

## **Bramham Crossroads**

Before the 1950 ' s roundabout which preceded the succession of flyovers there truly was a crossroads . Here an AA patrolman stood on a rubber mat to direct the traffic .

Despite the Great North Road 's being the main arterial route north and south , around the 1920 's there was so little motor traffic that , when anything substantial came up and down , people in the village stopped what they were doing and went out to have a look. The children in the school were especially attracted ! 11.30 am. and 4.30 pm. were particularly interesting times , for then the daily Orange Bros. coaches to and from the North East passed through.

**Ladybridge** on the road to Clifford , near the old quarry and just on the Bramham side of the present school , was the demarcation line between the two villages , not to be crossed lightly by children of either side. Another place walked with extreme care was **Back Street** , in the early part of the C20 a place to be avoided , high on the list of small boys' dares . It was very much the village slum , occupied by some tough characters , the Irish workers who had come over to work the Clifford mills among them.

Another route between the villages , presumably from bygone times, proceeded from All Saints Church through what is now Fine Garth, past the old Fine Garth Cottage, making its way along the ancient rights of way to Clifford , whose church was only of Victorian foundation. This is reputed to have been the path along which the bodies from Clifford were carried to be buried in the Bramham churchyard.

