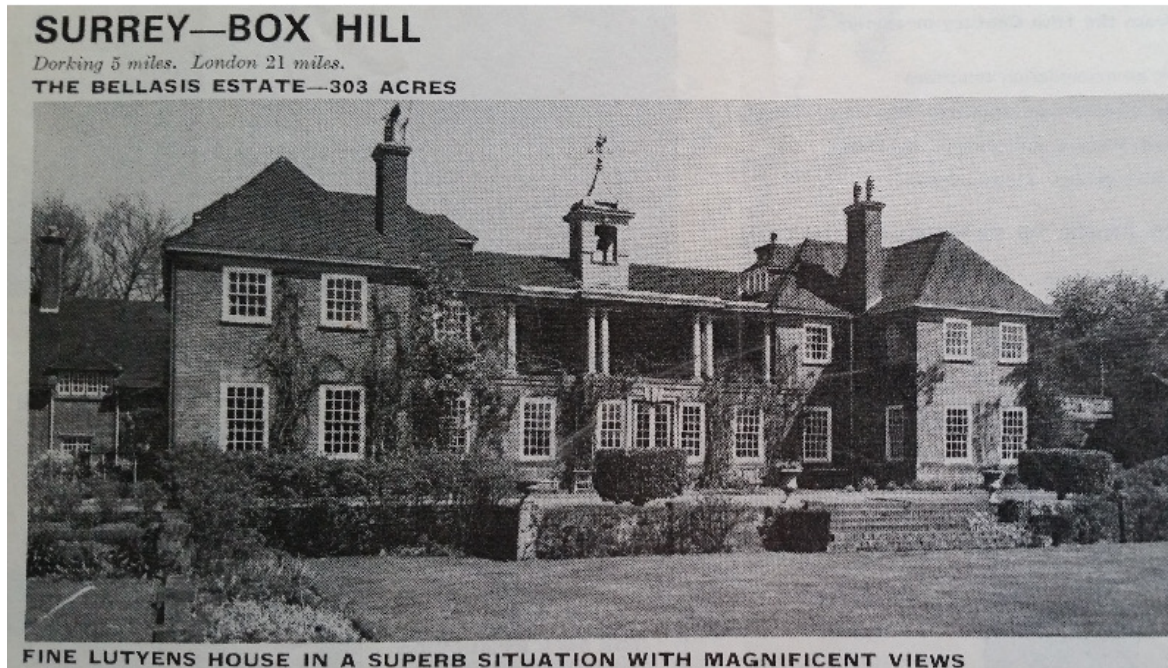


Bellasis House, Box Hill, Dorking, Surrey.



Bellasis House and the Special Operations Executive (SOE)

Codenamed STS2, Bellasis House on Box Hill housed a training centre for Czech agents of the Special Operations Executive. There they were prepared for their return under cover to occupied Czechoslovakia. The team that assassinated the Nazi Reinhard Heydrich, (the acting Protector of Bohemia and Moravia who had chaired the Wannsee Conference that set in motion the Final Solution), set off from Bellasis for Prague in 1941.

(Courtesy of the Dorking Museum Wartime Mansions)

The house was built for a Lady Ridley, who was related to the Charltons. It was the close relationship of the Charltons and the Bellasis family that led to its name. The closeness of that relationship is being researched. It is hoped that further information may become available from the deeds.

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