

Chesham Bois Heritage Trail

The site of the bomb blast 1944

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AIR RAID INCIDENT REPORT.

Area: No. 5 District: Amersham

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Incident No.: 93

LOCATION:	Chestnut Lane, CHESHAM Bois. 416186.
DATE and TIME:	2nd. July, 1944 hrs.
NATURE and NO.:	1 Flying Bomb. Exploded.
DAMAGE:	Red Lodge & Bungalow completely demolished apparently direct hit on Red Lodge. Forthcott partly demolished. The Lodge severely damaged. Two other houses badly damaged. Many houses and shops in Bois Lane, Chestnut Lane, Woodside Avenue and Sycamore Road suffered severe damage to doors windows and roofs from blast.
CASUALTIES:	Dead: 1 Male, 1 Female, 1 Child (died in hospital). Admitted to hospital: 1 Male 10 Female 1 Child (subsequently died). Ambulance cases 6 (serious) Sitting cases 10. Walking cases 3. Four cases were detained in hospital the remainder returned home within 24 hours. The dead male casualty was trapped under rubble and was extricated dead after 14 hours. There were many minor injuries chiefly through broken glass.

On Sunday 2nd July 1944, just before 11am, a doodlebug landed five yards away from Red Lodge in Chestnut Lane. The bomb destroyed the house, the adjoining bungalow and killed some of the family who lived there.

Four other properties were partly demolished and 135 houses and shops in Bois Lane, Chestnut Lane, Woodside Avenue and Sycamore Road suffered severe damage to their doors, windows and roofs. Many people were taken by ambulance to Amersham hospital.

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Chesham Bois Village Fete
Saturday 14TH June 2014



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