**Great Bradley Church, Suffolk: Grave Number 62**

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| Charles Mills 1964 | |
|  | IN LOVING MEMORY OF A DEVOTED HUSBAND AND FATHER CHARLES MILLS WHO DIED 4TH AUGUST 1964 AGED 65 YEARS AT REST |

We received this fascinating note from Peter Mills in May 2005. Peter left Great Bradley at the age of 12yrs on 7th April 1961 and now lives in Blackmore in Essex.

" The picture of the [Home Guard](file:///C:\Great%20Bradley\Great%20Bradley%20Archive\Places\Church%20of%20St%20Mary%20the%20Virgin\History\vehomeguard.htm) contains many names from my family: Percy, Charlie, Archie, Reginald (Sam) and my father Kitch Mills. His actual name was Harold Kitchener Mills.  He never used the Harold, I guess because of an older brother, Harry, who was farm manager at Wodgells Farm.

Fred Stafford and Ernie Wimpress were married respectively to my Aunts Inda and Ethel - whether the other Mills's were also brothers I do not know (they were prone to using nicknames), and one may be my uncle 'Nip'.  William may have been his son, my cousin Billy.  
   
The [WWI Roll of Honour](http://www.great-bradley.suffolk.gov.uk/Great%20Bradley%20church_files/rollofhonour.htm), lists my father's older brothers, Charlie, Alfred (referred to by my father as Fatty although photographs show him as wirey - who was awarded the Military Medal in WW1) and his eldest brother William, my uncle Billy.  All were in Kitcheners Army either when father was born, in Sept 1914 or before his baptism, hence his middle name and why he was always called Kitch.  
   
My mother was Florence Helen Cambridge daughter of a Fishmonger in Crystal Palace. She was known as  Floss to her family in London, but this was too posh a name for a country girl and she became known as Helen in Suffolk.  She was a Milliner in a West End Store who joined The Land Army and lodged with Mrs Stanley at Fox Farm House in the village.  Mrs Stanley was mother in law to Mr Custerson the Farmer. When my parents married their first home was the small round house at Little Bradley."