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John and Mag in Marjorie's garden at Providence, 1970

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Introduction

The compilation of these Life Notes has depended on a number of sources. Family photographs, memories, diaries and letters have helped considerably. Much of the information has been supported by various internet searches and genealogy studies.

Structure of these Life Notes

During the latter part of their lives they were able to spend most of their time together until John's death in 1972. These Life Notes attempt to paint a picture of their lives and of the people and places they encountered and the times they lived in.

This document comprises Part 3 of the Life Notes – covering the period from John's retirement in late 1947 until his death in 1984 and until Mag's death in 1989.

Also included is a timeline for Peter and Anne, their children, covering the period from Peter's birth in 1931 to his death in 2013 (after which Anne remains very much alive at the time of writing).

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Other documents cover the earlier parts of their Life Notes – from their birth to John's retirement from the Army.

Life Notes – Part 3 – Farming, retirement, Malta and John's death, Mag in England and Australia

3.1 Finding a farm and making a start (1948-1959)

John and Mag arrived at Southampton from India for the last time on the 27th February 1948, bringing with them their memories and a few personal items and pieces of furniture they had ordered to be crafted in Kashmir on their previous leave.

Theirs was an uncertain future. Large scale demobilisation of wartime service personnel as well as the many Indian Army career people who had left the country when the partition of British India had occurred on 15th August 1947 were all seeking work. John was approaching the height of his career and realised that at his age it was going to be impossible to find suitable employment and they still had two children at private boarding schools and a small pension on which to rely. He had always loved animals and country life and had a brief experience of farming, some of it stemming from the Regimental Centre farm in Sialkot, so they decided to look for a small farm somewhere in the west country which would finally give the family a home and some occupation.



Mag, Anne and John at The Beehive (Anne's school), Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex, on Mag and John's return from India, Mar 1948

3.1.1 Looking for a farm

Their point of arrival was to Temple Gardens in Brighton, where John's sister Marjorie had established herself as a doctor, in association with a German Jew refugee doctor, Betsy Bouchard. Marjorie at this time had progressed into radiology and consultancy work at several hospitals leaving Betsy to take over her private practice, helped by Grace Jones their housekeeper of many talents. It was with Marjorie that both children Peter and Anne had been based for their school holidays, and Marjorie's Aunt Clarie spent some time in the house but sadly died the day before they landed.

In term-time Marjorie's house could accommodate the adults but it was not a suitable arrangement for very long for the whole family. By May 1948 John and Mag had moved to a fellow officer's UK family residence at Woodlands, Ruishton, near Taunton while their friend Victor was in Europe. The house was rambling, huge and unoccupied and had been a nunnery – there was even supposed to be a ghost which Anne was terrified of meeting while walking down long dark corridors in the evenings. The dining-room table should have been in a board-room, and when they first arrived to see the house Victor gave them a meal sitting at one end with a kipper on a plate, surrounded by silver candlesticks! This was where Mag was introduced to the vagaries of cooking and John used to joke that he thought he was going to starve – all the more so with strict rationing in force including bread.

Petrol was also rationed severely, consequently all travel to and from schools was by train – somewhat inconvenient as both schools were in the country. Marjorie, being a doctor, had an old Morris 8 which she was able to lend them on occasion, and eventually they bought it from her when she was able to get a new one. The next move, apart from staying with friends, was southwest to Mawgan Porth near Newquay, where with the help of Hugh Mag's brother and an old-time friend Phil Wales, they managed to rent a house after the summer holidays. It was from here after Xmas school holidays that they started their search. It covered Cornwall, Devon, and probably Somerset and Dorset. However, properties which had been improved were still rare and in high demand and the search was hard and long. Due to the very small amount of petrol allocated to them, John bought an old motor-bike which took them touring the countryside on their farm search – Mag sitting on a cushion on the luggage rack as there was no pillion – very uncomfortable and freezing cold during the winter. During one of these trips they were stopped by a town policeman who discovered that John had no motor-bike licence – the law missed the lack of seating for the passenger!

3.1.2 Coombe Park Farm

They were searching for a small farm of around 50 acres, the most important requirement being for a house with four bedrooms, at least one bathroom with separate toilet, and a fuel stove to keep the house warm. Eventually John commuted part of his pension, and negotiations were completed on Coombe Park Farm, Woodbury Salterton, about 20 miles from Exeter.



Coombe Park Farm, 1950



Farm and buildings from top of chicken field, 1950

It was situated up a small Devon lane towards Woodbury Common and included livestock. The family were in residence by early May 1949. They took over a pedigree Jersey bull, and cows of Jersey type supplying high butter-fat milk. The previous owner must have chosen his cattle well as the cows produced good yields and progeny which gradually improved the herd.

The front of the house looked out over a rough patch of land to the drive-way and the lane, while the back yard was a quagmire in the wet until it had been concreted. The yard was enclosed by the house on one side, tool rooms, five horse-boxes and a garage on the west backed by other small boxes, and an 'L' shaped milking shed on the other 2 sides behind which were a hay barn and outhouses.

The milking shed (shippon in Devon) probably accommodated about 12 stalls and milking was achieved using a mobile unit with long arms which required moving to the shed entry doors – most unwieldy and this was soon changed to a suction pipeline to make life easier. Suction buckets received the milk which was tipped into a central milk-churn. Due to the small number of stalls a double shift of cows was required to milk 25 animals. Another shed was built onto the back of one side of the shippon in later years, which increased milking capacity (still with 2 shifts) to about 55 head. It was all very labour intensive.



John and Mag on the farm, 1949



Part of farm from front bank, 1950

John and Mag started off their farming venture with the help of one man who had spent 12 months at the local Farm Institute Bicton which promoted a complete farm training.

Very soon they discovered that John did not have vital knowledge and with his apparent lack of common sense he was soon dismissed (on one occasion he managed to get the farm tractor stuck twice straddling a telegraph pole), and they took on a 24-year old woman Ann, with practical experience, who proved a great improvement. The land itself needed a lot of rehabilitation being mainly clay and round stones – lime and basic slag was applied – and within a few years the hedgerows were trimmed and drainage ditches cleared of years of silt to increase the acreage and cropping capacity. They started with one small grey Massey-Ferguson tractor which came with hydraulic-lift arms to which farm implements could be attached, very advanced in the district, but at some cost.

Mag did valiant work feeding a hungry family including the farm help, washing clothes in a new twin-tub – an improvement over the single tub and wringer she began with, and attempting some produce storage while rationing was still in operation. At various times, she made farm butter from the excess cream on the milk, in the beginning skimmed straight off the churns, later followed by clotting in a large bowl on the stove to skim for cream (pigs took the skim milk). They tried having their own pig slaughtered to provide lard, bacon, hams and other succulents, which replaced their bacon ration for a year and proved that one needs the correct environment and equipment to attempt to be self-sufficient! During the first two years, apples were collected off the ground in the derelict orchards, shipped to France and returned as the famous ‘scrumpy’ – a very potent brew which the postman sampled on his round. The Milk Marketing Board complained at one time that the milk tasted ‘off’ when the cows were grazing the orchard.

Water in the house was pumped straight from a well next to the kitchen and proved inadequate, so within a year or two a borehole was sunk fields away with the help of a talented water-dowser, requiring a dedicated electricity line, the water being pumped by a submersible pump – enough for the house and field drinking troughs which were gradually being installed.



Hen coops with hens and geese, 1950

Laying hens were run firstly in mobile units of 25 hens which were moved daily by hand to provide the hens with fresh greenery, afterwards two second-hand asbestos huts were erected to accommodate 200 layers each in deep-litter. Special layer day-old chicks were obtained and grown out to fill the first hut, while the second hut was stocked from scratch with bought fertile eggs which

had to be candled once a week during incubation and required very precise temperature control, proving to be an uneconomic method of obtaining laying stock.

All these efforts to increase production and economic viability were approached as scientifically as possible with the aid of the local Agricultural Advisory Officer, who was a government official employed to promote the food production of the nation, and local friendly farmers. Many grants were available over the years, and John took advantage of those applicable, building 2 new storage sheds, and received financial help with land clearance of a 13-acre strip of scrub beside the lane-way, which had been the preserve of travelling gypsies and their horse-drawn caravans. It took weeks of stone-picking after the D6 bulldozer had cleared the scrub and the ground was rough hoed before a crop was sown.



Clearing the Coronation field with D6 bulldozer, 1952



Coronation field after clearing, 1952

In the early 1950s John and Mag went to Jersey to catch up with some of John's old school friends. While on the island they met the wife of the remaining Hubert ancestors, Francis Wyndham, his wife Eva (née Le Blancq) and younger brother Clarence. The cousins had lived all their lives on the old family property of Oakdale with about 11 acres (25 verges) of land and apple orchards for cider making. They also had a small herd of pedigree Jersey cattle, and glasshouses for tomato growing. Mag and John bought a couple of heifers and a young Jersey bull (Hollesley Double Light) to be shipped over to Devon to improve the stock at Coombe Park Farm. By 1958 they were entering the best of the young herd-book registered cattle into the Honiton Show.



John with Francis Wyndham and Forward Design of Sands, Jersey, ~1951



Marjorie and Eva (Francis Wyndham's widow) at "Oakdale" (upper left),
 John (my father) and Eva at "Oakdale" (upper right),
 Eva and John at Les Maree house in St Peter where Eva was born (lower left)
 and John at St Mary's church (lower right).

In May 1961 John and Marjorie visited Jersey and Oakdale, to see Eva whose husband had died in 1958, and was getting elderly herself. She had been struggling on with the farm with some outside help and Clarence Hubert, aged 75, and had decided to offer it to John who was Francis Wyndham's second cousin, provided he was prepared to live at Oakdale. By this time Coombe Park had expanded to 200 acres with the addition of Hogsbrook farm, Mag and John had built their cottage Little Coombe, and Peter was the working partner. Consequently, John resisted the idea as a move would have been too disruptive and restricting. In 1964 Eva wrote her last will leaving the property and land to Hedley Edward Egge and his wife Joyce (née Simon), who by this time had been living in the house and looking after Eva. Hedley's older son David remembers this period when he was a teenager, and before he left home.

3.1.3 Peter and Anne join the farm

Peter left Stowe School in July 1949, destined to go to university to use his languages ability in his future career, but first of all he had to complete his

compulsory one year's National Service in 1950-51. During this time, he was working hard on the farm and enjoyed the work and freedom, and so he decided that he wanted to be a farmer.



Duffs helping with hay making, 1950

The farm was then growing fodder grain, in 1949 using a contract binder and stationary harvester for thrashing the corn, and a separate contract baler for the straw. Prior to thrashing, the bound sheaves had to be stooked by hand and turned daily until they dried out – not much fun when filled with thistles!

They were still operating ostensibly as a family farm, and in 1950 Mag's uncle and aunt – the Duffs – were part of the family operation, helping load hay and chasing rabbits during grass cutting.



Harvesting 1957 - John on Combine



Top Field



John with 2 students



Peter, Barbara and Flossie



Mag and others at lunch

This led towards more sustainable practices in 1951-2 while Peter was away on National Service and then completing one year at Cirencester Agricultural College in 1952 (not a great training as the College was still in the 'horse drawn' era, but the short course he completed did introduce the students to 'best practice' farms). While he was away his school friend David Lilley spent a year helping out, assisted by Julia as a farm student with the dairy herd and calves. There followed a succession of farm students to help, all intent on working their year's farm experience which was a requisite for entering Agricultural College – by this stage Coombe Park had become an 'approved training' farm.

Anne left school in 1951 and whilst she enjoyed helping on the farm, for a couple of years she was bent on other training and occupations before four months working in London made her decide to become a farmer too! She spent six months on the farm full-time as a student before entering Seale Hayne Agricultural College in south Devon for two years from 1954-1956. During this period, Peter was hard at work developing the farm in partnership with his father, one student and a farm-hand called Sydney Hitchcock from the village (a man of great country knowledge but no education or will to improve with the advent of machinery).

While Anne was away at college she befriended a girl from a farming family in Rhodesia who was based with a dear blind great-aunt in a little flat in Wokingham Berkshire, consequently Barbara spent many of her holidays at

Coombe Park working for her keep while Anne took a week off to go sailing on the Broads in Norfolk. This led to a burgeoning romance which culminated in Peter and Barbara's marriage after Barbara left College in September 1956.



Barbara McAllister with Huberts (Peter, Anne, Mag and John)
going to church, Christmas 1955

3.1.4 Hogsbrook Farm

John and Mag, realising that the farm was not big enough for two families, bravely raised a private mortgage, and were able to buy the 150-acre farm 'Hogsbrook' which they took over in 1954. It adjoined Coombe Park on the northern border, it was undeveloped and run-down, required much work and soil improvement, and the house needed modernising – it had no bathroom or sanitation, and was still lit by lamps.

Peter and Barbara married and moved in to the house which now had a new bathroom, septic tank and Raeburn stove to cook in, but the house still lacked electricity. That came a year or two later when the next-door farm also adopted electricity, and made it possible to run an electric grinding mill for pig food.

Included in the purchase was a further small wooded area which led across a log bridge to about 60 acres of rough cleared land in which pregnant sows were run to clear the bracken, being housed with their litters in makeshift pens and bale shelters. This system lasted about two years until the sows developed bracken poisoning and had to be moved back to the farm into derelict orchards. The piglets were grown out intensively to small porkers to supply market demand. Their accommodation required some building expertise to redesign the pig-shed with adequate ventilation.



Visit to Shirra-Gibbs cousins in Scotland, 1955



Peter with cross-bred sheep and lambs in winter at Hogsbrook, 1957 (above)
Half-bred ewes, 1959 (below)



Sheep shearing, 1959



Julia with Mary "2000 galls", 1952 (upper left),
the Big Three young stock, 1958 (upper right), Queenie, 1958 (lower left),
and Jenny and Johnny at Honiton Show, Aug 1958 (lower right)

Some hardy half-bred ewes were bought in from Wales under 'half-crease' terms, allowing the purchaser to keep half the progeny, a way of increasing stocking levels. By 1957 there were 80 breeding ewes on the farm, 20 breeding sows, 55 milking cows and young stock to sell or use as replacements, and the 400 laying birds.



Silage making, 1957-8

The farm had acquired a good selection of second-hand machinery including a combine harvester, baler, hedge-cutter, crop-elevator, one new 65 h.p. tractor and three other old ones. It grew about 80 acres of cereals for farm consumption, plus the required winter stock-feed such as kale and turnips, silage and hay.



The Dung Heap, 1958



Harvesting silage, 1958



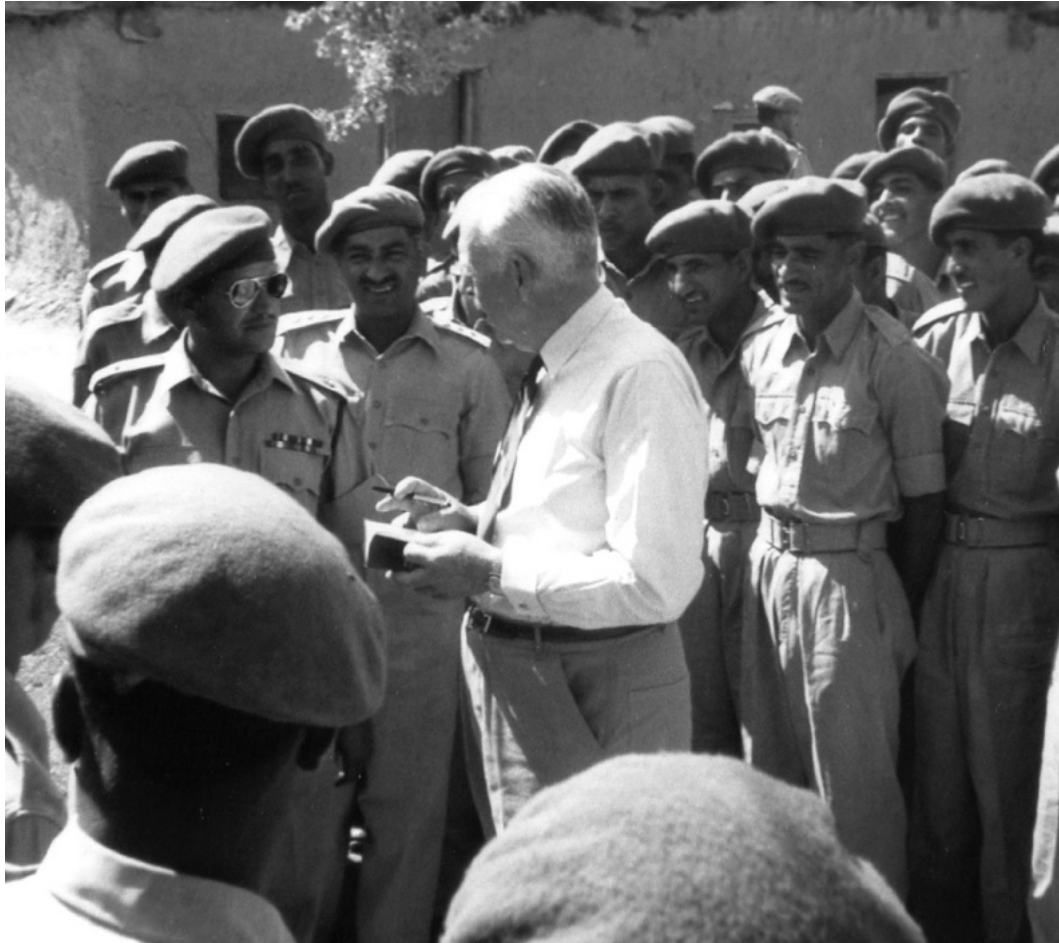
Carting hay bales (Sydney on bike), 1958

Pigs in Reclamation Field, 1959

In the second half of the nineteen-fifties Anne was running the dairy herd at Coombe Park and managing the young stock and poultry, while Peter was in charge of pigs, sheep, agriculture and crop production. John filled in whenever he was able and supplied an additional pair of hands. They were helped by two young trainees who swapped farms after six months to gain experience of all operations, and Sydney Hitchcock for his muscle. Some students kept in touch and became friends, in particular Jenny Hutton (Nanson) with Anne, and 'the two Bobs' working in 1959.

3.1.5 John Special Guest at 16th Punjab Regiment Centenary Celebrations

At the beginning of 1959 John had been a special guest at the centenary celebrations of his old battalion the 16th Punjab Regiment in Pakistan, a great honour and one he enjoyed very much except for the realisation that he was no longer as young as he had been, after developing thrombosis of the leg from the airflight.



John chatting with officers and men at Sialkot, Pakistan, 1959

3.2 Changing farm operations to early retirement (1959-1969)

3.2.1 Anne to Rhodesia, Peter takes over Hogsbrook, Little Coombe built

Due to the complexity and number of small operations undertaken on the farm it was very hard and constant work with no spare time to enjoy life which became a drain on everyone's enthusiasm. This led to tensions, especially in the two households between the generations. Peter was now a father, Derek being born in 1958 with Nicola on the way in 1960, and felt he should be getting further ahead in his career while John was concerned about future economics and wanted no more debt. There was also a lot of non-communication leading to lack of trust and smooth decision-making, which Anne was instrumental in bringing to a head when she decided to leave and spread her wings overseas. She left by ship in September 1959, on the way to Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe).



Mag with Derek, 1959



Derek collecting eggs, 1960



Barbara with Nicola and Derek, 1960



Peter with Nicola and Derek, 1960

With Anne's resignation John felt it necessary for Peter to now take over the dairy – the main enterprise of the farm – and employ a suitable man to run the Hogsbrook operation. This was not Peter's choice; up to now he had been

required to be a relief cowman for one week-end a fortnight and did not want to be tied to the dairy and its general daily operation.

However, it was decided that he and his young family should take over the house at Coombe Park, with his parents moving into a caravan until they could build a cottage.



Mag with Nicola and Derek, 1960



Nicola with Sally at Little Coombe, 1961-2

This proved to be a much longer operation than Mag and John had planned and they were snow and weather-bound in their caravan for the winter of 1959-60. They did not move into 'Little Coombe', as the cottage was named, until the summer of 1961.



Building Little Coombe back (top left), front (top right) and completed (below), known as "Boom-boom's house", 1960

The house contained two bedrooms and a bathroom upstairs, with a small office, cloakroom, kitchen and lounge/dining-room downstairs. The garage was separated by a draughty passageway. It was built close to the lane on the top of a flat ridge to the west of Coombe Park, with fruit trees planted on the west slope, at the base of which a new borehole was sunk. The trees never came to fruition as John and Mag sold up in 1965 when they retired fully.



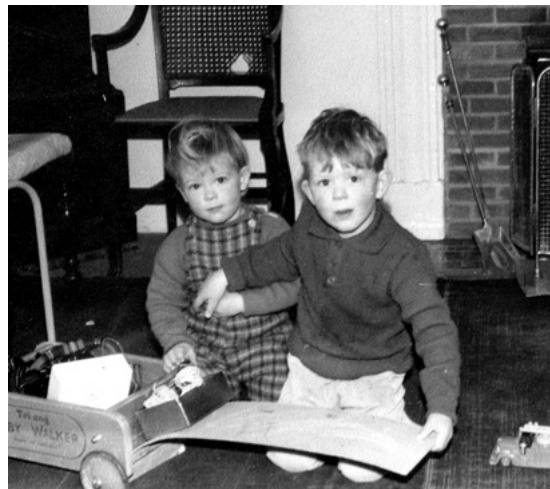
Mag with Sally's pups at Little Coombe, 1962



Nicola and Derek at Coombe Park, 1963



Derek with Sally at Little Coombe, 1962



Nicola and Derek at Little Coombe, 1963



Coombe Park under snow, 1963



The Clump on Woodbury Common (left) and the farm's new orchard (right) under snow, 1963

Luckily John's sister Marjorie had retired to a house in Henfield, Sussex, in 1959 which provided a very welcoming second home for any family members who needed a break, including Peter and family in the second half of the 1960s.



Marjorie's home at Providence, Henfield

3.2.2 Peter resigns, Anne returns, Sale of Farm

Between 1959 and 1963 the weather proved very inclement, with a lot of summer rain, and frost and snow in the winters making life even more difficult and frustrating for Peter and those trying to farm at full production. In addition, Peter and Barbara had started a Devonshire cream enterprise in 1962 to try and value-add to the milk, they were struggling to build a market in London, and they were hatching plans to expand the herd after building a milking parlour to ease the milking chore.

Unfortunately, this was not discussed with John until Peter knew he could obtain finance, but John refused to allow the farm to be mortgaged further, and there was a stalemate. The winter of 1963 had been terrible, and Peter was so upset he resigned on the spot! This led to a complete breakdown in relations, Peter and Barbara flew to Rhodesia for a promised holiday leaving the children with a cousin, and a cowman was employed at Coombe Park. Peter returned to the UK owning a car and stored furniture, but no job, no house and no money. John and Mag struggled on through the dissolution of the partnership, with hired labour

from whom they could not expect the same limitless working hours, all of which added a great strain to their health.

Anne had returned to England from Rhodesia in 1962 and was employed by a farmer who owned three farms west of Exeter, being housed in a caravan. By the second winter when there were snow drifts on all the roads cutting off the farm, she resigned and retired to the warmth of Little Coombe. This led to her helping her parents on the farm, and expanding farm production with the addition of a 2000-bird intensive battery hen enterprise. People had grown wealthy on this new method of production but by the time their unit was in production it was merely making some money in a smelly arduous unpleasant environment, and Anne was contributing to the overall operation of the farm. She was also acting as relief milker once a fortnight which proved more unsettling than full-time milking. By 1965 she had found her ambition to be a farm economist and obtained a job in Wiltshire undertaking farm costings.



Anne, Mag, Derek, Nicola and a cousin
at Little Coombe, 1963-4



John with Sally at Pennyfield,
Ottery St Mary, 1967

It was decided sadly that the farm should be sold which took longer than expected because it was necessary to sub-divide the property before the separate sale of Little Coombe, plus a stock and machinery auction.

3.2.3 John and Mag at Pennyfield, European holiday, Family Christmas

John and Mag bought 'Pennyfield', a bungalow at West Hill, Ottery St Mary with a well-developed garden of about two acres, quite close to Aunt Bobs Lockie who had already retired to the same area. Sally their faithful Labrador went with them but did not survive for more than two years. They found that the garden gradually became too much work, however they did have time to enjoy a holiday in Cyprus in May 1966. They returned via a quick visit to Peter and family, recently moved to Plough Farm in Wildhern, Hampshire, and working for Ross Group. Peter had given up trying to get established in Pembrokeshire, Wales, where Jeremy was born in 1965. Mag and Anne had visited Peter and his family in Wales before they moved from Pembroke to a nearby poultry farm.

Mag, John and Aunt Bobs took a longer European road trip in May 1968 across France, Switzerland, down the coast to Greece via Yugoslavia, Dubrovnik, Macedonia and Albania, to Athens, the Corinth Canal and ferry to Crete where John revisited some of the wartime sites, by ferry to Brindisi on the southern toe of Italy, perhaps to Malta and returned by car through France.



John, Mag and Aunt Bobs touring UK, 1968



Postcards from Athens, Greece (above) and Heraklion, Crete (below), 1968

This may have given them the idea to follow the sunshine and avoid English winters! While living at Pennyfield they had bought a second-hand dinghy which was moored at the Topsham yacht club and they enjoyed sailing on the Exe estuary avoiding the tides, but the sailing season was short.



Jeremy at Plough Farm - "where's my sherry?" (top left),
"what can I hit with my catapult?" (top right) and
with Barbara, John and Mag (below), June 1966

The family collected together for Xmas 1966 at Plough Farm, including Barbara's sister Tricia, and relationships began to thaw.

Peter struggled to rise in the hierarchy of Ross Group, entertaining various unfruitful ideas the company produced, and eventually moved into management and bought an old house called South View outside Andover. It required considerable improvements which they undertook themselves with a bit of help, and the two older children went to the local school. Derek was sent to Peter's old prep-school Windlesham House from 1968-9 with family help, during the time his parents were contemplating living in the Middle East for a couple of years, still with Ross Group.



Christmas 1966 at Plough Farm -
Anne, Mag and Peter with table decorations (left) and
Jeremy, Nicola, Derek plus John, Peter and Barbara on Boxing Day (right)



Providence Sept 1967 -
Peter and Derek playing Badminton while Jeremy plays with a soccer ball (top left),
Peter, Nicola, Derek and Jeremy playing Croquet (top right) and
Anne, Mag and John relaxing in the sun (below)



Derek in Form IIIA at Windlesham, 1967-8



Henfield Common, May 1968 –
Derek and Christopher Batty in the woods (left)
and Derek building bridges with Anne's help (right)

3.2.4 Peter and Anne go to Africa

By 1969 both Anne and Peter were independently looking for new employment opportunities as they felt they were not progressing in their current positions. In July, Anne had seen a job advertised in Natal, South Africa, while Peter had been interviewed by a stockfeed company who were planning a new operation in southern Africa, advertised in both Africa and the UK. Peter had flown by himself to Rhodesia at Barbara's aunt Evelyn's insistence to look again at their farm operation and attend various work interviews, none of which interested him. By the time Provimi, the stockfeed company, offered Peter a job in Rhodesia they had done their research. He accepted the job, resigning from Ross Group to complete the necessary emigration hurdles for South Africa. By July, Anne had been interviewed and made her decision, driven over to Peter's house to tell him, to be informed that they were also going to Africa! They flew out from the UK separately in the autumn, leaving Barbara to sell the house and arrange to follow Peter in December.

3.3 Retirement in Malta to John's death (1969-1972)

This led John and Mag to re-assess their situation – in a house with grounds that were becoming increasingly unmanageable in design and size, hating UK politics, the English climate particularly the winters, and finding the cost of living in the UK was rising faster than their pension. With the disappearance of the younger generation they felt that they were free to find some warmth and a different environment. They had visited and talked with people who had retired in Malta, to hear that at that time taxation would be minimal, the medical facilities were still very good, and the cost of living much less than in Britain. With Marjorie well established in Sussex they had a UK base to return to when the Malta climate was uncomfortable or in the times the Sirocco dust storms blew from Libya in August.



John and Mag with Hilary Newman
at Pennyfield, Ottery St Mary, May 1970



John and Mag in Marjorie's garden,
Henfield, 1970

They were able to subdivide and sell off a small block from the West Hill property, and flew over to Malta in January 1970 to assess the situation. Very soon they had contracted to buy a villa being built in a small development called Victoria Gardens near the village of Attard, in the centre of the island not far from the old walled city of M'dina, after they had sold West Hill. The house in Malta (called Rozel after John's Jersey home) was eventually ready for them to move into.

They left England on 1st July 1970 crossing from Newhaven to Dieppe with a packed car, their belongings and Snippet the long-haired Jack-Russell, to arrive in Malta on 13 July, in time to endure the August northerly gales and bad weather. The journey took them through France, down to the tip of Italy, to catch a ferry from Syracuse to Valetta. They rented a flat at St Paul's Bay about nine miles from Valetta before the house and development were completed, which lasted much longer than expected and continued through the winter.

The very first thing that occurred was to be rushed into buying a 4.5 tonne yacht through friends of friends! They had previously met a young journalist member of the sailing club who owned his yacht 'Adelia' on which he lived and spent his time travelling the Mediterranean, but he had to leave Malta because his new wife would not sail.



In Malta 1971 – Mag and John on a picnic on Gozo (upper left), Snippet, Mag and John with a friend dressed for lunch (upper right) and Mag snorkelling (below)

He briefed them on the vessel, accepted their low offer, and Mag and John were plunged into renewed sailing to enjoy cruising around the harbour without venturing out to sea. Snippet who they took out to Malta was an avid sailor although she loved swimming more, and had to be restrained from jumping overboard causing a great deal of sail-flapping before they could retrieve her. They had a lot of trouble finding a suitable mooring which ended up at Valetta boat harbour.



Sailing Malta, 1970-72 – Mag holding Snippet (left), Snippet sailing but would rather go swimming (middle) and Mag on the yacht at Valetta (right)

They soon got used to the relaxed atmosphere in Malta and joined the local sailing club and a more formal one, to start meeting people. The islands of Malta and Gozo required exploring and they discovered them to be full of ancient caves and antiquities, historical buildings and information from the two world-wars, while bathing and snorkelling was still possible in the Mediterranean. They enjoyed many picnics, often in Gozo which was less developed. Christmas was spent with the Pughs, previously John Lockie's wife's friends.



Intrepid sailor Mag at stern of yacht, off Malta



Yacht at anchor in Outer Harbour, Valetta, Malta, 1972



The Inner Harbour Valetta, Malta, 1972



Malta, 1971 – John and Mag with Malta-based friends on balcony
of their house Rozel (above) and
M'Dina from road walking back to Attard (below)

In April 1971 John developed high blood pressure and by mid-June he was in hospital diagnosed with pneumonia. Consequently, they missed the unveiling of the Indian Army Memorial at St Pauls on 25th June as well as the annual Regimental Reunion in London of 1971 – a great pity as he had recently been made the President of the Association.

When he was fit enough to travel he was allowed to fly for short distances and fast planes only, cancelling the plans they had been organising for them to travel with Marjorie to South Africa and Rhodesia in late July and August. They spent a couple of months with Marjorie at Providence instead, and Anne took a holiday from South Africa in August to see them. She tried to persuade them to visit South Africa in 1972 but John did not take up the offer having been warned by the Malta doctor. They returned home before the winter weather hit Sussex, had a quiet Xmas and enjoyed the following spring in Malta having various visitors to stay including 'Jungle'. Marjorie loved being in Malta and Nicola visited from England on several occasions, once with her friend Sally.



John with an unknown colleague at Indian Army Association Reunion,
Hurlingham Club, Fulham, London, July 1972

They flew to UK in 1972 for three weeks with Marjorie, staying with aunt Bobs in Ottery, seeing old Woodbury friends, and attending the Indian Army luncheon gathering at Hurlingham Club, returning to Malta on 27th July. Fresh planning was taking place to try and get Anne and the grandchildren from Rhodesia with whichever parent was able to leave the farm for a holiday in Malta perhaps for Easter 1973, or maybe later that year. Mag had quite rightly refused to travel accompanying the 'two crocs', Marjorie by now ageing and becoming very easily tired.

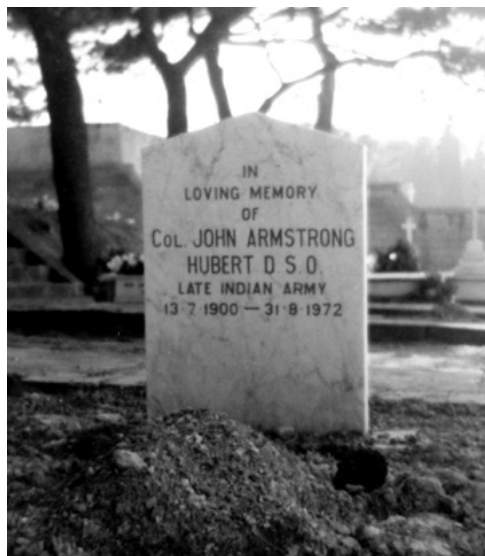
By mid-August 1972 they were sailing again, when a gust of wind caused the jib to catch near the fore-stay and John went forward to free it – he lost his balance and fell heavily on his side on an elevated object which caused some pain but no-one worried as he had returned easily to the cockpit. However, over the next week he was developing very severe chest pains and high blood pressure, and visited the local doctor who sent him immediately to a nursing-home run by nuns. There was no talk of X-rays or other tests and there he stayed complaining of increasing pain, with no other doctor or nursing staff being perturbed by his deterioration. Within two weeks he died on 31st August 1972. It was a great shock and loss to Mag, and to Marjorie who was devastated, but she later said that there was nothing that Mag could have done to help the situation.

Their various friends in Malta rallied around, and a fellow resident in Attard, Joe Wilkinson, took on the organisation of the funeral which was held within a day or so, before Anne and Peter had received the news in Africa, and before any of Mag's UK friends were able to try to attend. It must have been a shattering time for Mag, who was very stoic by the time Peter and Anne were able to travel to Malta via Rome to be with her. They did help her to arrange a headstone for the grave but were unable to see it erected because the authorities had not fully sealed the grave immediately. Many notices of death appeared in the press as well as wonderful obituaries from colleagues. The very fitting obituary written by Col. Lavender for the Regimental Association is included below.

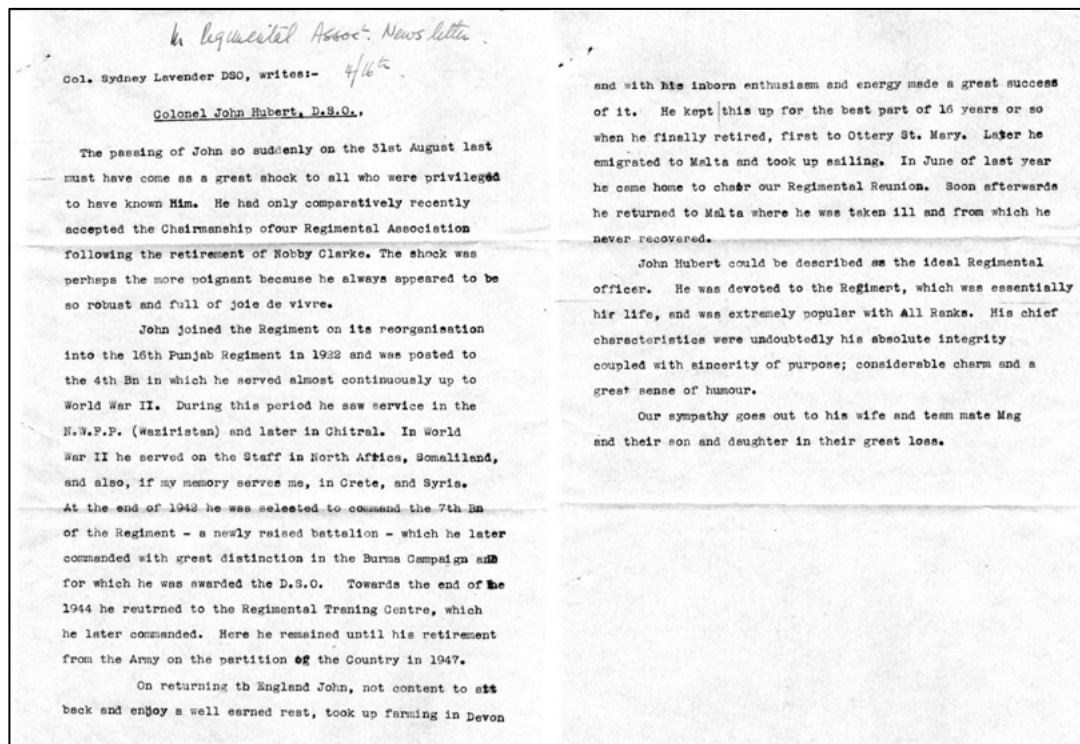
Anne stayed on for as long as she could, while Peter went to Henfield after a week to be with Marjorie. Maltese income tax and death duties had recently been changed, and Mag found that she would have to sell the villa to pay her dues which added a further trauma to her already uncertain future.



On the yacht, September 1972 – Anne and Mag (left),
Mag and Peter (right) and Peter rescuing the dog again! (below)



John's gravestone in Ta' Braxia Cemetery, Valetta, Malta, following his death in 31 Aug 1972



John's Obituary from Col. Lavender of the Regimental Association, 1972

3.4 Mag alone after John's death (1972-1989)

3.4.1 Mag after John's death in Malta and UK (1972-1984)

Mag moved soon after John died in Malta, storing their furniture and arranging the sale of the villa and yacht, before looking for a rental property. She was able to stay with friends for a month or two, and finally found a small flat attached to a farm-house in the country at Wardija Hill, Burmarrad, the residence of a young family named La Ferla, who had two young daughters. The elder of the two suffered from spina-bifida. The family were very supportive to Mag, and here she lived with Snippet as a companion until 1980.



John House, 1980 –
with Mag's flat at bottom (above) and La Ferla family (below)

Mag was very unsettled about remaining in Malta for too long, consequently spent periods every year visiting friends in England, searching for a cottage, staying with Marjorie and travelling to Africa to spend time with Peter and Barbara in Marandellas, Rhodesia, and Anne in Pietermaritzburg, Natal.

Peter became a police reservist, which took him away from home for a month at a time during the eight years before Zimbabwe became independent. It was not a safe place to live. From Malta Mag visited Rhodesia in 1972 while Peter was at Marandellas, and in February 1974 travelled to Pietermaritzburg, Natal, and Rhodesia. She also saw Monica Mackenzie and Mary Davis in England apart from other old friends.

Peter, in March 1975, had taken over Barbara's aunt Evelyn and Edward Rushmore's family farm Spring Grange situated 32 miles from Bulawayo, while Evelyn and Edward moved to a manager's cottage. The main farm house had burnt down in 1972 from an electrical fault, people were living in a row of horseboxes next to the kitchen, and guerrilla warfare was covering the country.



Mag in Africa – at Old Zimbabwe Ruins, 1973 (left) and in the Drakensburg, 1975 (right)

Anne and Iver were married in August 1974. Peter and family were able to drive down to Natal but due to a change of date and other commitments Mag was not able to travel until the first half of 1975 to Hillcrest near Durban, when she and Anne spent time in the Drakensburg National Park and Himeville. She then spent a week or two with Bunny Lawrenson in the Cape. Xmas 1975 was enjoyed by Mag, Anne and Iver at Spring Grange, followed by a tour to the Vumba and Umtali January 1976 by Mag, February to Malawi and Spring Grange again when all the Zimbabwe family had a few days at Wankie game Reserve.

Anne and Iver moved to Sydney, Australia in 1977 but not before Anne went to Zimbabwe in September prior to joining Iver. They began in rental accommodation in Mosman and Neutral Bay during their first year, but the living space was only suitable for two. Late in 1978 they managed to find half a house to rent near Dee Why beach.

Mag was staying at Providence in Henfield early in 1979, before embarking on her first visit to Australia at Cumberland Avenue, Collaroy, avoiding the UK winter chill, when Mag, Anne and Iver took time to explore Canberra, the Snowy Mountain scheme and Kangaroo Valley. In April both Mag and Anne flew to North Island of New Zealand to see the Nansons and tour the Bay of Islands.



Mag in Australia, April 1979 –
with Iver (in neck brace) at Kangaroo Valley near Nowra (top left) and
in the Mt Kosciuszko National Park (bottom left and right)



Mag in New Zealand, May 1979 –
Bay of Islands, Waitangi, the Harbour Lights Hotel (left) and Garden of Treaty House (right)

Another journey took them in May to Leeton for a family gathering to stay with Laurie, Hilary Newman's mother who was a distant Lockie relative. Hilary married Bruce Wilson in 1978, she had stayed at Coombe Park Farm in England on several occasions from the 1950s. Her older sister was Judy Smith.

During 1979 Mag decided to leave Malta and live with cousin Mary Davis who had recently bought a cottage in Wilton, near Salisbury in Wiltshire. Anne arranged to fly to Malta to help her prepare for the journey but by the time she

arrived in April 1980, Mag had sold a lot of the surplus furniture and possessions she still held, to down-size further for the move, so they enjoyed a peaceful week.



Mag's visit to Leeton, Australia, May 1979 – (from left to right) Alec, Keith, Hilary, Laurie (hidden) and Judy



Mag at Providence, Henfield, England, September 1979 –
with Nicola (left) and with Marjorie (right)

Anne flew from Malta to England to see Marjorie, borrow her car and clear up some of her last remaining personal items abandoned earlier with different friends. Immediately before she left they received a frantic call from Grace in Henfield to say that Marjorie was back in hospital and very ill.

Mag was not able to travel immediately as the shippers were due to arrive within a day or two, so Nicola joined Anne in Henfield and they visited the nursing-home in Hove where Marjorie was being looked after. Not fully appreciating the situation they left for a couple of nights as Anne had earlier planned, only to be contacted on the second night to hear that Marjorie had died during the night – on the 10th of April.

Mag's arrival in Henfield was imminent which enabled her to help with all the necessary funeral arrangements. She also had to sort out the arrival of her possessions in Wilton. Peter was unable to fly from Zimbabwe immediately and he and Barbara arrived in July to help clear out the house as he was one of Marjorie's executors, while Anne returned to Australia.



Nicola's Flower Arrangement for Marjorie's funeral on 10 April 80

Mag settled into the cottage at Wilton with Mary. They had separate bedrooms up some steep stairs, and shared the rest of the living space including kitchen. Mary was a very good cook but enjoyed European style meals more than Mag, and their interests and activities were somewhat different, although Mag did try and join Mary and friends for bridge.

Peter and Barbara saw Mag when they were briefly in the UK in 1981, while arranging finances for a future Australian trip. Mary's daughter Cilla and extended family used to visit quite often, while Mag only got the occasional visit from Nicola, so she still felt isolated at times. Consequently, she was in Zimbabwe for Derek's 23rd birthday in February 1981, stayed with Barbara Heath-Stubbs in the Vumba and visited old ex-army friends who had retired to eastern Zimbabwe, before travelling to Australia again in 1982.



Zimbabwe, Africa, Feb 1981 – with Peter, Barbara, Derek and Carol all dressed up for Derek's 23rd birthday dinner (left) and with Peter and Barbara messing about (right)



England, July 1981 – with Barbara and Peter at Ditchling Beacon, South Downs



Mag at April Cottage, Wilton near Salisbury, 1982 – with Mary (left) and
with Cilla, Jack, Mary, unknown, Suzie Lockie and 4 children (right)

In 1982 Anne and Iver bought an old house in North Curl Curl from which Mag and Anne took a drive up the east coast, through Port Macquarie to Lennox Head to stay with Judy and Brian Smith, who were on holiday at the time in a beachside house with Brian's relatives. Judy was older sister to Hilary Newman (Wilson).



Mag in Australia, 1982 – with Anne and Judy at Lennox Head in July (left) and
with Iver, Anne and the Wilson's (Mavis, Bruce, Hilary, Keith) at Curl Curl for Christmas (right)

Later around Xmas they passed through Canberra and continued to Yass to be with Carol and Derek at Yeumburra during Xmas 1982, and in February stayed in a cabin at Sawpit Creek, Thredbo National Park for a few days where Carol and Derek joined them, after they had returned from New Zealand with full Australian residency.



Snowy Mountains, Feb 1983 - Mag and Iver (left) and
Mag with wallabies at their Sawpit Creek cabin (right)



Derek, Mag (resting) and Carol on walk near Thredbo, Snowy Mountains Feb 1983 (left)
and Derek, Peter, Anne, Carol and Barbara at breakfast at Curl Curl, April 1983 (right)

In January 1983 Mag remained in Australia to be with Anne while Iver flew to South Africa to arrange for his mother to move into aged accommodation. While at Parr Avenue Curl Curl, Iver suggested she might like to move to Australia to a granny flat in their house. Mag returned to Wilton to think about the idea and later made a decision that she would take the opportunity to move to Australia.

In the meantime, Anne and Iver decided to relocate to Bonny Hills, building a suitable house for all three of them on their 'dream retirement block' which they had found earlier in the year. This decision was strengthened by the fact that a structural engineer had advised them that the Parr Avenue house could not be altered to include a granny flat without blasting rock and causing the house to

fall apart! By March 1984 the Bonny Hills house was nearing completion having been visited by its three future occupants several times with the convenience of a tented camper-trailer, camping in the local caravan park!



The house at Bonny Hills, 1984 -
Mag and Anne camping at Bonny Hills caravan park while house
was being built, Jan (above) and Mag and Anne at an almost
complete Bonny Hills house, Feb (below)

3.4.2 Mag in Australia (Bonny Hills) to her death (1984-1989)

Iver left Curl Curl early in 1984 to establish a presence in the new house, leaving Anne and Mag to pack up the Parr Avenue property which had been sold, and follow the furniture van up the coast by car in about April. Mag's belongings from Wilton had arrived in Sydney and were in store, to be delivered at the same time, but the driver did not follow instructions and everything was dumped in the garage after being unloaded late in the evening with Iver's help. It took a while to complete the unpacking, when Anne discovered that, having told her mother vaguely to bring 'everything', she had done exactly that and some of her possessions ended up on the top floor!

Later in 1984 Peter and Barbara were able to visit from Zimbabwe, when Derek and Carol met them in Brisbane and took them for a trip around Queensland before travelling to Bonny Hills and then to Yeumburra, and it was discovered that Carol was pregnant – young Peter Craig was born in Yass on Xmas day.

Anne and Mag spent the first month or two getting to know people, took bridge lessons at the Port Macquarie Returned Services League (RSL) and joined the town's Bridge Club in its infancy. They attended the Country Womens

Association (CWA) in Port and Legacy in Laurieton, before Anne started work leaving Mag to find her own amusements, on which she concentrated diligently making friends where she could in spite of everything being so different. The Laurieton bridge club became the main source for her friends.



Diamond Head near Laurieton, NSW, 1984 –
Mag and dogs on the beach (left) and Peter and Pippa on the rocks (right)

She had Jo Wilkinson to stay and they visited New Zealand together before Jo went to Tasmania to find a young nephew, offspring of a long-lost brother. There were also other overseas friends who stayed briefly, including Jenny and Richard Nanson and the Bensons from UK.



Jo Wilkinson with dog at Bonny Hills,
NSW, 1984



Mag with Jo Wilkinson at Shanty Town, Greymouth,
South Island, NZ, 1984

Mag and Anne enjoyed ten days visiting Lord Howe Island and Norfolk Island in about October 1984, flying direct from Port Macquarie. They stayed in a 'Traders Nick' small apartment on Lord Howe, where they could cook if they did not feel like going out for a meal, and hired one of the only cars on the island at the time.

Mag soon looked for a dog, her first experience being a young beagle from a family who could not control it, to find that even with dog-classes it was totally wild and had to be returned. She then adopted a small Jack Russell terrier

'Cedric' which belonged to an ex-farming family who took up oyster farming in Laurieton. Ceddie (Lord Cedric) was her constant companion but was very lonely when left by himself so Mag and Anne found a mate for him from the pound – a terrier dingo cross which they called 'Pippa', who settled in well after a couple of escapes.



Old Settlement on Norfolk Island, Oct 1984 (left) and
Postcard of Lord Howe Island showing Middle Beach and mountains (right)

In January 1985 Peter Craig, Derek's eldest, was christened with Anne acting as godparent, at a grand ceremony in Yass to which all their young and new friends were invited as well as 'us' family.



Peter Craig Hubert's christening at Yass, Jan 1985

Later that year Peter and Barbara were able to visit again, to see their first grandchild and spend a bit of time at Bonny Hills. They were joined by Nicola, when we all thoroughly explored the district. In 1985 Mag had a knee replacement operation in Sydney at the 'Mater' where she stayed for about two weeks recuperating, before being fetched and driven home slowly in stages as it was most painful. In her stoic way, she concentrated on it with physiotherapy but it was never 100% afterwards as it could not be straightened fully.



Bonny Hills, Feb 1985 – Peter with Mag and a dog (left) and
Peter with Mag, Iver and Anne (right)



Peter with grandfather Peter and Barbara, at Yass, April 1985 (above) and
Peter with Derek on Bonny Hills beach, May 1985 (below)



Yeumburra, Yass, June 1985 – Peter with Mag (left) and
Derek and Nicola riding near the Yass River on the farm (right)

In 1986 Mag flew to the UK to catch up with old friends, and then to Zimbabwe to enjoy Jeremy's 21st birthday in May, and a family game viewing expedition to Hwange timed around their farming operation.



Zimbabwe, 1986 – Jeremy at his 21st on 8 May (left) and
Jeremy and family on way to Hwange Game Reserve in June (right)



Peter, Derek, Carol, Sean, minister and Mag at
Sean David Hubert's christening at Yass, Nov 1987



Mag with Sean at his christening at Yass, Nov 1987

Later back at Bonny Hills she voiced her decision that she would not travel overseas by herself again. After her return to Australia Mag Anne and Iver again spent Xmas at Yeumburra, and Sean was born on 31st October 1987. Mag attended Sean's christening by herself later in the year, after she had been diagnosed and operated on for breast cancer requiring the lymph nodes to be removed in Port Macquarie, with the consequent swollen arm.

Mag's 80th birthday was in July 1988. A party was planned in her flat, to which her friends were invited, together with Carol and Derek and their young boys and Peter and Barbara. It was a very merry affair. Christmas 1988 was spent with Carol and Derek and young family on the new farm Huntingdale at Glen Alice. The farm commanded a wonderful view towards the Great Dividing Range, included more acreage for Derek to work with, but was very isolated for Carol.



Mag's 80th at Bonny Hills with family and friends, July 1988



Mag's 80th at Bonny Hills
with family and friends, July 1988



Grandfather Peter and young Peter
at Bonny Hills seashore, July 1988



Bonny Hills seashore, July 1988 - Derek, Mag and Peter (above left),
Peter and Barbara with Pippa and Ceddie (above right) and
Anne, Peter, Carol, Derek, Sean, Barbara and Mag (below)



Huntingdale, Christmas 1988 –
View from the farm eastwards towards Glen Alice (above),
Anne and Mag on the farm road (middle) and
Sean, Peter, Derek, Anne and Mag on the bike (below)

Mag turned 81 in July 1989 with no further medical complications, when early in October she suddenly became completely chair-bound with excruciating pain in her neck. At first it was thought that it could be the result of sitting in a draught with a bad cold, but after the doctor was persuaded that a house visit was necessary and came to see her to be baffled by the symptoms, Anne persuaded Mag that it was necessary to go to hospital for further tests. This she did reluctantly and never managed to get back home again. The hospital sent her to Newcastle by ambulance for an MRI, she became dehydrated on the journey, was hallucinating on the return, and died within the next four days on 15th October 1989, during anxious family disbelief. Medically the cause of death was uncertain and it all happened so quickly that once again her son Peter was not able to be present, much to his chagrin.

Her funeral was held at the little Bonny Hills Uniting Church near the beach, followed by cremation in Port Macquarie and a memorial plaque placed in the Innes Memorial Gardens. Her ashes were scattered in the sea off the rocks at Bonny Hills.

A very sad end to an adventurous and amazingly varied life which she embraced with enthusiasm and bravery.



Site of Mag's ashes near Grant's Head, Bonny Hills, Oct 1989

This concludes the last section of John and Mag's life together, and Mag's final few years before she died in Australia.

Their Life Story is contained in three documents with several chapters in each, spanning the years 1900 to 1989, during which the world changed dramatically from the late Victorian era to that of modern advancing technologies, from the day of the British Raj to that of non-stop flight between continents and the beginnings of explorations into space. It shows how one extended family dealt with these circumstances and survived well.

Anne Molver (May 2017)

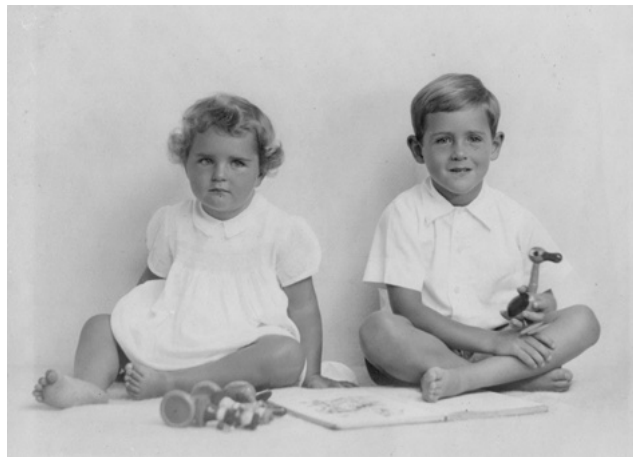
3.5 Appendix 1 – John and Mag Hubert’s timeline (1948-1989)

Year	Date	John	Mag
1948	27 Feb	Mag and John arrive in Southampton – to start a new life	
1948	May	Mag and John after initially staying with Marjorie moved to Woodlands, Ruishton, near Taunton (the house of a fellow officer who was away) and then later in August to Mawgan Porth, near Newquay for the summer holidays	
1949	May	At their new residence, Coombe Park Farm, at Woodbury Salterton, about 20 miles from Exeter	
1949	July	Peter leaves Stowe School and worked on the farm	
1950		Peter starts his National Service	
1951-1952		Mag and John visit Jersey to catch up with some of John’s old school friends and to buy some heifers and a bull calf for the Coombe Park herd	
1951		Anne left school and helped on the farm with time away training to be a secretary and working in London	
1952		Peter trained in agriculture at Cirencester	
1954		Mag and John buy ‘Hogsbrook’, a 150-acre farm, which adjoined Coombe Park	
1954	Sep	Anne starts at Seale Hayne Agricultural College for 2 years	
1956	24 Sep	Through Anne, Peter met Barbara and they were married in September	
1958	10 Feb	Peter and Barbara’s first child Derek born in Honiton	
1959	Feb	John invited as a special guest to the Centenary Celebrations of his old battalion the 16 th Punjab Regiment in Sialkot, Pakistan	
1959	Sep	Anne departs for Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe)	
1960	8 Feb	Peter and Barbara’s second child Nicola born and they moved into Coombe Park with Mag and John planning to build and move into their own cottage	
1961	May	John and Marjorie visit Jersey to see Eva Hubert at Oakdale and to see Les Marees at St Peters, the house where Eva was born	
1961	Jul	Mag and John move into Little Coombe, their new cottage	
1962	Mar - Apr	Anne returns from Rhodesia working near Exeter	
1963	Apr	Peter resigns after arguments about farm development	
1964	Jan	Anne returns to help on the farm, Peter and Barbara move to Wales	
1965	8 May	Peter and Barbara’s third child Jeremy was born in Wales	
1965		Mag and John sell the farm and Anne obtains a farm costings job in Wiltshire	
1966		Mag and John buy ‘Pennyfield’, a bungalow at West Hill, Ottery St Mary	
1968	May	Mag, John and Aunt Bobs took a long European road trip across France, Switzerland, down the coast to Greece to Athens, and by ferry to Crete and southern Italy, possibly to Malta, returning by car through France	
1969		Peter and Anne both depart for Africa – Anne going in September to a job in Natal South Africa and later Peter with family to Rhodesia where Barbara’s family had farms	
1970	1 Jul	Mag and John decide to move to Malta and left by car full of belongings and Snippet and soon after their arrival in mid-July they purchased a yacht called ‘Adelia’	
1971		John developed high blood pressure and by mid-June he was in hospital diagnosed with pneumonia, thereby missing the unveiling of the Indian Army Memorial at St Pauls on 25 th June as well as the annual Regimental Reunion in London	
1971	Aug	Mag and John stayed with Marjorie while John recuperated for a few weeks	

Year	Date	John	Mag
1972		Mag and John flew to the UK in 1972 for three weeks with Marjorie, staying with aunt Bobs in Ottery, seeing old Woodbury friends, and attending the Indian Army luncheon gathering at Hurlingham Club, returning to Malta on 27 th July	
1972	31 Aug	John has a fall while sailing, ends up in hospital and dies as a result of his injuries	
1972	Sep	John buried in the Ta' Braxia Cemetery, Valetta, Malta	
1972			Mag arranges for the sale of the house and yacht and moves in with a young family named La Ferla, who had two young daughters – staying there with Snippet until 1980
1972 to 1975			Mag travelled extensively in various parts of southern Africa, visiting her children Anne and Peter
1974	17 Aug		Anne married to Iver
1977	Sep		Anne and Iver move to Sydney, Australia, living in various locations in the north east of the city
1979	Jan		Mag visits Australia for the first time and with Anne and Iver explored southern NSW including the Snowy Mountains and Canberra
1979	Apr		Mag and Anne took a trip to the north island of New Zealand and later to Leeton to visit Lockie-family relatives
1980	Apr		Mag sell up her possessions in Malta in preparation to leaving for Wilton, England, accompanied by Anne
1980	10 Apr		John's sister Marjorie suddenly takes ill and dies with Mag arriving 2 days later
1980	May		Mag moves into the cottage with Mary at Wilton
1981	Feb		Mag visits the family in Zimbabwe and then travels to Australia in 1982
1982	Jul		Mag and Anne drive north through Port Macquarie and Lennox Head to visit Brian and Judy Smith (Judy being related through the Lockie line)
1982	Dec		Mag and Anne drive south to visit Derek and Carol in Yass and then stayed in a cabin at Sawpit Creek in the Snowy Mountains with visits by various family members
1983			Anne and Iver decide to relocate to Bonny Hills on the Mid North Coast, with the intention that Mag would live with them, and building started late in the year
1984	Apr		Anne and Iver's new house was eventually completed and they were able to move in as well as all Mag's possessions that she had brought from the UK
1984			Mag and Jo Wilkinson (a Malta friend) visit New Zealand

Year	Date	John	Mag
1984	Oct		Mag and Anne flew from Port Macquarie to visit Lord Howe Island and Norfolk Island
1984	25 Dec		Birth of Peter Craig the first child of Derek and Carol in Yass
1985			Mag has a knee replacement operation in the Mater, Sydney, Peter and Barbara also visited family in Yass and Anne and Iver in Bonny Hills
1986	Feb		Mag flies to the UK to visit old friends and return via Zimbabwe where she joined Jeremy for his 21 st birthday (8 Feb)
1987			Mag diagnosed with breast cancer requiring lymph nodes to be removed in Port Macquarie Hospital
1987	31 Oct		Birth of Sean David the second child of Derek and Carol in Yass
1988	2 Jul		Mag's 80 th birthday held with numerous family and friends in her flat at the Bonny Hills house
1988	Dec		Mag (plus Anne and Iver) joins the family at Derek and Carol's new farm at Huntingdale for a very merry Christmas
1989	15 Oct		Mag becomes chair-bound with excruciating pain in her neck and after many tests died through uncertain causes

3.6 Appendix 2 – Peter and Anne’s timeline (1931-2013)



Anne and Peter in Bikaner, India, 1936



Anne, Peter and Barbara at Hardy Reef, Queensland, Oct 1996 (left) and
Peter and Bev on the wharf at Heron Island, Aug 2008 (right)

Year	Date	Peter	Anne
1931	28 Apr	Born in New Sussex Hospital in Brighton, Sussex, UK	
1932	Mar	Mag and Peter sail to Bombay, India, and then travel by car to Kashmir with cousin Mary	
1932	Sept	Mag and Peter join John in Jhelum	
1933	Apr	Mag and Peter go to Simla for hot weather	
1934	4 Mar	Peter stayed with Molls in Jhelum	Anne born in hospital in Rawalpindi
1934	Apr	Mag, Peter and Anne move to Mount Abu during hot weather and then in October moved to Bikaner in Hindu State of Rajput to join John	
1935	Apr	Mag, Peter and Anne go to Kashmir to stay on a houseboat for the hot weather; they were joined by John before he had to return in August; Mag, Peter and Anne return to Bikaner in October	
1936	20 Apr	Mag, Peter and Anne sail from Bombay to Plymouth (“an awful journey”), staying in lodgings, with aunts and with Marjorie for medical reasons	
1936	Oct	Mag, Peter and Anne return to Bikaner by ship to Bombay with Mag’s sister Joan (always called Jane)	

Year	Date	Peter	Anne
1937	Apr	Mag, Peter, Anne and Jane travel to Kashmir to stay on a houseboat, returning in October to join John in Bikaner	
1938	Apr	The whole family go by ship to England for long leave and to visit Jersey, however John had to return again to India in August after sorting out various family affairs	
1938	Sept	Peter starts as a boarder at Windlesham School, West Sussex, staying at a holiday home in Slinfold, West Sussex for the winter holidays	
1938	Dec		Anne and Mag journey by ship to Bombay and then travel to Poona to join John
1939	3 Sept	Declaration of War – the start of WW2	
1939	Sept	Peter spends the summer holidays at Slinfold, West Sussex, returning to Windlesham after the holidays	Mag and Anne by ship from Bombay to Port Said to join John who had been posted to Egypt, with Mag and Anne staying in a flat in Cairo
1940	Aug	Peter stayed at Slinfold for the holidays until the blitz required refugees to be accommodated, so he stayed at Marjorie's; the plan then was to send Peter to Florida, USA, but the move did not eventuate and so he stayed in Brighton; during this part of the war the school was moved twice	Mag and Anne return by ship to Bombay in late August after a brief meeting with John in Aden
1941	Jan	Peter returns to Windlesham School which had been relocated to Ambleside, Lake District - the school's home for the rest of the war	Mag and Anne train to Kotagiri, in southern India, where Anne entered the Convent as a day student
1941	7 July		John returned to India and arrives in Simla, Anne becomes a boarder at the Convent in Kotagiri
1941		Peter had appendicitis, being operated on in Newcastle, UK, after which he stayed with Marjorie to recuperate for several months	School holidays were in Poona joining up with parents, returning as a boarder in Kotagiri
1942	Jan	Peter returns to Windlesham, Ambleside	Mag and Anne moved to Nowshera from Sialkot, with Anne returning as a boarder in Kotagiri
1942-3		Holidays were spent at West Wittering, the Lawrensons in Stroud, at Public and Preparatory School camps, and at Brighton with Marjorie	Mag and Anne move to Simla in Sept 1942, with Anne joining the Convent School at Simla
1944	July		Mag and Anne moved to Poona, and visited Sialkot where John was located
1945	Jan	Peter starts secondary schooling at Stowe School, Buckingham	
1945	Apr		Mag and Anne arrive in Liverpool travelling by ship from India and then by train to stay in Brighton with Marjorie
1945	Sept		After one term at Brighton High School, Anne became a boarder at St Audrey's, Minehead
1946	Apr		Anne changes school again to attend The Beehive at Bexhill-on-sea

Year	Date	Peter	Anne
1946	Aug	Peter, Anne and Mag have a holiday at Mawgan Porth, Cornwall, and afterwards Peter and Anne were left at school in England while Mag returned to Bombay and Sialkot	
1947		Peter and Anne have holidays with Lawrensons in Stroud, and Molls in Devon	
1947	Aug	Peter spends 6 weeks in Tours, France, studying French	
1948	27 Feb	John finished his army career, and Mag and John return to the UK arriving in Southampton to join their children staying with Marjorie in Brighton	
1948	Aug	The family lived in a rented house at Mawgan Porth, Devon, until Mag and John could find a farm, seeing the children when they could	
1948	Aug	Peter spends time with Mary Davis and family in Lubeck, and in Walsrode near Celle, Germany improving his German	
1949	April	Mag and John move in to Coombe Park Farm while the children were still at school	
1949	Aug	Peter leaves Stowe School	
1950	Feb	Peter starts National Service as a cadet gunner in Cheshire and then to Mons, Aldershot, taking up running and being commissioned in July	
1951		National Service increased to 2 years, Peter being posted to the Boys Battery near Rhyll, Wales, with more training and athletics	
1951	Jul		Anne leaves The Beehive school
1951	Oct	Peter's army career ends early after he applied to enter Cirencester Agricultural College in 1952 after a year's practical farming on the family farm	Anne stays at Coombe Park cramming for a Latin exam
1952		Peter now working at Coombe Park	Anne doing secretarial training in Exeter and visiting the Shirra-Gibbs (relatives) in Scotland
1952	Oct	Peter goes to Cirencester Agricultural College for one year	Anne spends two weeks in August sailing on the Norfolk Broads
1953	Sept	Peter returns to work at Coombe Park	Anne gets a job in London for four months ending in December when she returned to work on the farm
1953	Dec	Peter and Anne enjoyed two weeks skiing in Berwang, Austria	
1954	Sept		Anne starts at Seale Hayne Agricultural College
1954-5			Anne spends two weeks on the Norfolk Broads in August, sailing again, while in term time continuing her course at Seale Hayne
1956	July		Seale Hayne final exams, and National Diploma exams in September in Reading, afterwards returning to work at Coombe Park
1956	24 Sept	Peter marries Barbara McAllister and they move into Hogsbrook Farm adjacent to Coombe Park	Anne holidaying with the Waterhouses (Gill) in Italy and Switzerland in July
1958	10 Feb	Derek born in Honiton hospital	
1958	Aug		Anne and school friends Ros and Anne Mog have a YHA holiday in Paris and the Loire valley

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1959	Sept	Peter and family move to Coombe Park with Mag and John moving out and building their new cottage, Little Coombe	Anne travels by ship to Lorenzo Marques, Mozambique, and then by train to Bulawayo, Rhodesia, to stay on the Galetas Farm then moving to Bulawayo for work
1960	8 Feb	Nicola born at Coombe Park	
1960	Dec		Anne has Christmas with Huttons and Jenny in Bulawayo, Rhodesia
1961		Peter on farm and developing a cream making operation	Anne has flat in Bulawayo
1962	Jan		Anne leaves by bus to Cape Town and in March travelled by ship to Southampton where she was met and driven to the new Little Coombe house
1962	Apr		Anne took a job at Preston Farm, Drewsteignton, with the Cox family, staying in a caravan
1963	Apr	Peter and family depart Coombe Park, leaving the children with the Seymour cousins, to have a holiday in Rhodesia	
1963	Jun	Peter as a Massey-Ferguson salesman, and he and family move to Pembroke in west Wales	
1964	Jan		Anne returns to the relative warmth of Little Coombe from Drewsteignton after suffering a Christmas under snow
1964	July	Peter and family move to a poultry farm at Saundersfoot, Pembroke, associated with Ross Group	Anne and Mag visit Pembroke before Peter moves
1965	10 May	Jeremy born at Pembroke Dock, Wales	
1965	Mar		Anne moves to Horton Devizes, for the Farmers Secretarial Service
1965	May	Peter and family move to Plough Farm, Wildhern, near Andover, Hampshire, to a broiler hatchery for Chunky Chicks	Both farms and Little Coombe sold, with Mag and John moving to Pennyfield, Ottery St Mary
1966	Dec		All the Huberts have Christmas at Plough Farm
1966			Holiday with Ros to Denmark, Norway
1967	Jan	Peter and family buy South View house at Penton Mewsey, still being employed by Ross Group	
1967	Sept	Derek sent to Windlesham School, Sussex	
1968	Dec	All Hubert families at Pennyfield for Christmas	
1969	Sept		Anne flies to Johannesburg to train for a new job in Pietermaritzburg, Natal for NEGFMPU (Natal and East Griqualand Fresh Milk Producers Union)
1969	Oct	Peter leaves for South Africa on the way to Rhodesia, to work for Provimi (stock-feed specialists) with Barbara and children arriving in Cape Town in December	
1969	Dec	Peter and family have Christmas at Galetas Farm, Nyamandhlovu, Rhodesia, with Anne joining them in Johannesburg for the drive up; after Christmas Peter and family move to Marandellas, Rhodesia	

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1970	July	Parents arrive in Malta and start planning to visit Africa in Dec 1972 with Marjorie	
1970	Dec		Christmas spent in Johannesburg with Wendy Madsen, a Rhodesian colleague
1971	Aug		Anne flew to UK, and visited Providence to see parents after John's hospitalisation in Malta
1971	Dec	Anne joins Peter and family for Christmas at Marandellas, Rhodesia	
1972	31 Aug	John dies, Peter and Anne fly via Rome to Malta, Peter also went on to see Marjorie while Anne remained with Mag	
1973		Peter and family travel to Durban to collect a new VW Microbus; Peter was a army volunteer in Rhodesia eastern district	
1974	17 Aug	Peter and family go to Pietermaritzburg for wedding and afterwards holiday on the coast and in the Drakensburg Mountains	Anne and Iver married, move to Durban, and Anne starts at Cane Growers Association
1974	Dec	Peter resigns from Provimi after his territory had been expanded to include Mauritius and La Reunion as well as Malawi	Anne and Iver move to Hillcrest, west of Durban and commute to work
1975	25 Mar	Peter and family arrive at Spring Grange to manage the farm and he becomes a police reservist	Mag and Anne have a holiday in Drakensburg Mountains during the year
1975	Xmas	Mag, Anne and Iver join Peter and family at Spring Grange	
1976		The Mpuchene Farm of 6000 acres was purchased, near to Spring Grange	Derek and friend Shane stayed in Hillcrest backpacking before going to university in Durban to study engineering
1977	Feb	Bought 'Hilda's Kraal' during the year to join Spring Grange adding another 1700 acres	Iver flew to Australia, Anne to follow, Anne joined up with Nicola and visited the Drakensburg Mountains in May
1977	Aug-Sept	Derek left university and returned to Rhodesia where he had to undergo compulsory National Service	Anne went to Rhodesia, and saw Iver's daughter and family (Les, Shane and Brendon) in Harare
1977	6 Sept	Evelyn Rushmore (Barbara's aunt) murdered at Spring Grange, while Anne was visiting prior to flying to Australia	
1977	14 Sept		Anne arrives in Sydney, to join Iver in Mosman
1977	Dec		Anne and Iver travel to Leeton and had Christmas with Hilary Newman (Lockie relative)
1978	Jan		Joined APPM (Associated Pulp and Paper Mills), Anne and Iver moved to Kareela Court, Cremorne, and to Cumberland Road, Collaroy, in December
1979	Jan		Mag and Anne travel to North Island New Zealand, Canberra, and Leeton
1979	Dec		Christmas holiday was spent in Gloucester caravan park
1980	10 Apr	Marjorie died in Brighton, Peter and Barbara go to UK in July	Anne flies to Malta for Mag's final move, then to the UK to stay at Marjorie's house in Henfield; and visited friends
1980	18 Apr	Independence Day, Zimbabwe	

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1980	Dec		Christmas spent in Tumut cabins being joined by a succession of friends
1981	22 Aug	Derek and Carol married in Harare, Peter, Barbara and Anne attended the wedding, afterwards visiting Spring Grange, on Anne's return to Australia she visited Lesley and family in Johannesburg	
1981	Dec		Carol and Derek moved to Yass after staying with Anne and Iver who later spent Christmas in Coffs Harbour
1982	5 Jun		Moved to Parr Avenue, Curl Curl
1982	July		Mag and Anne drive to Lennox Head via Port Macquarie
1982	Dec		Mag, Anne and Iver visit Yeumburra, Yass, after trip to Canberra and Snowy Mountains; staying at a Sawpit Creek cabin being joined by Carol and Derek
1983	Feb	'Fifth Brigade' army atrocities in Matabeleland murdering neighbours and staff	Iver flew to South Africa in January to settle his mother in a retirement home
1983	Feb-Apr	Trip to Australia via UK both ways to arrange finance, and visit Carol and Derek at Yeumburra, Yass	Peter and Barbara stayed at Curl Curl while Peter was recovering from thrombosis clot in leg caused by flying
1984	Apr	Peter travels to UK on his own to sort out finances (again). Evelyn's husband, Edward, dies suddenly.	Building of the new house at Bonny Hills was started in late 1983; Iver arrived late March; Anne, Mag and furniture arrived in April
1984	May	Foot and Mouth in Zimbabwe, and therefore no Bulawayo show; the disease was endemic for at least 4 years	
1984	May-June	Peter and Barbara travel to Australia, arriving in Brisbane and had a Queensland tour with Carol and Derek in his new land cruiser, and afterwards a very short visit to Bonny Hills	Peter and Barbara plus Carol and Derek camping while visiting Bonny Hills
1984	Oct		Mag and Anne fly to Lord Howe Island and Norfolk Island
1984	25 Dec	Peter Craig Hubert born in Yass	
1985	Jan		Mag, Anne and Iver to Yass for Peter Craig christening, and afterwards Anne started at Expressway Spares in June
1985	May	After a brief return to Zimbabwe, Peter and Barbara visit Yeumburra to see young Peter, Derek and Carol, then to Bonny Hills with them; Nicola joins them in Yass	
1985	mid	Start of rebuilding Spring Grange house	Mag has knee operation
1986	8 May	Jeremy's 21 st , Mag visiting him in Zimbabwe	
1987	31 Oct	Sean David Hubert born in Yass, Mag visits for his christening	
1988	June-July	Peter and Barbara, Derek and Carol and boys visit Bonny Hills for Mag's 80 th birthday	
1988	Dec		Anne, Iver and Mag visit Huntingdale, Glen Alice, with Derek and Carol for Christmas
1989	15 Oct		Mag died, Derek and Carol and boys come to Bonny Hills
1990	Feb	Peter (alone) came to Bonny Hills after Mag's death	Jeremy and Harriet visit us at Bonny Hills

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1990	Oct	To UK for holiday with Nicola, visiting Yorkshire and friends, roofing of house in Zimbabwe taking place	Jill Halliday and her friend Pat visit Bonny Hills from UK; Anne, Iver and Jill spend Christmas with Derek and Carol at their new farm, Monivae, at Lue near Mudgee
1991	Aug	Spring Grange House warming and Peter's 60 th birthday party – attended by Jeremy, Nicola, Peter Stephens, Anne and Iver, Derek - afterward all to Hwangwe	
1993	11 June	Nicola's wedding to Peter Stephens in Sussex, UK – Peter and Barbara, Anne and Iver, Derek and young Pete, Jeremy	Anne and Iver to Kangaroobie, Orange, for Christmas
1994	Dec	Spring Grange pool christened, Peter had back problems. Nicola and Peter Stephens, Jeremy, Anne and Iver	Anne and Iver returned via South Africa, visiting Iver's daughter Lesley and his mother in Pietermaritzburg
1995		Barbara developed cancer of breast, lymph glands removed, had to have a skin graft in Harare	Derek and Carol now at Tantallon farm, Orange
1996	Sept	Peter and Barbara visit Derek and Carol and boys at Tantallon, then Bonny Hills – trip to Airlie Beach with Anne and Iver	
1996	Dec	Carol and boys go to Bulawayo and Harare for a visit	
1997	Dec		Sold Bonny Hills house and moved to Graham Street, Kendall
1998		Barbara's cancer returned	Built and moved to Providence, Kendall in November
1998	Dec-Jan	Peter and Barbara spend Christmas at Tantallon and came back to Providence, Kendall, and Barbara had her first treatment in Port Macquarie Hospital (31 Dec)	Joined at Providence, Kendall, by Derek, Carol and boys; Nicola, Peter Stephens and young Michael; and Jeremy from USA
1999		Peter and Barbara travelled to USA with Nicola, Peter Stephens and Michael touring with Jeremy after his Masters in Veterinary Science dissertation	
2000		Land invasions in Zimbabwe started by war veterans, with Peter's farms gazetted to be taken over by April 2001	Anne left work at Expressway Spares. Grand Tour with Iver to UK, Venice, Athens, Rhodes, Turkey returning through Hong Kong and Christmas in Kendall with Derek, Carol and boys
2000	15 Nov	William Stephens born in Chichester	
2001	Jan	Peter and Barbara travel to UK for William's christening and visit Barbara's sister Tricia and friends	
2001	28 Apr	Peter's 70 th surprise birthday party at Spring Grange with Barbara, Nicola, and Jeremy. Afterwards Peter and Barbara went on holiday to Mana Pools with local friends (Randalls, Gibbs, and Gawlers)	
2001	4 Aug	Barbara died and Derek, Nicola and boys, Peter Stephens, Jeremy, Tricia, and Anne were present at the funeral. Barbara had rallied before her death, so all the family had gone to the Hide Safari camp	Anne to Spring Grange for month. Iver diagnosed with Parkinsons

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2001	Dec	Allan Lewis becomes manager on Spring Grange, in January Peter takes a holiday at the Hide, then attends Court Cases on farms slated for takeover and resettlement	Anne and Iver to Nowra, Canberra and Tantallon for Christmas, returning via Nundle
2002	Aug	Jeremy paid visit from USA, Allan and Peter in jail - Peter prevented from returning to farm	
2002	Sept	Peter moves to Nigel's Gate, Bulawayo, Jeremy and Nicola arrive to pack up the house, moving by truck. Court cases continue, Peter now contemplates retirement from farming	Tour via Nowra round south coast to Melbourne. Stayed with Anthony Stephens and saw Milly Jones in Melbourne with Barry. Iver had TIA on Mornington Peninsula but it was not diagnosed at the time
2002	Dec	Moves to the Allards outside Bulawayo for space for Nicola and her children as well as Jeremy, who buys a house in Bulawayo for Peter	Anne and Iver have Christmas dinner at the Country Club Port Macquarie with sundry friends. Iver had a fall in Kendall at the end of December, and was in hospital at Port Macquarie hospital and Sydney until mid-February
2003	Jan	Peter spends 2 months in Australia at Providence and Tantallon, returning to Zimbabwe in April to house renovations being managed by Susan Allard	
2003	Jun	In June, Allan was beaten up and put in jail. There was continuing cattle movements and staff harassment on the farms. Jeremy visited for 2 weeks from USA, stays longer to take over and payoff all staff and set up Allan with the pigs off the farm. Jeremy plans to keep the cattle on another farm	
2003	Oct	Peter is very unsettled and wants no more farm responsibility, however Jeremy is back in Louisiana, USA, trying to manage the farm affairs	Anne and Iver visit Judy and Brian in Lennox Head, however Iver has a stroke in Coffs Harbour, is moved to Port Macquarie, his daughter Lesley arrives for a visit
2003	14 Nov		Iver dies in hospital in Port Macquarie, Carol, Derek and boys present for the service at the crematorium
2003	Nov-Dec	Peter arrives in Australia at the end November, Peter and Anne spend Christmas at Tantallon	
2004	4 Jan	Peter goes to UK, visiting friends and stays with Bev Gibbs	
2004	Nov	Peter and Bev in Sydney, visit Kendall, later Peter and Anne go to Tantallon for young Peter's graduation	
2004	Dec	Peter, Bev and Anne go to Tantallon for Christmas; returning to Kendall in January; Peter and Bev return for the UK separately in March	
2005	24 Nov	Peter and Bev arrive in Sydney joining Anne and Mackenzies (relatives of Bev) for Christmas, and then all to the farm	
2006	3 Apr	Peter and Bev married in French's Forest, Sydney	Carol and Derek separate after August
2006	9 Sep		Anne to Tibet and China with her friend Theres
2006	19 Oct	Peter and Bev moved to Pittwater Retirement Village	

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2007	May	John and Rona Lomas visit from NZ, went to the farm and Sydney with Anne	
2007	25 Aug	Jeremy and Susan married in Bulawayo	
2007	8 Oct		Anne went to UK to visit old friends, and then toured Eastern Europe by bus
2007	Dec	Peter and Bev and Bev's children and their families spend Christmas at Milly's house, Kendall	Derek stayed with Anne, who started fitness training for NZ
2008	27 Feb		Dave and Anne trekking in the South Island, NZ, the first of many wonderful trips together
2008	June		Dave moved from Brisbane to Port Macquarie to be closer to Irene (Dave's step-mother) and Anne
2008	Jul Aug	Peter, Bev, Anne and Dave drove to Queensland (had an accident with a kangaroo), and then went to Heron Island and Caloundra	
2009	23 Aug	Nicola and boys visit to see Peter	
2009	Sep Oct		Dave and Anne have a big UK trip visiting family and friends
2009	10 Nov		Anne has a TIA (min-stroke), taken to Port Macquarie hospital, later Derek, Lisa, Jeremy and Susan visit us in Kendall
2010	19 Feb		Anne has a second stroke, taken by ambulance to Port Macquarie hospital and put back into her old bed
2010	4 Jun	Jeremy in Sydney to visit Peter	
2010	2 Nov		Kendall sold, moved to Tasman Road
2011	Jan	Nicola visited with boys, staying at Narrabeen later visiting the farm	
2011	26 Jul		Anne fitted with pacemaker
2012	Apr	Bev had workshop for 3 days in Mittagong, Anne looking after Peter for the 3 days	
2012	10 Aug		Dave and Anne on a big North America trip – Alaska, Canada Rockies, Cape Cod, Hawaii
2012	25 Oct	Peter very sick and put in hospital, then returned home briefly, by December back in hospital, Jeremy was able to visit briefly	
2013	3 Feb	Anne spent 4 days with Peter at nursing home while Bev in Wollongong for a music workshop - Peter died in hospital after problems at nursing home	
2013	10 Feb	Memorial wake held for Peter at house of Bev's niece, Lori	
2013	27 Apr		Young Peter and Rebecca Craig married in Nowra – a lovely wedding
2013	5 Jul		Tasman Road sold and Anne and Dave move to Glengara Retirement Village