

WOODBURY

Glimpses of the Past

Part 4



Jubilees, Celebrations and Disasters of the 20th Century

Compiled from the Woodbury Photographic Archive

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INTRODUCTION

During the course of producing my book at the Millennium, I was fortunate enough to be able to collect almost 2000 pictures of Woodbury village and Parish life during the 20th Century, and they are still coming in now 6 years later! Some back as far as 1863. All of these photographs were scanned and saved on a computer disc and the originals returned to their owners.

Around 450 of these were used in the original book, and some have been put up on the Woodbury website. However the others have never been seen by people in general. Some have been used on the cover of the Woodbury News, but I have calculated that it would take 166 years to use them all!

It has always been my wish that all the photographs should be printed, as this is the safest way to preserve them, and as many do not have computer facilities I have decided to put together a series of booklets over the next few months on the various aspects of village/parish life. For example this booklet is the fourth in the series and records some of the Jubilees, Celebrations and Disasters of the 20th Century. Woodbury has had it's share of "ups and downs" like any other community, and a selection is shown here. The images show a vibrant community spirit throughout the period, although there are large periods when no photographs appear to have been taken, which is a pity. Luckily disasters have been relatively few! If you want to know more about Woodbury's history, why not join the Woodbury Local History Society who have some very interesting talks and archives available for viewing, on parish matters.

All the booklets are purely in a documentary form of a picture and a caption. To go into a detailed history of everything would be far too great a task in the time I have left! Detailed histories have already been done.

Hopefully some memories will be stirred in some of the "locals", and the more recent residents of the village can be "brought up to speed"!

If anyone still has any old 20th century pictures of people or events that have not been scanned and saved, please contact me. They should not be lost.

I am indebted to many unknown photographers who have recorded things over the years. Without all of these people there would be no booklet!

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Cover picture: Woodbury House patriotically dressed for the VJ celebrations in 1994.



Celebrating the funeral of Queen Victoria at St Swithun's 1901.



Celebrating the end of the Boer War on the Arch 1903.



Celebrating the Silver Jubilee of King George V & Queen Mary 1935.



1935 Jubilee celebrations.



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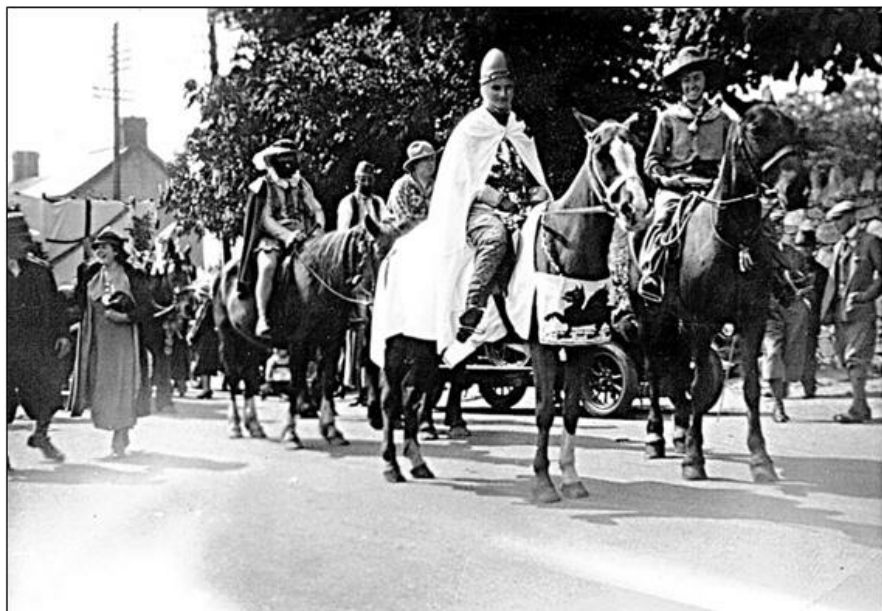
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1935 Jubilee celebrations. Some of these people are still in evidence in 2007!



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The Parish Rooms—the seat of Government for more than the 20th century.



The members of the Parish Council at the Centenary in 1994.



The Parish Council and dignitaries at the VJ Day celebrations in 1994.



Pippa Thompson, who put in many hours preparing a Parish Map for the Centenary.



The Parish Map and Book Committee 1994.



Alex Sanders entertaining the crowd at the PC Centenary celebrations.



A street party was held on the Arch for the children of the Parish.



A garden party was held at Preston House.



The Cricket Field was used for sports and entertainment.



The Book and Map committee sold their wares.



The WI put on a colourful exhibit.



Pippa Thompson and Sally & Ramsay Elliott were thanked for their hard work.



VJ Day 50th Anniversary was celebrated in 1994 also.



Those who had experienced the time marched to the War Memorial.



The Royal British Legion were much in evidence.



The final service was held at the War Memorial on the Green.



Just outside the 20th century was the Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.



This was in 2002, and again a street party was held for the children.



The hardware shop sees yet another celebration in it's 100 years history.



A good time was had by all the children, with dancing in the evening.



The Fish and Chip shop did a good trade, as well as the hot dog suppliers.



However, some took a more leisurely approach to the whole affair!



We must not forget the 17th May 1921 when the Prince of Wales passed through.



And yet another great gathering took place on the Arch.



On the disaster scene the lovely old Exton church was about to come to a sad end.



The floods in the autumn of 1960 demolished it.



The flood waters had built up over some weeks and were very extreme.



By 1963 a new church was rising from the destruction.



The same floods struck Woodbury as well. Water flooded down Castle Lane.



With no escape it washed around the church wall and demolished two cottages.



Flood waters crossed the Arch.



They then went on down to Gillbrook causing severe flooding.



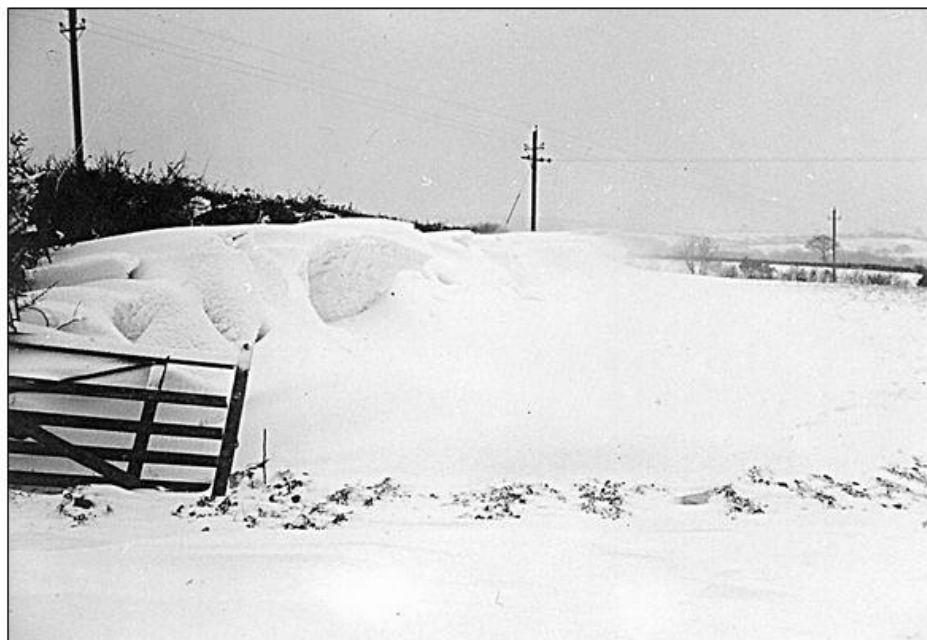
Water flooded up into the cottage of Sid Marks the cobbler.



Ford Water also suffered severe damage when half of the road was washed away.



The winter of 1963 was long, cold and treacherous, with many blocked roads.



Snowdrifts were to the tops of hedges, and livestock farming was very difficult.



1978 provided more deep snow and the village was cut off for a week.



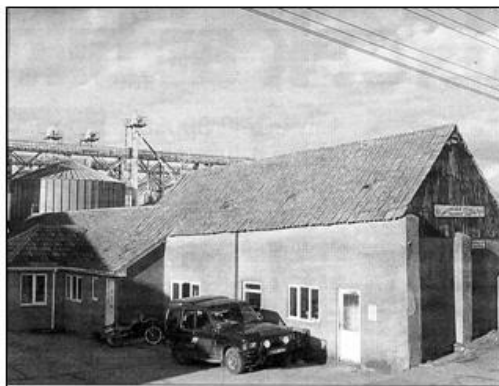
Daily milk deliveries were done by a churn on a sled.



The great storm of 1990 spelt disaster for Salterton's Great Tree.



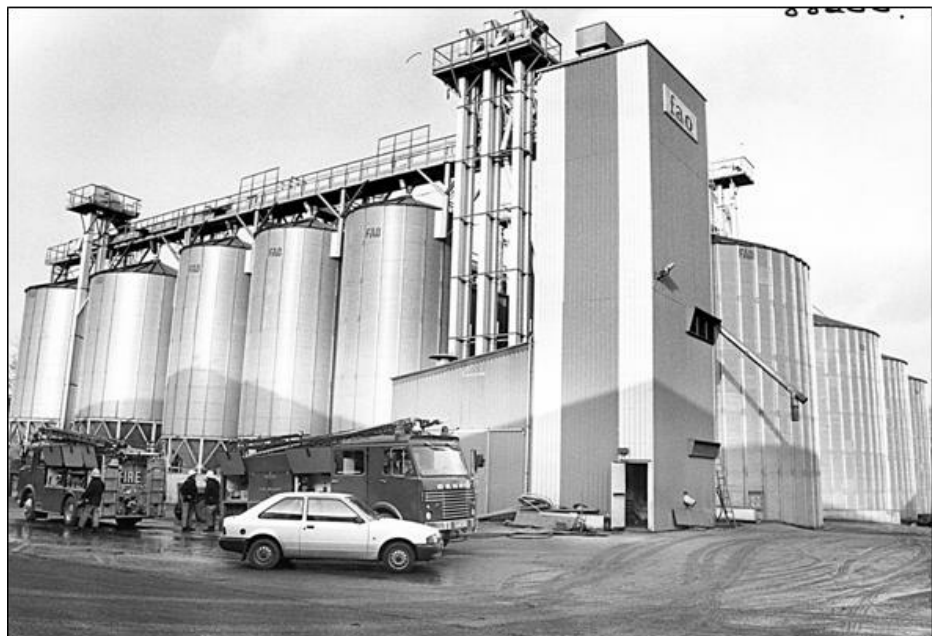
Alas, like so many others, it was no longer great or standing.



DEVASTATED: Greendale Barton, a Carski Livestock farm at Woodbury, near Exeter

Farmers will lose all 1600 sheep in bid to beat virus

2001 brought the scourge of Foot and Mouth disease to our parish .



1989 brought an internal fire to the Greendale grain storage complex.



May 1989 brought this large blaze to Woodbury Common.



August 1995 brought the largest fire ever seen, with great loss of wildlife.
Plant life took years to re-instate itself.



The Diggers Rest has had it's share of chimney fires over the years.



The centuries old Globe Inn was destroyed by fire in 1916.



The 1994 PC centenary celebrations produced a centenary Queen and attendants.



The band of the Royal Marines gave an immaculate performance on the day.



The finale of this day was the release of 100 tagged balloons.