

MEMORIES of SARRATT FIRE STATION

Ron Poynter



Back Row

Cecil Scott Unknown

Charlie Baldwin Unknown Jess Wallington Tommy Cooper Bill Elbourne Unknown Arthur Kingham Unknown Unknown

Margy Kempster Unknown Noreen Singleton Cath Chalk Joan Woods Unknown Toots Farnham Betty Hester Marion Randall Ruth Harpley
Jack Farnham Unknown Ethel Elbourne Unknown Cis Woods Frank Poynter Bert Chalk Ann Dowse Albert Dowse Dora Elbourne Reg Woods
Senior Lady Section Leader

The fire station was on Dimmocks Lane where bungalows now stand that were built by DH Poynter & Sons. Prior to this, a small pump and tender were kept in the barn facing up the Green at the start of Church Lane

The station was manned each night by a crew of men and women. It combined staff from Sarratt and Chipperfield. In photo centre, Frank Poynter, Section Leader and on his right CIS Woods, Section Leader. The Area Officer who paid regular visits was Bill Ryman from Chorleywood, then owner of a small stationery shop, obviously now a much larger business.

The station attended many fires caused by incendiary bombs. The more serious ones were when the plane came down on the playing fields, causing damage to many houses in Deadman's Ash.

The worst was when two planes collided overhead at White Dell. All the burned bodies were carried out on stretchers by Frank Poynter and Sam Warner, the only two who felt able to carry out what was a particularly the gruesome task.

For further details about this crash, see overleaf. Ed.