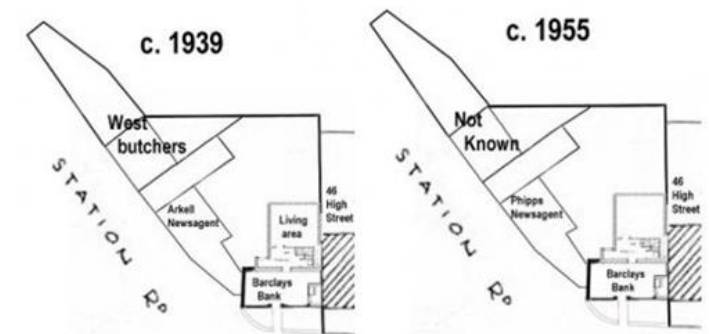


Henry Munt, who was a shopkeeper in 1931, according to the Kelly Directory of that year, married Elizabeth Mary Shepherd in the late 1880s. Their second child, Mabel Munt was born in 1889. Mabel Munt married Philip Thomas Crook (born in Fulham and probably not related to the quarry owner John Crook) on 10 February 1912, with Henrietta Elizabeth Sophia Crook born in August 1912, and Mabel Ruth Elsie Crook born on 24 January 1915, with her mother dying in this childbirth. Mabel Ruth Elsie Crook married William Henry Phipps on 5 August 1935. They had two daughters Eileen and Jackie.

It is believed that Arkell was occupying part of the Station Road frontage in c. 1939, which was taken over by c.1955 by William Phipps.



Barclays was to move to adjacent to the Merry Bells in 1960, when Phipps made a planning application for the entire site of 48 High Street and 2-4 Station Road seeking permission to demolish the 48 High Street frontage (leaving the substantive side and back walls), to remove the thatch, and to change the use from a bank to a shop.

