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Part I

The Street family

Kenneth Ian Street (1928 - 2020)

Husband of Audrey Edith Mitchell



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**KENNETH IAN STREET** was born on 30 November 1928 at 218 Ashmore Road in Paddington, London, England.

Father: Walter Thomas Street

Mother: May Gladys Collman

## ~ 1928

From the Birth certificate:

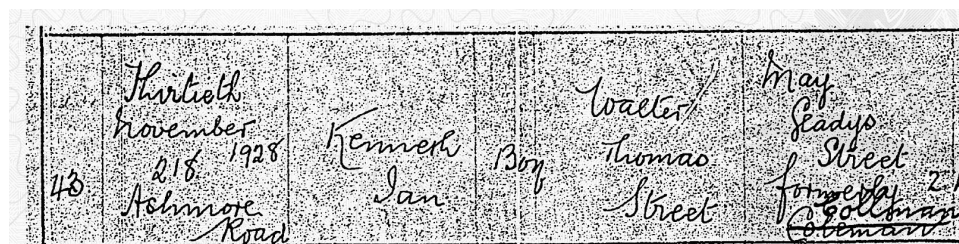
Registration District - Paddington

1929 Birth in the Sub-district of Paddington North in the County of London

No. / When and where born / Name / Sex / Father's name / Mother's maiden name /  
Occupation of father / Informant / When registered / Signature of registrar

43 / Thirtieth November 1928 218 Ashmore Road / Kenneth Ian / Boy / Walter Thomas  
Street / May Gladys Street formerly Collman / Truck Manufacturer / M. G. Street  
Mother 218 Ashmore Road / Eleventh January 1929 / W J Hughes Deputy Registrar

Image of part of the record:



## ~ 1929

Kenneth's parents, Walter Thomas and "Mary" Gladys Street, were listed at 218 Ashmore Road in Paddington, London.

They were living with several other people at that place.

From the London Electoral Registers:

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Polling District C. Harrow Road Ward (Part Of)

218 Ashmore Road

708	R	O	Garrand, Herbert Hugh	218
709	Rw	Dw	Garrand, Amy Ellen Naomi	218
710	Rw	Ow	Preston, Gertrude Annie --- J	218
711	Rw	---	Preston, Lillian	218
712	R	---	Preston, William Thomas	218
713	R	O	Street, Walter Thomas	218
714	Rw	Dw	Street, Mary Gladys	218



## ~ 1932

Kenneth's parents, Walter Thomas and May Gladys Street, were listed at 269 Shirland Road in Paddington, London.

This time Kenneth was also living with other Street and Wicks family members.

From the London Electoral Registers:

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Polling District F. Harrow Road Ward (Part Of)

269 Shirland Road

8774	R	O	Street, Henry Robert	269
8775	Rw	Dw	Street, Emily Ellen	269
8776	R	O	Street, Walter Thomas	269
8777	Rw	Dw	Street, May Gladys	269
8778	R	O	Wicks, Harry Spencer	269
8779	Rw	Dw	Wicks, Pauline	269

## ~ 1934

Kenneth's parents, Walter Thomas and May Gladys Street, were listed at 37 Askew Road in Hammersmith, London.

From the London Electoral Registers:

Page 16

Hammersmith (North). Polling District L.

37 Askew Road

821	R	O	Street, Walter Thomas	37
822	Rw	Dw	Street, May Gladys	37
823	R	----	Street, Frederick Charles	37
824	R	----	Brown, James	37

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785	R	----	Street, Frederick Charles	37
786	R	----	Brown, James	37
787	B	O	Witcomb, Robert	37a

(abode, 35 Sutton Square, Heston, Middlesex)

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### ~ **between 1935 and 1936**

The Street family moved from Hammersmith, London to Reading, Berkshire in the period between 1935 and 1936.

### ~ **the home in Reading, Berkshire**



The place at 51 Thirlmere Avenue in Reading, Berkshire that the Street family lived in since mid 1930's to the 1960's. The picture is how it appears nowadays.

### ~ 1936

Kenneth's parents, Walter Thomas and May Gladys Street, were listed at 51 Thirlmere Avenue in Reading, Berkshire in 1936.

From the Berkshire Electoral Registers:

Page 36

Polling District M Tilehurst Ward No. 3.

51 Thirlmere Avenue

9243	R	O	Street, Walter Thomas	51
9244	Rw	Dw	Street, May Gladys	51

### ~ 1939

Kenneth was living with his parents, Walter T. and May Gladys Street at 51 Thirlmere Avenue in Reading, Berkshire.

His father was a Leather and Suit Case Maker.

Kenneth's grandmother, Emily E. Street was living with them.

From the 1939 England and Wales Register:

No. of Schedule 312

51 Thirlemere Ave

*Sub. No. / Name / Sex / Birthdate / Marital status / Occupation*

1 / Street Walter T / M / 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 94 / M / Leather & Suit Case Maker

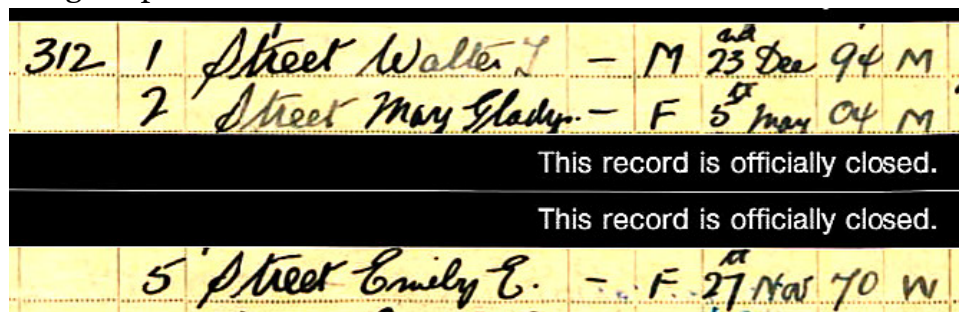
2 / Street May Gladys / F / 5<sup>th</sup> May 04 / M / Unpaid domestic duties

3 / [ ----- This record is officially closed. ----- ]

4 / [ ----- This record is officially closed. ----- ]

5 / Street Emily E. / F / 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 70 / W / Unpaid domestic duties

Image of part of the record:



Kenneth Street who at this time would be 10 years of age is one of those records redacted.

#### Research notes:

The people who control the 1939 Register, redacted all those people that were born less than 100 years ago unless they can verify that the person is dead. Kenneth Street is gone but they don't know he died with the name of Ralph Harvey.

I could send them a copy of the death certificate to have the redaction removed. Inside the death cert. of Ralph Harvey is mentioned the name of Kenneth Ian Street (see below at 2020).

#### ~ 1945

Kenneth and his parents, Walter and May Street, were listed at 51 Thirlmere Avenue in Reading, Berkshire in 1945.

From the Berkshire Electoral Registers:

Page 14

Borough of Reading - Reading North Constituency - Polling District Tilehurst Ward No. 3. (LN) - Tilehurst Ward.

51 Thirlmere Avenue

2585	Street, Kenneth Ian	51
2586	Street, May Gladys	51
2587	Street, Walter Thomas	51

#### ~ 11 March 1955

Kenneth Street an escapologist was mentioned in an article.

From the newspaper, Reading Standard, Friday 11 March 1955:

**“West End Players”**

A concert took place at Denmark Hall, Reading, on Saturday, in aid of church funds. The "West End Players," from the Community Association, presented two one-act plays – "The Wrong Flat," and "The Man on the Sofa." The Players were: Mrs. D. Rackley, Mrs. D. Dare, Mrs. D. Holloway, Miss Jackman, the Misses Ivy and Betty Rolls, Mr. V. Liddiard, Mr. F. Organ, Mr. A. Hitchman and Mr. K. Street. The producer was Mr. John Dare. The guest artistes were Martin Harbour, the well-known boy conjurer, Mr. M. J. C. Dare (pianoforte), and Mr. Kenneth Street (escapologist).

## ~ 1955

Kenneth Ian Street married **AUDREY EDITH MITCHELL** on 5th November 1955 in the Register Office in Reading, Berkshire.

From the marriage certificate:

1955. Marriage solemnized at the Register Office in the District of Reading in the County Borough of Reading

No. - 123

When married - Fifth November 1955

Name / Age / Condition / Profession / Residence at the time of marriage / Father's name / Father's profession

Kenneth Ian Street / 26 years / Bachelor / Entomologist / 34 Junction Road, Reading / Walter Thomas Street / Truck Manufacturer

Audrey Edith Street formerly known as Audrey Edith Cole / 26 years / Previous marriage dissolved / ----- / 34 Junction Road, Reading / Frederick Percival Mitchell / Clerk

Married in the Register Office by Licence before me A. E. Davis Superintendent Registrar M. G. Ogden Interim Registrar

This marriage was solemnized between us,

Kenneth Ian Street

Audrey Edith Street

in the presence of us,

W. T. Street

M. G. Street

Ivon H. Parr

Image of part of the record:

1955		Marriage solemnized at		the Register Office	
District of		Reading		in the	
Columns :-	1	2	3	4	5
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Apparently Audrey Cole after she separated from Jonathan H. Cole, she went to live with Kenneth Street and changed her last name to Street (by Deed Poll?) before her marriage to Kenneth Street.

For some more history on Audrey E. Michell before she married Ken Street, see below in Part II.

## ~ 1956

Kenneth Ian and Audrey Edith Street were living at 34 Junction Road in Reading, Berkshire.

From the Berkshire Electoral Registers:

Page 2

County of Berks - Wokingham Constituency - Parliamentary Polling District (JU) - Reading No. 2. - (East Ward - Part). Local Government Polling District - East Ward 2. (JU).

34 Junction Road

2435 Street, Audrey Edith 34

2436 Street, Kenneth Ian 34

2437 Tyler, Lavinia Elizabeth 34

## ~ 11 October 1957

Ken Street started plans to open a night club in Reading, Berkshire. It was to be called the El Cubano.

From the newspaper, Reading Standard, Friday 11 October 1957:

### 'El Cubano' -- Reading's Very First Night Club

READING'S first night club plans to open in three week's time. There will be music, dancing and cabaret until one o'clock in the morning.

Owner of the club (to be called "El Cubano") is 29-year-old Ken Street, of "The Firs," Hamilton Road. On Wednesday he gave the Reading Standard exclusive details of his plans.

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**~ 25 October 1957**

Another article about Ken Street and the El Cubano's opening.

From the newspaper, Reading Standard, Friday 25 October 1957:

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There will be a waiter service and a cabaret. Admission will be 5s. 6d. to members and 6s. 6d. for their guests. Membership will be 10s. a year. Free membership for six months will be given to the first 100 people who attend next Saturday night.

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## **~ 1 November 1957**

Everything is ready for the opening of El Cubano, Ken Street mentioned.

From the newspaper, Reading Standard, Friday 01 November 1957:

“A Fabulous Night”

EVERYTHING is ready for the opening of El Cubano, Reading's first night club in Percy Place, Broad Street, to-morrow night.

The club doors will be opened at eight o'clock, and directors Ken Street and Don Park expect a large crowd, for they have promised the first hundred people to arrive free membership for six months. The club will close at 1 a.m. on Sunday.

Fashion model and actress Jo Ann Matthews, who has a turf accountant's business at Windsor, will perform the opening ceremony. Also present will be Dennis Hamilton, husband of filmstar Diana Dors. Other celebrities are expected.

“It will be a fabulous night,” says Ken, “and we feel the success of El Cubano is assured.”

Image of the article:



~ 8 November 1957

The club El Cubano had its first night and Ken Street and his wife were there for the grand opening.

From the newspaper, Reading Standard, Friday 08 November 1957:

**El Cubano's First Night**

**Soft Lights and Sweet Music as You Wine and Dine**

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**~ 22 November 1957**

An advertisement for the El Cubano mentioned the host Kenneth I. Street.

From the newspaper, Reading Standard, Friday 22 November 1957:

**El Cubano**

READING'S ONLY NIGHT CLUB Percy Place, Broad Street, Reading (Entrance 10 yds. Marks & Spencers)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Dance to the Terry Renn Group Your host: Kenneth I. Street

Cabaret by The Jacqueline Knowles' Dancing Girls and Leo on the Electronic Keyboard

Also Our Resident Guitarist, Reading's Own PADDY EDWARDS

Dancing and Cabaret continuous, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

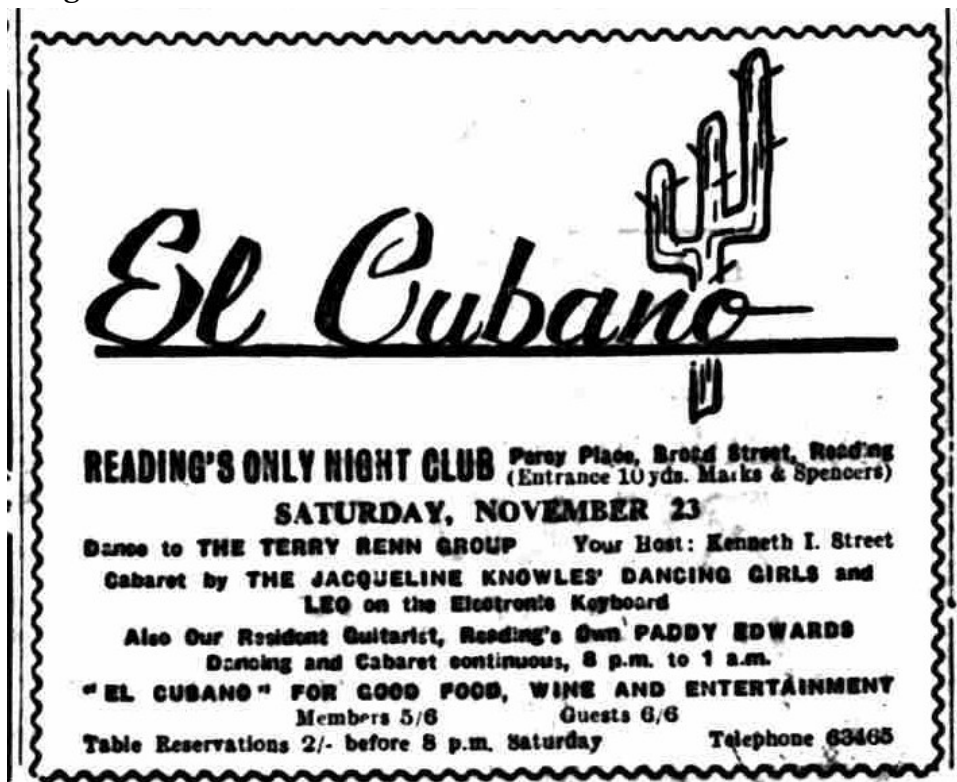
"EL CUBANO" for Good Food, Wine and Entertainment

Members 5/6      Guests 6/6

Table Reservations 2/- before 8 p.m. Saturday

Telephone 63465

Image of the advertisement:



### ~ 6 December 1957

Article about who is playing at El Cubano club.

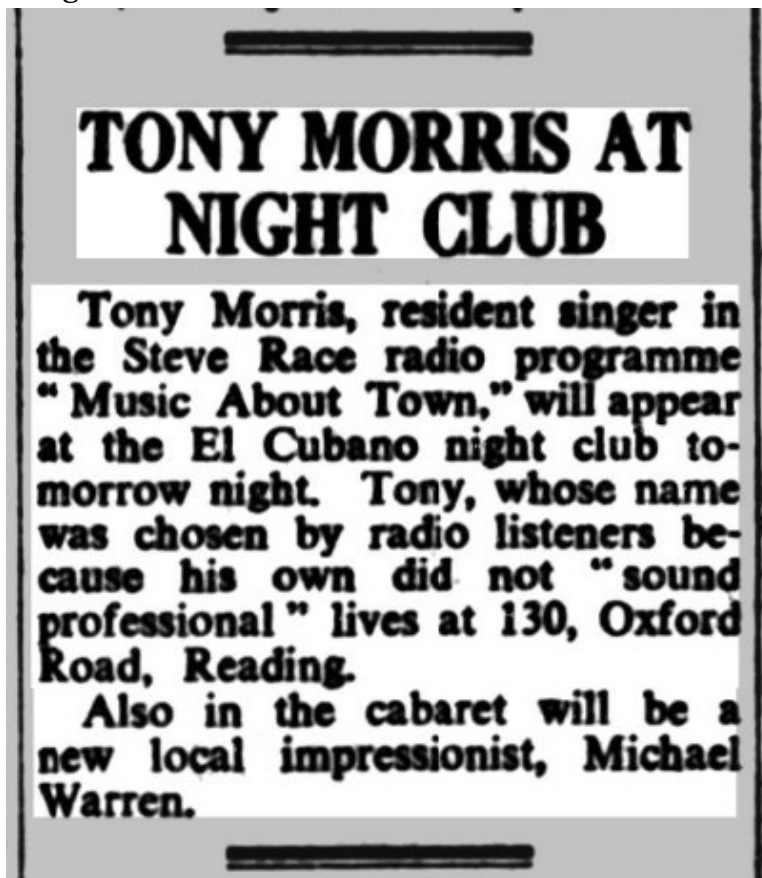
From the newspaper, Reading Standard, Friday 06 December 1957:

#### TONY MORRIS AT NIGHT CLUB

Tony Morris, resident singer in the Steve Race radio programme "Music About Town," will appear at the El Cubano night club tomorrow night. Tony, whose name was chosen by radio listeners because his own did not "sound professional" lives at 130, Oxford Road Reading.

Also in cabaret will be a new local impressionist, Michael Warren.

Image of the article:



~ **20 December 1957**

El Cubano advertisement mentioning Christmas party and host Kenneth I. Street.

From the newspaper, Reading Standard, Friday 20 December 1957:

Reading's Only Night Club

Percy Place, Broad St., Reading

(entrance 10 yards from Marks & Spencers)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

El Cubano

Our Christmas Party

Music by Terry Renn Group

Your host: KENNETH I. STREET

Cabaret

Reading's Star of Radio and Television Tomy Morris

Michael Hill at his Electric Organ

Jose Dubois, Reading's Gigli Dancing and Cabaret continuous, 8 p.m. – 1 a.m.

El Cabano for Good Food, Wine and Entertainment

Members 5/6 ... Guests 6/6

Table Reservation 2/- . Phone 63465 before 8 p.m. Saturday

El Cubano regrets the non-appearances of Tony Morris last Saturday, he was indisposed with a throat infection

Image of the advertisement:



~ 17 January 1958

Customers find the El Cubano club deserted and wondering what happened.

From the newspaper, Reading Standard, Friday 17 January 1958:

LIGHTS OUT !

WHAT has happened to the El Cubano night club? Since the last Saturday in December, the shutters have been up. Members arriving for an evening's entertainment have been surprised to find the place deserted.

I understand that El Cubano has dosed for the time being but that is will open as soon as more suitable premises can be found.

Image of the article:



## ~ 8 February 1958

Kenneth Ian Street was one of the three Tory candidates selected to run for the newly created Caversham Ward in the municipal election for Reading, Berkshire.

From the newspaper, Reading Mercury, Saturday 08 February 1958:

### THREE TORY CANDIDATES

For Caversham Ward

Conservatives of the newly-named Caversham Ward (formerly Caversham East) got off the mark with such alacrity that, with three candidates for adoption at St. Anne's Hall on Wednesday evening instead of the single one expected, two of the chosen had no time to prepare speeches. ...

"The three candidates adopted are: ..."

"Mr. Kenneth Ian Street, aged 29, married and with three children, of The Firs, 15, Hamilton Road, Reading Has lived in Reading from age five, was educated at the Alfred Sutton School, served in the R.A.F. during the last war. Is an analyst at Reading University's agricultural chemistry department. Was chairman of the executive of the West End Community Association for two years, and has been chairman of Reading International Club."

## ~ 13 February 1958

An article mentioning the agent candidate but mistakenly mentioned him as Kenneth Ian Strauss. Kenneth Street did run a business called Strauss Enterprise and the newspaper people confused his last name with Strauss.

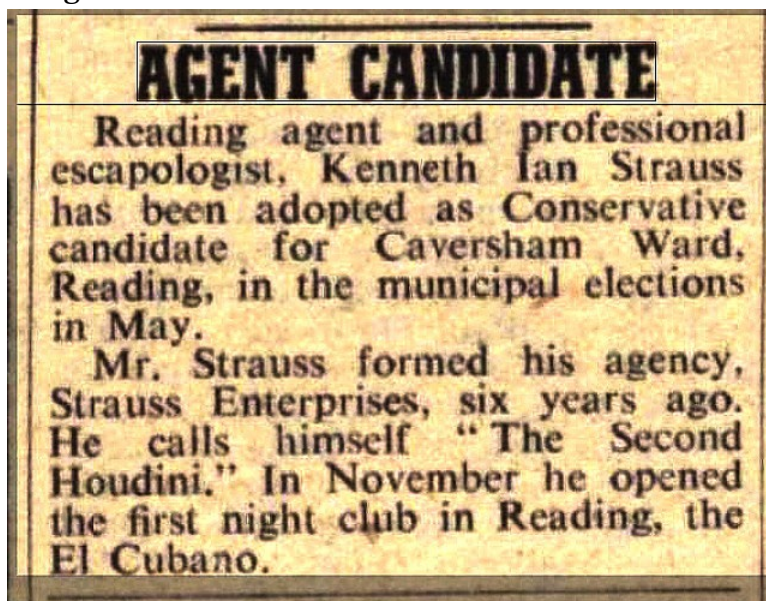
From the newspaper, The Stage, Thursday 13 February 1958:

### **AGENT CANDIDATE**

Reading agent and professional escapologist, Kenneth Ian Strauss has been adopted as Conservative candidate for Caversham Ward, Reading, in the municipal elections in May.

Mr. Strauss formed his agency, Strauss Enterprises, six years ago. He calls himself "The Second Houdini." In November he opened the first night club in Reading, the El Cubano.

Image of the article:



## ~ 28 March 1958

Mr. Kenneth Street has withdrawn his candidacy in the election due person reasons.

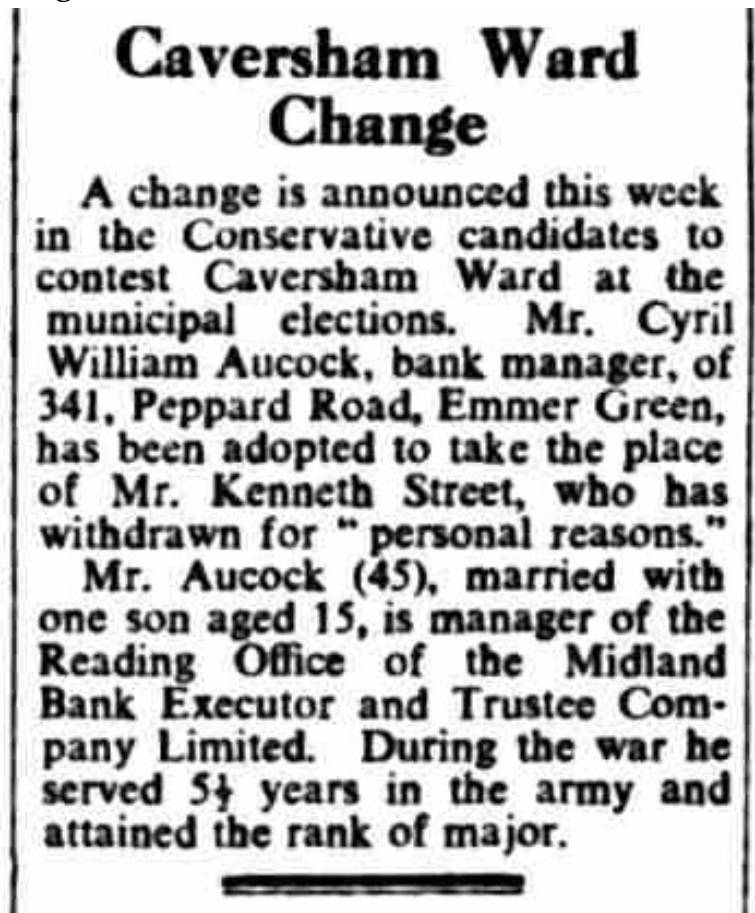
From the newspaper, Reading Standard, Friday 28 March 1958:

### **Caversham Ward Change**

A change is announced this week in the Conservative candidates to contest Caversham Ward at the municipal elections. Mr. Cyril William Aucock, bank manager, of 341, Peppard Road, Emmer Green, has been adopted to take the place of Mr. Kenneth Street, who has withdrawn for "personal reasons."

Mr. Aucock (45). married with one son aged 15, is manager of the Reading Office of the Midland Bank Executor and Trustee Company Limited. During the war he served 5 1/2 years in the army and attained the rank of major.

Image of the article:



**~ 11 April 1958**

Kenneth Street is now selected as one of the Tory candidates for the Norcot Ward.

From the newspaper, Reading Standard, Friday 11 April 1958:

### **May Elections**

#### **Norcot Tories Adopt Three Candidates**

KENNETH STREET, 29-year-old analyst, of 15, Hamilton Road, Reading, who two months ago was adopted as prospective Conservative candidate for Caversham, then withdrew "for personal reasons," has been adopted as prospective candidate for Norcot ward.



“One of the reasons why I withdrew was because I wanted to stand for the ward in which I am well known,” he said. “I lived for a number of years in the ward, and I am sure that I can persuade my Socialist friends to vote for me as an individual and not as a member of a party.”

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Also adopted was Mrs. Barbara

## **~ 9 May 1958**

The Tory party failed to gain seats in the Municipal Election in Reading, Berkshire. K. I. Street of the Norcot Ward had 1,262 votes but lost.

From the newspaper, Reading Standard, Friday 09 May 1958:

### **LABOUR RETAINS CONTROL OF COUNCIL**

Their Majority is up by Two

“READING’S “general election” ended at 12.30 this morning when the final result was announced --- and, despite earlier Tory optimism, Labour have retained control of the Town Council with a majority increased by two. They now have 33 out of a total of 52 seats, which gives them a majority of 14.

This was the biggest --- and for the two main political parties the most expensive --- municipal election the Borough has ever seen, and was the result of redistribution of wards to equalize the number of electors in each.”

### **The Complete Election Results**

(the results of several Wards were given, but only extracted the following Ward)

#### **NORCOT**

(Electorate 6,462)

Mrs. A. G. Sturrock (Lab.)	1669
P. Belcher (Lab.)	1641
E. T. Waltham (Lab.)	1605
J. Townsend (Con.)	1359
Mrs. B. J. Hunt (Con.)	1283
K. I. Street (Con.)	1262

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~ **27 June 1958**

At a Friday midnight movie review of *Dracula*, Ken Street was one of the unexpected guests and he showed up dressed like *Dracula*.

From the newspaper, Reading Standard, Friday 27 June 1958:

#### SHOWTIME PARADE

by Terence Daum

My week-end double: BEAUTY – and the BEAST

IT was the social event of the week, but it turned out to be a pretty grisly affair.

Everyone arrived for Friday's midnight review of **Dracula** very pleased with themselves (for they were going to see a free film show). But when they left, no more smiles and idle chatter; just nervous expressions, pale cheeks and, in some cases, a rather nasty sinking feeling inside.

The film, made at Berkshire's Bray Studios, is the goriest I've seen.

Three hundred and fifty people were there --- about 150 more than originally expected. Gaumont manager Hal Silander had sent invitations to publicans, shopkeepers and policemen.

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He came dressed as *Dracula* in top hat, cloak and plastic fangs, and explained: "I'm a gatecrasher" in a very un-*Dracula* voice --- apparently the fangs were two sizes too big!

**Miss Reading** was there, rival cinema managers were there, and a dozen Reading nurses were there.

Hal's wife Shirley, who had an operation a few months ago, told me before the show: "I practically ordered them to come. They put me through it: now I want to put them through it."

Then the picture started and we were all put through it.

Dracula, of course, is a monster who lives on blood --- other people's blood. So in a way that didn't leave anything to the imagination, the film showed us how he went about getting it.

At first the blood looked like tomato ketchup. But there was so much of it, after a while it stopped being ketchup and looked remarkably like the real thing, which I thought unamusing and quite unnecessary.

So my advice to the squeamish is --- don't see this film!

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Hal's wife Shirley, who had an operation a few months ago, told me before the show: "I practically ordered them to come. They put me through it; now I want to put them through it."

Then the picture started and we were all put through it.

Dracula, of course, is a monster who lives on blood—other people's blood. So in a way that didn't leave anything to the imagination, the film showed us how he went about getting it.

At first the blood looked like tomato ketchup. But there was so much of it, after a while it stopped being ketchup and looked remarkably like the real thing, which I thought unamusing and quite unnecessary.

So my advice to the squeamish is—don't see this film!

### COURAGE NEEDED!

IN need of glamour, I made my week-end double next day—straight from the beast to the beauty. I went to choose Mortimer British Legion's Miss Legion 1958 at a dance in the Village Hall.

And, when you have ten village girls trying to look their most attractive, and have to say publicly that one of them is best, it certainly takes some courage!

In the end, 23-year-old Josie Kelly, of Windmill Corner, Mortimer, was presented with the money prize and sash.

Josie is very nice, with brown hair and brown eyes.

"Tell me about yourself," I said afterwards. She replied: "36,26,36. I read war novels. I like sport, and I'm engaged."

To-morrow she marries REME Staff Sgt. John Kemp at Douai Abbey. Then they'll honeymoon in Devon.

"John has signed on for 17 years and will shortly be posted abroad, so I'll have lots of spare time to carry out 'Miss Legion' duties," laughed Josie.

### FOR THE RECORD

THE girl in the record shop frowned. I'd just bought two records, and had asked to hear another one. "Bloomin' customers," she muttered to another salesgirl. "they seem to think we're here for their benefit."

Do you know, that's just what I did think!

## **~25 November 1960**

Kenneth Ian Street was taken to the Bankruptcy court. At the time he was operating a business called Kendry Motor Co. in Reading, Berkshire.

From the newspaper, Reading Standard, Friday 25 November 1960:

The Bankruptcy Acts, 1914 and 1926

IN the Reading County Court in Bankruptcy No. 14 of 1960. Re Kenneth Ian Street, Motor Trader residing and carrying on business under the style of Kendry Motor Co., at 408b, Wokingham Road, Earley, Reading, in the County of Berks, and previously carrying on business with another as Club Proprietors under the style of El Cubano Club at The Studio, Percy Place, Broad Street, Reading aforesaid (described in the Receiving Order as Garage Proprietor and Motor Car Dealer described in the Petition as an Analyst).

Order of Adjudication date the 10th day of November, 1960.

W. WHITEHEAD, Official Receiver.

58/61, York Terrace, Regent's Park, London, N.W.I.      25-11



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**~ 9 December 1960**

Follow up article on the Bankruptcy case of Kenneth Ian Street.

From the newspaper, Reading Standard, Friday 9 December 1960:

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The Bankruptcy Acts, 1914 and 1926

IN the Reading County Court in Bankruptcy No. 14 of 1960. Re Kenneth Ian Street of 408b Wokingham Road, Earley, Reading, lately trading at Kendry Motor Co.

I, Robin Harry Langdon-Davies of 175 Friar Street, Reading, hereby give notice that I have been duly appointed and certified by the Board of Trade as Trustee of the Estate of the above-named Bankrupt.

All persons having in their possession any of the effects of the Bankrupt must deliver them to me, and all Debts due to the Bankrupt must be paid to me.

Creditors who have not yet proved their Debts must forward their proofs of Debts to me.

R. H. LANGDON-DAVIES.

2nd December, 1960.            9-12

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**R. H. LANGDON-DAVIES.**  
2nd December, 1960. 9-12

~ 1964

Kenneth Ian and Audrey Edith Street were listed at 98 Whitley Street in Reading, Berkshire.

From the Berkshire Electoral Registers:

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Borough of Reading - Reading Constituency - Polling District Katesgrove Ward No. 2.  
(O) - Katesgrove Ward.

98 Whitley Street

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### **~ between 1964 and 1982**

Kenneth and Audrey Street moved from Reading, Berkshire to Sussex in the period between 1964 and 1982.

Audrey probably wanted to move back to the area where she came from. Her mother was from the Kemp family of Brighton.

### **~ 5 February 1982**

Ralph Harvey, of Brighton and a professional film and TV stuntman, is planning an action pack afternoon at a drama class.

From the newspaper, Littlehampton Gazette, Friday 05 February 1982:

#### **Prepare for action**

AN action-packed afternoon of swordplay and swashbuckling is promised at Rustington Scout Hall tomorrow (Saturday).

For professional film and TV stuntman Ralph Harvey, who lives in Brighton, is paying a visit to Drama 80. He will spend two hours with this youth theatre workshop run by Littlehampton drama teacher Michael Edgley for 60 pupils between the ages of five and 22.

Mr Harvey, who owns a theatrical costumiers business in Hove, will demonstrate the use of weapons on the stage, including swords, spears and pistols, and will use some of the teenage students when he shows how fights and falls are staged.

### **~ 12 February 1982**

Mr. Ralph Harvey was the guest of Drama 80, a Saturday afternoon workshop based at Rustington Scout Hall.

From the newspaper, Littlehampton Gazette, Friday 12 February 1982:



One in the Eye for the student John Barley as TV stuntman Ralph Harvey shows his skills.

### **Stunt ace makes his point**

By Brian Shewry

THERE was the noise of battle in the air at Rustington on Saturday, with the clash of swords and the crack of pistol shots.

But it was all part of the make-believe world of theatre, television and films, created for an audience of young drama students by an expert, Brighton's Ralph Harvey.

A film stuntman, a member of the Sealed Knot and a fight arranger for the Napoleonic Association, Mr Harvey was the guest of Drama 80, a Saturday afternoon workshop based at Rustington Scout Hall.

It is run for young people between the ages of five and 22 by Littlehampton drama teacher Michael Edgley, who is producer for Jubilee Productions.

Mr Harvey brought with him an assistant to help demonstrate how fights are staged for theatre, films and TV but he also used some of the students in his performance.

### **Arms collection**

He had plenty of props for not only does he run a theatrical costumiers in Brighton but he also has the biggest collection of arms and weapons for hire for theatrical use along the south coast.

Ralph, who has recently been working on the new film version of Ivanhoe, brought with him a range of swords from a hand-and-a-half broadsword to fencing foils.

One student, 19-year-old Sean Nash, took part in the action when he was stabbed with a dagger and then thrown over Ralph's shoulder.

Another student, John Barley, 21, was dressed in Viking armour and used for a demonstration of various types of attack with a sword.

Finally he put a Viking helmet on one of the younger students, nine-year-old Stephen Thompson, and whacked him over the head with a sword --- just to prove it could be done without hurting.

### **~ 22 June 1984**

Ralph Harvey gave a lecture about White Witchcraft to an 18 Plus group.

From the newspaper, Mid Sussex Times, Friday 22 June 1984:

#### **BRIEFLY**

THE smell of burning incense greeted members of the Haywards Heath and Burgess Hill 18 Plus group at a lecture on white witchcraft.

Ralph Harvey told the group about the history of the pagan religion, originally known as wisecraft. One point of particular interest to the female members was the fact that witches believe woman to be superior to man.

Although much of their practice is sacrosanct to the coven, Mr Harvey produced an interesting talk which stimulated many questions and dispelled a lot of fallacies.

**~ 18 July 1986**

Ralph Harvey, and his Harvey's Agency of Hove, Sussex, had medieval fights staged for an event to raise money for the hospital in Shoreham, Sussex.

From the newspaper, Shoreham Herald, Friday 18 July 1986:



Dave Gordon and Bob Domone are pictured above in close combat while pupil nurse Jane Sheppard, left, is pictured below with staff nurse, Alison Lake enjoying an ice cream with Teddy !







Saxon maid Vikki De Angelis.

### **Fighting to raise cash!**

Pictures: Gerald Thompson

A NORMALLY peaceful summer's fete was interrupted by the clash of steel on Saturday as marauding Saxons and Vikings crossed swords in the grounds of Southlands Hospital, Shoreham.

Thanks to the costumes and manpower of Harvey's Agency, Hove, the crowds were entertained by a medieval pageant, which was praised for its colour and authenticity.

'We staged mock fights and they seemed a real success with the crowds,' said owner Mr Ralph Harvey.

Organised by the League of Friends of Southlands Hospital, the fete also included a mixed bag of stalls and attractions, which made the event its normal money-spinning success.

League secretary Ted Bacon said the proceeds were still being counted but he estimated they had raised £1,200

The money will be used to buy equipment for the hospital.

Delighted by the event's success, Mr Bacon said the weather, good turnout and efforts of the organisers and stall holders had all resulted in a winning combination.

He added that a prize is still waiting to be claimed at the hospital shop. Anybody who can produce the lucky entrant ticket, number 1086, has won £5.

### **~ 27 May 1988**

Ralph and Audrey Harvey were at a Tudor banquet, organised as part of the Brighton Festival to mark the defeat of the Spanish Armada 400 years ago. Actress Rosalind Shanks took pride of place as Queen Bess, dressed in the awesome costume worn by Glenda Jackson.

From the newspaper, Shoreham Herald, Friday 27 May 1988:



Above, Ralph Harvey enjoys some swordplay.

Below, Peter Field as the Lord Steward.





Yvonne and Kim Chong and Ralph and Audrey Harvey in an Elizabethan setting



Above, an impressive Queen Bess from Rosalind Shanks.

Below, Ann Colenutt and Valerie Deacon in the lovely grounds of St. Mary's.



Pictures by Stephen Goodger

### **Reliving days of Queen Bess**

FEASTING AND merriment were the order for the weekend when Queen Elizabeth the First arrived at St Mary's House in Bramber.

The table was full for a Tudor banquet, organised as part of the Brighton Festival to mark the defeat of the Spanish Armada 400 years ago. Actress Rosalind Shanks took pride of place as Queen Bess, dressed in the awesome costume worn by Glenda Jackson for the television [sic] series Elizabeth R.

The monarch is said to have stayed in the Painted Room at the historic house. Guests in Tudor costume enjoyed Saturday's regal banquet in the music room.

### **Madrigals**

Dellcacles described on the parchment bill of fare included mackrelle caveach, or pickled mackerel, spicy rabbit and chicken pies and orange jelly, Amusing pleas on the back of the menu included, 'Do not rush at the cheese.'

Their hunger satisfied, diners listened to madrigals from The Chanctonbury Chorus and watched the Adur Players perform St George and the Turkish Knight, an ancient Mummers' Play.

Lead steward Peter Field made sure things ran smoothly, sorting out ceremonies, processions and fanfares.

### **Courtiers**

It was a full house again for Saturday night's portrait of Queen Bess in words and music. Rosalind Shanks recited some of the Queen's own poetry and chronicled her life with help from Gabriel Woolf as various courtiers and Robert Spencer on the lute.

Sunday offered a series of tunes from world-renowned lute-song ensemble Fortunes Fire. These included songs of piety, joy and courtly love from Dowland, Campion and others from Tudor and Jacobean times.

### **~ 1 February 1989**

Ralph Harvey was at a 1940s nostalgia day with music and dancing to the Glen Miller sound. Everyone enjoyed themselves re-living those exciting days in the safety of peacetime Eastbourne.

From the newspaper, Eastbourne Gazette, Wednesday 1 February 1989:



Recapturing the Glen Miller years on 1940s day are Ralph Harvey and Christine Hunt from Fort Newhaven military display team

### **Forties theme adds a swing**

“THE WARTIME generation flocked to the Lifestyle exhibition at the Winter Garden, Eastbourne last week.



Thursday was 1940s nostalgia day with music and dancing to the Glen Miller sound. Everyone enjoyed themselves re-living those exciting days in the safety of peacetime Eastbourne.

The Fort Newhaven military display team were in the Gold Room to add a touch of authenticity to the day. In between the dancing, old newsreels were screened. ...”

### **~ 25 August 1989**

Ralph Harvey was mentioned in an article that was mainly about his son Wayne de Strete who is carrying on the father’s love of history and medieval warfare re-enactments and expanding it.

From the newspaper, West Sussex County Times, Friday 25 August 1989:



Fierce viking Dave Green attacks man-at-arms Mark Griffin.



Wayne de Strete, knight, in his chainmail armour, with 13th century St Mary's Church in Horsham, in the background.

**Ready for the fray ...**

by Thelma How

Wayne de Strete's stunt team is anxious to recruit keen members from the Horsham area with a view to forming a group here.

The team is based in Brighton but is obviously keen to spread its wings. Outlining what they do Wayne said: "Everyone is trained with weaponry, including guns, but if we are going to practise or give displays of this type we have to inform the police.

"We do county shows, fetes, and take on almost anything, representing Cavaliers, Romans, knights, men-at-arms, Vikings and Western gunslingers, and we go to 'battles' --- where there are up to 800 people a day on each side."

Members of the group have appeared in Dr Who, Gentlemen and Players and Blue Peter on television as well as performing with comedian Bobby Davro.

There is to be a video release in September of the team's re-enactment of the Battle of Agincourt and they have taken part in James Bond and similar films.

"We have got chain mail and other costumes from the earliest days through to the Special Air Service," Wayne said. They normally draw a halt at World War Two, but not inevitably.

The group, whose members come from Broadbridge Heath, Burgess Hill, Colchester and further afield, tries to be as authentic as possible: Wayne, as the knight, carries a shield which is a standard singlehanded, tempered blade and he wears chain mail.

The medieval man-at-arms, Mark Griffin, of Burgess Hill, has sackings wrapped round his feet and Wayne's father, Ralph Harvey of Hove, who calls himself a "mean" Western gunslinger, wears shiny black leather from head to foot and sports two guns in his holsters as well as a Colt 45 revolver and a 54 calibre buffalo rifle.

Jeff Baker, cavalier, also of Hove, wears his unmistakable sweeping hat, velvet tunic and high boots. He has two sons, [private], eight, and [private], five, who are already very interested in their father's hobby and take part in some of the shows.

Eddie Bien, Roman, from Portslade, wears a fabric skirt encircled with a red band and with stripes of leather hanging down. The group is fortunate in having a leather worker as a member, who can help by working on the leather gear including shoes that they need.

Wayne said that the club had been running for three years and before that his father had hired people as he needed them for various shows which he undertook, so Wayne grew up in an atmosphere of historic costumes and stunts.

He explained that membership of the club was a hobby but if there was payment from any source hiring them, this was shared out by those taking part.

Wayne and his wife, [private], who also joins in by dressing up as a medieval or saxon maiden, have a one year old son, [private] and they hope that he will carry on the tradition. Many members' wives take part. They can fight to a limited extent and they also do dancing and modern day fighting.

“We are looking for members who are prepared to come down to Brighton for training and if their standard is good enough, we hope to form a group in Horsham,” he said.

“They must be really interested and be able to get on with other people as well as having an outstanding nature. Training can take a long time --- six weeks for the basic understanding and six months for the full training.

“The different weapons require different handling and everything is worked out, with safety as the major factor. The group is for enjoyment, not just to appear at shows etc. Sometimes there are outings to historic places and there is a social side to club activities.

“We have various supplies for our gear including Alan Meek of Guildford, who is a professional armourer. There is a publication called Call to Arms and this is very useful to keep us up to date.”

The motto of the team, which seems very appropriate, is Combat Through the Ages. Any enquiries should be made to Wayne on Brighton 411862.

### **~ 5 August 1999**

Audrey and Ralph Harvey were acting as Queen Victoria and her son Prince Edward at a Victorian Seaside Festival at Worthing.

From the newspaper, Lancing Herald, Thursday 05 August 1999:



**Your Majesties — Audrey and Ralph Harvey get into the Victorian mood.** *Picture: Stephen Goodger*

Your Majesties --- Audrey and Ralph Harvey get into the Victorian period.

Returning to Victorian roots

Mayor Brian McLuskie stepped back into time to welcome Queen Victoria and her son Prince Edward to Worthing Lido on Monday.

The royal couple are in town to meet and great locals visiting the Victorian Seaside Festival this weekend.

Escorting the pair through the town will be the Fort Cumberland Guard, which will perform their drills including the firing of arms.

Catch them on Saturday and Sunday between 10am and 5pm.

There will also be a chance to meet suffragettes, a pearly band and a Victorian town crier --- just watch out for the street urchins!

Event organiser Kim Long said, 'It's going to be the biggest and best event ever. We're taking Worthing back to its roots but it won't be a serious history lesson --- it will be a lot of fun. There's lots going on and it will be spectacular.'

### **~ 2005 to 2007**

Ralph and Audrey Kollman were listed as living at 84 Greenacres in Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex.

From the UK, Electoral Registers:

*Name / Birth Date / Residence Date / Address / Residence Place*

Ralph Kollman / 1927-1929 / 2005-2007 / 84, Greenacres, BN43 5XL / Shoreham-By-Sea, West Sussex, England

Audrey Kollman / 1927-1929 / 2005-2007 / 84, Greenacres, BN43 5XL / Shoreham-By-Sea, West Sussex, England

### **~ 2008 to 2010**

Ralph and Audrey DE Straete Von Kollman were living at 84 Greenacres in Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex.

From the UK, Electoral Registers:

*Name / Birth Date / Residence Date / Address / Residence Place*

Ralph DE Straete Von Kollman / 1927-1929 / 2008-2010 / 84, Greenacres, BN43 5XL / Shoreham-By-Sea, West Sussex, England

Audrey DE Straete Von Kollman / 1927-1929 / 2008-2010 / 84, Greenacres, BN43 5XL / Shoreham-By-Sea, West Sussex, England

### **~ 2011 to 2013**

Ralph and Audrey de Straete Von Kollman were living at 84 Greenacres in Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex.

From the UK, Electoral Registers:

*Name / Birth Date / Residence Date / Residence Address / Residence Place*

Ralph De Straete Von Kollman / 1927-1929 / 2011-2013 / 84 Greenacres, BN43 5XL / Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, England

Audrey De Straete Von Kollman / 1927-1929 / 2011-2013 / 84 Greenacres, BN43 5XL / Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, England

## ~ 23 May 2020

Ralph De Straet Von Kollman died the age of 91 years on 23 May 2020 in the Adelaide Nursing Home in Hove, Sussex.

His usual address was 84 Greenacres in Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex.

From the death certificate:

Death

Entry no. 192

Registration district - Brighton and Hove

City and County of - Brighton and Hove

Sub-district - Brighton and Hove

Date and place of death / Name / Sex / Date and place of Birth / occupation and usual address /

Twenty-third May 2020 Adelaide Nursing Home, 203/205 New Church Road, Hove /  
Ralph DE STRAET VON KOLLMAN otherwise Ralph VON KOLLMAN formerly known  
as Ralph DE STRETE formerly known as Kenneth Ian STREET / Male / Thirtieth  
November 1928 London / Stuntman (retired) Widower of Audrey Edith DE STRAET  
VON KOLLMAN Theatrical Costumier (retired) 84 Greenacres, Shoreham-by-Sea, West  
Sussex /

Image of part of the record:

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2. Name and surname Ralph DE STRAET VON KOLLMAN otherwise Ralph VON KOLLMAN formerly known as Ralph HARVEY formerly known as Ralph DE STRETE formerly known as Kenneth Ian STREET	3. Sex Male
	4. Maiden surname of woman who has married
5. Date and place of birth Thirtieth November 1928 London	
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They had children, but they and their families will not be included in this research.

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## Part II

### The Mitchell family

## Audrey Edith Mitchell (1929 - 2013/2014 ? )

Wife of 1st Jonathan H. Cole and 2nd Kenneth I. Street

1. **AUDREY EDITH MITCHELL** was born on 10 March 1929 at 91 Broadway Road in Aldrington, East Sussex, England.

Father: Frederick Percy Mitchell

Mother: Alice Matilda Kemp

### ~ 1929

From the birth certificate:

Registration District STEYING

1929 Birth in the Sub-district of Hove in the County of East Sussex

*No. / When and where born / Name / Sex / Father's name / Mother's maiden name /  
Father's Occupation / Informant / When registered / Signature of registrar*

14 / Tenth March 1929 91 Broadway Road Aldrington, Hove U. D. / Audrey Edith / Girl  
/ Frederick Percy Mitchell / Alice Matilda Mitchell formerly Kemp / Commercial Clerk /  
F. P. Mitchell Father 91 Broadway Road Hove / Twelfth April 1929 / E. Brassington  
Registrar.

Image of part of the record:

14	Tenth March 1929 91 Broadway Road Aldrington, Hove. U. D.	Audrey Edith	Girl	Frederick Percy Mitchell	Alice Matilda Mitchell formerly Kemp
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## ~ about the parents

Audrey's parents, Frederick P. Mitchell and Alice M. Kemp were married in the 4th quarter (Oct-Nov-Dec) of 1928 in the Steyning registration district of Sussex.

From the England & Wales, Marriage Index:

*Name / Name of Spouse / Registration Date / Registration district / County / Vol. / Page*

Frederick P Mitchell / Alice M Kemp / Oct-Nov-Dec 1928 / Steyning / Sussex / 2b / 769

## ~ 1950

Audrey Edith Mitchell married **JONATHAN HENRY COLE** on 12 August 1950 in St. Leonard's church in Aldrington, Hove, Sussex.

From the marriage certificate:

1950. Marriage solemnized at The Parish Church of St. Leonard's, Aldrington, Hove in the County of Sussex

No. - 486

When Married – August 12<sup>th</sup> 1950

*Name / Age / Condition / Profession / Residence at the time of Marriage / Father's name / Father's occupation*

Jonathan Henry Cole / 21 / Bachelor / Laboratory Technician / 43 Errol Road Hove 3. / Charles Jonathan Cole / Solicitor's Clerk

Audrey Edith Mitchell / 21 / Spinster / Laboratory Assistant / 1 Raphael Road Hove 3. / Frederick Percy Mitchell / Clerk

Marriage in the Aldrington Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by me H. Theodore Mo[g?]ridge Rector

This Marriage was solemnized between us, }

Jonathan Henry Cole

Audrey Edith Mitchell

in the Presence of us, {

Charles J Cole

F. P. Mitchell

Image of part of the record:

No.	When Married	Name and Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession
486	August 12 <sup>th</sup> 1950	Jonathan Henry Cole	21	Bachelor	Laboratory Technician
		Audrey Edith Mitchell	21	Spinster	Laboratory Assistant

## **~ 1953**

Jonathan Henry and Audrey Edith Cole were listed at The Rise, The Coombe in Streatley, Berkshire.

From the Berkley Electoral Registers:

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County of Berks

Parliamentary Constituency - Newbury; Parliamentary Polling District - Streatley (GG); Electoral Division - Pangbourne; Parish - Streatley

96 Cole, Audrey Edith, The Rise, The Coombe

97 Cole, Jonathan Henry, The Rise, The Coombe

## **~ 1954**

Jonathan Henry and Audrey Edith Cole were listed at The Rise, The Coombe in Streatley, Berkshire.

From the Berkley Electoral Registers:

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County of Berks

Parliamentary Constituency - Newbury; Parliamentary Polling District - Streatley (GG); Electoral Division - Pangbourne; Parish - Streatley

93 Cole, Audrey Edith, The Rise, The Coombe

94 Cole, Jonathan Henry, The Rise, The Coombe

Apparently it appears that Audrey and Jonathan Cole have separated and divorced in the 1954 to 1955 period.

Audrey Cole then married Kenneth Ian Street in 1955.

(for 1955 and forward on Audrey, go to the history of Kenneth Ian Street above Part I).

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