

## Cirencester's Air Raid Precautions (ARP) Warden's Post System

(Compiled by Peter Grace August 2005)

The following is a list of the ARP Wardens Posts within the Cirencester Urban District and the names of the staff who manned them. The initial list was compiled before the commencement of hostilities with a revision in May 1941. Revisions are noted in the text as \*.

For ARP purposes the town was divided into 6 Sections A to F with the main Section wardens post and at least one other post connected to each section post. There were 17 wardens posts in all throughout the town.

The staff of each section consisted of a Section Warden, Deputy Section Warden, a Senior Warden and a number of Wardens.

### Section A Stratton Area

Section Warden Major A H Rycroft D.S.O. Tel Cir 510

Section Post (No 1) The Plough Inn, Gloucester Road, Stratton. Tel Cir 422

Senior Warden Mr C.W.E. Moss

Wardens	Mr R Bennet	Mr E. Davies
	Mr A. Baugh	Mrs Lyons
	Mr W Glibert	Mrs Mills
	Mr C.W.Hann	Mrs Hann
	Mr W. Mills	Miss Burke
	Mr T. Ovens	* added Mr Clarke

Wardens Post (No 2) The Tennis Club, Cheltenham Road Tel Cir 204 \*459

Senior Warden and Deputy Section Warden Mr B. Tingle

Wardens	Mr W.G. Boyland	Mr R. Skinley * replaced by Mr W Lockey
	Mr J. Madagan	Mrs B. Tingle
	Mr G. Brooks	Mrs R. Sweeting
	Mr E. Mitchell	Mrs E. Mitchell
	Mr W. Herbert	Mrs W.G. Boyland

Messengers I. Moss and R. Boyland

Section B Bowling Green and Gloucester Street Area

Section Warden Mr H. St G Rawlins O.B.E. Tel Cir 500

Section Post (No 3) 7a The Market Place Tel Cir 459  
\* moved to The Croft Lewis Lane Tel 125

Senior Warden Mr E. W. Flexen

Wardens Mr N. Cole Tel 40 \* appointed Deputy Section Warden  
Mr E.R. Winstone Mrs W. Walter  
Mr T. Franklin Mr W. Waite  
Mr H. G. Winstone  
Miss S. Blackwell \* one of the Mr Winstones resigned

Wardens Post No 4 Cotteswolde House, Gloucester Street Tel Cir 464

Senior Warden Mr L.H.C. Batt Tel Cir 150

Wardens Mr A. French Tel 178 Miss Futchings  
Mrs C. de la Hey Tel 464 Miss Mullings  
Mrs A. Smith Tel 196 Mr C. Barnett Tel 419  
Mr G.P. Jackson \* resigned \* added Mr H. Bailey Tel 266  
\*added J. F. Hockridge \* added Miss Barker Tel 464

Wardens Post No 5 15 Shepherds Way Tel Cir 333

Senior Warden Mr H.P. Ball M.P.S., A.R.P.S.

Wardens Mr F Miles Mr G. Oliver  
Mr W.H. Dyde Mrs Taylor Tel 333  
Mrs Miles \* added Mr B. Walters  
\* added Mr H. Webb

Section C Cecily Hill and Tetbury Road Area

Section Warden      Mr B.J. Berkeley Stephens    Tel    Cir 218

Section Post (No 6)    22 Coxwell Street    Tel Cir 218

Senior Warden      Mr B.J. Berkeley Stephens

Wardens      Mr F.W. Cuminskey \* resigned      Mr J.V. White  
                 Miss J Maxwell Tel 351                      Rev P.S. Brown B.Sc Tel 429  
                 Mr G.B. Young                                      \* added Mr R.L.Bate  
                 \* added Mr M.C.Rhodes Tel 68 – day only  
                 \* added Mr D Hopkins Tel 4 – day only

Wardens Post (No 7)    5 West Market Place    Tel Cir 171

Senior Warden      Mr L.W. Jones Tel 171

Wardens      Mr W. Smith                                      Mr R. Hammond  
                 Mr B. Scott                                        Mr R. Denning  
                 Mr A.W. Cavell B.Sc

Wardens Post (No 8)    18 Thomas Street    Tel Cir 511

Senior Warden      Mr A. B. Cutter L.A.G.C.

Wardens      Mr H. Smith Tel 371                      Mr A. Walter Tel 616 – day only  
                 Miss E. Davies Tel 511                      \* added Mr R. Kent  
                 added Miss Kennedy Tel 495 \* added Mrs Le Maitre

Section D Victoria Road and London Road Area

Section Warden Mr H.J. Clappen Tel Cir 45

Deputy Section Warden Mr J. G. Honer Tel Cir 67

Section Post (No 9) Beechgrove Tel Cir 44

Senior Warden Mr H.E. Gardner Tel Cir 85

Wardens	Mr P.W. Holbrough	Mr S.D. French
	Mr J.R. Thomas	Mr J. Peyman
	Mr A.E. Clayfield	Mr E. S. Plowright
	Mrs A.M. Clarke	

Wardens Post (No 10) Emergency shelter, Corn Hall, Market Place Tel Cir 631

Senior Warden Mr J.G. Honer Tel Cir 67

Wardens	Mr H.J. Taylor	Mr W.E. Taylor
	Mr R.N. Matthews	Mr R.W. Rees Tel 373
	Mr E.N. Kelly	Mr C. Parker
	Mr J. J. Hall	
	* read as	
	Mr L. Cox	Mr L.C. Morton
	Capt. S. Kilby	Miss Higby
	Mr Parsons	

Wardens Post (No 11) Stonebay Victoria Road Tel Cir 306

Senior Warden Mr H. Lock

Wardens	Mr G. Harris	Mr S. Boulton
	Mr F.J. Knowles	Mr F.J. Wylde Tel 264
	Mr C.B. Cave Tel 167	Mr R.G. Jones Tel 229
	* read as	
	Mr E. Dean	Mr A.G. Parry Jones
	Mr E.R. Sturt	Mr C.H. Perrin
	Mr A.H. Winstone	Mr L.J. Smith
	Mr A. Tranter	

Section E Watermoor Area

Section Warden      Rev. G. Harvey, Watermoor Parsonage    Tel    Cir 377

Deputy Section Warden      Rev. H. Potts, 26 Watermoor Road Tel 446  
\* now Mr H.C. Leach Tel 484

Section Post (No 12)    “Lorraines”, West Market Place    Tel Cir 372  
\* moved to 11 Ashcroft Villas Tel 484

Senior Warden      Mr H.C. Leach Tel Cir 484

Wardens	Mr H. C. Tremain Tel 308	Mr W. Williams Tel 470
	Mr P.R. Vousden Tel 97	Miss Insoll Tel 372
	Mr Clark	Miss Rose Tel 372
	Mrs R.W. Jefferies * resigned	

Wardens Post (No 13)    Watermoor Parsonage, Watermoor Road    Tel Cir 377  
\* moved to 26 Watermoor Road

Senior Warden      Rev. H. Potts Tel Cir 446

Wardens	Mr F.J. Packer Tel 525	Mrs Mustoe
	Mr J.B. Wilson Tel 525 * resigned	Mr P. Sleight Tel 544
	Mr G. Ryman * resigned	Mrs Arnold * resigned

Wardens Post (No 14)    22 Siddington Road    Tel Cir 374

Senior Warden      Mr R. Parr Tel Cir 374

Wardens	Mr Caudle	Mr Tolley
	Mr Organ	Mrs Organ
	Mr A. Shipway	Mr Milward * resigned
	Mr Collett * resigned	

Section F Chesterton Area

Section Warden Major C.F.C. Letts Tel Cir 91

Deputy Section Warden Mr J.N. Townsend Tel Cir 399

Section Post (No 15) The Mount, Mount Street Tel Cir 408

Senior Warden Mr H.J.L. Chambers Tel Cir 296

Wardens	Mr P. Woolcott	Mr Claridge
	Mrs Woolcot	Miss Jefferies
	Mr C.H. Hale	Mrs Chambers
	Mr G.K.E. Hayward	Mr E.F.Emes
	* added Rev W. Essame	* added Mrs S Adams
	* added Mr W.P Head	

Wardens Post (No 16) 59 Chesterton Lane Tel Cir 415

Senior Warden Mr Luker

Wardens	Mr R.A.Berkeley	Brig. General Shuter
	Mr I Jones	Mrs Le Maitre
	Miss Miller	Mr Shalles
	Miss Goodson	Mr W Dennis Moss
	Miss Goodworth	Dr Redington
* revised list of wardens Post 16		
	Mr R.A.Berkeley	Mr I. Jones
	Mr Shalles	Brig. General Shuter
	Dr Redington	Mrs Emes
	Mrs Cook	Mr C.S.B. Hayward
	Miss Simms	Mr Leach
	Miss Goodworth	

Wardens Post (No 17) 14 Bathurst Road Tel Cir 399

Senior Warden Mr J.N. Townsend C.A.G.S. Tel Cir. 399

Wardens	Mr A. Adams	Mr J. Bools
	Mr Lawrence	Mr Herbert
	Mr Cooper	Mr Miller * resigned
	Mr Woodhams	Mrs Robus

As most of the wardens were mature citizens at the time, it is doubtful that any are still alive. It is worth noting that there are cases where we husband and wife took on the duties. The following list of names extracted from the total gives some extra information on individuals.

Mr T Ovens owned a large furniture and furnishing store and auction sale room in Dyer Street where the Ice Land development is. There is a mosaic in the footpath in front off one of the buildings they occupied.

Mr G Brooks was the manager of Trinder's Chemist Shop 3 the Market Place. He was a Councillor for many years and the Riverside Walk along Abbey Way is dedicated to him and Councillor Jack Gardner.

Mr Rawlins was a well known local solicitor of Sewell, Rawlins and Logie.

Mr Flexen, Mr Franklin, Mr Hockridge and Mr Miles were all teachers at Cirencester Grammar School.

Major Letts ran Oakley Hall private school and Miss Goodworth also had her own private infants school .

Mr G.P. Jackson was the Librarian of the Bingham Library before joining the RAF.

Mr Clappen owned a men's outfitters at 14 Cricklade St where Ottakars now is and a drapers opposite at 23 Cricklade St

Mr French owned a milliners shop at 4 West Market Place.

Mr Boultons store was the predecessor of Rackam's in the Market Place

Mr Tolley had a grocer's shop at 111 Cricklade St

Mr "Charlie" Barnett had the fish shop on the corner of the West Market Place and the Market Place, now Easts. He was also a famous Gloucestershire and England Cricketer in his day.

Mr Shalles ran a car hire and taxi service from his home at 59 Chesterton Lane which was also Wardens Post No 16. There were still white painted stones in the door surround of the house in the 1980s this was to show up in the blackout and allow people to see where the wardens post was.

Mr L.W. Jones owned Leonard Jones jewellers and china and glass shops at 5 and 7 West Market Place. West Market Place was Wardens Post No 7.

The misses Insoll and Rose ran Lorraines "exclusive gowns and sportswear" shop at 3 West Market Place. This was also wardens Post No 12

Mr W. Dennis Moss was the well known Cirencester Photographer

