

CHURT HOUSE

James Bamford was an acquaintance of John Brookes, who suggested that he should buy one of the new houses that were being built at Westcott. As a result he and his wife, Nellie, moved from Hampstead Garden Suburb and bought Churt House. **Mrs Nellie Bamford** lived there until her death in 1951.

David Bamford was their eldest son. He married Betty Anderson on 23 April 1938 at Epsom Register Office, with a blessing at Holy Trinity Westcott after Mrs Bamford withdrew her opposition to the marriage. As Flight Lieutenant David Bamford he was killed in a flying accident in South Africa in 1941.

Rhona Bamford married George H Payne on 4 November 1939

Peter Bamford married Mary Alison Eastham, daughter of Tom Eastham KC of Westcott House on 7 September 1940.

Although David's widow was provided with a house in Purley she and her young daughter spent quite a lot of time at Westcott and the following photographs were taken at the house or nearby. They have been copied from a family album now owned by Nicolette Martin, David and Betty's daughter, born on 30 October 1940 and baptised at Holy Trinity .

Many of the photographs feature Mrs Nellie Bamford, David & Betty Bamford and Nicolette.



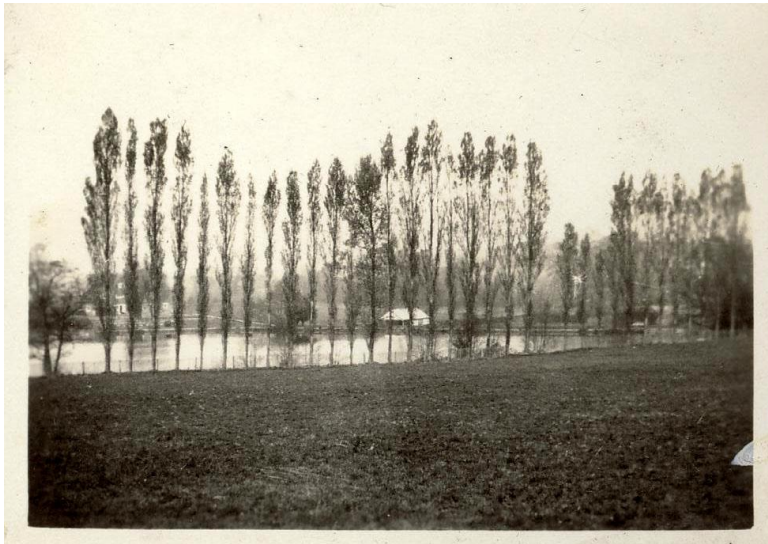
Churt House c1926



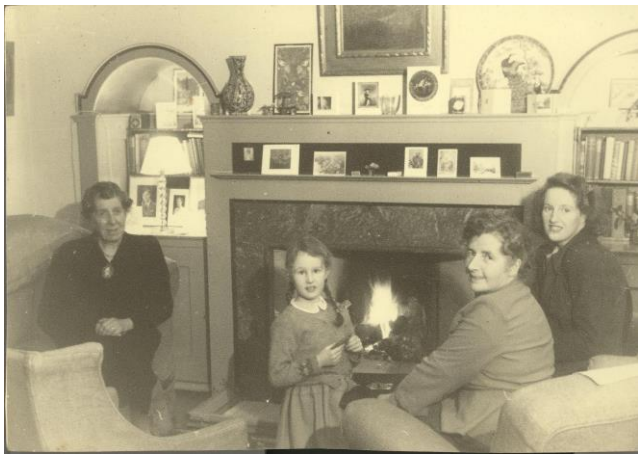
David Bamford was a motoring enthusiast



In the garden



Poplars at the end of the garden with the mill pond beyond



The sitting room fireplace



The house was 'sandbagged' in 1940



In the garden



and carrying out landscaping work.



Nicolette being introduced to Leslie Howard's horses at Stowe Maries.