



My Grandma,  
two houses  
and a small  
village in  
Leicestershire!

# “Peace for our time”



Neville Chamberlain 1938 on his return from meeting Hitler in Munich

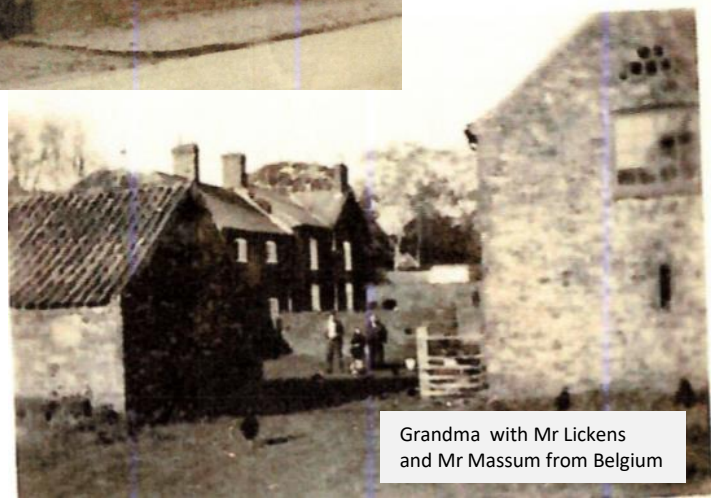
- In the summer of 1938 my Grandma was nearly 4 and living in London
- My great- grandfather did not believe Chamberlain and thought war was on its way
- He moved his family from London to a small village called Goadby Marwood in Leicestershire
- By Oct 1938 my family were living in a rented farmhouse called the ‘The Laurels’

# Life at 'The Laurels'



The Laurels was a busy house during the war  
Not only my Grandma and Great Grandparents  
but also:

- Other family members coming and going from other cities
- An Evacuee child called Pat
- And four families from the Belgian Government (Civil Servants) when their Government was in exile
- Dogs, puppies, goats, pigs and hens.....
- My Great Grandma got very creative, having to feed so many people on food rations.



Grandma with Mr Lickens and Mr Massum from Belgium

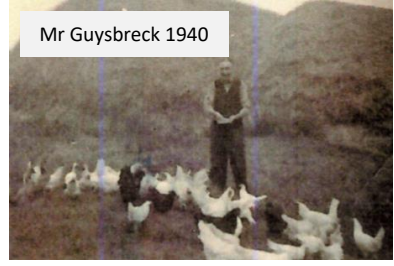
# Here are some of the people who stayed.....



Great Grandma, Great Aunt Dora and Grandma in 1940



Jean Sirejons 1941 from Belgium



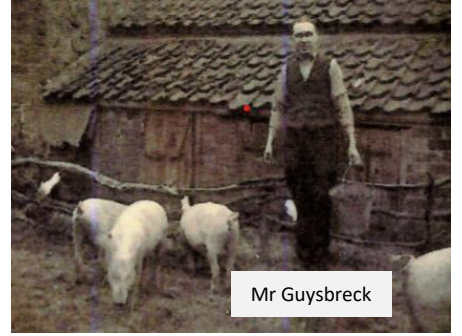
Mr Guysbreck 1940



Mr & Mdme Guysbreck 1942



Grandma & Jean



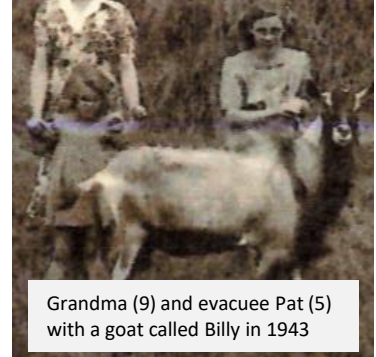
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Grandma with a puppy and some hens



Grandma, her parents with Mr Boone and Madame Guysbreck from Belgium



Grandma (9) and evacuee Pat (5) with a goat called Billy in 1943

- Goats were very important for milk
- Goats do not carry TB

# At the other end of the village

## The Manor House



- During the war this house was rented by the British Government
  - First of all it was used to imprison Conscientious Objectors
  - Then Italian Prisoners of War, until 1943 when the Italians switched sides
  - And finally, German Prisoners of War
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- The prisoners all lived in the stables and out buildings, whilst eating and washing in the specially converted rooms in the house
  - During the war they all worked on the land to help keep Britain fed.