

Old Bramham -- Notes from Harry & Arthur Tindall 1998 . 9

From Harry : The 1920 's

Toulston Road -- steamers came along from the Tadcaster breweries to deliver beer -- filled up with water on Front Street . The Toulston road was narrow , only just wide enough to take these vehicles . The village pond , large and fenced to stop the beasts straying onto the road , lay at the top junction where Toulston & Windmill roads meet Vicarage Lane & High Street .

Weighbridge outside the Garage weighed carts without horses and was operated by Mr. Wood from the shop across the road [see book p. 26]

Heygate and Headley Lane were very narrow , unmade up , with grass down the centre and tracks where the cartwheels went [and are returning gradually to this state in 1999 ! DM]

From Arthur :

The Biggin / Bramham College --- original building [like Old Hall] Elizabethan . Venetian windows , as at The Park , by James Payne . The very ugly chimney stacks which block off the windows from the inside were built by Henry Lane - Fox who lived there in the late 19C. College Farm , next door , is ancient .

Brown 's Hotel , opposite the Garage , was the building in the Front Street terrace which has long lain derelict. It was a pub later the place where lived the village nurse , Nurse Mackenzie c.1930.

The old Guides Cottage one of two now demolished and re - built opposite the Woodyard , was owned with others along that stretch by the Womersley family , bought by the one who owned a serge manufacturing mill in Pudsey , who had attended Bramham College and liked the village , His daughter , Marjorie Womersley inherited them.

The Farm at the old Bram ham Crossroads --- still there despite the various upgradings of the A64 and the A1--- was also a pub . The old beer pumps are still **in the house** 1999