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Home Farm, The Street, Fetcham

Home Farm c: 1900



Seventeenth century Home Farm in The Street in 1861 was the largest farm in Fetcham, with over 300 acres, although it was later reduced to about 200 acres by redistribution.

William Lang, who took it over in 1890, was a progressive farmer and one of the first in the area to utilise steam ploughing, an awe-inspiring arrangement of two traction engines, one on each side of the field alternately pulling the ploughs back and forth as they slowly moved forward a few yards at a time. He was born in 1833 at New Monkland Lanarkshire and is described as a kindly man; he and his two sons retained their Scottish dress style with knee breeches and long stockings to no doubt the amusement of the parishioners. When William died in 1906 his son John became head of the house and along with his brother David they continued to farm the land, followed by a grandson until 1936, when much of the land was sold for housing development.

The farm house still remains to this day, now a private dwelling, next to the Fetcham Village Hall, which was once a barn belonging to the farm.

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