



## History:

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Notes:	The different groups of the Home Guard that included men from Hargrave. Picture left shows typical Home Guard and equipment.

## Higham Home Guard



The photographs attached shows the local home guard from WWII. I know for certain that this photo includes the **home guard from higham** as my grandfather, Harold Hudson, is present, but this would have also included members from Barrow and I believe Hargrave also.

Growing up he used to tell me stories of how they trained with sticky grenades and live rounds being shot over their heads whilst completing obstacle courses. He noted of stories where they would march for miles around the countryside.





BACK ROW

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Horace Nunn	From Denham	From Denham		Arthur Phillips	Paddy Pearson	Cyril Smart	Sid Bailey

CENTRE ROW ( INC STANDING )

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Dick Crick	Murkin	( Cousin ) Murkin			Len Smart	Bert Pearson	Dewar	Peter Death

FRONT ROW ( SITTING )

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Hurst	Frank Morley	Stinger Manning	Ted Harod	Gerald Plummer	Charlie Pearson			Ron Pettitt

A local Home Guard unit (or "Dad's Army" as it has become known) was formed (see photo and names above). They trained at Ickworth House which had been taken over as an army headquarters.

There is a report that a Home Guard unit local to Newmarket was the first in the county to capture a Luftwaffe pilot. A group of farm workers at Genesis Green armed with pitchforks prevented a German plane trying to take off and detained the crew. A searchlight station was set up on Barrow Hill. Two Heinkel bombers were shot down over Hargrave. There was no escape from the war in the country.

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