

“Whiston”, 114 Alpha Road

The bungalow was built for Cyril and Luci Coles in about 1937. They lived in Margate when they first married, but after Cyril was asked take over the running of Pearson's Estate Agents and Auctioneers in Birchington , they decided to move here, instead of Cyril travelling over each day.

Whether they had any say in the lay-out of the bungalow or not, they certainly enjoyed it for many years. There was originally a large garden on the west side of the property, but early in 1956, their good friends Bill and Dorothy Studham were looking for somewhere to build a bungalow – and Cyril and Luci offered them the plot beside their home. Sadly Cyril died at Easter time that year, but once the Council granted permission, Luci encouraged them to go head with the building. The new home soon took shape and the friends moved in during 1958. They proved a great help to Luci when Cyril first died and gave Luci the courage to stick it out on her own in her lovely home. Unfortunately Bill also died prematurely in 1961, so the two widows soldiered on together.