

WORKING PARTIES

One of the tasks of the Bingham Invasion Committee was to identify individuals in Bingham for various tasks that were anticipated. Lists were drawn up and the people identified on them received a letter telling them what they were to do. Several of the lists were preserved with the Invasion Strategy document drawn up in April and May 1942. Transcriptions of them are given below. Most of them were typed, but they had faded and some of the letters, particularly the name initials were difficult to read and may have been incorrectly transcribed.

The categories given below are those that were used to head the lists. There is no explanation of why these categories were chosen.

One list was hard to decipher and has not been transcribed. The categories given below are not exactly the same as those indicated in the Bingham Invasion Committee report dated 20th May 1942

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**LETTER FROM A.E. HARRIS ABOUT THE HELPERS AT THE REST
CENTRE IN THE METHODIST CHAPEL**

The Banks
Bingham
19th May 1942

Dear Mr Mason

Herewith please find list of helpers at the Rest Centre connected with the
Methodist Chapel:-

x Rev. A, G Harris
x Rev. W. A. Tennant
Rev. J. R. Langstaff
x Mr Edwin Brown
Mr John Walker
x Mr Cyril Heafford
Mr Lewis Squires
x Mr Albert Squires

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|---|---------------------------|---|--------------------|
| x | Mrs J. R. Langstaff | x | Mrs Geo. Attenboro |
| | Mrs John Walker | | Mrs Lewis Squires |
| | Mrs K. Heafford | x | Mrs W. Fewster |
| x | Mrs Smith (Union Street) | x | Miss Fiddes |
| | Mrs W. Morley (C. Kpr) | x | Mrs Dawn |
| x | Mrs Linley (P.O.) | | |
| | Mrs Towers | | |
| x | Mrs Henry Squires | | |
| x | Mrs Bell | | |
| | Mrs L. Green | | |
| x | Mrs Frank Nicholson | | |
| | Miss N. Taylor | | |
| x | Mrs Cowling (Chapel Yard) | | |
| x | Mrs Edwin Brown | | |

A.E Harris
19/5/42

*Note: Crosses were placed against 17 of the names, as shown above, with no
explanation given for them.*

The letters C.Kpr against the name Mrs W. Morley are not explained.

LIST OF REST CENTRE PERSONNEL

| | | |
|-------------------|------------------|--|
| Brown Mr Edwin | Market Street | |
| Brown Richard | Station Street | |
| Langford Mr | Station House | |
| Magson J. N. Mr | Station Street | |
| Hutchinson F. Mr | Church Street | |
| Baldock J. Mr | Nottingham Road | |
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| | | |
| M'Carlie Mrs | Grantham Road | |
| Noon Miss | Fosters Lane | |
| Browne Mrs E. | East Street | |
| Cowdell Mrs L. | East Street | |
| Braithwaite Mrs | Church Street | |
| Mackay Mrs | Church Street | |
| Griffin Mrs | Church Street | |
| Gray Mrs Sr. | Market Place | |
| Langford Mrs | Station Street | |
| Langford Miss | Station Street | |
| Langford Miss V. | Station Street | |
| Gray Mrs H. | Market Place | |
| Ingram Mrs | Newgate Street | |
| Hammond | Newgate Street | |
| Fiddies | Newgate Street | |
| Singleton Sr. | Green Lane | |
| Mills Mrs | Gate House | |
| Holbrook Mrs | Westfields | |
| Wilson Mrs | Fairfield Street | |
| Lamb Mrs | The Nurseries | |
| Box Mrs | The Institution | |
| Cowdell Mrs | The Banks | |
| Bacon Mrs | Fisher Lane | |
| Little Mrs | Long Acre | |
| Pacey Mrs | Long Acre | |
| Strong F. Mrs | Long Acre | |
| James Miss | Long Acre | |
| Louder Miss | Long Acre | |
| Taylor Hilda Miss | Long Acre | |
| Wilson Mrs A. | Needham Street | |
| James Miss | Union Street | |
| Curtis James Mrs | Market Street | |

Note: The gap below Mr Baldock appears to be to separate off the men's names from the women. No occupations were given. There is no overlap with the names in the letter from Mr A.E. Harris, which is presumed to mean that the names in the table above are Church of England rather than Chapel. In other documents two Rest Centres are mentioned.

LIST OF AVAILABLE MEN SUITABLE FOR WORK PARTIES

| | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Cowling | Church Street | Labourer |
| Cowling. A. | Church Street | Farm worker |
| Cowling J. | Church Street | Farm worker |
| Slater F. | Church Street | Farm worker |
| Brown R. | Station Street | Farmer |
| Kyre J. | Market Street | Ironmonger |
| Jackson. O. | Market Place | Farm labourer |
| Hessell | Market Street | Bank messenger |
| Hickinbottom J. | Station Street | Labourer |
| Hickinbottom.H | Station Street | Labourer |
| Knowles A | Market Street | Blacksmith |
| Butterworth H. | Market Street | Boot repairer |
| Smith J. | Union Street | Farm labourer |
| Strong F. | Newgate Street | Threshing M driver |
| Wilford W. | Newgate Street | Labourer |
| Downing C. | Newgate Street | Butcher |
| Bingham J. | Moor Lane | Plumber's mate |
| Gray J. | Moor Lane | Labourer |
| Wicks | Tithby Road | Stone worker |
| Brown G. | Tithby Road | Retired farmer |
| Spawton G. | Fairfield Street | Roadman |
| Rowarth | Fairfield Street | Roadman |
| Nicholson G. | Fairfield Street | School inspector |
| Thomas J. | Kirkhill | Blacksmith |
| Smith W. | Kirkhill | Steel erector |
| Footitt W.B. | Kirkhill | Farm labourer |
| Butterworth G. | Kirkhill Cottages | Boot repairer |
| Leak F. | Kirkhill | Bricklayer's labourer |
| Worley H. | Needham Street | Labourer |
| Pacey J.C. | Long Acre | Motor mechanic |
| Kettle G. <i>?Jnr Home Guard</i> | Union Street | Farm labourer |
| Archer | The Banks | Farm labourer |
| Archer | The Banks | Farm labourer |
| Squires H. <i>Home Guard</i> | The Banks | Joiner |
| Homer J. | The Banks | Builder |
| Homer R. | Fisher Lane | Labourer |
| Flinders G. | Fisher Lane | Labourer |
| Wilson R. | Tithby Road | Bricklayer |
| Bell R. | Tithby Road | Labourer |
| Bell K. | Tithby Road | Labourer |
| Dart S. | Stanhope Way | Labourer |
| Dawn | 12, Council Houses | Joiner's labourer |
| Widdowson J. | 7, Council Houses | A.A. Patrol |

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|---|---------------------|----------------------|
| Goodwin W. | 8, Council Houses | Builder's labourer |
| Strong J. | Nottingham Road | Threshing machine |
| Archer F. | The Nurseries | Labourer |
| Holmes T. | Station House | Lorry driver |
| Cragg J. | Long Acre Row | Labourer |
| Thompson J. | Spring Gardens | Painter |
| Thompson W. | Spring Gardens | Grocer's assistant |
| Wilson J. | Nottingham Road | Bricklayer |
| Cowling P. <i>Home Guard</i> | Long Acre | Labourer |
| Hart R | Long Acre | Cattle slaughterman |
| Green G. | Starnhill Cottages | Farm foreman |
| Cragg | 17, Nottingham Road | P.O. labourer |
| Rayson | 18, Nottingham Road | Bricklayer |
| Parker H. | 15, Nottingham Road | Labourer |
| Smith H. | 13, Nottingham Road | Farm worker |
| Steele A. <i>Home Guard</i> | 13, Nottingham Road | Butcher's assistant |
| Radford A. | Spring Gardens | Depot worker |
| Wilford J. | Spring Cottage | N.C.C. roadman |
| Baxter G. | West End Avenue | N.C.C. roadman |
| Chambers B. | West End Avenue | N.C.C. roadman |
| Jackson H | 37, Stanhope Way | Horseman |
| Waplinton G. | 34, Stanhope Way | Roadman |
| Hickman H. | 32, Stanhope Way | Boilerman |
| Walker W. | Long Acre | Contractor's foreman |
| Curtis G. (<i>S.G?</i>) (<i>Jnr</i>) <i>Home Guard</i> | Long Acre | Decorator |
| Talbot <i>Special constable</i> | Long Acre | Gas worker |
| Kettle W. | Long Acre | Farm labourer |
| Cash R. | Long Acre | Farm labourer |
| Quibell | Long Acre | Farm labourer |
| James | Long Acre | Farm labourer |
| Hiath | Long Acre | Blacksmith |
| Baxter | Long Acre East | Labourer |
| Smith W. | Long Acre East | Labourer |
| Robinson G. | Long Acre East | Labourer |
| Robinson J. | Long Acre East | Labourer |
| Bacon G. | Long Acre East | Farm labourer |
| Rawson | Porchester Terrace | Chauffeur |
| Pritchett S. | Long Acre | Labourer |
| Shepperson E. | Grantham Road | Market gardener |
| Baines Eric | Grantham Road | Electrician |
| Smith | Grantham Road | Gamekeeper |
| Shepperson F. | Grantham Road | Retired |
| Lewin | Grantham Road | Farm worker |
| Baines | East Street | Labourer |
| Lamb J. | Chancel Row | Furnace worker |
| Thornton R | East Street | Farm worker |
| Miles F. | Chancel Row | Farm labourer |

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| Blagg H. | East Street | Roadman |
| Lamb C | Chancel Row | Steam roller driver |
| Daft G. | East Street | Market gardener |
| Spencer G. | Chancel Row | Builder's labourer |
| Sheppard | Cherry Street | Roadman |

Note: information in italics next to the name had been added to the typed list +in pencil.

LIST OF MEN SUITABLE FOR WORKING PARTIES WHO MAY BE AVAILABLE

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Morley R.L. | 2, Kirkhill Cottages | Clerk of Works Syerston A'drome |
| Wilson H. | Old School House | Railway employee |
| Bunting J. | 6, Kirkhill Cottages | Platelayer |
| Atter A. | Newgate Street | Munitions |
| Fiddies O. | Newgate Street | Munitions |
| Radford | Newgate Street | Telephone linesman |
| Bingham A. | Moor Lane | Sugar beet factory |
| Cabourne <i>G.F. ?</i> | Moor Lane | Whatton Camp |
| Barnes G. | Moor Lane | Aerodrome |
| Spencer J. | Nottingham Road | Cement works |
| Baxter E. | Nottingham Road | Gypsum works |
| Topham S. | Nottingham Road | Aerodrome |
| Shepperson J. | Nottingham Road | Aerodrome |
| Hill H. | Nottingham Road | Aerodrome |
| Downing G. (unclear, overtyped) | Nottingham Road | Aerodrome |
| Moncaster | 11, Council Houses | Sugar beet factory |
| Radford G. | 9, Council Houses | Railway employee |
| Radford A. | 9, Council Houses | Railway employee |
| Radford E. | 9, Council Houses | Factory War worker |
| Featherstone <i>J?</i> | 6, Council Houses | W.O. Agric Supt |
| Featherstone <i>C. joined Army?</i> | 6, Council Houses | Tractor driver |
| Cowdell | 4, Council Houses | P.O. Telephones |
| Hopper E. | 1, Council Houses | Aerodrome |
| Andrews | Nottingham Road | Railway employee |
| Cocks E.J. | 9, Long Acre Row | Factory worker |
| Thompson | Spring Gardens | Railway employee |
| Snowdon T. | Long Acre East | Aerodrome |
| Cooper W. | Station Street | Railway employee |
| Green F. N | Market Place | Aerodrome |
| Stevenson | Union Street | G.P.O. linesman |
| Cope G. | Union Street | War Agriculture |

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| Horner C. | Fisher Lane | Barnstone Cement Co |
| Skinner | Fisher Lane | Ironstone worker |
| Bell J.F. | Tithby Road | Railway platelayer |
| Adby E. | Fairfield Street | Aerodrome |
| Widnall H. | Tithby Road | Labourer |

Note: comments in italics were added in pencil to the typed list

LIST OF AVAILABLE MEN SUITABLE FOR STRETCHER BEARERS

| | | |
|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Wilson W. | Fairfield Street | Coal merchant |
| Smith G (?) | Fairfield Street | Night watchman |
| North G. | 5, Kirkhill Cottages | Ret. Railway employee |
| Fewster J.W. | West Bank | Clerical |
| Nobley P. | Needham Street | Joiner |
| Lambley | Tithby Road | Newsagent |
| Heafford C. | Tithby Road | Grocer |
| Barrowclough | The White House | Clerk |
| Hart Cooper | Long Acre | Cattle dealer |
| Enton G. | Wheat Sheaf Inn | Publican |
| Rogers | Orchard Close | Retired |
| Bacon F. | Long Acre East | Labourer |
| Matthews | Long Acre East | Retired policeman |
| Walker | Porchester Terrace | Sadler |
| Strong R. | Long Acre | Clerk |
| Crooks | Grantham Road | School att:officer |
| Crooks M. | Grantham Road | Shop assistant |
| Baines | Grantham Road | Hardware dealer |
| Wood S. | East Street | Retired |
| Bellamy | Cherry Street | Sexton |

LIST OF MEN SUITABLE FOR STRETCHER BEARERS WHO MAY BE AVAILABLE

| | | |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Miles E. L. | West Bank | Aerodrome |
| Corbett R. | Nottingham Road | Aerodrome |
| Philpots | 10, Council Houses | Railway employee |
| Wright C. | Long Acre | Sugar beet employee |
| Slapp | Long Acre | Railway employee |
| Kirk A. | Long Acre East | Munitions |
| Lorne | Grantham Road | Signalman |
| Braithwaite | Church Street | Railway clerk |
| Spray | Crown Inn | Clerk |
| Green F.H. | Market Place | Aerodrome |
| Hudson | Norton Cottage | Mental hospital |

LIST OF AVAILABLE MEN UNFIT FOR MANUAL LABOUR, BUT WHO WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR STRETCHER BEARERS

| | | |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Ingram | Newgate Street | Market gardener |
| Seaton | Market Street | Chemist |
| Squires A. | The Banks | Builder |
| Squires O. | The Banks | Stone-mason |
| Harris Rev. | The Banks | Minister |
| Tennant Rev. | The Banks | Minister |

LIST OF GRADE "A" WOMEN SUITABLE FOR NURSING

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Walker P. Mrs | Market Street | Clerk |
| Jones Mrs | Union Street | Tailoress |
| Jones Miss | Union Street | Tailoress |
| Cooper M. Mrs | The Mill | Housewife |
| Jackson L. Miss | Market Place | Factory worker |
| Blunt L Miss | Market Place | Shop assistant |
| Brown M. Mrs <i>The Limes</i> | Market Place | Housewife |
| Lamb A. Mrs | Market Place | Housewife |
| Bazzani Mrs | Cherry Street | Housewife |
| Crofts Mrs | Church Street | Housewife |
| Nicholson F. Mrs | Church Street | Housewife |
| Reay Miss <i>The Rectory</i> | Church Street | Household duties |
| Hitchcock A. Miss | Station Street | Factory worker |
| Squires Mrs H. | The Banks | Teacher |
| Fiddies Miss L | The Banks | Clerk |
| Smith Mrs | Fisher Lane | Housewife |
| Thompson Mrs | Tythby Road | Housewife |
| Bell Mrs | Tythby Road | Housewife |
| Lawton Mrs | Tythby Road | Housewife |
| Martin Miss E. | Escourt Place | Household duties |
| Cowling Mrs T. | Union Street | Tailoress |
| Shelbourne Mrs | Needham Street | Housewife |
| Cragg Miss I. | 17, Nottingham Road | |
| White Mrs E. | White Lion Hotel | |
| McKinnon Miss N. | White Lion Hotel | Nurse |
| Singleton Mrs G. | 4, Long Acre Row | |
| Baxter Mrs S. | West End Avenue | |
| Lorne Mrs | West End Avenue | |
| O'Connor Mrs | 31, Stanhope Way | |
| Sleigh Miss E. | Long Acre | |

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| Walker Miss N. | Long Acre | |
| Boyce Mrs | Long Acre | |
| Shaw Miss | Long Acre | |
| Shaw Miss Eva | Long Acre | |
| Gash Mrs | Long Acre | |
| Guibell Mrs | Long Acre | |
| Widdowson Mrs | 7, Council Houses | |
| Featherstone Miss | 7, Council Houses | |
| Robinson Mrs | Long Acre | |
| Patchett N Mrs | Cogley Lane | Housewife |
| Taylor Mrs E. | Porchester Terrace | Housewife |
| Mabbott A.E. Mrs | Long Acre | Housewife |
| Pritchett A. J. Mrs | Long Acre | Hairdresser |
| Bellamy Mrs | Long Acre | Housewife |
| Savage Mrs | Grantham Road | Housewife |
| Shepperson H. Mrs | Grantham Road | Housewife |
| Shepperson Mrs S. | Grantham Road | Housewife |
| Shepperson Miss D. | East Street | Household duties |
| Holt Mrs | Newgate Street | Housewife |
| Bailey Mrs | Newgate Street | Housewife |
| Coy Mrs | Fairfield Street | Housewife |
| Skinner Mrs | Newgate Street | Housewife |
| Barnes Mrs | Moor Lane | Housewife |
| Fewster Mrs | West Bank | Housewife |
| Holloway Mrs | Newgate Street | Household duties |
| Smith Mrs | Newgate Street | Household duties |
| Atter C. Mrs | Newgate Street | Housewife |
| Hammond Miss J. | Newgate Street | Shop assistant |
| Plant Miss | Fairfield Street | District nurse |
| Kew Mrs | Fairfield Street | Cleaner |
| Dickens Mrs | Fairfield Street | Housewife |
| Moncaster E. Miss | Fairfield Street | Teacher |
| Adby E. Mrs | Fairfield Street | Housewife |
| Morley R. Mrs | 3, Kirkhill Cottages | Housewife |

Note: Grade "A" women are those with some experience of nursing.

Many of the women are not given an occupation of any kind. There is no explanation for this.

LIST OF GRADE "B" WOMEN SUITABLE FOR NURSING

| | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|--|
| Coy Miss E. | Spring Gardens | |
| Ward Miss | Nottingham Road | |
| Attenborough Mrs | 14, Nottingham Road | |
| Hutchinson F. Mrs | Church Street | |
| Eyre Miss L. | Market Place | |
| Harris Mrs | The Banks | |

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| Hudson Miss | Tythby Road | |
| Waker J. Mrs | Porchester Villas | |
| Harwood Mrs | Fosters Lane | |
| Guttteridge Mrs | Tythby Road | |
| Sleigh Mrs N. | Tythby Road | |
| Brown Mrs G. M. | Tythby Road | |
| Bateson Mrs c/o Mr Thompson | Spring Gardens | |
| Munds Mrs c/o Mrs G.E. Smith | Fairfield Street | |

Note: Grade "B" women were those with no experience of nursing. No occupations were given for any of these women.

LIST OF EVACUATION PERSONNEL

| | | |
|------------------|--|--|
| Robinson Mrs | | |
| Warner Mrs | | |
| Crofts Mrs | | |
| Wilkinson Mrs L. | | |
| Kendrick Mrs | | |
| Lamin Mrs | | |
| Wilson Miss M. | | |
| Kendrick Miss | | |
| Bagguley Mrs | | |
| Phillpots Mr | | |

LIST OF BOYS BETWEEN 14 AND 16 SUITABLE FOR MESSENGERS

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|--|
| Chambers H. | West End Avenue | |
| Jackson D. | 37, Stanhope Way | |
| Moncaster V | 11, Council Houses | |
| Widdowson K. | 7, Council Houses | |
| Featherstone R. | 8, Council Houses | |
| Cowdell J. | 4, Council Houses | |
| Featherstone G. | 6. Council Houses | |
| Holmes C. | Nottingham Road | |
| Hart R. | Long Acre | |
| Hanley Morley | Long Acre | |
| Ward Basil | Long Acre | |
| Leak Clifford | Grantham Road | |
| Slater F. | Church Walk | |
| Marriott N. | Fairfield Street | |
| Cabourne | Moor Lane | |

BINGHAM INVASION COMMITTEE
Works Services (C.W. Kendrick)

Five teams are listed, each with a foreman. The document is signed by C.W. Kendrick and dated 12th August 1942.

Foreman - G. Downing

| | |
|--------------|-----------------|
| M. Wicks | Tithby Road |
| G. Brown | Tithby Road |
| R. Bell | Tithby Road |
| S. Daft | Stanhope Way |
| H. Jackson | Stanhope Way |
| C. Heaford | Mill Hill |
| H. Widnell | Mill Hill |
| Archer | The Banks |
| T. Holmes | Top Station |
| J. Widdowson | Nottingham Road |
| J. Strong | Nottingham Road |
| J. Thompson | Nottingham Road |
| W. Thompson | Nottingham Road |
| Rayson | Nottingham Road |
| A. Radford | Nottingham Road |
| E. Redford | Nottingham Road |
| E.J. Cocks | Long Acre Row |

Foreman – F. Hessel

| | |
|---------------|--------------------|
| W. Gash | East Street |
| E. Thornton | East Street |
| F. Miles | Chancel Row |
| F. Slater | Near Church |
| W. H. James | Long Acre |
| E. Baxter | Long Acre East |
| S. Robinson | Long Acre East |
| J. Robinson | Long Acre East |
| T. Snowden | Long Acre East |
| W. Rawson | Porchester Terrace |
| G. Hiatt | Grantham Road |
| E. Shepperson | Grantham Road |
| H. Shepperson | Grantham Road |
| W. Smith | Long Acre East |
| W. Lewin | Fosters Lane |
| G. Spencer | Chancel Row |

Foreman C. Spawton

| | |
|---------------|------------------|
| - Rowarth | Fairfield Street |
| J. Shepperson | Long Acre Row |
| H. Hill | Long Acre Row |
| J. Wilford | Nottingham Road |
| - Chambers | Nottingham Road |
| G. Waplington | Nottingham Road |
| E. Baxter | Nottingham Road |
| W. Moncaster | Nottingham Road |
| G. Flinders | Fisher Lane |
| G. Baxter | West End Avenue |
| H. Blagg | East Street |
| H. Sheppard | Cherry Street |

Foreman W. Walker

| | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| R. Brown | Station Street |
| J. Hickinbottom | Station Street |
| H. Hickinbottom | Station Street |
| J. Eyre | Market Plsce |
| G. Jackson | Market Place |
| J. Smith | Union Street |
| G. Kettle | Union Street |
| - Stevenson | Union Street |
| S. Curtis | Long Acre |
| W. Kettle | Long Acre |
| H. Wortley | Needham Street |
| - Cowling | Church Street |
| A. Cowling | Church Street |
| J. Cowling | Church Street |

Foreman G. Nicholson

| | |
|-------------|----------------|
| F. Strong | Newgate Street |
| W. Wilford | Newgate Street |
| C. Downing | Newgate Street |
| H. Radford | Newgate Street |
| J. Bingham | Moor Lane |
| J. Gray | Moor Lane |
| A. Bingham | Moor Lane |
| F. Carbourm | Moor Lane |
| J. Thomas | Kirkhill |
| W. Smith | Kirkhill |
| B. Footitt | Kirkhill |
| F. Leak | Kirkhill |

| | |
|--------------|-----------------|
| L. Morley | Kirkhill |
| H. Parker | Nottingham Road |
| H. Smith | Nottingham Road |
| W. Cragg | Nottingham Road |
| F. Davies | Tithby Road |
| G. Blackshaw | Newgate Street |