



<p>Merchant Navy</p>	<p>James Arthur Bingham (Jim)</p>	 <p>Photo courtesy of Chris Bingham</p>	<p>5 Moor Lane</p>	<p>Source: Returning Forces Fund/additional information supplied by Christine Bingham</p>
<p>Born</p>	<p>9th May 1924, Bingham</p>			
<p>War service</p> <p>Information kindly supplied by Christine Bingham</p>	<p>James Arthur Bingham enlisted in the Merchant Navy in 1942 at the age of 17, having falsified his age.</p> <p>He served on the Arctic Convoys and we have sought to determine on which vessels by comparing his discharge book with the relevant Merchant Ship movement cards stored in the National Archives. Our search has proved inconclusive but the most likely candidates appear to be the Hodder and the Empire Boswell.</p> <p>Jim also spent some six weeks standing off Omaha Beach in the wake of D-day; an experience that he is said to have found highly traumatic. We can be confident that this was on the Empire Boswell both from the discharge book record</p>			 <p>L to R: Arctic Star, 1939-1945 Star, France & Germany Star, War Medal</p>

	<p>and the fact that the ship is recorded on its movement card as having been transferred to 'Special Service' with the Admiralty during the relevant period.</p> <p>Jim was discharged on 8th July 1950 from the Baron Tweedmouth. He was suffering from TB. He was seriously ill for a year before finally being cured by newer drug treatments but was dissuaded by his doctors from returning to sea.</p> <p>His wife, Christine, applied for his medals after his death. They include the Arctic Star, which was only belatedly instituted in 2012.</p>	
1939 Register	<p>5 Moor Lane James Gray, widower. b 15th Oct 1880, Bingham (Grandfather) Arthur Bingham b 21st June 1902 (Father) Ruth Ellen Bingham (<i>née Gray</i>) b 19th May 1903, Bingham (Mother) James Arthur Bingham b 9th May 1924 <i>One closed record</i></p> <p>James Harry Gray (uncle) not present because already serving</p>	<p>Builders' labourer Sugar Factory Charge Hand Unpaid domestic duties Plumbers Apprentice.</p>
Marriage	<p>James Arthur Bingham married Christine M Groom (b. Blackham, Sussex, 1 Dec. 1927) in Bingham, April 1953 Children: Ellen Christine b. 1955, Bingham June Caroline b.1957, Bingham Jonathan James b. 1961, Bingham</p>	
Parents' marriage	<p>Arthur Bingham married Ruth Gray in Bingham in 1923, 3rd quarter</p>	<p>(Note: record has Ruth H – presumably a mis-transcription)</p>
Father's family Census 1911	<p>67 Wade Avenue Larklands Ilkeston George Bingham m. b. 1862, Derby Mapperley Martha Bingham (<i>née Sisson</i>) m. b. 1864, Notts Sneinton George Bingham s. b. 1892, Derbys Ilkeston</p>	<p>Coal miner hewer Coal miner loader underground</p>

	Emma Bingham s. b. 1893, Derbys Ilkeston Grace Bingham s. b. 1898, Notts Sneinton John Bingham s. b. 1900, Derbys Ilkeston Arthur Bingham s. b. 1902, Notts Awsworth		School School School
Mother's Family Census 1911	Long Acre Row Bingham James Gray b. 1880, Bingham (Father) Lizzie Gray (née Birkby) b 1885 Beeston (Mother) Annie Gray b 1907 (Sister) Jane Wilson Gray b 1909 (Sister) Spring Gardens, Bingham Hannah Gray, b. 1835, Osmondthorpe, Notts Ruth Ellen Gray , b. 1903, Bingham	Bricklayers labourer Charwoman	James Gray served in WW1 Ruth was living with her grandmother
Wife's family 1939 register	Wiverton Hall Cottage, Bingham, Keyworth Eric J Groom b. 23 Mar 1896 m. Ellen A Groom (née Roberts) b. 28 Dec 1905 m. <i>One closed record.</i>		Game Keeper Housewife Unpaid Domestic Duties <i>Presumably Christine</i>
Wife's Family Census 1911	Game Keeper's Lodge St Mary Church Cowbridge, Llanfair, Glamorganshire Frederick Groom m. b. 1848, Norfolk Martha Jane Groom m. b. 1866, Peterchurch, Herefordshire Harry Stanley Groom s. b. 1892, Llanfair Glamorgan John Edgar Groom b. 1894 Llanfair Glamorgan Eric Cyril Jones Groom s. b. 1896 Llanfair Glamorgan Frederick Groom b. 1901 Llanfair Glamorgan Ronald Graham Groom b. 1902 Llanfair Glamorgan James Percival Groom b. 1904 Llanfair Glamorgan Violet Ivy Groom b. 1906 Llanfair Glamorgan Phyllis Iris Groom b. 1908 Llanfair Glamorgan		Gamekeeper Assistant game keeper Assistant game keeper Assistant gamekeeper School School School School
Post War	James became a plumbing and heating engineer after the war, retiring in 1995.		
Death	James Arthur Bingham died in August 2001 in Rushcliffe		