

Joan Sharvell (nee Etherton)

7 May 1927 - 15 March 2021

Joan was born on 7th May 1927, in Danehill. Her parents were George Etherton (1896 - 1976) and Elsie Funnell (1987 - 1985) (See Etherton). She was the youngest of two siblings, her older sibling being Beatrice Etherton.



Joan Sharvell



Joan & Beatrice Etherton outside the Forge

She initially lived in Collingford Lane. Then moved to the Forge. She disliked the Forge and thought it was haunted. Glass smashing in the cellar but nothing broken. Sounds of drums beating in the cellar. There was no mains and water was taken from a pump in the garden which was next to the toilet. Everyone had their own chamberpot. It is however an impressive house. Joan's and her sister, Beattie Cundy, were both

trained in sewing/dressmaking and this is what she did before marrying James 'Alan' Sharvell on 25th June 1949. They had one child, Raymond, born on 24th November 1951.

After that she became what was known as a housewife, She continued to make her own clothes. She developed a social life in Harrow with neighbours. She like music particularly Frankie Vaughan and later Andre Rieu. She was a keen snooker fan and enjoyed cricket on TV. In 2013 she developed dementia. Later Alan also developed dementia but not as bad, They both moved to a care home.

Joan died in a nursing home on 15 March 2021, aged 94, from pneumonia at the hight of the COVID epidemic.



Above: Joan and Alan's wedding at Danehill church 1949. Below: Joan and Beatrice playing



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Alan Sharvell

25 July 1927 - 28 September 2017

Alan was born on 25th July 1927 in Colchester. where his father was stationed. He always used his middle name Alan, rather than James. He spent his youth in India, although now parts are in Pakistan. He was conscripted into the army after the war (Royal Signals),

He married Joan Etherton on 25th June 1949, at Danehill church in 1949. They had one child together, Raymond. It is thought they initially lived at the Forge but are not certain. Alan trained as a toolmaker and got a job at Browns in

Watford who made scientific instruments.

This was near his parents house in Carpenders Park.

Their son, Raymond, was born on 24 November 1951 in Watford hospital. The family moved to Harrow in 1952. Alan left Browns in the early 60s and got a job with Metal Box at Borehamwood. They were researching the creation of plastic containers. He left there in 1979 and eventually set up his own business making various plastic widgets to order. Alan was a man who liked making things, He was a keen gardener and DIYer. In later life he became interested in computers.

Alan died on 28th September 2017 aged 89, from pneumonia.



Alan Sharvell



Above: Joan and Alan's wedding at Danehill church 1949

Right: Joan and Alan in later years



Joan and Alan Sharvell are remembered in the Danehill garden of remembrance

IN
BELOVED MEMORY
**JOAN
SHARVELL**
07. 05. 1927 - 15. 03. 2021
**ALAN
SHARVELL**
25. 07. 1927 - 28. 09. 2017



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Lillian Sharvell (nee Dixon)

30 January 1907 - 15 August 1975

Lilian was born on 30 January 1907 in Danehill. Lilian's father was shown as John/Jack Dixon born (1887-1959) in Ardingly and her mother was Edith Bennett born 1888 in Guernsey.

She married James Alfred Sharvell on 2nd August 1926. They had three children James Alan, born on 25 July 1927 in Colchester, Rita in July 1930 in Colchester and Peter on 1 May 1940 in India.

In 1901 John was working at Berry Farm Ardingly. He was known as Grandad Dixon. He had a bushy moustache and smoked a pipe. He was also a frequent visitor to the Crocodile and the legion. They lived in a house at the end of a cul-de-sac just by the divide in Horsted Lane where it forks into London Road where he had a small holding growing fruit. A lady lives there now who owns horses. It is believed that he had lived in the forest making charcoal.

Lilian died on 15th August 1975.

James Alfred Sharvell

24 December 1899 - December 1968

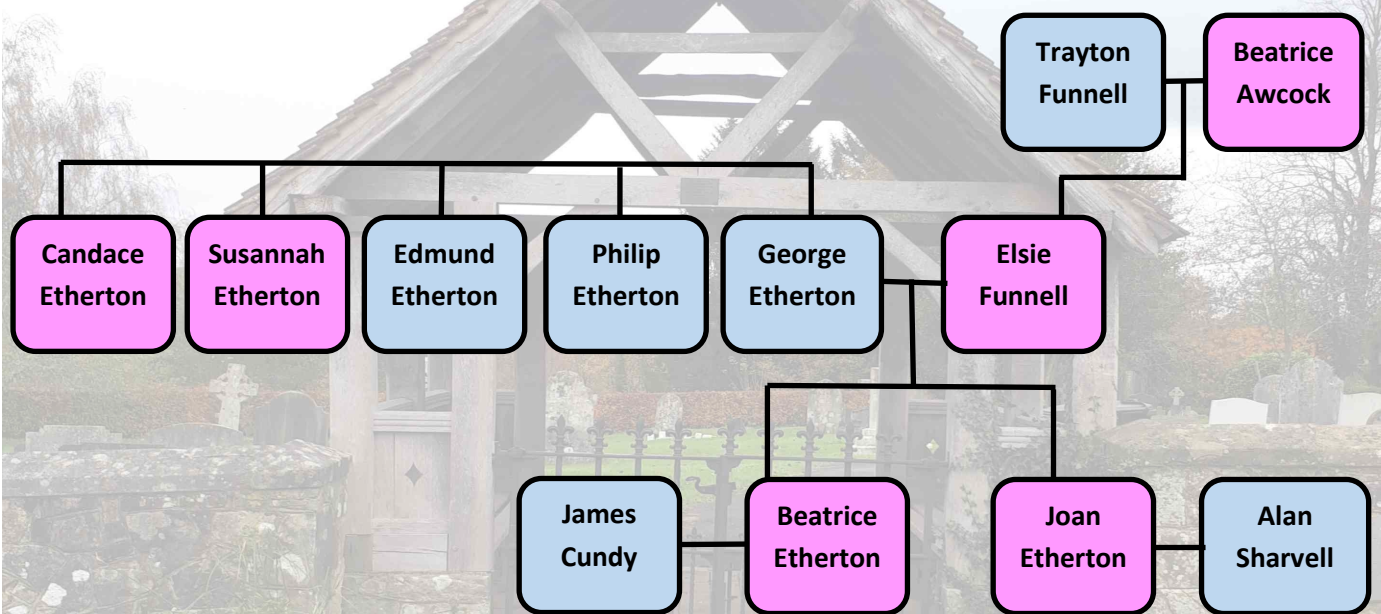
James Alfred Sharvell born 24 December 1899 in Camberwell, London. His father was a butcher. At some point he enlisted in the army (Royal Signals), On 2nd August 1926 he married Lilian May Elizabeth Dixon of Chelwood Common in Danehill church. They had three children James Alan, born on 25 July 1927 in Colchester, Rita in July 1930 in Colchester and Peter on 1 May 1940 in India. He spent much of his army career in India. After the war they moved to Carpenders Park near Harrow. James and Lilian emigrated to Australia in the late 50s under the £10 pom scheme, with their son Peter. Lilian did not like Australia so they returned to the UK in 1967 and lived with Joan and James Alan in Harrow, James died in December 1968.

Peter stayed in Australia and had four children Scott (deceased) Darren, Kimberly and Dallas. Peter died on 12 August 2022. His children still live in Australia.

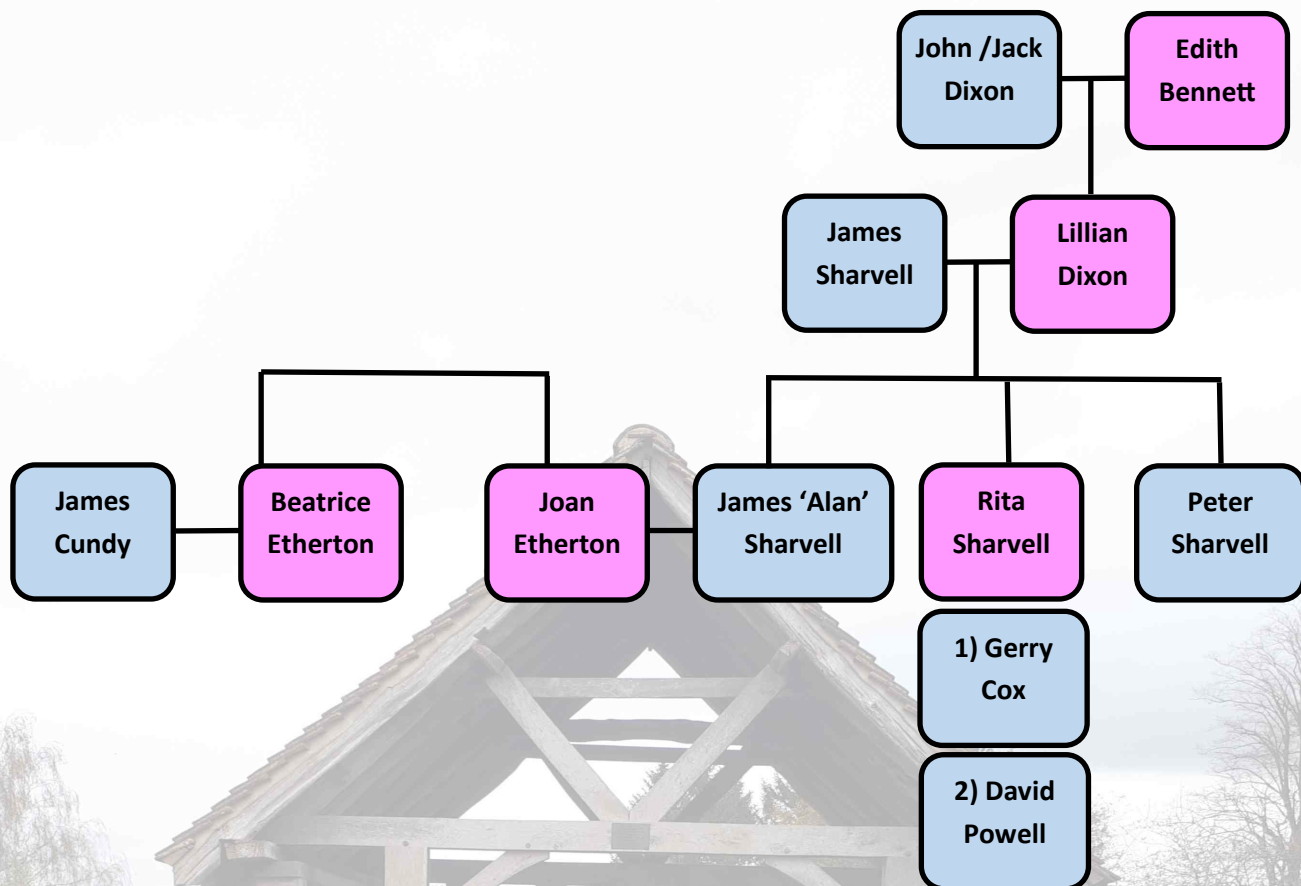
Rita married Gerry Cox. When he died she married David Powell, they live near Bournemouth.



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Alan and Joan's wedding: Jim Sharvell, Edith Dixon, Gerry Hoad, Jean Hoad, Lillian Sharvell, John Dixon, Alan Sharvell, Joan Sharvell, Beattie Cundy, Elsie Etherton, Beatrice Funnell, Rita Sharvell, George Etherton and the boy may be John Cundy

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