

**RAF STONEY CROSS**  
**Memories of Life at Longbeech**

**Mrs. Edna Martin**

In July 1947 my husband Ron, myself and son moved into 295b Longbeech, Stoney Cross. Our hut was the ex-Sergeants quarters, we had a large entrance porch and a separate toilet with a hand basin.

At first our heating was with a tortoise stove and an oil lamp for heating. When the hut was divided into two a kitchen range was installed, and electric light switched on. For shopping there was Mr. Winters shop at Fritham but for some things we would have to walk into Lyndhurst, the buses came at a later date.

Eventually a shop opened on the camp and other tradesmen started to call, also there was a surgery held at certain times. For most of us the hut was our first home, the camaraderie amongst us there was good.

I now live in my own bungalow but for the past 14 years have been a widow. I hope you can read this and that it may be of some help.

Some names I can recall are:

Brown  
Gailor  
Soffe  
Morley

Wheeler  
A. Legg  
J. Legg  
Blake