

Peter's father, Edwin Arthur Caleb Harris (Eddy) was born on 31 October 1901 at Rose Cottage, The Breach, (pronounced Brache) beside the Manor House. When Mrs Milne bought the Manor House, in 1920, not only were there four families in the Breach Cottages, but there were four families living in the house itself, when she moved in, the Goodlakes, the Shorters, the Hardings and Mrs Tombs. Eventually, she 'bought them out' of the house and the cottages by offering them each quarter of an acre of land (with the option of buying another quarter) where they could build a house, grow vegetables and perhaps keep chickens or a couple of pigs.

Peter's father and grandfather built the pair of houses on the south-west corner of the Breach Field. Caleb lived in Breach Close (now 29 Littleworth Road), and Eddy and his family lived in Hill View (now 27 Littleworth Road) where Peter still lives today. The Goodlakes built their house to the south (now replaced by a new house known as 20 High Street); Tommy Barlow's family moved into a cottage now known as 10 Littleworth Road, and farmed half an acre opposite; and the Hardings were given land in Old London Road.

When he left school, Eddy worked at Butcher Alden's on the corner of Church Road and the High Street (now 2, Church Road) from 1915 - 1920. Mr White was the manager there, and together they slaughtered and butchered all the meat they sold. Peter remembers his Dad telling him how he would get up at 6 am, kill and dress six sheep, and have them ready for the shop by 9 am. During the war, the shop also held stocks of tinned milk and other dried goods - presumably in case of emergency. Later, the shop was moved to west side of Station Road.

There was a second butcher's in the High Street; 'Butcher White' had his slaughter-house and shop opposite the Merry Bells, in what is now 82 High Street. When Butcher White's shop closed down during the war, the Samuel brothers opened a butcher's on the east corner of the High Street and Station Road.

From 1920 - 1921 Eddy worked as a driller in the stone-pits by the Forest Hill road where, at that time, the stone was being sent to build Morris's Factory in Cowley. Later he worked for Clait Cooper (owner of the Brickyard in Littleworth) at Way's Farm. Then his girlfriend, Doris Kimber (b.18 November 1902), was able to get him a job at Morris' and he worked in the sheet metal department from 1922 - 1928, making petrol tanks and bonnets for the famous Bull-nosed Morris cars. Doris and Eddy were married on 1 August 1925, in Holy Trinity Church, Headington Quarry.

Eddy's father, Caleb Harris (1873-1936), had one of several milk rounds in Wheatley, collecting supplies from Old Park Farm in Holton, and from Charlie Shepherd at Ambrose Farm. When Caleb became ill in the 1920s, Eddy gave up his job at Morris' and took over the milk round himself. He delivered milk every day, including Sundays, for over thirty years - without ever having a day off. There were, in fact, seven milk rounds in Wheatley at one time: Burton's from Headington, the Co-op, Harris', Freddie Allen's, White and Welford, Trinder's, and Rose Washington's of College Farm. (Val Morris of 88 Church Road, is Rose Washington's Granddaughter.)

Peter Richard Caleb Harris was born on 29th April 1932, at Hill View, 27 Littleworth Road. At the age of four and a half he went to Bell Lane School: first in Miss Flood's class and then in Miss Wren's.

In 1938 he went up to the Big School:

Standard 1	MrsChapman
Standard 2	Mr Benson
Standard 3	MrsChambers
Standard 4	Mrs Chaundy

He went to Lord Williams Grammar School, where he stayed until after taking his School Certificate. After leaving school in 1949, he became an engineering apprentice at John Allen's in Cowley, specialising in tool-making. He served as an armourer in the RAF from 1954 - 1956,

including six weeks in Malta, and then returned to John Allen's from 1956 - 1985. He worked as foreman in several different departments, and finally as the foreman of Customer Services.

When John Alien's was sold to Grove's Cranes, an American firm, things changed and Peter was made redundant in 1985. He then spent fourteen years as a groundsman at the Wheatley campus of Oxford Brookes University.

Although he had a motorbike for a few years, and took part in Motocross activities, Peter's interests have mainly centred round country pursuits. He became interested in game shooting, and beating, and is still an active member of a shoot near Goring. He has two dogs: a retriever and a terrier, and sometimes competes in shows. He is an active member of St Mary's Church, and sang in the choir for many years. He has helped with various youth projects, and leads a team of volunteers who look after the churchyard. He is also a member of the Parochial Church Council.