

WOODBURY

Glimpses of the Past

Part 5



The Schools & Pupils of Woodbury Parish

***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 try 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 fifth in the series and records the schools and some of their pupils during the 20th century. The schools have been a key part of the parish infrastructure for well over a century. 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. Some of the dates given with the photos are accurate and some are "circa" to the nearest decade.

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 record of the past to make a booklet now!

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Cover picture: Woodbury Salterton school in the 1920's



Woodbury school was opened 18th October 1871



Boots damaged by lightning and belonging to the Infant Mistress and one of the scholars at Woodbury School when the building was struck by lightning during the recent severe thunderstorm on the 10th August 1911. The current passed through the room damaging the wearers boots as above depicted.

It was struck by lightning on the 10th August 1911



Woodbury School c. 1912



Woodbury School c. 1920



Woodbury School c. 1940



Pupils at Exton School which operated from 1875—1947



Exton school children at the 1935 Jubilee sports



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Woodbury School 1912



Woodbury School 1919



Woodbury School in 1920 with Miss Rickeard



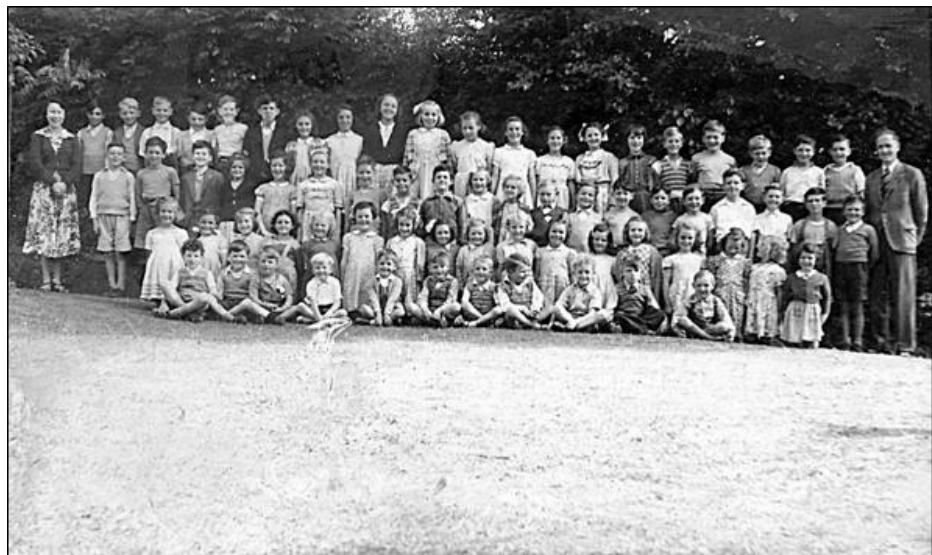
Woodbury School Football Team 1926—27



A Class at Woodbury School 1949



A Class at Woodbury School 1949 with Neil Widgery—Headmaster



Woodbury School 1950 with Neil Widgery - Headmaster



Woodbury School Carnival Tableau c.1952



Parents and pupils outside the County Court in Exeter in June 1948



They were involved in a court case for the removal of the Headmaster



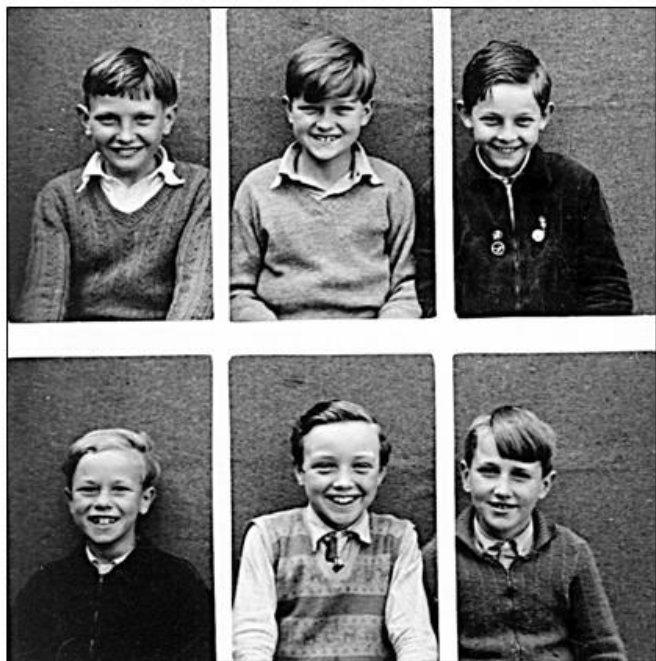
Mr Kinsman (centre) the Headmaster was subsequently removed from office



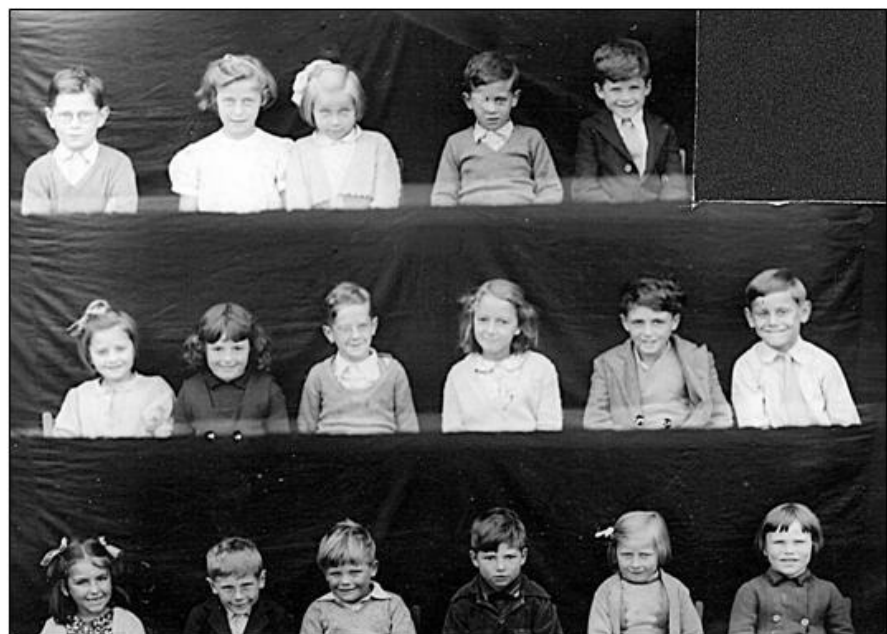
Miss Phillips was one of the lady teachers at the school



A Class at Woodbury School 1950



c. 1950 these pupils had their photos taken



c. 1950 these pupils had their photos taken—a few familiar faces here!



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The sports cup winners Smeath and Davey



The sack race c.1970 was strongly fought!



And races in the old cricket field were equally intense c.1950



These four boys show off their hand made puppets in the 60's



A class at Woodbury School c.1970



Break time 1970 on the climbing frame



In 1961 the new swimming pool was opened



By 1965 it was well used with Mr Ferris - Headmaster officiating



In 1965 tennis was also played in the school playground





The sports day of 1969



The sports day of 1969



The sports day of 1969



The sports day of 1969



A class in 1967



A class in 1967



Sports day in 1967



The day's best!



The School Centenary celebrations in 1971



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Woodbury Salterton School in 1994



A little earlier in 1908 these were the pupils at Salterton school



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Pupils at the school in 1921



Pupils at the school in 1922



Pupils at the school in 1922



Pupils at the school in 1923



Pupils at the school in 1928



Pupils at the school in 1939



Pupils at the school 1939



Pupils at the school in 1949



Pupils at the school in 1957



Pupils at the school in 1958



Pupils at the school in 1967



Pupils at the school in 1979 with Mr Dearnley - Headmaster



Pupils at the school in 1983



Pupils at the school in 1990



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In 1987 the school was the smallest in the country to be set up with an e-mail link