

Derrick Yallop

1917 - 2000

Derrick was born in Leiston, Suffolk, the son of John William Yallop (1887-1959) and Isabella Kate Saunders (1886-1935).

At the age of 10 he went as a boarder to Culford School, and on leaving he took an apprenticeship as a draughtsman at Crittalls in Braintree.

It was at a dance in Braintree that he met Phyll Rowe. They married in 1938 and moved into the family home at Tin Tops in Bulmer Street.

Derrick was a keen sportsman and he played football (on a meadow down Goldingham Lane, from where they had to remove the cow 'pats' first) and also cricket for Bulmer on Lawrence Coe's meadow.

On moving with his family to Sudbury, he became associated with Sudbury Town Football Club. Derrick spent every spare minute there, doing whatever there was to be done: he was the grounds man, manager, and shirt washer. He loved his football and was appointed to the board of directors and onto the committee of Suffolk County.



His death ironically followed a football match where Sudbury had won and had gone to the top of the league; to say that he lived and died football is quite apt.