

A TASTER OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS & INFORMATION
that will be on display at
The St James Church Wedding & Floral Celebration



Alf Millward & Gwen Gibbs who married 18th June 1949

1. leaving the church of St James the Great, Hanslope .
2. The bridal car: a grey 1937 Hudson Terraplane*
 This was hired from Wesley's Garage, Castlethorpe Road (now Faith Terrace), Hanslope. *A limited number were made in Essex under licence from the Hudson Company in Detroit, USA. They were available from Shaw & Kilburn, car sales of Luton, for the sum of around £285 (nearly £11,000 in today's money). It had "101 smooth horsepower" and could achieve 27mpg!
3. Cutting the cake make at Alf and Gwen's reception in Hanslope Village Hall. It was made by Mr Garratt of Newport Road, Hanslope. The Village Hall was first built as a school but closed in 1933 so Gwen went to the other school, known as the 'Bottom School'. Gwen's mother, Katherine Gibbs (nee Herbert), did all the catering for the reception. She was a fine cook and loved it. She ran food canteens before the war at Hanslope Park and then at the air force depot, the 72 Maintenance Unit hidden in the middle of Salcey Forest, close to Hartwell.



The Blessing of Tony and Debbie Haddow's marriage 9th September 2006, the church of St James the Great, Hanslope.

Walking to church with family and friends through the Village Fayre. The Hanslope Mummers and a traditional sweep lead the procession.



1. Their reception was held in the church with bouncy castle and slide for the guests.

2. The First Bounce!



The Wedding on 7th June 1897 of Alfred Stanton and Emily Ditung. Taken outside a house on the Castlethorpe Road, Hanslope, set back from the road, roughly opposite where the doctors' surgery now stands. Cabbages decorate the foreground!