# West Hoathly Local History Archive

# The Photograph Captions List

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The 1124 photographs captions listed here are in the groups corresponding to the exhibition display boards. Within each group they are listed in the order of acquisition so that related photographs are often not adjacent. A few hundred other photographs have been scanned which are not considered important enough for exhibition board display.

## St Margaret's Church

**CH1** An Engraving of St Margaret's Church in 1861 by W J Quartermain showing the old red brick porch, no vestry and the roof entirely of Horsham slabs. The church was restored in 1870 when the vestry and the new porch were built. The windows and chimneys of The Cat Inn are different from those shown in SQS1.

CH2 The Interior of St Margaret's Church from the West showing oil lamp chandeliers and the old pews which were removed in 1930.

CH3 The Interior of St Margaret's Church from the West showing oil lamp chandeliers and the old pews which were removed in 1930. The oil lamps were still in place in 1936 when electricity came to the village.

CH4 The Interior of St Margaret's Church from the West showing oil lamp chandeliers and the old pews which were removed in 1930.

CH5 St Margaret's's Church in 1858 showing the old red brick porch and no vestry. The windows of The Cat Inn are different from CH1 and SQS1. Note the large scroll plaque to the North of the round blue window on the West wall of the South aisle and no cross on the East gable of the South aisle.

CH6 The Interior of St Margaret's Church from the West showing oil lamp chandeliers and chairs in place of the old pews which were removed in 1930.

CH7 The Interior of St Margaret's Church from the West showing chairs and no oil lamp chandeliers. On the back is a message from Mrs Glazier to "Violet" (Miss V Hunt) at Manor Farm, West Hoathly posted on Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 1947.

**CH8** The Choir in St Margaret's Church at the Harvest Festival in 1959. The first girl in the front row on the left is Anne Pollard and Ann Benson is next to her. Derek Slater is the nearest man in the back row on the right, next to him is Douglas Kershaw and next to him is Ron Comber, father of Steve and grandfather of John. The second man from the left at the altar rail is Tom Buckley and the vicar is <u>G</u>erald Groves.

CH9 St Margaret's Church from the Manor House garden showing the vestry. The bell at present on the South East corner of the Manor House which was used when the building was a school is not in this picture.

CH1 St Margaret's Church from the churchyard from the North East showing three crosses on the ends of the roof ridges which were probably installed in 1870.

CH11 St Margaret's Church from the air from the North East showing the surrounding houses and large elm trees at the South West boundary of the churchyard. CH12 The Spire of St Margaret's Church from the West showing the rear of Old Parsonage and Combers Cottage. Comparison with CH26 shows that part of the rear

of Old Parsonage has gone.

**CH13** The Jubilee Service for King George V on May  $12^{\text{th}} 1935$  on the terraces of St Margaret's churchyard. The three people at the left end and behind the first row of men are Winifred Sarah Smith, who ran the butchers shop next to Old Timbers, and was aged 66 at this time, John Smith, her son aged 6 and Renee Lows aged 13. The terraces were added to the churchyard in the 1930s and may have been part of a medieval vineyard extending to the West.

CH14 St Margaret's Churchyard Terraces from the East. The large yew tree to the right of the steeple is reputed to stand on the line of the Eastern boundary of the churchyard as it was until 1865.

CH15 The Bells of St Margaret's Church in the churchyard during the rehanging on cast iron frames of five of the six bells in 1962. The rehanging was necessary because movement of the original oak frame of the lower five bells impeded the ringing.

**CH16** The Bells of St Margaret's Church in the churchyard in 1962. The oldest bell is No 3 which was cast by Thomas Ballisdon in 1550. The treble was installed in a cast iron frame above the others in 1937 by Meare and Stainbank after the original five bells were retuned at the Whitechapel bell foundry.

CH17 The Interior of St Margaret's Church South Aisle from the West showing the old pews and oil lamp chandeliers.

CH18 St Margaret's Church from the North East floodlit for the coronation of King George VI in 1937. The white patch is the moon and a flag is attached to the South side of the steeple.

CH19 A Drawing of St Margaret's Church showing the old porch and no vestry indicating a date before the restoration of 1870.

CH20 St Margaret's Church and the Lychgate from the North West.

CH21 St Margaret's Church from the North East from the churchyard. The North East corner of the churchyard was occupied by Smugglers Row until about 1900. Earlier there was another cottage between Smugglers Row and the church.

CH22 St Margaret's Church showing the vestry and porch as they are now. The present church clock was installed in 1843. The earlier medieval faceless clock on display in the nave is reputed to have been built in the fifteenth century.

CH23 The Seat beside the Lychgate of St Margaret's Church. The lychgate is roofed with Horsham slabs and was given by William Robinson of Gravetye Manor in 1923.

**CH24** St Margaret's Churchyard Wall showing carved marks indicating who was responsible for the maintenance of the wall. These marks appear to be "NE". In 1752 there were sixty people responsible for wall sections varying in length from 24 ft to 2 ft 8 in.

CH25 St Margaret's Churchyard Wall showing carved marks indicating who was responsible for the maintenance of sections of the wall. These appear to be "89HP". Straight joints in the wall may also indicate some of these sections.

CH26 The Spire of St Margaret's Church from the West showing the timber framed, jettied, medieval rear elevation of Old Parsonage and part of the rear of Combers Cottage.

CH27 The Congregation of Saint Margaret's Church, West Hoathly.

CH28 The Churchyard terraces from the North West showing fields beyond, parts of which are now the gardens of The Malthouse and The Vineyard.

CH29 The graves of two German airmen who were shot down near the village in September 1940.

**CH30** St Margaret's Church from the South East showing the flat topped East window behind the altar and the old porch before restoration in the late nineteenth century. The drawing is from an advertising booklet called "12 Views of East Grinstead and Neighbourhood" published by M.A.Lambert, Berlin Wool, Toy and Fancy Repository, 7&8 Middle Street, East Grinstead.

**CH31** St Margaret's Church from the South West between 1865 and 1870 before the vestry was built, showing the old porch and the plaque on the west end of the South aisle. The plaque is now inside the church on the South wall. The iron railings round two of the tombs are no longer in place and were probably removed during the 1939-45 war for weapon manufacture. This photograph was presented by the Very Reverend A Kirkpatrick, DD, Dean of Ely.

**CH32** St Margaret's Churchyard terraces from the East showing no graves below the top level and the old "Tin Shop", Bond's Store, next to Upper Pendent in the background. There is a shed on the right of the top terrace and the existing lower shed and terrace seats can be seen. There is a notice on the upper front of the Strakes indicating that it was a shop at this time.

CH33 St Margaret's Church from the South East between 1865 and 1870 showing the old porch and the square headed East window with a small round window above. The large window was an 18C modification of the original and was restored to match the East window of the South aisle in 1870 when the flat ceiling of the chancel was also removed. Several small yew trees can be seen which are now about 25ft tall. The iron railings round some of the tombs were removed during the Second World War. CH34 St Margaret's Church from the South West showing the old porch.

**CH35** St Margaret's Churchyard from the East in the 1930's showing the terraces with graves only on the top level. Upper Pendent can be seen in the background beyond the churchyard wall with the "old tin shop" to the North, sheds in the garden and possibly a small chimney on the South end. A notice board on the front of The Strakes indicates that it was still a shop at this time.

CH36 St Margaret's Churchyard from the East. This is the same photograph as CH35 but extends further to the east.

CH37 St Margaret's Church and lych gate from the North showing a 1920's car or bus on the right.

CH38 The interior of St Margaret's Church showing the old oil lamps and pews. This postcard was posted on May 14th 1906.

CH39 St Margaret's Church South door showing a date of March 13th 1626 and what are said to be bullet holes.

CH40 The Jubilee Service for King George V on May 12th 1935 on the terraces of St Margaret's churchyard. This photograph was taken at the same occasion as CH13

but from a point closer to the congregation and excluding some of the officials. The congregation had their hats off in CH13 but had them on for this photograph. CH41 The Bells of Saint Margaret's Church were rehung in 1962. This cutting was presented to WH Local history Group by John Galsworthy in 2004 and probably appeared in the East Grinstead Courier.

**CH42** The old oak porch of St Margaret's Church sometime before 1972 when it was replaced by the present day stone one. Inside the church there is a table made from some of the timber from the porch with a carved oak cross which used to be over the outer door set into the top.

**CH43** St Margaret's Church from the Manor House drive showing scaffolding on the house. This photograph is one of a series taken after this snowstorm. Others were taken of the Cat Inn and Fountain Cottage. The wooden fences were later replaced by a more imposing entrance with stone gate posts.

CH44 St Margaret's Church from the north east in about 1910. The grave in the shape of a horizontal cross in the right foreground is dated 1905. The high burial mounds on the bank in the middle ground are dated between 1891 and 1898 and look fairly recent. This postcard was published by Bond's Stores next to the church and Thomas Bond took over the shop in 1914. Photograph CH21 is a similar view but judging by the trees it is about 30 years later.

CH45 St Margaret's Church from the south west showing the timber framed porch erected in 1870. This porch was replaced in about 1972 by the present day stone one. Inside the church there is a table made from some of the timber from the 1870 porch with a carved cross which used to be over the door.

CH46 St Margaret's Church choir in the 1950s. Standing on the right in the back row is Harry Sturgess. Standing in the front row from the left are: Carol Riley (nee Walters), Maureen Porter (nee Cuff), Margaret Diplock, unknown, Gwendoline Loft, unknown, unknown and Margaret Baker.

CH47 St Margaret's Church showing the wooden porch erected in 1870. The wooden gate is different from that in photograph CH 45. CH45 also shows steps to the gate indicating that that photograph is later than CH47.

CH48 The interior of St Margaret's church around 1920 showing wooden pews and choir stalls and chandeliers in the nave.

CH49 A drawing of the probable appearance of the interior of St Margaret's church around 1475 by Don Joyce.

CH50 The interior of St Margaret's church in the 1930s from the altar showing the choir stalls.

CH51 St Margaret's choir stalls in 1953. They were removed in 2007.

## **The Priest House**

**PH1** The Priest House from the South East before restoration. The Priest House is a timber framed, fifteenth century hall house with a Horsham slab and crown post roof. It was restored by Maurice Pocock for J Godwin King in 1908 and presented to the Sussex Archaeological Society in 1935.

PH2 Priest House from the East before restoration showing a board fence and a gate and a hedge dividing the garden. The lady may be Mrs Kirby, the custodian, whose daughter, Mrs Rothwell was the deputy head teacher at West Hoathly school when Maud Simmons was there. This postcard was sent by H Comber to Miss May Weller at Stonelands on Oct 31st 1906.

- PH3 Priest House from the East before restoration showing a board fence. This postcard was posted in Sharpthorne on Sept 6th 1916.
- PH4 The Priest House from the South East before restoration. The message on the back indicates that the Priest House was two dwellings at this time.
- **PH5** The Priest House from the East before restoration showing a hedge and a gate. The Priest House may have been built by the monks of St Pancras, Lewes, as the estate office for their Manor at West Hoathly, granted by the king in the late fourteenth century.
- PH6 The Priest House from the East after restoration showing a gate and a picket fence and a hedge dividing the gardens of two dwellings.
- PH7 The Priest House from the East after restoration showing a front hedge and gate and no hedge dividing the gardens.
- **PH8** The Priest House from the East after restoration showing a front hedge and a gate.
- **PH9** The Priest House from the East showing topiary to the front hedge and no centre gateway.
- PH10 The Priest House from the East after restoration.
- PH11 The Priest House from the East after restoration showing topiary to the front hedge, no centre gateway and a lady in the garden.
- PH12 The Priest House from the South East before restoration showing two ladies and a child, a hedge and a gate at the South end suggesting that it was two dwellings. This is a reproduction of a water-colour by Helen Allingham(1848-1926).
- PH13 The Priest House, the Manor House and St. Margaret's Church from the South East from the air.
- PH14 The Priest House from the South East before restoration in 1908 showing the hedge dividing the gardens of two dwellings.
- **PH15** The Priest House from the South East from an article in the Brighton and Hove Gazette of September 25<sup>th</sup> 1964.
- PH16 Interior of the Priest House from an article in the West Sussex Gazette and South of England Advertiser of April 5th 1979.
- PH17 Mrs Dora Arnold was 74 and had been the custodian of the Priest House Museum for 12 years at this time. She was photographed in the kitchen of the Museum with her dog Megan for an article in the West Sussex Gazette and South of England Advertiser of April 5th 1979.
- PH18 The Priest House interior view.
- PH19 The Priest House

#### PH20 The Priest House interior view.

**PH21** The Priest House in 1858. By about 1900 it was in a very dilapidated state and was ready to collapse when bought by John Godwin King and restored in 1908. The vertical timber in the original blocked off doorway is not present in most later photographs and there is now a small window across the middle.

### South of Queens Square

SQS1 The Cat Inn from the South before the cross wing at the West end and the front porch showing several people in Victorian dress and a large notice board on the jettied West wall.

**SQS2** The Cat Inn from the South showing a fence, a creeper over the porch and an iron fence to the Old Parsonage indicating a date before 1940.

SQS3 The Cat Inn from the South showing Manor Farm Barn, a fence in front of The Cat and a 1925 Singer 10 car. The message on the back is to Miss L Mitchell, Hove posted on Sept 10th 1925 in East Grinstead.

SQS4 The Village Store, St Margaret's Church and The Cat Inn from the South showing no "tin" shop next to Upper Pendent.

**SQS5** The Cat Inn from the South showing a fence in front of The Cat, Beards signs on the South and West walls of The Cat and two 1920s to 30s cars. The cellar door is different from SQS6 which is the same as it is today. There are two adverts for TEAS on the walls of the Cat. The number plate of the car beside the pub reads PH9329. **SQS6** The Cat Inn from the South showing a fence in front, an advertising board, a cyclist and the cellar door as it is today (2004). Tim Baker suggests that the board on the left of the entrance to the pub is probably for Southdown Motor Services and that on the right may be connected with the parcels service for which Charlie Betson the publican was the agent.

SQS7 The Cat Inn from the South showing a small fence in front, a house built in 1965 on the site of Upper Barn and a Morris Minor van.

**SQS8** Upper Pendent to the Vineyard from North Lane from the North showing large elm trees on the South West churchyard boundary, Combers Cottage, an old Cat Inn sign and no "tin" shop at Upper Pendent.

SQS9 The Funeral Procession in 1931 of John Julius Hannah of Philpots, Dean of Chichester 1902-1929.

SQS10 The Funeral Procession in 1931 of John Julius Hannah of Philpots, Dean of Chichester 1902-1929.

SQS11 The Manor House Wall damaged by a Scots pine blown down in the storm in Oct 1987.

SQS12 The Manor House from the East showing a wooden gate and no staddle stones.

SQS13 The Manor House from the East. It was built for Catherine Infield in 1627. The East boundary wall is contemporary with the house and was repaired with modern bricks after the storm damage shown in SQS11.

SQS14 The Manor House from the East showing a wooden gate in the stone, round headed pedestrian archway. The initials of John and Catherine Infield appear in the small shields above the gate.

**SQS15** The Interior of Lower Barn showing the stage used by the Stoneland Players and an inglenook fireplace. Many of the roof timbers are not original. The tithes of the Manor of West Hoathly may have been stored here.

SQS16 The Cat Inn, St Margaret's Church and Upper Pendent from North Lane from the South showing the "tin" shop North of Upper Pendent, a fence to the North end of Upper Pendent, several people and a pony and trap.

**SQS17** The "Tin" Shop next to the North of Upper Pendent and other houses to The Vineyard showing the door in the North West corner of the shop, the name BOND over the shop door and no telephone box. The two men are probably Tom Bond or his son Harold and Jack Langridge. The mahogany counter and multiple storage drawers from the tin shop were transferred to the house when it became a shop in the 1950's. They were still there in the late 1970's when Mr Lamb was the owner.

**SQS18** The "Tin" Shop next to Upper Pendent and houses to The Vineyard showing notices indicating Post Office Services and owner Tom. Bond, grocer and draper. The men are thought to be Tom Bond and his son Harold and two of the staff, Charlie Cole and William Day. The lady outside Phlox Cottage may be Mrs Tom Bond.

**SQS19** The "Tin" Shop next to Upper Pendent showing the shop door between two windows at the front. Upper Pendent is a Grade 2 listed seventeenth century timber framed house with little alteration to the upper floors. The tin shop was open up to 1939, it was closed during WW2 and was pulled down in about 1950s.

**SQS20** Upper Pendent to the Vineyard from the North West showing no "tin" shop next to Upper Pendent and a telephone box in front of the Village Store which is in the main building. The "tin" shop was demolished in the 1950s, the store became an antique shop in the 1970s and closed in 1992.

**SQS21** Upper Pendent to the Vineyard from the North showing an iron fence and a telephone box at Upper Pendent and the undertaker's shed to the North of Rose Cottage. Gilbert Pollard was the coffin maker.

**SQS22** Rose Cottage to Luctons from the North showing poles leaning against the undertaker's shed next to Rose Cottage, the door in the centre of Phlox Cottage and a paling fence in front of the Priest House.

SQS23 Rose Cottage to the Vineyard from the North showing the undertaker's shed to the North of Rose Cottage.

**SQS24** Lower Pendant to St Margaret's Church from the South showing the undertaker's shed North of Rose Cottage, the door in the centre of Phlox Cottage, a trade sign on No1 Lower Pendant and a small window in the South attic of Upper Pendent. Mr Harvey had a shoe mending business at No 1 much later around 1947. This postcard was posted in West Hoathly on Aug 9th 1905 to GWF Hancock of 833 Lincoln Av, St Paul, Minnesota and postmarked there on Aug 21st 1905 at 07.30.

SQS25 Lower Pendant to St Margaret's Church from the South showing the roof of the "tin" shop North of Upper Pendent, a small attic window in Upper Pendent, the undertaker's shed to the North of Rose Cottage, notices on the South end of Upper Pendent, a notice board near the centre door of Phlox Cottage and a 1924 Bullnosed Morris Cowley car. Reg Corke lodged in the South attic when Tom and Joan Bond ran the shop.

**SQS26** Lower Pendant to St Margaret's Church from the South showing the roof of the "tin" shop North of Upper Pendent, a long window in the attic of Upper Pendent and a telephone box. The roof of the undertaker's shed next to Rose Cottage is damaged. The telegraph pole suggests a later date than SQS23, 24 and 25. The porches on Nos 1 and 2 Lower Pendant were put on by Mr Harvey around 1947-50 using the tiles from the old communal toilets in the back gardens.

SQS27 The Funeral of John Julius Hannah, Dean of Chichester, in 1931 approaching Queens Square and including a 1931 Austin 20 car, seen from the North.

SQS28 The Funeral of John Julius Hannah, Dean of Chichester, in 1931 approaching Queens Square seen from the North.

SQS29 Philpots Lodge, which was built sometime after 1910, seen from the North East showing Hook Lane and a 1950's car.

SQS30 T Bond's Store at Upper Pendent showing double windows with sunblinds, a door to the West, a path and windows to the North, a double pitched corrugated iron roof and a sign advertising the Post Office and "Open and Closed Traps" for hire. Phlox Cottage has its door in the centre.

**SQS31** Bond's Store next to Upper Pendent from the South showing the church and The Cat Inn beyond. The telephone box was moved to it present site before 1964. The picture is from an article in the East Grinstead Courier of September 12<sup>th</sup> 1952.

SQS32 Bond's Store from the South showing the church and The Cat Inn beyond. The car, bike and push chair indicate a date in the 1950s.

**SQS33** The Village Store at Upper Pendent from the South. Note the small elm trees along the churchyard boundary. They still grow from suckers to a height of about 20 to 30 feet before Dutch elm disease kills them at about 10 to 12 years old.

**SQS34** The Manor House Wall demolished by a falling tree during the 1987 storm. The man is Bert Lewis. The wall was rebuilt soon afterwards using new bricks.

SQS35 The fireplace in the West bar of The Cat Inn.

SQS36 A notice presumably hung in The Cat Inn thanking Peter Henry Newman for his service during the 1939-45 war.

SQS37 Rose Cottage to The Vineyard from the North showing wooden fences to Rose Cottage and the Priest House and an iron fence to the Vineyard. The dress of the child outside No1 Lower Pendant suggests a date around 1900. This card was sent to Miss A (Aggie) Hillier at 161 Ham Park Rd., Forest Gate, Essex on April 15th possibly in 1912.

**SQS38** The Cat Inn Restaurant in the 1960's. It is now divided and used as the kitchen. The ceiling is now at the level of the shelf above the panelling. The panelling is painted white and the shelf brackets are still visible. The fireplace on the left is still there and a fridge now stands in the piano alcove.

SQS39 Bond's Stores, now Upper Pendent, in 1931, possibly before the Tin Shop to the north was built. The photograph was taken by Ernie Hepworth from Streatham whilst on holiday.

**SQS40** Combers Cottages in 1931. A further window in the top of the gable end was uncovered in about 1987. The photograph was taken by Ernie Hepworth from Streatham whilst on holiday.

SQS41 Lower Barn in 1931 photographed by Ernie Hepworth from Streatham whilst on holiday.in Sharpthorne

**SQS42** The Manor House or Great House as it used to be called, showing the later extension to the rear. This used to be the kitchen but is now a separate residence known as Godwin Cottage after Mr John Godwin King.

**SQS43** Interior of the Cat Inn showing the Saloon Bar which was then separated from the Public Bar. The Public Bar was where the restaurant is today (2004) and was entered from North Lane. The door at the back is marked "Gentlemen" and the one beside the fireplace "Private".

SQS44 The Manor House pond in 1931 photographed by Ernie Hepworth from Streatham while on holiday.

SQS45 The Manor House probably in about 1920 before the drive entrance was widened.

SQS46 The Cat Inn in the snow in 1908. This postcard carries the stamped caption "April Showers 1908". There are four steps up to the Cat door in this picture compared with two today indicating that the road level has since been raised considerably. There is no lych gate at the corner of the churchyard because it was not built until 1923. The pub sign does not show a picture of a cat but just the name "The Cat Inn". Underneath is the name F J Smith who was the landlord and whose name also appears on the back of the card.

**SQS47** Upper Pendent and St Margaret's Church from the garden of the Priest House in 1946. The "Tin Shop" can be seen at the north end of Upper Pendent and the old coffin makers shed on the right in the garden of Rose Cottage. The telephone box was moved to its present day position in 1976. The old timber in the Priest House

**SQS48** Upper Pendent and the "Tin Shop" called Bond's Stores in about 1930. There are items in the two right hand window of the house indicating that these rooms were part of the shop at this time.

SQS49 The fireplace in the west bar of The Cat Inn. Similar to SQS35. Note difference in carving on right-hand chair.

SQS50 The Cat Inn from the south in about 1908 showing sixteen children posing in the dress of the time. The inn sign shows only the words "The Cat Inn, F J Smith" but no cat picture. Photograph SQS46 shows a similar sign but also has "The Cat Inn" on a board over the porch.

SQS51 The Manor House Garden in about 1920. This postcard was published by H H Camburn, Tunbridge Wells, No 10.

SQS52 The Moon family outside Phlox Cottage in the 1920s.

SQS53 The rear view of Lower Barn in about 1910.

**SQS54** The Manor House Courtroom around 1920.

SQS55 The rear of the Manor House around 1900. An extension to the left end of this elevation was added in 1909 by Godwin King for use as the kitchen. This is now a separate house called Godwins Cottage. The stone and timber outbuilding on the right has since been removed. The two stout chimneys at the right of this outbuilding may indicate that this was a kitchen with a bread oven. The <u>photograph shows evidence</u> of the roofs of two earlier structures attached to this elevation.

SQS56 Phlox Cottage in the 1920s. The porch on the left was originally part of Rose cottage next door. Later, when Mrs Bond owned both Rose Cottage and Phlox cottage, she incorporated this porch and an alleyway between the two buildings into Phlox Cottage where she lived. At the same time the door in the middle was blocked as it remains today. The lady in the doorway could be Mrs Moon, Mary Streeter's paternal grandmother.

SQS57 Phlox Cottage in the 1920s. This view shows the shed to the left of Rose cottage where Arthur Pollard the coffin maker had his workshop. On the right is the door of No 1 Lower Pendant before its porch was installed.

SQS58 The West Hoathly Post Office and general store around 1910. The shop was started by Tom Bond in 1885. Because it was built of corrugated iron it became known locally as the "tin shop". As shown by the sign board it stocked a wide range of goods including groceries and furniture as well being a draper and hiring out horses and traps. The boy sitting on the step appears to have a toy engine on a string. Immediately next to the shop in what is now Rose Cottage garden is Mr Pollard's coffin makers workshop.

### **East of Queenes Square**

EQS1 Church Hill from the West showing The Cat Inn with a fence, a Beards sign and a Teas sign and a 1927 Austin 12 car.

EQS2 Church Hill from the West showing The Cat Inn with a fence, The Strakes as a shop and a horse and cart. This postcard was posted on Sept 3rd 1912. An identical card from "Arthur" to Mrs J Langridge at 2 Bow Cottage, West Hoathly was posted on Nov. 29th 1910.

EQS3 Combers Cottage and The Cat Inn from the East.

EQS4 The Cat Inn and The Strakes from the West showing The Strakes not a shop.

EQS5 Church Hill from the West showing The Cat Inn with a fence, The Strakes as a shop, Smugglers Row and the road unmade. Smugglers Row was demolished in about 1900 and The Strakes ceased to be a shop in 1924.

EQS6 Church Hill from the West showing Smugglers Row, the road unmade and four steps to the North East churchyard gate. One of these steps is now under the road. EQS7 Smugglers Row from Church Hill from the West.

EQ58 Smugglers Row from Church Hill from the North showing gateways to Old School House and Little Greeting and the road unmade. The churchyard wall on the right was demolished when the churchyard was extended soon after Smugglers Row was demolished in about 1900.

EQS9 Church Hill from the South showing Weavers Cottages, only two houses in Sandy Lane and a small building to the South of No1 Weavers. The churchyard wall on the right indicates that Smugglers Row has been demolished.

EQS10 Church Hill from the South showing Weavers Cottages and only two houses in Sandy Lane.

EQS11 Church Hill from the South showing Weavers Cottages and haystacks in Sandy Lane.

EQS12 Church Hill from the South showing Weavers Cottages and two semidetached houses behind. The back of one version of this postcard calls this spot "Vicarage Corner". The banner on the marquee in a field behind reads "Evangelisation Society, 21 Surrey Street, London." An occupant of 7 Garden Mead used to find money under the garden The marquee could be the same as in B5 where the West Hoathly British Legion Band is shown on parade. There are also two haystacks and a corrugated iron shed near the tent.

EQS13 St Margaret's Church and Upper Pendent from Ram Field from the East in about 1900 showing the terraces before they were included in the churchyard. An identical postcard was posted in East Grinstead on September 7<sup>th</sup> 1909.

EQS14 A View to the South Downs from Church Hill from the North from the New Stile.

EQS15 Smugglers Row from the West from Church Hill from a painting by Charles Gregory RWS 1849 - 1920.

EQS16 Church Hill from the North East showing the new wall where Smugglers Row used to be. This indicates a date after 1900 when Smugglers Row was demolished. EQS17 St Margaret's Church and the Old School from No 7 Garden Mead in the 1950's.

EQS18 The view looking South towards the South Downs from the New Stile in Church Lane. The hedge in the foreground is now much taller and overgrown. The hedge at right centre running left to right up to the bottom of the cricket field has disappeared.

EQS19 No 4 Weavers Cottages in 1931 before the extension on the East side. This photograph was taken by Ernie Hepworth while on holiday.

EQS20 The Vicarage from the front. It is now called the Glebe House.

EQS21 The Vicarage from the rear. On the rear of the picture is the name Rev R D Wakefield.

EQS22 A view down Church Hill from the West showing the Strakes which was then a shop.

EQS23 St Margaret's Church from Church Hill. The panel in the gateway is partly covered by a thin layer of cement probably applied early in World War II to confuse invading Germans. The cement does not appear to be present in this photograph which is therefore probably pre 1940. The panel reads "This Tablet was placed here by the parishioners of West Hoathly to record their grateful sense of the munificent gift by Robert Sharpe Esq of Courlands of this eastern portion of the churchyard extending southwards 224 feet and from the eastern wall westwards 80 feet, AD 1865".

EQS24 Hoathly Hill from the top of the churchyard terraces showing the lowest area neatly mowed. This postcard was posted on August 10<sup>th</sup> 1927. The terraces were incorporated into the churchyard around this time. The postcard was produced by H H Camburn of Tunbridge Wells for Lorne Taylor, General Stores, Sharpthorne.

EQS25 Little Greeting and St Margaret's Church seen from the garden of Glebe House in about 1950. Little Greeting was originally built for the teacher at the first school in West Hoathly which was built in 1839 and is situated next door in Church Hill. The house was initially called the Schoolmaster's House. This picture was taken before the addition of the present day single storey extension on the south end.

EQS26 The Strakes when a shop probably around 1910 showing three people at the front and a horse and cart in the road. The shop closed in 1924 when it was bought by Mrs Ridley of the Manor House. The name over the shop appears to be J. A. Bailey.

EQS27 Church Hill from the south showing the houses built on the north side of Garden Mead in the early 1930s. No 4 Weavers Cottages has not got it's eastern extension at this time.

EQS28 St Margaret's churchyard terraces from Hoathly Hill around 1950.

EQS29 Smugglers Row in Church Hill around 1890. This drawing was probably copied from an old photograph. Constable Simmons was living in Smugglers Row before it was demolished in 1898. A new police house was built soon after at Luctons by Mr Sharpe of Courtlands and Constable Windsor was the first occupant in this new house.

# North of Queens Square

NQS1 Queens Square from the North showing Combers Cottage, a Cat Inn sign with no cat and the "tin" shop next to Upper Pendent. The roads are unmade and there is no bus shelter.

NQS2 Fountain Cottage, Ivy Cottage and the Village Hall from North Lane from the South in 1908.

NQS3 Fountain Cottage from North Lane from the South showing no Cat Inn car park. Mrs May Weller ran a teashop here in the 1930's. Her sons, Bill and Tom, ran the Sharpthorne garage.

NQS4 Fountain Cottage from North Lane from the South.

**NQS5** The Village Hall and Melchbourne Villas from North Lane from the South showing a wooden fence to the South of the village hall. The front of the village hall was built as a reading room in the nineteenth century by the men of the village and the hall at the rear was added thirty years later.

NQ S6 Peckhams to Bow Cottage from North Lane from the South in the early 1900s, showing seventeen children and the building North of Peckhams as two cottages. Mr Peckham built these houses in 1733 and later the beadle lived there. The two cottages were not called Peckhams until 1948 when a resident, Mrs Styles, was asked to name them.

NQS7 Peckhams to Bow Cottage and Melchbourne Villas in the early 1900s showing four children, a man and a pony and trap. The two cottages North of Peckhams were derelict and condemned in the late 1940s. The southernmost one was demolished and the other now forms part of St Dunstan's Catholic Chapel. A similar postcard was posted on August 29<sup>th</sup> 1925

NQS8 Old Timbers to Bow Cottage from the front garden of Bennetts Cottages which have since been demolished. No houses are visible beyond Hilltop Road. NSQ9 The Wheelwright's Workshop which stood at the West end of Sandy Lane until the 1930s.

NQS10 Church Hill and St Margaret's Church from the North from Garden Mead showing Old School House which was built in 1839, The Strakes and Weavers Cottages.

NQS11 Church Hill and St Margaret's Church from Garden Mead before any houses were built there. Most of the houses there now were built in 1931 but the six behind Weavers Cottages were built in the early 1950s. A similar post card was posted on August 30<sup>th</sup> 1907.

NQS12 St Margaret's Church from Garden Mead. This is a reproduction of a painting by James Bourne in 1826 from the Margery Collection of the Sussex Archaeological Society, Lewes.

NQS13 Melchbourne Villas to The Cat Inn from North Lane from the North showing the protruding gable of the old cottage on the right. This is the northernmost gable of the two cottages next to Peckhams in NSQ6 and 7. Some believe that Melchbourne Villas were built in the 1920s by Mrs Tom Bond of Bond's Stores, Upper Pendent who came from Melchbourne. However another postcard also showing them was posted in 1905.

NQS14 Old Timbers to Bow Cottage from North Lane from the South in the 1920s showing six children, an iron fence extending to Bow Cottage and a shop North of Old Timbers. The shop was a general store run by Mr Newnham until 1927. Henry Smith ran it as a butchers until his death in 1928 and his wife and son John ran it until her death in 1964. It was run by Mr Maynard, who built the house to the North, until 1994. The Model T Ford van was used by Mr Smith until 1934. Reg and Elsie Corke are on the left. NQS15 Old Timbers to Bow Cottage from North Lane from the South showing an iron fence with six gateways to six separate dwellings.

NQS16 West Hoathly School from North Lane from the North showing the porch prior to the extension to the North shown in NQS19. The school was built in 1874 and was extended in 1900.

NQS17 Old Timbers from North Lane from the North East showing a shop to the North of the house and a lady and a child. This shop was at one time Newnham's general store and later Maynard's the butchers shop.

NQS18 The shop next to Old Timbers to Fountain Cottage from North Lane from the North showing a bicycle with a basket outside the shop, an old car, an old lorry and Bennetts Cottages before demolition.

NQS19 Bow Cottage to Bennetts Cottages from North Lane from the North before demolition of Bennetts Cottages and before Oak Tree Cottage was built, showing many children. Comparison with NQS16 shows the school main building extended to the South and the porch extended to the North.

NQ\$20 Red House to the Smithy from North Lane from the South showing a narrow unmade road, a steep bank to the West, four children and two men. A message on the back is from "Nellie" to Miss Simmonds at 10 South Cliff, Eastbourne. The card was posted on Sept 16th 1907.

NQS21 Rose Cottage to Woodside from North Lane from the South showing the smithy and an old car. Red House was formerly four cottages.

NQS22 Red House to the Smithy from North Lane from the South showing the narrow road and a steep rocky bank to the West. A corrugated iron roofed building is visible beyond Red House. A similar postcard was posted on May 11th 1919.

NQS23 Cobwebs from North Lane from the West in the 1920s showing no front porch.

NQS24 The Smithy to Newnham's Garage from North Lane from the South showing Woodside. Charlie Newnham ran the garage while his brother George was the blacksmith across the road in North Lane. The village sign was erected in 1936/7 and the electricity pole indicates a date after 1936 when electricity came to the village. NQS25 The Smithy from North Lane from the South showing the blacksmith in the doorway and two horses. The blacksmith is Joe Cave. A shed and agricultural machinery can be seen in the yard next to Woodside where Newnhām's garage was later situated. The absence of the village sign and electricity posts indicate a date before 1936.

NQS26 The Smithy and Cobwebs from Chapel Row from the North showing The Hollow as a narrow track. The racks for iron outside the smithy are not shown in NQS25. The absence of the village sign and the electricity pole indicate a date before 1936.

NQS27 The Smithy and Cobwebs from Chapel Row from the North showing The Hollow and a man. The absence of the village sign and electricity posts indicate a date before 1936.

NQS28 The Smithy and Cobwebs from Chapel Row from the North showing The Hollow. There are no iron racks outside the smithy so it may have changed its use by this time. The signpost, village sign and the electricity post indicate a date after 1936.

**NQS29** Cobwebs from Chapel Row from the North showing no smithy. The smithy was burned down about 1967. The signpost, the Village Sign and the electricity pole indicate a date after 1936. The Village Sign was made by the village blacksmith Mr George Newnham in 1936 when it won the first prize in the open section of the Surrey Handicrafts Exhibition.

**NQS30** The Chapel from North Lane from the South East showing a shed and rough ground beside Woodside and large trees around the chapel. The shed looks the same as in NQS 25. The signpost but no village sign or electricity post indicates pre 1936.

**NQS31** The West Hoathly Fire Brigade operated by the Parish Council from an article in the East Grinstead Courier of March 18<sup>th</sup> 1976. It was probably taken in front of the fire station which was built sometime after 1910 and is now the public toilet at the entrance to the North Lane Recreation Ground. Bow Cottage is on the left and the bricked up doorway of the fire station can still be seen. George Newnham is second from the right and Bill comber is third from the left.

NQS32 Mrs Turner, grandmother of Maurice Turner, in the garden of No 1 Peckhams in about 1937, showing Melchbourne Villas in the background.

NQS33 Peckhams to Bow Cottage from North Lane from the South in the early 1900s, showing three children and the building North of Peckhams as two cottages. The awning over the butcher's shop, now St Dunstan's Catholic Chapel, can be seen on the left. North Dane can be seen on the right because Providence Cottage on the corner of Sandy Lane had not been built.

NQS34 Upper Barn opposite The Cat Inn car park. It was replaced by a house of the same name built by Jessie Knight a local builder in the 1960's.

NQS35 The Old Forge at the junction of North Lane and The Hollow. It was burned down in 1967 after being built in 1654 and in continuous use for over 300 years. For the last few years it had been a plastics factory. The first forge there was built in 1556 the year Anne Tree was martyred at the stake in East Grinstead. The last blacksmith was George Newnham and more information about the forge is given in "The Ring of the Anvil" written by his wife Ethelwyn to commemorate the closing of the forge. NQS36 The West Hoathly Flower Show in 1951 on the North Lane Recreation Ground which was then the cricket ground. The cricket pavilion in the background is now

the football changing room. NQS37 North Lane from the North showing, from the left, Oak Tree Cottage, Old Timbers, Smith's the Butchers and Bow cottage. The date is probably before 1945

NQS37 North Lane from the North showing, from the left, Oak Tree Cottage, Old Timbers, Smith's the Butchers and Bow cottage. The date is probably before 1945 since there are iron railings still in place.

NQS38 The old blacksmith's shop after the change of use to a plastics factory in the 1960's.

NQS39 Broadfield from the South probably before Ridleys was built to the South since there is no road through the centre between the houses.

NQS40 Smith's Butchers shop next to Old Timbers in 1931. Benson's Vulcan van from Forest Row was presumably just visiting! The photograph was taken by Ernie Hepworth from Streatham whilst on holiday.

NQS41 Ivy Cottage, the Village Hall and Provident Cottage in 1931, before Ivy Cottage was extended towards the road. The photograph was taken by Ernie Hepworth while on holiday.

**NQS42** The forge showing some of the staff. On the back of this postcard they are described as "Dad, cousin Will and brother George" probably by Charlie Newnham, George's brother. George Newnham was born in 1893 and since he looks about 17 the date of the picture would be about 1910. "Dad", also called George, died in 1914. According to Ethelwyn, George junior's wife, "Dad" was apprenticed to the grandfather of Alice Bond, Tom Buckley's mother, before taking over the forge himself in 1880. NQS43 North Lane from the North showing some children outside the village hall. Their dresses suggests a date around 1900.

NQS44 North Lane from the South showing Old Timbers as two dwellings, Smiths the butcher's shop and Bow Cottage. The iron railings were removed during the Second World War so the date of the picture is pre war.

NQS45 A view along North Lane showing a pony and trap outside Melchbourne Villas.

**NQS46** The blacksmith's shop probably in about 1890. The absence of buildings where Woodside now stands, the poor state of the roof compared to later pictures and the rough road all suggest an early date. If the man with the moustache is George Newnham's father. who was the blacksmith before George, then the date would probably be even earlier.

NQS47 Rose Cottage in about 1920 soon after it was built by Mr. William Reynolds while he was living next door in the Red House. He was a cabinetmaker and builder and is seen here with his wife Elizabeth soon after moving into Rose Cottage. Photograph P19 taken in about 1900 shows Mr. Reynolds and his family at the side of the Red House with the sheds in his builders yard at the rear.

**NQS48** The blacksmiths shop probably around 1920. The board reads "Newnham Bros" which probably means George and Charlie were running the business after their father retired. This board is also shown in NQS25. Charlie later set up an engineering business over the road at Woodside.

**NQS49** Hilltop Stores in the 1930s when it was run by Arthur Kerr whose name is on the board on the house next door where he lived. His wife was Cissie Reynolds the only daughter of William Reynolds the builder who lived at Rose Cottage a few doors away. She is shown aged about four in P36 and P19 and about nineteen in P117. Her daughter June is now Mrs E Howick.

NQS50 Hilltop Stores in 1935 decorated for the Silver Jubilee of King George V and Queen Mary.

NQS51 The Fountain Inn in about 1920. This pub, now Fountain Cottage, is said to have been used mainly by the working classes while gentlemen went to The Cat Inn next door. The building was a teashop during the 1930s.

NQS52 Smiths butchers shop decorated for the Silver Jubilee of King George V and Queen Mary in 1935.

NQS53 Fountain Cottage in the 1920s when it was divided into three dwellings. The photograph was taken from the entrance to Manor Farm where some chickens can be seen on either side of the gate.

NQS54 Fountain Cottage in the 1930s when it was divided into two dwellings. The right hand end was run as a tea shop by Mrs May Weller at this time and a National Union Of Cyclists sign can be seen over the door.

NQS55 Rose Cottage, the forge and Woodside around 1940. The footpath opposite the houses had not been paved at this time.

# **Chapel Row**

CHR1 Chapel Row from the East showing the Chapel and houses up to Knaves Acre. The Chapel was founded in 1824, the timber building was built in 1824 and the other building and the porch in 1904.

CHR2 Chapel Row from the West showing the Chapel and the smithy.

CHR3 Chapel Row from the West showing The New Inn, The Don Stores, a pram, a horse and wagon and several adults and children in Victorian dress. The smithy is also just visible. The New Inn closed in the late nineteenth century.

CHR4 Chapel Row from the West showing F. Austin's Store and the Victory Tea Rooms, the smithy, a pram, a pony and trap and some people.

**CHR5** Chapel Row from the West showing New Inn Cottage and The Don Stores. The death at the age of 103 of a former landlady of the New Inn, Mrs Ada Phillips, was announced in the Evening Argus of Jan  $7^{th}$  1970. She lived in Stubbington, Hampshire. She had 9 children, 17 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and 5

great-great-grandchildren. She and her late husband Sidney also ran the White Hart at Ardingly and the Unicorn at Turners Hill.

CHR6 Chapel Row from the East showing The Don Stores and New Inn Cottage and an Austin Seven from around 1928. The man in the shop doorway is Sid Satchel. CHR7 Chapel Row from the South showing Potter's House, formerly Whitestone House, and the wheelwright's shop. The house is built on a steep rock face with four floors and a stair turret at the rear.

**CHR8** Chapel Row from the West showing the wheelwright's shop and several children in Victorian dress sitting on a wheel-less wagon. The wheelwright's shop, Potter's House and the wooden buildings in the background were all later owned by Dick Ullman, a potter, and his wife Thelma, an artist. The wooden buildings were Dick's pottery and shop.

CHR9 Knave's Acre from Chapel Row from the South showing the footpath to Gravetye and Birch Farm.

CHR10 A view across The Giffards from Chapel Row from the South.

CHR11 Providence Chapel from Chapel Row or Selsfield Road from the South. This Chapel was built in 1933 and closed in 1978. It was built for the Independants who previously met in a garden shed after their founding in 1864.

CHR12 Duckyls Holt from the West. This building was once an Inn. In the eighteenth century it was called The Three Tuns and the landlord was Harry Wood . Earlier it was known as The Butts.

CHR13 Duckyls Holt from the North.

CHR14 Chapel Road from the East showing Dons Stores and Tearoom and an old car Reg No KR 215.

CHR15 The West Hoathly Chapel, The Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion from the North before the addition of the Sunday School extension in 1904. CHR16 The Interior of the West Hoathly Chapel, The Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion before the Sunday School extension of 1904, decorated for Harvest Festival.

CHR17 Chapel Road from the East. This is a similar view to CHR1 which also shows a car in the distance.

CHR18 The Don Store in 1931 photographed by Ernie Hepworth from Streatham whilst on holiday.

CHR19 Woodside before the petrol pumps were installed and before some of the present garage buildings were erected. Woodside is not shown on the 1910 OS map. CHR20 The Chapel of the Countess of Huntingdon Connexion showing some children probably about 1900.

CHR21 The wheelwrights shop near Knaves Acre from the East. This postcard was posted on October 15th 1921.

CHR22 A view from the Post Office which at this time was four doors west of the Chapel. This postcard was posted on June 27th 1963 and was sent from No 2 weavers Cottages.

CHR23 The West Hoathly Pottery next to Potters Cottage. This building was once part of the wheelwright shop attached to Potters Cottage and was later an ironmongers shop.

CHR24 The Don Store probably in about 1900. The lean to building on the far end appears to be the same as in CH3. There is only one notice outside the shop advertising Tea.

CHR25 The Chapel of the Countess of Huntingdon Connexion probably in about 1900. The children standing outside the gate look as if they are about to go to Sunday School.

CHR26 The Chapel of the Countess of Huntingdon Connexion showing the congregation standing in Chapel Row probably in about 1900.

CHR27 The Interior of The Chapel of the Countess of Huntingdon Connexion during a tea party or some celebration probably about 1900. The lady at the front on the left is ???

**CHR28** Chapel Row from the west showing the chapel and the blacksmiths shop around 1930. The sign beside the blacksmiths reads "Newnhams Garage, Automobile Engineers, Repairs and Overhauls" and "Dominion (Plugs?) 1/3" or one shilling and thrupence each. Charlie and George Newnham ran the forge in about 1920. Later Charlie started the garage at Woodside. This picture was taken before 1937 when a West Hoathly sign made by George was erected near the forge. **CHR29 A cottage opposite Duckyls Holt** which was demolished around 1945. The girl is Gwen Jones who married Alan Bishop.

**CHR30 Duckyls Holt** which used to be the Three Tuns Alehouse in a derelict state in about1910.

CHR31 The Don Store.

CHR32 Little Tuns in about 1981. It was demolished soon afterwards when Whitestone House was built. It stood opposite Duckyls Holt and about 20 yards west of the cottage shown in CHR29.

CHR33 The Woodcraft Folk Centre at the Beacon in about 1950. It was built during WW2 as a camp for Italian prisoners of war and it also housed some Polish soldiers. After the war the seven buildings were used by the Woodcraft Folk organization, a British socialist organisation set up as an alternative to the Boy Scouts in 1925. CHR34 Woodside and Newnham's Garage around 1970. Woodside was built in the 1920s. The garage and the house were owned by four members of the Newnham family. Charlie, his brother George who ran the forge across the road and his sisters, Ann and Bess, who ran an ironmongers shop in the front room of the house.

CHR35 Post Office and Handy Shop in around Chapel Row 1969. It was run by Kitty Anscombe and her mother at this time and later by Heather Walters.

**CHR36 Sid Satchel outside of his shop in Chapel Row in 1947.** This shop was called The Don in 1931. Earlier it was run by F Austin and incorporated The Victory Tea Rooms. At that time the window on the left was a bay with a tiled roof and a fence ran along the roadside.

**CHR37** Providence Chapel in Selsfield Road soon after it closed in 1978. It was built in 1933 for the Independants who previously met in a garden shed after their founding in 1864. This photograph was donated by David Comber who lives next door.

CHR38 Providence Chapel in Selsfield Road during construction in 1933. James White, whose grandson Robert White donated this photograph, is leaning against the ladder. He lived in Hamsey Road and worshipped at the chapel.

## Sharpthorne

**SH1** Hoathly Hill from the top of the churchyard terraces before they were incorporated into the churchyard around 1930. The foreground where the horses and the sheep pen are is the lowest level of the terraces. The hedges and field boundaries are still the same today.

**SH2** Hoathly Hill House from the North. A message on the postcard says "as it was when I lived there in about 1925" probably written by Mrs Langridge. This Grade 2 listed house was built in the sixteenth or seventeenth century and has been substantially altered since.

SH3 Sharpthorne from Bulldog Bank from the South West showing an old cottage and the bakery, both since demolished, next to Sharpthorne House.

SH4 The Vinols Cross Inn from Church Hill from the West showing a doorway now blocked, old cottages beyond which were demolished in 1946 or 47 and a pony and trap.

SH5 The Vinols Cross Inn from the West showing different doorways to SH4 and four children and a lady in Victorian dress.

SH6 The Vinols Cross Inn from Church Hill from the West. The doors are the same as in SH5 but the signs and the creeper are different suggesting a later date for SH5.
 SH7 Coombe Cottages, Sussex Cottages and the Brickworks from Vinols Cross from the South showing no railway.

SH8 Coombe Cottages and Sussex Cottages with some scaffolding from Vinols Cross from the South showing the station buildings and the brickworks.

SH9 Coombe Cottages and Sussex Cottages from Vinols Cross from the South showing the station buildings and the brickworks.

SH10 Coombe Cottages and Sussex Cottages from Vinols Cross from the South showing the station buildings and the brickworks. A message on the postcard is from "Beat" to "Min" (Miss North) of Harlow posted on July 20th 1914.

SH11 The Station Buildings, the Brickworks and Bayhams House from the South.

SH12 A Panoramic View from Vinols Cross showing the brickworks and Coombe Cottages on the left to Top Road on the right probably taken in about 1965. Bayhams Field is in the foreground and the field with two sheds is now Marlpit.

**SH13** The Mission Hall which stood opposite Image Cross from Top Road from the South. It was run by the Temperance Society and was later used for making coffins. Sibe Still used a shed in front of the hall for shoe mending. The people may include Miss Connor, Miss Leigh from Plaw Hatch and Mr Comber, Steve Comber's grandfather. The hall was in a dilapidated state in 1966 and was demolished in 1970.

SH14 The Rear of the Old Bakery in Top road from the West showing Mrs Bonsey the baker's wife and Sharpthorne House beyond. Mrs Bonsey was Charlie Bonsey's mother. This building still exists as garages to some flats.

SH15 Top Road from the East showing the baker's shop in 1976, the year that it was demolished. The building at the rear is also shown in SH14 but has no chimney in 1976.

**SH16** Sharpthorne Garage in the 1920's from Top Road from the East. It was run by Bill and Tom Weller. Their mother May ran the teashop at Fountain Cottage in North Lane in the 1930's. This building used to be the Sharpthorne smithy according to a 1910 OS map. David Burt says the man in the centre is probably his grandfather Jim Burt, the Balcombe blacksmith, with his 1910 Triumph and sidecar.

SH17 Top Road from the East showing two railway workers' cottages, since demolished, the path and sign to the station and the road very narrow. The gate on the right is probably to the old cottage shown in SH18, 19 and 20. The path to the station was known as the Black Path because it was covered in ashes.

SH18 Top Road from the West showing Railway Cottages, an old house and the bakers shop both now demolished and a pony and trap. This postcard was sent by "Arthur" to Mrs Langridge at 2 Bow Cottages, West Hoathly on Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 1915.

SH19 Top Road from the West showing Railway Cottages on the right, an old house demolished in 1955-60 and the baker's shop demolished in 1976 on the left and an old car. Sharpthorne Terrace is in the background where No1 was the Post Office and No2 was a general store.

**SH20** Top Road from the West showing Railway Cottages on the right, an old house demolished in 1955-60 and the baker's shop demolished in 1976 and the entrance to the station footpath on the left and Sharpthorne Terrace in the background. The size of the trees indicates a later date than SH18.

SH21 Top Road from the East showing two railway workers' cottages and the baker's shop, all since demolished, Railway Cottages, Sharpthorne House and two ponies and traps.

SH22 Top Road from the East showing the baker's shop, since demolished, Sharpthorne House, Sharpthorne Terrace and a farmyard.

SH23 Top Road from the East showing the Police House opposite Station Road and no buildings between Station Road and Sharpthorne Terrace. Embossed into the back of this postcard is the name "William Page, Mount Studio, East Grinstead".

**SH24** Top Road from the East showing the Police House opposite Station Road and no buildings West of Station Road. The two cottages East of Railway Cottages were demolished in the 1970s. The telegraph poles suggest that this scene is later than SH22 and 23.

**SH25** Top Road from the East showing the shop on the corner of Station Road called FRANCIS-DRAPERY, houses between the shop and Sharpthorne Terrace and a man with a handcart. The shop was built in 1923 by Francis and Scott and named "Franscot". The house next door was built later and named "Fransar".

SH26 Top Road from the East showing the corner shop and a modern car.

SH27 Station Road from the South showing Nos 1 and 2 Highcroft Cottages and three people in Victorian dress.

SH28 Home Platt from Station Road during construction in 1965.

SH29 Station Road from the East showing the rear of Coombe Cottages and Sussex Cottages. The North entrance to the railway tunnel is below the fence on the right. A message on the postcard is from "Nan" to "Emily" (Miss E Mitchell) of Hove posted on Sept 10th 1925 in East Grinstead.

SH30 West Hoathly Station from above the North entrance to the tunnel from the South showing the footbridge, the Station House, the platform, the signal box, four houses in Station Road and the Bluebell Inn. The station was opened in 1882.

SH31 West Hoathly Station from the North showing a train and Engine No 80152 and the North entrance to the tunnel in the autumn of 1957. This photograph and those shown in SH32, 33 and 34 were taken by Mike Esam, 2 Wiggins Cottages, Ham, Richmond.

SH32 West Hoathly Station from the North showing the footbridge, the platform, the Station House, and the North entrance to the tunnel in the summer of 1957.

SH33 West Hoathly Station from the North showing Engine No 81052, the footbridge, the signal box and the Bluebell Inn in the winter of 1957/58.

SH34 West Hoathly Station from the South showing Engine No 80145, the footbridge, the signal box and the platform in the summer of 1957.

SH35 Sharpthorne Brickworks in 1965.

SH36 Sharpthorne Brickworks in 1965.

SH37 An Ornate Cast Iron Victorian Porch at No 43 Hamsey Road, Sharpthorne.

SH38 West Hoathly Station during demolition between 1964 and 1968.

SH39 West Hoathly Station during demolition between 1964 and 1968.

SH40 West Hoathly Station from the North showing the station house, the platform. the footbridge and the tunnel entrance.

SH41 West Hoathly Station from the North West showing the footbridge and the tunnel entrance.

SH42 West Hoathly Station from the South West showing the North end of the East platform, the Stationmaster, probably Mr S Steer also shown in P59, and the signal box.

SH43 Bluebell Lane, Coombe Cottages and Sussex Cottages from the South West showing the signal box at West Hoathly Station and the brickyard.

SH44 A view from Vinols Cross showing Bluebell Lane, the railway and the brickworks. Some of the buildings in the brickyard were houses.

SH45 Top Road Sharpthorne from the West showing Railway Cottages on the right, an old house demolished in 1976 on the left, Sharpthorne House in the background and a horse drawn roller, two men and a dog.

SH46 A view from Vinols Cross from the West showing Hamsey Road on the left and Top Road on the right.

SH47 Top Road Sharpthorne from the East showing the shop on the corner with Station Road when run by Lorne Taylor, the Telephone Exchange, the Old Post Office, Sharpthorne House and the Old Bakery on the right and two pre war cars

SH48 West Hoathly Station from the East showing a train, the station buildings and the Bluebell Inn with buildings to the West now demolished.

**SH49** West Hoathly Station from the West, probably from above the tunnel entrance, showing the Bluebell Inn on the left with a haystack being built in a field beyond. The roof of Old Coombe Farm can be seen to the right of the haystack. The Station Buildings, platforms and footbridge and signal box are in the centre and the brick works are on the right.

SH50 The Vinols Cross Inn from Church Hill showing the Old Surrey and Burstow Hunt in 1938. The rear part of the pub and the present car park replaced the cottages shown in SH5 and 6.

SH51 The Stables at Hoathly Hill in 1935, showing Mr Grimes, the groom, on Lally.

SH52 Gasmasks being tested at Hoathly Hill in 1939. The policeman may be PC Coverdale who took over from PC Barnard in 1938. PC Barnard is shown in P1.

SH53 The Bakehouse behind the baker's shop in Top Road. It is now a private garage.

SH54 The Baker's Shop in Top Road next to Sharpthorne House. It was run by Mr & Mrs Bonsey and was demolished in 1976.

SH55 Farm buildings behind Sharpthorne House in Top Road when it was a farm. They were demolished in 1973 when the flats which are there today were built in the farmyard.

SH56 West Hoathly Station from the North showing four of the staff probably in about 1900 soon after the railway was opened in 1882.

**SH57** The Northern entrance to the Sharpthorne railway tunnel probably around 1900. The date over the entrance is 1881 although the railway opened in 1882. **SH58** The Mission Hall in Top Road opposite Image Cross. It was built by the Temperance Society as a reading room for the navvies who built the railway. This

photograph was probably taken around 1960 just before the building was demolished.

SH59 West Hoathly Station around 1900.

**SH60** West Hoathly Station around 1900.

Hoathly Hill in 1935. This house has been owned at various times by Sir Alex Rose Stenning, Sir Dalrymple Arbuthnot and Sir Ralph Clarke. **SH61** 

**SH62** West Hoathly Station in 1939 from the East. The photograph was taken by Ernie Hepworth from Streatham whilst on holiday.

**SH63** The tunnel under the old railway line in Combe Lane photographed from the North by Ernie Hepworth from Streatham whilst on holiday in Sharpthorne in 1931.

**SH64** A horse and cart in 1931 outside Nos 37 & 39 Hamsey Road. The name on the side is H Waters who had a farm in Sharpthorne. The cart looks like a milk float used for delivering milk but it has a tailgate, no sign of milk churns and a box in the back. It was photographed by Ernie Hepworth from Streatham whilst on holiday. He probably printed his own photographs and got this one the wrong way round. The name on the cart is a mirror image of the original!

**SH65** Top Road Sharpthorne from the North showing some children and a man on a bicycle. Railway Cottages are on the right and Sharpthorne House is on the left. **SH66** Vinols Cross from the East before the steps to Finche Field were built. The gentleman's dress suggests a date around 1910.

**SH67** A view from The Vinols showing Coombe Cottages on the left with the brickworks beyond and Bayhams House on the right with houses in Hamsey Road behind. **SH68** Sharpthorne Shop from the East owned at that time by F Kingswood.

Top Road Sharpthorne from the north from near the Vinols Cross in about 1900. Two single storey railway workers huts can be seen on the right in the distance **SH69** between the second and third telephone poles. Two men on the left are erecting a wooden fence and their bicycles are parked just beyond.

West Hoathly Station on the London, Brighton and South coast Line in about 1895. The staff members are from the left J Potter, J Wicks, S Gladwin , the Station **SH70** Master, H Myatt and E Towse.

SH71 Top Road Sharpthorne from the west showing Sharpthorne House on the left, Railway Cottages on the right and Sharpthorne Post Office in the centre. Lydd Cottages beyond the car were demolished in the late 1970s. The car style suggests a date around 1930.

Sharpthorne Post Office opposite the garage in about 1945. The postman with the bicycle is Mr Thomas Nelson Stevens the Sharpthorne and West Hoathly SH72 postman from 1920 to 1954 and also shown in photograph P64. His uniform is different in the two pictures as it changed in 1940. The man on the right is Mr Redman the postmaster. The first telephone exchange was installed in the post office in 1909 with the number Sharpthorne 1 and was operated by Mr Redman. Later Mr and Mrs Starr operated the exchange.

**SH73** Sharpthorne Garage in the 1930s when it was run by Bill and Tom Weller.

**SH74** Sharpthorne Garage forecourt in the 1930s showing the old gravity fed petrol pumps and an AA sign. Lydd Cottages, later demolished, are on the left, Sharpthorne

House is in the centre and the Post Office in Sharpthorne Terrace is on the right.

Sharpthorne Post Office from the Sharpthorne Garage forecourt in the 1930s showing the gravity feed petrol pumps. The shop behind the pumps was a grocers SH75 run by Mr Parker.

The Vinol's Cross Inn around 1900. The porch on the side door can also be seen in Photograph SH4. **SH76** 

**SH77** The Railway Hotel in Station Road, later known as the Bluebell Inn, in about 1900. A door next to the window on the side near the front reached by some steps appears to have been blocked up soon after the Hotel was built around 1890.

Sharpthorne Post Office in July 1914. The public telephone sign and the telephone posts arrived a few years earlier in 1909 when the first telephone exchange in **SH78** West Hoathly Parish was installed at the post office.

**SH79** The Vinols Cross Inn on March 23rd 1916.

**SH80** West Hoathly Station in about 1910 soon after the railway opened in 1882.

**SH81** Old Coombe Farmhouse in about 1940. Doreen Walker's mother in law is on the left next to Peggy Mansfield (later) Simmonds. Peggy's father Sid is on the right. The Mansfields lived in the left hand half of the house and the Walkers on the right.

**SH82** Sharpthorne Top Road in 1912 from the west showing several children and adults, Railway Cottages and Lydd Cottages on the right and the Post Office on the left.

**SH83** A troop of soldiers marching past Sharpthorne Post Office probably in about 1915. The kilts indicate that they were part of a Scottish regiment.

Number 43 Hamsey Road showing an ornamental iron porch. The man in the straw hat is John George Baker, a London alderman, the lady behind the fence is not **SH84** known but the little girl is May Reading, the niece of John's wife Clara. May was brought up by the Bakers when her parents died and she later married Archibald George Redman the Sharpthorne postmaster.

Sharpthorne Top Road in about 1930 showing the since demolished old house on the left, Railway Cottages on the right and Sharpthorne Terrace in the **SH85** 

background in the centre. The car appears to have the same number plate as one shown in another postcard of the Don Store.

Number 43, The Rosery, Hamsey Road around 1911. This large house with its elaborate iron porch was owned by John George Baker a London alderman. The **SH86** building is now divided into two houses

**SH87** West Hoathly Station around 1950. The railway closed around 1960 and this building was demolished.

**SH88** 

Sharpthorne Top Road from the east around 1950, showing the corner shop, Lydd Cottages and the Vinols Inn on the hill in the background. The Railway Inn as drawn in The Architect, December 15<sup>th</sup> 1883. Messrs Christopher & White were clearly not local judging by the spelling! The sign on the **SH89** left appears to read "The West Hoathly Railway Inn by E Crowe" - presumably E Crowe was the artist. Does the cockerel relate to his name? The buildings to the left of the Inn have disappeared but are shown on maps of this date.

The Railway Inn probably around 1900. The timber structure at the front was later enclosed as shown in photograph SH77. **SH90** 

SH91 Highcroft Cottages in Sation Road in 1956. The Platt and other nearby houses were built later. Sophie and Gertrud Dann looked after several refugee orphans at Bulldogs Bank and later lived in one of these cottages.

**SH92** Top Road from the east in the 1960s. Lydd Cottages, since demolished, are in the centre behind the BP sign at Sharpthorne Garage.

Francis Stores in Top Road around 1925. This shop was built a few years before this by Arthur Francis and was run by him and his wife Blanche as a SH93 newsagent, tobacconist and drapery. Arthur's father George worked at Rockhurst, now Chiddinglye and his great nephew David provided this photograph.

The Sharpthorne railway tunnel vent near Sharpthorne House in Top Road in the 1970s. The brickworks can be seen in the distance beyond the trees. The **SH94** small building on the right was probably part of Sharpthorne Farm and has since been demolished and this area is now a children's playground. This photograph was found in an album once owned by Ethelwyn the wife of George Newnham the village blacksmith who retired in 1963 when the forge closed.

**SH95** The front of The Lydd in Sharpthorne in 1963. William and Moll Overton lived here from about 1938 to 1973. This photograph was donated by William's great niece Jane Daw.

**SH96** The rear of The Lvdd in Sharpthorne in 1963.

A miniature Tudor house in the garden of Sharpthorne Post Office in 1935. It was constructed by Archibald Redman when he was the postmaster. It had SH97 authentic oak beams and was fitted with electric lights. Archibald was an accomplished photographer and no doubt took this photograph. He also took many other photographs around the parish and some of these were used for the Redman Series of postcards. A number of these postcard pictures can be seen in the archive collection. The Vinols Cross Inn around 1930. Highcroft Cottages at the top of Station Road can be seen in the background. This photograph was taken by Archibald SH98 Redman who was an expert photographer and who also ran the Sharpthorne post office from 1915 to 1945. It was donated by his grandson John Rubidge whose father Walter ran Sharpthorne post office from 1945 to 1970. The photograph was published as a postcard by E A Sweetman of Tunbridge Wells.

# Outlying

OL1 Selsfield Windmill from the North showing the Mill House. The mill was demolished in 1912. Selsfield Common was given to a trust by The Dowager Duchess of Downshire in 1872 and was transferred to the National Trust by Lord Arthur Hill of The Old House in 1912.

**OL2** Selsfield Windmill from the North showing the Mill House and three people. At one time Selsfield Common had the Barley Mow pub, a shop at Old Selsfield and a hoopworks at Old Selsfield barn. This hoopworks was previously near the White Hart and later opposite the Punch Bowl. There was also a blacksmith at Forge Cottage, a nearby wheelwright and a quarry behind Selsfield House.

**OL3** Selsfield Windmill from the North East showing the brick water tower which was built in 1903. Selsfield Place which is to the East of the windmill was probably built by James Longley, a timber merchant, in the mid nineteenth century.

OL4 Selsfield Windmill which was built in 1690 according to a date found in the roof.

**OL5** The Smithy at Selsfield Common from the West showing a horsedrawn mower in the yard and the blacksmith in the doorway. This picture appeared in the Mid Sussex Times in the 1960s.

OL6 Plaw Hatch Hall. Lord Robert Kindersly lived here in the 1930s.

OL7 Plaw Hatch Hall.

OL8 Horncastle from the air.

OL9 Hook Farm rear elevation from the East. William Booker came to Hook Farm from Haslemere in 1880. Charlie Bond, brother of Tom Bond of Bond's Stores, Upper Pendent, married William's daughter, Flora Janet.

OL10 Hook Farm rear elevation from the East showing a family group in 1910. The names are William Booker on the right, his daughter Flora Janet Bond second from

the left, her daughter Alice, Tom Buckley's mother, on the left, Bill Bond her son and baby Flora, her other daughter.

OL11 The Rocks, possibly to the West of West Hoathly or near Weir Wood Reservoir.

**OL12** Cave Adullam West of West Hoathly. David on the run from Saul hid in a cave near a town of this name in Judah according to 1 Samuel 22.1:2. From this the word "cave" can mean a small faction of seceders from a political party according to Chambers.

OL13 Tyes Cross from the West.

OL14 Tyes Cross from the air from the North East showing Courtlands Lodge to the right and East and West Tye in the centre. West Tye was once Courtlands School and Courtlands was formerly called Barnards Place.

OL15 A Rogation Service at Tyes Cross in 1949. Most of the names are available from the WHLHA.

OL16 Stonelands from the air from the West showing Stonelands Farm buildings to the right.

- OL17 Stonelands from the drive from the West.
- OL18 Stonelands West front.

OL19 Stonelands rear courtyard from the South East where the Greek plays were performed by the Stoneland Players.

- OL20 Stonelands East front.
- OL21 Stonelands Farm from the South showing a man feeding chickens.
- OL22 Stonelands bathing pool.
- OL23 Stonelands rose garden.
- OL24 Stonelands barn.
- OL25 Stonelands Tudor garden.

OL26 Philpots Manor once the home of John Julius Hannah, the Vicar of Brighton 1888-1902 and the Dean of Chichester 1902-1929.

OL27 Philpots from the East.

OL28 The Moat House, Gravetye from the East from the East end of the Upper Lake showing the overflow.

OL29 The Moat House, Gravetye from the South East. It was the original Gravetye Manor House and was built in the 1400s. Gravetye Manor was built in 1597.

OL30 Blacklands Farmhouse from Grinstead Lane from the West. Blacklands Farm is a Girl Guides Association camp.

**OL31** Many Waters, a series of lakes in the valley below Stonehurst, around 1900. It was part of the Stonehurst estate opposite Wakehurst and was once owned by the Strauss family. The two streams which meet here feed into the river Ouse. An 1873 ordnance survey map shows a "corn mill" between the two lowest lakes and another mill marked "Stone Mill (flour)" below the lowest lake. Some remains of the latter still exist. According to Miss Holgate's "The Place Names of Ardingly", 1926, there was also a fulling mill below Stone Mill and another mill where this same stream crosses Cob Lane near Horncombe as well as the one at Lower Sheriff. Although the water supply must have been much greater then than now Miss Holgate quotes a report that in 1840 Stone Mill was dry for four months of the year.

OL32 Philpots showing 1920/30's car and a boy.

#### OL33 Philpots Quarry.

**OL34 Highbrook Church** from the South. Highbrook was known as Hammonden from Saxon times until the late 19th century. The church was built in 1884 on a field named Highbrooks. The church was given by Mr Stephenson Clarke of Brook House together with the vicarage and the Parish Hall. Services were held in the Parish Hall while the church was built and was used as a school until 1924.

OL35 Norraine Cavern, a small cave facing South in the North side of a valley about 400 yards North West of Philpots, showing the name carved on the wall.

- OL36 Norraine Cavern showing Celtic style carvings on the wall.
- OL37 Cave Adullam about 1/2 mile North West of Philpots facing West at the top of the valley to the East of the Ardingly Road.
- OL38 Cave Adullam showing the name carved on an external wall.
- OL39 Gravetye Manor from the South West garden in 1886.
- OL40 Gravetye Manor from the North West from the new playground in 1886.

OL41 Making the Playground above Gravetye Manor in the autumn of 1885, showing a portion of the large spruce hedges removed, part of the old kitchen garden and Fuller, the garden work foreman with some of his men.

OL42 Gravetye Farm yard in 1890.

- OL43 The rear of the Moat House at Gravetye from the North West before restoration showing the wooden South West end since removed.
- OL44 The front of the Moat House at Gravetye from the South East after renovation.
- OL45 Selsfield Windmill from the North West showing the brick water tower which was built in 1903.
- OL46 Tyes Cross from the West.
- OL47 Rockhurst now Chiddinglye and once spelt Chittingly.
- OL48 Harold King, left and Reg Corke in Philpots quarry in about 1955.
- OL49 Harold King, left, Fred Willie, centre and Reg Corke in Philpots quarry in about 1955.
- OL50 A fossil of the head of Pachythrissops Vectensis, a freshwater fish probably the ancestor of some modern bony fish. It lived in the Philpots river about 120 million years ago. The fossil was found in Philpots quarry.

### OL51 A fossil of the backbone and rib basket of Pachythrissops Vectensis found in Philpots quarry.

- OL52 A fossil of the tail of Pachythrissops Vectensis found in Philpots quarry.
- OL53 Stonelands from the lawn.
- OL54 The White Hart Inn in 1925 showing Stella King at the door. Her step parents, Mr and Mrs Meadmoor, ran the pub and her son Ray Budgen lives in Balcombe.
- **OL55** Weir Wood Reservoir probably soon after its construction around 1953.
- OL56 Rocks Wood
- OL57 Big upon Little

**OL58** A View from Potters House looking southeast probably in about 1930 showing New Combe Farm and the Sharpthorne brickworks. The original railway bridge can be seen in the centre of the picture. It was demolished soon after the railway closed in 1966 and recently rebuilt when the Bluebell Railway reopened the line.

- OL59 Tyes Cross at a later date than OL13 which does not show the telephone pole.
- OL60 Hoathly Hill West Hoathly taken in June 1935.

OL61 The Goat crossroads in 1931 from the East showing a signpost indicating Wych Cross to the right. The photograph was taken by Ernie Hepworth from Streatham whilst on holiday.

OL62 Philpots Quarry in the 1930's. The man on the left is probably Harry Carter.

**OL63** A Wooden Crane in use at Philpots Quarry in about 1947. The crane was replaced in about 1952 and the long jib was cut in half by Peter Page and used to build a bridge for the footpath over the stream behind Philpots Manor. The bridge has recently been replaced. Peter Page worked at the quarry from 1952 until it closed in 1998. **OL64** Courtlands from the South lawn in about 1930. Mr and Mrs Carver lived here before WW2 and Robin Kennedy after the war. Canadian soldiers were billeted here during WW2 and the large conservatory was probably removed soon after they left.

- OL65 The Sliding Rock on the Rockhurst (now known as Chiddinglye) Estate.
- OL66 Philpots showing three gardeners at work. The back of this postcard says "Rev J J Hannah, Dean of Chichester, deceased".
- OL67 Highbrook Church from the South.
- **OL68** Hook Lane looking North from Hook Farm. This postcard was posted on June 24<sup>th</sup> 1904.

OL69 Birch Grove showing the shopkeeper outside his shop, some children and a donkey at the edge of the road. This postcard was posted on June 6th 1912.

**OL70** The White Hart in Ardingly Road in 1930. The original photograph was hanging in the pub when Mr Acres took over in 1953 and was lent by his daughter Mrs Jill Ludbrook of West Hoathly.

OL71 The White Hart in Ardingly Road in about 1953. The building on the right was the gent's toilet and the man standing near it is the father of the landlord Mr Acres. OL72 The Old Surrey and Burstow Hunt meeting at the White Hart in Ardingly Road in April 1955. Jimmy Edwards was riding with them according to a report in the East Grinstead Courier of that date.

OL73 Col Sir Ralph Stephenson Clarke MP and joint master of the Old Surrey and Burstow Hunt leading in April 1955. He lived at Hoathly Hill and owned the Brook House estate including Brook House itself.

**OL74** A song composed and sung by W McNaughton, chairman of the "White Hart" Slate Club, West Hoathly, on the occasion of their Annual Celebration in December 1917. Mr Acres found this copy of the song hanging in the White Hart when he took over as landlord in 1953.

OL75 Tyes Cross in 1931 from the South photographed by Ernie Hepworth from Streatham while on holiday in Sharpthorne.

OL76 Home Farm near Gravetye in 1931 photographed by Ernie Hepworth from Streatham while on holiday in Sharpthorne. The farthest building has since been demolished. The nearest window is now a door and the third building down now has an open front.

**OL77 Many Waters** a series of lakes in the valley between Stonehurst and Philpots Manor photographed by Ernie Hepworth from Streatham while on holiday in Sharpthorne in 1931. This is said to be one source of the river Medway. An 1875 ordnance survey map shows a "corn mill" between the two lowest lakes and another mill marked "Stone Mill (flour)" below the lowest lake. Some remains of the latter still exist.

**OL78** A seat in memory of Angela Francis photographed by Ernie Hepworth from Streatham while on holiday in Sharpthorne in 1931. Angela Francis was the mother of Charlotte Elizabeth King and grandmother of Ursula Ridley. Her photograph is shown in P110. She was born in 1826, went to Australia in 1862, returned to Stonelands in 1902 and died in 1910.

OL79 Gravetye Lake and boathouse photographed in 1931 by Ernie Hepworth while on holiday in Sharpthorne.

OL80 Gravetye Lake and boathouse photographed in 1931 by Ernie Hepworth while on holiday in Sharpthorne.

**OL81** A small brick building somewhere in West Hoathly or Sharpthorne photographed in 1931 by Ernie Hepworth while on holiday in Sharpthorne. It was probably built to house a water activated ram pump. Several such pumps were used in the vicinity to pump water up to Philpots Manor and Chidddingly. One near Philpots is still operating.

OL82 A hand operated water pump somewhere in West Hoathly or Sharpthorne photographed in 1931 by Ernie Hepworth while on holiday in Sharpthorne.

**OL83 Rockhurst** now Chiddinglye and once spelt Chittingly in about 1867. The house was built in about 1857 for Mr. Charles Hill. It was designed by G & H Godwin and built by Fuller & Longley of Worth using mostly local stone. It has an 80 ft deep well. It has been greatly altered since it was built as can be seen by comparison with photograph OL47 This engraving was included in an article about the house published in 1867 in "The Builder" loaned by Lady Sylvia Limerick.

OL84 The Moat House at Gravetye before the restoration in 1887. This elevation is substantially the same today except for the removal of the hipped roof at each end. OL85 Whalesbeech Farm, from the south, in the valley which was flooded to form Weir Wood Reservoir in 1953. East Grinstead Church can be seen on the horizon. OL86 Courtlands from the east in about 1935. The south facing conservatory, which was demolished soon after WW2 can be seen on the left.

**OL87** Brook House, Highbrook around 1920-30 after a snow shower. At this time the house was occupied by Colonel Stevenson Clarke and his family. This photograph was loaned by Mrs J Hobbs whose mother lived in the room at the top of the tower on the left when she worked at Brook House.

OL88 Old Combe Farm in 1945. This picture was drawn by W L Fenners.

**OL89** Stone Mill at Many Waters in 1880. This mill stood to the right of the nearest lake in photograph OL77. An ordnance survey map of 1873 shows another mill on the piece of land between the two lakes shown in photograph OL77.

**OL89** Stone Mill at Many Waters before 1880. This water mill is the one described as "Stone Mill (flour)" on an 1873 ordnance survey map. According to Miss Holgate's "Place Names of Ardingly", 1926, the name "Stone" comes from the name for the area which contains the Great upon Little rock rather than as a reference to the millstones. She also says that there was a mill at this spot in 1630 called Wakehurst Mill. At this location the parish boundary is defined by the Stone Brook as it used to be called. As a result the mill was actually in Ardingly parish and half of the three feet wide overshot wheel was in West Hoathly.

**OL90** Sheriff Mill at Lower Sheriff in about 1930. It was demolished in about 1950 and some of the foundations still exist. At one time there were four mills on this stream. They were Stone Mill, a fulling mill, Horncombe Mill and Sheriff Mill.

**OL91** The Workhouse on Workhouse Platt at the end of Workhouse Lane behind the Hook Lane cricket field in about 1880. It was demolished in 1885. This establishment was used by the churchwardens for the care of orphans, the homeless and the mentally afflicted and sometimes as a house of correction.

**OL92** The Pavilion at Many Waters before WW1 showing Stonehurst on the Ardingly road on the hill behind with the kitchen garden beyond the lake. The Pavilion was built as a folly west of the site of Stone Mill. The Miller's Cottages further up the slope behind the Pavilion and the mill itself were demolished around 1880. The Pavilion and the house behind were built soon after and demolished around 1910. A woodman's cottage was built later on the site of the Miller's Cottages and was named Many Waters by Winifred Fortescue during her stay there during WW2.

OL93 Pavilion at Many Waters around 1900 showing a man posing in a boat. The Pavilion was built near the site of the Stone Mill when this was demolished probably around 1880. The name Many Waters was given to this spot by Lady Winifred Fortescue when she came to live in a cottage behind the Pavilion in about 1940. Since the parish boundary between West Hoathly and Ardingly runs along the stream parallel to the road to Ardingly here the Pavilion was actually in Ardingly while most of the lakes are in West Hoathly. The watercourses around West Hoathly are complex and are discussed by A I Hett in the Highbrook Chronicles of April and May 1969. OL94 The house and Pavilion at Many Waters before WW1. The path from Stonehurst to the gardens, lakes and Pavilion can be seen in the centre. A nearby

**OL94** The house and Pavilion at Many Waters before WW1. The path from Stonehurst to the gardens, lakes and Pavilion can be seen in the centre. A nearby woodman's cottage was rented by Lady Winifred Fortescue during WW2. There she wrote "Beauty for Ashes" which describes this area and mentions a bomb which fell in the woods nearby. The Pavilion was probably designed as a folly reflecting some of the features of Stonehurst above. The top of the folly resembles a tower which can be seen on the house in this picture but which has since been removed. The only building in this valley today is a modern house built to replace the woodman's cottage.

**OL95** Whalesbeech Farmhouse in 1905 painted by Alfred Hoare of Charlwood House. The painting was presented to East Grinstead library by his daughter Sybil in 1973. The site of the farm is now under Weir Wood Reservoir. The building was dismantled and shipped to America soon after the valley was flooded in 1953.

**OL96** Whalesbeech Farmhouse painted by Freda Parsons of Sharpthorne in 1953 just before the valley was flooded to form Weir Wood Reservoir. She also sketched the internal timber structure of the seventeenth century barn behind. The house is believed to have been a medieval hall house.

OL97 Gravetye Manor from the east in about 1960. An additional wing was added to the right hand end in about 1990.

**OL98** The ornamental lakes at Many Waters in about 1940. This picture is taken from the book "Beauty for Ashes" by Lady Winifred Fortescue. She refers to it as "the view from my window" in the gamekeepers cottage which she rented. It has recently been replaced by a modern house.

**OL99** A memorial to the Francis, King and Ridley families in the woods near Stonelands. The names on the plaque are: Phoebe King 1905-1906, Charlotte King 1867-1948, Angela Francis 1826-1910, Ursula Ridley 1897-1974 and Godwin King 1864-1948.

**OL100** Rockhurst, now Chiddinglye, from the south west in 1934. This picture was in a sale catalogue of that year when the fifth Earl of Limerick purchased the Rockhurst estate and changed its name to Chiddinglye.

OL101 Rockhurst, from the south east in 1934. The conservatory shown in OL47 in 1910 had been demolished by 1934.

**OL102** Sands Cottage, Hammingden Lane in about 1900 when it was known as Whitestone Cottage. Arthur Baldock (b1855), the head gardener at Brook House, lived in one half and the gamekeeper at Brook House, Mr Baker, lived in the other half. According to Arthur's grand daughter Mary Lois Still, Arthur's father, also Arthur, lived in a "little portable cottage" behind the woodshed because he had cancer and it was thought to be contagious at that time!

**OL103** A view of the Horsted Lane brick and tile works around the 1920s showing a worker, probably one of the Briggs family and some buildings. The building on the right can also be seen in photograph P128 and the foundations still exist.

OL104 Sheriff Mill at Lower Sheriff Farm in about 1930.

**OL105** Birchgrove Green before 1904 showing a horse and cart, the village shop and some of the staff. This postcard was postmarked on July 16<sup>th</sup> 1904 in East Grinstead. **OL106** Divalls Farm, Birchgrove in 1886. This photograph was taken by Kenneth Loader from Brighton when on holiday here with his family. He wrote a diary recording many local walks, work on the farm and several other photographs. His grandson Richard loaned this and several other diaries by Kenneth between 1885 and 1897.

**OL107** The five-ways junction at Birchgrove in 1886. Back to the left goes to Birchgrove Green, forward and down to the left goes to one of the fords and on to Broadhurst, forward to the right goes to another ford and on to Twyford, up to the right goes to Birchgrove Church and back to the right goes up to Chelwood Gate and Divalls Farm. This photograph was taken by Kenneth Loader when on holiday at Divalls farm.

**OL108** Birchgrove Chapel in 1896. The chapel was demolished around 1970? The photograph was taken by Kenneth Loader, aged 17, from Brighton, who was on holiday with his family at Divalls Farm in Birchgrove. He wrote a detailed seventy page diary of walks the family took around the area.

OL109 An army encampment on Ashdown Forest in 1906. The caption appears to say "Engineering and Tel. Coy." which would be consistent with the roll of cable by

the tent in the foreground.

**OL110** A vintage car on Ashdown Forest around 1905. This postcard was postmarked in East Grinstead in about 1910. The postcard was published by Frith and Co, Reigate and the number 59989 shows the large number of cards they had published even by this early date.

OL111 Mill Cottages near Stone Mill at Many Waters before 1880. These cottages were demolished in 1880 and replaced by the woodman's cottage which was named "Many Waters" by Lady Winifred Fortescue when she lived there during WW2.

OL112 The woodman's cottage at Many Waters around 1900. Lady Winifred Fortescue called it "Many Waters" when she lived there during WW2.

OL113 Hornecombe in Cob Lane. A watermill is said to have been built on the nearby Cob Brook by William of Whalesbeech in 1264 for the sum of £4.

OL114 Hornecombe in Cob Lane from the south around 1910.

OL115 The woodman's cottage at Many Waters around 1950. It has a different porch from that shown in photograph OL112.

OL116 The woodman's cottage at Many Waters around 1950 showing stairs to the first floor and the lower lake in the background.

OL117 The woodman's cottage at Many Waters around 1950 seen across the lower lake with Stonehurst on the hill behind.

OL118 Blacklands Farmhouse around 1957.

OL119 The Girl Guides Association camp at Blacklands around 1950.

OL120 A view of the rocks and the reservoir at Weir Wood in the mid 1950s.

OL121 The granary and water tower at Selsfield in the 1920s. The granary was above the wheelrights shop.

OL122 A drawing of The Moat at Gravetye in the 1920s. Mr Markham, William Robinson's gardener, lived here at that time.

OL123 A view to the south east from Hammingden Lane around 1900.

OL124 All Saints Church, Highbrook in the 1950s.

OL125 All Saints Church, Highbrook in the 1920s.

OL126 Brook House from the front in about 1910.

OL127 Brook House from the rear in about 1910.

OL128 Plaw Hatch farmhouse around 1911.

OL129 Divalls farmhouse Chelwood Gate around 1906. It has since been demolished but the foundations can still be seen.

OL130 The Green and Post Office at Birchgrove around 1904.

**OL131** St Richard de Wych church at High Beeches near Wych Cross in 1895. St Richard de Wych was born in 1197 in the village of Wyche in Worcestershire and was the Bishop of Chichester in 1252. This church was built in 1886 by the owner of Ashdown House to commemorate his son lost at sea while in the Royal Navy. It has since been demolished but was photographed by Kenneth Loader from Brighton while on holiday at Birchgrove in 1895.

OL132 A gate made by George Newnham probably somewhere in West Hoathly parish.

OL133 Twyford ford on Stumblewood Common near Birchgrove around 1904. The road ahead runs up to the five ways junction near the now demolished Twyford Church.

**OL134** Birchgrove green around 1900. It sits at the junction of the parishes of Maresfield, Fletching, Horsted Keynes, West Hoathly and East Grinstead and was actually in the parish of West Hoathly at this time.

**OL135** The interior of Richard de Wych church on Ashdown Forest in about 1910. It was built by Mr Thomson of Ashdown Park in 1886 to commemorate the death of a son and to help his employees who had to walk to Hartfield church. It was demolished in the 1960s.

OL136 A Royal Engineers, Signals Company Camp on Ashdown Forest in 1912.

OL137 A Rolls Royce wireless station at a summer training camp at Chelwood Gate in 1912. This photograph is from the Royal Signals Museum.

**OL138** East Tye, Tyes Cross in the 1950s. Barbara Brew and Jean Moncrieff lived here and sold garden produce and honey and Barbara also ran a secretarial services business. During WW2 Barbara helped Lady Denman run the Women's Land Army at their headquarters in Balcombe and broadcast several talks about the Land Army for the BBC.

OL139 Billings Cottage Birchgrove in 1910. This building was demolished around 1950.

OL140 Gravetye Manor from the south in 1910.

**OL141** Philpots from the south around 1900. By around 1911 the small balcony in the centre had been replaced by a large pillared porch and an extension had replaced the glass house on the right as can be seen in photograph OL27.

OL142 Kixes in Horstead Lane possibly in the 1930s. The nearby oasthouse can just be seen on the left.

OL143 The glass houses at Gravetye probably in the 1920s.

OL144 Philpots Manor from the vegetable garden in about 1910.

OL145 Mill Cottage on the left and Mill House on the right on Selsfield Common in 1934.

**OL146** Moatlands from the air in 1934. The white curving track on the right is the original road to Gravetye. It was closed by William Robinson in 1886 and on a Gravetye Estate map dated 1893 the lower end is labelled Smugglers Lane. Legend has it that in the 18<sup>th</sup> century smugglers used the derelict Gravetye Manor and a local girl was murdered in the Lane by smugglers because she saw too much.

OL147 Plawhatch Farmhouse before 1911. This a postcard was published by The East Grinstead Photo Company, Station Approach and postmarked in 1911.

**OL148 Old Plaw Hatch in 1955.** Plawhatch Farmhouse had by this time changed its name and there are several changes to the building. The spire at the left hand end has disappeared, some of the timber decoration on the left hand gable has been altered, the central dormer window looks different and an oriel type of window has been added to the right hand gable.

OL149 Selsfield House front from the north east in 1952.

**OL150** The sale notice for Barley Mow Cottages on Selsfield Common in 1896. At one time The Barley Mow pub was located in one of these buildings and is named on an 1873 map. The shop mentioned here was probably the old pub premises. These cottages were later demolished and this drawing is the only record available of their appearance.

**OL151** The view from Selsfield water tower looking west in 1950. This photograph was taken by Pat Stone's father and shows Selsfield House on the left in the background. The building in the foreground was a granary with a wheelwright's shop below.

OL152 Selsfield House rear elevation from the north west in 1928.

**OL153** An inglenook fireplace in Selsfield House around 1928. This could be the one referred to in the story of the capture of Jacob Harris a murderer from Ditchling. He was reported to have taken refuge up a Selsfield House chimney in 1734 after being pursued by the militia. After searching the house the militia lit a fire to dry their wet clothes resulting in Jacob being smoked out. He was later hanged on Ditchling Common.

**OL154** Selsfield wheelwright shop with the granary above in the 1920s. The water tower is in the background and a shed belonging to the Selsfield Forge is just visible behind the fence on the left. Mr Potter was the wheelwright and Ernest Still the blacksmith around this time. Mr Potter was not married and the lady in the picture could be his sister.

**OL155** Selsfield House Quarry around 1895. This large quarry was situated close to and south west of Selsfield House. It was not shown on an 1874 map of the area but appeared to be fully developed on a map dated 1910. Stone from here was used to build Turners Hill church in 1895. and was last operated by G Wells a Crawley Down builder.

OL156 Weir Wood Reservoir from the south in the 1950s.

OL157 Ashdown Forest viewed from The Goat crossroads looking east probably in the 1920s.

**OL158** Charlwood off Legsheath Lane from the west probably around 1900. This postcard was purchased in 2013 at a car boot sale in France and is postmarked September 3rd 1912. It was sent from Hamsey Road, Sharpthorne, with a message written in French. The wing of the house shown here is at right angles to an earlier stone

building behind. The end of this earlier building can be seen on the right. The wing shown here was demolished in the 1970s.

**OL159** Twyford School in the 1920s. The building was actually Twyford Church but was also used as a school. It was situated near the Five Ways Junction shown in photograph OL107.

OL160 Birchgrove Post Office in 1914. It can also be seen on the extreme left in photograph OL 105.

OL161 Blacklands Farmhouse in Grinstead Lane in the 1940s. The farms is now a large guide camp.

OL162 Twyford Church in the1930s. It was later used as a school and was demolished in the 1970s.

OL163 Great Strudgate Farm in the 1930s.

OL164 Charlwood Farmhouse around 1900.

OL165 Horses and carts in Charlwood Farm yard around 1900.

**OL166** Courtlands from the south in 1955. Before WW2 there was a long conservatory where the three large windows are in this photograph. Mr and Mrs Carver lived there in the 1930s. Canadian soldiers were billeted here during WW2 and Robin Kennedy was there in the 1950s.

OL167 Courtlands from the east in 1955. A 1955 Ford Prefect can be seen on the left.

OL168 Plaw Hatch Hall around 1930. It was owned at this time by Sir Robert Kindersley.

#### OL169 The swimming pool at Plaw Hatch Hall in 1930.

**OL170** An oil painting on wood of The Barley Mow Cottages on Selsfield Common in 1896. The right hand end had been The Barley Mow ale house before becoming a sweet shop run by the Anne the wife of Benjamin Budgen who had a hoop works in a nearby barn.

**OL171** Pickeridge farmhouse around 1950. The left hand side is thought to be sixteenth century with a later cross wing on the right. At this time Pickeridge Farm was owned by the Clarke family and the farmer was Mr Park.

**OL172** The White Hart on the Ardingly Road around 1930. The wooden building on the right may have been the a toilet which was replaced by a brick building in later photographs.

#### OL173 Plaw Hatch Hall from the rear around 1900.

**OL174** Burstow Cottage around 1900. This photograph was donated by Nick Watson whose grandfather James Browning lived here from 1900 to 1930 when he was the head gardener at Brook House. One of his daughters was Nick's mother who can be seen in a Highbrook School photograph P254.

OL175 Brook House in 1900. Comparison with photographs OL87 taken around 1925 and OL126 taken 1910 show some of the structures in this view were later removed.

**OL176** Rockhurst around 1910. It was renamed Chiddingly by The Fifth Earl of Limerick when he purchased the estate in 1934. The house was built in 1865 and the large balconied conservatory was probably added after 1897 and was removed before 1934.

**OL177** Tyes Cross around 1910. The REAL PHOTO POSTCARD Co who printed this postcard for Bond's Store near St Margaret's Church have mistakenly called it "Tyce Cross". The large number 1079 on the postcard indicates the REAL Co's number rather than the number in the Bond Photo Series.

**OL178** The Old Manor House, Rockhurst from the east, as shown in a sale catalogue in 1910. When Lord Limerick bought the estate in 1934 he changed the name back to the earlier Chiddinglye. The earliest part of the 15th century original house is on the right. The single storey extension with the door shown here was later removed as shown in the 1914 painting in picture OL180. Behind on the right is the double pitched roof of a later extension and on the right an even later Victorian south cross wing. **OL179** The Old Manor House, Rockhurst from the west in 1910. Earlier this spot was called Chiddinglye and it was first referred to in 764 as a "pig pasture". The original building was a hall house erected in 1465. It was owned by an ironmaster called Thomas Mitchell who started his ironworks in the valley behind around 1546. The roof of the original house can be seen in the centre and Mitchell's later double pitched roof extension is on the left. On the right is the rear of the Victorian south cross wing. **OL180** Rockhurst Farmhouse around 1914 when the Rockhurst Estate belonged to Sir Richard Farant. This painting is signed F. Vinede or F. Vingoe and was fou nd recently in David Francis's father's house. David's grandfather George used to live at Rockhurst Farm when he was the farm bailiff between 1900 and 1914. Kitty Anscombe, who has a long standing association with David's family, identified the painting for David. In 2001 she gave a similar painting to Anne Thorne who now lives at the farmhouse

**OL181** Many Waters in 2010. This modern building replaced a cottage where Winifred Fortescue lived during WW2. While she was there she wrote "Beauty for Ashes" which described her life in the cottage. This sandstone and timber house was designed by Peter Hulbert a local architect. It was designed to sit sympathetically in this beautiful setting and reflect some of the features of a decorative pavilion which was built nearby for John Stuart, the Chicory Coffee tycoon around 1900 and demolished in the 1930s.

**OL182 Bramble Hill Cottage near Selsfield Common.** This painting was donated by Mrs Ethel Powell of Ontario, Canada who is the grand daughter of Jack Pickard who used to live there. The painting is by Ann Jones also of Ontario and probably a relation of Ethel Powell. Jack Pickard had worked as a quarryman and was partially blinded by an explosion on the Paddockhurst estate while removing tree stumps. As compensation Lord Cowdray gave him a small pension and this cottage rent free for life.

**OL183 Dallingridge Cottage around 1950 drawn by Freda Parsons.** Freda and her sister Jan lived in this house at Dallingridge as children when their father was the chauffeur to the Duckworth family. Freda was an accomplished artist and art teacher specialising in pottery. While working away she wrote many letters home often decorated with superb sketches illustrating aspects of her life and her pupils. The archive managed to rescue a selection of these letters which had been consigned to a skip after she and Jan died!

OL184 not used

OL185 nor used

**OL186** An aerial view of Gravetye around 1900 showing the oval Walled Garden in the centre and Smugglers Lane curving up from the bottom centre to the Peach House on the left.

OL187 Gravetye Manor was built in 1597 and this south porch was added by Henry Faulconer in 1640.

OL188 The west elevation of Gravetye Manor in 1890 showing the Flower Garden with its paths and bed edging made from old London paving stones.

OL189 The south elevation of Gravetye Manor in 1890 showing Robinson's entrance hall on the right.

OL190 Gravetye Manor from the south east in 1900 showing Robinson's east end additions. An additional northern wing was added in 1990 matching the one shown here.

OL191 Gravetye Manor House from the Lower Lake around 1900.

OL192 The Lower Lake showing the boathouse built by Robinson in 1893 in the distance.

OL193 The Moat from the rear in about 1895 showing the barn on the south end with steps to the upper level and the roof in poor condition.

OL194 The Moat from the Smugglers Lane entrance drawn by A Koel around 1890 soon after Robinson's restoration.

OL195 The Moat around 1890 after William Robinson had renovated it.

**OL196** William Robinson's memorial placed at Golders Green Crematorium when he died in 1935. He was an early advocate of cremation and was cremated here after a service at Saint Margaret's church in West Hoathly. He had designed the crematorium gardens in 1901 as acknowledged on this memorial.

**OL197 Henry Moon and his wife in at Gravetye 1891.** In 1881 Henry and another artist called W E Norton were invited by William Robinson to paint for a whole year on the Gravetye estate. Sixty eight of their paintings were shown at an exhibition called "A Story of the Year Round an Old Country House" at the gallery of Steven T Gooden in Pall Mall. London

**OL198** The Moat in apple blossom time in 1891 painted by Henry Moon while staying at Gravetye. This painting was number 25 of the 68 in the Pall Mall exhibition of paintings done at Gravetye in that year.

**OL199** The Moat around 1900 painted by Col Fawkes for Austin Adam Stratford who was Robinson's head gardener from 1897 to 1901. Fawkes was one of many artists invited by Robinson to paint at Gravetye.

OL200 The Gravetye Flower Garden around 1900. This painting is by Beatrice Parsons showing the herbaceous border which Robinson created on the west side of the house.

# People

P1 Police Constable Barnard and Mrs Barnard outside the police house opposite the corner shop in Top Road, Sharpthorne between 1935 and 1938. The two cells at the rear of the house can still be seen.

P2 Police Constable A Barnard the village policeman in 1935.

- P3 Probably Mrs Barnard the constable's wife.
- P4 Winifred Sarah Smith was born in 1869 and was the wife of Henry Smith the West Hoathly butcher. She is standing outside the shop next to Old Timbers which she ran from 1928 when Henry died until her own death in 1964 at the age of 95.

P5 Mr Williams the schoolmaster at West Hoathly School.

P6 Hilda a parlourmaid at the Manor House in 1910 wearing a nurse's uniform borrowed for a fancy dress party at the Manor House. She married Charles Reynolds, the village carpenter.

**P7** Granny Friday who lived in a tent at the Goat crossroads about 1880. There may be some confusion between her and Granny Fisher who lived in a hut at Dodges Farm with a tinker called Billy Smith according to Nancy Leppard (nee Catt).

- **P8** Who is this man?
- **P9** Who is this lady?

P10 Jack "Janny" Hazelden who lived at the Priest House in the 1930s and 40s.

P11 Evelyn "Minnie" Booker, the cook at Hook Farm. She was the granddaughter of William Booker and Tom Buckley's cousin. She died aged 90 in about 1982.
 P12 Who are these people?

#### P13 Granny Friday outside the tent in which she lived at the Goat crossroads about 1880.

P14 John Godwin King at the wheel of a 12 horsepower Darracq, AP439, in Ramsgate, during the General Election in 1904. This postcard is signed "Joseph King", who was standing in the election, and was sent from Ramsgate to William Weller, John's chauffeur, at Stonelands on Oct 7th 1904. The card also has "Mr Ernest King Driver" written on the back. He was John's brother and is probably the one in the passenger seat. John had the first car registered in Sussex with the number AP1.
P15 Six People in the Public Bar of The Cat Inn. This photograph was used in an article about poaching written by Joseph West, a gamekeeper, in 1949. The names are from the left, Gill Hunt, Mr Quickenden, gardener at the Manor House and Luctons, Charles Betson, the landlord of the Cat, Joseph West, the gamekeeper at Stonehurst, and Mr Robson. Joseph West was Doreen Walker's grandfather.

P16 A Carriage and Pair beside the oasthouse next to Highbrook Church in about 1900 perhaps ready for the Empire Day procession. Some of the people are probably members of the Clark family who used to live at Brook House. Some of the buildings in the background have since been demolished.

P17 Mrs Isaac Day. The message on this postcard refers to "Mother, taken by brother Will at 35 Burford Road - Henry".

P18 Isaac Day (1852-1928) was born and raised in the Priest House.

P19 Mr W Reynolds and family in 1900. Mr Reynolds was a builder who lived at the Red House and later built Rose Cottage and lived there. Cissie is aged about four at this time. She later married Arthur Kerr and they ran Hilltop Stores in the 1930s and 40s

P20 Mr and Mrs T Comber. Mr Comber was a local builder.

- P21 Mr and Mrs Pollard.
- P22 Who is this man and woman?
- P23 Isaac Day with his wife and son.
- P24 Who are these people?

P25 George and Nellie Bond in 1925 at the rear of No 2 Melchbourne Villas possibly on their wedding day. Nellie was the daughter of Mr Steven Wicks the gamekeeper on the Brook House Estate and was born at Whitestone House in Hammingen Lane. She had a part in the first Greek play by the Stoneland Players in 1910.
 P26 A Group visiting the Houses of Parliament. The names are available from the WHLHA.

P27 A Coach Party outside The Cat Inn in about 1948 showing a TEAS notice on the porch and Nell Betson on the steps. This was probably one of the annual trips to the July race meeting at Goodwood. The trippers are from the left at the rear: Jack Comber, Bert Harbour (tall), Fritz King, Percy Norgate, Jack Bonsey, Trilby not known, Bert Perrin, bus driver not known From the left at the front are Jack Nash, Mac Kate, unknown, Charlie Betson (The Cat landlord), Joe Cave, Harold Willie, Jack Train, Fred Leppard and Alf Perrin.

#### P28 Isaac Day with his wife and six children.

P29 The Briggs family at their brickworks in Horsted Lane. They are from the left William, Charlie, Tom junior, an unknown and Tom senior.

**P30** Mr and Mrs Charlie Tester and their six children and one grandchild in 1911. Standing at the back from the left they are: May, born 1891, Phyllis Jane, born 1895, Amy Louise, born 1892 and Daisy Hilda, born 1894. Bartley William Charlie, born 1905, is standing on the left at the front. Charlie is sitting next to Mildred, born 1899 and her mother Amy (nee Shaw). Their granddaughter, Iris Kitty born 1910, is sitting on Charlie's knee. This information is recorded in the Tester family bible, which is in The Priest House Museum. The Testers came from Ardingly and Charlie probably worked at Selsfield House around 1880.

P31 The Annual Tea for the old folk in West Hoathly Village Hall in about 1948. There are no longer pictures in the hall but the picture rail is still there.

- P32 John Henry (Jack) Smith (1900-1968).
- P33 Jasper Ridley on the right with a friend, Sidney Cole, at Stonelands.
- P34 Jasper Ridley at Stonelands.
- P35 Sidney Cole a friend of Jasper Ridley at Stonelands.
- P36 Cissie Reynolds aged about four in about 1900. She later married Arthur Kerr and they ran Hilltop Stores during the 1930s and 40s.
- P37 Gill Hunt on a horse which had been blinded in the First World War.

**P38 Highbrook School pupils in about 1900.** A note on the back says "I was at home ill, F E (Nellie) Bond". Nellie Wicks, later Bond, lived at Whitestone in Hammingden Lane and her friends the four Baldock sisters, Emma Annie, Ellen (Nellie) Mary, Kate (Kitty) Hilda and Margaret (Meg) Olive lived opposite at Whitestone Cottage, now called Sands Cottages. Emma Annie's daughter Mary (later Lois) Still who is now in her nineties and lives in Ontario says that her mother is the girl in the second row on the left next to the teacher and is probably holding her sister Margaret. Nellie is in the centre of the same row and Kitty is fourth from the left in the front row.

- **P39** Flossie Train, mother of John Clark of Highcroft Road.
- P40 Alice Bond aged 16 in 1916 at the right hand front gate of Hook Farmhouse.
- P41 West Hoathly School Pupils in 1906.
- P42 West Hoathly School Pupils on April 26th 1893. Some names are available from the WHLHA.
- P43 West Hoathly Infants School Pupils in 1905. The names are available from the WHLHA.

**P44** The Chapel Christian Endeavour Group pupils lead by Rene Styles taken around 1944 in the North West corner of the North Lane Recreation Ground from the East. The hut in the background, where The Beacon is today, housed Italian prisoners of war during WW2 and the house on the right is New Inn Cottage in Chapel Road. Most of the names are available from the WHLHA.

#### P45 Highbrook School Pupils on May 11th 1905.

P46 Kitty Baldock's Tea Party around 1902 at Whitestone Cottage, now Sands Cottage, in Hammingden Lane. Kitty aged 8 is second from the left at the back with Nellie Bond on her left, Kitty's younger sister Margaret aged 4 is in the centre at the front. Their mother Emma Jane Baldock is the nearest lady in the background in a straw hat.

#### P47 Alice Bond, Flora Bond in the pram and William Bond at Hook Farm.

#### P48 Who is this man?

### P49 Miss R Markwick and her mother in a pony and trap about 1907.

**P50** Mr H Smith and Mr F Bignell outside the butchers shop. The shop later became part of the Catholic Chapel. Mr Smith was Doreen Walker's grandfather and Anthony Smith's great grandfather. He moved the shop to the building to the North of Old Timbers in 1927.

P51 A lady in a kitchen showing a dresser and a cast iron cooking stove. Who is she?

P52 Mrs Ethelwynne Stuart, named after a sailing ship, curator of the Priest House Museum.

**P53** Miss Barbara Brew who had a smallholding at Tyes Cross.

**P54** Mr George Newnham the blacksmith at the West Hoathly forge. Many items made by him are to be found around the village. These include the Village Sign at the junction of North Lane and The Hollow, the flower stand in St Margaret's Church and at St Dunstan's Roman Catholic Chapel the cross and nameplate outside and the candlesticks, the sanctuary lampholder and the altar rail ironwork inside.

### P55 Charlie Bonsey the Sharpthorne baker.

**P56** Mr Petts, Dean Hannah's chauffeur and father of Elsie Petts. He is seen here in the Observer Corps Post situated in what is now the garden of number 15 Ridleys.

P57 Rev Arthur Gilbertson at the Coronation Investiture by H M King George VI in 1937.

**P58** John Julius Hannah, the Dean of Chichester with Queen Mary in about 1925 probably in Chichester. He was the Dean of Chichester from 1902 to 1929 and previously the Vicar of Brighton from 1888 to1902.

P59 The West Hoathly Stationmaster, Mr Boothroyd.

P60 William Robinson of Gravetye with Charlotte Godwin King on his 90th birthday in September 1928.

P61 West Hoathly school garden working party between 1930 and 1935. Most of the names are available from WHLHA.

P62 The staff at Brook House in 1908 probably taken in front of the lodge. Arthur Baldock the head gardener is at the left end and Jim Moon is on the extreme right.
 P63 The Wedding of Jack (Janny) Hazelden in about 1925. The bride is Bessie Moon, the aunt of Mary Streeter and the sister of James Edward Moon, who is second

from the right at the back. James's wife Mary is in front of him to his left. The Moons lived at Phlox Cottage and the Hazeldens lived next door at 1 Lower Pendant where this photograph was probably taken.

**P64** Thomas Nelson Stevens the Sharpthorne and West Hoathly postman from 1920 to 1954 wearing a twin peaked hat probably in about 1930. The uniform was changed in 1940. He received the Imperial Service medal on retirement.

**P65** Alfred Tester working at Sharpthorne brickworks in the 1930's

**P66 Bob Sargent** working at Sharpthorne brickworks in the 1930's

**P67** "Spot" Leopard working at Sharpthorne brickworks in the 1930's

**P68** West Hoathly villagers who appeared in the Story of Sussex Martyrs of 1556 which formed part of the East Grinstead Pageant in 1951. From the left are Joan Benson, unknown, unknown, the master of Stonelands School and Mary Howick (now Searle). From the right are Nancy Pearce's mother Mrs Reynolds, Nancy Pearce, Fred Parsons, Mrs Kimber, Peter King, Margaret Baker's mother Ada, Margaret Baker, unknown and Rosemary Knight.

P69 Geoffrey Ridley as the mounted herald at the East Grinstead Pageant in 1951 from a souvenir booklet.

**P70** Some of the staff of Bond's Store between 1952 and 1954 in the garden behind the shop, now Upper Pendent. From the left they are Eileen Hickey (now Wood), Maud Simmonds and Mary Howick (now Searle). Eileen and Mary worked in the shop and Maud worked in the Post Office.

**P71** Mrs Alice Bonsey aged 86 looking after the books at the family bakery in Sharpthorne in 1952. She died aged 95. She was the daughter of John and Mary Ann Buckman and married James Bonsey in 1894. Her son Charlie started work in the bakery aged 14.

**P72** George Newnham was 83 when this photograph was taken in 1976. It appeared in an article in the East Grinstead Courier of March 18<sup>th</sup> of that year. He lived at Rose Cottage in North Lane and was the village blacksmith all his working life until he retired in 1963 when the smithy closed. He played in the West Hoathly Town Band shown in photograph B6 where he appears  $5^{th}$  from left rear. He was also a member of the village fire brigade shown in photograph NQS31 where he appears  $2^{ted}$  from the right.

P73 Charlie Betson, the licencee of the Cat Inn, in the fireplace of the West bar. The photograph is from an article in the East Grinstead Courier of September 12<sup>th</sup> 1952.
 P74 Joseph Thomas Realf in October 1949. He started work at the age of eight, was the verger at St Margaret's Church for 49 years and for nearly thirty years was the churchyard gardener. He was a bass in the church choir, the tower captain at the church and was said to be the first to teach change ringing there. He could chime four bells on his own with one rope in each hand, one tied to his elbow and one to his right foot. The bells were re hung in 1962 in his memory.

**P75 Bill Kemp at 76.** He was blind and for 65 years he went for a pint at 8.30 every evening in the public bar of the Vinols Cross Inn. This photograph is from an article in the East Grinstead Courier of September 12<sup>th</sup> 1952.

**P76 Reg Corke** as a boy in about 1926 showing North Dane, from the West from what is now the drive to the new vicarage. Reg was born at No 2 North Dane.

**P77** The members of the Ancient Order of Foresters possibly at an annual general meeting in about 1920. This may be the West Hoathly Branch called "Court Rockhurst". Rockhurst was the earlier name for Chiddinglye which could be where they met. The third from the left in the middle row is George Corke, father of Reg Corke.

P78 Henry Alexander Francis aged seven and Charlotte Elizabeth Francis (later King) aged two years and ten months in August 1870.

P79 Charlotte Elizabeth Francis (later King) in 1890.

P80 Charlotte Elizabeth King (nee Francis) and her daughter Ursula (later Ridley) on July 17th 1897. Ursula was born on February 21th 1897.

**P81** Angela Francis and her granddaughter Ursula King (later Ridley) aged ten and a half months on January 12<sup>th</sup> 1898.

P82 Joseph King and his niece Ursula (later Ridley) aged two in February 1899.

P83 Charlotte Elizabeth King (nee Francis) and her daughter Ursula (later Ridley) aged two in February 1899.

P84 Ursula Ridley and her son Jasper photographed by Howard Instead, 5 Vigo Street, Regent Street, London, W1 in March 1928.

**P85** Jasper Ridley photographed by his father Geoffrey Ridley in 1931.

P86 West Hoathly School Girls in about 1903

**P87** Henry Holder (1844-1913) from Crawley was landlord of the Cat Inn between 1875 and 1886. Four of his seven children were born in West Hoathly and two, Horace and Alfred died of scarlet fever at 9 and 4 months respectively and share a grave in St Margaret's churchyard.

**P88** Sarah Holder (1850-1919) from Horley was the wife of Henry Holder who was landlord of The Cat Inn between 1875 and 1886. Earlier in 1871 they ran a small brewery near Crawley station and after leaving The Cat they ran The Foresters in Horley.

**P89** Some of the staff at the Selsfield Hoopworks in about 1900. From the left are Bow Simmonds, Steve Simmonds, ?,?, Charles Grinstead and Joe Budgen. The hoopworks was originally at Sesfield Common and later in a field opposite the Punchbowl pub.

**P90** Drummer William Charles (Nobby) Bennett in the uniform of the West Hoathly Cadet Corps band in about 1915. He is also to be seen at the left end of the front row in photograph B8 of the band in about 1913.

P91 Drummer William Charles Bennett's great grandparents.

**P92** The wedding of George James Newnham the West Hoathly village blacksmith and Ethelwyn Frances Dear on July 16<sup>th</sup> 1949. George's brother Charlie is at the end on the left.

**P93** West Hoathly School girls gardening class in about 1936. The eight at the back from the left are: Betty Colbran, Pamela Brown, two unknowns, Joy Jeary(Mrs Barnard), unknown, Elsie Wilson and Rene Lowe. The three in the middle row from the left are: Phyllis Angel(Mrs Higman), Peggy Creasey(Mrs Keen) and Joan Tipton. In the front row from the left are: Maisie Greenfield, Pauline Brown and Eileen (Pop) Hazeldine.

**P94** West Hoathly School PE class in about 1930 taken by Mr Hazeldine showing Bow Cottages and the old fire station, now the public toilet. The cherry trees in the recreation ground, felled in about 1995, had not been planted at this time.

**P95** Tyes Cross School, Class One in about 1891. The teacher on the right is Miss Woster. She was the daughter of a former headmaster of West Hoathly School. Tyes Cross School was founded and maintained by Mrs FA Ducroz of Courtlands. In those days Courtlands was an estate of about 4,000 acres extending to Cinder Hill, Tanyard, Highbrook Road, Sharpthorne railway station and Willett's Bridge which is near the reservoir.

**P96** St Margaret's Church Choir on Rogation Sunday in 1949 at a West Hoathly farm. From the left the members are: Mrs Cis Bonsey, Mrs Davey, unknown, unknown, John Hickey, John Hickey's son, unknown, David Hickey (not related to John), Gwen Loft, Margaret Diplock, Doris Stevens, Margaret Baker (Mrs Coxall), Joan Stevens (Mrs Best), Joy Davey, unknown, Doreen Smith (Mrs Walker), Dr Cyril Valentine, the vicar, and Tom Buckley.

**P97** Pupils of West Hoathly School in the school playground in 1946/47. The three adults at the back are from the left: Mrs Daw (manager), Mrs Pond (teacher) and Mrs Duggan.

**P98** The Presentation of a medal to Bill Lloyd who is in the centre sometime in the 1950's. On the right is Admiral Murray the president of the British Legion.

P99 The East Grinstead Pageant 1951 showing from the left "Jonah" Jones actor, Peter Smith, pageant master and Antony Evans, director.

**P100** The West Hoathly Parish Council photographed in the winter of 1970/71. The members are from the left, standing, F R Pitt, Mrs Holcombe, R Pearce, J Knight and D Slater and seated, Mrs Y Rackstraw, T Blunt (chairman), A Evans (clerk), Mrs U Ridley, Mrs Denby and Mrs Fish. The vice chairman J Leppard was absent.

**P101** The staff of The Don Store in Chapel Road in 1939. From the left they are Florrie Manning, Mrs Sarah Satchel, Lily Satchel (later Wildash), Mrs Lily Manning and Mrs Mabel Manning. Sid Satchel, the owner, was in the Air Force Reserve and was called up just before this photograph was taken. He is shown outside in another picture of the shop CHR6. Lily Satchel ran the shop during the second world war. The Don Store was the first shop in West Hoathly to have ice cream during the war.

P102 The West Hoathly infants school pupils on April 26th 1893.

P103 Alf Styles and Lionel Hannah at work at Philpotts Quarry in about 1946.

P104 Lionel Hannah and Peter Page at Philpots Quarry in about 1996. The quarry closed in 1998. Peter Page worked there from leaving school in 1952 until it closed. P105 The Smith family outside their butchers shop in North Lane in 1927. The shop was where the Catholic Chapel is today. John Smith is on the left, his father Henry is in the middle and his mother Winifred Sarah is on the right. The vehicle is a model T Ford and was the shop delivery van. This business moved to a location just north of Old Timbers later in 1927.

P106 Alf Tester working at Philpots Quarry in about 1947.

P107 Harry Carter working at Philpots Quarry in about 1947.

P108 Fred Tester working at Philpots Quarry in about 1947.

P109 Mr and Mrs Acres behind the bar of the White Hart in Ardingly Road in about 1953. Mr Acres was the landlord from 1953 to 1982. The previous landlord was Mr Meadmore.

P110 Angela Francis (nee Powell) in about 1900. She went to Australia with her husband Arthur Morley Francis in 1862. She died on May 19<sup>th</sup> 1910 after returning to

England in 1902 to live with her daughter Charlotte Elizabeth Godwin King the mother of Ursula Ridley.

P111 Arthur Morley Francis husband of Angela Francis, father of Charlotte Elizabeth Godwin King and grandfather of Ursula Ridley.

P112 James Edward Moon father of Mary Streeter and Sid Moon soon after joining the navy at Barrow in Furness in 1915 aged 18. He was involved with airships during the First World war.

**P113** West Hoathly guides at West Hoathly station on their way to camp in the 1940s. From left to right they are: Vera Charlwood, Eileen Hazelden, Pamela Brown, Pauline Brown, Ruth Wood, Esme Coomber, Phyllis Angel and Kitty Vince.

P114 West Hoathly and Turners Hill guides in the 1940s. Some of the names are available from the WHLHA.

**P115** Joseph West the gamekeeper on the Stonehurst Estate in about 1935. Stonehurst house can be seen on the hill behind. He came to West Hoathly in 1907 and farmed at Stonelands before becoming a gamekeeper.

P116 Mrs Emily Still in about 1910. She lived with her husband Ernest in New Inn Cottage in Chapel Row. Ernest was the blacksmith at Selsfield Common. Emily is standing on a piece of carpet which the photographer must have felt enhanced her rather beautiful dress.

P117 Cissie Reynolds and Blanche Tingley in about 1915 in fancy dress as Robin Hood and Maid Marion. Cissie married Arthur Kerr and they ran Hilltop Stores during the 1930s and 40s.

P118 John Godwin King in about 1930.

P119 Ursula Ridley in about 1925.

**P120** The wedding of Elsa Emma Kirby and Chevey Herbert Rothwell on August  $2^{nd}$  1911 outside the Priest House. The bride's mother, Mrs Ruth Kirby, who is seated on the right, was the first custodian of the Priest House Museum when it was opened in 1908. Elsa was later deputy head of West Hoathly School.

P121 Mr and Mrs Thomas Budgen, both eighty years old, at Glenham Place, Sharpthorne, on their diamond wedding anniversary on Christmas Day 1927. Thomas was born on Selsfield Common and worked at the hoop works there where he lost an arm through blood poisoning. He also worked as a hoop maker at Brightling and later looked after chickens at Courtlands.

P122 Winifred Ellen Smith in 1910 holding a stoolball bat. She was the aunt of John and Doreen Smith and sister of John Henry Smith who ran the butchers shop in North Lane.

P123 Evacuee children at Highcroft House in Top Road Sharpthorne in 1943. Carol Riley, nee Walters, is fourth from the bottom and her brother Peter Walters is fifth from the top.

**P124** The Carver Family in the conservatory at the rear of Courtlands. The Carvers lived at Courtlands before WW2 and this photograph was probably taken in the 1920s or 30s. The conservatory was demolished soon after WW2 and although this spot is still recognizable the decorative floor tiles have been replaced by concrete ones. Canadian soldiers took over Courtlands during WW2 and may well have been responsible for damaging the conservatory and its floor.

P125 Amos Pattenden and his wife Jane, who was his niece, at Little Hedgecourt Farm, Felbridge, in about 1910. Amos was born in 1843 and died in 1928 while Jane was born in 1853 and died in 1932. It can be seen that Amos has a finger missing. This was the result of an accident at Hedgecourt Mill. They were the grandparents of Nancy Kay who lived in West Hoathly and died in 2006.

P126 West Hoathly Branch of the British Legion darts team with a cup in about 1945. At the back from the left are: unknown, Jim Cork, Geoff Moon, Fred Willie, unknown, Stan Simmonds, Bert Lewis, Frank Shepherd, unknown, Harry Sturgess, Vincent and an unknown. At the front from the left are: Harry Martin, Charlie Garside, Bill Cobby, Dane "Snowy" Howick and Arthur Kerr.

**P127** John Herrington and family in 1887. John was born in 1850 and was the gardener at Selsfield Lodge which is now called Duckyls. His wife Eliza was born in 1853 and his three daughters are shown here with Rose aged 10 standing on the left, Ada aged 6 standing on the right and Alice aged 8 sitting. Ada married Thomas Porter the son of William Porter of Bulldogs Bank Farm in Hammingden Lane.

P128 A group of workers probably at the brickworks in Horsted Lane around 1900. The cart would have been used to carry clay from the nearby clay field. These brickworks closed around 1930.

P129 The Briggs family at their brick and tile works in Horsted Lane probably around 1910. They are from the left: William, Charlie, Thomas, an unknown and Thomas's son Tom. They made drain pipes as well as bricks and tiles and some of their products are shown in the foreground. This photograph is similar to P29 except that Thomas and his son Tom have changed places.

P130 Two of the Briggs family digging clay at their brickworks in Horsted Lane in about 1920. They are from the left: Tom, an unknown and Tom's father Thomas.

**P131** Some of the Briggs family at work at the Horsted Lane brickyard in about 1920. The Briggs and Weller families came together in 1899 when Mary Briggs married William Weller, who probably worked at the brickyard. She was twenty five and he was twenty six and they had four children, Evelyn May born in 1901, William born in 1902, Thomas Edward born in 1906 and Cecil George born in 1907.

P132 Workers at the Horsted Lane brick and tiles works in the 1920s digging clay from a nearby clayfield. The cart looks very similar to that in photograph P128.

**P133** John Godwin King with his car parked for a roadside picnic probably in Ashdown Forest in about 1910. Although the car has the registration number AP1, the same as the first car to be registered in Sussex, that car was a 1903 Darracq whereas this one is a different car of around 1910. Charlotte Godwin King may be the lady on the left with John on the right.

**P134** The Reverend Henry Harris, vicar of Highbrook from 1882 to 1904. As a master at Ardingly College he had previously held services in the schoolroom at Highbrook from 1875 until 1882. All Saints Church was consecrated in 1885

P135 The Reverend T H Mostyn Williams vicar of Highbrook from 1904 to 1926. Highbrook Church was consecrated in October 1885 by Dr Durnford, the Bishop of Chichester.

P136 The Reverend J Aikman-Wilson Litt M vicar of Highbrook from 1926 to 1931.

**P137** The Reverend John Samuel Phillips vicar of Highbrook from 1932 to 1937.

P138 The Reverend Cyril H Valentine MA DD vicar of West Hoathly and Highbrook from 1940 to 1950.

P139 A wedding party around 1950. Jack Langridge is on the left and Dicky Pearce is 4th from the left.

P140 Arthur Baldock's mother in about 1870.

P141 Arthur Baldock aged about 30 in 1885. He married Emma Jane Shoemark at the Parish Church in Streat on November 8th 1881.

P142 Arthur Baldock's youngest brother Walter in about 1890.

P143 Kate Baldock, Arthur Baldock's sister about 1875.

**P144** The Baldock family in 1903. Arthur Baldock's wife, Emma Jane is on the right with Arthur's mother on her right. In the front row from the left are Emma Annie who later married George Still, aged 17, Kitty aged 9, Margaret aged 5 and Birt aged about 20. The girl standing on the left is probably Arthur's daughter Ellen Mary (Nellie). The other three people at the back are probably Arthur or Emma Jane's siblings.

**P145** Margaret and Kitty Baldock in 1903. Margaret aged 5 is standing on the right with Kitty aged 9 at the front.

P146 Margaret and Kitty Baldock in 1906. Margaret aged 8 is on the left and Kitty aged 12 is on the right.

P147 Part of the Baldock family in 1907. Margaret aged 9 is on the left next to her mother Emma Annie with her father Arthur behind and sister Kitty aged 13 on the right.

P148 Part of the Baldock family in 1908. Margaret aged 10 is on the left and Kitty aged 14 is at the back with their parents Emma Jane and Arthur seated.

**P149** The Baldock family in 1910. Standing from the left are Emma Annie, an unknown, Nellie, Birt and Birt's girlfriend Winn. Seated from the left are: Kitty aged 16, their mother Emma Jane and Margaret aged 12.

P150 The Baldock sisters with mother in 1912. From the left they are Margaret, Emma Annie, mother Emma Jane, Kitty and Nellie.

**P151** The wedding of Birt Baldock and Bertha Winnifred (Winn) Pitts in 1912 in Bedfordshire. From the left standing are: Nellie Baldock, Bob Comber best man, Margaret Baldock, the bride's sister, the bride's father and Kitty Baldock. At the front seated are Birt and Winn with an unknown bridesmaid standing.

P152 Birt and Winnifred Baldock with their children in 1930. Standing are: Lionel Arthur, Winnefred and Donald Frank. Birt is seated holding Elva Winnifred.

**P153** Ernest Still shoeing a horse at his blacksmith's shop at Selsfield Common in about 1896 with a customer holding the horse. Ernest's wife Emily Still is holding the bicycle and next to her is their adopted daughter Emily Itisha. The buildings in the background with Ernest standing at the door on the left can also be seen in photograph OL5.

P154 Emily Still with her adopted daughter Emily Itisha Comber and granddaughter Doris Comber in 1906.

P155 New Inn Cottage in about 1910 showing Ernest Still on the left and his wife Emily third from the left. The New Inn ceased to be a public house in the late 1800s.
 P156 George Still in about 1910. He was a member of the West Hoathly Silver Band which was formed in 1907.

P157 George Still shoeing a horse in about 1910. He probably worked with George Newnham and his father at the forge in North Lane.

**P158** The West Hoathly Fire Brigade in about 1910 outside the fire station which is now the public toilets in North Lane. From the left are: Bob Comber, George Still, a blacksmith, George's father Ernest Still, the blacksmith at Selsfield Common, unknown, unknown, George Newnham, the blacksmith in North Lane and an unknown.

P159 Emma Annie Baldock and George Still at their wedding in 1912 at Highbrook.

**P160** The wedding of George Still and Emma Annie Baldock in 1912. From the left standing are: Arthur Baldock, aged 57, Kitty Baldock aged 18, Nellie Baldock aged 12, Birt Baldock aged about 28, Margaret Baldock aged 14 and Lillian Still, George's sister aged 26.

P161 The wedding of George Still and Emma Annie Baldock in 1912. Parents Emma Jane and Arthur Baldock are standing on the left with Ernest and Emily Still on

P162 George and Emma Annie Still in 1913 at their house near the White Hart Inn. It is now called Little Meadows and was built in 1902.

P163 Hilda and Lois Mary Still, daughters of Emma Annie and George Still, at the front in 1916 when Hilda was aged 2 and Lois was aged 1. From the left standing are: their three aunts Kitty, Margaret and Nellie Baldock and grandmother Emma Jane Baldock.

P164 Ernest and Emily Still with their grandchildren in 1916. Doris Comber is standing at the back, Ronald Comber is standing in the middle, Hilda Still is standing at the front and Lois Mary is sitting on Emily's knee.

P165 Highbrook School pupils in 1922. George and Emma Annie Still's daughter Lois Mary aged 7 is sitting second from the left in the second row from the front and her sister Hilda aged 8 is third from the right at the back. The house in the background is Battens.

P166 Highbrook School pupils in 1924. George and Emma Annie Still's daughter Lois Mary aged 9 is sitting on the steps at the back on the left and her sister Hilda aged 10 is sitting in the front row on the right.

P167 Emma Jane Baldock with two grandchildren and one great grandchild in 1924. George Still's daughters Hilda and Lois Mary are standing and Freddy grandson of Nellie Stevens (nee Baldock) is sitting on Emma's knee.

P168 Ernest and Emily Still with their radio in 1930.

P169 West Hoathly residents coach outing to Margate in about 1950. Photographed by The Photo Service Ltd., 9 Marine Gardens, Margate. From the left standing are: 3 unknowns, Peter Cave, Jim Granger, 2 unknowns, Percy Norgate, Shaver Willie, Lill Simmonds, Derek Baker, 2 unknowns, Richard Lewis, unknown, John Cave, Stan Simmonds, Joe Cave's wife May, 3 unknowns, Francis Cave, Joe Cave, unknown, Jim Fisher, unknown, Bill Grainger. Sitting on the right is Ada Polehill (nee Fisher).
P170 West Hoathly residents coach party in 1925. The building in the background is not in West Hoathly or Sharpthorne so it may have been at the trip destination. This outing appears to have been almost an all male event with only one lady next to the driver.

**P171** West Hoathly First Aid Party (FAP) in about 1940. The First Aid Post (also called FAP) was underneath the chapel, which is on the bank behind this group. The buildings in the background are now part of West Hoathly Garage. Tony Nye is standing on the extreme left.

P172 West Hoathly National Fire Service in about 1940 in Sandy Lane where they had their station. They are from the left standing: Walter Hunt, Jack Bonsey, Bill Kemp and Bill "Sailor" Williams. From the left at the front are: Albert Holman, Charlie "Smack" Leney and Joe Cave. They went as far as London and Eastbourne to fight fires at night and returned to their normal jobs the next day.

P173 Amy Leppard in 1934 outside her house in Melchbourne Villas. It was from here that her husband Fred Leppard ran the fuel and carrier business.

P174 Jack Leppard nearest to the cab with the firm's delivery lorry in 1934 at their depot in Sharpthorne Top Road where Comber's yard is today. The firm later moved the depot to Bulldogs Bank farm in Hammingden Lane.

**P175** John Potter the wheelwright at Selsfield around 1940. His workshop was next door to the forge on the ground floor of the granary. The forge has been replaced by a bungalow but the stone built granary still stands near the junction of Selsfield Road and Ardingly Road. The water tower can be seen in the background.

**P176** West Hoathly Darts Competition participants in about 1947. They are from the left standing: unknown, Jim Corke, Geoff Moon, Fred Willie, unknown, Stan Simmonds, Bert Lewis, Frank Shepherd, Ron Creasey, Harry Sturgess, Harry Carter and an unknown. From the left seated are: Harry Martin, George Comber or Charlie Garside, Bill Cobby, Dane "Snowy" Howick and Arthur Kerr. Sgt. Jim Corke was the first infantryman to cross the Rhine from France to Germany with his squad in WW2.

**P177** The staff of Moatlands ready for the Celebrations for the Coronation of George VI in 1937. From the left are: Mrs Baldwin, Mr Baldwin the head gardener, Jim Baldwin their son, Pat Stone behind, Henry Hunt, Mrs Stone the housemaid and Pat Stone's mother, Mrs Hunt and Mr Hunt the under gardener and Henry's father. Frank Stone, Pat's father, also worked at Moatlands and the family lived on Selsfield Common in the same house that Pat still occupies.

P178 West Hoathly School children in about 1890.

P179 Albert Wadsworth and his wife behind the bar at The Cat Inn. He was the landlord from 1963 to 1972.

**P180** Bert Pond and Percy Norgate at the Observer Corps Post in Bow Field in 1939. After the post was machine gunned by a German aircraft early in the war an earth embankment was built to protect the men.

**P181** Mr Redman the postmaster outside the Post Office in Sharpthorne in the 1920s. He was responsible for publishing an important series of postcards of the West Hoathly area many of which are in this collection.

P182 Henry William Comber in about 1914. He was distantly related to Steve Comber's family and was also a builder. He was captain of the Fire Brigade and a trustee of the Court Rockhurst branch of the Ancient Order of Foresters.

**P183** The wedding of Robert Comber and Emily Itisha Still in 1900. Robert's brother Harry is behind him, his mother Elizabeth is to Harry's right and his father William to her right. Robert had seven sisters and three are on his right, two sitting and one standing. Three others are sitting on his left and the other is on the ground in front of him. Two other brothers, Arthur and William Ephraim are lying on the ground in front. This photograph was taken in the garden of Combers Cottage.

**P184** Miss Barbara Brew with Lady Denman in 1942. Barbara was preparing to give a series of BBC Home Service talks in the programme "Farming Today". Lady Denman was Chairman of the National Federation of Women's Institutes and the Honorary Director of the Women's Land Army at their headquarters in Balcombe where Barbara was her assistant. Barbara also had a smallholding and produce stall at Tyes Cross and did secretarial work including printing Ethelwyn Newnham's booklet "The Ring of the Anvil".

P185 George Newnham in the centre in 1963. He had just retired as the West Hoathly blacksmith and is seen here with his wife Ethelwyn and Joe Cave.

**P186** The West Hoathly Observer Corps outing to Suffolk or Biggin Hill in 1943. Standing 5th from the right is Jack Smith and 7th from the right is Reg Foster who worked at Luctons. Sitting on the extreme right is Jack Day and 2nd from the right is Jack Langridge.

P187 George Still shoeing a horse at Selsfield forge in about 1912.

#### P188 Jack Smith the West Hoathly butcher when in the Observer Corps around 1940.

**P189** The Chapel Christian Endeavour Group photographed around 1944 in the north west corner of the North Lane Recreation Ground from the east. From the left at the back are: two unknowns, Jimmy Greenfield, Quinton De'Ath, Ron Arnold and Eileen Hickey. In the middle row from the left are: Rene Stiles, Prudence De'Ath, an unknown, Kitty Vince (later Anscombe), Rosemary Knight, Marie Humphrey, an unknown and Hazel Thorpe. At the front from the left are: an unknown, Hazelden, Michael Grainger, Dorothy Arnold, Betty Hazelden, Rosemary Tipton, Brian Thorpe and an unknown.

**P190** Archibald (Pop) Redman in about 1910. He was the postmaster in Sharpthorne from 1915 to 1945. He was a professional photographer and also built an elaborate model house for his daughter Evelyne in the garden behind the post office in Sharpthorne Terrace.

**P191** Evelyne Redman sitting on a front windowsill of The Strakes in 1930. This photograph was taken by her father Archibald and it won him a £100 prize. Miles Malleson was lodging at The Strakes at this time. The shelf system in the background was part of the shop fittings when The Strakes was a shop. The shop closed in 1924 but these fittings are still in position.

P192 Walter Rubidge at work in the Sharpthorne post office in 1956. He married Archibald Redman's daughter Evelyne and was the postmaster from 1945 to 1970.
 P193 Robert Comber and Emily Itisha Still at their wedding in 1900. Emily was the adopted daughter of Ernest Still the Selsfield blacksmith and his wife Emily who lived at New Inn Cottage.

**P194** The Comber family in 1914. From the left at the back are: Robert, Mary, Emily Ellen, Sarah and Polly (later Brooker). From the left in the middle are: Harry, Elizabeth, William Ephraim and Arthur. From the left at the front are: Jane, William, Elizabeth (nee Mansbridge) and Ann.

P195 William John (Bill) Comber in 1976 aged 86. He was a local builder, lived at Combers Cottage and was Cliff Comber's grandfather.

P196 William John Comber's wife Gertrude around 1910. Their son John Henry was the father of Cliff Comber.

P197 Harriet Richardson around 1900 before she married Thomas Budgen.

P198 Thomas and Harriet Budgen with their adopted son Frank Stone in 1916. Thomas was a hoop maker and worked on Selsfield Common.

**P199** Thomas and Harriet Budgen with their adopted son Frank Stone in about 1922. Frank was the father of Pat Stone who lives at No 1 Selsfield Place Farm Cottages on Selsfield Common.

**P200** Frank Stone fourth from the left at the rear in about 1930. This gang of diggers may have been working on sewers near Hadlow Down. However there is a report of a large archaeological trench being dug across a wide moat at an ancient monument in Hadlow Down in 1930. There was a Henry James William Bray working as a photographer in Hadlow Down around 1920.

**P201** Kruger Harbour the local road sweeper around 1945. He was Norman Harbour's uncle and lived at Ivy Cottage next to the village hall in North Lane. His bicycle is leaning against the fence behind. It had only one pedal and a fixed wheel because Kruger had an artificial leg.

P202 Norman Harbour's grandmother outside Ivy Cottage around 1950. Ivy Cottage was demolished apart from the chimney and rebuilt in the 1960s. Apparently leaving the chimney meant planning permission was not required for the rebuilding.

**P203** Michael Maynard on the left with his half siblings Peter and Carol Walters in 1948. Peter and Carol were evacuees from London and lived with a group of others at Highcroft House in Sharpthorne during the war where Mrs Walters was the cook. They can also be seen in photograph P123.

**P204** Evacuees and local children in Hamsey Road during the VE Day celebrations in 1945. From the left are: an unknown, Margaret Baker and behind her Eileen Bass, Sheila Styles, Shirley Hobson (evac), Judy Fitzgerald (evac), Bertina Humphreys (evac), Clive Bass, Marie Bass, Marie Humphreys (evac), Elizabeth McLarin, Neil Styles, Stanley Hobson (evac) and Bobby Wilson (evac) whose head is just visible behind Neil Styles.

**P205** Jewish refugee children at Bulldogs Bank, now called The Sun House, in 1945. Their parents died in Terszin concentration camp, at Theresienstadt in Moravia. From the left are: Gertrud Dann, a helper, John, Leah, Ruth, Mirjam and Sophie Dann. Gertrud and Sophie were themselves refugees from Germany and later lived in No 1 Highcroft Cottages at the top of Station Road.

P206 Mr and Mrs Thomas Joyce around 1960. They lived in Chilling Street and the photo shows their dog Holly and their donkey Betsy pulling a cart.

P207 Bill Kemp and his wife around 1950. They are on the front step of New Inn Cottage where they lived. Although blind, Bill walked along The Hollow every evening to the Vinols Inn where he had his special seat at the bar.

**P208** Thelma and Dick Ullman in their pottery shop in 1973. They lived at Potter's House on the Selsfield Road and the pottery was in a shed at the bottom of the garden. The white weather boarded shop next to the house was open from 1971 to 1985 and is now a separate dwelling.

**P209** Major and Mrs Elizabeth Cowan at their wedding in 1944. Elizabeth's parents were Rhoda Mary and William C Harris of Moatlands. The page and bridesmaid Jonathan and Jessica were children of William and Rhoda's son William B Harris and his wife Betty. Betty died aged 99 at Moatlands in 2013. Rhoda designed the West Hoathly village sign to commemorate the 25th Jubilee of King George V in 1935. It stands at the junction of North lane and The Hollow. The metalwork was constructed by George Newnham the West Hoathly blacksmith and the carving was probably done by Rhoda.

P210 "Granny Grantham", John Smith's grandmother around 1870.

P211 Winifred Fortescue around 1945. She lived in the Woodman's Cottage at Many Waters below Stonehurst during WW2 and wrote about her time there in a book called "Beauty for Ashes".

P212 Sergeant Major Brown in about 1930. He ran the British Legion drum and bugle band and was a veteran of the Boer War. He named his house in Hamsey Road "Colenso" after a battle in which he fought.

P213 London Alderman John George Baker around 1900. He and his wife Clara adopted her niece May Reading who became the wife of Archibald Redman the Sharpthorne postmaster.

P214 The Godding family, who were evacuees, in the churchyard in 1940.

P215 Donald Alan Scott on the right. He lived at The Strakes between 1939 and 1958. In 1939 he was in charge of the Local Defence Volunteers or the Home Guard as they were later known. A wall behind The Strakes was used by them for testing "Molotov cocktail" bombs. He also served on Cuckfield Rural District Council and West Hoathly Parish Council and was responsible for acquiring the Hook Lane playing field.

P216 George Vince's wedding in 1950. Norman Harbour is in the front on the right.

P217 A West Hoathly coach outing around 1960. From the left standing are: Wilf Weller, Brian Jones, three unknowns, Gordon Leney, unknown, David Madgwick, Graham Snelling, Robin Weller, John Franks, Charlie Baker, Tony Terry behind Dennis Pemberton, Don Filtness behind Pat Knight, Bob Wilson, John Hickey, Alex Fieldwick, Marie Humphrey, Roy Parks, Tony Payne, Fred Pitt and an unknown. At the front are: Carol Walters (later Riley), Maureen Cuff (later Porter), Sheila Parks (later Hoad), Bertina Humphrey (later Bhabra), Peggy Mansfield (later Simmonds), Norman Harbour, Brian Birtenshaw, Peter Walters and John Ford.

**P218** West Hoathly school children in 1960. From the left at the rear are: John Warburton, Roger Bourne, Rodney Faulkner, Clive Kirk, Tim Rubidge, Terry Creasey, David McMahon, Peter Corke, and Trevor Hayward. In the middle from the left are: Clifford Comber, Chris Sitford, David Comber, Carol Farley, Jackie Taylor, Myrtle Shepherd, Mick Shipway, Ricky Bond and Shaun Taylor. Sitting from the left are: Pauline Geer, Denise Gurr, Denise Sitford, Jean Vincent, Caroline Cuff, Pam Bond, Sandra Jones, Jo Ellis, Daphne Constable and an unknown. At the front from the left are: Robert Apps, Brenda Beavis, Jennifer Wildash and Gordon Tough.

P219 Albert Redman and his wife Charity around 1910. He was the brother of Archibald Redman who was the Sharpthorne postmaster from 1915 to 1945.

**P220** John George Baker's three sons in 1914. Margaret Coxall's father Charles Reading Baker is on the right.

P221 Thomas Nelson Stevens and his wife in 1916. Thomas was the Sharpthorne and West Hoathly postman from 1920 to 1954.

**P222** William Jupp aged 85 in 1904 wearing the Sussex smock frock made for his marriage in about 1844. He was born in West Hoathly on January 25th 1819 and is the great great great maternal grandfather of Tony Oliver who lives in Chailey. He was a farm labourer and later a hoop maker locally until about 1844 when he left the area. William's father was pressed ganged while on his way to The Cat Inn around 1808 and spent several years in the Peninsular War between 1808 and 1813.

**P223** The Smith family in about 1906. From the left are Winifred Sarah, Winifred, John Henry and Henry. Henry was the West Hoathly village butcher with his shop in the building now used as the Catholic Chapel in North Lane.

P224 Archdeacon Hannah around 1910.

**P225** Lorne Taylor and Jack Smith in the T2 Observer Corps Post in 1940. This is the highest point in the village and is now part of the garden of No 15 Ridleys. At first they had no protection but after they were machine-gunned by German aircraft the timber and earth bunker shown here was constructed.

P226 Alf and Minnie Perrin around 1920. Perrin & Comber was a local building firm was run by Alf and an unidentified Comber.

P227 Alf and Minnie Perrin outside No 3 Melchbourne Villas around 1920. The name of Alf's building firm, Perrin & Comber, is shown on the board over the door.

P228 Richard and Thelma Ullman in 1930. Thelma was an artist and Richard was a potter. They lived at Potters Cottage and ran the West Hoathly Pottery in Selsfield Road.

**P229** A gang of railway workers on the Lewes and East Grinstead Railway in 1935. From the left are Harry Wilson, Percy Louis Norgate, Fred Dawes and Jack Tullet. Percy Norgate was in the Observer Corps in WW2 and his grandson Roger donated this photograph.

P230 Simon Block outside the Bluebell Inn with his dog Benjie in 1969.

**P231** Michael Block, Simon's father, with his wife Joy, on the left on the opening day of The Bluebell Inn in 1964. On the right are Pam and Gordon Woods with whom they had just co-purchased the pub. Pam and Gordon were bought out and later ran the Catts Inn in Rotherfield.

P232 Simon Block's sister presenting an award to Chris Bilson after he and Simon had broken the world non-stop bar billiard playing record of 75 hours in 1968.

P233 Michael Block with a bust of Alan Minter which he modelled in 1980. His son Simon was at Crawley Amateur Boxing Club the same time as Alan who lived at Rosskerry House in Selsfield Road.

**P234** The Bluebell Inn Darts Team celebrating winning a cup in the 1970s. Squatting in the light coloured jumper is Sean Taylor who used to live opposite Kingswood Stores in Top Road, Sharpthorne.

P235 A Halloween fancy dress party at The Bluebell Inn in the early 70's. Michael Block is the executioner with the axe, the gnome in the front is Sid Mansfield who was the cellarman and his daughter Peggy is on his right in the witch's hat. Above Peggy is the winner Count Dracula.

**P236** The Redman/Rubidge family in the Sharpthorne Post Office garden in the 1970s. From the left are: Walter Rubidge, Archibald George Redman, Yvonne Gwendolyne Redman, Marianne Rubidge, May Rubidge, George Edward Donald (GED) Redman, Peter John Redman, Evelyne Rubidge and Winifred Redman. Peter donated this photograph. H e is a great grandson of George Redman who published many photographs of the parish in the early 1900s and grandson of GED Redman.

**P237** George Edward Donald Redman in about 1950. He was a nephew of Archibald Redman the Sharpthorne postmaster and carried on the family interest in photography which his grandson Peter also continues today.

P238 Selina Countess of Huntingdon the founder of the West Hoathly and other chapels painted around 1737.

**P239** James White on the right in 1914. He lived in Hamsey Road and helped to build the Independant's Chapel in Selsfield Road in 1933. This photograph was donated by his grandson Robert White together with photograph CHR38 showing the construction of the chapel.

P240 A Sunday School outing at Plaw Hatch in 1930. This photograph was donated by Arthur Kay.

P241 George Bignold and Bob Robertson at Plaw Hatch with a Raleigh motorcycle around 1930.

P242 Plaw Hatch cricket and golf pavilion in 1929. From the left are: an unknown, Bert Salmon, Dick Janson, Ern Griffin, George Thomas, Wally Wickens and Fred Dawes.

**P243** West Hoathly ARP practising at Plaw Hatch in 1938. The gentleman in a suit at the front is probably Sir Robert Molesworth Kindersley who leased Plaw Hatch from 1911 to 1945 from William R Arbuthnot.

**P244** Norman Kay and his wife Nancy on their wedding day in 1939. Norman worked at Plaw Hatch looking after the cars. He was a keen photographer and his son Arthur has provided many pictures of Plaw Hatch taken by him. Nancy, a court dressmaker, was the daughter of Arthur Pattenden and his wife Edith. Arthur was the head gardener at Courtlands and they lived in the South Lodge.

**P245** Benjamin Budgen aged 68 and his wife Anne outside their cottage on Selsfield Common in 1893. Benjamin's family had been hoop makers since the early 1800s before he started a hoop working business near The White Hart around 1850.

**P246** Joseph Budgen, Benjamin's son around 1910. He continued to run the family business after it moved from The White Hart to Selsfield Common in the late 1800s.

**P247** Joseph Budgen, Charlie Grinsted and Joseph's son also Joseph around 1920. The structure on the right with a chimney was a furnace and boiler to generate steam. The steam was piped to a long vessel in the shed in which strips of wood were softened before bending into shape on a mandrel. The slot just visible between the two men on the left is to accommodate extra long strips of wood. It can also be seen in photograph P246. Note the axe held by Joseph on the left and the two handled shaver held by Charlie.

**P248** Joseph Budgen junior, the son of Joseph senior, aged about 40 in about 1920. He ran the family business when it moved to a field opposite the Punch Bowl and was called the Thornhill Works.

**P249** Joseph Budgen junior around 1920. The pony and cart were used to take hoops to Kingscote station. Earlier they were taken to Rowfant station.via the path behind Withypits pond to avoid the toll gate at Turners Hill crossroads.

P250 Some of the staff at the Thornhill hoop works opposite The Punchbowl around 1920. From the left are: Steve Simmonds, Charlie Grinsted, Bow Simmonds possibly, Joseph Budgen junior with an unknown behind and Fred Simmonds who eventually left to become Sgt Simmonds in the Sussex police. Steve Simmonds was Joseph's brother in law and Charlie Grinsted was his wife's uncle. A pile of ash poles used to make the hoops is on the right and a shaving horse can be seen on the left.
 P251 West Hoathly School Class 1 around 1900.

P252 West Hoathly School Infants around 1900.

**P253** Bill Kemp in 1914. He was the son of "Blind" Bill Kemp who lived at New Inn Cottage in Selsfield Road and is shown in P75 and P207. He had a daughter Mary (later Riley) and a son Ron whose son Patrick provided this photograph.

**P254** Highbrook School pupils in 1915. The girl fourth from the left in the middle row is the mother of Nick Watson who lives in Switzerland and sent this photograph. The photograph was taken in the small playground opposite the old school house The wall round the playground and the school windows can be seen in the background.

**P255** Highbrook School Pupils in 1900. The girl seventh from the left in the back row is the aunt of Nick Watson who donated this photograph. His grandfather James Browning (1864-1952) was head gardener at Brook House and lived in Burstow Bridge Cottage. A photograph of Burstow Cottage around this time is shown in photograph OL174.

**P256** Arthur Pattenden, Nancy Kay's father, and two Canadian soldiers at Courtlands in June 1943. Arthur was the head gardener there and lived in the west lodge. The soldiers were Sgt Livsey and Cpl Ashcroft. A stamp on the back of the photograph says "Finished by Len Hallyard Saskatoon". Len was a prolific Saskatoon photographer and since Canadian soldiers were billeted at Courtlands during WW2 perhaps Len was there.

P257 West Hoathly schoolboys at 3.30pm on June 5th 1934. On the left at the back is John "Goffer" Willie. This photograph was donated by Ray Maynard.

**P258** Lucy Ann Browning nee Jackson in the kitchen of Burstow Cottage around 1900. She lived there with her husband James Browning who was the head gardener at Brook House from 1900 to 1930. He married three times. His first wife was Annie McKenzie 1861 to 1890, the second was Lucy 1871 to 1928 and lastly Gertrude Wright 1876 to 1961. She was the grandmother of Nick Watson who donated this photograph.

**P259** Jack Pickard and his wife around 1900. Jack was disabled and made a living by delivering parcels and collecting scrap food for his pigs which he kept at his house Bramble Hill Cottage. He used to sing as he drove around and knew hundreds of songs. He taught some of these to Ursula Ridley when she was a schoolgirl. He often used to give her a ride in his cart as she walked home from school from Kingscote Station to Stonelands.

**P260** William Henry Smith, his wife Winifred Sarah, his daughter Winifred Ellen and his son John Henry in 1906. William had a butchers shop in North Lane where the Catholic Chapel is now. The shop moved to premises opposite the village school in 1927. Winifred Sarah was the sister of Fred Bignell who worked for William Henry in the shop. John Henry's son is John Smith who now lives in Dover, his daughter <u>is</u> Doreen Walker of Phlox Cottage and he was the grandfather of Antony Smith the Priest House curator.

**P261** A watercolour of Rachel, Jack Pickard's mother around 1850. Jack used to give Ursula Ridley rides in his pony cart and teach her old songs when she was a schoolgirl. He gave her this painting and she later donated it to the Priest House where it still hangs today.

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P267 William Robinson aged 26 in 1864

P268 A painting of Robinson by Birket N Satterthwaite in1920 exhibited at the National Portrait Gallery.

- P269 William Robinson in 1932 on his 94<sup>nd</sup> birthday surrounded by a present of 94 white peonies.
- P270 William Robinson in the Gravetye flower garden in 1932.
- P271 William Robinson with his nurse Mary Gilpin in the 1920s in the Gravetye Flower Garden.

**P272** William Robinson with Iris Poynter around 1926. She was Mary Gilpin's niece and became Robinson's frequent companion. This photograph was exhibited in the Vandyk National Portrait Gallery.

P273 William Robinson and Nurse Gilpin showing some visitors round Gravetye in 1930.

P274 William Robinson, Mary Gilpin and Iris Poynter in 1923 with William's open top Austin car.

P275 William Robinson, Nurse Gilpin, Ernest Markham and the chauffeur William Farrant around 1922 in the half track vehicle made for him by Citroen.

**P276** William Robinson in his three wheel chair around 1925. This photograph was taken at Moatlands with Ernest Markham on the left and some of the Harris family who lived there. Audrey, Mrs R M Harris, Rhoda and William Harris are at the back.

P277 William Robinson with Nurse Gilpin on the left and Ernest Markham's wife Miriam on the right in The Moat porch in the 1920s.

**P278** Mary Gilpin William Robinson's nurse. She tended him temporarily after he suffered a serious fall in 1909. He asked her to stay on permanently and built Holmes Cottage in Vowels Lane for her to live in.

**P279** William Robinson's aunt Sarah Handfield Robinson around 1870. She encouraged the young William to become a gardener. She was married to Joseph Robinson of County Sligo. Her father, Charles Handfield, was Commissary General of Ireland.

P280 Mr Brazier, Robinson's woodman.

P281 Robinson's cook Mrs J Theobald. She was born in 1855 and died in 1944.

P282 Mr Austin Adam Stratford with his wife, his sister in law behind and his son and niece around 1900.

P283 Mr Austin Adam Stratford around 1900. He is standing beside the porch at The Moat where he lived while head gardener for William Robinson.

P284 Mr Austin Stratford probably on his wedding day.

**P285** Ernest Markham, Robinson's head gardener around 1915 in the porch of The Moat where he lived from 1910 until he died in 1937.

### Bands

- B1 The West Hoathly Cadet Corps Band in Brighton in 1915. A message on the back of the postcard reads "George when he was in the cadets".
- B2 The West Hoathly Silver Band at Crystal Palace. This band was formed before 1909. Some of the names are available from the WHLHA.
- B3 The British Legion, West Hoathly Branch, Drum and Bugle Band outside the old Post Office in Sharpthorne Terrace, Top Road, Sharpthorne. Some of the names are available from the WHLHA.

B4 The British Legion, West Hoathly Branch, Drum and Bugle Band outside the old Post Office in Sharpthorne Terrace, Top Road, Sharpthorne. Some of the names are available from the WHLHA.

B5 The British Legion, West Hoathly Branch, Drum and Bugle Band. Some of the names are available from the WHLHA.

**B6** The West Hoathly Silver Band, also known as the West Hoathly Town Band, at the Tunbridge Wells Band Contest in Calverley Park in 1924. Rear from left: Frank Langridge, Bob Comber, Bert Comber, Jack Langridge (junior) (Arthur's father?), George Newnham (blacksmith), H (Billy?) Tanner (baker), Jack Langridge (senior). Front from left: Jack Smith (John's father), George Corke, Sgt Maj Brown, Charlie Harbour, Arthur Francis (bandmaster), F (Punchy) Vickory (from Knave's Acre), C "Antics" Leppard, Tom Moon, Arthur Comber (Ted's Father). Sitting Alice Francis, Claude Hayes.

- B7 The West Hoathly Brass Band in 1909.
- B8 The West Hoathly Cadet Corps and Band in 1913. Their full title was: "A" Company, 1\*Cadet Batallion, 1\* Home Counties Brigade, RFA.
- **B9** The West Hoathly Cadet Corps and Band in Brighton in 1904.
- B10 The West Hoathly Cadet Corps and Band in Brighton in 1904.
- B11 The West Hoathly Brass Band in 1906. George Corke, father of Reg, is on the left in the front row.
- B12 George Corke, father of Reg, with his euphonium in the early 1920's. The book has the title West Hoathly Brass Band, b Bass. His instrument and the uniform are different from those in B11 but the cap badge is the same.

**B13** The West Hoathly British Legion Band in the yard of the present Sharpthorne Garage showing Sharpthorne House in the background on the right and some cottages which have since been demolished on the left.

**B14** The West Hoathly British Legion Drum and Bugle Band in about 1947. They were reformed the year before and although the instruments were those of the old band which had played before WW2 they had obtained new uniforms. From the left they are: Bandmaster Harry Sturgess, Front row: Bill Philips, his brother and Billy Cobby, Second row: Bill Hill, Alf Styles and A Chapman, Third row: Arch Fox, Bill Grainger on the bass drum and Frank Stone on the cymbals, Fourth row: Bobby Brown, Ted ? and Charlie Garside, Fifth row: Gil Hunt, unknown and Dane "Snowy" Howick, Back row: Bill Wickham, Edward "Dai" Howick and Ivor Thomas. B15 The West Hoathly Army Cadet Corps and Band probably around 1914 outside the corrugated iron drill hall opposite the old Post Office in Sharpthorne Top Road. When the West Hoathly Branch of the British Legion was formed in 1921 they took over this building as their headquarters. It was later replaced in the 1980s by the present day brick building used by the Sharpthorne Club.

B16 The West Hoathly Branch of the British Legion Drum and Bugle Band in 1934. This picture is similar to B5 but several of the members are different.

### Sport

S1 West Hoathly School Netball Team when they were County Champions 1931/32. The names are available from the WHLHA.

S2 West Hoathly School Stoolball Team in about 1931. The card is embossed "Scholastic Souvenir Company Ltd, Blackpool". The names are available from the WHLHA.

S3 West Hoathly School Stoolball Team in about 1931. The names are available from the WHLHA.

**S4** West Hoathly School Stoolball Team with a cup in about 1932.

West Hoathly School Netball Team when County Final runners up 1934/35 showing Bow Cottage in the background. The names are available from the WHLHA.
 West Hoathly Cricket Team in about 1935 showing a thatched pavilion and the village schoolmaster standing third from the right. In the back row from the left are the

umpire, Fred Dawes and second Percy Styles. In the front row from the left are Jim Corke, 4th Harry Carter with the cup and 6th Joe Cave.

S7 West Hoathly School Cricket Team 1935/36 showing the schoolmaster with Bow Cottage in the background. The names are available from the WHLHA.

**S8** West Hoathly Cricket Team in the early 1900s. Some names are available from the WHLHA.

**S9** West Hoathly Cricket Team, opponents and spectators at a match to celebrate the opening of the new pavilion on June 16th 1957. The names are available from the WHLHA.

**S10 West Hoathly Cricket Team on the left and their opponents Ashdown Forest on the right in about 1960.** Standing from the left are: Flick Reynolds, umpire, John Cave, Jack Leppard, Clive Bass, Len Barnard and Joe Cave. Seated from the left are: Fred West, Dane (Snowy) Howick, Harry Carter, Charlie Bourne and Maurice Tate. **S11 Digging the Foundations** for the new cricket pavilion in 1956. From the left are Charles Charlwood, Brian Leppard (Jack's son) and Harry Martin.

**S12 Digging the Foundations** for the new cricket pavilion in 1956 showing Percy Styles. **S13 West Hoathly Football Team** with a shield 1952/53. The names are available from the WHLHA.

S14 West Hoathly Football Team with a shield in 1920/21. In the back row from the left are Harry Carter, 4th L. Styles, 5th ? Tester and 7th Joe Cave. In the front row the three in the centre are from the left Jim Corke, Harry Carter and Stanley Carter.

S15 West Hoathly Football Team with a cup around 1920. Harold Izard, the team manager is the first on the left in the back row.

\$16 West Hoathly Football Team in the 1920s. The goalkeeper in the centre of the back row is Ernie Comber. In the front row from the left are an unknown, Harold

Towse, an unknown, Jack Smith son of Henry Smith the North Lane butcher and Arthur Kerr who later ran Hilltop Stores. **S17 West Hoathly School Football Team** in 1933. In the back row from the left are Mr Hazeldine, ?, Reg Corke, ?,?, John Nash, Rev Lewes. In the middle row from the left are ?, Francis Capon, Doug Tanner, Charlie Willie, Basil Miles. In the front row from the left are Fred Glazier and Gwyn Davies.

**S18 West Hoathly School Cricket Team** in 1932 or 33. In the back row from the left are Mr Hazeldine, ?, Reg Corke, ?, John Nash, ?, Rev Lewes. In the middle row from the left are Ernest Rolfe, ?, Doug Tanner, Charlie Willie, Basil Miles. In the front from the left are Francis Capon and Fred Glazier.

**S19 West Hoathly School Netball Team** in about 1931. In the back row from the left are: Hazel Comber, Mr Hazeldine, Marjorie Harris. In the middle row from the left are: Nelly Macklin, Nancy Pattenden, Miss Denning, Winnie Catt, Ruby Salmon. In the front row from the left are: Nancy Reynolds, Betty Brown.

S21 West Hoathly School Stoolball Team in about 1931-2. In the back row from the left are: Mr Hazeldine, Kathleen Styles, Edie Cobby, Violet McMahon (later Vincent), Vera Taylor (later Creasey), Peggy Liberton, Kitty Anscombe, Irene Comber, Rev R J B Lewis. In the middle row from the left are: Jean Catt (later Newman), Lily Williams, Betty Brown, Marjorie Catt (later Knight), Audrey Creasey (later Hill). In the front row from the left are: Mollie Starr, Beryl Davis, Peggy Kerr (June Howick's sister).

S22 West Hoathly Football Team in about 1920. Robert Comber is the second from the left at the back. He was born in 1880 so was about 40 at this time. He was the father of Ron Comber and grandfather of Steve Comber, the late builder of Sharpthorne. Harry Carter who is also shown in photograph P107 in 1947 is on the right at the front.

**S23 West Hoathly Football Team** in about 1920. In the back row from the left are: Walter Leppard, ?, Robert Comber, Arthur Kerr, Charlie Newnham, Harold Towse. In the front row from the left are: Ernest Comber, John Bonsey, Jack Smith, ?, Henry Backshall. Arthur Kerr was born in 1896 and came to West Hoathly in about 1916 after being injured in WW1. He later ran Hilltop Stores. Jack Smith was born in 1900 and was the son of Henry Smith the butcher in North Lane.

S24 West Hoathly School Stoolball Team in 1931.

S25 West Hoathly School Netball Team in 1932-33 with a cup and a banner.

**S26 West Hoathly Football Team** probably in about 1920. Harry Carter who worked at Philpots Quarry is on the right at the front. Robert Comber is the last player on the right at the back. This picture seems to show the same players on the same occasion as S22. However the man with the blazer has appeared, the man with the bowler hat has disappeared and the two men in caps have unbuttoned their jackets!

**S27 West Hoathly Football Team** in the 1930s. Arthur Kerr, who ran Hilltop Stores and is presumably the manager, is in the bowler hat. Alf Tester, the goalkeeper, is in the centre of the back row and Alf Styles is on his right. In the middle row from the left are Bill Grainger, Ollie Burrows(?), Joe Cave and Bob Grainger. In the front row from the left are two unknowns and then Jim Corke in the centre, Nobby Bennett and Harry Carter junior, son of Harry Carter shown in S26.

**S28 West Hoathly School Cricket Team** in 1926. They are standing from the left: Harold Cramp, Bill Gurr, Bert Lewis, Mr Hazeldine, Roy Ward, Alf Simmonds and Bob Harris. Sitting from the left are:Clem Rothwell, Jack (John) Leppard, George Pattenden, Ted Wickham, and Ted Leppard. Sitting at the front from the left are: Charlie Tester and Raymond Hayes. The building in the background on the right is Tanner's bakery which now has another house on the near side.

**S29 The West Hoathly School Stoolball Team** in 1923. May Leppard (later Cave) is in the centre holding the bat with Nancy Pattenden (later Kay) on her left. Bow Cottage can be seen in the background.

**S30 West Hoathly versus Major Grubb's XI in about 1960.** Standing from the left at the rear are: John Reid, Gerald Gurr, Joe Cave, Harry Sturgess, Jack Leppard, John Cave, Bob Wilson, unknown, Tony Grubb, John Campbell, two unknowns, Michael Duveen, and an unknown. Sitting are James Wildash, Ian Simmons, Clive Dowling?, Alan Bishop, Chris Reid, Major Ralph Grubb, Bill Pritchard Gordon, Tony Duveen, Richard Duveen.

**S31 West Hoathly and Crawley Down football teams in the 1950s.** Crawley Down are standing and from the left are: an unknown, George Sargent, Graham "Pip" Snelling, Norman "Odgy" Bowers, Leon le Gris, Tony Riley, Sonny Shoebridge, Joe Brinkhurst, Jim Riley, Colin Hunt, unknown, Vic Pelling and an unknown. West Hoathly are at the front and from the left are: Peter Page, Arthur Tester, John Cave, Len Barnard, John Hickey, Charlie Bourne, Johnny Ford, Reg Creasey, Ray Parks and Tony Chapman.

**S32** West Hoathly football team on the left in striped shirts and Turners Hill on the right in1960. West Hoathly standing from the left are: Ian Simmons, Pat Mace, Chris Reid, Tony Comber, Bobby Brown and an unknown. Kneeling are: Michael Coglan, Chris Taylor, Rolan Alce and Brian Leppard. Turners Hill standing are: Gordon Heasman, Tom Billings, Mick Bucket, Vic Mitchell, Gordon Brown and Keith Filtness. Kneeling are: Pat Billings, unknown, Peter Lake and an unknown.

S33 embers of the the West Hoathly Bowls Club in about 1920 when they played on the tennis courts at the rear of the Manor House. Manor Cottages can be seen in the background on the right. From the left are: unknown, Shaver Willie, unknown, Fred Leppard, Alfie Perrin, Alf Styles.

S34 West Hoathly school football team 1955. From the left standing are: Graham Grainger, Roy Sitford, unknown, Alec Styles and Anthony Grainger. In the front are: Johnny Sallows, Stan Gurr, Derek Bourne, Mike Maynard, Robin Hunt, Chris Taylor and Terry Bourne.

S35 Hoathly Hill cricket team around 1900. From the left at the back are: Mr Comber second gardener to Sir Alexander Stenning, Mr Izzard the landlord of the Vinols Inn, Mr Haycox, Joseph Thomas Realf the sexton, Mr Turner a bank clerk and the scorer. From the left in the middle are: Ernest Still the blacksmith at Selsfield, George the coachman to Sir Alexander who owned Hoathly Hill at this time, FEC, Mr Phil Stenning and Mr Turner a grocer. Sitting from the left are: Mr Coomber groom to Mr Stenning, Mr Barncombe head gardener to Sir Alexander. The location and the bench on the left look the same as in Photograph S8.

**S36 West Hoathly football team around 1914.** Maurice Turner's father is thought to be on the extreme right but none of he others has been identified. The location is probably Bow Field which was where Ridleys is today.

C1 A Hospital Church Parade in Queens Square in 1908 showing Upper Barn, Manor Farm.

C2 A Hospital Church Parade in Queens Square. Probably another part of that shown in C1.

C3 A Hospital Church Parade in Queens Square similar to C1 and C2 but in 1909.

C4. The Memorial and Peace Celebrations. This event was held over a period of three days around August 14<sup>th</sup> 1919 probably including Armistice Sunday. It took place in Bow Field and in the natural amphitheatre of Bow Pit opposite the school. "A" Company Field Artillery Cadets, the Fire Brigade, the Girl Guides, the Village Band and regular serving military personnel were present. The umbrellas and shadows suggest a very hot day with the band sheltering in the shade of some trees. A postcard showing this picture states that "Mr Potter and the Reverend Holt took part".

C5 The East Grinstead Pageant at the Manor House for the Festival of Britain in 1951. Many of the names are available from the WHLHA.

C6 The Empire Day Celebrations in 1910 at the rear of Luctons. Kathleen Knight, David Knight's mother, is to the left of the trident. Britannia is the school teacher, Mrs Rothwell.

C7 The West Hoathly Pageant in 1953 for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth the second.

C8 The Cast of the West Hoathly School Play called The Baker's Dream in 1928. The names are available from the WHLHA.

C9 The Empire Day Procession in 1937 showing Upper Barn, Manor Farm.

C10 The Empire Day Procession in 1937 showing Upper Barn, Manor Farm. Some of the names are available from the WHLHA.

C11 The Empire Day Procession in 1937.

C12 Queen Boadacea in a chariot in a procession for the 1953 Pageant for the Coronation of Elizabeth II.

C13 Queen Elizabeth I on a horse in a procession for the 1953 Pageant for the Coronation of Elizabeth II.

C14 Sally Abbot as Queen Victoria in a carriage in a procession for the 1953 Pageant for the Coronation of Elizabeth II.

C15 Queen Anne carried in a sedan chair in a procession for the 1953 Pageant for the Coronation of Elizabeth II. The sedan chair was made by David Knight and contained a dummy Queen Anne for lightness.

C16 Queen Elizabeth 1 seated in Queens Square during the West Hoathly Pageant in 1953. This photograph is from an article in the East Grinstead Observer of June 12<sup>th</sup> 1953.

C17 Queen Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup> in Queens Square unveiling the plaque on Combers Cottage commemorating the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth  $2^{nd}$  during the West Hoathly Pageant in 1953. The photograph is from an article in the East Grinstead Observer of June  $12^{th}$  1953.

C18 The Queen Anne Group in the West Hoathly Pageant in 1953. The photograph is from an article in the East Grinstead Observer of June 12<sup>th</sup> 1953.

C19 The Queen Anne Group in the West Hoathly Pageant in 1953. The photograph is from an article in the East Grinstead Observer of June 12<sup>th</sup> 1953.

C20 The Queen Matilda Group in the Procession of the Sovereign Ladies Of England during the West Hoathly Pageant in 1953. The photograph is from an article in the East Grinstead Observer of June 12<sup>th</sup> 1953.

C21 The West Hoathly Tidy Village Campaign 1961 outside the Priest House showing Benjamin and Barbara Ridley pulling the cart and Jasper Ridley pushing.

C22 The West Hoathly Tidy Village Campaign 1961 in the Manor House drive showing Benjamin and Barbara Ridley pulling the cart and Jasper Ridley pushing. Ron Cuff is behind Ben Ridley. Jean Newman, the girl guide leader and Ursula Ridley are at the back. Ann Benson is in front of Ursula Ridley Elizabeth Budd in a beret is in front of Jean Newman. David Newman in a beret and Michael Gurr are to Jasper's right. Diana Newman is in front of Jasper and Chris Sitford in front of her. On the right are Valerie Bourne in a beret and Roger Bourne.

C23 Some of the participants in the Celebrations for the Coronation of King George VI in 1937 near West Hoathly church. Mr Baldwin, the head gardener at Moatlands, is in a top hat with his wife on his left. Photograph P177 shows all of the Moatlands staff ready for this event. The old "Tin Shop" at Upper Pendent can be seen in the background with a flag flying from the roof.

C24 The Celebrations for the Coronation of George VI in 1937 near West Hoathly church.

C25 The Celebrations for the Coronation of George VI in 1937 near West Hoathly church.

C26 The Women's Section of the Royal British Legion in 1968 celebrating their 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary in the restaurant of the Cat Inn. The British Legion became "Royal" in 1971 50 years after it's founding. Back row: Ethel Lady Chitty, Mrs Mowat Giles, Mrs Edith Turner, Irene Lady Astor, Mrs Betty Grubb, Mrs Lloyd Jones, Mrs Manser and Miss Styles. Seated left:Mrs C Goddard, Mrs E Langridge. Opposite: Mrs L Daw, Mrs Potter, Mrs E Charlwood, Mrs Tingley, Mrs Vincent and Mrs V Taylor. Back to camera: Mrs Rose, Mrs Parsons? and Miss O Styles. Sitting in corner: Mrs Nancy Pearce. –

C27 The Ancient Order of Foresters Parade Sunday 1908 according to the back of this postcard despite date shown on front.

C28 The unveiling of a plaque commemorating the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. The ceremony was performed by Lady Ann Pery (now Thorne) the sister of Lord Limerick. Presumably she is on the horse. The plaque refers to "The Manor of the Rectory of West Hoathly held by Queen Elizabeth 1558".

C29 The Ancient order of Foresters Parade in Queen's square on September 5<sup>th</sup> 1909. The band looks the same as that in photograph 2.3.2 and is probably the West Hoathly Silver Band formed in 1906. The doors of upper barn in the background are closed as in photographs 2.3.5 and 2.3.6 which suggests the same date as these.

C30 Queen Elizabeth I on horseback in the Coronation Pageant procession passing the Cat Inn in 1953. The curtain covering the commemoration plaque on the wall of Combers Cottages can be seen behind her. Lady Anne Pery (now Lady Thorne) the sister of Lord Limerick took the part of the queen.

C31 Queen Elizabeth I, acted by Lady Anne Pery, unveiling the plaque on Combers Cottage in Queens Square commemorating the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth 2<sup>nd</sup> during the West Hoathly Pageant in 1953. The plaque refers to "The Manor of the Rectory of West Hoathly held by Queen Elizabeth 1558"

C32 An informal view of the Memorial and Peace Celebrations on August 14<sup>th</sup> 1919 in Bow Pit. The Fire Brigade can be seen on the right and a lady in a wheel chair in the center right foreground.

C33 Drums acting as an altar for a service which was part of the Memorial and Peace Celebrations in Bow Pit on August 14<sup>th</sup> 1919 together with wreaths and a bugle on the grass in front.

C34 Waggons decorated for the Harvest Festival parade in 1864. This photograph is one of only a few showing The Cat Inn before the addition of the Victorian cross wing on the west end.

C35 A church parade led by the Fire Brigade outside the Manor House in 1905. A fine example of an Edwardian baby carriage can be seen near the Manor House gate.

C36 People waiting to see the Hospital Church Parade probably in 1905.

C37 Queen Matilda in the West Hoathly Pageant Parade 1953. This photograph was taken from the West Hoathly WI Scrapbook of that year.

C38 Queen Boadicea in the West Hoathly Pageant Parade 1953. This photograph was taken from the West Hoathly WI Scrapbook for that year.

C39 Kitty Vince (later Anscombe) in 1936. She had her bicycle decorated for the Coronation of George VI.

C40 The dedication of the war memorial in St Margaret's churchyard probably in 1919. Some members of the West Hoathly Army Cadet Corps band are on the right.

**C41** The West Hoathly bull fight 1951. This was a spoof carried out as part of the Festival of Britain celebrations in the village. It was widely advertised as a real bullfight and the bull arrived in a horsebox which was rocking wildly and accompanied by loud bellowing.

C42 A Party held in the Countess of Huntingdon Chapel in 1951. It was part of the Festival of Britain celebrations. Some of those present were: Tony Comber, Terry Bourne, Peter Page, Brian Thorpe, M Styles, Mrs L Simmons, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Willie, Kitty Anscombe, Kitty's mother and Diane Newman.

C43 The cast of the West Hoathly Pageant for the coronation of Elizabeth II at the Manor House in 1953. Some of those present were: Mrs May Redman, Rosemary King, Fred Parsons, Mrs King, Nellie Bond, Edmund Esdaile, Mrs Baker, Betty Maycock, Molly Moncrieff, Nancy Catt, Cath Knight, Maud Simmonds, Pat Knight, David Knight, Kitty Vince, Terry Bourne, Mrs Satchel

C44 The cast of a West Hoathly pantomime produced by Ada Baker around 1960. From the left at the rear they are: Maurice Styles, Sheila Parks, Alan Parks, unknown, Mary Howick, Cynthia Torr, Joyce Benson, an unknown and Brian Benson. Middle row: Heather Ashdown, Maureen Moller and Brenda Benson. Front row: Christina Jones, Ann Pollard, Molly West, Pat Knight, Jill Payne and Alan Carter.

C45 The cast of a West Hoathly pantomime produced by Ada Baker around 1960. From the left at the rear they are: David Knight, Molly West, John Holcombe, Ron Box, Sheila Parks, Alan Carter, an unknown and Brian Benson. At the front are: Pat Knight, Cynthia Torr, Brenda Benson and Joan Davies.

C46 The cast of a West Hoathly pantomime produced by Ada Baker around 1960. From the left at the rear they are: Molly West, an unknown, Joan Dawes, Joyce Benson, Jill Payne, John Holcombe, Pat Knight, Mary Howick, Cynthia Torr, Sheila Parks, Ron Box, Tony Clark, Brenda Benson, an unknown and Alan Carter. In the middle is David Knight. At the front are: Maureen Moller, Ann Willie, Ann Benson an unknown and Christine Willie.

C47 The cast of a West Hoathly pantomime produced by Ada Baker around 1960. From the left at the rear they are: Ada Baker, Ron Box, Molly West, John Holcombe, Brian Benson, John Dawes, an unknown, Brenda Benson, an unknown, Tony Clark, Joyce Benson, an unknown, Jill Payne, Pat Knight, Cynthia Torr, Sheila Parks and three unknowns. At the front are: Alan Carter, an unknown, Christine Willie, David Knight, Ann Willie, Ann Benson, Mary Howick, an unknown and Maureen Moller.

C48 The wedding group of Arthur Ernest Pattenden and Edith Annie Pollard at Rose Cottage on November 6 1907. The bridegroom's father Amos Pattenden (1843-1928) is standing on the left with his wife Jane, a cousin also Pattenden, sitting beside him. Edith's father James Pollard (1858-1939) is on the right and his wife Betsy (nee Day 1854-1934) is sitting next to the bride. James Pollard made coffins in a shed at Rose Cottage where he lived. Arthur Pattenden lived and worked as head gardener at <u>C</u>ourtlands and retired to 2 Dunnings Cottages where Nancy and Norman lived later on.

C49 The West Hoathly Brass Band in Horsham around 1906. The event may have been a band contest.

C50 West Hoathly British Legion Women's Section 21st Anniversary celebrations in 1968. From the left Kitty Vince, unknown, Mary Day (later Cocking), three unknowns, Freda Parsons, Edith Turner, Mrs E M Charlwood, (cutting the cake & married to Charlie Charlwood the British Legion standard bearer), unknown, Kathleen Charlwood, unknown, Mrs Parsons, Mrs Barnett (married to head gardener at Old House) and Lady Chitty.

C51 The party to celebrate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth in 1953. It was held in one of the WW2 prisoner of war huts in what is now The Beacon. From the left are: Mrs Mace and Mrs Hickey.

C52 The party to celebrate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth in 1953. It was held in one of the WW2 prisoner of war huts in what is now The Beacon. From the left are: two unknowns, Mrs Satchel, Mrs Mace, Mrs Moller, Charlie Willie, Joan Sallows, unknown, Mrs Hickey, unknown, Bill Satchel, Pat Mace, Bill McManon and Mr Wildash.

C53 The party to celebrate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth in 1953. It was held in one of the WW2 prisoner of war huts in what is now The Beacon. From the left are: John Sallows, Derek Bourne, Terry Bourne and Albert Simmonds.

C54 The party to celebrate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth in 1953. It was held in one of the WW2 prisoner of war huts in what is now The Beacon. From the left are: David Capon, Denise Gurr, Gladys Gurr and Bill McMahon.

C55 The party to celebrate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth in 1953. It was held in one of the WW2 prisoner of war huts in what is now The Beacon. At the table on the left sitting from the front backwards are: Mrs Arnold, Poppy Satchel, Mr Satchel, an unknown, Mr Mace, Mr Bourne and Mrs Bourne. The group standing between the tables from the left are: Mrs Norgate, two unknowns, Peter Tipern, Ian Simmons, Tony Hickey, David McMahon, Mick Maynard, James Wildash and Ray Maynard.

C56 The Soldier and the Tinderbox by West Hoathly School in the Village Hall in 1957. This photograph was donated by Roger Norgate. From the left are: Philip Comber, unknown, unknown with mask, Pat Elce, Terry Kirk, Roger Norgate, two unknowns, Pam Bond, unknown with mask, unknown, Penny Satchel, Ann Garman, Valerie Bond, unknown with mask, Judith Hulbert, an unknown, Godfrey Corke, Dyllis Taylor, an unknown and Shaun Taylor. One of the two kneeling with masks is Drew Spikes.

C57 The Troubadours in 1932. From the left at the back are: Mr Bonsey, Alf Perrin, Arthur Kerr, Joe Cave, an unknown and Shaver Willie, Harry Sturgess, Charlie Betson and Beryl Davies. From the left at the front are: Harry Martin, James Davies, Reverend Lewes, Jack Day and Mr Goodwin.

C58 Part of a Welsh choir at the Manor House around 1925. From the left at the front are: Will Hopkins, Jasper Ridley and James Davies. Ursula Ridley had asked James Davies, her Welsh chauffeur, to bring his friend Will Hopkins and a choir from Wales to perform at the Manor house.

C59 A crowd outside The Cat Inn waiting to see a hospital church parade probably around 1910.

C60 The cast of the Story of Sussex Martyrs of 1556 which formed part of the East Grinstead Pageant in 1951. From the left at the back are: Mrs Quickenden, Miss Bristow, Pauline Browne, Mrs King, Mrs Day, Nancy Catt, Rosemary Knight, Pat Knight and an unknown. From the left at the front are: Mrs Valentine, Harry Sturgess, Mabel Knight, Charlie Bonsey, Lionel Hannah, Dr Valentine, Peter King, Doreen Smith, Mrs Kimber, Miss Stuart, Kathleen Charlwood, Mrs Redman and Vivian Ellis.

C61 Some of the participants in the Coronation celebrations in 1953. From the left are: Maryanne Miller, Jasper Ridley, Ursula Ridley, an unknown and Olive Marion (Moll) Overton. The photograph was probably taken at The Lydd where Mr William Overton and his wife Mabel Jane (Stood) lived until 1973. Moll was William's brother and also lived at The Lydd.

C62 Ivor Vincent the groom at The Lydd driving a carriage past The Manor House in the Coronation Pageant procession in 1953.

C63 Ivor Vincent the groom at The Lydd in the 1950s. The dogs in the background suggest that the occasion was a local hunt meeting.

### Stoneland players

- SP1 Iphigenia of Taurus in 1913 or 1925.
- SP2 Iphigenia of Taurus in 1913 or 1925.
- SP3 Iphigenia of Taurus in 1913 or 1925.
- SP4 Iphigenia of Taurus in 1913 or 1925 with Mrs King as Iphigenia.
- SP5 Iphigenia of Taurus in 1913 or 1925 with the Ridley twins as the Greek prisoners.
- SP6 Iphigenia of Taurus in 1913 or 1925.
- SP7 Trojan Women in 1914 or 1922.
- SP8 Trojan Women in 1914 or 1922.
- SP9 Trojan Women in 1914 or 1922.
- SP10 Trojan Women in 1914 or 1922 with Geoffrey Ridley as the huntsman.
- SP11 Trojan Women in 1914 or 1922.
- SP12 Trojan Women in 1914 or 1922.
- SP13 Hippolytus the first time which was in 1910.SP14 Hippolytus the first time which was in 1910.
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- **SP16 Hippolytus** the first time which was in 1910.
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- **SP18 Hippolytus** the first time which was in 1910.
- **SP19 Hippolytus** the first time which was in 1910.
- SP20 Hippolytus the first time which was in 1910.
- SP21 Hippolytus the first time which was in 1910 with Miss Smith as Phaedra the Queen.
- **SP22 Hippolytus** the first time which was in 1910.
- SP23 A Greek Play.
- SP24 A Greek Play.
- SP25 Hippolytus the second time which was in 1912 with Geoffrey as the King.
- SP26 Hippolytus the second time which was in 1912 with Ursula Ridley as the Queen.
- SP27 Hippolytus the second time which was in 1912.
- SP28 Hippolytus the second time which was in 1912 with Geoffrey Ridley as Hippolytus.
- **SP29 Hippolytus** the second time which was in 1912.
- SP30 Hippolytus the second time which was in 1912.
- SP31 Hippolytus the second time which was in 1912.
- SP32 Hippolytus the second time which was in 1912.
- **SP33 Hippolytus** the second time which was in 1912.
- SP34 Hippolytus the second time with different actors in 1912.
- SP35 Iphigenia in 1925 showing Jasper Ridley aged five, second from the left in the front row, as one of the Huntsmen.
- SP36 Alcestis in 1926 showing Jasper Ridley aged six and Ursula Ridley in the Barn at Stonelands.
- SP37 Geoffrey Ridley as Sir Toby Belch and Ursula Ridley as Maria in Twelfth night on the terrace at Stonelands in 1927.
- SP38 Malvolio and other actors in Twelfth Night in the drive at Stonelands in 1927.
- SP39 A Greek play photographed at the rear of Stonelands. It was probably in 1912 when Hyppolitus was performed for the second time with Geoffrey Ridley as the
- king.

SP40 The cast of a Greek play taken on the front steps at Stonelands in the 1920s. Tom Buckley's mother Alice is on the extreme left.

### **Selsfield House Staff**

- SHS1 Mr Pollard the Selsfield House carpenter.
- SHS2 Mr Pollard the brother of the Selsfield House carpenter.
- SHS3 The Son of the Selsfield House carpenter.
- SHS4 Mr Wright the Selsfield House coachman.
- SHS5 Mrs Wright the wife of the Selsfield House coachman.
- SHS6 Mrs Isaac Day, referred to in a letter from "Sally" to "Lizzie" as "Mum". This letter is shown here as SHS18.
- SHS7 Aunt Nellie, probably Mrs Isaac Day's sister.
- SHS8 William Tester probably Isaac Day's cousin.
- Sarah Mayo the head housemaid at Selsfield House. SHS9
- SHS10 Jane the under housemaid at Selsfield House.
- SHS11 Mr Cooper the butler at Selsfield House.
- SHS12 William Evans the footman at Selsfield House.
- SHS13 Mr Briggs.SHS14 Mrs Briggs the cook at Selsfield House.

- SHS14 Mrs bliggs the cook at Setsheld House.
  SHS15 E King.
  SHS16 A lady. Who is she?
  SHS17 A boy. Who is he?
  SHS18 A letter from "Sally" (Day) to "Lizzie".

# Farming

- F1 A horse and cart and three people. Gil Hunt is the boy on the right.
- F2 Will Hunt of Manor Farm in Bow Field driving a horsedrawn hayrake.
- F3 Will Hunt with a bull.
- F4 A cow. Where is it?
- F5 Will Hunt and his son Gil of Manor Farm with mangel wurzels in 1933.
- F6 Will Hunt of Manor Farm and two other men with mangel wurzels in 1933.
- F7 A man and pigs. Who is this?
- F8 Will Hunt, Gil Hunt's father with Prince.
- F9 A haymaking scene opposite Dukyls Cottages in Selsfield Road in the 1930s. This postcard was published by A Redman of Sharpthorne.
- F10 Mr Brown the Stonelands Farm stockman feeding geese and chickens in the 1930s.
- F11 Two men stacking hay. Who are they?
- Mr W Hunt with a mangel wurzel crop of 53.5 tons/acre compared with the normal 30 tons/acre. This photograph was used for a newspaper article. F12
- F13 Cows in a field behind Dukyls Holt in Selsfield road in the 1930s. F14 Two horses pulling a mower driven by Henry Wood showing the valley which was later flooded for Weir Wood Reservoir.
  - A horse drawn wagon at Gravetye Farm in the 1940s. F15

F16 A horse drawn mower in 1931. This photograph was taken somewhere near West Hoathly by Ernie Hepworth from Streatham while on holiday at No 20 Hamsey Road, Sharpthorne.

## General

- G1 Eight Glimpses of West Hoathly. This postcard was sent by Mr and Mrs Isaac Day to their daughter Laura on Nov 29th 1917.
- G2 Five Views of West Hoathly.
- G3 A Souvenir from West Hoathly showing seven views.
- G4 Four Views of West Hoathly.
- G5 Five Views of West Hoathly.

G6 An Advertising Blotter for J Tanner, Baker and Confectioner, West Hoathly. The owner was always known as Bill and went bankrupt in about 1920. The shop and bakehouse were just north of where Hilltop Stores is today.

G7 An Envelope for a set of Tuck's Postcards published for S.J.Satchell, The Don Stores, West Hoathly.

**G8** A sampler embroidered by Jane Nickolls in West Hoathly in 1856, possibly at the old school in Church Hill before the present school was built in North Lane in 1870.

**G9** An advertising ink blotter donated by Mary Streeter who is Mr Moon's daughter. Mr Moon died in 1949 and the business closed in the mid 1950's. The firm was in Chapel Road and their yard was bought by Jessie Knight the builder. It was more recently used by Rentokil.

G10 An advertisement for the sale and lease of various West Hoathly properties. The sale took place in the Cat Inn on September 10<sup>th</sup> 1895.

G11 An agreement for the employment of William Corke in 1923. William Corke was employed by a Farnham builder to work on the church at Ashdown Park and later settled in West Hoathly. He lived at North Dane and had four children. One son Reg worked at Philpotts Quarry and his wife Doris provided this copy of the agreement. G12 A sampler dated 1869 by Lucy Holman made at West Hoathly National School, now the Old School House in Church Hill, before the present school was built in 1870. The school records show that the headmaster's wife taught needlework at this time and the vicar's wife examined the children's work. The headmaster from 1867 to 1888 was Mr T Worster and the vicar in 1869 was Mr Kirkpatrick. Mrs Glenda Mitchell who loaned the sampler thinks that it may have been done by her grandmother's sister.

G13 A composite postcard showing three view of West Hoathly probably in the 1920s.

G14 The Sackville coat of arms showing two leopards. These are said to have given rise to the name of The Cat Inn.

### **British Legion**

- BL1 BACKSHALL George.
- BL2 BACKSHALL Harry.
- BL3 BIGNALL Fred.
- BL4 BOND Harold, Private. June 9th 1918.
- BL5 BONSEY Leslie, 13th Battalion, East Surreys, POW in Germany.
- BL6 BRAZIER Arthur.
- BL7 BROOKER Frederick.
- BL8 BROOMFIELD E W, Highbrook, Private, No 2674, D Co, Royal Sussex Pioneers, Assaye? Barracks, Colchester. Sent to Mrs E A Williams, School Hse. WH.
- BL9 BROSTER Herbert, Gunner.
- BL10 BROWN William, 9th Battalion?, Royal Sussex Regiment, POW in Germany.
- BL11 CAPLIN F.
- BL12 CAPLIN Frank Thomas, killed in France in March? 8?/1918.
- BL13 CAREY Arthur, Gunner, No 44672, 14<sup>th</sup> New Heavy Battery, British Expeditionary Force, France.
- BL14 CARTER James H, S Smith?,47th Division, Am. Column?, SAA Section, died in France. Signature on card.
- BL15 CARTER John.
- BL16 CARTER William, Private, 7th Company, 3rd Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment, lost a leg.
- BL17 CHEESEMAN Alfred.
- BL18 COLE Charles V, Royal Fusiliers.
- BL19 COMBER Arthur.
- BL20 COMBER Ephraim, May 9th 1915.
- BL21 COMBER Fred, killed.
- **BL22** DAY Gilbert, 17<sup>th</sup> Lancers, Curragh Camp, July 21<sup>st</sup> 1916.
- BL23 DAY John, AM? No 24330, PAS Pulham St Mary, Norfolk.
- BL24 DENMAN Harry, 1st Battalion? Coldsream Guards.
- BL25 DENMAN Herbert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion? Royal Sussex Regiment.
- BL26 DENMAN Thomas, Machine Gun Corps.
- BL27 FRANCIS Herbert.
- BL28 GURR? F, Private, No 3040, 9th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment, June 6th 1915.
- BL29 HANKS Fred, Battle of Loos, Sept 1915.
- BL30 HARBOUR, four brothers?, including Arthur, 9th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment.
- BL31 HARRIS Cecil, Private, No 2115, C Company, 4th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment Newhaven. Postcard sent to Mrs Williams, West Hoathly.
- **BL32** HOOKER Leonard, June 10<sup>th</sup> 1918.
- BL33 IZARD Harold.
- BL34 LANGRIDGE Arthur.
- BL35 LANGRIDGE Chas, POW in Germany.
- BL36 LANGRIDGE Jack, injury to hand.
- BL37 LENEY William.
- BL38 LEPPARD Albert E C, Tyes Cross, Sapper, Royal Engineers.
- BL39 LEPPARD Arthur, North Lane
- BL40 LEPPARD Fred, North Lane?, Middlesex Regiment, POW in Germany.
- BL41 LEPPARD Frederick, Tyes Cross, Driver, Army Service Corps.
- BL42 LEPPARD Harold.
- BL43 LOWE George Richard, Private, 12th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment.
- BL44 MARCHANT Alfred, 8th Battalion?, Royal Sussex Regiment (Pioneers).
- BL45 MARCHANT Ernest, Gunner, RGA, photographed in Malta.
- BL46 MARCHANT George.
- BL47 MARCHANT William.
- BL48 MEPHAM Serj, Canadians?, Postcard sent to Mrs Mepham at Rockhurst Cottages, West Hoathly.
- BL49 MIGHALL Ernest Clarence, Driver, Army Service Corps.
- BL50 MILES Arthur, Labour? Battalion, Royal Fusiliers.
- BL51 MYATT Fred, RGA. Card received Aug 1917.
- BL52 MYATT Harry, RN, July 1917, "A grateful 'Old Boy' "!
- BL53 NEWNHAM George, Staff Sergeant, F Battery, Royal Horse Artillery, 15th Brigade, British Expeditionary Force, France. Postcard sent to Mr & Mrs Williams.
- B154 PARKS Alfred, Mrs Doris Corke's father, on the right. The other two are unknown.
- BL55 PATTENDEN James, wounded September 27<sup>th</sup>, died at St Omer October 12<sup>th</sup> 1915.
- BL56 POLLARD Gilbert.
- BL57 REYNOLDS Chas.
- BL58 REYNOLDS Harry.
- BL59 REYNOLDS Jack, 1st Battalion?, Coldstream Guards, Brompton Hospital, buried in West Hoathy.
- BL60 REYNOLDS William.
- BL61 ROLFE Albert, Staff Sergeant, 102<sup>nd</sup> Corp Royal Engineers.
- BL62 SIMMONS Charles.
- BL63 SIMMONS Christopher.
- BL64 STILL George, died at Chatham from spotted fever three weeks after joining up.
- BL65 STILL W.
- BL66 STYLES Frank
- BL67 STYLES John, Coldstream Guards, killed.
- BL68 TANNER Jack.
- BL69 TANNER Percy.
- BL70 TANNER W, Baker, Army Service Corps.
- BL71 TERRY Charles.
- BL72 TESTER three brothers.
- BL73 TULLETT Joseph, 9th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment, Shoreham Camp, Sussex. Postcard sent to Mrs Williams.
- BL74 TULLET Walter, Gunner?
- BL75 TURNER Charles.
- BL76 TURNER John, No 9017.
- BL77 WALKER James.
- BL78 WHEELER William, lost an eye.
- BL79 WICKS Fred.
- BL80 WILFRED?
- **BL81** WILLIE Chas, Driver, 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion?, Royal Horse Artillery?, 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Division, France.
- BL82 WILLIE William.
- BL83 WILSON Albert E, Private, 8th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment.
- BL84 WREN A, postcard to Mrs D Arbuthnot, Plawhatch, West Hoathly, posted in Maidstone at 9.30pm on Dec 4th 1912?
- BL85 YOUNG George, Corporal, 1/18 London Regiment