
Help to trace a lost

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Heritage readers could hold the key in unravelling the mystery surrounding a Holocaust survivor who settled in Croydon during the Second World War.

Little is known about Eva Parker who married and settled at 66 Ashburton Road, Addiscombe, where she is known to have lived in the mid-to-late 1970s.

Barbara Kintaert, from Vienna, is researching the history of the house in Austria where Eva and her family once lived and is keen to trace her whereabouts and any remaining relatives.

Barbara has lived in the Servitengasse 6' house where Eva lived for 20 years and is researching the history of all 27 Holocaust victims who lived at the address immediately before and during the Second World War.

Eva was born on April 25, 1931 in Vienna, Austria, as Eva Jarosch.

Her divorced mother, Marie Anna Jarosch (born Schick, born Jewish but later converted to Christianity) and her Jewish grandfather, lawyer Dr Siegfried Schick, were deported to concentration camps and killed by the Nazis.

Seven-year-old Eva was brought to Britain in 1939 as part of the Kindertransport rescue programme an operation which separated, mostly Jewish, children from their parents during the war.

Around 10,000 children were sent, without their parents, out of Austria, Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia to Britain. The traumatic rescue and forced separation from their parents became known as Kindertransport.

Barbara said: "Eva Jarosch was sent on a Kindertransport' to Holland on February 20, 1939, and from there was brought to foster parents in England. This had saved her life. Later she married a Mr Parker.

"We don't know how to find out if Eva Parker (nee Jarosch) is still living in Addiscombe. We don't know what happened to her."

It is Barbara's intention to put up a plaque in remembrance of the house's former residents including Eva which will be unveiled later this year.

It is Barbara's hope that Eva is still alive so that she may attend the ceremony on September 20, at 6pm.

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