

Philip Shucksmith's Biography

Born 26th June, 1927, elder son of Thomas White Shucksmith 1897-1983 and Edna May (née Hand) 1902-1989.

Brother to George Basil 1928-2010 and Elizabeth Ann 1939 – 2019

North Cockerington Church of England school 1932-38.

Passed 11+, Louth King Edward VI Boys Grammar School 1938-43.

Cambridge School Certificate: 1 Dis, 4 Credits, 4 Passes.

1943-1944 – working on farm for experience before going to Midland Agricultural College, Sutton Bonington 1944-1946.

Won a Lindsey Scholarship to study there.

Awarded National Diploma in Agriculture 1946.

Came home to work on farm.

26th November, 1949 – married Maureen Elizabeth Meanwell (1928-2019)

Patricia Ann born 9th June, 1950

Maureen born 23rd June, 1952

David Ian born 29th June, 1955

Kathryn Lesley born 7th July, 1964

Secretary for 40 years to Alvingham Methodist Chapel Trustees 1948-1988.

Lifelong member of Methodist Church.

Various offices at Alvingham Village Hall.

Member of Alvingham Parish Council 1964-2004, chairman for many of those years.

Particular milestone – Public Enquiry regarding construction of a reservoir to the north of Highbridge Road in 1972. First refusal to a public authority – Anglian Water – since the War.

Member of the National Farmers Union from 1973 – various offices at Branch and County level

Branch Chairman 1984-1986.

Member of the Louth Drainage Board and its successors – 1980-2001.

Chairman for most of the 1990's and took part in progress to a larger and more efficient organisation, both financially and improving drainage and reducing flooding in times of crises.