

BEFORE THE SECOND WORLD WAR:  
by Frank Rogers

There were two more dogs, they were Mr. W.E. West's [Farndon Red Dog](#) and Mrs. Fagan's [Ponto the Sagacious Dog](#). Both these dogs were not only good lookers, but inveterate hunters Farndon Red Dog earned an M.F.H/ certificate for his work bolting foxes for the Hunt, and once Mrs. Fagan arrived at the last moment at Crufts without Ponto, as he had decided at the last moment he must get one more hunt in and could not be found by the time she had to leave for the show.

Miss Ruth Walch of Nantwich, who had the Wychdale prefix, obtained her foundation stock by a judicious blending of dogs and bitches from Mr. and Mrs. P.V.W. Gell of Neachley, and Mr. W.E. West of [Farndon](#) fame. Miss Walch's kennel did a great deal to improve the Breed, in particular with her progeny by [Neachley Sovereign](#), out of Midge, the most famous being Wychdale Nucleus, who when mated to Mr. West's "Pepper" produced Wychdale Nigel, a dog who appears in so many pedigrees and whose descendants have become famous. Amongst others are his sons [Ch. Norford Squirrel Nutkin](#), Ch. Quartzhill Sweet Basil, and Herb Robert, and his daughter Quartzhill Slipper, the mother of the three famous sisters, Farndon Sabot and Sandal and Jericho Hill Vixen. Miss Walch was also a good judge of the Norwich Terrier for a number of years.

In 1935, Mrs. Panks, Miss Macfie and Mrs. Monckton joined the Norwich Terrier Club. Mrs. Panks bought her first prick ear bitch from Mrs. Normandy-Rodwell called Airman's Foxiana. She was bred in 1932 by Mr. Read and when Mrs. Panks bought her she was in whelp to "David Copperfield" and duly had seven puppies. Airman's Foxiana was a daughter of [Horsted Mick](#), and she and her family were the foundation of Mrs. Panks' kennel, whose prefix is Foxybrook.

Mrs. Monckton bought her first Norwich Terrier from Mr. & Mrs. P.V.W. Gell, a puppy called "Red Squirrel", which she nicknamed "[Vixen](#)" and then she bought "[Neachley Tan](#)", It is from Neachley Tan that she founded her famous [Jericho](#) Kennel, and all of her terriers trace back to her. She was by Joe Biffin, a son of [Ch. Biffin of Beaufin](#), out of Neachley Bracken, a daughter of [Horstead Mick](#). Tan was an inveterate ratter, and the quickest. The World War had started and Mrs. Monckton did win some 1<sup>st</sup> prizes though, with a puppy called Red Sand, a son of Red Squirrel and by Ch. Biffin of Beaufin at Crufts in 1938.

Mrs. Panks of [Foxybrook](#) was the owner of "[Rags](#)" by [Ch. Farndon Red Dog](#) out of Foximidge, both bred by Mr. West. Red Dog proved the old adage that "Handsome is as handsome does" by not only becoming a Champion but also gaining his M.F.H. certificate for bolting foxes. Rags was mated to Mr. West's Victrix and this breeding produced "[Pax of the Briars](#)", the sire amongst others of the famous brothers, [Int.Ch. Farndon Randolph](#) and [American Champion Farndon Romeo](#) both now in America. Pax of the Briars also went to America and seems to have been used extensively. Randolph

was exported to the USA after winning his Championship status which he gained when he was only 10 months old, so he left no stock in England, but his brother Farndon Romeo was not exported to America until much later, and has left his mark by leaving some very good children, the best known being the three good sisters: Ch. Jericho Hill Vixen, mother of Int. Ch. Jericho Punch and Dutch Ch. Jericho Piper; Farndon Sandal, the mother of Ch. Sandalbeck Lancer and grandmother of Ch. Whinlatter Cob; and of Farndon Sabot, the grandmother of **Ragus** Good Companion and **Goodfellow**.

Mrs. Panks and Mrs. Monckton preferred the prick-eared type while Miss M.S. Macfie preferred the **drop-ears**. She founded her kennel on Mrs. Mainwaring's "[Tiny Tim of Biffin](#)" and Mrs. Brooke's Kinmount Pip, and she also used Mrs. Payne-Gallwey's "Knipton Rusty", a son of Tiny Tim and out of Knipton Stumpy a daughter of [Ch. Farndon Red Dog](#) and granddaughter of [Horstead Mick](#). Tiny Tim was by [Biffin of Beaufin](#) and Pip was by Biffin's brother Kinmount Jack. Tiny Tim and Pip were the parents of such good terriers as Colonsay Flaming Onion and Birdseed. Another mating that Miss Macfie considers was her best was Snelston Rogue to Colonsay Chins Up, which produced the famous [Colonsay We Three](#). [Ch. Colonsay Dicky Flutter](#) and [Colonsay Dixy](#) were the result of the half brother and half sister mating of [Colonsay Dabster](#) and Wymondley Flirt, both being by Colonsay We Three.

**Miss Macfie not only bred but showed extensively and most successfully, and it is thanks to her that the drop ear type was kept going in such strength during World War II.**

In 1936 Mrs. I.B. Hardy became a Member of the Norwich terrier Club and took the prefix Quartzhill, which became world famous. She founded her strain from some very good bitches bred by Miss Walch and mated them to Mr. West's Pepper and [Farndon Red Dog](#). The bitch that seems to have had the most influence on the breed was Quartzhill Sniff when she was mated to Wychdale Nigel. Sniff was a daughter of Mrs. Fagan's Cherry Pecksniff. Among their descendants are [Quartzhill Cassia Bud](#), who became a Champion in 1948, and another son Quartzhill Sweet Basil whose name can be found in so many pedigrees of the prick-eared variety. Sweet Basil had a litter brother Quartzhill Herb Robert who sired [Allercombe Filbert](#), a grand little dog. Another famous descendant was their grandson, [American Champion Wychdale Napoleon](#) who became the sire of [Int. Ch. Quartzhill Hemlock](#).

Alas, like so many other breeds, the Norwich almost went into hibernation when the 1939-1945 World War came. Kennels were reduced in number, and many were given to people who were prepared to give them a kind home. The breed was kept going, however in a small way by few enthusiasts. The rests were scattered far and wide to homes where only one dog was kept, **but they proved was what really wonderful companions they are and what intelligence they possess, and many a person who had never met them before fell in love with them and now will never be without one of the breed as their companion and shadow.**