

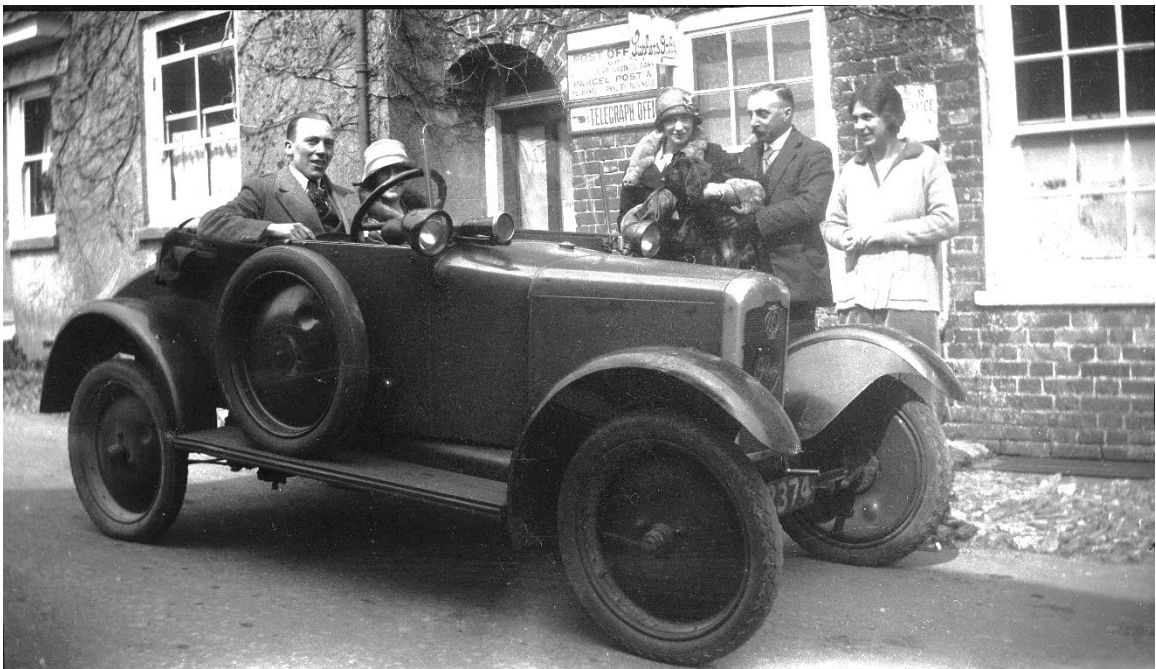


**Edward Smith, Postmaster and Chairman of the Parish Council**

Edward Smith, born in 1866, was the third generation of his family to run the village post office. He took on the role on the death of his mother in 1908, at which time he moved the post office to “King Post”, leaving his brother William to run the newsagents, tobacconists and watch repair shop next door at “Wise Follies”.



He had already established himself as a photographer and publisher of postcards, and he continued that side of his business until about 1930. He left a considerable legacy of photographs of the village, but it might have been greater had he not decided to build a greenhouse using many of his old glass plates.



His sudden death on 30<sup>th</sup> December 1940, while still involved in so many aspects of village life, came as a shock to the whole community. His younger daughter, Margaret, born at "King Post" in 1909, succeeded him as postmaster (the title she preferred), and ran the business for over thirty years.

