ST JOHN'S VILLAGE BUILDING BY BUILDING

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INTRODUCTION

This is the second volume of two, of a history of the village of St John's in the Borough of Woking, Surrey.

This volume continues directly on from the first volume, covering the north and east side of Hermitage Road, Barrack Path, Robin Hood Road, Copse Road and St John's Lye.

HERMITAGE ROAD

NORTH & EAST SIDE



Figure 1. Hermitage Road North side from 1967 OS map

No. 1 - St John's Bakery

No. 1 Hermitage Road was built as one of a pair of semi-detached houses along with Albany House. It is likely that the name Albany House originally applied to both tenements.

George Wanstall was a baker from Kent. When the Woking Invalid Prison opened at Knaphill in 1859, George became the resident baker. In the mid-1870s, George set up his own business, called St John's Bakery, and started trading from the newly-built Albany House, by Kiln Bridge.

From 1882 until 1895, the two houses are recorded as being owned by Mrs Harriot Bean, widow of



Figure 2. St John's Bakery, c1910

George Bean, late of Normandy Park, Worplesdon.¹

George Wanstall died in 1890 and the bakery was taken over by Henry Tyler. In 1922, Henry Tyler retired and the bakery was taken over by his stepson, Thomas Veness – the son of his wife, Sarah, by her first husband.

It was demolished in the mid-1960s to allow for the building of Graphic House - the current parade of shops.

	Occupants of St John's Bakery
1877-1886	George Holton Wanstall, baker
1898	William Underwood jun.r
1891	vacant
1894-1922	Henry Tyler, baker & confectioner
1922-33	Thomas George Veness, baker & confectioner

¹ SHC, CC802/23/4, Surrey Electoral Registers 1832-1962

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1937-39	vacant?
1954	Ernest W Smith
1956	Michael A Bland
1963	G E Clements, turf accountant

No. 3 - Albany House

Albany House was built as one of a pair of semi-detached houses along with No. 1, St John's Bakery. It is likely however that the name Albany House originally applied to both tenements.



Figure 3. The Misses Mills dressmakers, c1925

Albany House was demolished in the mid-1960s to allow for the building of Graphic House - the current parade of shops.

	Occupants of Albany House
1881-88	John Player, grocer
1888-91	vacant
1895	Henry Mayer
1897-1907	James Ansell, furniture & carpets
1915	vacant
1916-21	Henry Gowler
1923-24	The Misses Mills, dressmakers
1928	Frank William Mills
1933-39	Jackson's Cold Meat Stores
1947-56	Albany Café (Arthur F Mepham)
1963	vacant

No. 5

In 1925, Frank Mills (see panel below) moved his garage, from next to Daphne House in Robin Hood Road, to Hermitage Road.



Figure 4. Mills Garage

Frank William Mills

Frank William Mills was born in Worcestershire in 1869. He trained as a motor mechanic and, in 1892, married Amelia Jennings in Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey. After 20 years of moving around the country, they and their seven surviving children arrived in Woking in late 1911. They lived in Daphne House at the junction of Barrack Path and Robin Hood Road.

Next to the house, Frank established St John's Garage and bus station. In 1912, Frank Mills started the first motorised bus service in Woking, running between St John's, Knaphill and Woking; aged just 15, Frank's daughter, Millie, became probably the first conductress in the country.

Frank Mills was very much an entrepreneur. In the 1920s, the garage moved into Hermitage Road, next to Albany House. The family moved into Albany House and, in 1923, the ground floor opened as 'The Misses Mills', dressmakers. The bus depot moved to the top of Hermitage Road (where Wickes now is).



Figure 5. Millie Mills aged 15, 1913

Frank was one-time proprietor of the confectionery and tobacconist shop, across the road at No. 4 Hermitage Road and he also had a boat house near kiln bridge from which he would rent out half a dozen rowing boats.²

Frank Mills was, in 1920, also proprietor of St John's Poultry Farm, located on the left of Hermitage Road, towards the Crematorium.

Frank William Mills died on 4th December 1939 and was buried in St John's churchyard.

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² SHC, 10221/1, Reminiscences of St Johns, Woking, 1912-1998, by Doris Green (née Mills)

In the 1930s, the garage was taken over by Albert Harry James Cook. During the Second World War, Albert Cook moved his business into Goldsworth Road.

After the war, the premises became home to the Maybury Spray Painting and Cellulosing Company. The business closed in 1964/5 and the building was demolished for the development of Graphic House (below).

Occupants of No. 5		
1925-33 Mills Garage (Frank William Mills)		
1936-42 Cook's Garage		
1947-64	Maybury Spray Painting & Cellulosing Co.	

Graphic House

Graphic House was a parade of seven retail units, built in about 1965/6; in the 1968 *Regency Directory of Woking*, they are listed as 'new shops' and numbered 1-7 in the opposite direction to the current numbering i.e. No. 1 furthest from Kiln Bridge and No. 7 nearest to it).



Figure 6. Wooden Spoon restaurant, 1966

6 & 7 Graphic House were, from the start, a double unit (now 1 Hermitage Road). The first occupant was the Wooden Spoon restaurant.

Occupants of 5-7 Graphic House (now No.s 1 & 3 Hermitage Road)			
1967	wacant Wooden Spoon, restaurant		
1968-69		wooden Spoon, restaurant	
1972	Craven & Rylance		
1973	K A Rylance, land	National Graphical Association	
1710	surveyors	(Wey Valley Branch)	

1974		Garage Property Management
1975-83		
1984-87		Keelan-Westall, estate agents
1990		Cornerstone, estate agents
1992-2015	Not Just Kitchen Id	leas, kitchens & bathrooms
2018	NJK Interiors	
2021-	Fired Frog	Bright Dental Surgery



Figure 7. Fired Frog



Figure 8. Bright Dental Surgery



Figure 9. Not Just Kitchens 2012



Figure 10. Lotus take-away



Figure 11. Ring-a-Roses & Farmhouse Pizza



Figure 12. Graphic House 1986 Decoretta (behind Van), Children's Thrift Shop (right)

Occupants of 3 & 4 Graphic House (now No.s 5 & 7 Hermitage Road)		
1967-69	vacant	E Tomlin, confectioner & tobacconist
1970-81	Decoretta, wallpaper & paints	
1983	Moto-Bitz	The Children's Thrift Shop
1990		
2008	Ring-a-Roses, florist	Lotus
2012-		Farmhouse Pizza



Figure 13. Coinwash, 1966



Figure 14. 1-2 Graphic House, 2022



Figure 15. Italian Inspiration advertisement

Occupants of 1 & 2 Graphic House (now No.s 9 & 11 Hermitage Road)		
1966		
1967		P C Ranger
1976	Coinwash & Dryclean	Madoca Furniture
1977-81		P Emberson, prints & framing
1982-83		Suntana
1984-86		
1987-2007		Italian Inspiration, hair & beauty
2008-	Laundrette	salon



Figure 16. Graphic House, 2022

No.s 7 & 9 - Welman's Villas

No.s 7 & 9 Hermitage Road were built in about 1870. They do not appear on the 1870 OS plan but are recorded in the 1871 census. Originally they were named Burgoyne Villa and Burgoyne Cottage³.

From 1882 until 1891, the two houses are recorded as being owned by Mrs Harriot Bean, widow of George Bean, late of Normandy Park, Worplesdon.⁴ Harriot married Joseph Welman in about 1893 and, after her death in 1896, they became known as Welman's Villas.

Welman's Villas were demolished in the 1960s to make way for the building of Graphic House and were replaced in the mid-1970s by Kilnbridge House, a block of six flats.

Occupants of Welman's Villas		
	1 Welman's Villas / No. 9	2 Welman's Villas / No. 7
1871		Ebenezer Smith
1872-80	William Stacey	
1881		
1882	G R Waters	Frederick Holman
1885	Mrs Mackay	
1888	vacant	vacant
1891	William Smithers	William Renshaw
1895	Thomas C Ludg??	Hongy Doyly
1896-97	? Dawson	Henry Dayly
1899	Robert Parker	Thomas Parker
1904-08	Coorgo T.W.Lov	John Church
1905-13	George T W Lay	Mrs Jennie Thomas
1915-20	Arthur Daborn	wits definite thomas

³ TNA, Class: RG10; Piece: 807; Folio: 97, 1871 England Census

⁴ SHC, CC802/23/4, Surrey Electoral Registers 1832-1962

1925-38		Mrs Maud A Lay
1945-50		
1953-56	Katherine N Woods	Urban Jones
1957	Denis Laney	



Figure 17. Kilnbridge House

No. 11 - Clovelly

Clovelly is a detached house, built in about 1933. From new, until 1981, it was occupied by Douglas Charles Green.



Figure 18. Clovelly, 2023

No. 13 - The Jungle

The Jungle is a detached house, built in about 1935.

Occupants of The Jungle		
1936-46	Augustus Raymond Woods	
1951-56 PC John W Green		
1963 vacant		
1967-81	Kenneth Halls	



Figure 19. The Jungle, 2023

No. 15 – Abbotsleigh

Abbotsleigh was a detached house, built in about 1888. Arthur Johnson, who ran the post office and grocery shop by St John's Lye (see Vol 1) bought a plot of land in Hermitage Road, in about 1885. On this, by 1888 he had built Abbotsleigh. Arthur lived in the house until 1890, after which he rented it out. The first tenant, recorded in the 1891 census, was Alice Haygarth, widow.

Abbotsleigh was demolished (in about 1980?) and replaced by the current building.

	Occupants of Abbotsleigh		
1888-90	Arthur Johnson, late grocer & sub-postmaster		
1891-92	Alice Haygarth, widow		
1893-95 Thomas Stent, agricultural labourer			
1896-97 William Mortimer, insurance clerk			
1900 J Holloway			
1902-07 Henry Moulding, butcher's agent			
1908	1908 Philip Hills		
1909-13	-13 Frederick Thomas Boakes, coachman		
1913-19	George Selsby, photographer		

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1919-21	William Swallow, school teacher
1922-27	Henry Kiely
1927-29	William Stokes
1931-33	Arthur Beminster
1935-36	William Thomas Lody
1939-46	John R Drew
1947-68	Albert M Richards
1975	Richards
1977-78	Beatrice M Evans / William A Hockley

No. 17 - St John's Cottage

St John's Cottage was built in about 1860. It was owned from 1870 by a Scotsman, Divie Bethune, who worked as a messenger at Woking Prison from 1861 (or earlier) until 1873. Divie returned to the Isle of Skye but continued to own the cottage and rent it out until 1887.

The first known occupant was William Archibald Wall, an American landscape artist who rented the cottage from 1870 until 1874.

By 1888, the house was owned by Arthur Johnson, late grocer and sub-postmaster.

Occupants of St John's Cottage 1870-74 William Archibald Wall, landscape artist 1881 unoccupied 1887 Miss Caroline Freemantle 1888 William Dunkley 1888 Henry Astill 1889-1900 Charles Renshaw, dairyman 1902-08 Edwin Daborn, plate layer 1909-13 Philip Hills, house painter 1913-15 George William Stanley, builder's labourer 1916-17 T Pannel 1918 Ernest William Piesse, soldier 1919-52 Ernest John Windsor, gardener 1956 Ethel Bacon 1963 J P Weston 1967-78 George J Beake			
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1918 Ernest William Piesse, soldier 1919-52 Ernest John Windsor, gardener 1956 Ethel Bacon 1963 J P Weston	1913-15	George William Stanley, builder's labourer	
1919-52 Ernest John Windsor, gardener 1956 Ethel Bacon 1963 J P Weston	1916-17	T Pannel	
1956 Ethel Bacon 1963 J P Weston	1918	Ernest William Piesse, soldier	
1963 J P Weston	1919-52	Ernest John Windsor, gardener	
	1956	Ethel Bacon	
1967-78 George J Beake	1963	J P Weston	
	1967-78	George J Beake	



Figure 20. St John's Cottage, 2023

St John's Council School

St John's School was originally near the Church in St John's Hill Road (see Vol 1). In 1920, the expanding population of St John's meant that the school was too small to meet the requirements. A new school was opened for juniors, between Barrack Path and Hermitage Road, with the main entrance facing onto Hermitage Road. Most of the children probably accessed the school from Barrack Path however (see page 24).

The infants continued to use the original school until 1968.



Figure 21. School, now Cranstock Day Centre, 2021

No.s 19 & 21 - Walkers Cottages

Walker's Cottages are a pair of semi-detached cottages, built in the late 1870s. From 1882 until 1902⁵, they were owned by Mrs Esther Walker, widow of John Walker, late barge-owner, who had died in 1877.

Occupants of Walker's Cottages		
2 Walkers Cottages / No. 19		1 Walkers Cottages / No. 21
1880		Robert George Hall, prison warder
1881-85	George Pafford, prison warder	
1887		
1888	George Prior, police constable	Henry Gosden
1890-93	George Prior, police constable	Thomas Bearman, grocer's ass.t
1895		Edward J Smithers
1897		John Smith
1899	Sydney Loader, policeman	William J Thorp
1900		
1901		Arthur James Renshaw, dairyman
1902		
1904-5		William Bishop
1908-12	Joseph James Lee, gardener	Henry Davey
1915-59		Albert James Hockley, general labourer
1963	Eric J Hockley	
1967	D C Hill	
1975	Beatrice M Evans / William A Hockley	Philip C Moody
1977-78	William A Hockley	Kevin D Dench-Layton



Figure 22. Walker's Cottages, 2023

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⁵ SHC, CC802/23/4, Surrey Electoral Registers 1832-1962

No.s 23 & 25 - Kingfield Cottages

Numbers 23 and 25 Hermitage Road are a pair of semi-detached cottages, built in about 1880. From 1882 until 19026, they were owned by Henry Wood, a watch and clock maker of Chobham. Originally, the two cottages were known as Kingfield Cottages but the term Wood's Terrace, which initially applied to No.s 27, 29 & 31, eventually became applied to them as well.

Occupants of Kingfield Cottages		
	1 Kingfield Cottages / No. 23	2 Kingfield Cottages / No. 25
1881-82	Joseph William Bowden,	George Barnes, retired prison warder
1883-86	prison warder	
1887-88	Mrs Barnett	Isaac Chowney, nursery labourer
1891-96	D1: -1	Stephen Collier, nursery labourer
1897	Elizabeth Bolton	Incomb I an general labourer
1899-1915		Joseph Lee, general labourer
1915-22	John Michael Weston, house painter	Mrs Jane Lee, widow
1922-53		Arthur Gregory Howard, nursery lab.r
1953-56		Arthur John Howard gardener
1958-63	Norman James Hadley	Arthur John Howard, gardener
1967-69		I F Isaacs
1974-78		Roy Bowers



Figure 23. Kingfield Cottages, 2023

⁶ SHC, CC802/23/4, Surrey Electoral Registers 1832-1962

No.s 27-31 - Wood's Terrace

Woods Terrace consists of a pair of semi-detached cottages and a third, earlier, detached cottage, formerly known as Oak Cottage. They were owned (from about 1880) by, and named after, Henry Wood, a watch and clock maker of Chobham. Oak Cottage is shown on the 1870 OS map so is earlier than that. The pair of cottages are listed in the 1881 census so would have been built between 1870 and 1880. Later references show Wood's Terrace as also including Kingfield Cottages.

The pair of Cottages (1 & 2 Woods Terrace) have both been extended to the front and side.

Occupants of 1 & 2 Wood's Terrace		
1881-85	- David Orr	Frederick Pamphilon
1886		
1887		William Saulters
1888-95	Joseph Turner	
1897-1909	Henry Mayes	Stephen Spooner
1911-18	William James Spooner	
1933-35	william James Spooner	
1936-70	Mrs Phyllis Phoebe	James William Arthur
1930-70	Bullman	Goddings
1974-75	Paul G Taylor	Goddings
1977-78	Dr Paul Skeffington	



Figure 24. 1-2 Wood's Terrace, 2023

The first known occupant of Oak Cottage was William Penny, a clerk at the nearby Woking Invalid Prison.

From before 1900 until about 1935, Oak Cottage was known as No. 3 Wood's Terrace. In 1936-39, it was renamed as Thorpe Lodge; in 1948-54, it was Romford.

Occupants of 3 Wood's Terrace (Oak Cottage)		
1868-71	William Byers Penny, clerk at prison	
1881-86	William Hampton, carpenter	
1887-88	Edward Farley, plumber	
1889-91	George Biddle, poultry farm manager	
1895	John Moir	
1899-1901	Charles Redway, butcher	
1904-13	Henry Lucas, carpenter & joiner	
1915-16	J Playfoot	
1916-17	George Roshier	
1918-19	Julianna Wilson	
1920-28	Arthur Cheeseman, underman L.S.W.R.	
1933	Miss M Gowers	
1936-39	Mrs H Cookson	
1947-50	Mrs G Play foot Hinde	
1956-67	William H Williams	
1974	Clive R Fisher	
1977	Philip J Dalby	



Figure 25. Oak Cottage, 2023

The Bungalow

The Bungalow was built in about 1965. In 1967, it was listed in local directories as being vacant.

The house was demolished for Amstel Way to be built (1989) to connect Hermitage Road with Lockfield Drive. Overlaying the modern map onto the 1970s map (Figure 26) shows that The Bungalow was right where the roundabout now is.



Figure 26. 2020 map overlaid on 1970s map

Occupants of The Bungalow		
1974-75 Charles W Bennett		
1877-78	Grant R Brown	

BARRACK PATH

A prison, primarily for invalided male convicts, was opened on the common, two miles from Woking Station, in April 1859. Ten years later, in April 1869, the first purpose-built female convict prison in Britain, adjacent to the male invalid prison, was opened.

The male prison was closed in March 1889, as the decline in the convict population made it unnecessary to maintain a separate prison for invalids. The female prison closed in November 1895; the female prisoners were transferred to the new female prison at Aylesbury and the buildings were handed over to the War Office.



Figure 27. Barrack Path c1920 Looking from Knaphill towards St John's

In 1892, the buildings of the male prison were converted into barracks capable of accommodating two infantry battalions, and initially became the home of the 2nd Battalion, the Royal West Surrey Regiment. The barracks were named after the 1854 Battle of Inkerman, a battle during the Crimean War.

Prison Path, ran from the prison to the village of St John's. It was renamed to Barrack Path probably in about 1900.

In the 1980s, it was planned to effect a bypass of St John's by constructing Amstel Way to connect Hermitage Road with Lockfield Drive. This would cross Barrack Path, dividing it in two. Originally, a subway for pedestrians and cyclists was planned but, in 1988, this was changed to a surface crossing. Amstel Way was built in 1989.

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⁷ It is listed as Barrack Path in the 1900 street directory, although it still appears as Prison Path on the 1912 Ordnance Survey plan.

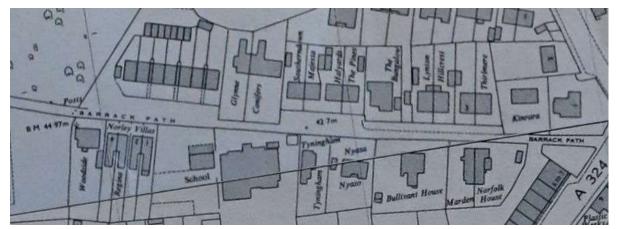


Figure 28. Barrack Path from 1967 OS map

WEST SIDE

In the 1860s and 1870s, the increasing population, exacerbated by the building of the Surrey County Asylum and Woking Prison, meant that there was an acute shortage of housing in the area.

Figure 29. Surrey Advertiser 18 September 1875

St. John's, Goldsworth, Woking.—To Builders and Small Capitalists. 16 plots of Freeshold Building Land.

If ESSRS. HEWETT and LEE are favoured with instructions from the Proprietor to Sell by Auction at the "Albion Hotel," Woking Station, on MONDAY, Sept. 27th, 1875, at 4 for 5 o'clock, 16 plots of BUILD-ING LAND, situate near to the Hermitage Bridge, and fronting the Hermitage Boad and the causeway leading to the Knaphill Prison. The above Land is situate in a rapidly increasing neighbourhood, and is particularly adapted to Building Purposes, Small Villa Residences being in very great demand in this locality. A plan of the property will be produced at the time of sale.

May be viewed by application to Mr. Wanstall, Baker, S. John's, Goldworth, Woking, and further particulars, with conditions of sale, obtained of R. E. Geach, Esq., Selicitor, Guildford, or of Mesars Hewett and Lee, Auctiscoers, and Estate Agents, Puttenham and Worplesdon, Oulidford.

Norfolk House

Norfolk House was built in about 1878. It was owned by Robert Stevens, who occupied the whole of it for a couple of years before renting half of it out. In a part of the building, Robert ran a grocery store.⁸

Robert lived in Norfolk House until his death in 1900. His widow, Fanny, then lived in the house until just before her death in 1933. In 1929, Fanny then aged 83, married Cyril Mills sixty years her junior. Cyril resided at the house until his death in 1952.

The northern (right, seen from the road) half of Norfolk House was occupied, from 1898, by Job Savage and then from 1925 to 1956 by his son, Frederick.

The northern half was named Barrack Cottage⁹ and renamed Marden in the late 1960s, as seen on the OS map in Figure 28. Norfolk House and Marden were demolished in the mid-1970s and the buildings of Norfolk Gardens erected.

⁸ SHC, 6198/13/2, Woking Rating Valuation List 1885; Althorp's 1888 Woking directory

⁹ Surrey Advertiser 17 January 1931

Occupants of Norfolk House and Barrack Cottage / Marden		
1879-80	Robert Stevens, grocer & bootmaker	
1881-82		Thomas A Ward, prison officer
1891		Mary Jackman
1898		
1900		Job Savage, bricklayers' foreman
1900-25	Mrs Fanny Ellen Stevens,	
1928-31	living on means (property)	
1931-52	Cyril Mills, musician	Frederick Savage, carpenter
1953-56		
1959-69	Edward E Bottom	Denis Laney
1974-75	Malcolm L Avison	Frederick Briggs



Figure 30. Norfolk Gardens, 2022

Bullivant

Bullivant was built in about 1880. From 1881 until 1901. the house was occupied by a number of fairly short-term tenants. The first of these was Edmund Barrymore, who died in 1883 aged just 26.

In around 1904/5, the house was converted into two tenements.

Bullivant was demolished in the early 1970s and the buildings of the current Bullivant House (a block of six flats) erected.

Occupants of Bullivant		
1881-83	881-83 Edmund Allison Barrymore, classics master	
1884-85	Henry William Sparke, carriage builder	
1888-97	1888-97 Miss Eliza Crawley, registry office for servants	
1898	Mrs Alice Calloway, widow	
1901	Marion Frances, matron of convalescent home	
1904	vacant	

1904-05	Revd A Harold Storrs, curate	
1908-10		C
1911	James Jackman, incapacitated	George Harold Randall, carpenter
1912-13		carpenter
1914-24	Henry Daborn, nursery	
1925-26	labourer	Charles Shoesmith Street
1926-27	Mrs Elizabeth Hannah Howard	
1928-30	Daborn, widow	Walter Bourne
1931	Thomas George Kelly,	
1932	bricklayers' foreman	James Arthur Elliott
1933-73	Thomas George Kelly	



Figure 31. Bullivant House, 2022

Nyaso

In 1931, a house called the Bungalow was occupied by Walter James Bulman; it had recently been built. Walter was the grandson of James Walter Bulman who built Tyningham (see below).

The Bungalow was later renamed Nyaso, in about 1950, when another house called The Bungalow was built on the opposite side of the path – see page 29).

Nyaso was demolished in about 1980 and later replaced by the two new houses called Nyasa and The Crows Nest.



Figure 32. Nyasa and the Crows Nest, 2022

	Occupants of The Bungalow / Nyasa
1931-39	Walter James Bulman, garage proprietor
1947-78	Robert W Pegg

Tyningham

A detached house was built in about 1907 – it is listed in the 1908 street directory as 'new building'. It was probably built by Walter James Bulman, who named it 'Tyningham', after his wife's birthplace in Scotland. Walter is listed as owning the house in 1911¹⁰.

Walter's son, Walter William Bulman moved in, in about 1915 and stayed in the house for about ten years. After a couple of other short-term tenants, in 1932 it became the home of Edward Pudney and his wife. Edward died in 1944; his wife, Elizabeth, continued to live in Tyningham until her death in 1972.

Occupants of Tyningham		
1907	new building	
1910	George William Strudwick, bricklayer	
1911-12	Richard Drewitt Smith, launderer	
1913	Frederick Faulkner, nursery labourer	
1915-25	Walter William Bulman, family garage business	
1927-28	Walter Horace Shepherd	
1929	Charles Shoesmith Street	
1930	Miss Charlotte Stuart Reid	
1931	vacant	
1932-44	Edward Pudney, mechanic	

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¹⁰ SHC, 6198/9/76, General district rate book, parish of Woking (Oct 1911)

1944-72	Mrs Elizabeth Mary Pudney
1974-78	Edna M McDonald



Figure 33. Tyningham, 2022

School

St John's School was originally near the Church in St John's Hill Road (see Vol 1). In 1915, the expanding population of St John's meant that the school was too small to meet the requirements. A new school was opened for juniors, between Barrack Path and Hermitage Road, with the main entrance facing onto Hermitage Road (see page 13). Most of the children probably accessed the school from Barrack Path however.



Figure 34. School building, 2022

Headmasters		
1915-17	George Bellas Savage	
1921-39	Harry Orenzo Matthew Herbert	
1947	William Ernest Lunn	
1956	Norman Sheilds	
1963-68	J Atkinson	

Norley Villas

No.s 1 and 2 Norley Villas were built in about 1910, by Walter Charles Slocock, a pair of semi-detached houses; the first record of occupation of No.s 3 and 4 is in 1914, so they were likely built a couple of years later. Sometimes (presumably mistakenly) they are recorded as **M**orley Villas or **M**orley Cottages. Slocock also owned Norley Cottages near Goldsworth Bridge - it is easy to confuse these in the records.

Occupants of 1 & 2 Norley Villas		
1910-11		John Turner, waiter in military canteen
1911-12		Alfred E Slocombe, printer's
1913-15	Coorgo Edgar May gardanar	manager
1916-20	George Edgar May, gardener	
1925	Ellen May, widow	Non Aline Males and its account
1928	Marjorie E May	Mrs Alice Mahoney, widow, general servant at Senior Officers' School
1933-38	Leonard John Bennett, way ganger, Southern Railway	servant at semor emeers seneor
1939		Harry Ernest Hampton, general labourer
1947-51	Arthur Haskell, general labourer	Wilfred N Baigent
1954-67		Peter D Publicover
1974-76		Dorolz Bitto
1977-78	Ann Common	Derek Pitts
1979	Ann Conway	
1981-83	V D Weston	

Occupants of 3 & 4 Norley Villas			
1914-15	Frederick Faulkner, nursery labourer	George A Jackson, lamplighter, gas	
1915-17	John Norton	company	
1918	Sgt George William Stimpson,		
1919	soldier, Royal Artillery	Mrs Grace Froud Molyneux, widow	
1920-22	Mrs Mary Ann 'Molly'	wis Grace Froud Molyfleux, widow	
1922-33	Stimpson, widow	John E Cable, builder's labourer	
1935-37	Mrs Annie Bowers, widow	(married Grace Molyneux in 1922)	

1939-51		Mrs Alice Mahoney, widow
1954	Florence H Potter	Mis Alice Manoney, widow
1855-58		
1959-68	Dennis A Wells	Frederick Charles George Mahoney
1969-72		
1974-78		Neil Goymer





Figure 35. 1 & 2 Norley Villas, 2022

Figure 36. 3 & 4 Norley Villas, 2022

Woodside

Woodside is a detached house which was built in about 1887¹¹, by Thomas Brooking Langman. It was originally called Norley Cottage (Langman also owned Norley Cottages near Goldsworth Bridge).

The first recorded occupant was Mrs Sarah Ellen Overmass, widow, who lived there from 1888 to 1895.

Thomas Langman died in 1903; probate on his estate was granted in June 1904. The house was purchased in about 1907, by Walter Slocock, who changed the name to Woodside.

Occupants of Woodside		
1888-95	Mrs Sarah Ellen Overmass, widow	
1897	vacant	
1899-1904	Henry Davey, gardener	
1905	vacant	
1907-09	James Morgan	
1911-12	Walter Lynn, grocer's assistant	
1913-17	Sydney Cooper, launderer	
1918-44	William John Norton, gardener	
1947-63	Francis Attwooll Pearce, shipping clerk	
1968-81	Dennis A Wells	

¹¹ It is not listed in the 1885 Woking rating evaluation, but is in the 1888 list Page 26



Figure 37. Woodside

EAST SIDE

Brackendale

Brackendale is a detached house, built in the late 1960s, on land previously belonging to Daphne Cottage (see page 37). It was originally called Kinrara.



Figure 38. Brackendale, 2022

Ivydene & Thirlmere

Ivydene and Thirlmere are one of two pairs of semi-detached houses, built in about 1955 by Catalpa Development Co. Ltd.

The other pair are Hillcrest and Lynton (see below)

Ivydene has since been extended and renamed as Avondale.







Figure 40. Thirlmere & Avondale, 2022

Hillcrest & Lynton

Hillcrest and Lynton are one of two pairs of semi-detached houses, built in about 1955 by Catalpa Development Co. Ltd.

Hillcrest has since been renamed as Caswell.

Occupants of Hillcrest and Lynton		
1963-69 C F White J C Guersouille		
1974		Michael Brook
1978	Peter Bayliss	Dennis Aylett
1981		



Figure 41. Lynton & Caswell, 2022

The Bungalow

The Bungalow was built in about 1955.

Occupants of The Bungalow		
1955-60	Joshua W Powney	
1961-67	Robert J Woosley	
1974-78	Colin Matthews	



Figure 42. The Bungalow, 2022

The Pines

The Pines was built probably in the late 1860s. Originally called Pine Cottage, it is shown on the 1870 OS plan. The first known occupant was William Weller, a clerk (1st class) at the female convict prison which had opened in April 1869.

The Pines was demolished in the late-1960s and four new houses built in the grounds: Steteca, Majestra, Halyards and a new house called The Pines.

Occupants of The Pines	
Occupants of the times	
1870-86	William Weller, clerk at female prison
1888-97	James George Grace, agent for discharged convicts
1899-1901	Percy Sherwin, poultry farmer
1904-09	Mrs Sarah Julia Attfield, widow
1913-19	Philip Hills, painter & decorator
1919-25	Mrs Isabella J Hills, widow
1928-52	John Charles Webster, iron moulder (retired)
1959-63	Victor A Lacey
1967	P Cannon



Figure 43. Site of The Pines, 2022

Halyards

Halyards is one of a pair of semi-detached houses, built in the late 1960s. The other of the pair is called The Pines (see above).

Majestra & Steteca

Majestra & Steteca are a pair of semi-detached houses, built in the late 1960s, in the grounds of The Pines.

Salter's Cottages

In the mid-1860s, the increasing population, exacerbated by the building of the Surrey County Asylum and Woking Prison, meant that there was an acute shortage of housing in the area. On 21st July 1865, Thomas Salter (proprietor of the Prince of Wales), with Henry Thomas Cowdery, purchased land alongside Prison Path, from the London Necropolis and National Mausoleum Company. 12

¹² SHC, 3982/1, Deed of Partition: Mrs Sarah White and Mrs E A Wratton, 7 Sept 1893

Thomas Salter began building six houses (three semi-detached pairs of 'villa residences') along the northern side of Prison Path. Initially, known as Salter's Cottages, these were later named: The Conifers, [The] Glynne, Stanley Villa, Harold Villa, Ikaya, and Ivydene.

The first recorded occupant, in the 1871 census, was Mrs Harriet Bickley, widow, work mistress at female convict prison, who was living in No. 3, Stanley Villa. At the time of the 1881 census, two of the houses were vacant; the other four were all occupied by employees at the prisons.

After Thomas Salter's death, in 1875, the houses were put up for auction. They were described as: '... on the first floor, three good bedrooms fitted with stoves, a linen closet &c., and on the ground floor, entrance hall, large sitting room, kitchen, scullery and out offices'. All six houses were let for a gross annual rental of £90 (£15 for each). Presumably, they did not sell as the Woking rating assessment of 1892 lists the owner still as 'Thomas Salter's executors'.



Figure 44. Pen & ink drawing of Salter's Cottages, 1970s¹³

The Conifers

No. 1 Salter's Cottages, a semi-detached house, was built in the late 1860s;

it was named The Conifers. The first known occupant was a Mr Smith, in 1876.

After a number of short-term tenants, the building was acquired in 1903 (along with No.2) for a recreational home for soldiers.

¹³ SHC, 6812/6-7, Woking and environs: scrapbooks compiled by Anthony Bathurst of Guildford

Woking Soldiers' Home

In 1901, a soldiers' home was founded as 'a place of rest and recreation for the men quartered at Inkerman Barracks'. In 1900, a piece of land had been acquired for £102. It was proposed to erect an iron building at a cost of about £300. As the institution was a charitable endeavour, the money was raised mainly from subscriptions and by the holding of concerts and fetes, such as the one in the garden of Hoe Place on 30th September 1903.¹⁴

The Home was overseen by a Management Committee including: Lady Anstruther, Miss Churchward, Miss Churchill, Miss Bowles, The Revd F J Oliphant, and Col. R Phayre.

By 1903, it had become clear that the building was inadequate; two of Salter's Cottages – No.s 1 & 2 – were acquired and work started on alterations to the buildings. The ground floor provided the soldiers with a recreation room, reading room and library, and a temperance bar.

Miss Annie Oriana Ruthven Pond was appointed as Superintendent; with her sister, Ida, she ran the Home until their retirement in 1915, when Mr & Mrs Trigg took over.



Figure 45. Advertisement, 1906

There is no mention of the Home after 1917; it is likely that it was made redundant by the provision of a recreation hut, at the barracks, by the Y.M.C.A.

From 1925 until 1933, The Conifers was occupied by George Graves and his wife, Rebecca. George was in partnership with William Yeo as landscape gardeners and The Conifers was used as the office for the business.

It then passed to Gerald Oliver Graves.

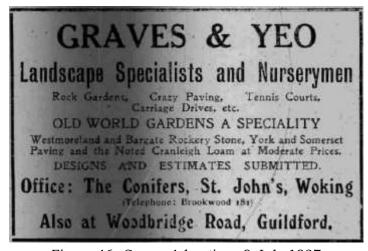


Figure 46. Surrey Advertiser, 9 July 1927

No.s 1 and 2 Salter's Cottages are the only two still standing, the others having been demolished in around 1970.

Occupants of The Conifers	
1876	Mr Smith
1881	Thomas Haydon, prison warder
1882	? Young

¹⁴ West Surrey Times 3 October 1903

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1882-91	George White, photographer
1893-97	William Harris
1899-1900	George Brown
1900-01	William John Brown, gardener
1902	Harry Edwards, railway labourer
1903-15	Woking Soldiers' Home (Miss Annie
1300 10	Oriana Ruthven Pond)
1915-20	Woking Soldiers' Home (Mr & Mrs Trigg)
1924-30	George Graves, landscape gardener
1930-39	Gerald Oliver Graves, tailor
1946-47	Iris O Bruton
1948	Edward V B Battrick, company director
1953-55	Thomas Willis
1959	Marianne Taylor
1967-72	A J Quinlan
1973-76	P M Scobie-Trumpers
1976	P D Pezaro
1977-78	Michael V Mount
1981	J Mount

Glynne

Glynne, No. 2 Salter's Cottages, a semi-detached house with The Conifers, was built in the late 1860s. The first recorded occupant, in 1876, was a Mr Moore.

In 1903, 2 Salter's Cottages became part of the Woking Soldiers' Home (see page 31).

Occupants of Glynne			
1876	Mr Moore		
1882-83	William Clarke, prison warder		
1885	George Prior, po	George Prior, police constable	
1887-97	Joseph Wallace, prison officer		
1899-1900	Edward Carter		
1901	Jephthah Bearman, retired postman		
1902	Walter Holden		
1903-15	Woking Soldiers' Home (Miss Annie Oriana Ruthven Pond)		
1915-20	Woking Soldiers' Home (Mr & Mrs Trigg)		
1925-29		Frank Green	
1935		Henry E Henshaw	
1937	P McGavin		
1939-40		Mrs Daigy V Torrent	
1941	Robert C R Cook	Mrs Daisy K Tarrant	

1956-63	Henry Crouch
1967-78	Arthur R Laney



Figure 47. Glynne, 2022

Stanley Villa & Harold Villa

Stanley Villa and Harold Villa were one semi-detached pair of Salter's Cottages, built in the late 1860s.

Stanley Villa and Harold Villa (along with Ikaya and Ivydene) – collectively 3-6 Salter's Cottages – were demolished in the late 1960s. The current terrace of houses (Shaldon House, Tsavo, The Chinnocks, Kersbrook, Aquarius and Arlington) were built in their place.

Occupants of Stanley Villa & Harold Villa		
1871-75		
1876-85		William Weller, clerk at female prison
1888	Mrs Harriet Bickley, work mistress at female convict	Wallace Woolnough, solicitor's clerk
1891	prison	Cecil Edwin Percy Bearman, tailor's cutter
1893-95		Thomas White Bearman, grocer's assistant
1897	George Rendel	Joseph Wallace, prison officer
1898-99		- Joseph Wanace, prison officer
1899-1901	Edward Bailey, nursery labourer	Mrs Julia Wallace widow
1902-04	William Louis Edward Rousseau	Mrs Julia Wallace, widow

1905	Mrs Sarah A Gale	
1906-08	Wis Saran A Gale	John Deel comenter
1908		John Peel, carpenter
1909-13	Henry Moulding, butcher	Arthur Ernest Rainbow, lunatic attendant
1914		George Harold Randall, carpenter
1915		
1916-17	Margaret Blellock, widow	Mrs Ellen Florence Jackman
1918-33	William Henry Jenks, baker	Mrs Ellen Florence Jackman
1935-59	Harry James Jackman,	
1963-67	bricklayer	Percy James Bigwood



Figure 48. Shaldon House, Tsavo, The Chinnocks, Kersbrook, Aquarius, Arlington, 2022

Ikaya & Ivydene

Ikaya and Ivydene were one semi-detached pair of Salter's Cottages, built in the late 1860s. The first recorded occupants were Robert Humphries in 1874 and a Miss Rose¹⁵ in 1876.

Ikaya and Ivydene (along with Stanley Villa and Harold Villa) – collectively 3-6 Salter's Cottages – were demolished in the late 1960s. The current terrace of houses (Shaldon House, Tsavo, The Chinnocks, Kersbrook, Aquarius and Arlington) were built in their place.

Occupants of Ikaya & Ivydene		
1874-76	Robert Mansfield Humphries, prison warder	
1881-82	James Brine, scripture reader at prison	Mrs Mary Ann Rose, widow
1883-88	Mrs Sarah Ellen Overmass, widow	

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¹⁵ This appears to have been Mrs Mary Ann Rose, a widow. In 1879, she remarried (George Newman of Addlestone, with whom she was living in the 1881 census). However she appears in the electoral registers and the ratings assessments as occupying The Conifers for the next seven years under her name of Rose; it is possible she was sub-letting rooms.

1891-92	Frederick Jordan, manager of	
1893	newspaper	
1895-96	Simion Gray	
1897	James Blalock, builder's labourer	
1899	Henry Davey, gardener	George Biddle, manager of
1901	Annie Rousseau	poultry farm ; waiter;
1902-04	John Dawson	assistant at crematorium
1906-08	Russell Frederick Charles Bowsher, carpenter	
1910-21	Debert Dlunden gerdener	
1922-33	Robert Blunden, gardener	Arthur William Armstrong,
1934-35		commercial traveller
1937-39	Wilhelmina Blunden, widow	James Churn, fitter's labourer
1940-46		
1947-51	Tom Lincoln Honour, painter	Joseph C Fulcher stayedore
1951-59	Mrs Kathleen Margery Honour (née	Joseph C Fulcher, stevedore
1963-67	Blunden), widow	G Evans

ROBIN HOOD ROAD

That part of Robin Hood Road, from Kiln Bridge as far as the boundary wall of Inkerman Barracks on the left and up to and including Copse Road on the right.

Up to and including the 1905 street directory, Robin Hood Road was known as a continuation of St John's Road. The steep hill past the Prince of Wales public house was known as Prince Hill in the early 20th century.

WEST SIDE

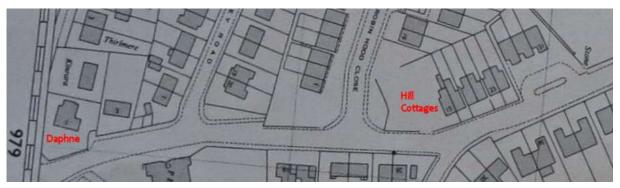


Figure 49. From 1967 OS map

No. 1 – Daphne Cottage

Daphne Cottage, then known just as 'Daphne' was built in about 1880. The first known occupant was George Waterer of Goldsworth Nursery. George married in 1877 and by the time of the 1881 census he and his wife were living in St John's, near or at the place where Daphne Cottage is. The first reference to the name Daphne was when George left in early 1898 (his household furniture was sold at auction in the February 16).



Figure 50. Daphne Cottage & St John's Garage

¹⁶ Surrey Advertiser 12 February 1898

Following three short-term tenants, Frank William Mills, motor engineer, and his family moved in in 1911. Alongside the house, Frank Mills established St John's Garage, from where he ran the first motorised bus service to Woking (see also page 3).

In 1922, Frank Mills left Daphne Cottage, moving his garage and bus depot to locations in Hermitage Road.

For most of the 1930s, Daphne Cottage was occupied by James and Ernestine Chadwick, retired circus performers; James had been known as 'Valdo the Clown'.

Frank Colebrook and then his daughter, Margaret, lived in Daphne Cottage for the next forty years.

In 1954, part of the land associated with Daphne Cottage was used to build two pairs of semi-detached houses facing onto Barrack Path. These were Ivydene, Thirlmere, Hillcrest and Lynton (see page 27-29).

From 1981 until 2018, Daphne Cottage was home to a succession of veterinary practices. In 1982-3 a two-storey extension was added to the rear.

The building is Locally Listed for its townscape merit and at time of writing, the house is unoccupied. In 2024, a plan was proposed for the demolition of No.1 Robin Hood Road and erection of a part three-storey, part two-storey building comprising seven self-contained flats and a ground floor commercial unit.

Occupants of Daphne Cottage	
1891-98	George Waterer, retired nurseryman
1898-1901	Edgar William Preece, cab proprietor
1902-03	William Samuel Thomas Davis, brickmaker
1907-09	Emma Bowyer
1911-23	Frank William Mills, motor engineer
1925-31	Edward Pudney, mechanic
1933-38	James Chadwick, music hall artiste ¹⁷
1938-39	Mrs Ernestine Rosa Chadwick, widow
1940-54	Frank Colebrook, printer's valuer
1955-78	Miss Marguerite Alice Muriel Colebrook, teacher
1981-88	I K Nicholls, veterinary surgeon
1990-97	David Callaghan & Ass, veterinary surgery
2008-18	Pet Doctors

¹⁷ Son of Henry 'Valdo the Clown' Chadwick



Figure 51. Daphne Cottage, 2022

No. 3 - Kiln House

Kiln House was built on an irregular oval-shaped piece of land, situated between Robin Hood Road and Barrack Path (shown as Kiln Cottage on the 1870 OS map, Figure 53). The 1840 tithe apportionment shows the same plot (no. 1531 in Figure 52) with an older house in the northern part of the plot. At that time the land was owned by the Earl of Onslow (Lord of the Manor of Woking) and occupied by James Dalvery.



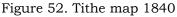




Figure 53. 1870 OS Map

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Kiln House was probably built by William Jackman, nurseryman who was living there at the time of the 1861 census. This is the only record of William residing at Kiln House; other records (e.g. electoral lists) give his abode as Foulmire (see Vol 1). From at least 1871 until 1893, the house was occupied by William's sister, Mary.

The house came up for sale in 1903, when it was described as an 'eight-roomed detached dwelling house, garden and orchard', currently occupied 'at a rental of £30 per annum'.

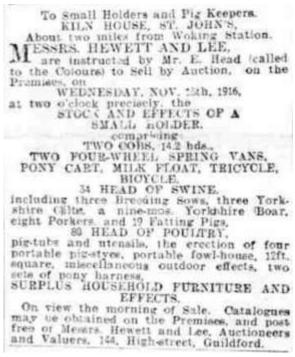


Figure 54. Surrey Advertiser 4 Nov 1916

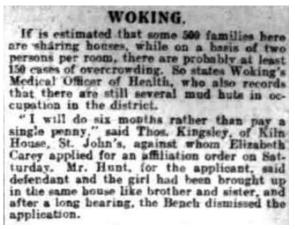


Figure 56. West Sussex Gazette 14 April 1921

After the First World War, throughout the 1920s, the house appears to have had multiple occupancy.

ST. JOHN'S.

CURIOUS DOMESTIC STORY.

At Woking Petty Sessions on Saturday the Guildford Guardians applied for a maintenance order against George Hedges, Kiln House, St. John's, in respect of his two daughters, Elizabeth (10) and Esther (7), who had become chargeable to the common fund of the Union.—Mr. Martin said the two girls were at the Shirley Schools, and cost the Guardians 19s. 5d. a week each. Defendant was a nursery labourer carning an average wage of £3 3s., and he had no rent to pay. He had four ether children, and was living with another woman, while his wife was living with another man. He refused to support the two children.—Ordered to pay 2s. 6d. weekly in respect of each child.

Figure 55. Surrey Advertiser 26 Mar 1921

Kiln House was demolished in about 1970, to allow for the building of houses on the south side of the Ashley Road development.

Occupants of Kiln House	
1840	James Dalvery
1851	David Percy, farmer
1861	William Jackman, nurseryman

1871-93	Mary Jackman, living on own means	
1893-97	Albert Edward Inwood, publican	
1898-1910	George Giddings, plate-layer (railway)	
1911-12	William Strudwick, bricklayer	
1913-15	Frank George Grainger, parcels delivery agent L.S.W.R.	
1915-16	Edward Head, pig breeder, etc	
1918-24	Henry Carey, general dealer	
1924-25	James Roberts	
1926	G Hedges, gardener	
1928-51	Samuel John Smith, canal lock-keeper	
1954	Clement Toynton	
1956	Kenneth G Hartley	
1959-63	Arthur C Trowbridge	
1967	vacant	
1974-75	Jonathen A Trowbridge	
1977-78	Michael R Webb	

No. 5 - Hill Villa / Hill View

Hill View was built in the late 1870s. The first occupant was George White, a photographer, who is recorded in the 1881 census. The house is recorded as 'Hill Villa' – this name appears in records into the 1890s.

In 1916, Hill View was purchased [presumably from Lionel Sandeman, the previous occupant, an accountant at the Bank of England] in order to provide for a social club for soldiers and their women friends. The driving force behind the club was the pairing of Lady Betty Balfour and Mrs Rosina Savage.

The idea quickly spread across Surrey and to other parts of the country. The clubs were called Kitchener Comrades' Clubs but known colloquially simply as 'Kitchener Clubs'.

The club in St John's was opened on Saturday 1st July 1916.

Figure 57. Surrey Advertiser 5 July 1916

WOKING.

For Soldiers and their Women Friends.

Named after Lord Kitchener, a social club for the joint use of soldiers and their women friends was opened at St. John's on Saturday evening. The idea arose out of the formation of a band of local vermen patrols by Lady Betty Balfour and others interested in the relface of soldiers and girls in this district, and it quickly attracted warm support.

Hill View, Robin Hood-road, a large house and the support of the support of

Hill View, Robin Hood-road, a large house standing in its own grounds, was secured for the purpose, and this was renovated, furnished and equipped at a cost of about £100. Another £100 is being spent on the erection of a commodious clubroom, opening out of the canteen, which will be completed by the end of this week.

The accommodation includes reading rooms, writing rooms, game rooms, etc., and the premises present a most inviting appearance. Membership is open equally to soldiers and young women, unless the latter are married, when they will only be accepted if their husbands also belong. There was a large attendance at the opening ceremony, which was performed by Lady Betty Balfour, who made a short speech, pointing out that the success of the club would very largely depend on its women members, to whose honour the committee trusted to keep it on right and noble lines, worthy of him whose name it bore.—Colonel Colson addressed a similar appeal to the men, and an enjoyable entertainment followed.

Lady Betty Balfour (1867-1942)

Betty Balfour was born Elizabeth Edith Bulwer-Lytton, in 1867, daughter to The Hon. Robert Bulwer-Lytton, poet and diplomat, and Edith Villiers, a lady-in-waiting to Queen Victoria. She became a suffragist, politician, and writer. A staunch Conservative, she served as Dame President of the Woking Habitation of the Primrose League and was a founding member of the Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association, serving as president of the association's chapter in Edinburgh.

Her father was made Earl of Lytton, in 1870, and she became Lady Betty.

In 1887, Betty married Gerald Balfour, a Scottish aristocrat and Conservative MP; he was brother to the future Prime Minister Arthur Balfour. From 1901, Gerald and Betty lived at Fishers Hill, Hook Heath, Woking (where she died in 1942).

In 1919, Lady Balfour became the first woman to sit on the Woking District Council.

After the war, the premises were taken over by the St John's and District Working Men's Club (see page 59). This survived until the Second World War, when it was forced to move to temporary accommodation. The 1949-50 Woking street directory lists the club in Copse Road.

From 1951 until 1959, Hill View was occupied by Dorothy Hartley; from 1951, her brother Kenneth ran his light engineering business, K G Hartley Ltd, from the premises.

Hill View was demolished, in about 1960, for the building of the Robin Hood Close development.

Occupants of Hill View		
1881-84	George White, photographer	
1888-91	Maria J Peterkin, Civil Service pensioner	
1895-98	Alfred Dawson, gardener	
1899-1900	William Clarke, prison warder	
1900-03	William Hutton, builder	
1903-04	Henry Gardiner Gribble, architect & surveyor	
1904-08	William Samuel Thomas Davis, brickmaker	
1912-15	Lionel Fraser Sandeman, accountant at Bank of England	
1916-20	Kitchener Club	
	St John's & District Working Men's Club	
1923-39	1921-34 Frederick V Kemp	
	1936-39 R Binsley	
1945-47	Mrs Elizabeth Munds	
1951-59	Dorothy Hartley	

No.s 15-25 – Hill Cottages

Hill Cottages (originally Princes Hill Cottages) comprise three pairs of semi-detached houses. They were also known as Hutton's Villas, after William Hutton who owned the land on which they were built. 1-4 Hill Cottages were built in around 1902/3. No.s 5 & 5 followed in about 1910.

In 1911, Hill Cottages were owned by W B Styer.

Occupants of 1-2 Hill Cottages		
1903-06	Edward Hebbs, brick burner	Alfred Devonshire, brickmaker
1906		
1907	Mary A Hebbs	Alfred Gibbs
1908-09		George Bigwood
1909	Richard David Vidler	
1911	John Church	Frederick Holmes
1913-17		Mrs Ellen Baker
1918-33		Percy Collyer
1937-48		
1951-54	John Munds	James E Denyer
1956-63	Elizabeth Munds	
1967-75		Thomas Sandland
1977-78		Thomas Sandiand

Occupants of 3-4 Hill Cottages		
1904-08	Alfred Dimon	
1911-13	Arthur Daborn	James Elliot
1915-28	Mrs Frances H Wilson	
1929-32		
1933	Mrs Denyer	Mrs M R Elliot
1937-54	John E W Denyer	WIS W K EMOU
1956	S A Denyer	
1961-63	Thomas A Peatman	Christopher E Mills
1967	- Duncan Fraser	K Maynard
1974-75		William Peacock
1977-78		David P Barnett

Occupants of 5-6 Hill Cottages		
1911-20	Herbert Dunford	
1921-39	Frederick H Chapman	Walter Sim, baker
1945-68		
1974	Ethel Chapman	
1977-78		Glen D Packer



Figure 58. Hill Cottages

EAST SIDE

At the end of the nineteenth and the beginning of the twentieth centuries, the area between the Basingstoke Canal (from Kiln Bridge) and the Prince of Wales Hotel, was known as St John's Green (roughly that area shaded green in Figure 59).



Figure 59. From 1967 OS map

In 1862 this area was occupied by the Basingstoke Canal Company Wharf and a coal pen (see Figure 67).



Figure 60. St John's Green, c1908 Martyr's Cottages in the mid-ground; the houses of Copse Road can be seen behind

Boat House

Cooper's boat house was supposedly located on the northwest bank of the Basingstoke Canal, to the north of Kiln Bridge. The only reference found to the boat house is a photograph and pencil sketch, both in a scrapbook compiled by Anthony Bathurst of Guildford in the 1970s.

There distinct differences are between the sketch and the photograph in Figure 61. The sketch suggests that the boat house contemporary with was Methven's greengrocery store



Figure 61. Cooper's Boat House

(c.1920-1965). It has not been found on any map or in any street directory.

It seems likely that Cooper's Boat House was a continuation of that run by Frank Mills during the first world war:

"My father [Frank Mills] also had a boat house on the canal near Kiln Bridge and had six rowing boats. Soldiers during the First World War used to hire these boats row them up the canal to Pirbright Camp and sometimes not return them, we then had to go and get them!"

Reminiscences of Doris Green née Mills 19

¹⁹ SHC, 10221/1, DVD of illustrated reminiscences of St Johns, Woking, 1912-98, by Doris Green



Figure 62. Uncle Tom's Cabin and Cooper's Boat House²⁰

Uncle Tom's Cabin

Uncle Tom's Cabin first appears on the 1912 ordnance survey plan. The Woking Directories of 1917 and 1921 describe it as a 'shaving saloon'. William James Seadon was then the manager.

By 1924, it was Prince Hill Stores, a fruiterer and greengrocer's shop, run until about 1965, by Arthur Edward Methven (Figure 63).



Figure 63. Methven's store

CAR TYRE SALES/FITTER required, aged 25 plus, Rate with bonus in excess of 9s. 6d. per hour. Five-day 44hour week. Full training given. Excellent conditions with prospects for advancement in an expanding company. Pension scheme available. Good appearance and cheerful manner essential, Apply or ring the Manager OLIVER COX LTD. 10 Robin Hood Road St. John's, Woking Tel. Woking 60321

Figure 64. Advertisement, Surrey Advertiser February 1970

In the mid-1960s, the same site became home to Oliver Cox Ltd. Their newly built tyre centre opened in May 1965. Since 1972, MERITyre have operated from the building.

 $^{^{20}}$ SHC, 6812/6-7, Woking and environs: scrapbooks compiled by Anthony Bathurst of Guildford



Figure 65. MERITyre, 2008

Occupants of Uncle Tom's Cabin site		
Canal store		
1915	vacant	
1916-21	Shaving saloon	
1924-63	Prince Hill Stores (A E Methven)	
1965-70	Oliver Cox Ltd, tyre dealer	
1973-	MERITyre	

No.s 2-8 – Martyr's Cottages

In 1840, Stephen Tilly owned and occupied a plot of land just to the north of Kiln Bridge (plot 1530 on the tithe map).²¹ This measured about ³/₄ acre and was adjacent to and to the east of where the Prince of Wales Hotel would be built.²²

By about 1865, the land was owned by Joseph Martyr (see Vol 1). He built Martyr's Cottages, in the 1860s. There were four, detached, single-storey dwellings (see Figure 60 and Figure 66 below). Each cottage comprised three rooms.²³

 $^{^{21}}$ SHC 6198/13/108, Tithe apportionment for the parish of Woking, December 1841

 $^{^{22}}$ SHC, 3935/Box9 Conveyance London Necropolis & National Mausoleum Company to Thomas Salter 1862

²³ Including the kitchen, but not including scullery, bathroom etc (1911 census)



Figure 66. 3 Martyr's Cottages, c1907

In 1954, when Robin Hood Road was renumbered, 1-4 Martyr's Cottages became 8, 6, 4 & 2 Robin Hood Road, respectively.

Occupants of 1 & 2 Martyr's Cottages		
1870	Edward Wanstall, carpenter	
1871		William H Weller, prison warder
1880	Alfred William Hall, assistant	
1881-85	gasman	Honry Condy, form labourer
1891-1905	James Miller, retired farmer	Henry Candy, farm labourer
1907-12		Frederick George Webb, grocer's
1913-15	Percy William Arthur Collyer,	porter
1916-34	gardener	
1934-51	Mrs Catherine Miriam Collyer	John Henry Jeffrey, gardener
1952		
1954-56	Jesse C Buckland	
1958-60	Michael Jackman	Hilda H Monin
1960-68		Leslie R Randall
1970-73	James M Armstrong	H R Pilbeam
1974-77		A J Blower
1978		J P Johnson
1979-81		C Cheesman

Occupants of 3 & 4 Martyr's Cottages		
1867-70	Thomas Bolton, general	
1871	labourer	John Clacey, gardener
1881-1900	James Wells, nursery	Elijah Hersey, farm labourer
1901	labourer	John Donvor, novem
1907-08	Stankan Smaan an bladramith	John Denyer, navvy
1909	Stephen Spooner, blacksmith	

1911	William Charles Bond, wheelwright	William Matthews, gamekeeper
1913-44		Charles Sermon Hobbs, gardener
1945-51		
1952-53		
1954-56	Ron W Fury	Miss Emily Elizabeth Hobbs
1958-60	Albert T Pask	
1960-63	Evelyn W Maddox	
1967		vacant

No. 10

No. 10 Robin Hood Road was built, as two flats, in the mid-1960s.

No. 12 - Prince of Wales

Thomas Salter was born in Chippenham in about 1819. In 1948, he was working in Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, where his daughter was born. He arrived in Woking in about 1855.

In October 1857, Thomas Salter was charged with having sold beer at his house 'at Knaphill' without a license for on-sales; he was also charged with not having a board displayed outside his house; also with, in August, having had eight gallons of currant wine stored in two casks. He was initially fined, for the three offences, £20, £10 and £50, but this was reduced after mitigation to £5, £2 10s and £12 10s.²⁴

Thomas was again charged with having sold beer at his house without a license in March 1859; this time, he was not convicted.²⁵

The 1861 census shows Thomas Salter occupying Brickfield House – he was described as 'Brickmaker'. It was presumably from here that he was selling beer in 1857 and 1859.

In October 1862, Thomas Taunton of the Cannon Brewery, Guildford, purchased a plot of land, of just under half an acre, from the London Necropolis Company. The land cost £100.²⁶ On this land Thomas Taunton built the Prince of Wales (also seen referred to in local press as *Prince of Wales Inn*

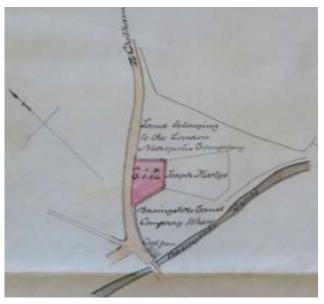


Figure 67. Plot of land purchased in 1862

²⁴ West Surrey Times 31 October 1857

²⁵ West Surrey Times 5 March 1859

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 $^{^{26}}$ SHC, 3935/Box9 Conveyance London Necropolis & National Mausoleum Company to Thomas Salter 1862

and Prince of Wales Tavern).

Thomas Salter, applied for a [full] license for the *Prince of Wales* in March 1863. The license was refused. In making his case, he stated that the building had been built by Thomas Taunton, at a cost of upwards of £900.²⁷

Thomas presumably went ahead offering accommodation and serving beer to his customers (he would not at this time have needed magistrates' approval for a beer license). The following year, a license **was** granted to Thomas Salter, in March 1864; it was pointed out that the stabling accommodation

had been increased [in 1876 there was stabling for 12 horses]. The chairman said that, since the last licensing day, several of the magistrates had visited the premises and, in his opinion, they had been mistaken to refuse the license the previous year.²⁸

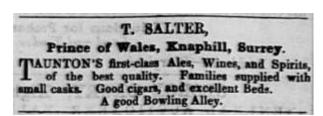


Figure 68. Advertisement, September 1864

Thomas Salter died on 31st January 1875.

From 1891 to 1898, the licensee was Albert Edward Inwood. When he died in 1898, his widow Mabel took over the license until 1901.

Mabel, in 1901, then remarried to Daniel Jelley. Daniel was the son of Thomas Jelley, landlord of the *Queen's Head*, Knaphill from 1870-1901. Daniel and Mabel then ran the *Queen's Head* until 1905.

One of the more interesting characters who became licensee of the *Prince of Wales* was George Hirsch (aka George Jackley). Even though he was only there for a short time (about 5 years) he had his name on the pub building when the brewery had official photographs taken in about 1940 (Figure 69). George was a comic actor who was the leading comedian for the Melville Brothers at the Lyceum Theatre, during the inter-war years. George, himself, was the son of Nathan Jackley who, with his own troupe, The Jackley Wonders, performed in circuses throughout Europe and the United States.

George Jackley retired in the late 1930s and took over the *Prince of Wales* in 1939. After leaving in 1944, he lived in Horsell, where he died in 1950.

²⁷ West Surrey Times 7 March 1863

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²⁸ West Surrey Times 12 March 1864



Figure 69. Prince of Wales c1940

The 'PRINCE OF WALES'
ST. JOHN'S, WOKING
Friary Meux Beer at its Best
PROPRIETORS: MR. AND MRS. K. PEACOCK
TELEPHONE: WOKING 425

The *Prince of Wales* was demolished in the early 1990s; the houses of Capstans Wharf now cover the site.



Figure 70. The Prince of Wales being demolished

Proprietors/managers of the Prince of Wales		
1863-74	Thomas Salter	
1874-76	William Fowler	
1880-81	George Brown	
1881-82	Edwin Caiger	
1887-91	William Wickens	
1891-98	Albert Edward Inwood	

1898-1900	Mrs Mabel Thurston Inwood (widow of Albert)
1900-1907	David Jackson
1907-1913	James Thomas Ayres
1913-14	Mrs Alice Ayres (widow of James)
1914-29	Frederick Campbell Sleigh
1930-38	Victor Henry Greaves (previously at <i>Queen's Head</i> , Byfleet)
1939-44	George Philip Jackley Hirsch (aka George Jackley) ²⁹
1944-47	John Edward Farmer
1947-56	Mrs Irene E Farmer (widow of John)
1957-68	Kenneth Reginald Peacock (previously at the Drummond Arms, Dorking)
1973	Ron and Lillian Nicholls

Between the Prince of Wales and Copse Road, the 1895 OS plan shows an 'old gravel pit'. No.s 18-28 Robin Hood Road and most of the houses on the south side of Copse Road were subsequently built thereon.

No.s 18 & 20

No.s 18 and 20 Robin Hood Road were built in the 1960s.

Occupiers of No.s 18 & 20		
1967-69	T B Tuck	D A Berry
1970-74	D A Eaves	
1975-76	Richard J H Winslade	Ronald M Buchanan
1978		Ruth Buchanan
1980-81		S D Bosley



Figure 71. No.s 18-20, 2022

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 $^{^{29}}$ George Jackley was, for 30 years, a well-known star of music halls and pantomimes Page 52

No.s 22-24 - Ravenswood and Lynthorpe

Ravenswood and Lynthorpe are a pair of semi-detached houses, constructed in the 1920s, probably by Sidney Charles Renshaw, engineer, who owned the land from 1922 until 1929.

Occupiers of Ravenswood and Lynthorpe		
1925	William Mersh	
1926		A Constable
1928-39	Sidney Charles Renshaw, HY-RIB fixer	
1946	Gerald D Echlin	Albert G Blake
1949-56	Bernard Manning	
1961-63	Fred A Downes	
1967-69		J C Ansell
1972-75	Anthony D Duddy	Reginald G Snelling
1977-78		Winifus d. F. Common
1979-81		Winifred E Conway
1983		B Windsor



Figure 72. Ravenswood and Lynthorpe, 2022

No.s 26 & 28 - Glenvalley and Malvern

Glenvalley and Malvern are a pair of semi-detached houses, built in the 1930s.

Occupiers of Glenvalley and Malvern		
1939-48	- Arthur Breeds	Seymour Ewens
1949-54	Arthur breeds	Vera J Ewens
1945-56		vera o Ewells

1967-68	Leslie L Cook	
1969-70		Peter J Standing
1972-75		Daniel A Clarie
1976		Ronald A Clark
1977-78	Grant Watson	Robert H Marchant
1979-83		



Figure 73. Glenvalley and Malvern, 2012

No.s 30 & 32 - The Bungalow

The Bungalow was built in about 1920. From the start, it was divided into two tenements, known as No.s 1 & 2 The Bungalow.

Occupiers of The Bungalow		
1921	George J Pinner	
1936	Albert M Richards	Cooper Handld Dandall
1939-45	Madge Thomas	George Harold Randall
1946-49		
1951-63	Albert Henry Denyer	
1968	vacant	William II Dandall
1974-75	Alice E E Gibson	William H Randall
1977-78		
1980-83	D W Petrie	



Figure 74. The Bungalow, 2012

Orchard Nursery

The area immediately beyond Copse Road (see below) was, from 1902, the site of an orchard or nursery. It had previously been a part of Jackman's Nursery (see Vol 1). On the 1840 Tithe map, it is plot 1533 and was part of the land rented by George Jackman from William Chandler.

The 1895 OS plan shows several large greenhouses on the site.

In the twentieth century, the name seems to alternate between Orchard Nursery and Victoria Orchard.

Figure 75. Nursery shown on 1916 OS map



Occupiers of the nursery	
1840-67	George Jackman
1867-87	George Jackman junior
1902-04	John Gilpin
1904-17	Orchard Nursery (Arthur George Smith)

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1918-29	Victoria Orchard (James Scott)	
1930-33	Orchard Nursery (H Cook)	
1935-39	Victoria Orchard (Frederick William Morris)	

During World War II, the land was probably put over to food production.

No.s 34-72

At the end of the Second World War, a row of twenty houses, mainly semidetached bungalows, were built on the site of Victoria Orchard. These were initially numbered 1-20 Robin Hood Road. They were later renumbered 34-72. Most have since been extended into the roof-space and many sideways and/or rearwards.



Figure 76. Post-war bungalows, 2022

COPSE ROAD (LEFT)

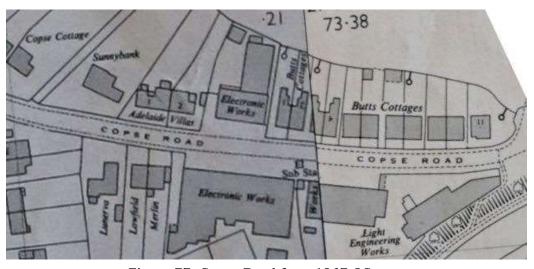


Figure 77. Copse Road from 1967 OS map

Copse Hill Villa

Copse Hill Villa was built on the north side of Copse Road, at its junction with Robin Hood Road, in about 1898. The first occupants were Job Savage, a bricklayers foreman and his wife Jane. They later moved to Norfolk House in Barrack Path.

By the 1920s, the name was appearing in directories as Copsehill Villa; by 1957, it was known as Copse Cottage.

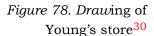
Occupiers of Copse Hill Villa		
1898-1900	Job Savage, bricklayers foreman	
1902-06	William Collins, brickmaker	
1907	Ashton J C Shrubsole, gardener	
1908-14	William Steele, gardener	
1915-47	William Denyer, grocer	
1950-56	Eric C Telfer	
1963	vacant	
1967-93	Albert Henry Denyer	

Sunny Bank

Sunny Bank was built in the late 1880s. The first occupants were Andrew Young, a civil servant in the prison service, and his wife Annie Theresa. After Andrew died in 1915 (his wife pre-deceasing him), the house was occupied briefly by his married daughter, Isabella.

In 1918, Andrew's son, Arthur, took possession of the house and opened a general store in an extension to the side of the house.

Arthur died in 1841 and his son, Arthur Andrew, then carried on the store until his death in 1987.





³⁰ SHC, 6812/6-7, Woking and environs: scrapbooks compiled by Anthony Bathurst of Guildford

Occupiers of Sunny Bank		
1889-1915	Andrew Young, prison officer	
1915-17	Mrs Isabella Evans	
1918-41	General Shop (Arthur Young)	
1941-87	General Shop (Arthur Andrew Young)	

Adelaide Villas

Adelaide Villas are a pair of semi-detached houses, built in the late 1880s. The first recorded occupants were Charles William Howard, a cattle dealer, and his family.

By 1897, both houses were in the possession of William Sherman, who lived in one and rented out rooms in the other.

Occupants of Adelaide Villas		
1888		
1889-91	Daniel Goodyer, nursery labourer	Charles William Howard, cattle dealer
1892		- cattle dealer
1897-1902	William H Sherman, lodging house	keeper
1903		
1904	Christopher Akehurst, carpenter	Edward Bullman, coachman
1905-06		
1907	A Rainbow; G Knight	E J Hood
1908		Henry Shrubsole
1911-13	A Dawson	Ashton J C Shrubsole
1915-20		
1925-28	George Andrews	Edward John Howard
1933	T Brindly	
1937	A E Martin	
1939	vacant	Alfred J Stedman
1940-45		
1947-63	James Povey	
1968-74	M Sultan	
1975-76	Charmaine M Sultan	Alfred E Adams
1977-78	James G Balwave	
1979-81		

Electronic Works

In about 1953, Mervyn Instruments Ltd (a subsidiary of Mervyn Sound & Vision Co. Ltd) built an industrial building in Copse Road. Mervyn Sound & Vision already had a factory on the opposite side of the road (where 1-5 St Johns Waterside now is) – see page 62.

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MERVYN SOUND & VISION Co.Ltd, Mervyn wks Copse rd St Johns	2091

Figure 79. 1955 telephone directory



Figure 80. Mervyn Instruments c1957

In 1963, Gulton Industries (Britain) Ltd, a British subsidiary of an American firm moved in. Gulton Industries were best known for their battery technology producing rechargeable torches, emergency lights and a cigarette lighter which used neither fuel nor flints.



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Figure 82. Gulton Industries rechargeable lighter

Figure 81. Autocar advertisement 1964

Gulton Industries had facilities in several parts of the country. Although it is listed in the 1964 Woking Street Directory, it seems the facility in Copse Road did not last long enough to make it into the telephone directory.

By 1965, Miniature Electronic Components (M.E.C.) Limited had taken over the building; they also took over the other Mervyn building across the road (see page 62).

It appears that, in about 1970, M.E.C. Ltd moved to Sunderland and went into voluntary liquidation in November 1972.³¹

The building has been refurbished and converted into flats. It is now known as Friar House.

Butt's Cottages

Butt's Cottages are a row of eleven cottages; two pairs of semi-detached cottages, three pairs of larger, semi-detached cottages and a detached cottage called Melita Villa. They were built by a Woking builder, developer (and councillor) called William John Butt, between 1904 and 1906.

William Butt was born, in 1841, in Kington Magna, Dorset. By 1871, he and his family were living in Woking. During a Council debate in 1905, about the provision of workers' cottages and their possible provision by the Council, William Butt stated that he had built between 400 and 500 houses in the Woking area.³²



Figure 83. Butt's Cottages, 2023

Melita Villa

Melita Villa was constructed, in about 1905, alongside Butt's Cottages as a detached dwelling. It was later referred to as No. 11 Butts Cottages.

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³¹ The London Gazette 14 November 1972

³² West Surrey Times 8 April 1905

Occupiers of Melita Villa		
1908-11	Percy Arthur William Collyer, gardener	
1913-17	Harry Hall	
1920-47	Mrs Mary Ann Wells	
1956-70	George Hubert Allen	
1973-83	George S D Allen	

COPSE ROAD (RIGHT)

The right-hand side of Copse Road remained undeveloped until about 1930, when Lowfield and Merlin were erected. In 1903, the London Necropolis & National Mausoleum Company had conveyed to Edwin Small, builder, a piece of land fronting Robin Hood Road, adjoining the Prince of Wales public house. In 1922, Small's widow sold the land to Sydney Charles Renshaw, engineer. Renshaw, in 1928, conveyed most of the land, together with a semi-detached house, known as Linthorpe, on the south-west side, to John Charles Renshaw, dairyman. John Renshaw built two houses on part of the land, 'Merlyn' and 'St Agnes' (later 'Lowfield').

Today, the whole of the road has been infilled with modern housing.

Lunerva

Lunerva was built in the early to mid-1950s.

Occupiers of Lunerva	
1954-68	Beatrice Young
1974-75	Leslie Young
1977-81	R Harrison

St Agnes / Lowfield

St Agnes was built in about 1936. The first occupant was Ethelbert Leonard Foster, who moved in from 2 Butts Cottages. Ethelbert died in 1943 and his widow, Agnes, and son continued to live in the house. By 1938 the name had been changed to Lowfield.

Agnes Foster died in 1968 and, in 1972, her son, Edward, purchased the freehold.

Occupiers of St Agnes / Lowfield		
1937-43	Ethelbert Leonard Foster	
1943-68	Mrs Agnes L Foster	
1968-78	Edward Leonard S Foster	

Merlin

Merlin was built in about 1936, along with St Agnes. The first occupant was Henry Grant.

Occupiers of Merlin		
1937-39	Henry Grant	
1945-51	George R Bugler	
1954-56	Hilda C Cockland	
1957-68	Leslie V S Douglas	
1973-81	Margaret J Douglas	

Factory 1

Mervyn Sound & Vision Company Ltd, established in London in the 1930s, were pioneers of electro-mechanical television.

LETEARION MAT, 1934 See how easy it is to build the TELEVISION The DAILY EXPRESS TELEVISION KIT produced by "MERVYN" can be readily built by all. Just glance at the photographs re-produced on this page and judge the simplicity of the assembly and connecting up. In one evening it can be ready and tested for the reception of the B.B.C. Broadcast. This Kit carries on the box the following, and no other kit should be accepted as an official Kit. in the box the following, and no other kit should be accepted.
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The "Daily Express." 27th March, 1914.

THE MERVYN "NU-GLO" 16 lamp allows you to see the pictures in a normally lighted room, is exclusive to this Kit, and is included in the PRICE £5 9 6 Ask your dealer for details A leaflet is available giving full Information. THE MERVYN SOUND & VISION CO. LTD. 4, HOLBORN PLACE, LONDON, W.C.1. Managing Director: W. J. NOBBS. Telephone: Holborn 6332 French Office: 8, Square Henri-Delormel Paris 14e There is news in the " Television " advertisements

Figure 84. May 1934 advertisement for Daily Express Television kit

In about 1952 (the plans were approved in September 1951), Mervyn established a factory in Copse Road, where 1-5 St Johns Waterside now is. They had previously been in Maybury Road, Woking and then Thornash Road, Horsell.

The factory was opposite the factory of their subsidiary,, Mervyn Instruments Ltd (see page 59) on the other side of the road.

In 1953, plans were submitted and approved for an extension to the factory almost doubling its size. The following year a further extension was approved.³³

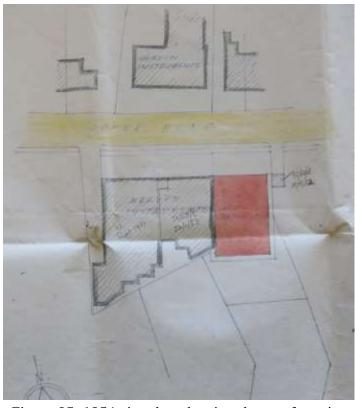


Figure 85. 1954 site plan showing the two factories

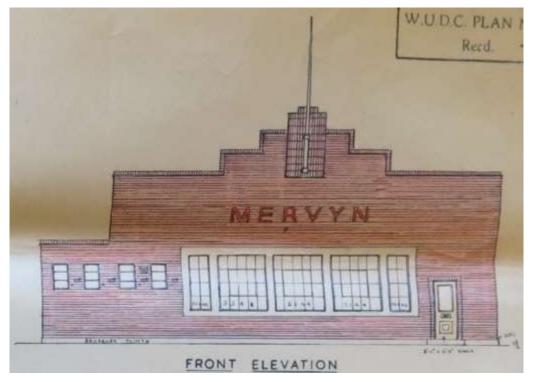


Figure 86. Frontage in 1952

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³³ SHC, 8789/50/43, St Johns, Copse Road: additions to workshop. Owner: Mervyn Sound & Vision Co. Ltd. With 53, dated 20 Sep 1951: St Johns, Copse Road: steel framed factory. Owner: Mervyn Sound & Vision Co. Ltd.



Figure 87. Frontage in 1954 plans

By 1965, Miniature Electronic Components Limited had taken over the building.

It appears that, in about 1970, M.E.C. Ltd moved to Sunderland and went into voluntary liquidation in November 1972.³⁴

Working Men's Club

The St John's and District Working Men's Club and Institute had occupied Hill View, in Robin Hood Road, since 1921 (see page 41). With the outbreak of the Second World War, it appears to have been compelled to leave those premises and move into a temporary wooden building.³⁵ The 1949-50 Woking street directory lists the club in Copse Road.

Prior to the war, the club had a membership of 200. Owing to the restricted accommodation of the temporary building, the straitened economic conditions of the late 1940s, and loss of men in the fighting, by 1950 the membership had dropped to 50.

In 1950, plans were submitted and approved for the building of a new clubhouse, at the eastern end of Copse Road.³⁶ Initially, a building permit was refused by the Ministry of Works.³⁵

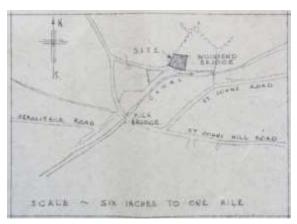


Figure 88. Site of new clubhouse

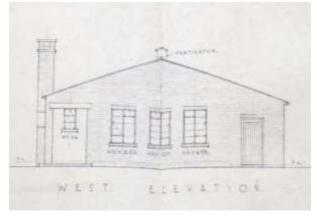


Figure 89. West elevation

³⁴ The London Gazette 14 November 1972

³⁵ SHC, 7562/5/29, Proposed Working Men's Club, St John's with related correspondence to and from O C A Slocock

³⁶ SHC, 8789/50/204, St John's, Copse Road: St John's Working Men's Club new premises Page 65

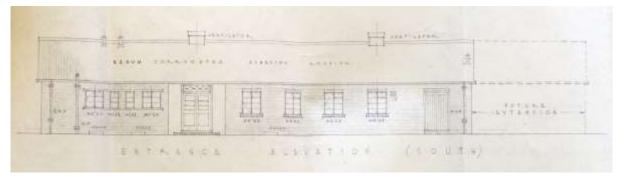


Figure 90. Front elevation

The club did not have the resources to afford the estimated cost of the new building, of £4000. Despite removing one section of the building from the plans (to be added later as an extension) and planning to do much of the construction work with volunteers, it was still not viable. The club, in March 1951, approached their beer supplier, H G Simonds Ltd of Reading, for a loan of £1500 but this was refused.

It appears the club folded; it is probable that some of the membership went to Woking and some to Knaphill. Alternatively, they may have joined the St John's Men's Club (see Vol 1) with which the Working Men's Club would have been in competition.

Factory 2

In 1951, The Rowan Property Company Ltd submitted plans for a factory to be built at Thorn ash the eastern end of Copse Road.

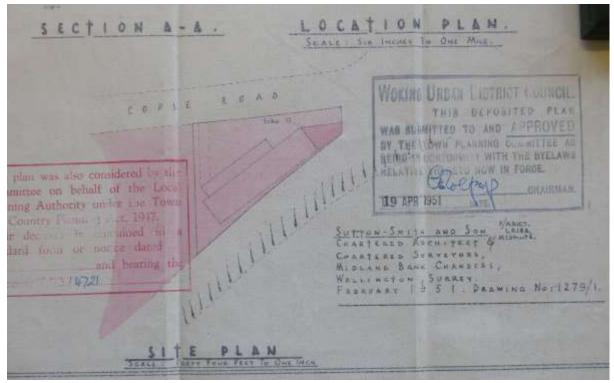


Figure 91. Extract from 1951 plans

By 1953, the building was occupied by Farner Ltd. From 1953 to 1955 Farner Ltd was described as refrigeration manufacturers; from 1957-68 as precision engineers

The Rowan Property Company Ltd went into liquidation in March 1976.37

Farner Ltd went into liquidation in March 1979³⁸, at which time they were described as general engineers.

³⁷ The London Gazette, 12 March 1976

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³⁸ The London Gazette, 22 March 1979

ST JOHN'S LYE

THE LYE

Before St John the Baptist church was built (see Vol 1) and the area took the name of St John's, the Lye seems to have been a part of and known as Brookwood Lye.

In 1854, the Lye was part of the land proposed to be purchased by the London Necropolis Company for their cemetery (see Vol 1). The Lye exists as it is today because of the intervention by the then Vicar of Woking, the Reverend Bowles, who was concerned that the inhabitants of St John's would lose all their common rights. He negotiated for the 60 acres of St John's Lye to be excluded from the sale.



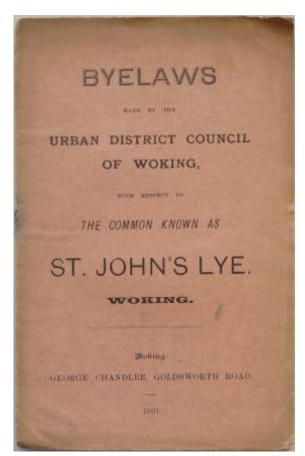


Figure 92. The Lye - Laws and byelaws

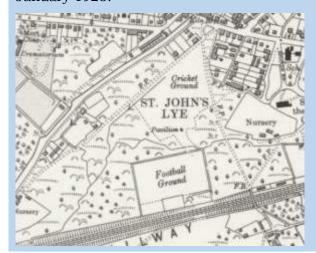
SPORTS

Cricket

By the time of the 1895 OS map, a cricket ground had been laid out on the southern half of the Lye, near the railway. The St John's Cricket Club was in existence by 1888.



Between the wars, the cricket ground became the football ground and a new cricket ground was established on the northern part of the Lye (1934 OS map. This may have been a consequence of Woking Council taking over the care and allocation of the cricket pitches from January 1928.³⁹



ST. JOHN'S CRICKET CLUB.

The members of this club closed the present season with a match on the St. John's Recreation Ground on Wednesday, September 19th, between sides captained by Mr. T. Gloster and Mr. G. Collyer, the latter team winning by an innings and 5 runs. After the match the players and their friends sat down to a capital tea supplied by Mr. Jackson, at the Row Barge Inn. The cloth being cleared, a very enjoyable evening was spent in harmony. Score:

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Football

The St John's Football Club was in existence by 1905.

Tennis

The 1967 OS map shows that two tennis courts had been laid down between the football ground and the railway.

In 1840, the tithe map⁴⁰, shows a plot of land, cut from the common, stretching from where the clock house now is, past the memorial hall and including where the house named Gorsewood Cottage now is. This land, measuring just under an acre, was owned and occupied by Thomas West; the 1841 census describes Thomas as an agricultural labourer. Thomas had a cottage on the canal-side opposite to where the chemist shop now is.

³⁹ Surrey Advertiser 27 December 1927

⁴⁰ SHC 6198/13/108, Tithe apportionment for the parish of Woking, December 1841

In 1871 Thomas West, then aged 67, was living in Hampshire, with his daughter. The 1870 OS map shows the beginning of development on the Lye site.

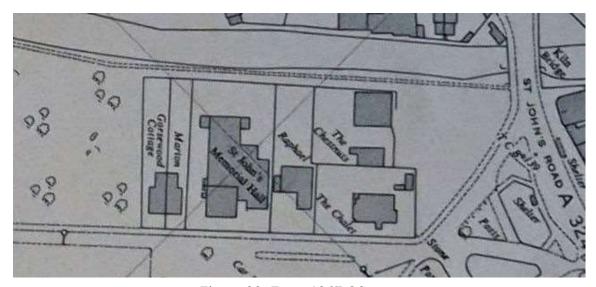


Figure 93. From 1967 OS map

The Clock House

The Clock House was built upon the site of Stephen Spooner's smithy (see below), in about 1990. It comprises two, 2-bedroom flats.



Figure 94. The Clock House and The Chestnuts, 1997

The Chestnuts

Stephen Spooner was born in Woking in 1877. He was living in Croydon, in 1901, when he married Emily Bond.

Stephen and Emily moved to St John's in about 1904 and Stephen established a smithy - more or less where the Clock House now is.

After short spells living in Hermitage Road, St Johns Road and Robin Hood Road, Stephen and Emily moved into a house next to the smithy, called The Chestnuts.



Figure 95. The forge

Stephen died in 1960, the smithy subsequently closing. Emily died a few years later, in 1967.

The Chestnuts was subsequently converted into two flats, one ground floor, one first floor.

Occupants of The Chestnuts		
1910-60	Stephen Spooner	
1960-67	Mrs Emily Spooner	
1968	Vacant	
1974	Two flats	

Festival Path

The narrow road which runs along the north-western edge of St John's Lye is shown on maps and in directories as 'St John's Lye'. However, it is also known as Festival Path.

Le Chalet

The house known as Le Chalet was built in the mid-to-late 1890s. Originally, it was called Lavendar Cottage. The first occupant was Joseph Stoker, baker.

Wilfred Brattle moved in, in 1914, and it appears he changed the name to Le Chalet.

After the first World War, the house was jointly occupied by Miss Rose Pole and Miss Lottie Robinson, a gymnastics teacher and school headmistress respectively.

In 1924, George Savage and his wife, Rosina (who had moved from Westfield to be headmaster and headmistress of the St John's Schools) moved into the house.

Miss Rose Beatrice Pole

Miss Rose Beatrice Pole moved to St John's on 23rd December 1918. She worked as a gymnastics teacher at Miss Atkin's school in The Gables, West Byfleet.

Rose lived in several houses around St John's Lye:

Le Chalet, as joint householder with Miss Lottie Robinson (1918-23)

Marton (1924-28)

Bides Cottages aka Lye End House (1930-37)

Lye End Cottage (1937-75)

In the 1930s, Rose started (or took over) Lye

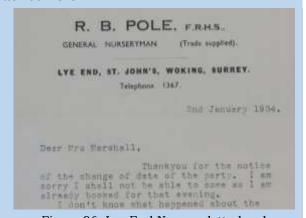


Figure 96. Lye End Nursery letterhead

End Nursery, which she ran alongside her teaching job. She became a Fellow of the Royal Horticultural Society.⁴¹ She bred a new variety of Aster – the Lye End Beauty.

In 1973, Rose's reminiscences about her life in St John's and the changes she had observed appeared in the programme for that year's St John's Edwardian Fete.

In 1934, Le Chalet was rented (for £20 per week – a lot at the time) for the ill and dying Princess Shumshere Jung of Nepal. After her death, her body, in accordance with Hindu tradition, was carried over water (the Basingstoke Canal) and cremated on an outdoor funeral pyre in the grounds of Woking Crematorium (see Vol 1).

George Savage died in 1931 and Rosina in January 1940, after which Le Chalet passed to their daughter, Beatrix, known as 'Trixie'.



Figure 97. Le Chalet, 1960s

⁴¹ At that time, all members of the RHS were known as Fellows

Today, Le Chalet is known as The Old Hayloft.

	Occupants of Le Chalet			
1897-1909	1897-1909 Joseph John Stokes, baker			
1914-15	Wilfred Herbert Brattle, civil servant			
1916-17	Mrs Gunton			
1919-23	Miss Rose Beatrice Pole, gymnastics teacher & Miss Lottie Bay Robinson, school headmistress			
1924-31	George Bellas Savage, school headmaster			
1932-39	Mrs Rosina Savage, school headmistress			
1940-47	Miss Beatrix Annie Savage, secretary			
1948-50	48-50 Major Thomas M O Lowe			
1951	Betty May			
1956	E M Butler			
1958-60	Lt Col Victor James Senior			
1961-69	Victor C Gunn			
1969-78	Harold Keir Hanson			
1978-83	Mrs Winifred Hanson			



Figure 98. The Old Hayloft, 2022

Little Thurlow

Little Thurlow was built on part of the garden of Le Chalet, next to Raphael, in about 1971.

Raphael

Raphael, a three bedroom detached bungalow, was built between Le Chalet and the Memorial Hall in about 1966.

St John's Memorial Hall

In 1939, the land next to Le Chalet was owned by Rosina Savage, widow. It was probably her daughter, Beatrix [who was due to inherit when her mother died – which she did in January 1940], who gave the land for a Young Men's Christian Association (Y.M.C.A.) recreational hut to be built, primarily for the Canadian soldiers stationed at Inkerman Barracks. Beatrix had arranged more than 500 concerts for servicemen during the First World War.

The hut, which cost £2,500, was opened on 4th May 1940 by HRH Princess Helena Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, after whom the hut was to be named (the same Princess Victoria who, in 1916, had previously opened the earlier Y.M.C.A. hut in Barrack Path).⁴²

Although termed 'a hut', the main hall, which measured 100ft by 30ft, contained a stage with full lighting. There was provision for billiards and table-tennis and a 'well-equipped lounge'. had six baths.⁴³ The hut had four including full-time staff the member manager, а the Y.M.C.A. Canadian branch, plus 60 volunteer part-time employees.

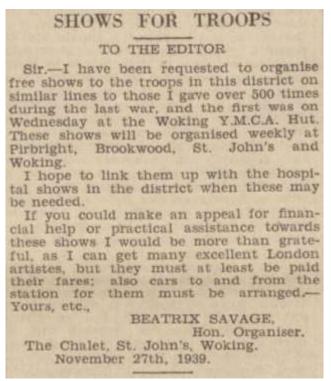


Figure 99. Surrey Advertiser 2 December 1939

After the war, it was decided that St John's should have a memorial, independent of anything that Woking provided. It was also decided that this memorial should be a village hall. One of the options suggested was that the village purchase the Y.M.C.A. hut.⁴⁴ This is the option that was eventually chosen; Sir William Norman Raeburn Bar^{-t} of The Mount, St John's Hill Road purchased the freehold for £2000, on behalf of the residents of St John's. The hall is managed and owned by the St John's Village Memorial Hall Association.

As with many timber buildings of its era, wear and tear left its mark on the lightly constructed wooden structure. The hall's structural integrity deteriorated rapidly to a point beyond economic and practical repair; the roof regularly leaked, the floor become twisted and uneven, windows could

⁴² Surrey Advertiser 8 May 1940

⁴³ Surrey Advertiser 4 May 1940

⁴⁴ Surrey Advertiser 6 April 1946

no longer be closed in misshaped openings and the lack of sound insulation restricted use with significant limitations on letting opportunities. In addition, the hall was very expensive to heat with little or no thermal insulation provided in the roof space or walls. The kitchens and toilets were of a poor standard and were just about serviceable.





In 2003, a set of plans were commissioned by the Hall Committee which detailed a new 2 story hall on the existing site. Planning permission was granted but the building was never built, due to the significant lack of funds.

The Hall Committee turned to Woking Borough Council (WBC) and together came up with another set of plans, this time to move the location of the hall onto St John's Lye itself and pass the existing land onto the council for housing. However, following a campaign from many St John's villagers objecting strongly to a new hall being built on the Lye, this application was turned down at a planning committee meeting in November 2008.

An alternative plan was devised by a largely new Committee, jointly with the St John's Village Society (Residents Association), to build on the existing site and to generate the shortfall in funds by building 4 town houses that would be sold to generate cash in support of closing the funding gap. The plans were prepared and presented and this scheme was approved by WBC planning committee.

Finally, with the knowledge that even with the sale of the 4 houses there was still a funding gap to close to enable the construction of a new hall, WBC intervened and agreed to fully fund the project in its entirety, negating the need for the town houses at the rear of the site. Yet another set of plans were drawn up, this time by WBC's architects, and planning permission was granted for a new contemporary hall maximizing the use of the current site.

On 9th March 2012, the old hall closed its doors for the last time and demolition commenced in preparation for the building work to begin on the new St John's Village Memorial Hall.

The new hall opened on 31st May 2014.

Marton & Roydon

Marton and Roydon are a pair of semi-detached houses, built in about 1910; they are first mentioned in the 1911 census.

Violet Cox changed the name of Roydon to Gorsewood Cottage, after she moved in, in 1961.



Figure 100. Marton and Gorsewood Cottage 1960s

Occupants of Marton & Royden			
1911-17	Alfred Ernest Ferguson	Harry Spooner	
1917-19	Mrs Amy Florence Maud Ferguson		
1920-21			
1922-25	George Bellas Savage	Gerald Oliver Graves	
1925-28	Miss Rose Beatrice Pole	1	
1929			
1930-32	Richard Stanley Hoare	Leonard Arthur Kohler	
1933		I Danie	
1934-38		- James Page	
1939		Hilda Dorothy Hollebon	
1940-43	Albort Edward Dright		
1944-53	Albert Edward Bright	Patrick McGonagle	
1954		Mrs Rose McGonagle	
1955-57		Edward Jasonh McCorsela	
1958-60		- Edward Joseph McGonagle	
1961-67	Mrs Alice Mobel Dright	Violet C Cox	
1974-78	Mrs Alice Mabel Bright	Robert Scott	
1981			



Figure 101. Marton and Gorsewood Cottage 2022

Public conveniences

The public conveniences situated on the north-western edge of the Lye, was built by Woking Council in the 1960s. Planning permission was applied for in 1965.45



Figure 102. Public conveniences, 2022

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⁴⁵ Surrey Advertiser 9 January 1965

Carolyn Close

Carolyn Close is a development of four detached houses, built in about 1960.



Figure 103. Carolyn Close, 1960s

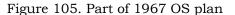
South Close

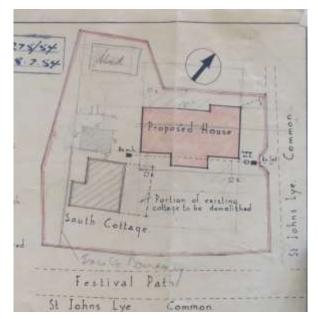
South Close was built in the grounds of South Cottage (see below). Plans were submitted and approved in 1954, but the erection depended on the partial demolition of South Cottage but that could not be done until the evacuation by the then tenant.

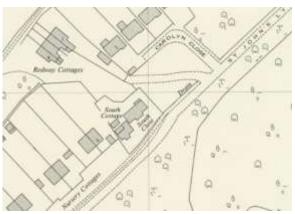
Figure 104. Part of 1954 plans

South Close first appears on the 1968 OS map which was surveyed in 1967. It does not however appear in the 1968 nor 1969 Woking street directories.

By the time South Close was built, the Carolyn Close development had been completed. This and the requirement for access to 1-4 Redway Cottages meant that the position of South Close had to be adjusted.







South Close was occupied from 1974 to 1981 by Thomas A McLaurin

South Cottage

South Cottage was first recorded in the 1891 census. It was likely built in the mid-1880s; Mrs Eliza Mathis (the first known occupant) was living in staff accommodation at Woking Prison, with her husband, prior to his death in 1883.

Occupants of South Cottage			
1891-1918	Mrs Eliza Mathis, widow		
1921-47 Ernest F Mathis			
1949-63 Mrs Violet E Mathis			
1967 vacant			

Lye Cottages

Lye Cottages refers to about a dozen cottages which were built, in several phases, along the southern side of the Basingstoke canal, between 1870 and 1900. They were built on three plots of land shown on the 1840 tithe map (1515,1516, & 1517), owned respectively by William Fenn, Peter Eales and Samuel Newey.

In the 1930s, Lye Cottages were renamed as Redway Cottages. Prior to this, due to the scattered positioning of the cottages, it is difficult to be sure who was living in which cottage.

1-4 Lye Cottages

In 1840, the tithe map⁴⁶, shows a plot of land, cut from the common, where

1-4 Redway Cottages now are. This land, measuring three-quarters of an acre, was owned and occupied by Samuel Newey; the 1841 census describes Samuel as of independent means. Samuel had a cottage facing onto the canal towpath. It is possible that this was a squatter settlement and likely built at or just after the building of the Basingstoke Canal.

Although neither appear in either the 1851 or 1861 censuses, the electoral rolls show Samuel having joint occupation of the cottage with his son-inlaw, William Hardy until the mid-1860s.

⁴⁶ SHC 6198/13/108, Tithe apportionment for the parish of Woking, December 1841

1-4 Lye Cottages were built, on the site of Samuel's land, by Charles Redway, in 1896 – recorded by a plaque on the rear (canal-facing side) of the cottages.

In about 1938, 1-4 Lye Cottages were renamed as 1-4 Redway Cottages.



Figure 106. Charles Redway's plaque

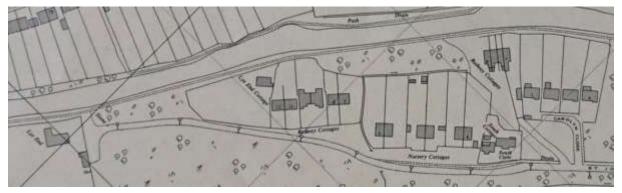


Figure 107. Lye End & Lye Cottages from 1967 OS map

Occupants of 1-2 Lye Cottages				
1899		Henry Pearce		
1901	John Jones	Arthur Smith		
1904		Alfred Smith		
1907				
1908	Frank Hall	Charles Green		
1909-11	Henry A Hall	Charles Green		
1913-31				
1933-36	Thomas Barnett	J Wye		
1939	Thomas barnett	Eleanor H Smith		
1947		Leonard W Smith		
1951-56	Mrs Lucy Barnett	Leonard w Simin		
1961-69		Trevor R Smith		
1974-78	Peter A Redway	Eleanor M Smith		
1979-81				

Occupants of 3-4 Lye Cottages			
1891			
1895	James Matthews	Sellwell	
1899		Henry Underwood	
1901		Alfred Smithers	

1902		James Burchett
1904-05		
1907-35	William John Poulter	James Edwin Matthews
1935-39		
1946-49	Mrs Ellen F Poulter	Mrs E M Matthews
1951-63		
1967-69	C R Pullen	Alfred H W Wheeler
1974-78	Barry J Pullen	

5 & 6 Lye Cottages

The 1840 Tithe Map, shows a plot of land, adjacent to and to the west of that of Samuel Newey (see above), cut from the common. This land, measuring two-thirds of an acre, was owned and occupied by Peter [H]Eales; the 1841 census describes Peter as an agricultural labourer. Peter's plot, which had a cottage on it, was separated from the canal towpath by a narrow strip of common perhaps one and a half times the width of the canal. It is possible that this was a squatter settlement and likely built at or just after the building of the Basingstoke Canal. Peter, with his family, occupied the cottage until his death in 1864; his wife, Celia, having died a few months earlier the same year.

5 & 6 Lye Cottages were built, on the site of Peter's land, in about 1870 – they are shown on the 1870 OS map.

5 & 6 Lye Cottages were demolished in about 1938.

Occupants of 5-6 Lye Cottages			
1882			
1898-99		James Matthews	
1901	John Howard	Charles P Shurven	
1906		? Young	
1907			
1911-12	Charles Burchett		
1913-14	Charles Burchett	Thomas G Sexton	
1918	Arthur Cheeseman	Samuel Smith	
1921-25	Thomas G Sexton	George Busby	
1928-34	William Barney	John A Reed	
1935-36	Sidney J Lintott	Joini A Reed	

7-12 Lye Cottages

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In 1840, the tithe map⁴⁷, shows a plot of land, adjacent to and to the west of that of Peter Eales (see above), cut from the common. This land, measuring slightly less than half an acre, was owned and occupied by John Fenn; there are no other records of John Fenn and the 1841 census has the cottage

⁴⁷ SHC 6198/13/108, Tithe apportionment for the parish of Woking, December 1841

occupied by a William Fenn⁴⁸, described as an agricultural labourer. William had a cottage facing onto the canal towpath. It is possible that this was a squatter settlement and likely built at or just after the building of the Basingstoke Canal.

William Fenn died in February 1859; his wife, Jane, died in the same month.

7-12 Lye Cottages were built, on the site of William's land, in about 1870 – they are shown on the 1870 OS map.

In about 1950-55, 7-12 Lye Cottages were renamed as 7-12 Redway Cottages.



Figure 108. Redway Cottages, 1960s

	Occupants of 7-9 Lye Cottages				
1895-98					
1899	Arthur Smith	Charles Sherwin			
1901	Benjamin Baker				
1902-06	Coorgo Harding		Cyrus Cranham		
1907-14	George Harding		1		
1915-18	Stimshlane Vincent	Homer Holl			
1921		Harry Hall			
1924-29	William N Burchett		Sarah Jane Cranham		
1933-34		Walter Bowers			
1935-36		wanter bowers	George Wye		
1939-49	Thomas R Wye	Alice O'Rourke			

⁴⁸ William's father was called James and he died at the end of 1840, so it is conceivable that 'James' was mis-transcribed as 'John'

1951-55		
1956-63	Kenneth D Blake	Miss Lizzie M Wye
1969		Frank A L Lintott
1974-78		Frank A L Lintott

Occupants of 10-12 Lye Cottages			
1895	James Massa	Maria Bullen	
1899	James Moses	John Smith	Honey Choymov
1905			Henry Chowney
1913	Henry Hall		Charles Chandler
1915		Samuel Smith	Charles Chandler
1916-21		Samuel Smith	Charles Burchett
1924	O II1:		Miss Burchett
1925-26	George Harding		
1928-29		James Ledger	
1933		Ioo Harding	Albert Burchett
1934-56	Mrs Lois Burchett	Joe Harding	Albert Burchett
1958-63	Wits Lois Dutchett	Annie M Pearce	
1967-69		R A Mears	
1970-72	Michael F Russell	IN A INICALS	
1974-78	Michael F Russell	James T Pegman	Ronald V Pitt

Lye End Cottage

Lye End Cottage is a single storey building, situated just to the west of where Nursery Cottages were later built.

Although, it was sometimes referred to in records as No. 13 Lye Cottages, Lye End Cottage is of a different design and construction to Lye Cottages.



Figure 109. Lye End Cottage

Occupants of Lye End Cottage		
1901-11	George Harding	
1915-17	William Russell	
1921	Mary Marshall	
1925-36	Ernest F Barnett	
1937-76	Miss Rose Beatrice Pole	
1977-81	Barbara Burt	

Nursery Cottages

Nursery Cottages were built in about 1936, between South Cottage and 7-12 Lye Cottages. They are numbered 1-6 from left to right looking from the road.



Figure 110. Nursery Cottages 2022

Occupants of 1-2 Nursery Cottages		
1937-61	William N Burchett	
1963-69	B Burchett	Edwin A Collyer
1974-78 Jessie C S Burchett		

Occupants of 3-4 Nursery Cottages		
1937-51	John A Reed	Eric William Barney
1955-78	John A Reed	Mrs Lucy M Barney

Occupants of 5-6 Nursery Cottages		
1937-39 Sidney J Lintott		
1945-63	Mrs Doris G Lintott	Honey Doylott
1967-75	Frederick W Tolnhurst	Henry Boylett
1977	Stuart Craven	

Lye End House

Lye End House appears on the 1840 Tithe Map⁴⁹, as two cottages (plots 1513 & 1514). 1513 was owned and occupied by Samuel Hills; 1514 was owned and occupied by John Woolley. Neither of the cottages, nor either Samuel or John, appear in the 1841 census.

Probable that during the 1860s, the cottages were used as a beerhouse called the Fisherman's Retreat.

Fisherman's Retreat [<1866-1869]

One of only two references to the *Fisherman's Retreat* is in a press report of August 1866; Thomas Clarke 'of the Fisherman's Retreat, Woking' was fined 6s 6d with 18s 6d costs for 'selling beer at unlawful hours on a Sunday'.⁵⁰

There is no Thomas Clarke listed in Woking in the 1861 census. In 1871, a Thomas Clarke, agricultural labourer, was living in Providence Street (now Church Street East).

In 1869, Thomas's son, also named Thomas, died; the burial register records his abode as "Fishermans Retreat", The Lye, Woking'. Lye End House is a likely location for the *Fisherman's Retreat*, fronting onto the canal bank, so it could serve bargemen.



Figure 111. Ink drawing of the Fisherman's Retreat, (c.1900?)

After Samuel Bide established his nursery in the late 1890s (see Vol 1), these cottages were acquired by him and became known as Bides Cottages.

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⁴⁹ SHC 6198/13/108, Tithe apportionment for the parish of Woking, December 1841

⁵⁰ Surrey Advertiser 25 August 1866

Bides Cottages were bought by Miss Rose Pole in about 1930. She had them converted into one house.⁵¹ From 1939, Rose Pole rented the house out; she herself moved into nearby Lye End Cottage and built up a nursery business.

Rose Pole, put the house up for sale in 1954. It was described:

"Charming Period House completely surrounded by lovely common land. Hall (17 by14), 2 living rooms, 4 bedrooms, bathroom and separate w.c., small kitchen (part tiled) with view of woods from window over sink.

Garage (brick), Good outbuildings. One of the main features of the property is the garden, a small part of which is very attractively laid out with lawns surrounded with clipped yew hedges and topiarywork. The remainder (about $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres) is now run as a nursery, well-stocked and in a high state of cultivation."

Occupants of Lye End House		
1840	John Woolley	Samuel Hills
1851-61	Elizabeth Chapman	James Fisher
1862-67		James Fisher
	Fisherm	an's Rest?
1908-10	Charles Edwin Voung	
1911-26	Charles Edwin Young	Samuel Smith
1930-36	Miss Robinson	Miss Rose Beatrice Pole
1939	Edward Godfrey Masters	
1942	Miss Edith Ellen Scurr Barton	
1945	Ronald Dudley Farrington	
1945-47	John Humphrey Sears	
1949	M M Hanson	
1951-52	Barbara H Ellis	
1952-53	Alfred Emery	
1955-81	Patrick Cornelius Cahill	

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⁵¹ St John's Edwardian Fete Programme, 1973 – Reminiscences of St John's



Figure 112. Lye End House, 2016

Railway Cottages

Railway Cottages are situated alongside the railway just to the East of the footbridge leading to the Woking Golf Club. They were constructed, between about 1895 and 1902, by the London & South Western Railway, for use by members of their staff.

No. 1 Railway Cottages was built south of the railway and appears on the 1970 OS plan. It was originally known just as Railway Cottage. The first confirmed occupancy record is in 1884, when George Cook was accidently killed, whilst working on the railway line at Stoughton.

Figure 113. West Surrey Times 22 March 1884

FATAL ACCIDENT.—We regret to record a fatal accident to an inhabitant of this locality. On Thursday morning, a man named George Cook, of Railway Cottage, St. John's, was engaged with a number of platelayers near Stoughton bridge, Guildford. An engine was observed to be coming from the direction of Guildford, and the men moved off the line to allow it to pass. Cook went to pick up a tool, and was warned several times to get out of the way, but be failed to do so, and was run over and terribly injured. He was immediately conveyed to the Royal Surrey County Hospital, where he received every attention. The poor fellow did not regain consciousness, however, and died shortly after his admission. The explanation as to the accident is very simple. The portion of line where the accident occurred is very straight, and anyone standing on the permanent way and looking at an approaching engine might imagine that it was scarcely moving. Deceased had not been long at the work, and probably thought the engine was not so near at hand.

The other cottages were north of the railway; they are now numbered 2-5 from east to west, with No. 5 being nearest to the footbridge. Originally they were known as 1-4 Railway Cottages, whilst the other was still known as Railway Cottage.

The 1895 OS map shows only the semi-detached pair, No.s 2 & 3 (originally 1 & 2), which were built in about 1893. Another semi-detached pair, No.s 4 & 5 (originally 3 & 4), shown on later maps, were built later. They are not recorded in the 1901 census but are in the 1902 Woking Rate Evaluation so were presumably built in 1901/2.



Figure 114. Modern map showing 2-5 Railway Cottages

It appears to have been after the Second World War that Railway Cottage was numbered as 1 Railway Cottages and No.s 1-4 became 2-5. No. 1 Railway Cottages was demolished in the 1950s.

Occupants of Railway Cottage		
1884	George Cook, plate-layer	
1897-1924	William James Cook, foreman platelayer	
1926-39	Thomas West, permanent way labourer	
1945	Ellen West, widow	
1946-51	Albert E West	
1953-54	Eliza West	

2-3 Railway Cottages

Occupants of 2-3 Railway Cottages		
1895		James Henry White,
1896-97	William Spooner	signalman
1899-1902		
1905		George Miller
1907	Samuel Spooner, signalman	Ernest Ewart Young
1908-26		John Skinner, railway porter
1933-37	Percy A T H Chown	
1939-47	Ernest F Rainbow	Mrs Mary J Skinner
1950	Frank H Warren	

1956	vacant	
1961	Frederick H Glanville	
1963	Frederick in Gianville	T A G Palmer
1967	W Edwards	
1974-78	Terence W Edwards	Derek V Gane
1979-81		



Figure 115. 2-3 Railway Cottages 2023

4-5 Railway Cottages

Occupants of 4-5 Railway Cottages		
1902-08	Thomas Nutcher	XX'11' I I XX'11 1 1
1911-28	Arthur J Hutchings, railway goods foreman	William Henry Willoughby, railway lengthman
1933-39		
1945-81	Burrice William Leggett	Samuel H Pitts



Figure 116. 4-5 Railway Cottages 2023

1 & 2 Lye View Cottages

1 & 2 Lye View Cottages were built in about 1890 by Edward Newman, a builder, who had moved to St John's, from Battersea, in about 1888.

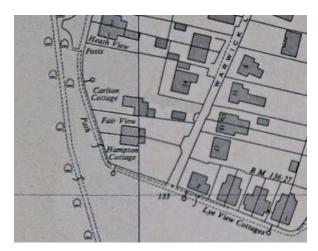


Figure 117. From 1967 OS map

They comprised a pair of semidetached houses. No.s 3 & 4 were built in about 1896, and then 5-7 some ten years later. When Edward died, in 1915, all seven cottages were put up for auction; they were described as having a rental value of £124 16s per annum.

No.s 5 & 6 were built between 1 & 2 and 3 & 4. The cottages were thus originally numbered 1,2,5,6,3,4,7 as shown in the 1917 street directory.

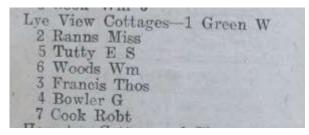


Figure 118. From 1917 street directory

Occupants of 1 & 2 Lye View Cottages		
1891	James Burchett	John G Fillimore
1898-99	James Burchen	Henry Fillimore
1901	Sarah A Daborn	Leonard Skipper
1904-05	Saran A Daboni	George Prout
1907-14	Edgar Newman	Thomas Cranham
1915	Robert Chalcraft	Thomas Crannam
1916-18	William Croop	Agnes S Ranns
1921-28	William Green	Boaz G Huggins
1933-39	Mrs Alice Cook	Mrs Emma Huggins
1945		Edwin Collyer
1947	MIS Alice Cook	H B Platter
1951		Alice Campbell
1956	M Fisher	
1961	Ann Hawkins	
1963	vacant	Edith M Weedon
1967]
1968-73	Michael R Webb	
1974-75		Daymand D Tymoli
1978	David C E Barclay	Raymond P Tyrrell



Figure 119. Lye View Cottages, 2023

3 & 4 Lye View Cottages

No.s 3 & 4 Lye View Cottages were built in about 1896 and were originally numbered 1 & 2.

Occupants of 3 & 4 Lye View Cottages		
1901 Albert E Dicker Ernest E Eastman		
1904	Albert Ernest Skilling	John Legg
1905-07	Albert Ernest Skilling	
1909	George Saunders	Charles Sermon Hobbs

1911	John Molyneux	
1913-18	Edward Samuel Tutty	George J Bowler
1921		William Callingham-Woods
1925-28	William Henry Iverson	Harry Reginald Bramall
1933		William Smith
1934	Fred S Spicer	
1936	Fred 5 Spicer	
1939-47	Henry Hurst	Ernest H Errett
1950-78	John MacPherson	
1979-81		

5 & 6 View Cottages

No.s 5 and 6 Lye View Cottages were a third pair of semi-detached houses, built in about 1906, the first occupants being listed in the 1908 Woking directory.

Occupants of 5 & 6 Lye View Cottages		
1907	Mrs Davis	G Barker, G
1909-11	Edward Samuel Tutty	— Arthur Gibbons
1913	James Giles	Artiful Gibbolis
1918	Thomas G Francis	William Calling
1919-47	Thomas G Francis	
1951	Mary L Burrows	George G Bowler
1955-67	W T Cox	
1968-73	W I COX	
1974-78	- Marcelle Cox	Elsie A Bowler
1979-81	- Marcelle Cox	

7 Lye View Cottages

No. 7 Lye View Cottages was the last of the seven to be built, in about 1910 (the first occupant, Edward Howard is shown living there in the 1911 census). Unlike the other Lye View Cottages, it is a detached dwelling.

Occupants of 7 Lye View Cottages	
1911-14	Edward John Howard
1918-28	Robert Cook
1933-39	William Green
1945-47	Mrs Sarah A Green
1951-67	Augustus R Woods
1974	Violet M Woods
1977	Nicholas S Turnbull

Hampton Cottages

Hampton Cottages are a semi-detached pair and were built in about 1890. From about 1950, No. 1 Hampton Cottages has been known as Fairview, whilst No. 2 is known as Hampton Cottage.

Fairview has been extended to the north side, nearly doubling its size.

Occupants of Hampton Cottages		
	Fairview	Hampton Cottage
1891	George Collyer	Albert Jackson
1899		J Dodd
1901-05		Harriett Dodd
1907-16		
1916-17	Mrs Collyer	Charles Richard Shurven
1918-36	- Mrs Annette Brown Matthew J Langley Stanley R J Stent Dennis D Bloomfield	
1939		
1945		John Dillon
1951-56		
1961-78		

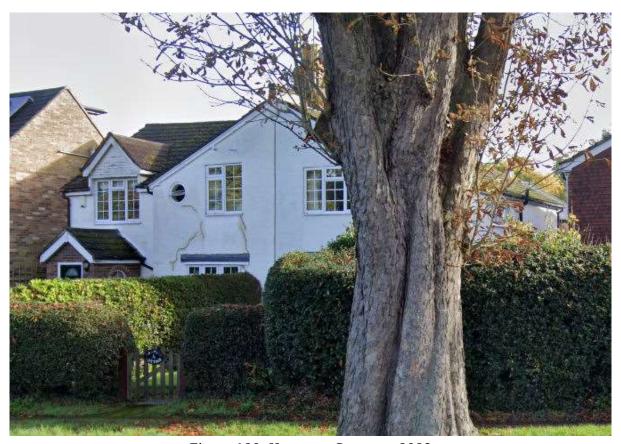


Figure 120. Hampton Cottages, 2023

Carlton Cottage

Carlton Cottage was previously known as Welcome Cottage or The Welcome. Welcome Cottage was built as a detached cottage in the mid-1880s. It was renamed to Carlton Cottage, by George Northcott, in about 1932.

More recently it was renamed Poppy Cottage.

The original cottage has been extended to the north side (left in Figure 121) and to the south-west corner.

Occupants of Carlton Cottage	
1885-89	John Sidney Francis
1889-95	Henry Burchett
1897-99	Albert Jackson
1901	Henry Turner
1904-07	George J Reader
1908-11	Albert Ernest Skilling
1913	John F Hampton
1914-28	John Henry Hayball
1932-75	George E C Northcott
1977	Donald R Adams



Figure 121. Poppy Cottage, 2025

Heathview

Heathview is a pair of semi-detached cottages built in about 1903.

Occupants of Heathview		
1903	John Hollower	
1904-05	John Holloway	
1908-28	Henry Strudwick	Charles Redway
1933-36	Maurice R Stevens	
1939-51		Francis W Lamb
1956-67	M M J Stevens	Francis w Lamb
1974	Trevor Fox	
1977-78		Anthony J Emerson



Figure 122. Heathview, 2023

Linden Cottage

Linden Cottage is one of a pair of detached cottages, along with Holly Cottage, built in the late 1880s.

In recent years, Linden Cottage has been extended to the ground-floor front, chimneys have been removed and larger windows installed on the first floor (see Figure 123).

Occupants of Linden Cottage	
1888-91	John Foster
1897-1901	Walter H Jackman
1904	Thomas Burchett

1907	Andrew Mansell
1911-16	Arnold Collyer
1916-21	Frederick Boakes
1925-56	Mrs Rosa J Boakes
1961-78	Ethel R Arkell



Figure 123. Holly Cottage (left) and Linden Cottage, 2022

Holly Cottage

Holly Cottage is one of a pair of detached cottages, along with Linden Cottage, built in the mid-1880s.



Figure 124. Holly Cottage, 1950s?

Occupants of Holly Cottage	
1891	William H Hawthorne
1895	Harry Theodore Roads, bricklayer
1896-1900	Charles Bigwood
1901	Henry Moulding
1904-08	William Pullen
1911	Silas Hills
1913-17	William Rose
1918-21	William F Hall
1925-63	Charles A Redway
1967-78	Dennis M Bannister

Charles Redway

Charles Redway was born in 1851 in Islington, London. He moved to the Woking area in about 1890, establishing a butcher's shop in Knaphill. In 1904, he moved from Hermitage Road to 2 Heathview at St John's Lye.

The 1911 Rating Valuation shows that, at that time, he owned, all the houses from Holly Cottage to Lye View: Holly Cottage, Linden Cottage, 1 & 2 Heathview, Welcome Cottage, 1 & 2 Hampton Cottages and 1-7 Lye View Cottages.

Charles Redway died in August 1937 and was buried in Brookwood Cemetery.

Works

After the Second World War, an industrial plant was built, in about 1948. The first occupier, in 1949, was St John's Products Ltd, who produced pressed aluminium work. They were joined on the site, in 1950, by Crater Precision Ltd, switch manufacturers. There is no mention of St John's Products after 1950 and it is possible they merged with Crater Precision.

Crater Precision Ltd moved in 1958/9 to Lower Guildford Road and changed name to Crater Controls Ltd in 1964.

Crater Precision was superseded in 1959 by Miniature Electronic Components (M.E.C.) Ltd. M.E.C. Ltd had facilities at St John's Lye and Manor Way, Old Woking.

In 1962 and 1963, M.E.C. Ltd were granted exemptions to the

MINIATURE ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS LTD.

A vacancy exists for a

SECRETARY TO THE BUYER

Good shorthand and typing essential. 25—40 years. Must not be afraid of hard work and capable of some record keeping and filing. An important and interesting job for the right person.

Applicants should write to Mr. A. Muirhead.

FEMALE SUPERVISORS

Due to expansion, M.E.C. Ltd. have vacancies for Female Supervisors. Applicants must have been in charge of female labour carrying out assembly operations in a factory manufacturing light electrical goods. The hours of work are from 8.45 a.m. to 5.15 p.m. The scale of pay is between £10 10s. 0d. to £12 10s. 0d. per week, and only those with previous experience in supervising posts should apply, in writing in the first instance, to the Production Superintendent.

THE LYE, ST. JOHN'S, WOKING, SURREY

Figure 125. M.E.C. Ltd advertisement 1963

Factories Act 1961 with regard to the employment of women and young persons.52

In about 1965, M.E.C. Ltd took over the two Mervyn facilities in Copse Road (see pages 62 and 59) and, in about 1968, left the St John's Lye premises.

Since 1977, when it was established, Woking Print has occupied the site.

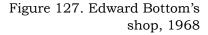
	Occupants of industrial site
1949-50	St John's Products Ltd, aluminium press work
1950-58	Crater Precision Ltd
1959-68	Miniature Electronic Components (M.E.C.) Ltd.
1977-	Woking Print



Figure 126. Woking Print, 2022

1 Lye

In about 1960, two retail units were built next to Dudley House (see Vol Of these, one faced onto St John's Road; the other towards St John's Lye. The one that faced onto the Lye had the address of 1 Lye. The first occupant was Edward E Bottom, greengrocer.





The shop had been occupied by Heaters Bakery since 1990. In 2024, Heaters was taken over by the Christmas Bakery of Worplesdon.

⁵² The London Gazette 11 December 1962, 10 December 1963

Occupants of 1 Lye		
1968-70 Edward E Bottom, greengrocer		
1990-2024 Heaters Bakery		
2024-	Christmas Bakery	



Figure 128. 1-2 Lye, 2019

2 Lye

In about 1990, a third retail unit was added next to the two already adjacent to Dudley House.

Occupants of 2 Lye		
1990-96 Body Lines		
2008-12 Equilibrium, beauty salon		
2015-22	Vanity House	

WARWICK LANE (EAST SIDE)

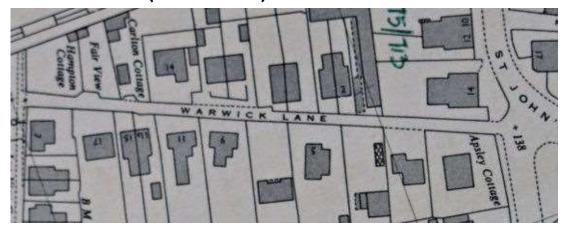


Figure 129. Warwick Lane from 1967 OS map

On the 1840 Tithe Map⁵³, the area where Warwick Lane now is was a number of strip fields (plots 1521-1526), owned and occupied by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of Woking.

No. 1 The Keep

No. 1 Warwick Lane was built in the early 1970s. The house is called The Keep.

No. 3

The 1968 and 1969 street directories show No. 3 as 'new house' and vacant, so it was presumably built in 1967. Originally called Tally Ho, the house is now named Little Ellingham.



Figure 130. Little Ellingham

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⁵³ SHC 6198/13/108, *Tithe apportionment for the parish of Woking*, December 1841 Page 100

5 - Sunnyside

Sunnyside was built in the 1890s. The first occupant, Henry Guttridge, lived there for 36 years, from 1895. Arthur Hardy and his family then occupied the house for the next thirty years.

Occupants of Sunnyside		
1895-1931 Henry Guttridge, retired gardener		
1932-45	Arthur Hardy, cake maker & salesman	
1945-61	Mrs Mabel W Hardy	
1963-66	P F F Van Reysen	
1967-74	Alexander Duff	
1975-79	Michael Powell	



Figure 131. Sunnyside

7 - Lye Cottage

The 1968 street directory shows Lye Cottage as 'new house' and vacant, so it was presumably built in 1967. The first occupant was Philip K Young, who lived there until the mid-1970s.



Figure 132. Lye Cottage

Fern Cottage

Fern Cottage is a detached house, built in 1889, as a pair with May Cottage; both have the date picked out in bricks on the front. They were the first two houses constructed in Warwick Lane. The first occupant, George Strudwick, moved in, in 1890. He and his wife (later his widow), Betsy, lived there for over sixty years. Thereafter it was occupied by their daughters, Edith and Florence.

Occupants of Fern Cottage		
1890-1929 George Strudwick, postal service		
1929-51	Mrs Betsy Strudwick	
1951-79 Miss Edith Lottie Strudwick		
1981-83	A G Hunter	

May Cottage

May Cottage is a detached house, built in 1889, as a pair with Fern Cottage; both have the date picked out in bricks on the front. They were the first two houses constructed in Warwick Lane.

The first occupant, James Gosden, moved in, in 1890. After James's death in 1924 and that of his wife, Mary, in 1928, the cottage passed to their eldest daughter, Jane, who had married Alfred Kimber. Following the deaths of Alfred and Jane, Jane's sister, Maud, lived in the house until 1955. It was thus in the same family for 65 years.

Occupants of May Cottage		
1890-1924 James Gosden, bricklayer		
1924-28	Mary Anne Gosden	
1930-42	Alfred Kimber, bricklayer	
1942-50	Mrs Jane Louise Kimber	
1950-55	Maud Louise Gosden	
1956	vacant	
1959-60	Leonard Floyd	
1960-67	Annie A Floyd	
1972-83	Douglas F Errett	





Figure 133. Fern Cottage & May Cottage, 2023

Thorne Cottages

Thorne Cottages are a pair of semi-detached houses, built, probably, in the mid-1890s.

In 1909, John Hampton, a nursery gardener, moved from Jubilee Cottage in Church Road into No. 1 Thorne Cottages. John died in 1910 and his widow, Martha, in 1913. The cottage passed to their daughter, Flory, who, in 1912, had married William Henry Jordan, an ex-soldier with the Coldstream Guards.

When the Great War broke out, William, having remained as a reservist, was immediately called up. With his regiment, he was posted to the Western Front, where, on the 29th October 1914, during the first battle of Ypres, he was reported as 'missing in action'. Flory received confirmation of this on 19th February the following year. The exact circumstances of his death were never known. Flory remarried in 1920 – to William Bowley. Flory lived in the house almost continuously from 1909 until her death in 1961.

Between the publication of the 1934 and 1937 street directories, 1 Thorne Cottages was renamed as Thorn Cottage and No. 2 was renamed to Thorndene.

Occupants of Thorne Cottages			
1897-98	Ciles IIIIs mandanan		
1899	Silas Hills, gardener		
1901	James A Wilson, engine fitter	George James Reader, painter	
1903	Mrs Jennie Thomas		
1906-07	wis define Thomas	Mar. Is as M. Drausla ett	
1909-10	John Hampton, nursery labourer	- Mrs Jane M Burchett	
1910-13	Martha Hampton		
1912-13	John Hamilton	William Fennell plumber	
1914-15	George Frederick Tillman William Fennell, plumber		
1915-20	Mrs Flory M Jordan	1	
1920-24	William Frederick Bowley,		
1925	plumber	Gilbert H Green, overseer at	
1925-51	Mrs Flory M Bowley	post office	
1956-61	WITS I TOLY IN DOWLEY	Cecil G Davis	
1967-79	Stalle F Daviley	Ceen a Davis	
1980-81	Stella E Bowley		



Figure 134. Thorne Cottages 2023

Warwick Lodge

Warwick Lodge is a detached house, built in about 1892. The first occupant was Henry Moulding, butcher. It is unlikely that he built it though. From as early as 1902 until at least 1915⁵⁴, Warwick Lodge was owned by John Moverly Sharp, solicitor, of Criterion Chambers, Jermyn Street, London.

 $^{^{54}}$ SHC, 6198/137a, Rates: Valuation List Woking 1902; SHC, CC802/34/4, Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1915

For the majority of the time from 1900 until the Second World War, Warwick Lodge appears to have been rented out as two separate tenements.

Today Warwick Lodge is 5 bed-room detached house with three bathrooms, that sits in a plot of 570 square metres.

Occupants of Warwick Lodge		
1892-99	Henry Moulding, butcher	
1901	Henry Burchett, labourer	Mrs Mary Randolph
1902-10	George Ernest William Sutherland	
1911	Henry Burchett, labourer	
1912-15	vacant ?	vacant ?
1915-16		
1916-17	TT 10 TT 1	
1918	- Walter Hunt	Meshack Pike, soldier
1919-25	William Henry Arthur	
1926-28	Aubrey G Davis	Machaelt Dilta caldier
1929	James Gartry	Meshack Pike, soldier
1930-32		Leonard Cutt
1932-33	vacant	vacant
1933-34	Percy George Gooch	- Donovan Charles Cobbett
1934-36	William Ernest Daborn	Donovan Charles Cobbett
1936-38		John Wye
1938-75	Sidney E Durrant, brewer's drayman	
1977-78	Emily Durrant	



Figure 135. Warwick Lodge 2023

WARWICK LANE (WEST SIDE)

No.s 2 & 4 – 4 & 3 Church View Cottages

3 and 4 Church View Cottages are a pair of semi-detached cottages and were built in about 1920, some thirty years after 1 & 2 Church View Cottages.

From 1948, the name Church View Cottages was dropped from No.s 3 & 4 and they became No.s 2 and 4 Warwick Lane.

Occupants of 3 & 4 Church View Cottages		
1928	Hampshire / Stevens	
1933	vacant	F A Harding
1935	J O Jones	George Thorn
1939		
1947	H W Smith	Herbert H P Rose
1956-67	James D Wayte	
1974-78	Harry Tyerman	Peter D Finch



Figure 136. 3 and 4 Church View Cottages 2023

No.s 6 & 8 - 2 & 1 Church View Cottages

1 and 2 Church View Cottages are a pair of semi-detached cottages and were built in about 1892.

In 1893, the houses were sold at auction, both with sitting tenants. The cottages were described as having four rooms; presumably a kitchen and living room downstairs and two bedrooms upstairs.

The 1897 and 1902 Woking rate books show a Mrs Chown owning the two cottages.

MR. G. A. McEWEN begs to amounce that he has been favoured with instructions to offer for Sale by Auction, at the Prince of Wales Hotel, St. John's. Woking, on PRIDAY, the ith of August, 1991, at 5 o'clock in the evening, the following well-built and conveniently situated FREEHOLD COTTAGES.

Lot 1.—A pair of Detached Cottages, facing the common at St. John's Woking, and known as Holly and Linden Cottages, each containing sitting-room, three bedrooms, kitchen, scullery, w.c., and other conveniences, good gardens and plentiful supply of excellent water. This property is admirably adapted for summer residence, as common rights over about 10 acres is held by the owner.

Lot 2.—A pair of Semi-detached Cottages in rear of above, and named I and 2. Church View, facing a road connected with the main road to Woking Station. The cottages contain four rooms, with gardens, and the usual conveniences. The above properties are situated in the ceatre of this rapidly improving neighbourhood, are all let to respectable tenants at rentals producing 2512s, per annum, and are within a few yards of St. John's Church, Board Schools, and post-office. An omnibus passes four times dally, conveying passengers to and from Woking Station.

Figure 137. West Middlesex Herald

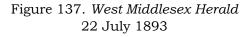




Figure 138. 1 and 2 Church View Cottages 2023

Occupants of 1 & 2 Church View Cottages			
1894-97	Alfred Mant	Daniel Goodyear	
1899		- George Sandon	
1901	Robert Matthews		
1902	Robert Matthews	Mrs Charlotte Sandon	
1903			
1904-11	Albert John Weller Edward C May	Alfred Kimber	
1913-20			
1925	William Henry Jones		
1928-30		Aubrey G Davis	
1933		John Charles Renshaw	
1935	Thomas G Jones	F A Harding	
1939-45		Doris Luxton	
1947-68		Comunal Luxton	
1969-74		Samuel Luxton	
1977-78	Aileen Barclay	Doris F Luxton	



Figure 139. Warwick Lodge 2023

No. 10 - Wayteover

Wayteover is one of a pair (with Ormlie) of semi-detached houses built in 1954.

No. 12 - Ormlie

Ormlie is one of a pair (with Wayteover) of semi-detached houses built in 1954.

No. 14 - The Bungalow

The Bungalow is a detached single-storey house, built in 1954. Today it is named Hazelview Cottage.

No. 22 - Trelye

Trelye is a five bedroom detached house which was built in the 1970s.

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William Charles Anstis 1905-1996



Sir John A F Aspinall 1852-1937



James Babbage 1862-1951



Elizabeth Hannah Howard Balchin 1863-1944



Lady Betty Balfour 1867-1942



E A Barbour 1883-1966



Ernest Frederick Bascombe 1929-1993



Elizabeth Mary Barnes



Edith Ellen Scurr Barton 1854-1942, 1868



Frederick George Bascombe 1904-1982



Cecil E P Bearman 1871-1956



Francis Bickley 1828-65



Mabel Winifred Boorman 1887-1966



Revd Charles B Bowles 1807-1885



Russell F C (1878-1938) & Annie L (1877-1957) Bowsher



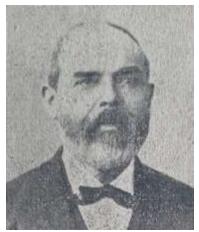
Frederick Boylett 1888-1918



Arthur Henry Brodribb 1879-1939



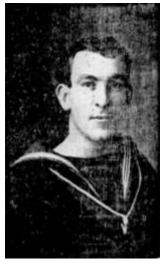
Henry Burchett (1856-1944) & 3 of his daughters



William John Butt 1841-1919



Patrick Cornelius Cahill 1908-81



Thomas Henry Carpenter 1886-1916



Evelyn Maud Jane Chubb 1888-1959-



Ernest John (1896-1969) & Georgina (1899-1989) Candy



Maria Chitty late Waterer née Stevens 1808-1890



Henry A Chowney 1886-1917



Sir William Ovens Clark 1849-1937



Mabel Annie Coleman 1896-1921



Ernestine Rosa Cook 1869-1955



Joan Cooper 1920-



Philip Cooper 1877-1971



Percy A W (1881-1943) & Catherine Meriam Collyer (1880-1951)



Simon Philip W Corbett 1914-76



James Laidlaw Cross 1846-1937



John E C Cross 1873-1967



Albert Edgar Dale 1909-



Alfred Charles Dawson 1896-1920



Ivor John (1906-2002) & Dorothy R Cunningham (1908-95)



Albert E Devereux 1897-1916



John Dalton Deverell 1905-82



Henry Herbert (1881-1950) & Emma A (née Temple) (1882-1960) Ellis



Mary Anne Chapman (née Eales) 1846-96



Muriel Ethel Faulkner-Wilkinson 1882-



Edward James Field 1888-1918

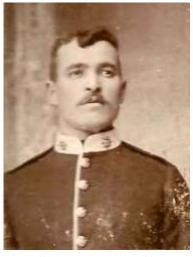




John Alexander Field 1884-1917



Charlotte Maud Geary 1895-1966



William James Godfrey 1876-1916



Henry Goodyer 1879-1967



Thomas W Graham 1872-1959



Christopher C Gray 1881-1918



William Green 1871-1921



Leonard Mundy Gribble 1877-1954



Herbert Otho Hamilton 1892-1915



Revd Joseph Montague Harris 1865-1964



Ellen Harvey 1842-1932



Charles Basil Hawkes 1896-1915



Harry Urmson Hayes 1896-1915



Hilda Dorothy Hollebon 1895-1981



Leonard Hills 1849-1932



Edward John Hodkinson 1886-1924



Arthur A Howell C.M.G 1862-1918



Arthur Gregory(1878-1953)) & Alice (née Yeatman) (1893-1938)Howard



Evelyn Hurt 1920-80



Albert E (1864-98) & Mabel (1865-1945) Inwood



George Jackley 1884-1950



George Jackman 1801-69



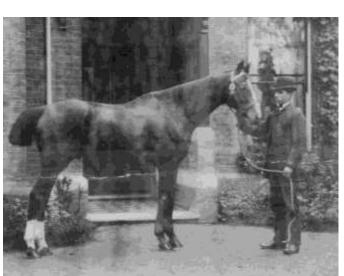
George Jackman junior 1837-87



Percy Jackman 1872-1934



George Jackman & staff c1880



Walter Henry Jackman 1870-1956



Mabel (1865-1945) & Daniel (1865-1940) Jelly



Arthur George Jackman 1866-1926



Albert Jackson 1836-1902



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George Henry Kingham 1856-1946



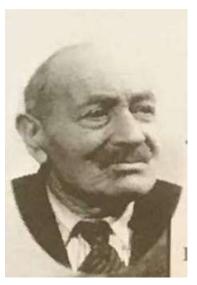
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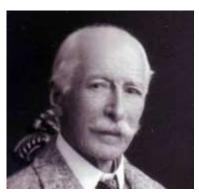
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Frederick Oswald McDonnell 1890-1972



John Doran MacDonald 1867-1916



William Kenaz Marriott 1847-1927



Joseph Martyr 1829-1916



Roderick George McLeod 1892-1986



George Edgar May 1885-1975



George Edgar & Louisa (1884-1968) May



Maria Maycock 1846-1911



William A May 1895-1918



Charles John Albert Mead 1895-1989



Mrs Lily Moore 1899-1962



Owen Ernest Moore 1867-1947



David Stuart Mitchell 1880-1918



Marmaduke R H Morley 1894-1916



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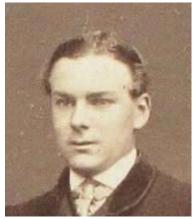
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Marjorie Evelyn Nevile 1906-91



Cynthia Irene Norfolk 1907-86



Revd Frederick James Oliphant 1845-1911



Andrew Pears 1846-1909



William Sydney Penley (1853-1912) with his son (c1900, probably at St James' House)



Ernest William (1875-1949) and Susan (1874-1953) Piesse



Stanley Percival 1820-190



Stephen Pannell (1878-1917) and family



Edward Pudney 1882-1944



Elizabeth Pudney 1882-1972



Arthur Rathbone 1889-1964



Henry, Philip, Joseph & Charles Redway c.1880



Sir William H Raeburn 1850-1934



Charles Renshaw 1841-1905



Rhoda (née Gardner) (1872-1951) & Rennie Ross (1869-1947) Rogers



Fred, Emily, Job, Rosa & Jane Savage



Job Savage (1845-1925) and his wife, Jane (1849-1942)



George Bellas (1855-1931) & Rosina (1857-1940) Savage



Catherine M Simmonds 1883-1951



John Rookley 1881-1917



George Barker Searle (1823-1905) pictured outside of Belmont c1901



Edward Stephen Spooner 1881-1917



Maj Victor John Senior M.C. 1916-2007



George Barker Searle 1823-1905



Herbert Skelton (1871-1921)



Walter Charles Slocock 1854-1926



Ethelbert (1880-1963) & Elspeth (1888-1977) Smithers



William Buchanan Smellie 1902-86



Stephen(1877-1960) & Emily (1881-1967) Spooner



Harry (1887-1964) & Mary (1885-1971) Spooner



Harry Spooner in his Morris Oxford



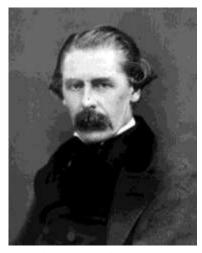
Stephen & Emily Spooner, May & Nora, the Jones brothers



Harold Rolleston Stables 1886-1914



Caleb Stevens 1843-1900



Sir Henry Thompson 1820-1904



Hubert Maitland Turnbull 1875-1955



John Russell Townsend 1896-1916



Valdo Brothers



Col Eden Vansittart D.S.O. 1856-1936



Honorah Walton 1907-84



Walter J Warrell-Bowring 1893-1916



Maria Waterer 1831-88



June Stuart Fleming Wilkie 1922-89



William F R Webster 1880-1949



Maj Gen Michael Edward Willoughby C.M.G C.B. C.S.I. 1864-1939



Marcus Warren Zambra 1849-1914



Marcus William Zambra 1877-1952



St John's Football Club, 1912-13



St John's Football Club, 1922-23 - the season in which they won six trophies



St John's Football Club, 1956-57



St John's Football Club, 1958-59



St John's Football Club, 1960-61

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