

Leatherhead & District Local History Society

Potted Histories No 28

Woodfield Farm - Woodfield Lane - Ashted



Woodfield Farm House c. 1903



Craddocks Parade c.1950s



Woodfield Lane, Ashted.

Woodfield Farm formally named Craddock's Farm after farmer John Craddock. The farmhouse stood on the site of the present garage facing the pond. Brick-built and tiled, it had a white stucco front to the first floor, a neat flower garden and kitchen garden. The fields were separated by the railway when it was constructed in 1859; the cattle creep then built survives as a footpath between Overdale and St. Stephen's Avenue.

Field names included Renmans, Long Meadow, Long Field, Great and Little Teasley and the farm covered the area bounded by Broadhurst, Overdale, Newton Wood Road, Craddocks Avenue (east end) Epsom Road, Bramley Way, Meadow Road and Woodfield Lane (north end). In 1879 it included Great Meadow of 16 acres (two portions). The farm contained a small wood called Renman Copse, mentioned earlier, now bisected by the level crossing.

The southern boundary of Woodfield Farm abutted on the north-west part of Street Farm near the present cricket ground. By the late 1920s Woodfield Farm was the last working farm in Ashted. Timber-framed farm buildings survived until June 1977 in Woodfield Lane, near Meadow Road, including stables with the name *Sweet Sue* legible on a stall door.

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