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## Mark Oak Gate - Cobham Road - Fetcham



Mark Oak Gate is on the Cobham Road between Fetcham and Stoke D'Abernon. It is on the parish boundary between Fetcham and Bookham and these views were taken from the Fetcham side. The road was once gated, and the remaining gate posts can be seen on the left and right hand side of the photograph.

Beyond the house is the National Trust property of Bookham Common, and the track from the cottage is Mark Oak Lane which leads to The Glade and Comonside. In 1925 the cottage is listed as a private residence with a Mrs Reeves and a Miss Malleon living there.

Behind the cottage there used to be a Tea Gardens running from one of the other houses in Cobham Road. There is a reference to it being called 'Peacedene' Tea Rooms. This would make sense for Peacedene is the house before Mark Oak Gate, so the tea rooms must have been quite extensive. The 1936 local street directory confirms this for it tells us that Mark Oak Gate is now a 'Tea Garden' with a Miss. D. Hicks being the proprietor.

It must have made an ideal stopping place for passing cyclists or walkers making for the common. It seems that after this brief period as a tea room, the cottage returned to private occupancy, and remains so to this very day.

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