

# The Blitz

**Albert: 2 July 40** Got old sofa from stable and put it in air raid shelter.

**A: 27 Aug 40** Air raid warning at 9.30 and all clear soon after midnight. When I was in bed heard Jerry go over the house.

**A: 28 Aug 40** Air raid warning at 11.40am but nothing happened. Piano tuner came. Raids at 12.15pm, 3.15pm, 4.45pm and 9.30 to 4am.

German bombers came over Bushey and this house, being attacked by RAF.

A terrible din but difficult to see as most of the fight was very high.

**A: 29 Aug 40** 7 raids in all. At night many Germans over the house. Seems they use the Elstree and Ruislip reservoirs as guides. This place seems to be the crossroads.

**A: 5 Sept 40** Warnings at 10am, 3pm and 9pm to 4.30am. Heavy bombs over Barnet way in last raid. Eila and I prepared plums for bottling. Warnings at 5am, 8.34am, 1pm, 6pm and 8.55pm. First four about 1 hour each.

**A:12 Sept 40** Eila and I to Watford. Home to tea in raid period. Raid warning. Heard whizz of a bomb over house. Seemed to fall about Titian Avenue. Ran for cellar. Spent night in shelter. Up all night.

**A:18 Sept 40** 8 air alarms, the last 8pm to 5.30am. Heard whistle during 9 o'clock news. A very loud

bomb about 10.15pm and soon after a crash which broke glass in conservatory and blew open windows and doors in house.

**A:19 Sept 40** Glass broken in conservatory and green houses. Conservatory front moved out nearly 6 inches. 1st bomb in Finch Lane allotments behind Avenue Rise - 2nd on a small building in Heathbourne Rad. No one hurt but much damage in Bushey.



Bushey housewives searching through the rubble of their homes.

**A:3 Oct 40** In shelter all night. Last night Ellams near Bushey Hall was hit and set on fire and also Caledonian Schools for a second time.

**A: 8th Oct 40** Bed at 7 and up at 11am. Heard bombs fell in Bushey last night just outside lychgate - 2 soldiers killed. Conservative Club wrecked. Church windows smashed. Roofs off nearby houses including Kemp-Welch's. Bomb on Express Dairy killing some horses.



Bomb damage to church yard and Lucy Kemp-Welch's house

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