

Merry Christmas From the

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Potted Histories No 106

Tudor Motors Engineering – Cobham Road Fetcham



Tudor Motors c: 1950s Photograph courtesy of Mrs. Peggy Tinney

You may remember that in Potted History No: 103 'The Proposed Fetcham Railway Station' there was a 1930s map showing a Petrol Station earmarked for the Cock Lane vicinity.

I was informed by a local resident that during a WWII filling station existed on a parcel of land in Cobham Road. However, the village had to wait until after the war for its official garage. A conveyance dated 23rd August 1946 between Abraham Grossman of 16 Beechwood Drive Finchley, first part vendor, Stanley Gilbert of Holly Park Gardens Church End Finchley, second part purchaser and Sidney William Foskett of 170 Tudor Drive Kingston on Thames Motor engineer (sub purchaser). Stanley Gilbert paid £1200 for the land and sold it to Sidney William Foskett for £1750.

Early documents mention the name Crossways Filling Station registered under the name Sidney William Foskett. One can only assume that he adopted the name 'Tudor Motors' after the road he lived in i.e. Tudor Drive. In 1951 Ernie Tinney purchased the garage. In 1957 it is listed as Tudor Motor Engineering [Ernie Tinney Ken Brown] and in 2014 Tudor Motor Engineering & Service Station.

Ernie Tinney was a very popular owner of Tudor Motors. On his retirement his two sons Dave and Todd continued running the business until it closed completely in October 2015.

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