



Sid Hickingbotham

Born this day in 1921 – and an amazing 104 today!

Merle and I were honoured this morning to be warmly welcomed into Sid's home to spend time with him and wish him a happy birthday on behalf of Ratby Parish Council & Rise for Ratby, we were joined by Simon Jones – Cultural Services Manager at Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council and Ozzy O'Shea our Borough & County Councillor.



Merle Joyce – Chairman of Ratby Parish Council presented Sid with a birthday card and birthday cake on behalf of the Parish Council and the Parish as a whole.

Sid said he might begrudgingly have to share the cake but would enjoy a slice later with his family together with a tipples of his favourite rum !



Simon Jones - Cultural Services manager - Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council presented Sid with a special birthday card from HBBC which included historical events that happened for the first time in 1921, the year Sid was born, this brought back some fond memories for Sid

Simon also told Sid that both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor had hoped to have been there themselves this morning but due to prior engagements they were sadly unable to do so, they did both send their warmest regards and wished him a fantastic birthday.

Sid said he really appreciated that and thanked everyone for taking the time to visit him.

Sid shared stories with us of his childhood, his earlier years in the Navy and the thirty plus years he spent working in the mines.

Asked if he could go back and change anything he responded he would have liked to have learnt to play the piano or clarinet, he loves Glen Miller and his music. His hope for the future is to see the end of the wars and lasting peace.

Simply put, Sid is truly amazing for his age, he still gets out and about every day and can always be seen out walking around the village on his stroller.

For everyone that knows Sid, they will all tell you he is a true gentleman and serves as an inspiration to us all.

Sid has said he is happy for us to publish his story on social media and press which we will gladly do

We all need some happy and heartwarming news in our lives!

Phil