

Jack Callum's Dossier

JOHN (JACK) CALLUM:-

1912: Born, Bulwer Road, Edmonton, London N9.

1923: Attends Tottenham Grammar School.

1931: Goes into training at Hendon Police College. Starts work at Edmonton Police Station in Fore Street, rising through the police ranks to Detective Sergeant

1939: Joins the army at the start of the war and is seconded to Military Intelligence where he reaches the rank of Captain. Serves with them during the war, but doesn't like to talk about it.

1946: On demob rejoins the police, rising rapidly through the ranks until –

1956: Becomes Detective Chief Inspector and really feels he's reached his level.

PERSONAL LIFE:-

1939: Marries his childhood sweetheart Annie just before the outbreak of war.

1939: first daughter, Joan is born

1941: Gets Annie pregnant during his leave.

1942: Daughter Rose (Rosie) born.

1944: Son Eric born.

1948: Transfers to the North Herts constabulary, preferring a less demanding and dangerous job, to see more of his wife and children. Buys a house just outside Letchworth.

PERSONAL DETAILS:-

Height 6 foot 1 inch.

Weight 13 stone (182 pounds)

Learned to box in his time with both the police and the army. Doesn't box now but keeps himself fit.

Doesn't smoke cigarettes but enjoys the occasional pipe.

Likes a drink but not to excess.

Likes plain English cooking.

Doesn't like fancy foreign food

Drives a Morris Oxford Series III, two-tone green.

Fiercely loyal to Annie. Loves her deeply and believes marriage is for life. She calls him Jack, or Dad in front of the children.

Loves his children equally and has a firm but fair style of parenting.

Both parents still alive and they live in retirement in a small village in Dorset.

Loves his garden. Grows vegetables and Dahlias.

LIKES:-

Gilbert and Sullivan, John Hanson, David Whitfield and other good singers. Ealing comedies and Alfred Hitchcock films (thinks Rear Window is one of his finest, but in general prefers Hitchcock's English films). Variety theatre – favourites Max Miller and the Crazy Gang. Doesn't read newspapers except for the football results and the crosswords but is always defeated by them so usually doesn't bother, but he likes books. Graeme Greene, John Buchan, but has no time for Agatha Christie, feeling her books are too tidy with neat endings, and thinks her portrayal of the English police is vaguely insulting.

Listens to his records and the radio, mostly the Home service and Third program. His idea of a good night out is to take Annie up to London to see a show or to go dancing, He's not a particularly good dancer but is light on his feet thanks to his boxing training, but Annie loves dancing and is very good, so he likes to please her.

He has a keen mind and is passionate about his job. Doesn't believe in capital punishment but has caught a few villains whose life has come to an end on the gallows.

OTHER CHARACTERS:-

JACK'S FAMILY:-

ANNIE CALLUM (nee Bailey): 45: Jack's wife. A bright vivacious brunette. Loves her husband deeply and acts as his confidante. A housewife but holds down a part-time job at Painter's the local bakers. Sees her role as a housekeeper and home-maker. Once had aspirations of a stage career and is a good singer and a pretty good actress, but is now beginning to spread her wings with her new job.

JOAN CALLUM: 20: Estranged daughter. Eloped with Ivan, a Czech émigré, at sixteen. Very pretty. Recently returned to the family home and is beginning a career as a hairdresser.

ROSE CALLUM: 17: Jack's daughter. A sweet girl who is always falling in love. A pretty girl who has her mother's hair and eyes. Has no shortage of potential suitors, but is holding out for Mr. Right. Attended the local high school and got good grades. Harbours ambitions to be a singer. The apple of Jack Callum's eye.

ERIC CALLUM: 16: Jack's son and to all intents and purposes a chip off the old block. Has inherited his father's love of football, but recently persuaded his parents to buy him a guitar so he can further his love of skiffle music. His idol is Lonnie Donegan.

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT HENRY LANE: 49. A self-made man. Has hauled himself through the ranks by his bootstraps and expects excellence from his junior officers, but is not a martinet and gets results with a friendly word or kind gesture. Very supportive of the men under him and has special regard for Jack Callum, who he thinks, despite being only a year younger than him, is twice the copper he is himself.

DI EDDIE FULLER: 34. A prominent member of CID, effectively Callum's number two. A bit of a ladies' man and has some unorthodox methods of getting results.

DC HARRY GRANT: 27. Fuller's number two

DC MYRA BANKS 29. The only female CID officer at the station and embraces the fact, never missing an opportunity to use it to her advantage. A bright young woman and a very good detective. Very much Jack's protege.

DS FRANK LESSER: 33. Moonlights as a professional wrestler, and wrestles under a mask as Black Phantom and is as hard as nails.

DC TREVOR WELSH: 29. Lesser's number two.

SERGEANT ANDY BREWER: 46. Desk sergeant at the station. The hub of the station. Knows everybody and tends to be the gossip filter. Bit of an old woman.

PC ALISTAIR KIRBY: 48. A beat bobby. Ex military. Walks his beat around the town with his Alsatian, Satan. Local tearaways call him Copper Kirby and are wary of him and generally treat him with respect.

BOB LOCK: 52. Station collator, the keeper of the records and files. He has an encyclopaedic mind and can recall obscure facts about cases.

BARRY FENWICK: 49. The police doctor. Views the body at the crime scene and pronounces death. He has a pragmatic, no-nonsense approach to his job.

