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Betty to retire — but post job stays in the family

WHEN Miss Betty Green, right, retires after 28 years as postmistress at Offton on New Year's Eve it will not be the end of her family's tie with the job.

For her niece Mrs. Brenda Durrant will be taking over.

Miss Green's family have been running the post office since 1914. Her grandmother was village postmistress until 1930 and then Miss Green's mother took over until 1948.

Miss Green helped her mother out for eight years delivering the mail and in her 36 years working in Offton and Willisham she says there have been many changes.

"Of course there were far fewer houses then but we were still working hard as there were more rounds to do. I don't think you notice all the changes as they come in — you just go along with them."

She said there are far more forms to be dealt with now. "There are so many things to fill in it can get a bit confusing at times."

During her 36-year stay at the post office Miss Green's brother Harry has helped out delivering the mail.

At a presentation at Offton and Willisham village hall on New Year's Eve the villagers will present Miss Green with a silver goblet and her brother will be given a tankard.



The Old Post Office in Castle Road, Betty's and Harry's home

Harry Green was Betty's brother and he helped her with the postal deliveries. Using his bike he went to the houses further afield.

Harry Green (centre) with friends Dennis and Percy Thorpe.

