



## Leatherhead & District Local History Society

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### Fetcham Lodge - The Street, Fetcham

Fetcham Lodge is an imposing mansion built between 1791 and 1813 but outwardly appears to be about 1840. Originally the building and its grounds covered ten acres. It was the residence of Colonel C.B. Llewellyn until 1851 and Miss Birtha Ricardo, daughter of the famous economist David Ricardo. When Roger Cunliffe the banker first came to the Leatherhead district in the 1860s, he lived at Fetcham Lodge. He stayed there until Tyrrells Wood house was built to his design in about 1880. He was followed by Adolphus Cockburn and then in 1889 by William Dent, a wine broker.

In 1926 Fetcham provided the High Sheriff of Surrey. He was C.S. Gordon Clark who had lived at Fetcham Lodge since 1899. He will be remembered not only for his garden parties held there but also for his generosity in giving five acres of his land to the National Playing Fields Association in 1929 for a public recreation ground. The Cock Lane recreation ground was thus created.

For a short period in its history it was called The Fetcham Lodge Hotel and Club offering excellent accommodation and cuisine, with its own swimming pool.

Over the years much of the remaining land was sold off for housing development.

Today a study on the south side replaces a former conservatory and other modifications were made when the building was divided into separate units.

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