

Margery Elizabeth Pontin.



I can find very little about Margery in either club gazettes or History. She married Steve in October or November 1940, and they lived at 60 Cedars Court, Muswell Hill.

She joined the club on 9th March 1941. With most of the men now called up for war duty Margery was soon helping out and was on the Committee in 1942.

In those far off days of WW2 and with over 40 members on Active Service, or Prisoners of War, it was agreed to start a comforts fund for them. These were small parcels of 'luxury items' to help cheer up members. Things like toothpaste, shoe polish, razor blades, pencils, note books, matches, cigarettes, etc.

They were much appreciated by all who received them.

Margery was one of the team of wives that helped look after this fund and send the parcels out. Eventually, some of those members still at home stood guarantor for the fund, making weekly donations of 6d.

In 1943 Margery was on a sub-committee running the club gazette, and was in charge of distribution. Almost every serving member received their copy of the club gazette, all be it very late sometimes. Margery left the Finsbury Park sometime between 1957 and 1960.

At the end of June 2010 Margery unfortunately suffered a number of falls in her home and was taken to hospital. On being discharged from hospital it was decided that she would seek respite care in a residential home in Whetstone, to be near to her Attorney. Margery passed away on 15th October 2016. I am not sure how old she would have been, certainly middle to late 90's.

Soon after Margery moved to her new home in Whetstone Jean and myself went to see her. Margery remembered me well and we talked for over an hour on the old days and all the club members, some no longer with us. She well remembered Aubrey Todd, calling him 'Todd the Sod'. Toddy, as he was known, had a photographic shop and studio in Green Lanes.

As far as I know, apart from Alan Lauterwasser, Margery was the last club link prior to 1950.

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