

Pedlars

Harry Dawber lived in an old cottage on Midville Road just outside of the village of Stickney. He was a pedlar who pushed a hand cart around the village and the neighbouring parishes. He would sell anything he could get hold of, especially fruit & vegetables in season and even sherbet dips, aniseed balls & liquorice. He was known to buy



rabbit skins from the locals, and some would describe him as a bit rough and clunch. His barrow was made of wood and fitted with strong bike wheels. He remained a bachelor all his life and died in 1935 at the age of seventy eight and is buried in Stickney.

Mr Barwick travelled around the area pushing a large wicker basket on wheels. He would leave it overnight at a train station and travel home to Boston by rail returning in the morning to continue his round of the next parish, selling dusters and tea towels and all sorts of cleaning aids such as Brasso and Vim

Ben Topliss also had a handcart and travelled round the villages selling what he could. In 1901 he is recorded as living in the old cottage that stood on the site of Bourn Villa (near the phone box). Older residents of the village remember him living in Pedlars Cottage, Hall Lane

Arthur Ireland damaged his eyes on an overhanging corrugated iron roof at the back of Stickney Chapel and was given a case and the contents by the chapel congregation to start a business with. He travelled round the villages on his bike selling mainly utility clothes and haberdashery from the Portmanteau he carried. He was also known to buy herbs from people's gardens. He used the kitchen of his house down West Fen Lane as a shop and placed a sign on a tree nearby, advertising cigarettes for sale. His shop became well stocked with most things available, even wool and sweets. He later moved to Miss Sykes old shop on the Main Road near Horbling Lane end and eventually built it up into being the biggest store in the village

Harris A travelling family called Harris would stay in the Rising Sun Yard in their caravan. During their time in the village they sent their children to Stickney School while they canvassed the area selling carpets before moving on.