



Thame Remembers

Sub-Lieutenant Henry Bennet Cook



Henry Bennett Cook was the son of Henry Bennet and Lily (nee Hardern) Cook, and was born near Ashton, Lancashire in 1921.

At the beginning of the second world war Henry was with the County Courts branch of the Lord Chancellors Department based in Thame. He was a keen footballer, and on the books of Arsenal FC as an amateur. Whilst in Thame he regularly assisted the town football and cricket clubs, and when the Thame football club was compelled to cease activities due to the war, he played for Oxford City until called up for service. He was also a popular member of the Thame Institute.

On the 5th June 1942, Henry received a commission as a temporary Sub-Lieutenant in the RNVR, with qualification for pilot duties in the Fleet Air Arm. On the 26th February 1943, attached to 772 Squadron FAA, at HMS Landrail, the Royal Naval Air Station Machrihanish, Scotland, Sub-Lieutenant Cook was killed whilst training for ship landing at the deck landing school.

His name is commemorated on the Lee on Solent Naval Memorial, Gosport, Hampshire. His will was administered by his mother Lily, with effects to the value of £133.



**The
Thame Remembers Cross
was delivered
to his memorial on
8 July 2016
by
Tim Green, Sam Green,
Jeannette Matelot Green,
& James Green**

