 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Police charged a 13 year old Bishop's Stortford boy with criminal damage by fire on Sunday. He has been bailed to appear at Bishop's Stortford Youth Court on July 3.

*From the Citizen newspaper dated Wednesday May 28 1997.*



## TREMENDOUS EFFORT AFTER DEVASTATING TOWN BLAZE

It took two weeks of hard work and costs totalling nearly £20,000 to transform a vacant shop building in Bishop's Stortford into Clement Joscelyne's temporary new furniture and carpet showrooms.

The Devoils Lane shop has been officially opened, just across the road from the company's Market Square premises which were wrecked by fire last month, causing £2 million damage. Sixty per cent of the ancient building was destroyed, leaving only the front section intact and the company quickly got to work to ensure it was fully up and running as soon as possible. At the launch, company chairman Hugh Joscelyne praised the directors, staff and the emergency services for all their hard work. 'If across the road was a disaster, you have to agree that what we have here is a near miracle', he told the guests.

To get this set up so quickly has been a wonderful effort and a tremendous amount of people have done a tremendous amount of work.

Mr Joscelyne (pictured right with his directors and staff) said many people in the town had offered their support, including Speciality Shops, the owners of Jackson Square, which offered to lease the former Italian restaurant premises to Clement Joscelyne.

Following the fire, Clement Joscelyne has relocated its offices to Stansted Road, where its warehouse is based, and has set about drawing up plans to rebuild the Market Square site, including keeping the original two gable design and preserving the facade which looks onto Market Square.



*From the Star Classified newspaper dated June 17 1997*

# THE DEVON JOSLINS

Alive and well - in Canada

By David Joslin No 88



**E**arly in 1852 my great grandfather, Thomas Joslin sailed to Canada with his newly married daughter Annie, her husband Robert Turner and his young son, Thomas jnr. He left behind his wife Honor with the rest of the family including my then seven year old grandfather, Silas.

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Dear Bill

6/11/96

Very many thanks for your letter. Very good to hear from you again, I'll try to answer the various points you raise in order.

I'm glad that you took my comments re the journal in the spirit intended. I agree that, from your viewpoint, it is good to have feedback, provided of course, that it is constructive.

Yes I will get around to typing a general article about the Devon Joslins. Will you tell me about how long you would like it and when you would like it by please.

No there is no real story behind my nickname of Joggles. It has just arisen, I remember at school I was originally called Jos (surprise surprise!). This became Jis and then Chris and, of course, Chisel!! Very convoluted, I have always tried NOT to live up to that particular nickname!

With regard to my Canadian relatives, I enclose an up to date outline descendants tree and an older tree. If you want an up to date printed tree let me know but it will take several pages, by the way, Thomas was the full brother of my grandfather, Silas. I have masses of historical info which is many pages long, I have broken it down onto my computer programme. I forget what computer you have but if you like I will send you a GEDCOM disk with all of the info included.

I was aware of the Coat of Arms but must confess that I had forgotten! (shame you cry) I was most interested to learn of the link with the Courtenays. As you know I am stuck in the early 1600's. as there was a Norman Joslin Lord of the Manor in North Devon I assumed that firstly this would be the connection between our branches, and secondly that my line was descended from it. This may still be true of course, with a branch going into Cornwall. what might also be a possibility is that the Cornish Joscelines came into South Devon and then moved northwards. You will recall wayne Joslin, he comes from a branch in Plymouth who's history is unclear, I will be extremely interested in any further info that you unearth.

It is very fortunate that your son has moved to Exmouth, I just hope that the research has bitten deeply as he is literally only minutes away from the Devon Record Office and West Country Studies Library both of which are in the same building in the centre of Exeter.

I am more than happy to liaise with Peter as you suggest, I am in fairly frequent contact with him, particularly by e-mail. I have sent him stacks of stuff on the Yankee Joslins, I have a copy of the North Devon Telephone Directory and have suggested that we do a mail drop. I think this might be the best way of making contact. unfortunately my computer skills do not run to mail merging but if I can get help, I'll give it a go, let me know what you think. By the way, did you know that there is a suburb of Sydney, Australia, called Joslin?

Just to emphasise my two priorities which amount to the same thing, are to get back beyond the 1600's and also to establish a link between our two branches, I would imagine that you would agree. That's enough for you to be going on with, take care and drop me a line when you can.

All the very best

David Joslin

The intention was to open a market garden business in what is now Toronto and when settled, to send for the rest of the family. Having had a hard life as a farm labourer in Ashreigny, there were hopes of a better life in the New World.

The migrants arrived early in April, a few days after their arrival Thomas jnr celebrated his tenth birthday and a few days later word was received that his mother Honor, had died. Her passing must have been totally unexpected and her death certificate throws no light on the matter, the cause was given as 'inflammation', which was attested by what I would describe as the village biddy. Obviously Honor's death threw all of their plans into confusion, Thomas snr. immediately returned to Ashreigny to resume charge of his family and all plans for emigration were cancelled.

After a rudimentary education Thomas jnr. was apprenticed to a local farmer and adopted farming as his profession, when he was twenty four he married Sarah Ady (Eadie), it is interesting to note that, at the time of her marriage, Sarah was still some months short of her fifteenth birthday. They started a family line which is still very much in existence and well documented. One of his grandsons is Doug Joslin, married to Mary.

Having retired from the Railway Police some years ago, Doug and Mary overwinter in Florida, some three winters ago, whilst in the local library, Doug happened upon a very old issue of the Devon Family History Society Journal, inside he found an advert put in by a relative of mine who was researching the Ashreigny Joslins, he immediately wrote and his letter was passed to me.

After many years and a few phone calls Doug and Mary came to visit my wife and I last September. We immediately hit it off and I took great pleasure in taking them to various parts of Devon including the very farm in Ashreigny where the family had lived. Last July my wife and I paid our very first visit to Canada and stayed a fortnight with Doug and Mary at their home in Hawkestone which is some sixty miles north of Toronto on the shores of Lake Simcoe.

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The highlight of our visit had to be the Joslin Family reunion, it is staged every five or six years and this one was in honour of Eve and myself. Before going into details I must back track two days when we visited Doreen Gilchrist (a Joslin descendant) and her husband, Doug at their beautiful home which sadly, they were soon to vacate. Doreen is a very accomplished painter in oils specialising in local views. We were shown one of her paintings which she had donated to be raffled at the reunion to help defray costs. Both Eve and I fell in love with it and hoped lady luck might smile on us.

The day of the reunion was hot and sunny and ninety assorted Joslins turned up. We were told that many more couldn't make it, it was held in the grounds of the home of Doreen's son and daughter in law. Everybody brought food and the drinks were flowing freely as was of course, the conversation, The Joslins are great talkers. Came the raffle draw which, sadly for us, was won by Doug Joslin's brother, Ken and his wife Sadie, some ten minutes or so later, Eve and I were sought out by Ken and Sadie who told us that, as we were special guests from England, they thought it only right and appropriate that we should have the picture - and they gave it to us.

Prior to eating Ken made a few announcements and introductions including Eve and I, he then proceeded to present to us a clock which is mounted on a sliver of wood cut from a tree grown in Washago which is where the early Joslins settled. I was asked to say a few words but I was so choked with emotion that it was impossible to say very much. The occasion was rounded off by the unveiling of a huge cake on the top of which in icing were the words 'Welcome to Canada David and Eve' what a memorable occasion that was. The picture and clock have places of honour on our living room walls.

During our stay we visited many other Joslins and toured extensively, everywhere we were met with the greatest kindness and hospitality, nothing was too much trouble for Doug and Mary.

## DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS JOSLIN (P26)

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They gave us a holiday which we will never forget and the day of our return arrived with more than usual regret.

I am now in touch with several Joslin families in Canada and if they all keep their promises, we will be inundated with guests next year. one thing is for sure, we will certainly be re-visiting the Canadian Joslins again in the not too distant future.

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## DID YOU KNOW???

There are two roads in the Master Atlas Of Greater London named after Jos.....'s.

**1. Joslin Road** off London Road in Purfleet, Essex. This has a connection with the Joslin family of Upminster, Essex, who were very influential in the late 1800 and early 1900's, and owned many properties in this area.

**2. Jocelyn Road.** Situated between Kew Road and Kew Gardens.

I have also been notified of another, **Josselin Road**, Burnt Mills Industrial Area, Basildon, Essex. It is possible that this road may have had some connection with the Josselyn's of Horkesly and Ipswich, with a similar spelling?

### DO YOU KNOW?

Are there any other roads or areas with a Jos... name or connection you are aware of, and if so, can you suggest why they were so named?

Please send your information to Bill Joscelyne (02) Editor, and maybe we can expand in later journals with an article on the families involved.

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# INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM BRENDA JOSCELYNE No 95.

As Mark Joscelyne ( of Woodham Walter ) could not write, I have found the following variations:-

1845	Marriage to Caroline	Mark Josline.
1849	Birth of John	Mark Joslyne.
1853	Death of Caroline	Mark Joslin.
1854	Marriage to Frances	Mark Jofselyn.
1855	Death of John	Mark Joselyne.
On all other certificates		Mark Joscelyne

**FURTHER TO ARTICLE IN JOSSELYN JOURNAL ISSUE 12.**  
John Joscelyne buried in unmarked grave at Woodham Walter and John Joscelyne butcher are the same. He was the father of both George and Mark Joscelyne.

**CAN ANYONE HELP ME FIND A ROBERT JOSCELYNE.?**  
I first found him as a witness on George Joscelyne's marriage certificate, 3rd February 1843, Heybridge.  
Next I found him and his family in the 1841 Census in Heybridge as follows :-

<b>ROBERT JOSCELYNE</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>INNKEEPER</b>
<b>ELIZABETH</b>	<b>29</b>	
<b>ROBERT</b>	<b>8</b>	
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# YOY JOSSO - AN UNUSUAL SURNAME Part I

A personal profile By Simon Joslin

I have had many nicknames throughout the course of my life, Josso - for obvious reasons - Jos which is my father's nickname, Josstick, and - at one point during my school years due to the insane logic of the Liverpool/Irish humour of some of my school chums, I was referred to as 'Josling stop Jostling the crowd'. Scouse humour dictated that I was Jossier, then Yossier for a while and then... logically??? Yo Yo, which I eventually discovered to my amusement was also the nickname of someone called Yossarian!

I had heard people - usually older than me - talking about this Yossarian and saying what a 'great character he was', I had even heard his name mentioned on the television a few times when I was a kid growing up in the 1960s and figured that he must be pretty famous or at least a pop star, and so, I made my mind up to one day investigate Yossarian further.

## BEGINNINGS

I was born in Chester on June 7 1954, my Father is Arthur Joslin (member No 14) and my mother was Edna nee Chalonner, now deceased. I have one brother John who is 10 years my senior and whom I rarely see, I am married to Yvonne Shone who is also from Chester but was born in Liverpool, we live in the village of Frensham, Surrey with our three Wirehaired Dachshunds. My father's research to date has been covered in issue 4 of this journal, so far I have not been involved with tracing our family tree further, perhaps one day.

## JESUS

I recently heard an Anglican Minister say in a talk he was giving about Jesus that when he was very young he was astounded to discover that Jesus wasn't British!, I clearly remember thinking exactly the same thing when I was little, I knew Jesus was born in Bethlehem and that He grew up in a place called Nazareth but how could Christ possibly be anything else but British? I thought to myself, and this was something that constantly puzzled me for most of that incredibly long period of time when I was just 7 years old.

## CHESTER

I had a very happy childhood in Chester but I could have quite easily been born down south as Dad came originally from Surrey, however we were living in the North West of England because he had married Edna Challenor from Wallasey

during the time when he was flying with the RAF during the Second World War. After the war dad worked in the aircraft industry at various locations in the U.K. finally settling at the DeHavillands aircraft factory near Chester, building jet fighter planes as did most of the men who lived near us. Our house was on a new housing estate just outside the town and I can still remember my dad and all the other men cycling off every morning at seven, to catch the Saltney Ferry which carried them to the aircraft factory on the other side of the River Dee. Friday nights were a real treat because dad got paid then and always used to bring John and I and Judy, a girl that they were fostering at the time, a bar of Five Boys chocolate each home. Mum and Dad also allowed us to stay up a little later on Fridays to watch *Ready Steady Go* on television, which was a pop music programme where groups and singers from both here and America used to appear live.

Ready Steady Go was really great, there had never been anything like it before and I can clearly remember being very surprised to discover that Diana Ross was black! I had heard her singing on the radio with her group the Supremes and it never occurred to me, but I always thought she looked really beautiful in her glittery dresses and stiletto heels. I

didn't think much of the Beatles and I hated the Rolling Stones, and still do! but The Who were amazing, especially the guitarist with the big nose, Pete Townsend who was an absolute lunatic and the drummer Keith Moon, who was even worse! and I can remember someone telling me that when The Who played live they smashed their equipment up! I thought that this was incredible and I couldn't imagine it because all of that was going on in London which might just as well have been on the other side of the world because to get to London in those days you had to go by steam train and the journey was a very long one and it was still a while before we ever got a car.

## MRS SHICKLEGRUBER

I went to a good junior school in Chester, St Thomas' Church of England, it was a very religious school and most of the teachers were really nice with the exception of Mrs Jeffs from Conway in North Wales, although she was Welsh, I was convinced that this awful tartar of a woman was a close relation of Adolf Hitler, she was one of the senior teachers there, her pet subject was maths and she could not cope with anyone who did not share her enthusiasm for the subject, I was, of course, like most of the Sutton Joslins, absolutely useless at maths

and found it mind numbingly boring and Mrs Jeffs used to take a delight in humiliating me in front of the whole class, not just about my inability to add and subtract but because of my surname, I clearly remember her saying out loud to the whole class one day in 1962 that my family were 'obviously immigrants or gypsies or worse still, Jews from Eastern Europe, probably a bad lot like most foreigners and Simon Joslin will never amount to anything at all because all he is good at is drawing, like the French, and nobody ever made a living doing that!

'What about Andy Warhol, or David Hockney' I remember retorting cheekily, which was the worst thing I could ever have done. The whole class held its breath and the silence was broken only by the heavy clout I got across the face which knocked me to the floor, Mrs Jeffs continued to beat me about the head before yanking me to my feet by my hair pulling out a large clump of it after which she threw me out of the class. I couldn't understand why she thought Jews from Eastern Europe were a bad lot, Jesus was Jewish wasn't he? I was 8 years old.

## SHIRLEY O'NEIL

My first girlfriend was Shirley O'Neil, she was a very pretty girl and in those days had a lovely hint of an Irish accent, I can still hear it sometimes. Shirley was what we used to call a tomboy, a bit tall for her age, slim and gangly with long legs and straight dark hair in which she always wore a ribbon, I think this was so her parents and anyone else for that matter could tell that this creature that climbed trees, threw stones at anything that moved and generally created absolute mayhem wherever she went, was in fact, a girl.

Shirley's father worked with my dad at DeHavillands, Tom O'Neil was a smashing bloke, he was a very kind, softly spoken Irishman, very tall with a head of thick white hair,

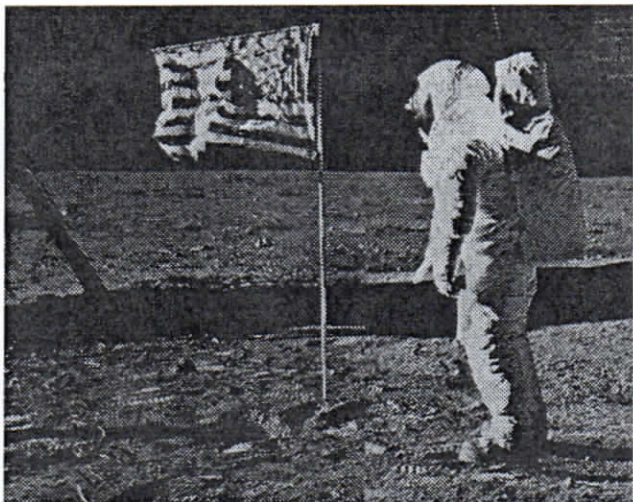


A family holiday in Cornwall about 1967, note the stylish transport with the roofrack, yes - it's a Mk I Ford Anglia, but, THIS IS THE 1960s!

From left to right: Arthur, No. 14, my dad along with myself No. 5, (in the gabardine mac) and my elder brother John, at the Woodford Air Display, Manchester, circa 1964.







July 1969, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin take a few small steps and the Americans conquer the Moon. Approximately 325 million miles away on Earth, Simon Joslin has girl trouble

he must have been a few years older than my dad because he told us about a place called Dublin where he grew up when there was a thing called the Anglo/Irish war in which ordinary people (not soldiers) shot at each other and blew things up, he also remembered seeing things called 'Lewis Machine Guns' set up in the upstairs rooms of the houses around the district where he lived with his parents. I had never learned about that in history at school and when I asked the teachers, none of them would say anything about it!

Shirley and I were inseparable, we went everywhere together, bike rides, walks, expeditions to the sweet shop in the next village Saughall, all the things that little kids did in those days when the world was a lot safer than it is now, sometimes Shirley's older sister Frances and her boyfriend Bill Hargreaves - who was a member of a motorcycle gang in Chester - used to take us for days out during the school holidays because our mums both worked in Chester, I can remember some fantastic times at Alton Towers and some of the best days we had were at Blackpool where the beach was wonderful and the variety of amusements bewildering, Frances and Bill were really kind and used to spoil Shirley and I something rotten in those days.

I think I really loved Shirley, I certainly never felt anything like what I felt for her for all the other girlfriends I eventually had and it was only when I met Yvonne Shone on that far off day in December 1972 at my Aunt's nursery in Wallasey and then a few months later when we bumped into each other in the Town Hall Square in Chester and she smiled and stroked my hand, that I knew Yvonne Mary was the one for me.

## ART SCHOOL

I had been drawing pictures and making models since I was very young, the art teachers at both St

Thomas's and the Bishops Schools said that I had a natural talent and was a gifted artist, Mr Williams, the art master - who was my favourite teacher at the Bishop's - started to give me extra tuition in my last year and got me into the Saturday Art Group which was run at the Chester School Of Art, the other kids didn't like this at all because none of them could draw to save their lives and so they used to hang around after school waiting for me and tried to see my pictures so that they could make fun of them, I got beaten up quite a few times as well. Not long after that though something really funny happened, one of the kids - a lad called Paul Bolton - needed a poster doing for his football supporters club, Stoke City I think it was, anyway I drew it for him and he gave me a load of pear drops - my first paid job as an artist! - 'There is money in this' I thought!

My school days came to an end and I got into Art School as a full time student on the strength of my work alone, academically I was a wash out and had to retake my GCE's but this was more than compensated for by the fact that I was now doing what I wanted to do, immersing myself in the History of Art, Graphic Design and Advertising Theory, I also studied Architecture and the European Modern Movement.

## JACK

The Principal of the Chester School of Art was a man called Jack Shore, he was a very talented painter and an excellent designer with impeccable taste, he had a rare quality about him that drew the utmost respect from all of his students, especially me. Jack encouraged us to use our eyes and to understand what we saw and made it possible for us to develop our creative ideas and abilities in a wonderful environment, sometimes he could be difficult, but looking back, all I will say is that there weren't many people

like him that I had ever come across, he was alright was Jack, and I was damn glad I was at Art School.

Shirley O'Neil stopped being my girlfriend not long after that because of another girl called Margaret Wells who kept chasing after me, I wasn't really interested in Margaret because she was a bit loopy and also she didn't like Shirley AT ALL, in fact, for some reason or another, Shirley and Margaret were mortal enemies.

Margaret Wells was very persistent and spread stupid rumours about herself and I around the housing estate and several times during that summer before I started at college, Margaret, for some reason, always seemed to be hanging around my parent's house when Shirley turned up, there were a few fights between them, and Shirley, being the tomboy, gave Margaret a really hard time, anyway, it all came to a sad and terrible finish not long after the Americans landed on the Moon in 1969, and I ended up on my own without either of them.

## LOU THE SINNER

The girls I met at Art School were really exciting, my favourite was a girl called Louise Forester, I'd actually known Louise several years before because her mum and mine were friends and the Foresters had lived not far from us, Louise and I used to play and draw pictures together when my mum visited hers on special occasions, but sadly the Foresters - Louise and her Brother Mathew - who was older than us, and their mother, who was French I think, had to move away because Mr Forester was an officer in the British army and they all had to go to Germany, anyway, Louise or 'Lou The Sinner' as she was now known, had spent the last few years in a very strict boarding school which obviously had had no effect on her whatsoever as she was now a complete raving nutter and would have a go at anything.

I'll never forget my first day at Art School in September 1969 when I saw Louise for the first time in what must have been about 7 years or more, 'Hi Simon' she said, struggling on the stairs with one of the A1 size mauve and black portfolios that we all lugged around in those days 'Hasn't it been ages?' she continued, grinning all over her face, her big dark brown eyes shining, I couldn't believe it, gone were the old national health glasses and the ponytail, Louise had really grown into a stunning looking 17 year old girl, her hair was now much darker, almost black - I think she dyed it - and she was very slim (most girls were like beanpoles in the early 70s) she looked really grown up too in a black roll neck sweater, black mini



skirt and thigh high leather boots and an ankle length purple cardigan (which was the height of fashion at that time!). Throughout that 1969 Autumn term we spent many hours together going to various lectures or fooling about in the common room with the others, or, after college, the coffee bar at Chester Cross where the Mod Scooter Boys hung out, some of them were mates of mine from the supermarket where I worked part time, Louise and I never really went out on 'dates' so to speak, we just went around together, one of our favourite places in the winter evenings of 1970 was the kiln room behind the college pottery and ceramics department where we would go and relax for a few hours after lectures had finished, sharing the odd joint and catching up again after the last 6 years.

## WAR

The generation of which I am a member who reached our early teens in the 1970s suffered the effects of a manipulated throwback from the 1960s hippy and anti-war philosophy, this meant collaborating with the fashionable logic of the times which dictated that we had to hate our parents for taking part in the war, not the Vietnam or Korean wars, but the one that broke out over half a century ago and engulfed most of the world, this was thankfully a temporary aberration on my part, because I have always respected my dad, Arthur, and at some time in 1971 during one of our 'arguments' he said to me in his wisdom that 'I'm as anti-war as you are Simon, my father's family life was ruined because of the first German war and my teenage years were ruined as a result of the second conflict, I volunteered to fly in combat because I and everyone else I knew wanted to end the second German War and survive'.

Perhaps Arthur was just being smart, he was always smarter than I was and he still is in many respects but he can't use a computer though, but then again, he never needed to.

**HERE WE MUST LEAVE  
SIMON JOSLIN'S  
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OF YOUNG PEOPLE  
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IN PART 2 DISCOVER  
THE FORTIES GIRL,  
TIGER LILY,  
LADYTRON AND THE  
GROWING THREAT OF  
NUCLEAR WAR**



YEAR	QUARTER	SURNAME	PRENAME	PRENAME	Mother's Name	DISTRICT	NO	NO
1890	MAR	JOSCELYNE						
1890	JUNE	JOSCELYNE						
1890	SEPT	JOSCELYNE						
1890	DEC	JOSCELYNE	WILLIAM	J		PANCRAS	1B	231
1891	MAR	JOSCELYNE	JANE	H		CHelsea	1A	452
1891	JUNE	JOSCELYNE	SARAH			STOURBRIDGE	9C	184
1891	SEPT	JOSCELYNE	ELIZABETH	ANN		MALDON	4A	278
1891	DEC	JOSCELYNE	HENRY			WOODBRIDGE	4A	844 or 1
1893	MAR	JOSCELYNE						
1893	JUNE	JOSCELYNE	ELIZABETH	JANE		MALDON	0	
1893	SEPT	JOSCELYNE					4A	257
1893	DEC	JOSCELYNE					0	
1894	MAR	JOSCELYNE					0	
1894	JUNE	JOSCELYNE					0	
1894	SEPT	JOSCELYNE					0	
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1896	DEC	JOSCELYNE					0	
1897	MAR	JOSCELYNE					0	
1897	JUNE	JOSCELYNE					0	
1897	SEPT	JOSCELYNE	ARTHUR	FRANK		ELINGTON	1B	352
1897	DEC	JOSCELYNE	FREDERICK	JAMES		ROCHFORD	0	
1897	MAR	JOSCELYNE					4A	183
1897	JUNE	JOSCELYNE					0	
1897	SEPT	JOSCELYNE	ELIZABETH	SARAH		MALDON	0	
1897	DEC	JOSCELYNE					4A	407
1898	MAR	JOSCELYNE					0	
1898	JUNE	JOSCELYNE	ALICE			BRANTREE	0	
1898	SEPT	JOSCELYNE	EDGAR			STOURBRIDGE	4A	536
1898	DEC	JOSCELYNE	ELIZABETH			STOURBRIDGE	5C	654/54
1899	MAR	JOSCELYNE	ALFRED			STOURBRIDGE	6B	317
1899	JUNE	JOSCELYNE				UTTOXETER	0	
1899	SEPT	JOSCELYNE					0	
1899	DEC	JOSCELYNE					0	
1900	MAR	JOSCELYNE	ELIZABETH			ST GILES	1B	799
1900	JUNE	JOSCELYNE	THURZA	FRANCES		MALDON	4A	326
1900	SEPT	JOSCELYNE	ELIZABETH			ROCHFORD	5A	685
1900	DEC	JOSCELYNE	WILLIAM	HENRY		ELINGTON	1B	463
1901	MAR	JOSCELYNE	FREDERICK	HENRY		STOURBRIDGE	9C	247
1901	JUNE	JOSCELYNE					0	
1901	SEPT	JOSCELYNE	FRED	WILLIAM		LAMBETH	1D	623
1901	DEC	JOSCELYNE	EDWARD			COLCHESTER	0	
1902	MAR	JOSCELYNE					4A	397
1902	JUNE	JOSCELYNE					0	
1902	SEPT	JOSCELYNE	MARY	ANN		BLOSBURY	4A	919
1902	DEC	JOSCELYNE	GEORGE			WESTMINSTER	1A	728
1903	MAR	JOSCELYNE	CLEMENT			BRANTREE	4A	567
1903	JUNE	JOSCELYNE	DOUGLAS			HACKNEY	1B	861
1903	SEPT	JOSCELYNE	CAROLINE			CAMBRIDGE	3B	1164/1
1903	DEC	JOSCELYNE	MERZOBAN	ANN		PANCRAS	1B	149
1904	MAR	JOSCELYNE	JOHN			KENSINGTON	1A	172
1904	JUNE	JOSCELYNE					0	
1904	SEPT	JOSCELYNE	EMMA			ROCHFORD	4A	329
1904	DEC	JOSCELYNE	GEORGE	EDWARD		STOURBRIDGE	9C	290
1905	MAR	JOSCELYNE					0	
1905	JUNE	JOSCELYNE	ELIZABETH	JANE		SUBURY	4A	459
1905	SEPT	JOSCELYNE	ELIZABETH	JANE		PALMOUTH	5C	246
1905	DEC	JOSCELYNE	ANN	SARAH		HACKNEY	1B	604
1906	MAR	JOSCELYNE					0	
1906	JUNE	JOSCELYNE					0	
1906	SEPT	JOSCELYNE					0	
1906	DEC	JOSCELYNE					0	

Red = invariant; blue = possible  
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1890	MAR	JOSCELYNE						
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1890	DEC	JOSCELYNE						
1891	MAR	JOSCELYNE	HARRIET	ELIZABETH		LOW	2B	634
1891	JUNE	JOSCELYNE	ROBERT			SUBURY	4A	713
1891	SEPT	JOSCELYNE	HENRY	CHARLES		ST OLAVE	1D	413
1891	DEC	JOSCELYNE	HARRIET			SUBURY	6A	1002

The letter and material shown on these two pages has been supplied by Dr. C.A. Snodgrass MA. MD. FRCOG. member No 103. dated 27 July 1997

## JOSLINS STONEMASONS HOLD ROYAL WARRANT


We have received an article from MICHAEL BRILL No 82 taken from the Daily Telegraph (letter dated 28/10/97) and refers to JOSLIN'S, stonemasons holding the Royal Warrant.

THE grave of Sir Winston Churchill is to be redesigned under a £500,000 programme that will restore and maintain the site of his last resting place at Bladon in Oxfordshire, for all time.

He died in 1965 and was joined 12 years later by his wife Clementine.

The new gravestone of Portland stone will be raised to make it a more prominent memorial. A terraced effect will be given to the 16 graves in the plot, including those of Sir Winston's mother and father. The plot will be surrounded by a paved walkway with stone and wooden benches for "quiet contemplation".

His grandson, Winston



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THE NEXT AGM WILL TAKE PLACE IN

## BOCKING ESSEX

ON SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 18 1998.

FULL DETAILS WILL BE SENT TO YOU CLOSER TO THE TIME.

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## LONDON TO BRIGHTON BIKE RIDE 1998

Simon Joslin, Member No 05, took part in the 1998 London to Brighton Sponsored Bike Ride in aid of the British Heart Foundation on Sunday, June 21 1998.

The team with which he rode, *Lancaster Porche*, based at his local pub, the Cherry Tree in Rowledge, Surrey/Hampshire – one bar in Surrey/one in Hampshire (well worth a visit!) a total of 30 riders – raised an average of £130 each in aid of the charity. it was a fun filled but exhausting day with over 27,000 riders taking part and the *Lancaster Porche*, team took just 5hrs 13mins to complete the run.

Churchill, said last night that almost all the money for the restoration was being provided from the £12.5 million in National Lottery heritage funds paid to the family two years ago for Sir Winston's archives.

Mr Churchill said a contract had been agreed with Joslin's stonemasons holding the Royal Warrant, to do the work at a cost of £350,000. A further £150,000 would then be raised to provide an endowment for the trust so that the churchyard site could be

maintained in perpetuity.

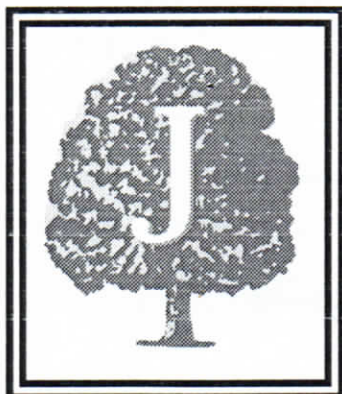
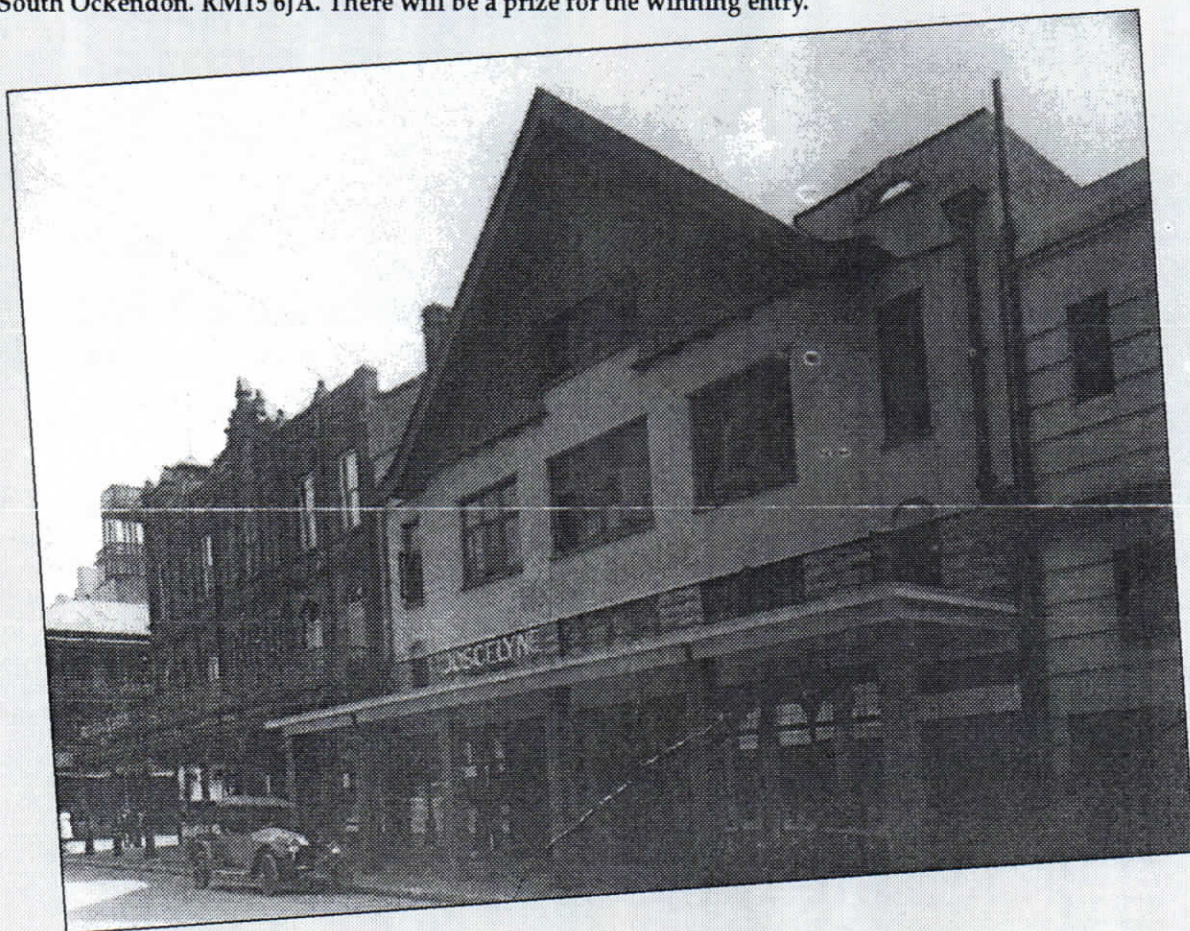
The restoration work, due to be completed by the end of April, means the Churchill graves will be closed to the public for the winter.

*Editors note. Some paragraphs have been omitted from the newspaper report.*



## GUESS WHERE THIS IS!

Brian Joscelyne Member 06 has kindly sent us this photograph of an establishment connected with the family name, it dates from the 1920s. There are clues as to the location contained in the picture, if anyone can guess where it is please send your answers to our editor Bill Joscelyne 74 Celandine Close, South Ockendon. RM15 6JA. There will be a prize for the winning entry.



### OUR THANKS

Many thanks to those members who helped out with articles, family trees and pictures in this our 14th issue. It is this kind of contribution that is vital to the Josselin Journal, it is you, the readers who make the magazine possible, without your stories, articles there would be nothing to publish so please send in anything you can that may be of interest, if you have any pictures to accompany your articles don't hesitate to submit them we promise to look after them. Goodbye for now

Any articles, pictures etc for publication in the Josselin Journal should be sent to the Editor:  
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