

## **The Spanish refugee children**

I have VERY distant memories of the Spanish refugee children at Penstone House, Lancing near Worthing in Sussex. My father, Arthur Johnson, was involved with their well-being at Penstone House. He was a staunch member of the decent Labour Party ... and took me to Penstone House and though I must have been about 3 in 1938 I was terrified of the noise from the castanets the dancers had in their hands. I remember to this day the event and how scared I was until the castanets were shown and explained to me. There was another very graceful dance with the dancers hold hoops in the air and swaying in time with the music.

I was lucky to attend quite a few years ago a ceremony in Lancing/Worthing and also at Southampton University. I can't remember the dates but it was after 2002 which was the year I was widowed.

Occasionally my father brought a couple of the children to visit us in West Chiltington. I think somewhere I have one or two photos of the occasion.

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