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**Extra Information**

Bibliography: seventy entries, and formerly contributed weekly articles of 1000 – 1500 words to the local press from 1985 to 1994 . Somerset County Council has conferred on him the title of Honorary Alderman (21 February 2018).

1950: studying in France and enjoying travel

1953: ended PhD funds

1953: Taught in Yorkshire for 4 years

1957: Taught in South Devon for 2 years: didn’t get on very well with the school

1959: Shebbear College: middle of Devon. Head of department at new school. The location of a Christian revival

1968-1973: Taught at Taunton school

1973: Retired

1985- 1993: County Council: Liberals took over the council. Chair of 10 committees.

Demob: demobilisation

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