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Sidlesham Heritage Trail



Best wishes for 2020

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Michael Portillo and The LSA

An unlikely combination I hear you say, but how many of you watch Michael Portillo's Great Railway Journeys? During the programme on Wednesday 22nd January he visited Newborne LSA in Suffolk. He also visited the Crittall window factory which manufactured the metal windows for the first LSA houses – although the programme didn't make the connection!

Thanks to Leigh Belcham, who appears in the programme, for sending me the link below:

<https://fmebrandmanagement.box.com/s/wq1wvawb77f9pxn4bwp0tynaqpwp7z01>

To view, click on the link and then wait until a multi-coloured screen appears. Click on the arrow. A high-pitched intermittent whistle will then keep sounding. After a minute or two a stopwatch graphic will count down the remaining time. A black screen will then follow. You can keep track of the download on the scroll bar at the bottom of the screen. Be patient - it does load eventually but it takes a while! Crittall windows at Witham starts at 3.15 mins and the Newbourne section starts at 16.00 mins.

Alternatively, you can view the programme using BBCi Player, but that is only available for 29 days from the transmission date. (ie: until 20th February)

Please note:

Whilst the producers of the programme are happy for the link to be shared with friends, it must only be used for private viewing. Please do not post on social media or any website.

Another original - eventually

The 'Stories' section of the Heritage Trail website listed the Davidson family as the first tenants at No 11 (Cow Lane). John Graves (No 22) gave me a copy of the photograph of the first families outside Keynor Hut which his wife Kathleen had annotated with the names and the numbers of smallholdings for some of the people – Davidson being one.

Recently I received an email via the website asking if the name could possibly be misspelt as two women were recognised on the photograph – Sabina & Irene Davison.

George, his wife Sabina and daughter Irene came from Washington, County Durham where George had been a miner at Usworth Colliery. George Davison is also in the photograph, but his relations had not spotted him. The family were one of those which did not adapt to LSA life, but they didn't 'return north' as several other families, but moved to Chichester before the outbreak of war. The 1939 Census records the family living at 33 Kingsham Avenue when George was a Gravel Pit Labourer and daughter Irene worked in the offices of a brewery (Henty & Constable). There was no mention of son Albert who joined the navy during the war, was lost in action and is buried in Sidlesham Churchyard.

In total we now know the identity of 18 of the families in the Keynor Hut photograph.

There was one, now there are two first names missing !

The Boatman family were at No 70 during the 1970s – still need first names?
A, B. Warlow was on the Tenant's Register in 1981 at No 1 (opposite the school).

Thank you for all your continued support and assistance with this project.

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