

James Howell Davies

Head Teacher

Number: Not applicable

Died: 20 June 1974 Age: 75

How Died: Natural causes

Country of burial: England

Cemetery or Memorial: Not applicable

Town Memorial: Not applicable

Extra Information

Soon after WW2 started my father was evacuated to Tideswell in Derbyshire with his school. For the many happy months they were there my mother and father enjoyed the relative peace and quiet of the area.

This was to change when my father was asked to return to Manchester as they wanted him to take charge of the Messenger Service which was part of the Air Raid Precautions ARP. The ARP Services included several specialist branches one of them being the Messengers.

- These Messengers were often Boy Scouts or Boys Brigade members aged between 14 and 18. As messengers or runners they would take messages from wardens and carry them to the sector post or the Control Centre. As bombing would often sever the telephone lines messengers performed an important role.
- My father remained in this service until the end of the war. He didn't talk much about what he had witnessed during the raids on Manchester other than to say it had been a traumatic time for those first on the scene after the bombs had fallen.

(Information provided by James Davies's daughter, Betsan Mary Cocker (nee Davies))

Memorials found on:

Not applicable