

## The Story of Doris Fisher's Hairdressing Salon at 27 Pilton Street



27 Pilton Street was for many years the Pilton Street Post Office. However, it became the first hairdressing salon in Pilton after Doris Fisher, who was born in Barnstaple, returned to England from South Africa in 1955. She had moved to South Africa in about 1949 with her husband Herbert Trevor Fisher, known as 'Ted', along with her parents, Horace George Ffoulkes and Caroline Penhorward Ffoulkes (née Sanders).

Doris and Ted had three children, Caroline Jill Fisher and Shirley Fisher, born in Surrey, and Trevor John Fisher, born in South Africa. Sadly, Ted died in 1951 leading to the eventual return of the whole family to the town of Doris's birth in about 1955. It is thought that No 27 had been bought by Doris' grandmother Sanders in 1906 and had been run by her as a post office for 20 years and then by an aunt (Ellen Sanders) and uncle (Alfred Sanders) for 22 years.

For a photograph of the Post Office, see elsewhere in the archive by following this link:

<http://vimp.thepiltonstory.org/picture/The-Post-Office-27-Pilton-Street/f6e771fb06ba1e093f5bb9196ae17146>

The photograph, above, shows Doris Fisher outside the front door of the salon wearing a crisply starched overall dress that reveals the change in commercial fashions between the 1950s and the 21st century. Doris took it over when the Post Office moved down to No 22 Pilton Street. It remained a Hairdressing Salon for 30 years until she retired in 1986. In March 1985, the North Devon Journal reported on some of the services on offer in Barnstaple and included Doris Fisher, Hairdresser in Pilton. The report listed the staff of seven as Gail Willcox, Brenda Hingston, Jean, Alison Barrow, Nicola, Dianne and Doris. After Doris retired, some of them moved to the salon run by Alison Barrow on Rolle Street and, after a few years in 1989, this resulted in the formation of Shampers at 110 Pilton Street, now the Shampers Hair Boutique.

For more about Doris, see elsewhere in the archive by following this link:

<http://vimp.thepiltonstory.org/picture/Doris-Fisher-Ladies-Hairdresser-of-Pilton-Street/f3159bc2fb3604c33c4db339cc9d74d3>

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