

Extract from Robert Williams' book

“The Story of Charlton Horethorne in Somerset”

“The Doctors’ Surgeries”

..... In November 1963, the Queen Camel Doctors enquired whether it would be possible to use the Village Hall in lieu of the Parish Room. This was agreed but surgery days were changed to Tuesdays and Fridays. The rental was agreed as £75 per year, until the Doctors dropped the Friday surgery in 1970 and the Village Hall Committee bemoaned the loss of £35 per year. They then asked the Doctors to pay £40 per year for the use of the Hall.

In 1972 the Doctors decided to close the surgeries in this village and the Village Hall Committee expressed regret at losing both the surgery and the revenue. Thereafter, no amount of pleading by the Committee or the Women’s Institute would sway the Doctors.”

