

Down Memory Lane



Observer Corps on parade for photocall

Who can identify this group of people on today's Down Memory Lane photo?

It was sent in by Derek Smith of Delane Road, Drayton, Norwich, and belonged to his mother, Eva Ling.

Mr Smith had been in the Reepham

W1 Royal Observer Corps, pictured here in 1944, but had joined the Royal Air Force and so was not available for this photo call.

His stepfather, John Ling, is shown though on the far right of the top row. Mr Smith believes the girls on the front row would now be in their

mid-60s, so some may still be living in the area, and he would love to hear from any one who can recognise themselves among the group.

So far, he has been able to identify Sid Hicks second from the right on the top row; and on the second row

from left Ernie Tuddenham, Gordon Franklin, Bob Smith, Horace Collison, unknown, Lee Hall, unknown and Spider Hardiment. On the front row, he could recognise Sissy Laskey at the far left, Cyril Lowe, fourth from left and Janet Arthurton second from right.

Canada, in the 1935 Crockford's Clerical Directory. Unfortunately we do not hold any Crockford's or other church directories, national and local, between the years 1914 and 1935."

If anyone recognises the priest or anyone else, or can supply information about the group in the picture, please write to Barbara Smith, at Norwich Cathedral, The Close, Norwich, Norfolk NR1 4DH.

And following our recent Down Memory Lane picture of the Observer Corps, Derek Smith of

Drayton wrote in to say he has received many calls from our readers and can now identify all the people in the photograph. They are (back row, from left) Herbert Burton, Ralph Elsdon, Nora Reeve, Sid Hicks and John Ling; (middle row) Ernie Tuddenham, Gordon Franklin, Bob Smith, Horace Collison, Ernie Neil, Bob Wasey, Frank Rudd and Spider Hardiment; (front row) Hazel Tubby, Madge Kittle, Joy Bailey, Cyril Lowe, Jean Saunders, Janet Arthurton and Barbara Jones.