

Leatherhead & District Local History Society

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Highlands Farm, Headley Road, Leatherhead



Highlands Farm on the western side of Headley Road is set in what used to be open fields of the parish. It was once the property of Lord Roger Cunliffe of Tyrells Wood, which he let out on short renewable leases.

The house was built in the late 1800s although the tarred weather-boarded barns are 17th century and there is an 18th century well house. The farmhouse is a neat three bay brick box with two weather-boarded bay windows on the ground floor. There is also a granary on saddle-stones and a fine wrought-iron weathervane.

In 1873 the farm is said to be growing wheat, barley, oats, clover and turnips. Sheep were driven along the road from the farm to graze in rotation in the field (now Windmill Estate) and then moved on to grazing land behind Fetcham Church on what was then a polo field, returning to Highlands Farm the same way. Ploughing matches were also held there. Another activity was shooting; a common enough sport among farmers and sportsmen, many landowners employed their own gamekeepers.

Today the property is divided into flats and Highlands Farm Livery Stables.

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