

SIGNIFICANT DATES in Bob and Rocky's lives

21 Jul 1913	Bob's brother Thomas Arthur (Tom) Shaw born
4 Aug 1914	Bob's brother John Frederick (John) born
19 Dec 1915	Bob's brother Charles Herbert (Bill) Shaw born
12 May 1919	Bob (George Robert Shaw) born in Longwood, Huddersfield, Yorkshire, the fourth of seven children
14 Aug 1919	Rocky's sister Grace Beryl Prince born
20 Jan 1921	Bob's sister Margaret Mary (Peggy) born
21 Feb 1921	Rocky born (Marjorie Ethel Prince) in Neston, the Wirral, Cheshire
1923	Maud, Grace and Rocky moved to Wellingborough
22 Nov 1923	Bob's sister Dorothy Elizabeth (Betty) born
3 Apr 1928	Bob's brother Ernest David (David) born
1929	Shaw family moved from Huddersfield to Whittlesey
1930-1935	Bob attended March Grammar School, missed first period each day as travelling in on the train from Whittlesey
4 Oct 1932	Herbert Shaw started business at 40 Market St, Whittlesey
1 Jun 1934	Shaw and Sons moved to 14 North St, Whittlesey
4 Jun 1934	Bill Shaw joined Shaw and Sons
18 Feb 1935	Tom Shaw joined Shaw and Sons
2 Nov 1936	1st Shaws partnership started: Herbert, Bill, Tom Shaw
1935-1939	Bob various jobs including on the dole, landscape gardening, porter in the railway parcels office & delivering parafin
1937	Bob Shaw and Eric Moore cycled from Peterborough to Kershaw House (near Huddersfield) & back for a day out
12 Jul 1937	Shaw and Sons moved to 11 Broadway, Peterborough
summer 1939	Bob joined civilian Civil Air Guard for flying lessons, but lessons stopped 3rd Sept when war broke out, just before he went solo
summer 1939	Bob, with Peterborough Cycling Club, met Rocky (engaged to Ted Palmer) at Wicksteed Park, Kettering
15 Dec 1939	Bob, drafted from Co-op Bakery, requested to join RAF, but was sent to the Infantry (Suffolk Regiment) at Bury St Edmunds. He gave his home address as 83 The Drive, Wellingborough at the time.
Aug 1940	Bob at SAS Hythe (Small Arms Course), a full Corporal in Suffolk Reg, but lost one stripe Nov 1940 for "misdemeanour"
17 Dec 1940	Bob volunteered to be a Glider Pilot in a second vain attempt to get into the RAF and fly, but his group was mistakenly delivered to 1 Special Service battalion (became No 1 Commando) at Stoke Fleming, near Dartmouth. When he found his brother Bill (who had joined the Royal Artillery on 1st Sept) was already there in same Company, he elected to stay even though having to lose the remaining stripe to do so

May41/Aug42	No. 1 Commando moved north to be based at Irvine, Ayrshire, Scotland
1941	Rocky working as Secretary at Ultra Electrics, Wellingborough
July 1941	Bob: Rock Climbing Course, Glencoe - given one stripe back to be able to go. Became a Commando Rock Climbing Instructor
20 Dec 1941	Bob & Rocky married at All Saints Church, Wellingborough
Mar/Apr 1942	Bob on abortive 1 & 6 Commando raid on Bayonne, Lance Sergeant in rank
summer 1942	Bob at Beddgelert, North Wales on cliff climbing course
Aug 1942	Bob: Snow & Mountain Warfare course (Glenfeshie)
1942	Took part in Commando raid between Boulogne & Le Touquet
8 Nov 1942	Landed in Tunisia, North Africa with No 1 Commando, disguised as Americans. The troopship (Leedstown) with their kit was bombed next day - no clean clothes for 3 weeks
1 Dec 1942	Landed on the coast to cut the German supply road to Green Hill, in Tunisia, but ambushed by them, wandering for 3 days
1942/3	promoted from Corporal to Sergeant whilst in Africa
2 May 1943	Landed in Liverpool from North Africa
July 1943	Bob: Street Fighting course, Battersea
Aug-Sep 1943	Bob: pre-OCTU course
Sep 1943	OCTU course, including at the Isle of Man
15 Jan 1944	Bob commissioned from Sergeant to Lieutenant. When commissioned from the ranks, the army require a change of unit, so Bob moved from No. 1 to No 4 Commando. At the same time from Suffolk Regt. (Army Commandos always kept their underlying Regiment) to the Northamptonshire Regiment
Jan 1945	Left for Holland & Germany with No. 4 Commando, in Antwerp on leave on VE Day
May 1945	Returned to UK
26 July 1946	Bob left the Army (N'tonsh. Reg.), back to Co-op as a Pastry Cook then worked one year as Inspector at Perkins Diesel. Rocky also worked at Perkins Diesel at that time as Secretary to the Service Manager
1946	Bob & family moved to Wingcote, Whittlesey Rd, Stanground from 28 Huntly Grove, P'boro
11 Aug 1947	Bob joined Shaw and Sons
29 Mar 1948	Bob's father Herbert Shaw died
19 May 1948	son Peter Robin born
12 May 1949	Grace's daughter Julie (Pettit) born
2 Jul 1949	daughter Marti (Margaret) Christine born
27 Dec 1951	son John Malcolm born
Feb 1952	Bob & family moved to 144 Broadway
1954	Bob started teaching Mountaineering at Adult Institute
1954	Peterborough Mountaineering Club formed

20 Dec 1958	son David Neil born
15 Jul 1962	Shaw and Sons moved to Mansion House Chambers, Westgate
1 Dec 1963	Shaw and Sons moved to 41 Broadway, Peterborough
28 Dec 1965	Bob & family moved to 214 Broadway
1 Jan 1968	Pete Shaw joined Shaw and Sons
30 Jun 1969	John Shaw joined Shaw and Sons 1st time
1 Nov 1974	Shaw and Sons (Life & Investment Services) Ltd started from Shaw and Sons Life Dept.
11 Nov 1977	Bob & family moved to 207 Broadway
21 Jul 1974	Bob's mother died, aged 81
Nov 1974	son John left Shaw and Sons
31 May 1978	Rocky's mother, Maud Prince, died
21 Feb 1988	son David died
1 Jun 1990	Bob Shaw retired from Shaw and Sons
1 Jan 1979	son John joined Shaw and Sons again
1991	Bob & Rocky moved to Tenerife
1 Feb 1996	Shaw and Sons insurance broking business sold. Shaw and Sons (Life & Investment Services) Ltd still running
1996	Bob & Rocky moved back from Tenerife
12 May 2000	Rocky died
2 April 2001	Bob died