

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

**Volume 5**



**Trixie Sellick a postman in Woodbury for many  
years, and known by all**

**Roger Stokes**

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**This booklet is part of a major collection of historical pictures of Woodbury Parish. It is not an exhaustive list, as many things that have happened have never been photographed or recorded.**

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**Other booklets or files contain more pictures, so if what you are looking for is not here, please look in the other booklets or files, as you may find it there.**

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**Some pictures may appear more than once on the website, as they might fall into several different categories.**

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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!**

**Website: *www.woodburyhistorysociety.co.uk***





Thomas John Brandford and family of Izel Cottage 1890



Thomas Phillips, a Woodbury builder, arrived Canada 1808, died 1842. He made a small fortune building churches in both America and the Montreal area of Canada, where he eventually settled





Al and Esme Thomson 1993



Esme Thomson 2003

## THE 60 YEARS OF MARRIAGE OF ALLAN & ESME THOMSON



### PHOTOS

Top, left and bottom

5th June 1944 at Gilbrook House.

D-DAY minus 1



### PHOTO

Right centre

5th June 2004 at Gilbrook House.

D-DAY plus 21900\*

A signed card of congratulations from the Queen with a lovely photo of her on the front, arrived early on Allan and Esme's Diamond Wedding anniversary (June 5th.) and started a day of happy celebrations.

A luncheon party was held at an hotel on Sidmouth seafront. As there were 13 of us a soft toy was placed on a chair at the end of the table, provided by the hotel!  
Al was in the R.C.A.F. attached to the R.A.F., and I was returning to RAF Branscombe following a six week course at Yatesbury, when we met at Sidmouth Junction station. He was the first and only Canadian at the Radar Station for a year.

Our chosen wedding date clashed with D - Day being imminent and all leave had been cancelled, so special permission for us to get married had to be obtained from Group HQ - who also gave permission for a number of camp radio operators to attend our wedding. They were dropped off at Woodbury from the ration run lorry to Exeter. We had been told that if D - Day happened we would not be able to get married, and if we were on our honeymoon we would be recalled.

However, it all went ahead and our vicar Dr. J.L.L. Fulford married us assisted by his curate the Rev Peter Clynick. "Snip" (Edward Ware) my cousin was best man and Heather Alford another cousin was bridesmaid.

The next day at Ilfracombe we met an officer who used to be at RAF Branscombe with us and he told us "Wonderful news, we've invaded today"! We were afraid to return to our hotel in case we would be recalled, but we had five days leave.

Our Diamond wedding anniversary was just perfect and St Swithuns bells rang out. We had some wonderful flower arrangements - including a lovely tub of Paradise patio roses, and we both send our grateful thanks for the masses of cards we received.

The next day, the visiting vicar in church mentioned our Diamond wedding and asked me all about it during the service, and then everyone clapped! Fantastic! We were even mentioned at the church service at Exton, i.e. "the Canadian who married the day before D - Day!"

Our anniversary was such a wonderful occasion, the sun shone, everyone was happy and it was just perfect. E.T.



### TOP SECRET!

As 60 years has now passed, certain previously secret information can now be released. This poem (I) was written for 5th June 1944 by fellow radio operators at Branscombe.

A W.A.A.F whose nickname was "Red,"  
To her Canadian "buddy" got wed.

They very soon tired  
Of being admired,

So packed up and went straight to - Ilfracombe!

\*Just think how many cups of tea have been drunk in all that time!

Al and Esme Thomson's Diamond wedding 2004



Bryony in pram 1952



Bryony in pram with Grandma Mabel 1952



Bryony in pram with ?



Bryony 1953

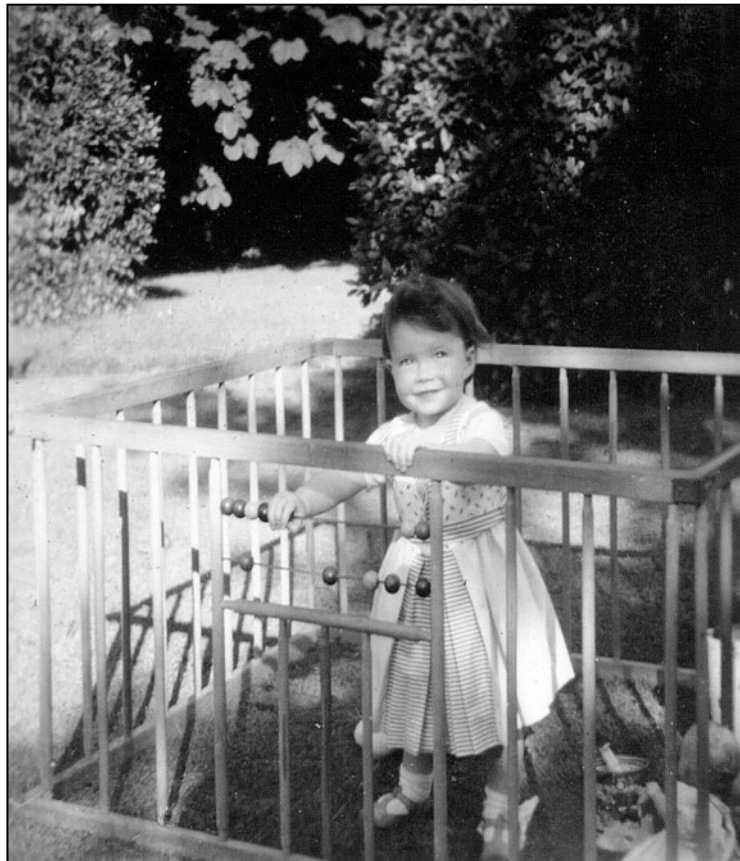


Bryony on trolley1953





Bryony with sister 1953



Bryony penned up 1953



Bryony c.1962



Bryony presenting a bouquet 1955



Esme and Al's wedding 1944



Esme and Al's wedding with military friends 1944





Esme and Al's wedding 1944



Esme and Al's Golden wedding 1994



Esme and Al's wedding 1944



Esme and Al's wedding 1944



Esme and Al's wedding 1944



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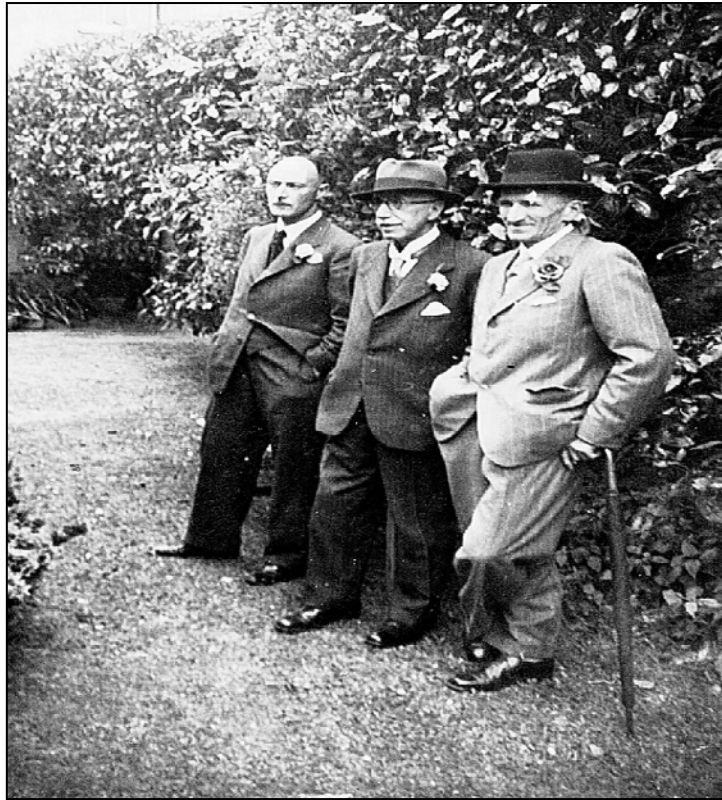


Esme and Al's wedding 1944



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Esme and Al's wedding 1944



Threshing time at Gilbrook 1912



Margaret and Pamela Toyne 1950



Trixie Sellick ploughing c.1940



Unknown child possibly Stokes c.1870



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Cousins Dolly Dell and Vera Stediford selling bread etc. from her handcart c.1940



Vera Stediford and her sister 1938





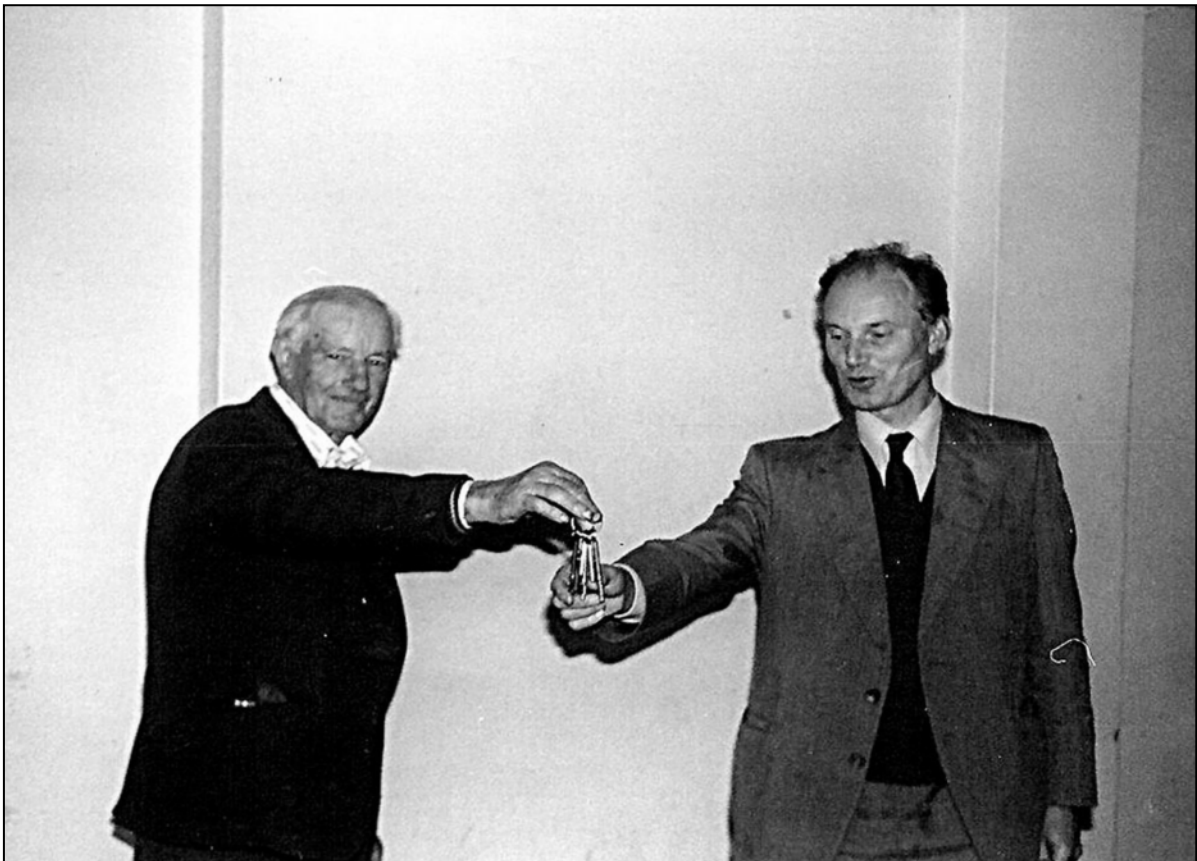
Vera Stediford as Bodecia c.1939



Vera Stediford as a nurse c.1939



Eric Veale re-gilding the church clock 1994



Jim Gooding, the long time caretaker of the Village Hall being presented with a memento on his retirement by Valentine DuBuisson the Village Hall Chairman

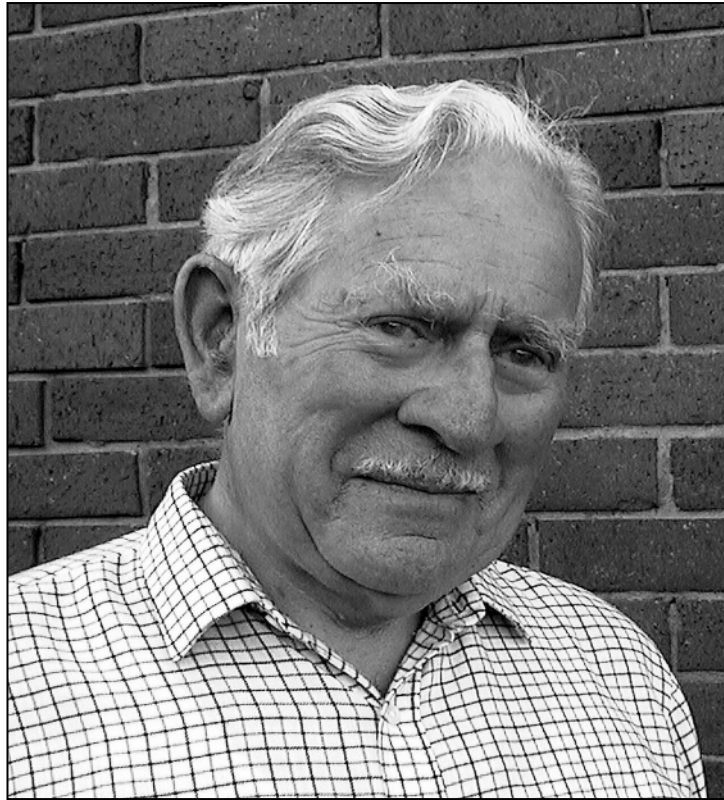


The launch of a new Woodbury walks leaflet in 1993

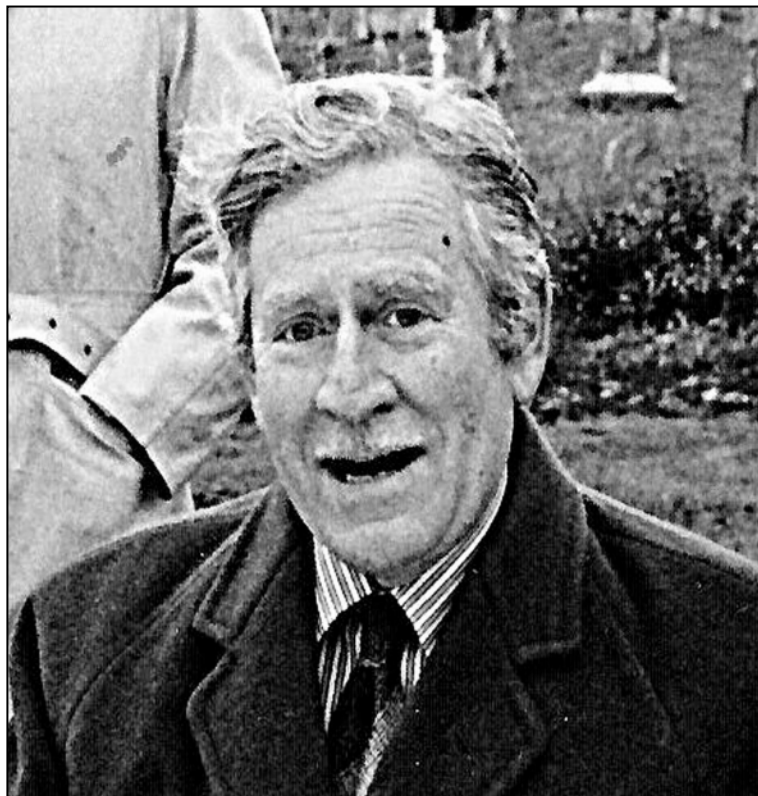


A welcome home party for the returning soldiers after WWII





Eric Ware 1999



Eric Ware c.1990



Father Christmas Norman Bowles, and Joan Ware, right, at a childrens party c.1980's



Joan Ware cutting a cake at a party in the Village Hall c.1980's



The Ware family on the beach at Budleigh Salterton 1904



Wellpark House 1952





Bill Whiteley who lived in Woodbury Salterton 2004



Bill Whiteley who lived in Woodbury Salterton 2004





William and Lily Ware and family c.1900



Woodbury's dancing girls from one of the annual Woodbury Happenings of the 1980's





Woodbury Lacemakers 2006



Woodbury water shortage 1952





Final sale of stock and machinery at Woodmanton Farm for Norman Bowles



Cyril and Pam Rowsell outside the Retreat Stores, which his father Jimmy, and Cyril had run for over 50 years,. The shop has only had two owners in the last 100 years. Picture: 2006