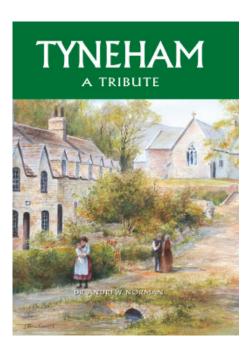
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TYNEHAM – A TRIBUTE

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In November 1943, as the Second World War raged in Europe, a tiny village near the Dorset coast was busy preparing for Christmas. Despite the conflict, the community had remained much as it always had been: the big house, church, school, post office and farms. And then a bombshell – the whole parish had to be evacuated within 28 short days to provide a training ground for the Normandy invasion. Despite promises to the contrary, the villagers were never allowed to return to live in their homes and today all that remains are a few deserted buildings and the precious memories of the last inhabitants.

Andrew Norman has gathered the recollections of one of these, Helen Taylor, who was a seam-stress at Tyneham House, to help present a vivid portrait of what had been a thriving community, which now lives in the hearts of those who sacrificed their homes for their country.



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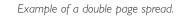
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Above left: Worbarrow Bay, 1908: hauling in the catch! Photo: Joan Brachi

Left: Working in the fields (prior to the Great War): standing, the Tizzards, including Frank and Alfred; seated, left to right, Bert Taylor, Fred Lucas, Frank Gould, Charlie Meech (with 'Daniel'), and Shepherd Lucas. Photo: Helen Taylor



Above left: The class of 1912 in their 'Sunday Best'. Photo: Julie Astin

Left: Summer 1898: coastguards taking villagers on trip around the bay. Photo: Crown copyright







