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Memories of Hop Training at Bodiam

My family used to train the hops at Bodiam and I was born one hop training, 23rd May 1965. I was born at St. Leonards, Hastings and was taken back to Crainham Wood camp where we used to stay while hop training.

A couple of years later we stayed at The Park on the Junction Road which is now a camp site.

I normally take my mum who is 89 years old, down to Bodiam once a year (hopefully I will this year) to have a picnic or pub lunch and to let her reminisce. Charlotte's parents are Benny and Becky Waller

I have 2 brothers and 3 sisters and 3 of us out of 6 were taken back to Guinness Hop farm (Bodiam) as new born's.

Our last year there was 1975 then my family went to Guinness's other farm at Norton near Faversham Kent until they sold that in 94/95.

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