

# Nethercott's of South Mimms a timeline.



**Charles Arlingham Nethercott**

**1860** Charles Arlingham Nethercott born in Heavitree Devon where his father and grandfather were cabinet makers and funeral directors.

**1906** Charles appears in the Lloyds Weekly News as giving Christmas gifts to South Mimms Almshouses residents, occupation acting Police Sergeant and Churchwarden.

**1911** Charles and wife Alice were living in one of the Police Cottages in St. Albans Road. Retiring from the Metropolitan Police he used his pension to formally set up the building, decorating, and undertaking business, an occupation he knew well. At the start of the business Charles and all his staff were local with full time jobs as well as helping at funerals. Alice, who was the local midwife, worked with him working from their home in Blackhorse Lane South Mymms.

Charles and Alice's family consisted of Guy Redvers *b1903*, Audrey Kathleen Mary *b1904*, Harold Edgar Patrick *b1910*, Cuthbert Horace, *b1914*, Peter Barnard *b1917*.

**1920s** Eldest son, Guy, joined the business.

**1921** The family were living at Exonia House Blackhorse Lane South Mimms

**1928** Charles Nethercott died and his widow, Alice, took over the running of the business

**1932** Charles's third son, Cuthbert, joined his mother and brother in the business.

**1930s** the Company moved to the corner of St Albans Road and Blackhorse Lane. The site of the Old Red Lion PH, the building was renamed Arlingham House, in honour of Charles senior's middle name. It is still recognisable today and bears the same name.

**By 1936**, Guy had left, and Cuthbert had taken over the running of the business. At this stage both funeral and building work was carried out from South Mimms.

**1938** Peter joined his elder brother and mother in the business. Cuthbert always had an eye for business and was the driving force behind expansion and modernisation.

**1946** The Company relocated to its current premises in Darkes Lane Potters Bar building new workshop, garages, and mortuary facilities.

**1948** Alice died leaving Cuthbert in total control of the business.

**1969** Charles Nethercott, Cuthbert's son and the third generation joined the family business.

**1971** Charles was more interested in the funeral side rather than the building work so the building company was sold. Charles then working alongside his Father Cuthbert, and Uncle Peter

**1982** Peter died, by then Charles had become the Managing Director and the main force behind the business.

**1985** Charles decided to expand and open a branch in Radlett. So now Nethercott's could serve the whole of the Hertsmere area and beyond. The Company has always prided itself on being a small independent Funeral Directors with time to treat each and every funeral and family with respect and dignity.

**1989** Charles was ready and willing to give of his spare time to assist other independent funeral directors he took the opportunity to be a founder of the National Society of Allied and Independent Funeral Directors (SAIF), an association established to promote best practice and protect the interests of independent funeral directors.

**2007** Charles took a year's sabbatical to become the President of the National Society of Allied and Independent Funeral Directors (SAIF).

**2008** Victoria, Charles and Liz's daughter because the first of the fourth generation when she joined the company.

**2011** Nethercott's celebrated its Centenary, with a service in St Marys Church Potters Bar. Victoria left the company for a short period of time to expand her knowledge and experience of the profession, working for another funeral director on the South Coast and later becoming a regional manager for a large, independent Cemeteries and Crematoria management company.

**2018** Victoria returns as Business Director to oversee the day to day running of the business.

**2018** Charlotte joined her sister Victoria and father in the company as Accounts Director and together Victoria and Charlotte managed the business alongside their father Charles.

**2022** Charles and wife Liz retire, both reside in South Mimms keeping alive the Nethercott association with the village.

**2023** The business is now run by Charlotte and Victoria