

## Bart and Anne Venner

Bart was born on the Isle of Wight, growing up during WW2. On leaving school aged 15 years he went to work in Parkhurst Forest on the Isle of Wight, subsequently being accepted for training at the Parkend Forestry School. His training also saw him spend time at a Forestry Schools in Scotland and East Anglia. After qualifying Bart returned to the FoD, working on various beats as Assistant Forester, later taking responsibility for establishing / running FoD campsites and, later, in charge of timber contracts. Towards the end of his career Bart was placed in charge of dealings with private woodlands in the area.

Across his career Bart and his wife have lived in various locations in the Forest, including Foxes Bridge, Cannop Cottages and St Briavels, where they continue to live in their retirement.

Anne was born in the FoD, the daughter of the manager of Foxes Bridge Colliery, who died when she was only three years of age. She attended Bilson School and later went on to train in Gloucester as a Nursery Nurse. Subsequently Anne worked for several years at The Dilke Hospital. After having her family Anne eventually worked for Marie Curie, caring for those with terminal illnesses.

Bart and Anne had three children, two daughters and one son.

### Key occupations:

Forestry Commission (Parkend Forestry School)

NHS (Dilke Hospital)