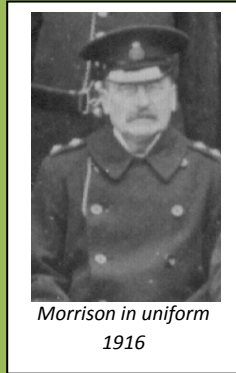


Arthur MORRISON 1863-1945 Special Constabulary Inspector 1914-1918

Living at Arabin House close to the church in High Beach in the early part of the 20th Century was Arthur Morrison, journalist and author, whose detective stories about Martin Hewitt – a successor to Sherlock Holmes – were followed by his two novel, “A child of the Jago” and “Tales of Mean Streets” about life in East London. Morrison was a keen collector of Japanese paintings.



*Morrison in uniform
1916*



Arabin House and from the air in 2008

He served as an inspector in the Metropolitan Police Special Constabulary at Waltham Abbey during the war years and appears in two known photographs dated 1916 and 1919.

Sources have credited him with the distinction of having telephoned the warning of the ‘first Zeppelin raid on London.’ Unconfirmed, this claim suggests that he may have been on duty at the High Beech observation point at that time.

His son, Private Guy Morrison, was abroad with the Army in Egypt.