

NATIONAL TRUST
COLESHILL ESTATE
THE AUXILIARY UNITS COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

IN MEMORY OF BOB MILLARD.
BATHAMPTON AUXILIARY PATROL, TRAINED AT COLESHILL



Coleshill House Park

Memorial Tree



Oak Tree No.1 planted in the Park of Coleshill House
is dedicated to the memory of:

ALAN GEORGE ASHLEY
Aged 24

a member of Auxiliary Units (Dorsetshire Regiment)
-trained at Coleshill- and 1st SAS Regiment ('A'
Troop - 'B' Squadron) who was executed on 7th July
1944 in the Forest of Saint Sauvant, France, whilst
in action behind enemy lines on Operation Bulbasket.

*"Your monument abides in the hearts of
those whose gain was knowing you."*



Coleshill House Park



Memorial Tree

Oak tree No.2 planted in the Park of Coleshill House
is dedicated to the men and women
of the

BRITISH RESISTANCE MOVEMENT

known as

AUXILIARY UNITS

G.H.Q. HOME FORCES

1940 - 1944

whose Headquarters were at
Coleshill House.



Coleshill House Park



Memorial Tree
(Oak Tree No. 3)

AUXILIARY UNITS
G.H.Q. RESERVE
1940 - 1944

The survivors of the Somerset Group have contributed to the planting of an Oak Tree in the Park of Coleshill House (1996) in memory of some three hundred of the Group from all walks of life who served secretly and with little recognition to defend the Country from an invasion that never came.

Many of whom were trained in clandestine military arts here at Coleshill.

"Ready to serve if called."



Coleshill House Park



Memorial Tree

Beech Tree No.4 planted in Coleshill House Park
Commemorating

AUXILIARY UNITS SIGNALS

(British Resistance)
1940 - 1944

a tribute to the personnel of the

ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS

at Coleshill House and at wireless stations
in defence positions around the coast.

Also the civilian outstation wireless operators.

"In readiness but thankfully not required"

March 1996



Coleshill House Park



Memorial Tree
(Beech Tree No. 5)

Commemorating
AUXILIARY UNITS (RESISTANCE)
(Churchill's Secret Army)
1940 - 1944

This tree is dedicated as a tribute to the 'Lads'
of the South East Essex and East Anglian Groups
who were trained in clandestine operations at
Coleshill House.

"Ready to serve if called"



Coleshill House Park Memorial Tree



Beech Tree No.6 planted in the Park of Coleshill House
is dedicated to the memory of

HENRY JAMES PASCOE "SAM"

aged 28, a member of Auxiliary Units (Dorsetshire Regiment)
and 1st SAS Regiment ('A' Troop - 'B' Squadron) who was
wounded and captured whilst in action behind enemy lines
on Operation Bulbasket 3. 7. 1944 in Verriers Forest, France.
He was hospitalised at Poitiers and executed by lethal injection
on 8th July 1944.

Resting place unknown.

*"This land that we love is ours to defend
No-one shall ever take it.
We shall fight to the end with courage and grit
But in prayer on our knees we must bend."
H. J. Pascoe 6. 7. 1942.*

Remembered with Love and Pride by his family.

*"Be thou faithful unto death and
I will give thee a crown of Life."*

Rev. 2 - 10.



Coleshill House

Memorial Tree

Beech Tree No.7 planted in Coleshill House Park

DEDICATED TO THE MEN OF
THE LEGION OF FRONTIERSMEN

who served in the

BRITISH RESISTANCE MOVEMENT

known as

AUXILIARY UNITS
G.H.Q. HOME FORCES
1940-1944

whose Headquarters were at Coleshill House.



Coleshill House Park Memorial Tree



Beech Tree No.8 planted in the Park of Coleshill House
is dedicated to the members of the

SUSSEX AUXILIARY UNITS

Who were trained in clandestine operations at Coleshill as part of

BRITISH RESISTANCE MOVEMENT

known as

**AUXILIARY UNITS
G.H.Q. HOME FORCES
1940 - 1944**

whose Headquarters were at
COLESHILL HOUSE

and

"who did their stuff unseen"



Coleshill House Park

Memorial Tree

ER
202

*Tree No.9 planted in the Park of Coleshill House is
dedicated to the memory of:*

CHARLES A MASON

To commemorate the

**EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE
AUXILIARY UNITS
(G.H.Q. HOME FORCES
202 BATTALION)
1940 - 1944.**



Coleshill House Park

Memorial Tree

NRV
202

*Tree No.10 planted in the Park of Coleshill House
is dedicated to the memory of:*

**THE MARTON AUXILIER PATROL,
NORTH YORKSHIRE**

and in particular, the memory of

PHILIP DAWSON.



Coleshill House Park

Memorial Tree

*Tree No.11 planted in the Park of Coleshill House
is dedicated to the memory of:*

BOB MILLARD

Who later joined the Fleet Air Arm

*and was subsequently involved in anti-submarine
patrols and attacks on Tirpitz off Norway, eventually
serving with the British Pacific Fleet.*

*In September 1945, he became a member of the
"Goldfish Club" (with bar) having survived going
down "in the drink" in an aircraft on two occasions,
in May and November 1944.*



Coleshill House Park

Memorial Tree



*Tree No.12 planted in the Park of Coleshill House
is dedicated to the memory of:*

TED TEFFERIES

*As a Boy Scout he took messages between
Highworth Post Office and Coleshill.*

Famously using roller skates as his mode of transport.



Coleshill House Park

Memorial Tree



Tree No.13 planted in the Park of Coleshill House
is dedicated by **CART** to the memory of:

CAPTAIN IAN T. BENSON
1920 - 2012

**G.H.Q. COLESHILL'S LAST
CAMP COMMANDANT**

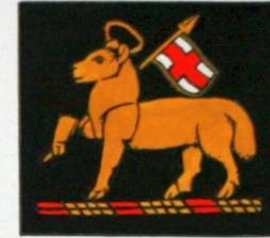
*Intelligence Officer for Sussex.
Travelled the Country as Aux Unit Training Officer.*

We will remember him.



Coleshill House Park

Memorial Tree



*Tree No.14 planted in the Park of Coleshill House
is dedicated to the memory of:*

**LIEUTENANT BILL ASHBY
EAST SUSSEX SCOUTS**

*And all the regulars of the Scouts Sections.
Who successfully trained the men of the Aux Units.*

We will remember him.



Coleshill House Park

Memorial Tree

DVN
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CO
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*Tree No.15 planted in the Park of Coleshill House
is dedicated to the memory of:*

THE BRIXHAM PATROL

And all the Auxiliars of Devon and Cornwall.

*"Had they come I suppose we were,
in our way, ready and waiting..."*



Coleshill House Park

Memorial Tree



*Tree No.16 planted in the Park of Coleshill House
is dedicated to the memory of:*

CPL. LAURENCE TEE

Service No. 4923785

And all the Auxiliars of Devon and Cornwall.

*"Had they come I suppose we were,
in our way, ready and waiting.."*

*A fatal accident occurred on April 16th 1943,
when Cpl. Laurence climbed up a tree to check
a hidden aerial. On his way down, the rope broke
and he fell landing on his back.*

*He was taken to Ipswich Hospital where he later died.
The rope had been transported in the back of a truck,
together with replacement batteries. Acid from them
had spilled onto the rope causing it to weaken.*



Coleshill House Park

Memorial Tree

CO
203

*Tree No.17 planted in the Park of Coleshill House
is dedicated to the memory of:*

TREVOR MINERS

*an Auxilier trained at G.H.Q Coleshill
And was in the Perranporth Patrol.*

*After the Auxiliary Units were stood down in
November 1944 Miners enlisted.
However, it was at a time when the country was
desperately short of minerworkers.*

*As a result, he was conscripted as a "Bevan Boy"
and spent the next four and a half years working
down a pit in South Wales.*