

ROUTENS AND METCALFS - SHOPS

When **Norah Hardwick** nee **Pordham** was a girl c 1910-1920, Routen's shop was where Metcalf's was later on, ie next door to the Red Lion.

Routens had a grocers shop and also the Post Office. At some point there was a fire and the shop was damaged. Mrs Hardy, who was then the landlady of the Red Lion, let Mr Routen rent a part of the pub to use as the post office.

However, Mr Routen eventually moved to where the post office is today (2003) and then he no longer had a grocer's shop, just the PO. Presumably that was when **Metcalfs** took over the premises next door to the Red Lion.

Previous to this it belonged to **Greethams** [Did they own it or rent it?] They also ran it as a grocer's shop.

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