

Military memories for anniversary couple



Bernard and Elsie Rushall

A former detective chief superintendent in the Metropolitan police, Bernard Rushall, and his wife Elsie, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the weekend.

An old Laurentian, Mr Rushall was also a Flight Lieutenant during the last war flying on Lancaster bombers from bases in Lincolnshire. He joined the Royal Air Force after an engineering apprenticeship at the former BTH works in Rugby.

After the war he was attached to the RAF Transport Command flying all over the world. One party he flew back to Australia was the entire cricket team who had been playing a series of victory test matches in this country.

He and his wife recently returned to Lincolnshire for a

VE-Day celebration. Mr Rushall, now 72, and his wife have been living in Willoughby since 1978, two years after his retirement from the police service.

In the final phases of his career he was in charge of the CID at West End Central police station in London, a district including Soho, a zone noted for gangland murders.

After leaving the police force he worked for two years with the Ministry of Defence.

His wife Elsie worked for a time at Coombe Abbey, now a hotel, followed by a spell at Clifton for the late Lt. Col. Claude Holbrooke. She also served for four years in the Womens Royal Air Force.

Mr and Mrs Rushall have two sons, one working in electronics and the other in building design.