

OLD FARMING DAYS

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Robin Stanes

Robin Stanes is an acknowledged expert on the traditions of farming and farm life in the West Country. It is more than two decades since the publication of his classic book *Old Farm*, which current work the author has revised the original text of his earlier book and enhanced it with the inclusion of 150 historic photographs, many of which have been taken from Halsgrove's Community History Series archive. The text and photographs together create a truly fascinating study of a way of life on the land that has now almost completely disappeared. Horse power and traditions that are centuries old are here recalled and described in detail. All who have had any connection with farming, or who have an interest in our agricultural past, cannot fail to be absorbed by this evocative book. *Old Farming Days* is one of the few books to cover every aspect of the farming tradition from livestock and dairying through to harvest and the farmhouse itself.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

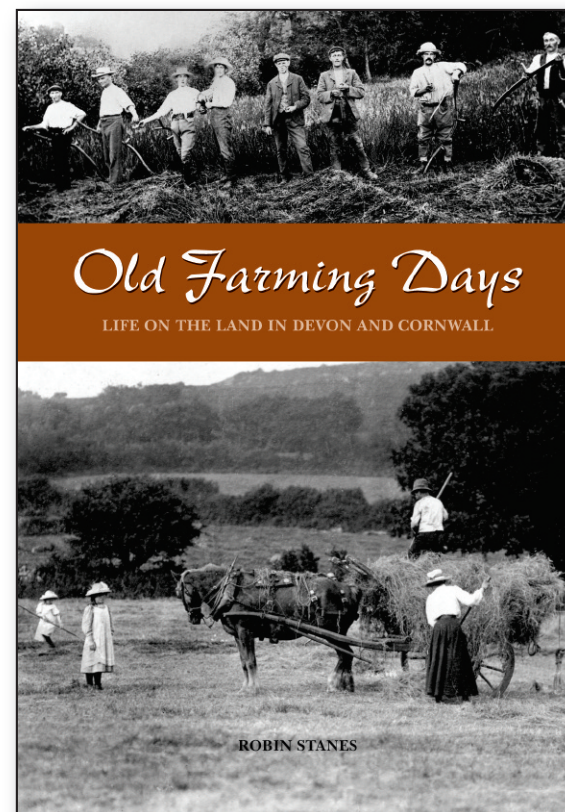
Robin Stanes, once a farmer himself, has devoted much of his life to the study of farming in the West Country, publishing many academic and learned papers on the subject. His work is held in high regard both by fellow historians and by those who themselves have been farmers. He now lives in Exeter.

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A hearth with firedogs and fittings and a high-backed settle.



Lifting mangolds.



A milkmaid, 1907. Milking clothes had to be spotless and the hair covered.



A group of Buckfastleigh farmhands in the 1930s, waistcoats and breeches still the common garb.



Right: A horse-drawn mower, c.1910.



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