Charlie Elphick
7th July 1873 - 6th June 1949

Charlie Elphick was born 7th July 1873 in Sheffield Green, Fletching. He was baptised on 7th September at St. Andrew and St. Mary, Fletching.

Charlie’s occupation was an agricultural labourer, and he married Mary Ann Cane on 30th October 1897 in Fletching. They settled in Freshfield Lane, Danehill and in 1901 they had a daughter called Dorothy. During the next ten years they had four more children, as the 1911 census records the family still in Freshfield Lane, with Dorothy, Nellie, Alice, Charlie and Harry.

Charlie’s parents were James Elphick (1825 - 1892) and Harriet Padgham (1832 - 1908). James Elphick was born 4th December 1825 in Chailey and was baptised at St. Peter’s church. His parents were William Elphick (1802 - 1849) and Rebekka Cook (1803 - 1880). William and Rebekka had 13 children including James, 5 of whom died before they were 5 years old.

In 1851 James, an agricultural labourer, was living at Sheffield Bridge with his widowed mother, Rebekka, who was listed as a Pauper. Harriet Padgham was next door at Shepherds Lodge with her father John who was a shepherd. So he married “the girl next door”

Harriet Padgham was born in The Old Workhouse, Fletching, to parents John Padgham and Mary Wilcocks. She was baptised on 10th June 1832 at St. Andrew and St. Mary in Fletching.

The 1901 census records Harriet, a widow, living with her daughter Caroline, in a cottage in Fletching, next to North Lodge, near to the Sheffield Arms public house. The name of the cottage is unclear on the census return.

Harry Elphick, one of Charlie’s brothers emigrated to Australia with his wife Charlotte, and five children. They departed in April 1913 and arrived in Western Australia in May. Harry served in the military during WW1 and died on 2nd April 1937 in Mount Lawley Western Australia. He is buried in Karrakatta, Nedlands City, Western Australia.

Charlie died 6th June 1949 in Danehill, aged 75

Charlie & Mary Elphick

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Mary Ann Elphick (nee Cane)
26th June 1872 - 7th November 1962

Mary Ann Cane was born on 26th June 1872 in Uckfield. Her parents were Ebenezer Cane (1850 - 1941) and Ann Elizabeth Harvey (1841 - 1887). They had married on 26th December 1871 at St. John the Baptist, Southover, Lewes.

The 1871 census records Ebenezer as a lodger with Ann Cottington, a laundress, in Uckfield, his occupation is blacksmith. It is unclear why they chose to marry in Lewes.

Mary died on 7th November 1962, aged 90 and according to records was buried in Danehill cemetery on 8th November 1962.
Alice Mercy Manklow (nee Elphick)

1903 - 1 May 1985

Alice Mercy Elphick was born in 1903. Her parents were Charlie Elphick (7th July 1873 - 6th June 1949) and Mary Cane (26th June 1872 - 7th November 1962). At the time of her birth she was living in Step Cottage, Freshfield Lane, Danehill. She had two sisters and two brothers.

She married Arthur Percy Mankelow on 5th April 1930 and they had one daughter, Susan.

During the 1939-1945 war, Alice gained Red Cross certification for home nursing and first aid; she was a member of the Fire Fighting Party organised by Uckfield Rural District Council and a member of the W.V.S Civil Defense Housewives Service. She received the following letter from the Secretary Of State for War— J Grigg:

'I have received the King’s command to express His Majesty’s appreciation of the loyal service given voluntarily to her country in a time of grievous danger by Alice M. Manklow as a woman Home Guard Auxiliary’

They lived in Church Lane Danehill until her death in 1985, aged 82.

Mat Weller writes of Alice Manklow:

‘Mrs Manklow, as we always knew her, was a very kind and sweet lady. She was friends with my Nan, Beatrice Cundy, who lived at 2 Fairview. Although I know nothing about her. I remember she gave my Nan four small honey jars one for each of the grandchildren, of which I was one, and she then will fill in on a weekly basis with pennies that she collected during the week. I never met Mr Manklow as he died in 1971 before I was born. I remember when Mrs Manklow died in 1985 as I was starting secondary school in the August after the May when she died. I remember my Nan telling me that she had gone to be with Jesus and her husband. She was a really lovely lady and loved us children’

Arthur Percy Manklow

1900 - 5th December 1971

Arthur was born in 1900 in Fletching where he grew up. He worked for Lavenders in Ringmer. Arthur died on 5th December 1971 aged 71.
Alice & Arthur Manklow are remembered in Danehill cemetery

Awards bestowed upon Alice Manklow

Alice & Arthur Manklow are remembered in Danehill cemetery
Esme Elphick (nee Cook)  
15 November 1908 - 9 May 2003

Esme Cook was born on 15 November 1908. Her parents were Ralph Cook, who was a soldier and came from Hook Farm, West Hoathly and Daisy Bennet, who was born in Rose Cottage at the centre of Danehill.

Esme married Charles Elphick and they had four girls; Dylis, Rose, Carol and Esme.

Esme died on 9 May 2003, aged 95. She is buried in the new part of Danehill Centery.

Esme Elphick is buried in the new part of Danehill cemetery.
If you have any more information about this family that you believe would be of interest please contact the Danehill Parish Historical Society dphs@outlook.com. We’d love to hear from you.