

# **SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE LIVED IN WOODBURY THROUGH THE YEARS**

**Volume 4**



**One of Woodbury's classic pictures from 1895.**

**Parson Fulford on his tricycle**

**Roger Stokes**

**2023**

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**At the moment we are trying to get them all categorised, which is a major task, but we are gaining!**

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**It is not always realised that the population of any town or village changes totally every 80-100 years, and Woodbury is no different.**

**People from the past can soon be forgotten, but we must try and remember them!**

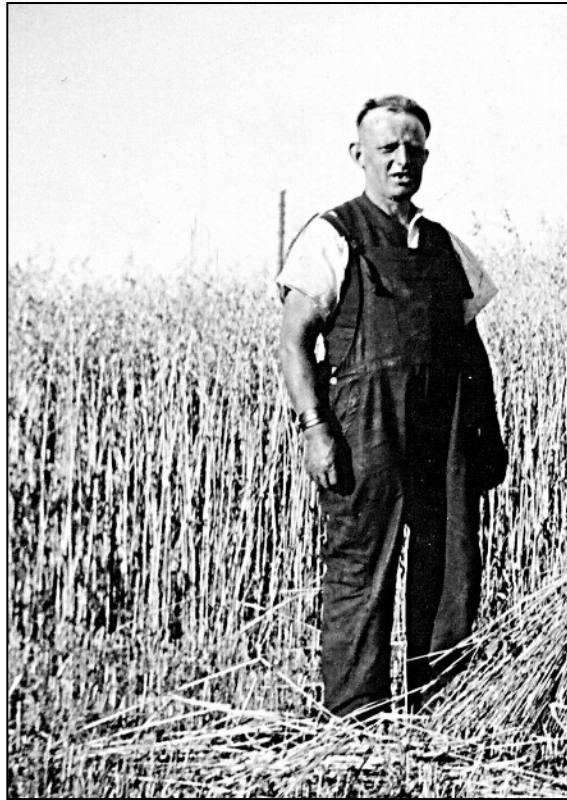
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Tree planted on The Green by Joan and Trixie Sellick to remember their grandson who was killed in a tragic accident in Canada



Trixie and Joan Sellick celebrating their Golden Wedding in 1991



Percy Sharland at harvesting time 1950's



Percy Sharland and Harry Stokes. A good crop was always measured by if it came to your shoulders or not 1950's



Walter Chapman with working horse outside the stable at Webbers Farm with cobbled yard



Bert Short, an interesting man who lived under a gorse bush on the Common for many years



On the right hand side Colin Yeo (sitting), Bert Short to right with a tree cutting squad



Tree about to come down



Margaret Smith from Woodbury Salterton



Margaret was a post woman for the area for many years. This was her retirement party

**TRIUMPHANT**  
- the team  
at the  
South Pole.  
Pictured (l-r)  
are Major Paul  
Mattin, Sur-  
geon Lieu-  
tenant Com-  
mander Andy  
Brown, Cap-  
tain Sean  
Chapple, the  
team leader,  
and Marine  
Craig Hunter.



# Pole success!

AN ARMED Forces expedition to Antarctica has earned a place in history after becoming the first to walk unsupported to the South Pole, writes Andrew Latham. The Polar Quest expedition, including three Lympstone Royal Marines, reached the landmark at 02.18 yesterday (Wednesday) and can now proudly claim to be the first British servicemen to achieve the feat since Captain Robert Scott in 1912. Lympstone-based Major Paul Mattin, of Woodbury Salterton, Cpt Sean Chapple and Marine Craig Hunter, with Royal Navy Surgeon Lt Cndr Andrew Brown, endured a testing 44 days, hauling 95 kilogramme sledges in temperatures touching minus 30

degrees Celsius, across ice plateaux and steep inclines. The team fought fatigue, intense cold, high winds, chill-blains, blizzards, altitude, disturbed ice fields and hidden crevasse fields on Earth's most extreme continent. Capt Chapple told the *Journal*: "When we arrived at the South Pole, there was a total mixture of feelings and emotions. I was unable to contain the overwhelming feeling of relief and my eyes filled with tears. "It was on the one part elation that we'd achieved our goal, but another part was relief that we wouldn't have to get up in the morning at half seven and haul that sledge again."

The feat marks the high point of the 18 months spent organising the multi-thousand pound expedition, which finally departed from the base camp - Patriot Hills - on November 12. Training ranged from Paul Mattin hauling a sledge across Exmouth beach to glacier training on Norway's Finse Plateau earlier this year. Despite such intense preparation, the Polar Quest team experienced highs of breaking new ground during the unique journey across a still largely undiscovered landscape, mixed with the physical and mental hardships of being apart from families and loved ones. The famous - and last - success-

ful armed forces trek to the South Pole by Scott's Terra Nova Expedition did not have the modern cooking, clothing and communications used by the modern day team - but it was supported by motorised tractors, ponies and dog teams for hauling sledges. Following a ceremony at the South Pole to remember Scott and others who had given their lives in the pursuit of exploring the globe, the team will rest before departing on the significantly shorter return leg, aided by wind-driven giant kites harnessed to the sledges. They aim to return to Patriot Hills in a little over two weeks. ● See page 33 for the latest Polar Diary.

Woodbury Royal Marine members of this successful expedition



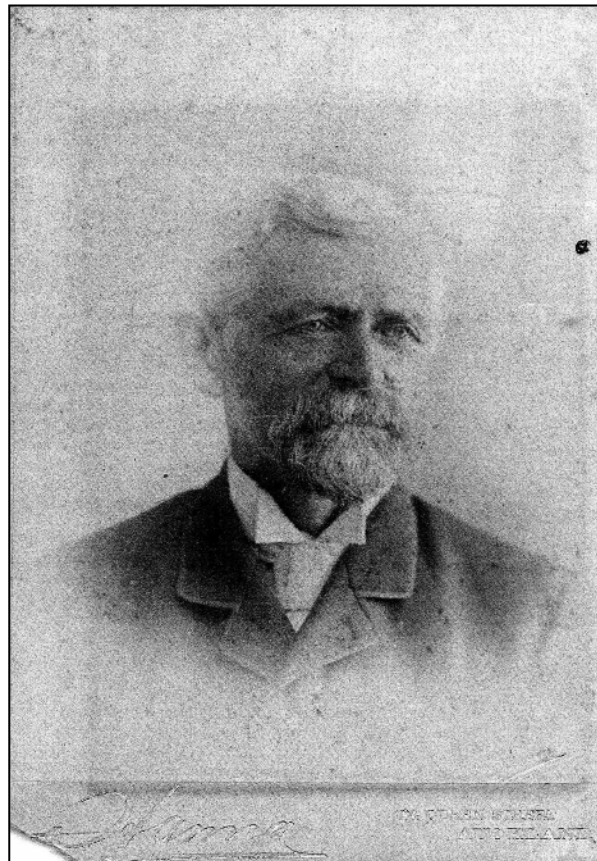
Mary Clark Miss Johnson, Elizabeth Spencer

Elizabeth Spencer, Miss Johnson and Mary Clark at Oakhayes 1888





Thomas Spencer 1828 - 1894



Thomas Spencer 1880



Thomas Spencer, second husband of Robert Brent's wife 1893



Spinning and teasing and felting wool 2006



Peter Spray as father Christmas caroling in 1971



Pam and Peter Spray's wedding 1956



Pam and Peter Spray's wedding 1956

# Villagers' doctor and friend retires

A DEVON village turned out in force last night to say a remarkable farewell to its favourite doctor, who was retiring after more than a quarter of a century in practice.

In that time Dr Guy Squires has dealt with more than 365,000 consultations in Woodbury and surrounding villages and has become a friend to a huge rural community.

by Geoff Naish

More than 300 people packed into the village hall for an emotional retirement presentation, and many hundreds more contributed to a farewell cheque of over £2,627.

The cheque, poem and a rosebowl and bouquet for his wife, Daphne, were presented by one of the many patients, Major Terence Corkery, a Deputy Lieutenant of Devon, who, wished the doctor a happy retirement and said his special manner of dealing with patients would always be remembered.

A further tribute to the popular GP's many years of service will be paid later this week when the village church rings out a quarter peal on its bells.

To mark the occasion, village Hamish Palmer penned a



● Dr Guy Squires, left, is presented with his retirement gifts by Major Terence Corkery at Woodbury Village Hall last night. With them is Mrs Daphne Squires, second right, and Dr Squires' receptionist Mrs Sheila Wright.

poem and artist Mary Cornick illustrated it with memorable scenes from the doctor's long career.

This included an episode from the great blizzard of 1978 when, with snow reaching the eaves, he was transported across Woodbury Common in the muck bucket on the front of a farmer's tractor to tend a woman about to give birth.

Dr Squires spent nearly 20 years of his time in the village

working from a simple wooden hut for his surgery, but two years ago moved into what he described as one of the best village surgeries in Devon.

He said that most of the time he had worked single-handed and it had been a "hard slog." But he would not have swapped the delights of working in a rural practice including trips across the Common with its foxes, hedgehogs, badgers and nightjars for anything.

There was hardly a man, woman or child in the area that he did not know by the Christian name, and he was on terms of great friendship with many of them, he said.

He was now delivering children to the children that he brought into the world when he first arrived at the village as a GP 26 years ago.

Sitting alongside Dr Squires was his partner for the past six years, Dr Angela Douglas, and the man who is taking over, Dr Noel Lawn.

Dr Squires retirement 1985's



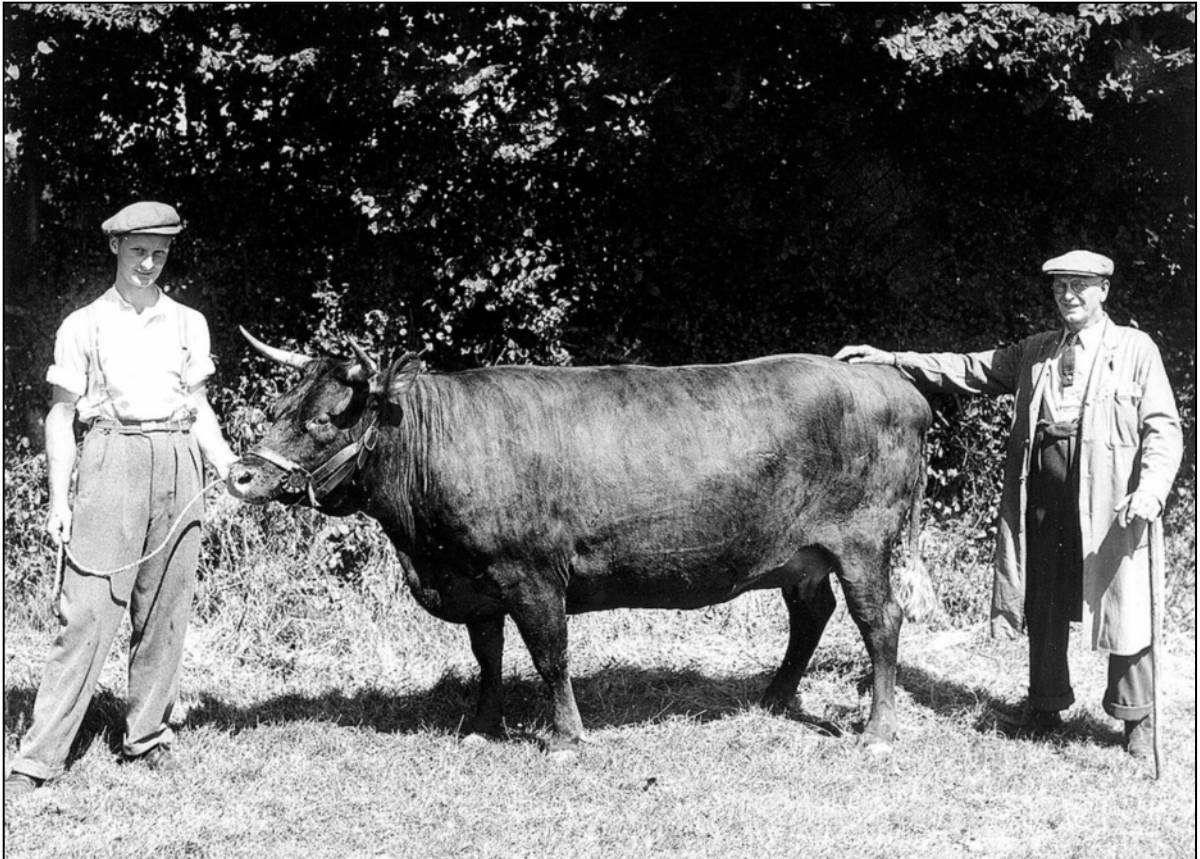
Bert and John Stamp outside Woodbury House 1939. The lovely railings were taken and melted down for the war effort



Bert Stamp 1958



Bert Stamp and milk float 1962



John and Bert Stamp with show heifer 1955



Bert Stamp and trap load of children 1958



Bert Stamp with John's wife Ruby, and son Anthony in trap 1955



Ernest Stamp 1917



Stamp family 1970





John and Ruby Stamp's wedding



John Stamp ploughing c.1940's



John and Ruby Stamp's Silver Wedding 1969



Model Steam engine display 2004



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Stediford family group 1933



Stediford mothers birthday 1928



Percy and Vera Stediford c.1950



Percy and Vera Stediford c.1940



Percy and Vera Stediford in carnival mode c.1949



Percy and Vera Stediford c.1940



Carnival dress c.1950



Percy and Vera Stediford in later years



The Stediford's car of the time c.1950's





Percy Stediford and possibly his cousin Dolly Dell c.1948



Percy Stediford and his decorated horse 1951



Vera Stediford with horse and cart c.1950



Vera Stediford c.1948



Stediford carnival group c.1950's



Stediford carnival group c.1950'



Stediford picture maybe cousin Dolly Dell, but not sure



Vera Stediford on her motorbike at Ford Water 1940's



Young Vera Stediford portrait c.1930's



Nell Stocker 1920



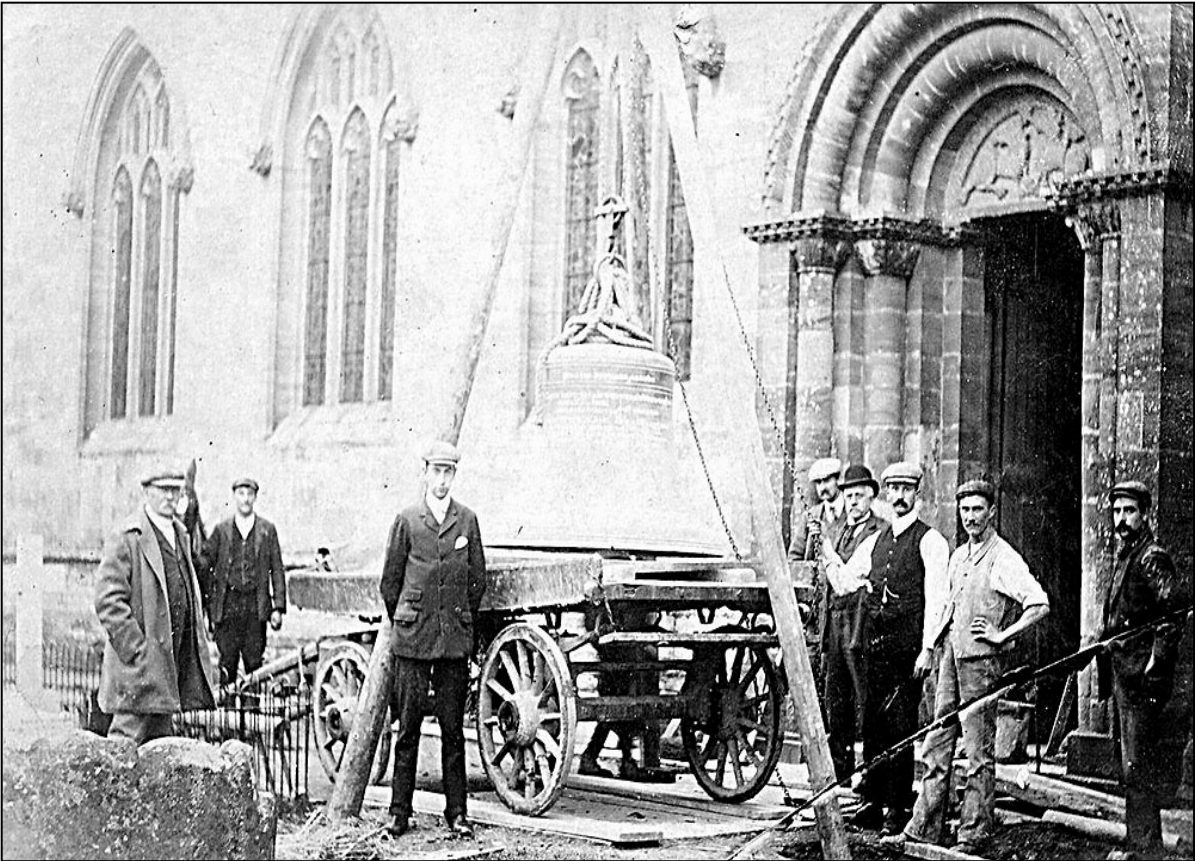
Harry Stokes 1<sup>st</sup> Woodbury Bellhanger c.1910



Stokes and Pyne family group at a wedding near Ilminster. The baby on his mothers knee was Harry Stokes 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1913. The tree on the house wall was a well trained pear tree.



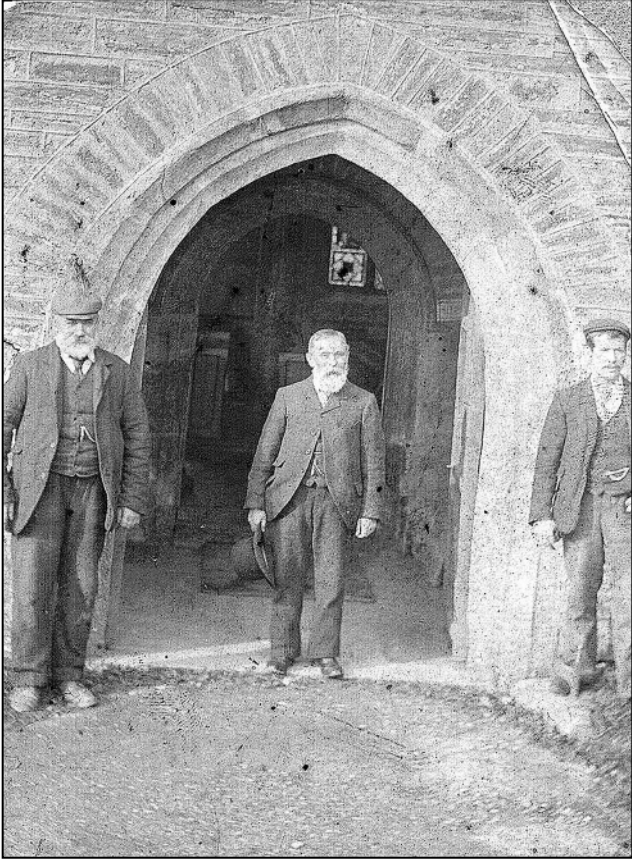
Harry Stokes 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> front row, with their bell hanging team 1906



Stokes bell hanging team at work somewhere 1910



Bells and frame ready in the Fernlea workshop for delivery to St Michael's Caerhays in Cornwall 1914



Harry Stokes 2<sup>nd</sup> with two of his team outside a church somewhere c.1906





Bessie Pyne at Postlake 1900



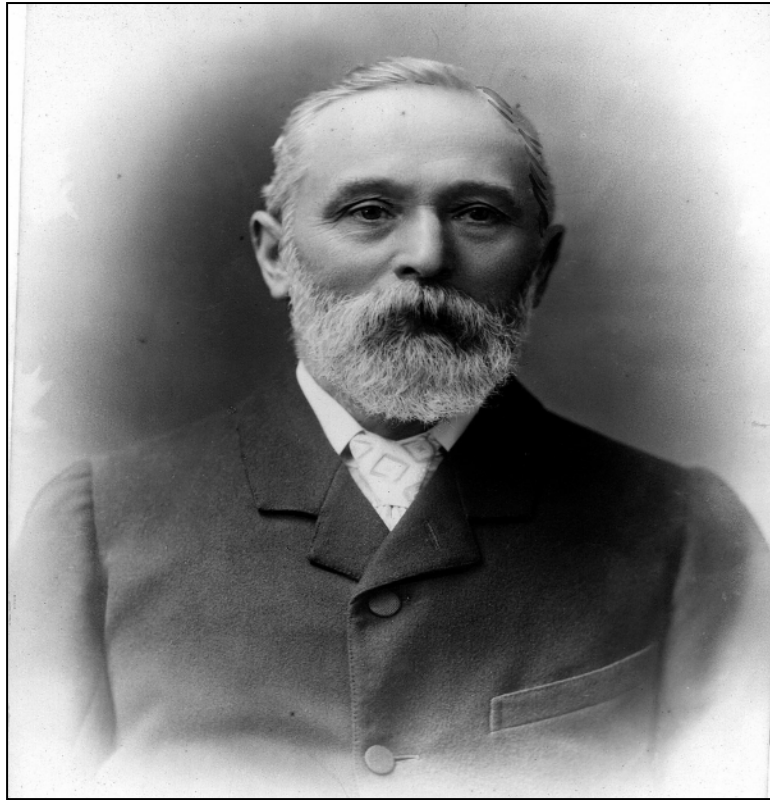
Alfred William Stokes emigrated to Canada in 1910 to be joined four years later by sweetheart Elsie Phillips from Ford Farm. They married and produced four children



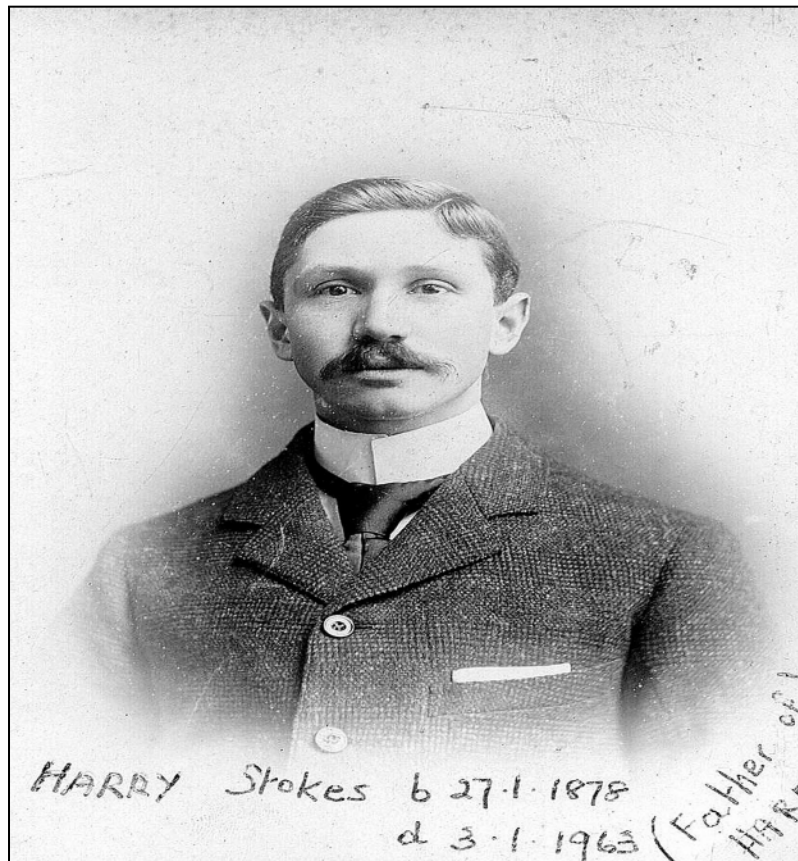
Stokes family 1914



Kathleen, Roger and Harry 2<sup>nd</sup> Stokes in back garden of the old Webbers Farm 1950



Harry Stokes 1<sup>st</sup> 1910



Harry Stokes 2<sup>nd</sup> c.1910



Stokes daughters 1865



Kathleen and Harry Stokes with their only transport of the time c.1945



Harry Stokes 1<sup>st</sup> 1848 - 1915



Harry Stokes 2<sup>nd</sup> Golden Wedding 1955



Harry Stokes 2<sup>nd</sup> Golden Wedding party at the George and Dragon 1955



Harry Stokes 2<sup>nd</sup> in uniform 1920. After the war he was seconded for a period to Wormwood Scrubs Naval Air Station making wooden frames for airships, as he was a master craftsman



Harry Stokes 2<sup>nd</sup> in Webbers Farm yard 1945



Harry Stokes 2<sup>nd</sup> with bell to hang



Sisters of Harry Stokes 2<sup>nd</sup> May and Daisy 1915

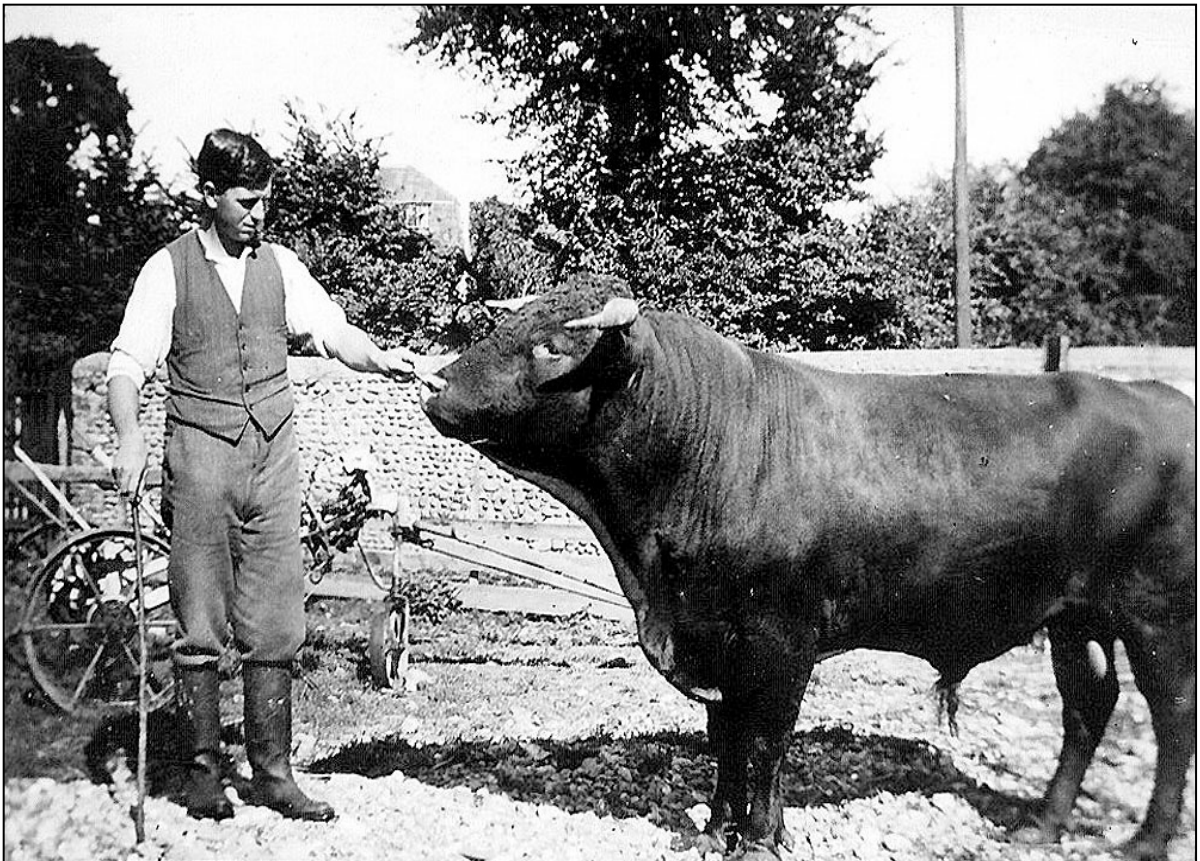


Harry 3<sup>rd</sup> and wife Kathleen 1948





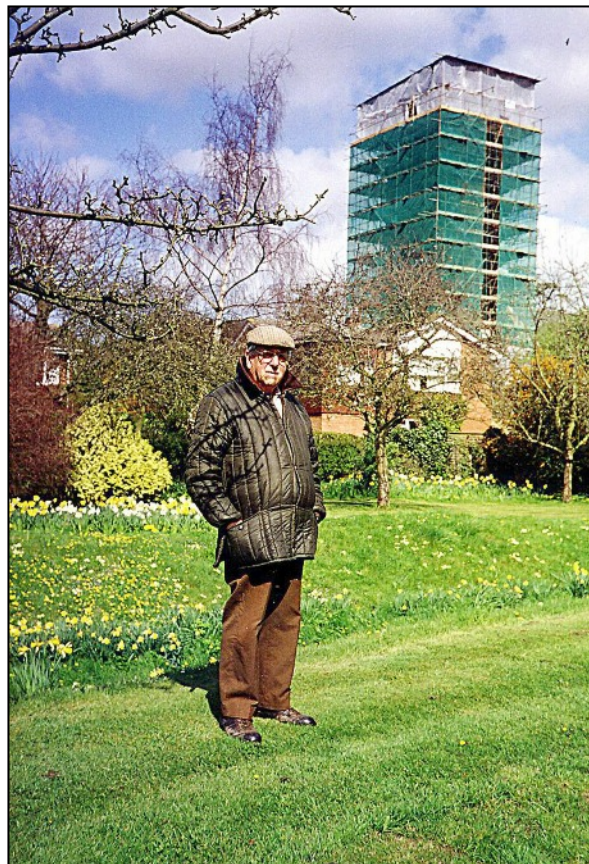
Harry 3<sup>rd</sup> and Kathleen Stokes wedding 1939 at St Swithuns



Harry Stokes 3<sup>rd</sup> with Devon bull in Webbers Farm yard 1940



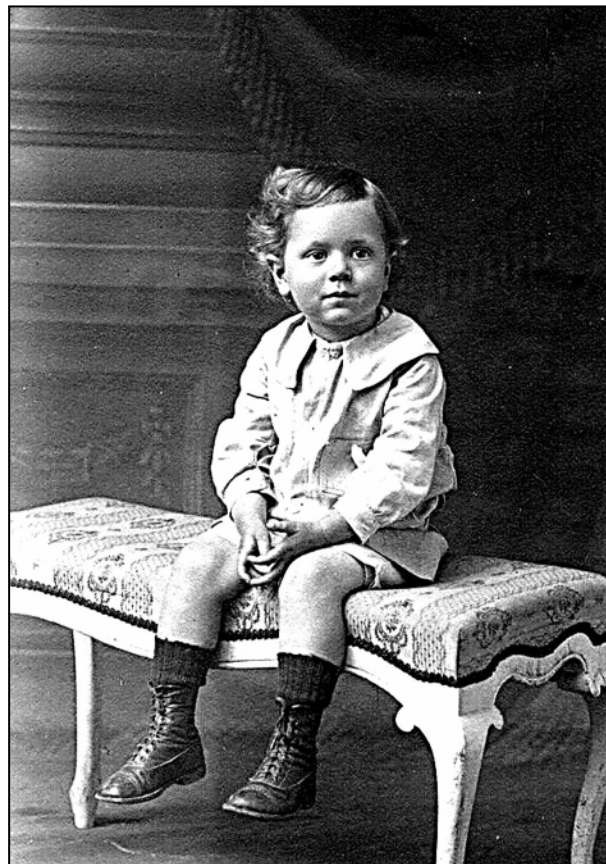
Harry Stokes 3<sup>rd</sup> in trap with mother c.1916



Harry Stokes 3<sup>rd</sup> in his garden at Sunnybank when church tower being renovated in 1994



Tending a sow and piglets at Webbers Farm 1940's



Harry Stokes 3<sup>rd</sup> aged 4 in 1916



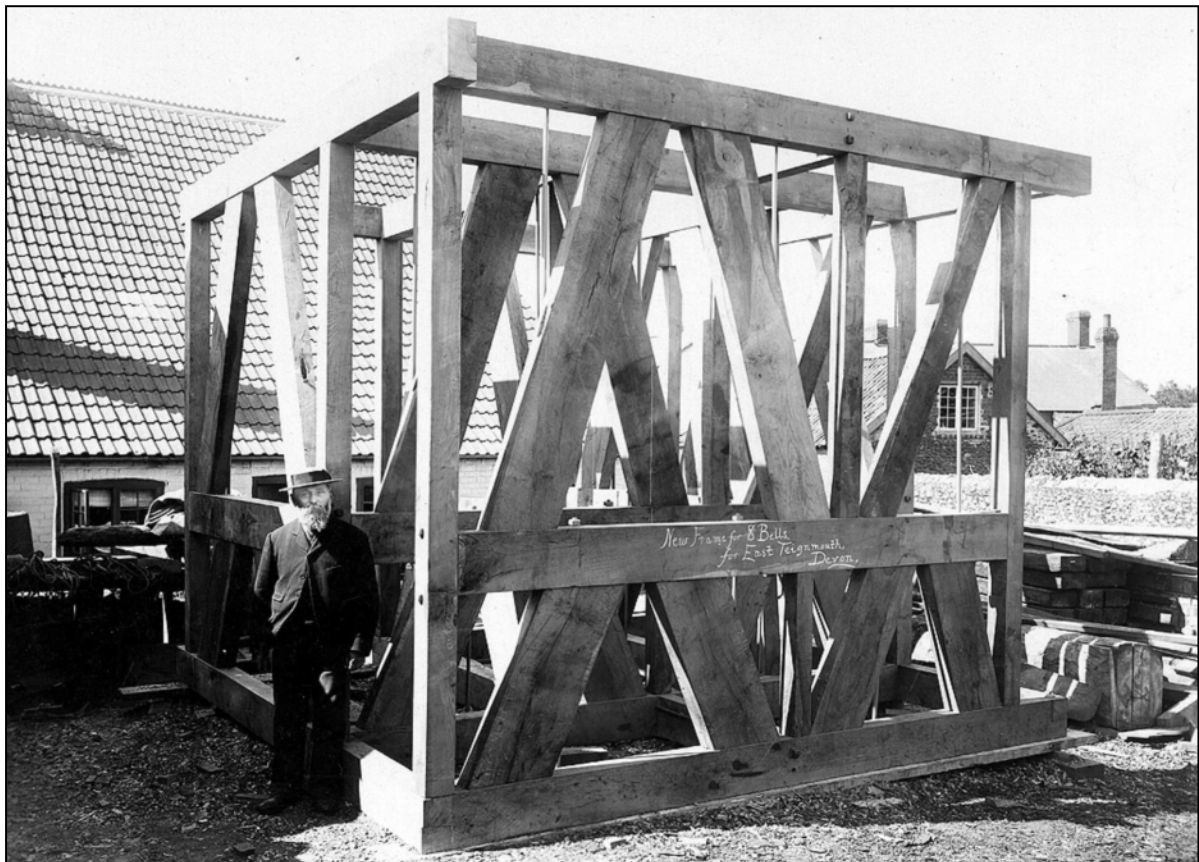
Harry Stokes 3<sup>rd</sup> in the garden at Fernlea with a litter of pups c.1917



Harry Stokes 3<sup>rd</sup> again in garden at Fernlea 1920



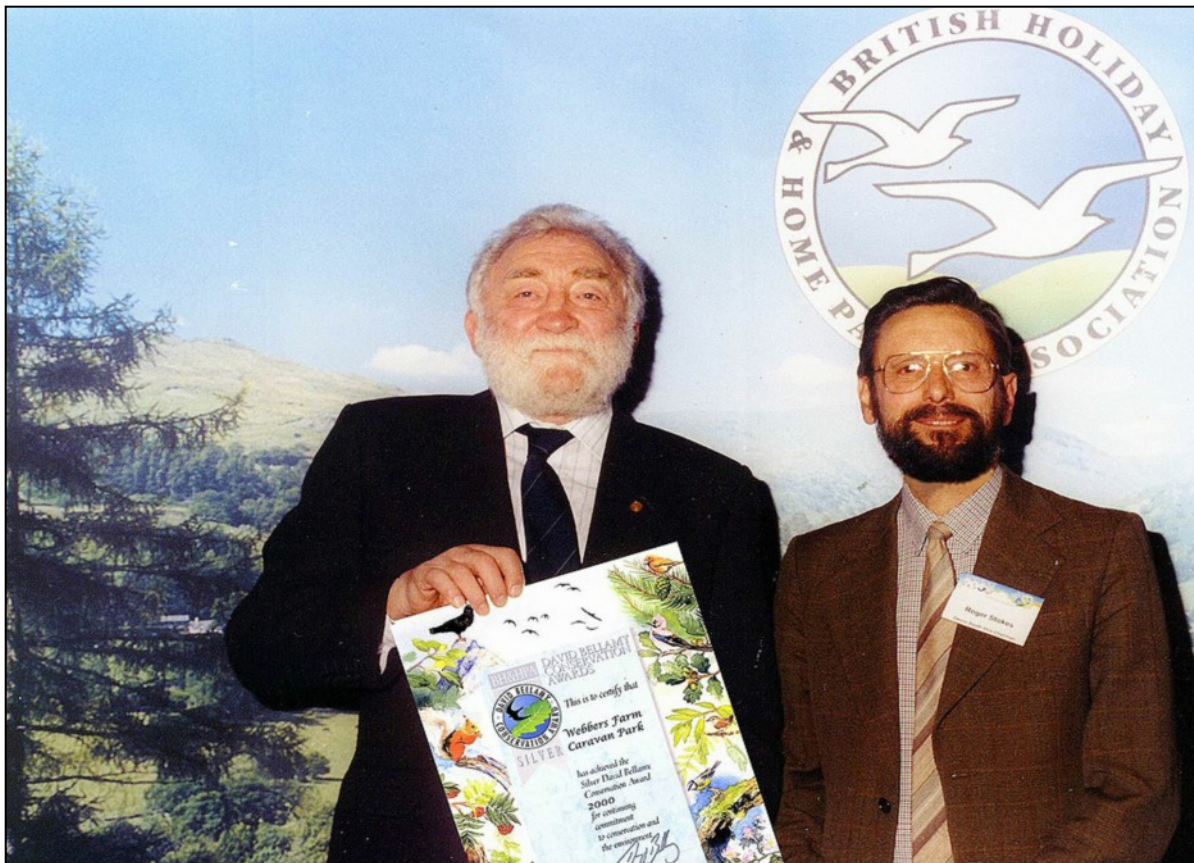
Harry Stokes 3<sup>rd</sup> again in garden at Fernlea 1920



An oak bell frame in the Fernlea yard awaiting delivery 1912. It all had to be taken apart again and transported by train to the relevant station, where it was then loaded and taken by horse drawn transport to the church. Then it all had to be taken up in to the tower.



Roger Stokes and two dogs in the back garden at Webbers Farm 1943



Roger Stokes being presented with an environmental award for work at Webbers Caravan Park in 2000, by Professor David Bellamy, who was the instigator of the award scheme

# Former traffic warden dies

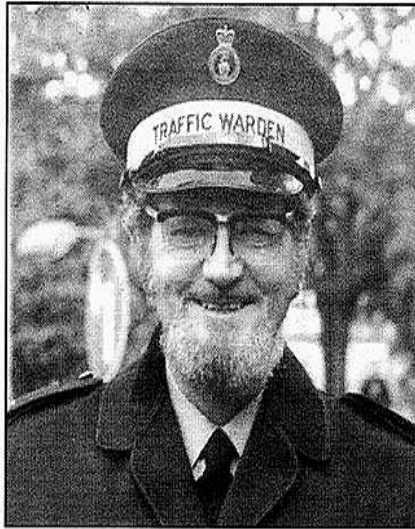
FORMER Exmouth traffic warden and bus conductor Ron Street has died at home in Woodbury after a brief illness. He was 77.

Ron, who was born in Woodbury where he spent almost all his life, had trained as a printer in Exeter with Besley and Copp.

He joined the RAF but was invalided out soon after and was unable to rejoin his profession because of his condition. Ron then joined Colliers, the Exeter tailor, during which time he met his wife-to-be, Iris.

Mrs Street had gone in to the outfitters to be measured for a costume. The couple were married 12 months later.

After a short spell at the tailor's Ron switched professions to become a bus conductor for Devon General and worked in the Exmouth area for 20 years



before changing jobs again to become one of the town's traffic wardens.

He retired from his rounds in the town centre in 1985 after 20 years having become a well-known and well-loved character.

Apart from his brief spell in the RAF and three years in the neighbouring village of Woodbury Salterton, Ron spent all his life in Woodbury.

Ron and his wife Iris have been keen church-goers, both at St Swithun's Parish Church

and at Christ Church Woodbury.

The couple had two children, Alan who is a retired assistant chief constable of Devon and Cornwall Police, and Linda, who works as a nurse. Both live in the Plymouth area.

In his spare time Ron loved to walk and was a keen gardener.

Ron was diagnosed with cancer last November and died at his home in Park Close on Monday.

A funeral service is being held at St Swithun's at 1pm on Monday next week followed by a private cremation service in Exeter.

Family flowers only but donations can be made in lieu to the Friends of Woodbury Surgery or Budleigh Salterton Hospiscare through Crews and Son Tower Street, Exmouth.

Press obituary for Ron Street who was a friendly and popular local Traffic Warden, who lived in Woodbury but also operated in Exmouth



Ann Templer 2006



Bob and Ann Templer on their first boat 1956



Ann Templer on a ski trip to Austria 1956





Ann Templer fishing on the River Otter 1956



Ann Templer, (nee Henderson) at Downe House School 1927



Ann Templer in Canada 2002



Ann Templer with her three children before all being interned by the Japanese in 1941 during WW2



Ann Templer with James at christening 1936



Ann in India with her parents, aged 18 months in 1912



The Templer family at a wedding with their long time servant Mr Henry, who returned with them from India, and remained with the family until his death

### THE LIFE AND TIMES OF ANGELA MARY TEMPLER

Aged 9 months in India in 1912.  
Born as Angela Mary Henderson.

At Downe House School, Newbury, 1927.

The wedding of Ann to C.R. (Bob) Templer in Sudbury, 1935.

Ann with her three children James, Hazel and Jenny in 1941, shortly before they were all interned by the Japanese for three and a half years.

Engagement photo taken 1934.

Ann with first child James, at his christening in 1936.

Ann with beloved spaniel "Sam" at Parsonage House c.1981.

Ann the sportswoman in Austria in 1956.

Ann in 2002.

And skating on a frozen Woodbury Common 1954!

A piece produced and featured in the Woodbury News