Just an Ordinary Retiree



The retirement memoirs of Barry J. Page

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Dedication

was privileged to have grown up at a time when family ties were strong and bound by two fundamental principles—respect, and a sense of values. These tenets, together with an exposure to literature, science and the arts, were instilled in me at an early age by my parents, Peter John Page and Doris Margaret Page (née Sleet), to whom this publication is dedicated.

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hese memoirs look back over the period of time from my early retirement departure to the present day. Most of these reminiscences are recorded as seen through my eyes. On occasion I have quoted statements and dialogue that reflect the substance of the situation, and not necessarily for effect. Any opinions or bias are strictly that of the author. Published primarily for a readership in the United Kingdom, certain words have been clarified with North American spelling and terminology, and weights and measures are expressed in Imperial values with Metric equivalents shown in parentheses.

These memoirs represent the third work of a trilogy that began with my boyhood recollections as archived on the website: **http://justanordinaryboy.weebly.com/**

The second, major work describes the first 60 years of my life, and encapsulates my childhood memories, followed by more detailed reminiscences of my adolescent and adult years up to early retirement. This travail has also been archived on the Internet as the website: **http://barrypagememoirs.weebly.com**/

In concert with the previous two volumes, these memoirs have also been archived on its own website, and can be accessed at: http://barrypageretirement.weebly.com/

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