

Dick Thomas

Richard 'Dick' Thomas was one of four children born in Runcorn in Cheshire. He was of humble background and was educated locally where he excelled in his studies.

He began his career with Castner Kellner at Weston Point shortly after leaving school and was dedicated to his work progressing through to upper management jobs at ICI.

In August 1942 he left his previous job as Works Manager of the Hill House constituent and Phosgene factory near Fleetwood and became the Works Manager at Valley Works, Rhydymwyn.

Richard Thomas had married Kathleen later in life and had two children Chris and Diana and they lived in one of the new ICI houses in Gwernaffield. They enjoyed growing vegetables in the garden and the red cabbages and beetroot particularly prospered.

Post war the children had the benefit of private education and throughout their studies he continued to travel through his later work - Paris, New York on numerous occasions. He was also seconded to India, East Africa with the notorious Ground Nut Scheme.

He was also a Director of Plant Protection and ended his career as Technical Services Manager of ICI based in the Cunard Building in Liverpool where he enjoyed watching the shipping on the River Mersey.

In his retirement in 1957 he developed an interest in horology and scientific instruments, and moved to a property on the Wirral which overlooked the Mersey.

His final move was to Tunbridge Wells in Kent to be near to his immediate family.