

WHITFIELD

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Letters from the **Air Ministry Directorate of Works**

3rd July 1942

To Mr E. Willett of **Acol Farm**.

The Air Ministry had erected a series of poles with wire struts up on the land belonging to Acol Farm. They had to pay a token rent for this and the correspondence is dated from the 3rd Jul 1942 until 28th July 1943.

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Acol Farm

1915

This is a collection on the sale of Acol Farm. The letters are from T. H. Jarman from "Piermont", Acol, Birchington, and most of his / hers are sent to Chas. Petley of Staple.

There is a firm of Auctioneers, Valuers and Estate Agents in Deal "Honeyball & Finn F.S.I." of Queen Street, Deal.

In one of the letters from Mrs Jarman dated Oct. 26th 1915, she was complaining to Charles Petley & Co, that 'Frank' (her husband?) a dodgy horse that not only kicked badly, but also had groggy front legs. She suggested that £20 should be deducted from the price. The spelling in her letters is fascinating (eg. weese for wheeze – terrable – and using the word 'of' when 'have' should have been used as in "He might of given ...")

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Acol Hill Farm

1928

The tenant (owner?) sent in a list of stock etc for 1928 and included the valuation 1927. (Mr L. W. Few)

	1927	£	1928	£
Horses		65		127
Cattle		204		210
Poultry		56		58 7s 6d
Swine		154		72
Dead stock		281 13s		414 18s
Stock in hand		58		58 15s
Potatoes		106		90
Tenant Right		421 1s 1d		413 15s 11d
Com. (Ecclesiastical Commissioners?)		185		- - - -
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		£1,530 14s 1		£4,444 16s 5d

In reply to this letter, Harper & Broom of Chancery Lane London asked for the specific value of the "Calcott car" and the "Tenant Right at £413 15s 11d"

A note below the request states "Car £50 – 0 – 0".

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Acol Farm – Acol & Monkton

1939

Book of farm prices and rents from 9th November to April 12th 1939, shortly before the outbreak of WW2. The information on prices of livestock have been pasted into the front of the book.

There is a note on page for Nov. 1939 in which Acol Farm, Monkton is mentioned. There is a valuation assessment in which it states £130 + £184 10s, with additional charges made by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners of £17 and £15.

Pages 2 – 14 give details of crops and livestock that came up for sale during this period on the farm.

The front cover of the book has the name R. W. Wood, with CANTERBURY, imprinted on the red calf cover. The printing is in gold and the edge of the cover has tooling in a narrow rope-like edging.

The rest of the book covers other farms, presumably being supervised by the Ministry of Agriculture during the Second World War.