



Ernie at work in Worthing and, below, Doug Record with his old photo album

# Does anyone know Ernie the bricklayer?

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A RETIRED bricklayer is trying to find a long-lost friend who worked with him years ago.

The men were colleagues on the construction of the Aquarena in Worthing in the 1960s but after Doug Record was assigned to a new post they lost contact.

Now Doug, 77, of Goring, is appealing for help to find his old mate.

He said: "I swapped jobs from Worthing to the new Bedford Hotel just on the final stages, and I lost contact with my friend Ernie after that."

Doug doesn't know Ernie's last name, only that he is from Brighton and that he had been overjoyed at having a daughter.

Doug said: "He never stopped talking about his princess."

Worthing's Aquarena swimming pool was finished in 1968.

It remained in use until 2013 and was demolished this year after five years of being derelict.

The demolition compelled Doug to try to find his old friend.

He said: "I would just like to



see him again and have a chat and perhaps take my photos over.

"I used to take photos and I've got pictures taken all through the construction of the Aquarena."

The men worked together for a firm called Keith Andrews Ltd.

Doug said: "He may have been from the Whitehawk area, but I'm not sure."

"He'd always arrive in a van with a younger man called Pe-

ter who I know was from Whitehawk."

Mr Record remembers Ernie being a few years older than him, although he doesn't know his exact age.

He said: "You don't realise how time flies by."

"I thought if I'm ever going to contact Ernie I had better get on and do it."

If you know anything of Ernie's whereabouts, email news@theargus.co.uk.

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