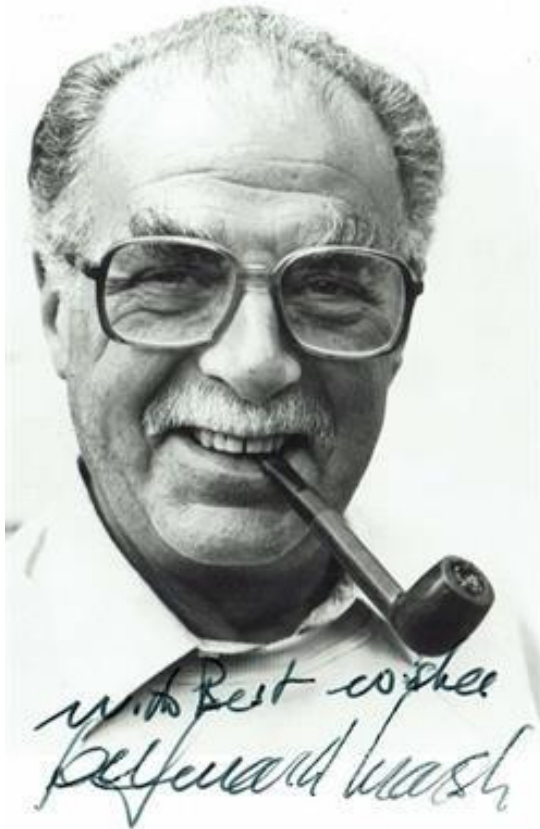


Notable residents of Four Marks



Reginald Saltmarsh, known by the stage name **Reginald Marsh** (1926 - 2001) lived with his family in Four Marks from the 1980's at Keepsake Cottage in Brislands Lane. He was a well-known face on British TV and starred in many

sitcoms and series from 1959 until 1998 including Coronation Street, Crossroads, Terry C June, Bread and many others.

He was an active supporter of Parish life in Four Marks and could often be seen at village events such as the Rural Amenities group walks and other fund-raising activities.

Mildred Bruce (1895 - 1990) or The Honourable Mrs Mildred Bruce, was a British record-breaking racing motorist, speed boat racer and aviator in



the 1920s - 1930s. She lived at Pooks Hill, Alton Lane and was the first woman to fly around the world solo over land.

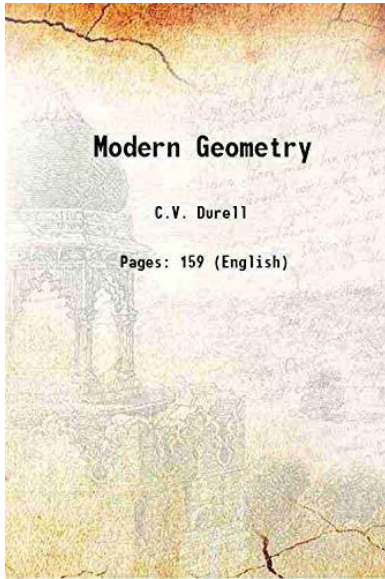
She kept her aircraft on the field opposite her home and was visited, at least once, by Amy Johnson, the first woman to fly solo to Australia. Johnson and other aviator visitors all landed in the same field.



By courtesy of "TADA".
(L. to R.) Miss Mollie Olney, who organized the programme, Miss Dorothy Spicer, Mrs. Victor Bruce, Mrs. Mollison, Mrs. Shelmerdine, Mrs. Pender Chalmers, and Mr. J. A. Mollison, outside the Control Tent.

Pioneer Aviators (L to R) - Mollie Olney, Dorothy Spicer, Mrs Mildred Bruce, Amy Johnson, Lady Lillian Shelmerdine, Mrs Pender Chalmers C Jim Mollison (first husband of Amy

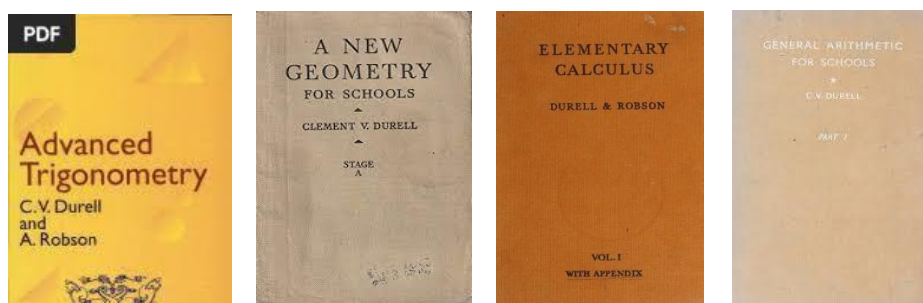
Johnson) at Atlantic Park Southampton in 1932.



**Mr. Clement V. Durell,
(1882 - 1968)**

mathematician, lived in Four Marks while teaching as Senior Mathematics Master at Winchester College in the 1920's and 1930's.

Throughout his lifetime, Durell wrote many highly regarded text and reference books covering all aspects of mathematics, including algebra, calculus, mechanics, geometry and trigonometry. These books proved to be highly successful and formed the basis of teaching mathematics for many years afterwards.



Jessie Louisa Rickard

(1876-1963), author, lived in Four Marks during the 1920's. She was a prolific author who wrote over forty novels ranging in genre from



light comedy to detective novels which earned her a living as a popular novelist.

She was known as a witty woman and a delightful hostess; kind to the young; invariably hospitable and with a vivid personality.

Do you know another notable or famous person who lived in Four Marks that we've missed? Please let us know by emailing: -

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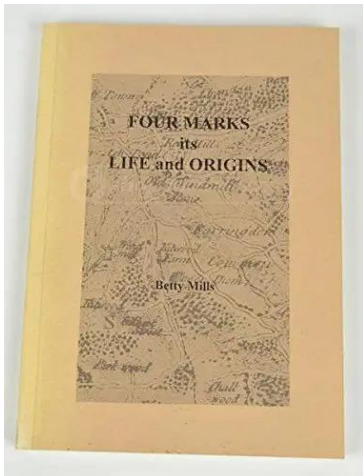
Donald Gebbett, (1930 - 2025) Scientist and Inventor lived in Four Marks for over 50 years.

Having qualified as an Industrial Chemist, he amassed six patents to

his name and was named in a number of others including renewable linings for vehicles and frangible materials for space rockets and missiles.

When aged 90 he was recruited as a consultant to UKAEA (UK Atomic Energy Authority) and jointly patented two ceramic composites for use in the Tokamak Fusion Reactor walls at UKAEA Culham.

A keen environmentalist and nature lover, he also served as a Four Marks Parish Councillor for 8 years in the 1980's.



Betty Mills, author of the definitive book on the local history of Four Marks, titled "Four Marks: Its Life and Origins" published in 1995, but unfortunately now out of print.

Betty was a keen local historian, easy to talk to with an unassuming and thoughtful personality.

Marriana Hagen (1852 - 1932) was the benefactor of Four Marks School, donating the land in 1902.



At the time Four Marks parish didn't exist, so the school has 'RS' on the commemorative stone, standing for 'Ropley School'. She also moved the 'Iron Room' from Ropley Soke to Lymington Bottom which became the first Four Marks church.

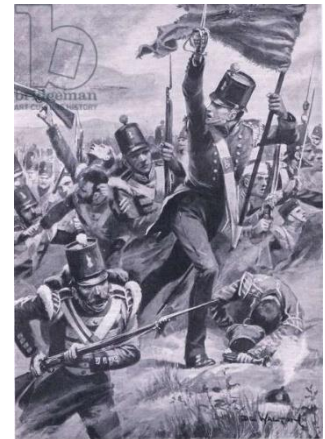


Denis Rolleston

Gwynn (1893 - 1971) lived in Four Marks in the 1940's and owned a farm. He was an Irish journalist, writer and professor of modern Irish

history. He served in the British Army in the first World War.

John De Walton lived in Four Marks (dates unknown) and was an accomplished illustrator of books such as *The Flying Submarine* (1912), *Jack Without a Roof* (1923)



and many others. The style was mostly “Boy’s Own” but he was also known as a ‘St Ives artist’ (from a March 1923 exhibition) so he clearly had a varied style.