

Leatherhead & District Local History Society

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The Street, Ashted



From Ashted, Surrey

To 'Sharron House' Chelston, Torquay, Devon



At the beginning of the 20th century sending your relatives or friends a seasonal greetings postcard of where you lived would have been very fashionable. This postcard is dated 23rd December 1906 and addressed to Mr & Mrs Powell, Chelston, Torquay, Devon and is signed 'With love from Fannie' - Highfields Road, Ashted.

Most of the buildings in the picture still remain to this day. On the left is the Brewery Inn. The frontage shown in the picture was replaced by the current mock Georgian style in the 1930s. On the right behind the tree, is the Leg of Mutton and Cauliflower. The red brick frontage dates from the 1890s. If we continue along the right hand side up to the Almshouses, according to the 1910 Street Directory the following businesses would have catered for your everyday needs. There was the London County and Westminster Bank, Frederick Atkinson Chemist, Sydney Wilcox Dairyman, Norman's Stores (Joseph Felton), Johnson's Stationers, Newsagents and Printers, Sanders Grocery Store, Barnett Wood Dairy, William Thorne Cycle Maker, John Symonds Butcher, William Merritt Greengrocer, Henry Richards Watchmaker, The National Telephone Co. Ltd (Call Office), Henry Moore Corn Merchants, Lawrence and Marsland Plumbers, John Haseman and Sons Builders, and John Gadsby Provision Merchant.

The 1911 Census for Ashted shows a Miss. Julia Powell of independent means born 1860 - Victoria, Australia living in a house called 'Lauriston', together with a cook and a parlour maid. The 1911 Census for Torquay records Mr. Levi Powell, wife Jane, together with their son Horace managing the 'Sharron Private Boarding House', Greenway, Chelston.

Gaff Powell

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