

Some photos and memories from the 1950s sent in by David Elkington-Cole who was born and raised in Bishop's Hull, living in Mountway Road, and remembers several other families who lived nearby. He is happy to be contacted if anyone wishes to reminisce or ask about his memories of Bishop's Hull. **His e-mail address is dec0090@hotmail.com.**

Many thanks to David Elkington-Cole for sending these photos. Dave was born and grew up in the village at 85 Mountway Road. He and his lifelong friend Tony Morrison who lived at 21 Mountway Road from 1939-1962, were both keen photographers and members of Taunton Camera Club. Both went on to become professional photographers, David with his own studio and Tony pursuing a worldwide career in wildlife photography including working with David Attenborough.

Sadly, Tony died in May 2020 after a long illness. David has sent an **[article from the Peruvian Times](#)** which outlines Tony's fascinating life and career.

The following are some photos and snippets of David memories from his time in Bishop's Hull that he sent whilst corresponding with us about the website.



Venn's Dairy Herd

1952



Christopher Sayer from Smithy who worked at Somerset Gazette and had his own band for local hops.

Here he is with his dog in the river Tone at Diamonds Field. This area was known as "Panny".



Here is Chris playing at a well-attended hop in the 1950s.



This was a local hop at an unidentified venue. Does anyone recognise it?

Some memories of David's

"I remember falling into the river Tone by the old mill and waking up in Taunton Hospital."

"Also during the war "Dads Army" patrolling Bishops Hull and late one evening dozens of aircraft towing gliders passing overhead which on reflection must have been the launch of "D" Day."

"Gwyneth Jones who also lived in Mountway Road. I knew her mother well having received maths lessons from her in my early teens as also Tony. Gwyneth's brother David became artistic director for the Royal Shakespeare Company"

David also recalls some of the families who lived in the Mountway Road and Smithy area in the form of an **annotated photograph**.