

DINTON MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING 2017

At the end of September I stumbled upon a Dinton coffee morning in aid of Macmillan cancer research.

I was enroute from my home in Italy to family in the UK and by chance my journey took me near Dinton.

I decided to stop in the village and look for the much loved cottage where my parents had lived when they were first married in the early 1960's. It was an emotional journey as my father is no longer with us. Having never been to Dinton (my parents moved before I was born) I photographed two cottages that looked familiar from my memory of the painting that had hung in our family home. Using WhatsApp, within seconds of sending the image I had confirmation from my brother, who incidentally was born in the cottage, that the house on the left, Ostler's cottage, was ours. It was a special moment for all of us, especially my Mother who came in on the 'chat'.

Then I explored your beautiful village and came across the coffee morning. I was welcomed into Angela's home and to a feast of British cakes. Everyone was extremely warm to me and a poignant moment came when Trish and Honor introduced me to Gwen Woodford. She remembered my parents and my father Michael Baker, from more than half a century earlier when he was a young vet with Anderson and Bugg.

Thank you to the ladies of Dinton who made my visit to the village so special. My Mother and I are hoping to visit the village fete next year.

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