



### **No. 56c & 57, The Close**

One of the many occupants of these two conjoined houses on the West Walk, was Dora Butterworth.

She was born in 1893 in Manchester to a wealthy industrial family. So, she had a very comfortable childhood and could have lived a life of luxury. But in 1920 she decided to study at Kings College for women. Here she gained a diploma to be a School Matron.

She came to Salisbury in 1925 and was the school matron at the Chorister's School in these houses. The school was run by the headmaster Arthur Robertson a widower and within a short while they were husband and wife.. She made an excellent headmaster's wife.

The school was in financial straits at one point and because of her financial wealth as part of her family she was able to secure the future of the school.

She also was responsible for writing the history of the school from the beginning.

56c was called Braybrooke House where they lived, and no 57 Wren Hall was where the school was.

When they retired, they did not move far as they went to Rowden House in the village of Netherhampton. He died in 1949 and she died in 1972.