

Following the discovery of the airfield in Plummers Plain we have had several Parishioners share their knowledge of the airfield. I have included below a report of a downed Heinkel 111, a medium Luftwaffe bomber. The 'baby in the pram' who was narrowly missed by the aircraft was Jean Black.

Jean is seen standing next to the monument overlooking the airfield. For those interested the plaque is mounted behind Dockers Cottages on the bridlepath. The commemoration overlooks the airstrip behind. Thanks to Jean Black for sharing this information.

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AIR RAID INCIDENT (MISCELLANEOUS)

Parish SLAUGHAM Date 30.8.40. Time 11.30.

Nature of Incident German plane crash. Two men land in Warninglid Parish.

DETAIL

I was on duty at Stonewick, Warninglid, when I saw a German bomber falling to the West. I kept observation and saw two men come down by parachute. One of these landed at Eastlands Farm, Warninglid; I went up to him and he put his right arm up and said, 'Kamerad' Upon searching him, I found that his left forearm was broken. I afterwards handed him over to a regular constable of the West Sussex Police.

(Signed) Stephen Knight. S.C. 804.

One other parachutist was detained by a cowman with a pitchfork further south of the above.

Time and Date information received by Police.....
Raymond Helsdon. Sgt. 32.
Signature.....

L.P.—20483



Jean Black standing next to the monument



The photo shows a Mr Carter of Plummers Plain Garage, Lower Beeding, with a portion of wing from this He 111. The aircraft exploded in the air and this section of the aircraft fell behind Mr Carter's house narrowly missing a baby in a pram.



A Heinkel 111