

Leatherhead & District Local History Society

Potted Histories No 65
Cock Lane, Fetcham



*The Cock Inn, Fetcham
(Rear view)
1759 Painting by
Dominic Serres*



*Yew & Tea Tree Cottages c:1998
Courtesy of Mr. A.E. Tims*

Why Cock Lane? - The road gets its name from the old Cock Inn in The Street, Fetcham, formally known as Cock Green. The Cock Inn was built in the mid-17th century. Queen Elizabeth I is said to have drunk mead there when she visited Slyfield Manor, but there is no firm evidence for this!

In 1807 it was held by John Sterling, and consisted of a dwelling house, a garden and an orchard. Three years later it lost its licence because the village was deemed to have too many public houses - The Rising Sun and The Bell. So the closing of public houses is nothing new.

Today the building is divided into two dwellings named Yew Tree and Tea Tree Cottages. It has a brick front with two added bay windows downstairs and some old casement windows upstairs. The roof is tiled and the tiles sweep down over the outshot to the back; this originally had a central chimney piece with an inglenook hearth, now rising through a lean-to roof at the end on the cottage.

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