

Government Evacuation Centre

Broomfield (5 sitting rooms and 20 bedrooms with 12 occupants)

Sir Norman Touche said that *'If the occasion arises I expect to have my three brothers, their wives and children, my wife's sister, her husband and children all of whom live in London. These amount (including 3 governesses and nurses but excluding other servants) to 11 adults and 6 children – in addition to those ordinarily resident. But 'Yes, I have rooms for children but there are no beds in the sitting rooms, and I would prefer it if an adult is available to look after the children'*.

Brooklands (14 rooms and 5 occupants) Mr Story stated that he did not wish to take anyone but was allocated six.

Bury Hill In the event of war it is anticipated that the residents will number 30 and Col Barclay's London staff will in all probability move in as well.

At **The Manse** in Parsonage Lane the Reverend Greatwood did not feel that he could accept anybody but offered 'his school in Furlong Road, which could accommodate 15 if properly equipped'.

The Visitor experienced considerable difficulty in obtaining answers to her questions from a Ms Phillips at one house in **Parsonage Lane**. The official report stated that *'Could not get in and was told from an upper window that 'They do not open their doors to anyone'. I think there are two women and one man. They are mysterious people and are believed to be fascists. The house was once a children's home and has large rooms'*.

At **Overdale** (8 rooms with 3 residents) in Coast Hill Lane it was noted that *'In case of war Lt Col Munt would be mobilised, as would his manservant. Mrs Munt would then shut up the house or else have her mother (Mrs Garrett age 70 from Sutton) to stay. He is not anxious to have children in the house but is willing to help with them elsewhere.'*

Broomfield in Logmore Lane had six rooms and five occupants, one of them the young Prunella Scales. Her mother, Mrs Illingworth, helpfully commented that 'If the household has to leave the district in time of war she would take any billeted children with her.'

At **The Mount** in School Lane, now Mount Tavy Cottage, (4 rooms and 2 residents) it was noted that Mrs Shaw is nearly 80 and her sister is partially blind. She would be prepared to take an adult without children but could not undertake any work.

Hawthorndene (12 rooms and 6 residents) W E Spratt esq. 'Unwilling to have any persons in the house. Household consists of two people and 4 maids.

Tile House This house is up for sale.

1 Westcott Street. There is one old man (Walter Rose) who is bedridden and his niece who goes out to work.

4 Spring Cottages. The lady is too feeble to undertake either children or adults.

Milton Street The Lodge Mrs Wilde. 'An old body and has a lot of cats.'

The occupants of a surprisingly large number of houses with vacant rooms claimed to be expecting relatives and acquaintances who would be evacuating London under their own arrangements. Of the 19 houses in Milton Avenue, for example, all but four were expecting the visitors. The Visitor's report claimed that only 11 unaccompanied children and 4 teachers could be accommodated because they were expecting to take in 40 independent evacuees.

Milton Clear	1
Bury Edge	
Heatherdene	2
Longcroft	2
Milton Cottage	
Hartland	2
Heriot	4
Sunrays	4
Chelwood	
Garrynesta	3
The Rise	2
Shaldon	2
Ardgowan	3
Wynnstay	2
Coverdale	3
Greenheys	4
Beira	
Wimbrae	3
Lindisfarne	3