

Chs02937 x022 **Linda Evans collection, from her mother Dilys Ide nee Hopkin of Colwinston**

Linda Evans, in sorting through her mother's photos etc., would like to donate them somewhere they can be enjoyed in Cowbridge. She has also an extensive collection of letters written by her uncle Willie during his time in the RAF. Cowbridge museum expressed an interest in this particular RAF collection, and Linda my donate them to the museum once they have been scanned into the History Society archive.

Dilys Hopkin was born in Pentremeyrick in 1928 and moved a short distance to Colwinston in the 1930s, with her parents and brother Willie Owen Hopkin (Bill) and older brother Douglas (Thomas Douglas Hopkin). All three attended the Colwinston village school (see photo of the school group *chs02943*). Their home was called Corner Cottage (re-named by Dilys's mother, Elizabeth, as The Sages). Elizabeth, originally from Porth in the Rhondda, had worked as a ladies' maid at Pwllyrwrach and Colwinston House for the Pritchard family, until she married in 1914. Her husband had lived at Ty Draw farmhouse, Colwinston. Elizabeth had fond memories of the Pritchards, and of Agatha Christie who used to visit her daughter at Pwllyrwrach. Mrs. Hopkin moved out of The Sages in 1983.

Willie Hopkin (William Owen Hopkin), born 1923, served in the RAF in WW2 from 1942, then re-joined in 1949. He married a girl from Scotland, but died in his 30s in 1955. His sister Dilys (and her mother before her) kept several items of his RAF days. These have been brought for scanning into the History Room.

Willie (or Bill) often added an 's' to his surname – hence 'Hopkins' on his school reports.

Chs06773 Ty Draw farm Colwinston 1914 – the farm was leased from the Pwllyrwrach estate. Maggie Hopkin (facing on left) and Cassie Hopkin (right) were the aunts of Dilys Ide, her father's sisters.

Chs06773-1 Ty Draw farm, Colwinston 1914 – Aunty Cassie on right; Aunty Maggie on left. They were the sisters of Dilys Ide's father, Thomas John Hopkin, who lived in The Sages, Colwinston.

Chs06774 The Vines, Colwinston – near the church. Now a housing estate. Lived in by relatives of the Hopkin family.