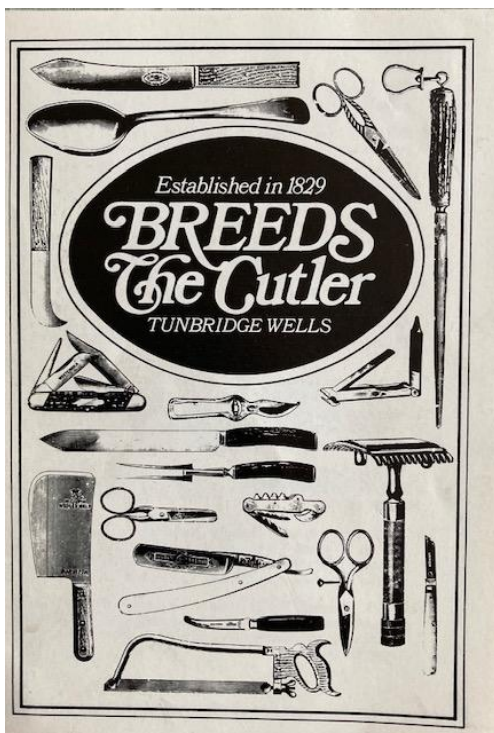


Albert Breeds (10 High Street 1829-1971)

For almost 150 years this shop was home to one of the oldest businesses in Tunbridge Wells, A. Breeds, Sheffield Cutler. It was set up in 1829 by master cutler Mr J. Steadman and taken over in the middle of the 19th century by Mr Albert Breeds. Between 1912 and 1948 the business belonged to John (Jimmy) Holman. His son, Roger Holman, was born above the shop in 1914. Roger took over Breeds from his father in 1948 and ran the shop in these premises until 1971. Known as 'the scissor shop', with over two hundred different kinds of scissors in stock, Breeds was one of the last remaining retail cutlers in the country. It had a workshop at the back and was well known for its old-fashioned service and being able to 'sharpen anything made to cut'.

Below: Jimmy Holman (1880-1948); Roger Holman (1914-1997); Advert; pen and ink drawing of Breed's shop front (1960s)



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