

Eric Rolt

Canon Eric Wilfred Rolt MA was born on 15th October 1917 in Kingston and it is believed his parents were Frederick Henry and Florence Mary (nee Edwards) Rolt. He had one brother, Dennis (born 1915) and one sister, Winifred (born 19 August 1922).

He attended Kingston Grammar School where *The Times* records he won a hurdles race in 1934. He was also a writer of children's stories.

He was ordained Deacon in 1940 and Priest in 1941. At some point he became Curate at St Giles, Camberwell, and then in 1950 moved to be vicar of All Saints, Battersea Park.

He was appointed Rector of Campsea Ashe & Marlesford from 1969 – 1970 & Priest-in-Charge of Parham with Hacheston 1970 – 1983 (therefore caring for all 4 from 1970). *The Times*

records that he was also appointed Priest in Charge of Brandeston with Kettleburgh in 1982. He retired in 1983 to Debenham. He died in 1994 and his sister died in 2006.



Doreen Bartlett (formerly Miss Hindle) writes of Eric Rolt:

“Eric was a member of the Governing Body of Parham CEVA Primary School when I was appointed Headteacher there in 1982. He lived with his sister Winifred at Marlesford Rectory. Eric and Winifred became great friends and supporters helping me to adapt to life in rural Suffolk following my move from industrial Bradford.

As priest in charge, Eric regularly visited the school and was a favourite with the children. He shared his interest in brass rubbing with them and was a wonderful pianist. Eric had a marvellous sense of humour. As incomers to the community we had lots of fun comparing notes about our respective work .”

Kingston Grammar School

220 YARDS LOW HURDLES.—E. W. Rolt, 1 ; R. H. Day, 2 ; P. R. Thomas, 3. 34 3-5sec.

The Times 29 March 1934

The REV. E. W. ROLT, curate of St. Giles', Camberwell, London, to be vicar of All Saints', Battersea Park, London.

The Times 9 June 1950

Canon E W Rolt, Rector of Campsea Ash with Marlesford and priest-in-charge of Parham with Hacheston, Rural Dean of Loes, diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich: to be also priest-in-charge of Brandeston with Kettleburgh, same diocese.

The Times 3 May 1982



ROLT, The Rev. Canon Eric Wilfrid. — Dearest brother of Winifred, Dennis and David, died peacefully, aged 77 years, on Friday, December 23, 1994. Funeral Service at Debenham Parish Church, Suffolk, at 2.00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 3, 1995. Family flowers only, donations to The Treasurer, Debenham Parish Church.

Notification in local newspaper