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### 1940 **Mere & Tisbury Council**

The Medical Officer, Dr G Napier, reported that arrangements had now been made for dealing with civilian deaths due to war operations in all parishes with the exception of Hindon and East Knoyle.  
Western Gazette Friday 12 January 1940

#### **Entertainment**

The members of the Girls' Home at Blundell's House gave an entertainment in the Methodist Church Hall on Thursday. The programme consisted of action songs, recitations, physical drill and costume dancing, concluding with a patriotic tableau representing "The Empire". Community singing of old and new songs was also a feature. An audience which filled the hall to capacity, and which included several soldiers, thoroughly enjoyed the programme. A collection was taken for the church funds. The Rev John H Fisher expressed thanks to Mrs Howell (principal of the Home) and her helpers for a successful evening.  
Western Gazette Friday 02 February 1940

#### **Killed on Service**

News has been received that A/C Robert Francis James Wiltshire, wireless operator and air gunner, was killed in an aeroplane crash in France on Friday March 1<sup>st</sup>. He was the eldest son of Lt Commander Wiltshire RNR, who is again serving in the Navy, and of Mrs Wiltshire, of 20 Clarence-road, Exmouth, Devon, and formerly of Tisbury. Aircraftsman Wiltshire was expected home on the 14<sup>th</sup> of the present month. Educated at Bishop Wordsworth's School, he joined the RAF when only 16 years of age and was station in Wiltshire. He was in his 21<sup>st</sup> year. A younger brother is also in the RAF. A/C Wiltshire and the family had many friends in Tisbury and Salisbury districts.  
Western Gazette Friday 08 March 1940

#### **Tisbury Petty Sessions**

For failing to screen the headlights of a motor-cycle: Austin Shute, of Hindon-lane, Tisbury, was fined 5s; Lionel Erskine Buller, of 8 Weaveland-road, Tisbury, was fined 5s for having failed to screen the front lamp of his bicycle. He was also summoned for having on two occasions ridden his bicycle without a rear light. He was fined 2s 6d for each offence. His sister, Muriel Buller, was fined 2s 6d for not having a front light and 2s 6d for not having a rear lamp.

Thomas John Reece, Waterloo House, High Street, Tisbury, was fined 10s for failing to screen a light in his house, his excuse being that he was too tired to put the "black-out" up. Maurice Neill, formerly of Pythouse Stables, Tisbury, but now of Romsey, was fined 20s for having driven a car without a Road Fund Licence. Inspector Townsend said defendant failed to take advantage of a compromise fine of 12s 6d. The full quarterly rate was £2 13s 8d and this had been paid, but not until the 18<sup>th</sup> October. Defendant was stopped on October 14<sup>th</sup> by PC Beard at East Knoyle.  
Western Gazette Friday 22 March 1940

#### **Poulden's Farm**

Acting under instructions from Mrs King, who is retiring from business, Messrs John Jeffery & Son sold the live and dead stock. It was the best sale held in the district this season. The cattle had had no artificial feeding whatever and were shown in bare store condition. Cows and calves £26 to £35; cows in milk £22 to £31; in-calf cows £16 to £26, barreners £13 to £22; in-calf heifers £26 to £34; stirk heifers £12 to £16 5s; weanlings £7 10s; bull £17 10s; aged cart horses 23 and 22 gns. Cross-bred couples 33s to 41s. Dead stock sold very well. Boat waggon £29 10s, grass mower £28, horse rake £11 15s, ploughs and harrows £2 to £4 per set.  
Western Gazette Friday 19 April 1940

#### **Newtown**

The Pythouse Red Cross Working Party last week held one of their fortnightly whist drives in aid of the fund for providing material for their work. When distributing the prizes to the various winners, Mrs Benett-Stanford appealed for further machinists and knitters to supplement the present workers and also thanked Mrs Busby for giving a prize. The winners were: Ladies - Mrs Poole, Mrs Busby, Mrs Millward, Consolation Mrs Ingram and Extra prizes Miss Bartlett and Mrs Underwood; Gentlemen - Mr H Gray, Mr L Peacock, Mr J Power. Consolation Mr R Cooper.  
Western Gazette Friday 03 May 1940

#### **Died**

The funeral took place recently at the Parish church of Mrs Jane Fray, widow of Mr Edwin Fray, whose death occurred at Paradise-row on April 11<sup>th</sup> at the age of 84. The Vicar, the Rev Canon A H Barnes, officiated at the funeral. The sons and daughters wish to thank the many friends for the sympathy expressed and floral tributes.  
Western Gazette Friday 03 May 1940

### **Hospital Supply Service**

Mrs Shaw Stewart, Fonthill Abbey, writes that there will certainly be a great demand in hospitals for women's and children's nightdresses, pyjamas, bed jackets and dressing gowns in the event of air raids. These things would be certainly asked for from the Red Cross. As they may be required at any moment, those who have any outgrown children's bed garments or women's disused nightdresses in good repair and would be willing to give them in this emergency, are asked to send them as soon as possible to Mrs Shaw Stewart, Fonthill Abbey, Tisbury.  
Western Gazette Friday 28 June 1940

### **Tisbury Petty Sessions**

The Rev Alban Edwin Blood, of The Chantry, Tisbury, pleaded not guilty to having failed to keep a dangerous dog under control. Mrs Edith Mary Fry, of Tisbury, the mother of twin boys aged six, gave evidence on three occasions on which she alleged her boys had been attacked by the dog. She stated that they came home screaming and were almost hysterical. Wilfred James Fry, father of the boys, said he spoke to defendant in June, respecting the conduct of the dog and he promised to keep it under control.

Mrs Florence Elizabeth Woods, Tisbury, told the Bench that whilst walking up the High-street, Tisbury, the dog flew at her and bit her on the left arm. She was sure it was defendant's dog, but there was non-one with it. PC Burt said he saw defendant, who said "It is simply rough play with the dog; it does not mean to bite anyone". Defendant said the dog showed its affection rather too aggressively and he was trying to cure it. He could not understand the dog being out without anyone in charge of it. The Bench ordered the dog to be kept under control and allowed costs.  
Western Gazette Friday 19 July 1940

### **Tisbury Petty Sessions - Blackout Offences**

For having failed to obscure lights in their houses, Edwin Alfred Fray, 7 Paradise-row, Tisbury, 20s; William Fletcher, Malt House Cottages, Tisbury, 5s; Mrs Elsie Randall, 63 East Hatch House, West Tisbury, 20s; Cuthbert Sheppard, 134 Court-street, Tisbury, 20s; Albert Walter Buller, 8 Council Houses, Tisbury, 10s.  
Western Gazette Friday 19 July 1940

### **Military Service**

The number of persons registering for military service in the 1909 group in the Salisbury area was 804, made up as follows: Salisbury 290, Amesbury 64, Andover 182, Fordingbridge 41, Gillingham 47, Shaftesbury 46, Tidworth 56, Tisbury 26, Wilton 52. The number of conscientious objectors was about the average of past registrations.  
Western Gazette Friday 12 July 1940

### **1907 Class Register**

The number of men of the 1907 class registering for military service in the Salisbury area on Saturday was 793, made up as follows: Salisbury 281, Amesbury 69, Andover 156, Fordingbridge 52, Gillingham 45, Shaftesbury 48, Tidworth 72, Tisbury 29, Wilton 41. The number of conscientious objectors was negligible.  
Western Gazette Friday 26 July 1940

### **Infants' Donation**

The Tisbury Infants' School sent £2 3s 6d this week to the Lord Mayor's London Fund for air raid distressed areas.  
Western Gazette Friday 20 September 1940

### **War Work Survey**

The Women's Institute had a good meeting when a survey of the war work going on during the summer was made. Through the collecting of waste paper by members £8 was raised and wool bought for comforts for the Forces. Also £2 came in from whist drives and the material bought was knitted into useful garments for the RAF. The fruit preservation as a great success, 212 lbs of jam being made with the 100 lbs of sugar allotted to the Institute. The County Inspector declared it was the best jam and the neatest labelled and covered that she had so far seen.  
Western Gazette Friday 20 September 1940

### **Failure to Destroy Weeds**

At Mere Petty Sessions on Thursday, before Col F S Kennedy Shaw, C.B., and other Justices, Hugh George Burt, of Glebe Farm, Sutton Veny, was summoned by the Wilts Agricultural War Committee, for having failed to destroy weeds on land in his occupation at Totterdale Farm, Tisbury. He was represented by Mr A B Lemon, Salisbury, and pleaded not guilty.

Mr A J Harris, from the Ministry of Agriculture, said an order was made by the War Agricultural Committee in respect of six fields at Tisbury, which it was alleged, were infested with thistles and docks. This was served on the 12<sup>th</sup> August and required defendant to destroy them by burning or otherwise within seven days. On the 29<sup>th</sup> August the weeds were still uncut and on the 17<sup>th</sup> September only two fields had been dealt with.

Evidence was given by Wm Thomas Price, secretary of the Wilts War Agricultural Committee, who, in reply to Mr Lemon agreed that he wrote to defendant saying he was glad to hear he was dealing with the matter and that as he was busy with the harvest he would be glad if he would comply with the order as soon as practicable. He had never visited the fields in question, and in spite of his letter, the summons was issued without further warning. He did not agree that this was an iniquitous proceeding.

Ernest S Brain, Ansty, a member of the District Committee, gave evidence, and in reply to Mr Lemon, agreed that the farm was now "clean with the exception of a few thistles". Ernest Shaw, district officer of the Wilts War Agricultural Committee, and Patrick Ivor Turner, assistant district officer, also gave evidence.

Defendant said when the order under which the summons was taken was issued, he was delivering flax under the order of the War Agricultural Committee. He also had 250 acres of oats in the course of carrying.

Totterdale Farm was purely a dairy farm and he was let off ploughing there on condition that he kept a dairy and he had raised the milk production by 300 per cent. He did his best to get the work done, and it was completed by September 16<sup>th</sup>. In view of Mr Price's letter he understood that it was more important to carry the corn than to cut the thistles, and he did this as soon as practicable in accordance with Mr Price's instructions. The corn was worth £3,000 to the country. He received no further communication between Mr Price's letter and the summons.

Philip Joseph Burt, son of defendant, also gave evidence and said the work was completed within a month of the order. Mr Lemon suggested that defendant did the work as soon as practicable and had the files of the War Agricultural Committee been properly kept, the summons would never have been taken, as the time of the order was extended.

The Chairman said it was a matter of considerable difficulty. Mr Price's letter was a little bit unfortunate but a technical offence had been committed and there would be a fine of £2, but there would not be an order as to costs. Notice of appeal was given.

Western Gazette Friday 01 November 1940

#### **Tisbury Petty Sessions - Blackout Offences**

Fined for having failed to screen lights in roofed buildings - Mrs Emily ann Thick, Weaveland-road, Tisbury, 10s; Mrs Alven Jones, Albany House, Tisbury, 10s; William Morris Chinchon, Tisbury Printing Works, 10s.

Western Gazette Friday 22 November 1940

#### **W.I. Concert**

The Women's Institute feel they can congratulate themselves on the great success of a concert given in the Victoria Hall on Thursday. They were anxious to get some money in order to be able to send to each Tisbury man who is serving in the Forces, a good Christmas parcel, and with the most efficient aid of Mrs Quick, an excellent concert was produced. So large was the audience that a great many people were unable to get into the hall. Mrs Chamberlain, the president of the W.I., gave a short speech in the interval and thanked all those who had worked to make the effort such a success. She said how pleased the W.I. would be to pack and send the parcels to the sailors, soldiers and airmen of Tisbury

Western Gazette Friday 06 December 1940

#### **Tisbury Petty Sessions – Ministry of Food Prosecutions**

Frank Eustace Mansbridge, of Victoria House, High-street, Tisbury, pleaded guilty to having exposed sausages for sale without having a notice showing the meat content. Mr Kenneth Elliott prosecuted on behalf of the Ministry of Food. Arthur John Pearce, an inspector, said he saw sausages hanging on a rail without a ticket indicating their meat content. He spoke to defendant, who said the boy must have left them out as they were usually kept in the refrigerator. He would see that they were properly marked in future. Defendant, who said that all sausages sold by him were Grade B, was fined 5s.

Phyllis Harris and Hubert Harris, of High-street, Tisbury, pleaded guilty to having exposed cheese for sale without having exhibited the price. They were represented by Mr W Farley Rutter and admitted the offence.

Mr Pearce said he visited the shop at East Knoyle and asked Miss Phyllis Harris the price of the cheese. She said "I have been selling at 1s 4d per lb. I have a small piece left at that. I have some more in to-day which I intended to sell at 1s 2d per lb". He pointed out that the controlled retail price since the 1st October had been 1s 1d per lb. He saw the invoice from the wholesaler and it was charged at 10¾d per lb.

Later, he saw Mr Harris who said "I am legally responsible, but I leave it entirely to my daughter". A price list was exhibited in the shop showing the price to be 1s 4d and 1s 2d per lb. Mr W Farley Rutter said defendants admitted the offence and he asked the Bench to deal with his clients as leniently as possible. Defendants were each fined 5s.

Western Gazette Friday 20 December 1940

#### **1941 Died**

The death, after a long illness, of Mr Frederick James Mead, occurred at Harnwood Hospital on Friday March 7<sup>th</sup>, aged 33. He was a native of Tisbury and was well known and highly respected. He was a member of the Tisbury Fire Brigade which he joined immediately it was formed. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the service at the Parish church being taken by the Rev Canon A H Barnes.

Members of the Tisbury and Mere Fire Brigades attended and the Tisbury fire engine carried the numerous floral tributes which included wreaths from "His workmates" and members of the Fire Brigade. He leaves a widow who desires to thank the many friends and members of the Fire Brigade for sympathy shown and floral tributes.

Western Gazette Friday 21 March 1941

#### **Letter to Tisbury Magistrates**

"It should be known by now that a serving officer of His Majesty's royal Air Force has not the time to spend travelling around the country in order to appear before Courts in somewhat unheard of villages 'somewhere in England'. In other words my work has not time to spare for my being able to make rambling tours of the English countryside" wrote Flight Lieut J G Kerby, RAF, who was summoned for failing to produce a driving licence and did not appear at Tisbury Petty Sessions on Thursday.

He added "I would like to point out that all the circumstances of the case were pointed out to the rather tiresome constable. My licence, which was packed away in some luggage that did not arrive here until a fortnight after I did, was produced for the Paisley Police and found to be quite in order, so I fail to see any logical or sensible reason for this summons. It would be far more helpful to the community and the war effort in general, if so much time and trouble was not wasted on such stupid and trivial matters. It is about time that the police learnt to be useful and helpful in such matters and not to be absolute obstructionists. I am not a habitual criminal and to not intend to be treated as one". The Bench imposed a fine of £2.

Western Gazette Friday 16 May 1941

#### **Tisbury Petty Sessions**

Mrs Lilian Christine Collins, Miss Florence Mary Woods and Miss Rosie Woods of 94 Mount Pleasant, Tuckingmill, Tisbury, pleaded guilty and were each fined 10s for having stolen one half pin glass, three wine glasses and two tumblers, valued 5s, the property of Alan Davis of the Benett Arms, Tisbury. Inspector Townsend said the accused visited the Benett Arms and after they had left the glasses were missed from the bar where they had been drinking. The glasses were subsequently recovered from the defendants. Defendants told the Bench that they did not intend to steal the glasses and would have returned them the next day.

Western Gazette Friday 20 June 1941

#### **Tisbury Petty Sessions**

For allowing a bonfire to burn during darkness, William Charles Cecil Hart, of Wick Farm, West Tisbury, was fined 5s. For failing to comply with the blackout regulations, Mrs Diniah Halliday of Park-road, Tisbury, was fined 10s.

Western Gazette Friday 21 November 1941

#### **Married**

On November 15<sup>th</sup> 1941 at St John the Baptist, Tisbury, by the Rev Canon A H Barnes, Alan Frederick Gawler, only son of the late Mr F Gawler and Mrs Gawler, The Fairway, Hadley Wood, Barnet, and Kathleen Joan, youngest daughter of the late Mr C M Lesley and Mrs Lesley of The Lodge, Tisbury.

Western Gazette Friday 28 November 1941

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#### **Married**

December 15<sup>th</sup>, at Tisbury Parish Church, by the Rev Canon Barnes, P.O. Granville William Galpin RN to Adelaide Mary Wilkins of the School House, Tisbury, Wilts

Western Gazette Friday 02 January 1942

#### **In Memoriam**

In loving memory of a dear husband and Dad, Edward Soper, died January 15<sup>th</sup> 1919, at Tisbury. Also our dear son, Arthur, died October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1939. From Mum, Sis and Dorrie

Western Gazette Friday 16 January 1942

#### **Possession**

William Sweatman, Ham Cross Farm, Tisbury, applied in Salisbury County Court on Thursday for an order for possession of Ham Cross Farm-house, occupied by Mrs Dorothy May Crombie, and £21 10s rent. Respondent said she had tried repeatedly to get another house but had failed.

Mr G Leopold Lush, for plaintiff, said the claim was for a furnished house. His client was selling the farm and it was essential for the farm-house to be available. Defendant was given notice to quit on April 7<sup>th</sup>. It had become a pressing matter. So far as the rent was concerned, his client would forego it if defendant would accept an order to go out in 14 days. Defendant accepted and Judge Edward Cave made an order for possession in 14 days.

Western Gazette Friday 10 July 1942

#### **Red Cross Effort**

The 1st Tisbury Girl Guides have sent £8 to Mrs Churchill's Aid-to-Russia Fund, the results of an afternoon's entertainment for the Guides' mothers and friends and a collection of jam jars which were sold to the Women's Institute.

Miss Nurdin, headmistress of Tisbury Infants School, is to be congratulated upon the continuous help given to the British Red Cross. Up to June 30<sup>th</sup>, the amount collected in the six months was £12 17s 7d

Western Gazette Friday 17 July 1942

#### **Married**

The marriage was solemnised by Canon A H Barnes at St John the Baptist Church of Mr Reginald Harry Wilkins RN, third son of Mrs Wilkins and the late Mr Harry Wilkins, The School House, Tisbury, and Miss Alice Ottewell, of St Wiston's-road, Derby. The bride was given in marriage by the bridegroom's eldest brother, Jack, in the unavoidable absence of Commander H R Graham, DSO DSC. The bridegroom was attended as best man by his second brother, Fred. The honeymoon was spent at Brook House, Warsash, lent by Commander and Mrs Graham, where the bride has been employed for many years as children's nurse.

Western Gazette Friday 25 September 1942

#### **Married**

October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Church Tisbury, Sub/Lieut Leslie Campbell Tovey RNVR, only son of Mrs Tovey, Tavistock, Devon, to Ursula Mary Green, second daughter of Mrs A Green, Mount Pleasant, Tisbury, Wilts

Western Gazette Friday 13 November 1942

### **Third Blackout Offence**

At Tisbury Petty Sessions on Thursday, Lady Margaret Drummond Hay of Dennis Farm House, West Tisbury was fined £23 for having failed to comply with the blackout regulations. P W R Stevens said that at 10.15pm he saw lights showing from four unscreened windows of one room. There was no blackout at the windows at all. Lady Margaret Drummond Hay told the Bench that she had no idea there was a light in the room. The room was not used and all the servants were in bed with colds. A child staying in the house had turned the light on during the daytime.

Inspector Townsend said Lady Margaret's statement was correct and the light had been exposed for 3½ hours. On September 28<sup>th</sup> 1939, she was fined £5 for a similar offence and on October 9<sup>th</sup> 1941, she was fined £10 for a similar offence. The Chairman observed that it looked rather bad; Lady Margaret did not seem to have taken much trouble about the blackout. Lady Margaret: I had a lot of children in the house the other time.

The Chairman: Other people have a lot of children in the house too. He added that the Bench took a serious view of this third offence and announced the fine as stated.  
Western Gazette Friday 20 November 1942

### **Non-Combatant Duties**

William C C Hart, of Wick Farm, applied to the Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal at Bristol for exemption from performing Home Guard duties and declared that he believed human life was sacred. He would not object to non-combatant work if he had the time to do it. When applicant said he had held his opinions all his life, the President, Judge Wethered, said it was time he woke up and faced the facts; we were engaged in a deadly struggle. He was refusing to take the lives of the enemy, but was taking the lives of his fellow citizens. Hart was retained on the register marked for non-combatant duties.

Roy A D S Jackson, of Grove Cottage, who had applied for exemption from Home Guard duties, did not put in an appearance but in a statement said he had been a gospel preacher for 12 years, testifying to his views, and the Tribunal retained him on the register marked for non-combatant duties.  
Western Gazette Friday 04 June 1943

### **Scratched by a Nail**

Mr Henry James Butt, aged 57, of Church-street, Tisbury, mentioned to his workmates on Saturday morning that he had scratched his hand on a nail in a box of lard. His hand and wrist gradually became more painful and on Monday, Dr Du Pre, ordered his removal to Salisbury Infirmary. An attempt to save his life by amputating the arm proved unsuccessful and he died at 12.30 am on Tuesday. Death was brought about by an infection resulting from the scratch. A certificate as to the cause of death was given and the City Coroner, to whom the facts were reported, decided that an inquest was not necessary. Deceased, who leaves wife, worked at a Tisbury delivery firm.  
Western Gazette Friday 15 October 1943

### **Died**

The death took place on Wednesday week at Ivy Thorpe, Tisbury, of Mr C J Collins, aged 84. The funeral took place on Saturday at the Parish Church, Canon Barnes officiating. Chief mourners were Mrs Woods, Mrs Hopkins (daughters), Mr Collins (son), Mrs Collins (daughter in law), Mr Collins (brother), Mr Biddlecombe, Mr Hann (brothers in law), Mrs Parker, Mrs Jukes, Mrs Watkins and Mr and Mrs Scott.  
Western Gazette Friday 22 October 1943

### **Died**

The death of Mrs Louisa Kate Harris (64), of Tuckingmill, occurred on December 4<sup>th</sup>. The funeral took place at the Parish Church on Wednesday week, the service being taken by the Rev Canon A H Barnes. The chief mourners were Mr and Miss Harris, Mr J Parker, Miss R Harris, Capt Garnet Parker, Mrs Brockway, Mr Geo Parker, Mrs R Northover, Mr E Parker, Mrs L Parker, Mr W Parker, Mr L Parker, Mr A Parker, Mr C Harris, Violet and Dotty (nieces), Mr and Mrs W Bealing, Mr and Mrs G Bealing. Floral tributes included wreaths from Dad, Rose and Ida, Mrs E Parker (mother), Capt G Parker and family, Capt S Parker and family, Mr H Parker, Mr and Mrs L Parker and family, Mr E Parker, Vera Jack and David; Uncle Dick and family, Mr and Mrs Brockway and Jim; Mr and Mrs R Northover and Margaret; Mr and Mrs Geo Parker, Mr and Mrs J Parker, Mr and Mrs W Parker and Joan, Mr A Parker; Friends at Tuckingmill; Ray and Ben; Mrs Lever.  
Western Gazette Friday 17 December 1943

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### **Married**

December 22<sup>nd</sup> at Tisbury Parish Church, Private William John Fido, P.C., to Mabel Doris Viney, Weaveland Road.  
Western Gazette Friday 07 January 1944

### **Died**

Much sympathy has been expressed with Mrs Cheeseman of Chicksgrove, Tisbury, in the bereavement she has suffered by the death of her husband, a native of Witchampton. The funeral service at Tisbury Parish Church was conducted by the Rev Canon Barnes. (part article only)  
Western Gazette Friday 28 January 1944

### **Solitary Survivor**

Pythouse Farm, Tisbury, was, to use the farmer's own words "literally overrun with rats". After a visit by the rat catching team of the War Agricultural Committee Pest Department, the farmer wrote "The men did their job so well that since their poisoning of the rates I have only seen one live rat on the whole farm". The number of dead rats picked up was 305.  
Western Gazette Friday 25 February 1944

**Died**

After a prolonged illness at Harnwood Hospital, the death occurred on April 29<sup>th</sup> of Miss Rita May Green, aged 25, youngest daughter of Mrs E Green and the late Mr Arthur Green, Mount Pleasant, Tisbury. Miss Green was taken ill during her training to be a nurse. The interment took place at Tisbury Parish churchyard on Wednesday week, the service being conducted by Rev Canon Barnes. (part article only)  
Western Gazette Friday 12 May 1944

**Died**

The death occurred on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 Beckett-street, Tisbury, of Mrs Martha Mary Barber, widow of Mr H H Barber. Mrs Barber, who was 58, leaves three daughters. The funeral took place at the Parish churchyard on Saturday morning following a Requiem Mass at the Church of the Sacred Heart, conducted by Rev Father Mortland. (part article only)  
Western Gazette Friday 12 May 1944

**Prison for Sisters**

At Tisbury Petty Sessions on Thursday, Rosalie Louisa Woods (23) and Florence May Woods (21), sisters, both of 94 Mount Pleasant, Tisbury, pleaded guilty to being absent from their employment without reasonable excuse and were each sentenced to one month's imprisonment. Mr W P Farfield, Gillingham, prosecuting for the Ministry of Labour and National Service, said the girls were employed at an establishment in Staffordshire.

On April 4<sup>th</sup> they left without permission and returned to their home at Tisbury. On May 11<sup>th</sup> they were seen by a National Service Officer from Salisbury and had no explanation to give, but each made a statement that they had been working for their mother who had work which had to be done and a married daughter with four children was unable to do it. They added that they were returning to work on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

An official from the factory said defendants' average earnings were £5 11s and £4 16s respectively, out of which they had to pay 22s 6d for lodgings at the hostel and 1s 6d bus fares. Mr A H Jefford, National Service Officer, Salisbury, said he interviewed the defendants on May 11<sup>th</sup> when he formed the opinion that they were amused. In passing sentence, the Chairman, Col F S Kennedy Shaw, said both defendants were drawing very high wages and the Bench did not think it was a case to be met by a fine.

Western Gazette Friday 21 July 1944

**Died**

The death occurred on Wednesday week of Mr Fred Scott, Home Glen, Hindon-lane, aged 78. Had Mr Scott lived until September 29<sup>th</sup>, he would have been married 59 years. The funeral took place on Saturday at Fonthill Gifford, the service being conducted by the Rev R Sutcliffe and Canon Barnes, Tisbury. (part article only)  
Western Gazette Friday 01 September 1944

**Wounded in France**

Mrs E Green, of Mount Pleasant, has received official news that her second son, Arthur, of the R.A.C., has sustained shrapnel wounds in his left arm and leg in France. Trooper Green joined the R.A.C. in September 1942.  
Western Gazette Friday 01 September 1944

**Home Guard Dance**

A dance, organised by No 4 Platoon, E Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wilts Home Guard, was held at the Victoria Hall. £57 was raised for the Red Cross Agriculture Fund.  
Western Gazette Friday 27 October 1944

**Dance for Victory Fund**

The fund for welcoming home members of the Services continues to grow and last week £15 9s 6d was raised at the Gift Shop where additional gifts will be welcomed. A dance in aid of the fund was held at the Victoria Hall on Wednesday when music was provided by Bob White's orchestra and Mrs Jukes was MC. There was a large attendance and it was announced that a series of dances would be run during the winter months.  
Western Gazette Friday 27 October 1944

**1945****Tisbury Petty Sessions**

Mrs Emma Fox, 8 Council Houses, Weaveland, Tisbury, was summoned for failing to keep a dangerous dog under control. She denied the offence. Inspector Yeoman said it was a case of the dog getting amongst the chickens. The dog was seen chasing some poultry and eventually ten pullets were discovered dead, or in such a condition that they had to be killed. The value of the pullets was £10 10s and there was also the loss of eggs.

Mr Baker, the owner of the poultry, saw the dog with one pullet in its mouth and drove it away but he came back a second time and was again driven away.

Evidence was given by Leslie Frank Baker and Harold Frederick Macey, who said he saw defendant's dog come up the path to the allotments with a fowl in its mouth. He shouted and the dog dropped the fowl, which ran away. That fowl did not belong to Mr Baker. Defendant said the dog was only a puppy. She alleged two dogs were involved and she offered to pay Mr Baker £5 by instalments. The Bench made an order for the dog to be destroyed and ordered the defendant to pay 14s costs.

Western Gazette Friday 19 January 1945

**1945      How Victory was Celebrated**

Tisbury was decorated as never before. The Square, which was a mass of flags and streamers, was lit up at night by motor headlights and a large company danced until the early hours of Wednesday morning. The thanksgiving service attracted large congregations, as did the short open air service in the Square. A whist drive and dance in aid of Nazareth House Orphanage attracted a large gathering. Three hundred children were entertained in the Victoria Hall to tea and games.

Western Gazette Friday 18 May 1945

**How Peace was Celebrated**

The children were specially catered for at Tisbury and had a right royal time. In addition to sports, tea and ices, Mr and Mrs Hogg gave each child a packet of chips. The town was gaily decorated and at night the Square was floodlit and illuminated with coloured fairy lights. The band of the "Tisbury Highlanders" (paper and combs) was a special feature of the fancy dress parade on Thursday.

On Wednesday there were sports in the Vicarage grounds, an open air service in the Square, services at the several places of worship and dancing in the Square to Bob White's Band. On Thursday, there were sports in the Cricket Field, tea in the Victoria Hall, to which 300 children sat down, and a fancy dress parade headed by the Ansty Band. A huge bonfire was lighted in the Cricket Field.

Western Gazette Friday 24 August 1945

**Women's Institute**

The Women's Institute celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> birthday by giving a party to the "not so young" of Tisbury. Mrs G C Hodson, an ex-president, in her opening speech said, the youth of the country had so much done for them by way of evening socials and dances that the members of the Institute decided to give a really good party to the older inhabitants, who had little entertainment in these days. Cars were arranged to be sent to those who were infirm or living far away and about 100 members and their guests sat down to an excellent tea complete with iced cake and candles at 3.30m.

Afterwards, tables were cleared and the guests were entertained, by the WI Entertainments Committee, to an enjoyable concert and two short plays. One item called The Hikers, in which the members dressed up most amusingly in shorts, slacks, jerseys, knap sacks, big boots, &c., was so popular that it had to be repeated.

During the evening Mrs Woodward, secretary, thanked the Entertainments Committee for their admirable show. Mrs Smart seconded. After everyone had sung Auld Lang Syne, Mrs Gilbert Lodge, president, called for cheers for Mrs Clifford Reid who, at short notice, had organised the entertainment.

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**1946      Died**

The funeral has taken place of Mr Edwin Alfred Fray, who died at his home in Paradise-row aged 64. Mr Fray was a native of Tisbury. Canon A H Barnes officiated.

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**Overhouse Laundry**

The employees of Overhouse Laundry have helped many charities during the war. They started a fund with regular weekly collections to provide comforts for the local serving men. Gifts made include £10 14s to Mrs Churchill's Aid to China and Russia Funds, for which Mrs Hardiman received a personal letter of thanks; Red Cross parcels to members of the staff serving overseas and prisoners of war; cigarettes to the Royal Corps of Signals and Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry; donations to Pyt House working party and the Local Boys' Cigarette Fund; £8 to Shaftesbury Military Hospital Christmas Party fund; £41 16s to the Welcome Home Fund and weekly subscriptions to the Penny-a-week Fund

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**Rare Old Spoons**

Among the rare old spoons to be sold at Sothebys, London, on June 6, sent by Lieut-Col J Benett-Stanford, of Tisbury, Wilts, are a fine Maidenhead spoon made in 1620, another made in Newcastle in 1630, a trefid (closed end) spoon made at Norwich and a rare stump-top spoon of 14<sup>th</sup> Century workmanship which was dredged up some years ago from the river near Orleans in France.

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**Cinema - Victoria Hall**

Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup>: Laurel and Hardy in "Block Heads". Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>: George Formby in "George in Civy Street"

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**1948      Christmas in Tisbury**

Ice skaters had a good Christmas present when some flood water on a field in Court-street froze into a first rate ice rink. On Christmas-eve there was a midnight service at the Parish Church, Canon A H Barnes officiating, assisted by the Rev G J Ince. At the Church of the Sacred Heart carols were sung and midnight Mass celebrated by the Rev Father Mortland.

Tisbury United met Gillingham in a friendly match on their ground on Boxing-day and the game resulted in a draw 1-1. There was a merry party at the Victoria Hall, which had been prettily decorated, on Tuesday on the occasion of a fancy dress dance, arranged by the Tisbury Football Club. Eddie Newport's band played and Mr G Kellett was MC.

At the Red Cross Hut the mothers and children of the Tisbury Clinic had their Christmas party which was arranged by Nurse Foley. After tea there was a programme of singing and recitations by the children. The illuminated Christmas-tree was much admired and presents were distributed by Father Christmas.  
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**1949**     **Married**

The marriage took place on March 5<sup>th</sup> at St John the Baptist Church Tisbury between Harold Gurd, of Tisbury, and Dorothy Rawlins, of Ridge, Chilmark  
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**Married**

On June 23<sup>rd</sup> at St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury, Arthur John, only son of the Rev H A and the late Mrs Meek, of Felixstowe, to Evelyn Joyce Minard, only child of Mr and Mrs P S J Randall, of Tisbury, Wilts  
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**Ruby Wedding**

On August 7<sup>th</sup> 1909 at the Methodist Church, Tisbury, by the Rev George Stanyer, Rowland Woods to Daisy Maud Collins. Present address Hope Cottage Tisbury.  
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