

WAR RESERVE POLICEMEN - BIRCHINGTON WW 2

The two War Reserve Policemen who served in Birchington during World War 2 were:-

Walter Alfred ? **BALDOCK**
and
PANTONY

Baldock was not liked - see the comments made about him in Dangerous Coastline - and he was eventually declared bankrupt just after the war - c. 1946. He lived at "Homeleigh" in Grenham Bay Avenue in Minnis Bay.

On another occasion he hauled a lady out of the bread queue at the Bakery in Station Road for some piffling infringement of the rules.

JACK DAY - was our most liked policeman and retired to become "Town Sergeant" of Broadstairs. In his latter years he was on the Isle of Wight one summer (I'm not sure if he was living there or only on holiday) when he met a resident from Birchington, who was holidaying there. She asked him if he remembered her and he recalled, "Yes, you were the young lady I stopped on your bicycle as you came out of Park Lane one day, because you didn't obey my hand signal directions!" It was quite true - her brakes were faulty and she couldn't stop quickly enough at the junction. He sent her on her way - **walking** her bike home!!! But that was all that happened.