

ANN KIRK



Ann lived in Germany with her family. When she was six years old she noticed that newspapers were saying nasty things about Jewish people. Ann was Jewish. At that time people called Nazis were telling everyone that being different was bad. Being Jewish was one of many ways of being different that the Nazis thought was bad.

The Nazis said that Jewish people could not sit on the benches in the park, they could not go to the cinema or to the swimming pool. Ann's parents did not like all the rules against Jewish people and they tried to find a way to leave Germany, but the Nazis would not give them the piece of paper which would allow them to leave.

One night the Nazis broke all of the Jewish shops. In the morning Ann's parents decided they could not stay where they were living. They packed a bag and walked, and caught buses and trains until they got to a friend's flat where they could hide.

Ann's parents got Ann a place on the Kindertransport. The Kindertransport took Jewish children by train and boat to England. Ann remembers seeing her parents waving on the station platform as she began her journey to England.

Ann never saw here parents again. The Nazis killed Ann's parents.

Ann met Bob, who had also been on the Kindertransport, they fell in love and got married.





This is a picture of Ann now:



Ann wants people to know how bad it was in Germany when people thought that being different was bad.

Ann wants people to remember (even when she isn't there to tell them anymore) that it is wrong to dislike people just because they are different.

