

## **Horsell Birch**

(in particular The Cricketers)

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original Cricketers front door amendment  
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## Introduction

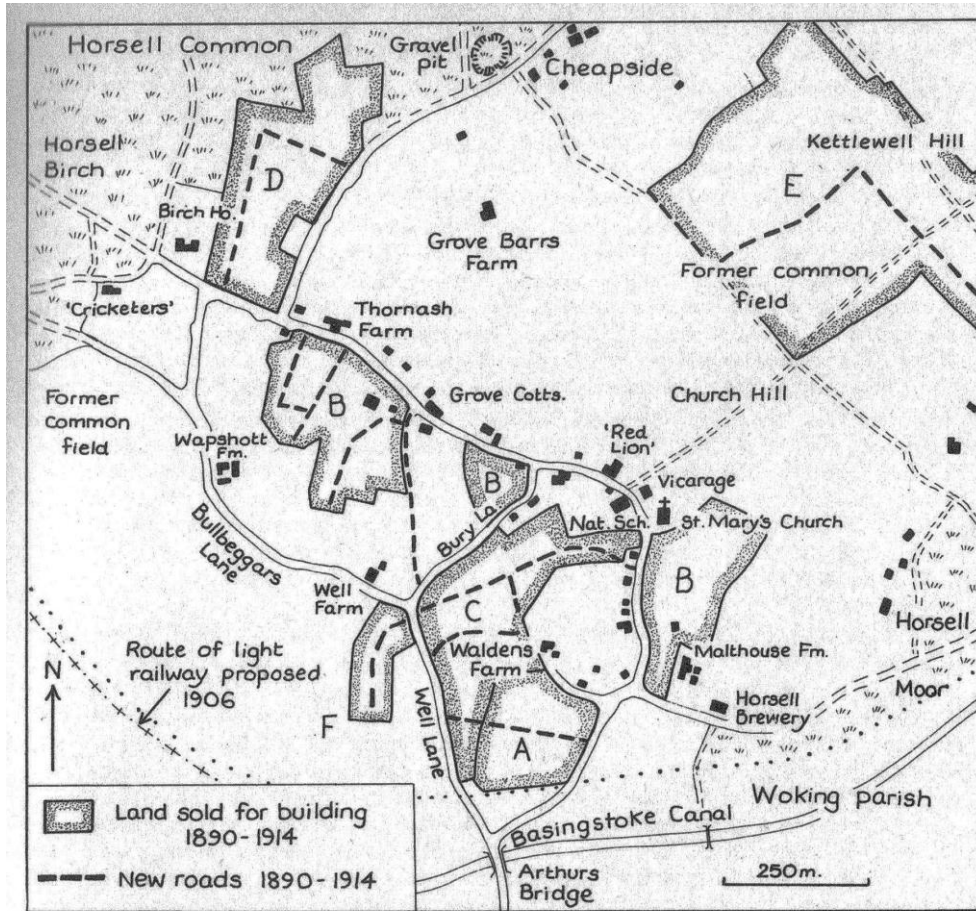
The object of this paper is to provide historical information on that part of Horsell which is known as Horsell Birch with particular reference to the Cricketers. Use (other than in respect of images) is permitted provided that such use is for non-commercial purposes and the source of the information is acknowledged. The holder of copyright of each image is shown where known and permission to use images must be sought from the copyright holder concerned.

A number of assumptions and guesses have been made in this paper. It is important to remember that only established facts for example, the census, directory and parish records should be taken as proven. Readers need to make their deductions from the established facts.

## Horsell Birch

Manning & Bray say that Horsell *is a small village consisting of some few farms and scattered tenements and is situate about three miles to the north west of Woking*. This was before the railway came to Woking in 1838 when the town was on its original site at present day Old Woking.

Surrey History Centre on their website *exploring surrey's past* add: *Horsell was a poor village in 1800 and unusually never had a 'great house'. The main industry was market-gardening with several nurseries established. The village of Horsell remained rural until the 1880s but the coming of the railway to Woking made Horsell a desirable residential area, so much building took place destroying Horsell's rural character and gradually joining it with the new Woking*. According to the 1878 PO directory the soil was sandy with the subsoil loamy, the main crops were said to be wheat, oats, peas and beans.



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Fig. 18. Changes in Horsell Village 1890-1914.

A Abbey Farm      C Waldens Park estate      E Horsell Rise and Kettlewell Hill  
 B Horsell Nurseries      D Horsell Common estate      F Woking Co-operative Society Garden Suburb

Alan Crosby's map from his *A History of Woking* published in 1982 showing the changes in Horsell village 1890-1914 reveals the existence of a number of farms between the railway and Horsell Birch in the top left hand corner of the map. In fact there were more Horsell farms than those shown. This area, therefore, originally represented the more productive part of the village.

The less productive land was on the edge of this area being what might be termed the waste. Horsell Birch with its continuance Viggory Lane and Cheapside formed the boundary. Along this boundary would have been the

usual cottages found on the edge of commons. Presumably the inhabitants would have originally used the common to graze their livestock. With the end of such practices this grazing would have been taken over by invasive birch. Here we are concerned with Horsell Birch which probably owes its name to the tree.



Extract from Edward Ryde's 1851 map (11).  
586 is the Cricketers  
and 587-9 Birch Farm  
House  
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Service



Another extract from  
Edward Ryde's map (8).  
Birch Cottage is 23, Birch  
House 24, Elm Cottage/Ivy  
Cottage 26 and Spring  
Cottage 29. The  
Hampton/Daborn families  
lived at 28 and the Elson  
family at 30.  
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Today the roadway and public footpath known as Horsell Birch runs from Littlewick Road near by Squires garden centre, initially as a made up road with six houses from Parley (Cottage) to Heather Cottage but after crossing Claydon Road as a footpath along the northern edge of Tracious Copse until it reaches the Cricketers. The 1851 Edward Ryde map shows that at that time there were no buildings between Littlewick Road and the Cricketers. It continues then as a rough road the short distance to Horsell High Street which it crosses turning as it does in a more or less northwardly direction becoming a distinctly unmade-up roadway. The way ends when it reaches the tarmac Viggory Lane and Spring Cottage. The general area enclosed within the bounds of the Birch and Littlewick Road is known as Horsell Birch.

There are a number of Grade II listed buildings in the area namely:

**Cricketers Horsell Birch Horsell<sup>(a)</sup>**



*image Phillip Arnold*

Facing the green where possibly cricket has been played in the past. The listing detail is as follows:

*Public house. C16 to rear with C18 and C19 front. Front elevation brick, slate roof with rendered stacks on right hand end and left of centre. 2 storeys; glazing bar sash windows under cambered heads, 3 across the first floor, angle bay window to ground floor left. C20 door in addition to right. Included for the original cottage at the rear: timber framed encased in brick; plain tile roof with rendered stack to right hand end. Casement*



*windows, 2 across first floor. Central glazed door under corrugated iron pent roofed porch on wood supports; further door in small one bay extension to the left. Interior: substantial timber framing visible.*

This much altered and extended property has at its centre the remains of a single storey cottage probably erected in the 16th century on the edge of the common and probably thatched since the roof structure that can be seen might not have supported a slate or tile roof. When built it is unlikely that there would have been an upstairs and the cottage would have been extended later by the provision of a first floor using the space in the roof area.

The inside of the cottage which can be seen in the bar (*images 4, 5 and 7*) has chamfered beams running to stops some of which are lambs tongue (*image 8*) and others simple curved stops (*image 9*). What must have been two rooms has had the middle partitioning removed creating a single bar. The slots for the original partition can be seen in the remaining tie beam (*image 6*) which has been given support by an introduced post. At the far south west corner of the bar there is a possible original access to the roof or room above. (*image 10*)

It is possible too that the cottage was built with two bays only and that it was extended to the east by the addition of a further bay. In this event the original cottage would have ended where the present added staircase allows access to the upper floor. (*images 11 and 12*)

When the timber framing was encased in brick (*images 1 and 2*) the opportunity must have been taken to extend the property forward so that the original timber framing at the front of the cottage is now exposed and visible in the new bar area. An old print of the front (*image 3*) shows the position of the original front door. The pointing of the brickwork at the front (*image 13*) shows that later the brickwork of the outer wall was extended towards the east including the erection of a chimney. Another photograph (*image 14*) taken during work on the structure reveals an original corner post of the cottage.

The Woking News & Mail directories from 1919 to 1948 show two occupants in Birch Cottages, then Myrtle Cottage on the east side of the Cricketers with a further two occupants on the west side. There is a consistent pattern of three families on one side of the inn with two on the other in another part of Birch Cottages. The cottages on the east side would have been Nos.1 to 3 and those on the west Nos 5 & 6. This would suggest that Myrtle Cottage (No.3) was the nearest dwelling on the east side and probably where the single storey east extension to the bar of the Cricketers stands today. (*image 15*)

How much of Myrtle Cottage stands today is open to conjecture but the surviving three beams look genuine enough. (*image 16*) A local resident who has lived in the area all his life has confirmed that his father was born in the building when it was a cottage. If Myrtle Cottage was originally No. 3 perhaps the cottage at the heart of the Cricketers was No.4.

The Woking News & Mail published a series of local directories in the first half of the 20th century. Surrey History Centre has copies of some of these (*Appendix B*).According to these directories the landlords of the public house were:

1921 AC Daborn      1927-48 TH Foster

\*Landlord ? Shown as  
Greenwich Pensioner

Earlier landlords are shown in the censuses 1851-1911 namely 1851 William Baker 1861 Alexander Cannon\* 1871/1881 Edward Jay 1891/1901/1911 William Steer

**(a) Item 586 on the Edward Ryde Map of Horsell 1851. Beer shop and garden. Same Landowner and Occupant as Tithe Map. Item 31 on 1854 Horsell Tithe Map. Beer shop and land. Landowner James Hayward. Occupant William Baker. Appendix A – census returns shows the occupants of the Cricketers 1851 – 1901. Lambs tongue stops were used in the late 16<sup>th</sup> century and 17<sup>th</sup> century.**

**Birch Farm House 4 High Street, Horsell<sup>(b)</sup>**



*image Phillip Arnold*

On the corner where Horsell Birch, High Street and Bullbeggars Lane meet. The listing details are as follows:

*House. C16 with considerable C19 and early C20 extensions. Timber framed core, clad in brick, tile hung above to rear; plain tiled roofs, hipped to right end with ridge stack to left of centre and to right. L shape plan, 2 storeys, 4 leaded casement windows across the first floor; ground floor windows either side of projecting gable front bay, under cambered heads. Board doors in projecting bay to left of centre. C20 addition to rear with angle bay windows.*

*Interior: Timber frame visible in centre.*

DBRG summary\* *Early 17c 3 bay end chimney house with later additions.* The DBRG report mentions lambs tongue stops.

Might the timber framed core be the remains of an original cottage. qv Cricketers?

The history of Birch Farm House is described as beginning with the erection of a small timber framed house of two rooms with bedrooms over. It is possible, however, that the house's origin may have been a single story cottage subsequently extended by the creation of an upper floor in the roof. This form of development is echoed in two adjacent listed buildings, the Cricketers and Birch Cottage,

From the historical point of view the first known reference to Birch Farm House is in the 1834 Survey of Horsell parish when William Collier is recorded as the owner and occupier of a nursery measuring three acres and two perches. He is also named as the owner and occupier of Wheatsheaf House one rood and 14 perches.

Horsell Birch	William Collyer	40	ag lab	Y
Horsell Birch	William Collyer	80	nurseryman	Y
	Elizabeth Collyer	65		N
	Edward Collyer	40	shoemaker	Y
	Mary Wilkinson	10		Y

William Collyer appears in the 1841 census above and in considering the ages one must remember in this census apart from persons up to 15 years of age these are given in five year groups with the lowest year in the group quoted so adults could be anything up to five years older than the age given. The younger William

Collyer might be a son of the William living at Birch Farm House. It is difficult, however, to identify this Collyer family in the parish registers.

With the 1851 census below William Collyer and his wife Elizabeth must have died and the Horsell parish registers show the burial of a William Collyer on 23 November 1842 aged 83 years as well as that of Elizabeth Collyer on 15 December 1849 aged 79 which would fit. William Collyer the lodger could well be the agricultural labourer of the 1841 census but husband and wife William and Catherine are difficult to find in the parish registers. One would like to believe that William was the son of the 80 year old William of the 1841 census. The nursery is small if just one man is employed.

William Collyer	head	m	61	nurseryman employing one man	Horsell
Catherine Collyer	wife	m	57		Woking
William Collyer	lodgr	u	54	ag lab	Woking
Charlotte Collyer	visitr	u	1	scholar	Woking



*image Surrey History Service*

In the same year as the census Edward Ryde carried out his survey of the parish where William is shown as the owner and occupier of:

587	House & garden	0.1.21
588	Orchard & garden	1.2.36
589	The plat	0.3.38

The total of these measurements (3.0.15) is similar to those in the 1834 survey (3.0.02).



image Surrey History Service

The Tithe Map of 1854 shows the plot as:

32 Trustees of Elizabeth Collyer  
house & land 3.0.18

Again the total acreage is not  
dissimilar from earlier measurements

The next census of 1861 shows William and Catherine still in residence but William the agricultural labourer has gone. A new arrival is Elizabeth Hurst who is to become William's adopted daughter.

Birch Farm House	William Collyer	head	m	71	nurseryman	Horsell
	Catherine Collyer	wife	m	66		Woking
	Elizabeth Hurst	v		5		London

By virtue of an agreement dated 7th June 1866 with the Lord of the Manor William Collyer was admitted tenant *for ever* in respect of a piece of land containing approximately 10 rods in the front of ..(the) premises known as *The Birch, Horsell*.

The 1871 census has William as nurseryman but Catherine has gone probably deceased and there is now a son, James, a granddaughter, Mary and Abraham possibly the son of Mary. Elizabeth Hurst, William's adopted daughter remains.

Birch	William Collyer	head	w	81	nurseryman	Horsell
	James Collyer	s	w	47		Woking
	Mary Collyer	gd	w	22		Horsell
	Abraham Collyer	s	u	1		Battersea
	Elizabeth Hurst	v		15		London

William died in 1877 and by his will left his property in trust to his daughter, Charlotte Knowles and his adopted daughter Elizabeth Hannah Hurst. His Trustees were his daughter Charlotte Knowles, wife of Arthur Knowles of Horsell, nurseryman, Herbert Hart, butcher and John Stedman of Horsell brewer formerly farmer.

The return for the 1881 census shows William Collyer's son in law as nurseryman

Birch Nursery	Arthur Knowles	head	48	nurseryman	Horsell
	Charlotte Knowles	wife	49		Horsell
	Augustus Knowles	s	19		Horsell

Augustus has left by the time of the 1891 census

Birch	Arthur Knowles	head	55	nurseryman	Horsell
	Charlotte Knowles	wife	59		Horsell

In 1899 Elizabeth Hannah Christmas, the adopted daughter who had married George Christmas began a High court action against Charlotte Knowles, the natural daughter with John Stedman and Arthur Knowles as co-defendants. The cause of the action is a little vague but appears to have been over £169 of rent money allegedly misappropriated. The plaintiffs won but the defendants were unable to find this money and it became necessary to mortgage the property.

The 1901 census shows Mary Charlotte Jane Collyer who was Charlotte's niece living at the property with Arthur and Charlotte Knowles and acting as housekeeper.

Arthur Knowles	head	63	nurseryman	Horsell
Charlotte Knowles	wife	67		Knaphill
Mary C Collyer	niece	32	housekeeper	Battersea

By the time of the 1911 census below George and Elizabeth Christmas are living at the house with their daughter, Alice. Charlotte Knowles died on 20<sup>th</sup> March 1902 when William Collyer's adopted daughter became sole owner under the terms of her adopted father's will. She did not redeem the mortgage until 1924.

George Christmas*	head		56	market gardener	Hants
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\* Described as occupant in  
W N & M directories

Elizabeth Christmas	wife		56		London
Alice Christmas	d		20		Woking

Elizabeth died intestate in 1927 and her husband inherited Birch Farm House. When copyhold was abolished in 1929, George became the freehold owner. In the same year he sold the house to Stephen Silk a Horsell builder. The WN&M directories show the house as *vacant* from 1929-31.

Stephen Silk modernised the house and built a new wing on the east side. Over the years the original three acre plot was reduced to what it is today by the sale of land fronting on to Bullbeggars Lane, including what is now The Orchard, and the building of Court Cottage by Stephen for his son Arthur Cecil Silk. A large cowshed on the farmhouse site became the garage of the new house. The Woking News & Mail directories have AC Silk as the occupant of Court Cottage from 1931.

Stephen sold Birch Farm House to Mrs Winifred Coleman and the WN&M directories show her as the occupant from 1931 to 1948. Subsequent owners were Mr and Mrs Hodgson, Mr and Mrs Fulford (who built the additional wing on the west side) and Mr and Mrs Vernon who sold the house to the present owners in 1996.

Stephen Silk died in 1939 and his son Arthur Cecil Silk took over the building business. Arthur died suddenly in 1954 and the business was wound up. His widow who had been living in Court Cottage moved to a smaller home in 1958 and David Enticknap and his wife occupied Court Cottage where they stayed for 42 years.

The history of Birch Farm House shows it was used as a nursery as far back as 1848. The question arises as to whether it was ever used as a farmhouse. There is no doubt that it was but that in common with other similar properties the owners found use as a nursery more profitable with the growth of nurserying in the area.

**<sup>(b)</sup>Items 587/9 on the Edward Ryde Map of Horsell 1851. House and garden, orchard and garden and The Plat. Landowner and Occupant William Collyer. Item 32 on 1854 Tithe Map. House and land. Landowner and Occupant Trustees of Elizabeth Collyer.\* see Appendix E**

## Birch Cottage 5 High Street Horsell<sup>(c)</sup>



*image Phillip Arnold*

Firmly in High Street behind Birch House probably not to be regarded as in Horsell Birch. The listing details are as follows:

*House. C17 with C19 front. Timber framed rendered brick infill, C19 plain tiled roof with bands of fishscale tiles, ridge stack to rear right. 2 storeys 3 leaded casement windows across the first floor, ground floor windows under cambered heads. Planked and ribbed door to left hand return front under gabled porch on wooden supports with brick infilling. Original framing exposed to rear, C20 wing to rear right*

DBRG summary|\* A much rebuilt early 17c two bay timber framed cottage with hearth space. The DBRG report mentions lambs tongue stops.

There is a certain amount of rough hewn timber visible in the interior and this is consistent with the building having been originally a humble two bay cottage erected on the edge of the common. The building would have



faced the common so the present rear would have been the front of the cottage. The well may, therefore, have been in the area of hard standing fronting Horsell High Street.

Birch Cottage has certain similarities to the inner cottage at the heart of the Cricketers in that both were originally built as humble two bay cottages on the edge of the common and subsequently extended by the addition of a further bay. It is reasonable to argue that the two buildings must be of a similar age and Birch Cottage possibly slightly older than suggested in the DBRG report namely end of the 16<sup>th</sup> century rather than 17<sup>th</sup> century. It is certainly older than the neighbouring 17<sup>th</sup> century Birch House.

The Edward Ryde survey of 1851 shows the cottage as *Daborns Tenement and Garden*. The Owner is named as Luke Steer and the Occupiers given as Maurice Tyler and William Kates. The size of the plot is one rood and 4 square poles. The reference to Daborns must mean that the cottage was at one time the home of the Dabourn family.

The Census returns of the same date give the Tyler family as consisting of Maurice and his wife Jane plus a daughter (8) of the same name and four sons, Norris (6), James (4), William (2) and George (2m). This family also has as lodgers James Ottoway (50) and his two sons George (8) and Henry (5). The Kates family consists of William Kates (33), wheelright, his wife Mary (32) and their children William (8), Frederick John (6), Stephen (4) and Henry (2). Although the small cottage was probably divided in two, 16 occupants must have been quite a squeeze.

The Tyler and Kates families do not appear in post 1851 Census returns for Horsell Birch and must, therefore, have left the Woking area.

Although all the other listed properties in Horsell Birch are mentioned in the Woking News & Mail directories (1919-48), the name of Birch Cottage does not appear. There is, however, a house called The Birch which from 1919 to 1935 shows the occupants to be W.Steer and W.Harding, in 1936 as W.Steer alone and W.Steer and W.Daborn. from 1937 to 1948.

In the absence of any evidence to the contrary, it would be reasonable to assume that The Birch was a former name of Birch Cottage and that the cottage was not converted to single family occupancy until after 1948. Luke Steer had originally owned both the cottage and Birch House and the fact that a Steer was still living at Birch Cottage in 1948 adds strength to the assumption.

**(c) Items 22 and 23 on the Edward Ryde Map of Horsell 1851. Daborns Plat and Daborns tenements and garden. Landlord Luke Steer Occupants himself (22) and Maurice Tyler and William Kates (23).\* see Appendix E.**

**Birch House Horsell Birch Horsell<sup>(d)</sup>**



*image Phillip Arnold*

On the corner immediately after Horsell Birch has crossed High Street. The listing details are as follows:

*House. C17 with C19 alterations and much extended at the rear in C20. Timber frame of thin scantling to front, brick infilled below, fishscale tile hanging above, extensions in yellow stock brick and painted boarding; plain tiled roofs with centre ridge stack. 2 storeys and attic with gable end windows, 3 bays, central bargeboarded gable bay projecting; casement windows throughout. C20 6 panel door in centre bay under curved pent roofed porch hood. Further glazed door in pent roof single storey addition to the left end. Interior: Some framing visible, mainly ceiling joists.*

This was almost certainly the Steer family house. Edward Ryde's 1851 survey shows Luke Steer as the owner and occupant and the previous 1834 survey shows Luke as the owner of a property in the Birch of 3 roods 26 perches. Moreover, the Land Tax for Horsell show Luke's father, William as the owner of a house and land paying tax of 8s in 1830-2. Luke was the residuary legatee of his father's will made in 1812.

The Census returns 1851-1911 show the continued presence of the family in Horsell Birch until 1911. Luke's grandson, William was landlord of the Cricketers in 1891 and living at the inn whilst his parents, William and Mary Ann were presumably at Birch House. William is still landlord and living at the Cricketers in 1911 but his father has died and his mother living at the family house with her brother in law, nephew, niece and great nephew.

In 1919 the date of the first directory evidence we have whereas there is a W Steer possibly living at Birch Cottage, Birch House is home to Mrs A Lee, coal merchant and she continues there until 1924/5. From 1925/6 to 1929/30 the Steer family returns in the form of WH Steer.

It is said that the Steer's workshop or store was between Birch House and Birch Cottage and this was demolished when the two bungalows now occupying this space were built. Since house and cottage were once both owned by the family there seems no reason to doubt this suggestion.

**(d) Items 24 and 25 on the Edward Ryde Map of Horsell. House and Garden and Birch Plat. Landlord and Occupant Luke Steer. 1851 Item 48 on 1854 Horsell Tithe Map. House and land. Landlord and Occupant Luke Steer.**

**Elm Cottage & Ivy Cottage Horsell Birch Horsell<sup>(e)</sup>**



*image Phillip Arnold*

Along Horsell Birch about half way to the end at Vigory Lane. The listing details are as follows:

*Houses. C18 with C20 addition to left end. Brick, plain tiled roof with ridge stack to right of centre, rendered gable end stack to right. 2 storeys with dividing brick band,; 5 C19 casements to first floor and 2 C20 casements to ground floor left. Board door to right of centre under pent roof porch on wood supports, C20 door to left, garage door to left end in extension.*

This listing is out of date and does not take into account the alterations to Ivy Cottage.

DBRG summary\* *Late 17c 3 bay central chimney house (brick , later divided in two. 18c,19c,20c additions.*  
The DBRG report mentions lambs tongue stops.

This divided brick house has been extensively altered since the DBRG report was prepared in 1985 mainly in respect of Ivy Cottage, the right hand dwelling.

A further brick bay of two stories has been built on to the front original main room replacing the lean-to and now serves as the kitchen and bedrooms above. This additional bay has matching casement windows on both floors. The brick arches above these new windows do not, however, match those in the original building and are formed with individual bricks. Those above the old windows have the look of a single insertion made to resemble a set of bricks.

Moreover, in the original house the lower bricks where these meet the ground protrude with a return to the basic brickwork a foot or so above. This feature is not present in the new extension the brickwork continuing to the ground with no special trim at the bottom. The feature is probably a low buttress or less likely the wall could be a plinth wall. Cost probably determined why the addition was built with an ordinary wall.

At the back the new front bay has been extended alongside the 18<sup>th</sup> century kitchen with living accommodation on the ground floor and bedrooms above. The living accommodation has been built in modern materials in keeping with the original 18<sup>th</sup> century house.

The main staircase now serves all the first floor rooms. All the fireplaces noted at the time of the original DBRG survey have been replaced. The 18<sup>th</sup> century kitchen fittings have gone and the area now forms part of the living area. The kitchen range makers were shown as *S & J LTD BELLE REMOVABLE OVEN* in the original report. These were the well known Woking firm of Skeet & Jeffs who removed the range and retained this as an

example of their past work. Sadly the firm closed not too long after this. The drawings in the original report are valuable evidence of what constituted an 18<sup>th</sup> century kitchen.

The steep staircase rising from the main staircase remains but the space is no longer used as an attic room the lath and plaster having been removed. Newer wood at the far end shows the roof over the kitchen in the new south end extension and just before that point there is an opening to the roof space over the rear of the building.

Elm Cottage having been developed from the north left hand side of the original brick building like Ivy Cottage retains many of features of the brick house. The rear of Elm Cottage now has a similar two bay gable extension to Ivy Cottage. Inside, Elm Cottage has an open plan staircase in the original main room built with modern materials in sympathy with the surrounding older structure. At the rear of this room where it meets what would have been the old outshot there is a timber containing two notches which may be evidence of the earlier structure.

The original house was a three bay symmetrical brick house with a central chimney. When the house was split into two dwellings each cottage was left with one of the two back to back chimney places. Whilst the fireplace in Ivy Cottage has been altered that in Elm Cottage retains some of its original features.

From a historical point of view two questions arise. Why was the original 18<sup>th</sup> century house built and when was the building split into two separate dwellings. There were a number of cottages spread along Horsell Birch on the edge of the common but this house does not owe its origins to a cottage. It was built as a brick house and probably was originally a farm house. The field next to the house was known as Birch Nursery and it is likely that the house became a nursery before it was divided into two dwellings.

Improvements in agricultural practice meant that whereas only a certain number of fields could originally be managed from a single farm house as the years passed a larger number of fields were manageable. Thus the need for such administrative bases diminished and many farm houses were used as accommodation for farm labourers. It is unlikely that the house was split whilst it still functioned as a farm house or nursery. The split is most likely to have occurred between the time the building ceased to operate commercially and when the house started to be used by two separate families. This could have been any time after the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

The most useful historical source we have, other than the census returns, is Edward Ryde's Horsell survey of 1851. In that survey, Ivy/Elm Cottages are plot No.26 the owner being William Hammond and the occupants Elizabeth Underwood and J Knight. Birch Nursery was plot No.27 and owned and occupied by William

Hammond. The 1851 census confirms the occupants of the two plots. From 1861 to 1911 the Boylet family are in Ivy Cottage and the Elson family in Elm Cottage.

William Hammond born 18<sup>th</sup> November 1770 son John Hammond and Mary Martyr. He married Elizabeth Stedman daughter James Stedman and Ann Drake Roake 21<sup>st</sup> January 1796. Children William born 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1796 and Elizabeth 29<sup>th</sup> December 1797. William buried 22<sup>nd</sup> April aged 80. William jr buried 9<sup>th</sup> August 1861 aged 65. \* see Appendix E

### The Steer family

(There are basically five generations William bap1758, Luke bap1792, William bap1822, William bap1853 and William bap1884)

The Steer family of Horsell Birch crop up from time to time in the history of Horsell Birch and the Cricketers. William Steer, carpenter left a will dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1812 and proved 19<sup>th</sup> September 1833<sup>1</sup> in which he referred to his wife Sarah<sup>4</sup>, son Luke<sup>6</sup> and other unnamed children<sup>5</sup>. William married Sarah Chitty<sup>4</sup> in 1802 but there was an earlier marriage to Mary Fenn<sup>3</sup> in 1777. William's six children<sup>5</sup> were born during this earlier marriage.

Luke<sup>6</sup> married Ann Woods in 1821 and a son, William<sup>7</sup> was baptised the next year. Luke was described as a publican in the register but no clue was given as to where he carried out his business. When a daughter, Mary Anne<sup>8</sup> was baptised in 1825 his occupation was given as the more common one of labourer. Luke appears in the 1841 census probably living in Birch House together with his wife Ann and children William<sup>7</sup> and Mary (Ann)<sup>8</sup>. He was now a carpenter. In 1851 Luke is still living with his wife and two children but there are two other occupants Helena Oomn aged 9 and Esther Hayes aged 23 a former servant. Neither of these parties appear in subsequent census returns.

Edward Ryde's parish valuation of the same year shows Luke as the owner and occupier of Birch House and two pieces of arable land plus two tenements collectively known as Daborns and let to the Tyler and Kates families.

By 1861 Luke's son William<sup>7</sup> has taken a wife Mary and they have a son – another William<sup>9</sup> aged 8. Both Luke and his son follow the family trade of carpenters. There is no trace of Luke's daughter Mary Ann who has either died or married. Father and son and their wives are living at Birch Green presumably the green in front of the Cricketers. Alexander Cannon described as a *Greenwich pensioner*<sup>11</sup> and his wife are at the Cricketers possibly with two or three other families but there is no indication that the premises are being used as a public house.

Luke<sup>6</sup> has died by 1871 and the census shows his widow living with her son<sup>7</sup>, daughter in law and grandson in Horsell Birch. Edward Jay, termed a licensed victualler, is the landlord of the Cricketers and it would appear that in addition to the Jay family, the Collyer and Coterell families are also living on the premises.

Edward Jay is still the landlord in 1881. There are two lodgers at the premises. Luke's widow, Ann has died and her son<sup>7</sup> and his wife, and their son William<sup>9</sup> and his wife Ann K are living together in the one house in Birch together with a nephew and a visitor. It is possible that the Steer family are living in the same house as William Boylett, his wife and two sons. All the male Steer family members continue to be described as carpenters.

In 1891 the grandson William<sup>9</sup> and his wife are living at the Cricketers with William as the publican. They too have a son William<sup>10</sup>. Publican William's father and mother, William<sup>7</sup> and Mary are living elsewhere in Horsell together with a granddaughter Annie aged 9. This William<sup>7</sup> is now described as a builder. In the 1878 Post Office directory he is referred to as a carpenter and builder.

At the turn of the century in 1901 William, now termed a licensed victualler, remains the landlord of the Cricketers and they now have four more children – Naomi, Henry, Ruby and Mary. The 1911 census shows William still the landlord with daughters Naomi and Mary assisting in the business and Ruby a dressmaker. The first directory we have in 1919 has a new landlord, AC Daborn who continues as such until 1927.

By 1901 William's father must have died since his mother is living with her brother in law, John Watts, her nephew, Albert, niece Emma Lowe and great nephew, Henry.

The W & M directories have a W Steer living at the Birch with W Harding from 1919 to 1935. As has been suggested before The Birch may have been is now called Birch Cottage. Although today the cottage is officially in High Street, it is the first building one encounters immediately adjacent to Horsell and has been used for two families in the past. Moreover, it is next to the plot of land said to have been used by the Steer family in their business. The directories also show WH Steer as occupying Birch House from 1926 to 1938.

<sup>1</sup> the Woking Collection, WSFHS

<sup>2</sup> William baptised 8<sup>th</sup> January 1758, married Mary Fenn spinster 4th November 1777 and Sarah Chitty, widow 21st September 1802, buried 29th April 1833.

<sup>3</sup> Mary Fenn above buried 28th March 1800                      <sup>4</sup> Sarah Chitty above buried 24th October 1821

<sup>5</sup> James. Mary. William, John, Charlotte and Luke<sup>7</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Luke Steer baptised 8th January 1792, married Ann Woods spinster 16th August 1821, buried 21<sup>st</sup> July 1862.

- 7 William Steer, son of Luke above, baptised 11th August 1822, has wife Mary and son William<sup>7</sup> in 1861 in 1881  
 8 Mary Anne daughter of Luke above, baptised 24th April 1825  
 9 William Steer son of William<sup>7</sup> above, aged 8 in 1861, has wife Ann K in 1881.  
 10 William Steer son of William<sup>9</sup> above. <sup>11</sup> The naval equivalent of a Chelsea pensioner

### Census returns

These are a useful means of finding out who lived where between 1841 and 1911. The returns were made at ten year intervals. All give the names of residents, their status, ages and occupations. In the 1841 census, however, exact ages are only given for those up to the age of 14. For persons of 15 and upwards, ages are given in 5 year groups identified by the youngest year of the 5 year group concerned.

There are certain reservations, however, which have to be made about the information recorded in the returns. The head of the household presumably is the source of the details recorded by the enumerator. Is the informant sure of the correctness of what he or she tells the enumerator? Sometimes, for example, the Christian name of a wife is recorded as *Mrs.* This suggests the informant doesn't know the name. Information may change as it passes from one person to another. Names are often misspelt. If the census is transcribed, the transcription may be incorrect. The transcriber may have difficulty in deciphering illegible writing.

Each enumerator sets about his task in his own individual way even if he is instructed to record particular details from a particular area. In this particular exercise one enumerator may record an area in a different sequence from another. Horsell Birch stretched from Carhouse Lane or Littlewick Road in the east of Horsell along the way to Spring Cottage at its junction with what is Viggory Lane today.

Unfortunately, the enumerators for the various censuses did not always start their enumeration from the same end and in one instance the returns for the whole area are split and appear in two separated parts of the census. Edward Ryde's 1851 parish valuation map does, however, help with regard to the 1841 and 1851 returns since it would appear the 1841 information was collected with the enumerator walking from Vigory to Bullbeggars Lane whereas in 1851 he walked the other way from the Cricketers to Spring Cottage. The position is not so clear for the later returns. Moreover on certain occasions it would seem that the enumerator started from the middle or perhaps just put the returns together irrespective of where these came in his walk.

The censuses generally refer to the area as *Horsell Birch* but there are variations such as *Birch*, *Birch Green* and *Birch Road*. Individual houses are usually not mentioned (if these had names then) although the *Cricketers* is



mentioned from 1861, *Nursery* appears in 1871, *Birch Nursery* and *Horsell Nursery* in 1881 and *Village Nursery* in 1801. It is possible, however, to work out by careful use of the Edward Ryde map who in 1851 was living in the present day listed buildings in the area namely, Elm Cottage & Ivy Cottage (c18), Birch House (c17), Birch Cottage (c17) and Birch Farm House (c16).

Although it is difficult to determine who was living where in the later returns it is possible by comparing the details of the various family groups to obtain a picture of the area and sometimes to glean that more than one family were occupying a single house.

The most recent return available for public inspection is the 1911 return. In the transcript that appears it has been possible to make certain fairly assumptions with regard to who lived where. This has not been possible with regard to the earlier returns except where a house name is shown or the history of a house has been explored in some depth, for example, Ivy and Elm Cottages.

### Appendix A – Census returns 1841-1901

(It is important to remember that because one entry in the census is next to another, this does not mean the houses in which the persons concerned were living, were next door to each other. Where there is reasonable evidence to assume that a family resided at a particular address, the house name is shown in red.)

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Vigory	1	Richard Howard	25	ag lab	Y
		Mary Howard	20		Y
		William Howard	4		Y
Vigory		Celia Howard	1		Y
		Henry Hurwood	65	ag lab	Y
		Miriam Hurwood	60		Y
Vigory		Henry Elson	40	ag lab	Y
(33)		Sarah Elson	50		Y
Workhouse	1	Anthony Fisher	55	ag lab	Y
		Elizabeth Fisher	55		Y
		Allise Fisher	30	ag lab	Y
		Thomas Fisher	14		Y
		Samuel Fisher	12		Y
		Hannah Fisher	10		Y
		Joseph Fisher	8		Y

There is no trace in this return of an entry for the Cricketers.

Workhouse		William Cobbett	40	ag lab	Y
		Amelia Cobbett	35		Y
		William Cobbett	8		Y
		Sarah Cobbett	6		Y
		James Cobbett	4		Y
Horsell Birch	1	Stephen Daborn	25	ag lab	Y
(28)		Emily Daborn	20		Y
		James Daborn	6m		Y
		George Hampton	25	ag lab	Y
		Mary Hampton	2		Y
Horsell Birch	1	James Knight	35	ag lab	Y
(26)		Jane Knight	35		Y
		William Knight	14		Y
		William Wakeford	20	ag lab	Y
		Mary Wakeford	20		Y
		Henry Wakeford	1		Y
Horsell Birch	1	Luke Steer	45	carpenter	Y
Birch House		Anne Steer	40		Y
		William Steer	15		Y
		Mary Steer	15		Y
Horsell Birch	1	William Collyer	40	ag lab	Y
Horsell Birch	1	William Collyer	80	nurseryman	Y
Birch Farm		Elizabeth Collyer	65		N
House		Edward Collyer	40	shoe m	Y
		Mary Wilkinson	10		Y
Horsell Birch	1	Stephen Spooner	45	nurseryman	Y
		Sarah Spooner	20		Y
		Stephen Spooner	15		Y
		Levi Spooner	35	ag lab	Y
Horsell Street	1	William Spooner	40	shoemaker	Y
		Sarah Spooner	20		Y
		Jacob Spooner	25	J shoemaker	Y
		Hannah Hampton	15	fs	Y

### Census return 1851

Comparison of this return with Edward Ryde's parish valuation of the same year enables certain assumptions to be made regarding the present day names of the occupied houses. These assumptions are shown in red with the Edward Ryde Plan no. in brackets. It is also possible to extend these suggestions to the 1841 returns

23	Horsell Birch	William Baker	34	Head		shoemaker	Windlesham
	Cricketers	Sarah Baker					Windlesham
	(586)	William Baker	17	Head	M	scholar	Surrey Horsell
		Fred Baker	9	wife	M	scholar	Surrey Horsell
		George Baker	7	son	U	scholar	Surrey Horsell
		James Baker	2	son	U		Surrey Horsell
		Mary Ann Baker	1	daughter	U		Surrey Horsell
		Harriett Williams	13	servant	U	house servant	Surrey Woking
24	Horsell Birch	William Collyer	61	Head	M	nurseryman employing one man	Surrey Horsell
	Horsell Farm House	Catherine Collyer	57	wife	M		Surrey Woking
	(587)	William Collyer	54	lodger	U	ag lab	Surrey Woking
		Charlotte Collyer	1	visitor	U	scholar	Surrey Woking
25	Horsell Birch	William Kates	33	Head	M	wheelwright	Surrey Chobham
	Birch Cottage	Mary Kates	32	wife	M		Surrey Horsell
	(23)	William Kates	8	son	U	scholar	Surrey Horsell
		Frederick John Kates	6	son	U	scholar	Surrey Horsell
		Stephen Kates	4	son	U		
		Henry Kates	2	son	U		Surrey Horsell
26	Horsell Birch	Maurice Tyler*	31	Head	M	ag lab	Surrey Woking
	Birch Cottage	Jane Tyler	27	wife	M		Surrey Chertsey
	(23)	Jane Tyler	8	daughter	U		Surrey Horsell
		Norris Tyler	6	son	U		Surrey Chobham
		James Tyler	4	son	U		Surrey Chobham
		William Tyler	2	son	U		Surrey Chobham
		George Tyler	3m	son	U		Surrey Horsell
		James Ottoway	50	lodger	W		Berks Sunninghill
		George Ottoway	8	son	U		Surrey Horsell
		Henry Ottoway	5	son	U		Surrey Horsell
27	Horsell Birch	Luke Steer	59	head	M	carpenter	Surrey Horsell
	Birch House	Ann Steer	51	wife	M		Surrey Chobham

\*Maurice is living at Deep Pool with father, John farmer, mother Sarah and siblings James and John in 1841.

	(24)	William Steer	28	son	U	carpenter	Surrey Horsell
		Mary Ann Steer	28	d	U		Surrey Horsell
		Helena Oomn	9		U	scholar	Surrey Horsell
		Esther Hayes	23	niece	U	formerly servant	Surrey Pirbright
28	Horsell Birch Ivy/Elm Cottages	Elizabeth Underwood	75	Head	widow	pauper	Surrey Horsell
	(26)	Stephen Underwood	32	son	U	ag lab	Surrey Horsell
		George Harmes	43	lodger	widow	ag lab	Surrey Horsell
29	Horsell Birch	James Knight	47	Head	M	agricultural lab	Surrey Horsell
	Ivy/Elm Cottages	Jane Knight		wife	M		Surrey Woking
	(26)	Abraham Hardy	22	lodger	U	ag lab	Surrey Woking
30	Horsell Birch	George Hampton	37	Head	M		Surrey Horsell
	(28)	Ann Hampton	31	wife	M		Sussex Woodmanchester
		Mary Ann Hampton	?	daughter	U	scholar	Surrey Horsell
		George Hampton	7	son	U	scholar	Surrey Horsell
		William Hampton	?	son	U		Surrey Horsell
		John Hampton	31	brother	U	formerly soldier (lab)	Surrey Horsell
31	Horsell Birch	Stephen Daborn	37	Head	M	ag lab	Surrey Horsell
	(28)	Emily Daborn	32	wife	M		Surrey Horsell
		James Daborn	10	son	U	scholar	Surrey Horsell
		William Howard	60	f in l	widr	ag lab	Surrey Horsell
32	Horsell Spring Cottage	James George	50	Head	M	fund holder	Wilts Langford
	(29)	Sarah George	50	wife	M		Surrey Croydon
33	Birch	Henry Elson	50	Head	M	farmer 10 acres	Surrey Chobham
	(30)	Sarah Elson	52	wife	M		Surrey Horsell
		Frederick Jelly	24	nephew	U	nursery labourer	Surrey Horsell
34	Road leading to Chobham	Henry Sherwood	77	Head	M	superannuated ag lab	Surrey Chobham

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24	Horsell Birch Cricketers	1	Alexander Cannon	62	Head	M	Greenwich pensioner	Surrey Chertsey
			Mary Cannon	50	Wife	M		Surrey Chertsey
25			Hannah Wynn	55	Mother	M	carrier	Surrey Worplesdon
			Abraham Boylett	30	Son	U	labourer	Surrey Worplesdon
			Charles Wynn	14	Son	U	errand boy	Surrey Woking

26			Charles Mant	27	Head	M	labourer	Surrey Woking
			Harriet Mant	21	Wife	M		Surrey Pirbright
27	Birch Farm House	1	William Collyer	71	Head	M	nurseryman	Surrey Horsell
			Catherine Collyer	66	Wife	M		Surrey Woking
			Elizabeth Hurst	5	Visitor	U		London
28	Birch Road	1	William Shurlock	22	Head	M	baker	Surrey Woking
			Helena Shurlock	19	wife	M		Surrey Horsell
			Helena Shurlock	1m	daughter	U		Surrey Horsell
29			John Watts	28	Head	M	carpenter	Surrey Pirbright
			Mary A Watts	35	wife	M		Surrey Horsell
			Annie Watts	2	daughter	U		Surrey Horsell
			William Watts	1	son	U		Surrey Horsell
30	Birch Green	1	Luke Steer	68	Head	M	carpenter	Surrey Horsell
			Ann Steer	60	wife	M		Surrey Horsell
31			William Steer	38	Head	M	carpenter	Surrey Horsell
			Mary Steer	38	wife	M		Surrey Pirbright
			William Steer	8	son	U		Surrey Horsell
32	Ivy Cottage	1	William Boylet	29	Head	M	labourer	Surrey Worplesdon
			Caroline Boylet	29	wife	M		Surrey Witley
			Caroline Boylet	5	daughter	U		Surrey Horsell
			Eliza Moorley	33	visitor	U		Surrey Witley
33	Elm Cottage		Henry Elson	47	Head	M	labourer	Surrey Horsell
			Hannah Elson	45	wife	M		Surrey Chobham
			William Elson	18	son	U	labourer	Surrey Horsell
			Fred Elson	11	son	U	labourer	Surrey Horsell
			Henry Elson	9	son	U		Surrey Horsell
			Frank Elson	7	son	U		Surrey Horsell
			Noah Elson	5	son	U		Surrey Horsell
34	Birch Green	1	Stephen Daborn	47	Head	M	labourer	Surrey Horsell
			Emily Daborn	40	wife	M		Surrey Horsell
			James Daborn	20	son	U	labourer	Surrey Horsell
			William Howard	70	Grandfather	W		Surrey Horsell
35			James Gale	50	Head	M	labourer	Surrey Woking
			Susannah Gale	39	wife	M		Surrey Woking
			Rhoda Gale	13	daughter	U		Surrey Horsell
			Peter Gale	10	son	U		Surrey Horsell
36		1	James George	60	Head	W	farming 3 acres land	Wilts Langford
			Mary George	29	niece	U	housekeeper	Wilts Salisbury
37		1	Henry Elson	61	Head	W	farming 3 acres land	Surrey Chobham

38	Part of street	1	Henry Cobbett	56	Head	U	)nursery occupying 36 acres	Surrey Horsell
			Sarah Kennel	19	visitor	U	)employing 11 men 3 boys	Kent Canterbury
			Ann Bull	49	servant	U		Somerset Taunton
39	Carthouse Lane		John Daborn	50	Head	M	farm servant	Surrey Chobham
			Sarah Daborn	36	wife	M		Surrey Horsell
			Martha Daborn	7	daughter	U	scholar	Surrey Chobham
40	Knaphill	1	George Mant	59	Head	M	labourer	Surrey Woking
			Mary Mant	40	wife	M		Surrey Ash
			Henry Mant	23	son	U	labourer	Surrey Woking
			Eliza Mant	21	daughter	U		Surrey Horsell
			Stephen Mant	18	son	U	labourer	Surrey Horsell
41			Arthur Knowles	26	Head	M	gardener	Surrey Horsell
			Charlotte Knowles	29	wife	M		Surrey Woking

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22	Horsell Birch	1	Stephen Mant	28	Head	M	nursery labourer	Surrey Horsell
			Emma Mant	30	wife	M		Surrey Woking
			Sarah Mant	10	daughter	U		Surrey Woking
23		1	John Watts	38	Head	M	carpenter	Surrey Pirbright
			Mary Ann Watts	45	wife	M		Surrey Horsell
			Annie Watts	12	daughter	U	scholar	Surrey Horsell
			William Watts	11	son	U	scholar	Surrey Horsell
			Emma Mary Watts	9	daughter	U	scholar	Surrey Horsell
			Albert Steer Watts	4	son	U		Surrey Horsell
24		1	William Steer	48	head	M	carpenter	Surrey Horsell
			Mary Steer	48	wife	M		Surrey Pirbright
			William Steer	18	son	U	carpenter	Surrey Horsell
			Ann Steer	70	widow	M		Surrey Horsell
25	Ivy Cottage	1	William Boylett	38	Head	M	nursery labourer	Surrey Woking
			Caroline Boylett	38	wife	M		Surrey Witley
			Caroline Boylett	18	daughter	U		Surrey Horsell
			Mary Boylett	8	daughter	U	scholar	Surrey Horsell
			William Boylett	3	son	U		Surrey Horsell
26	Horsell Birch	1	Henry Elson	55	Head	M	nursery labourer	Surrey Horsell
	Elm Cottage		Hannah Elson	54	wife	M		Surrey Chobham
			Frederick Elson	21	son	U	labourer	Surrey Horsell

			Frank Elson	17	son	U	labourer	Surrey Horsell
			Noah Elson	15	son	U	labourer	Surrey Horsell
27		1	James Gale	59	Head	M	labourer	Surrey Woking
			Susannah Gale	49	wife	M		Surrey Woking
			Peter Gale	20	son	U	labourer	Surrey Horsell
			Martha Gale	41	sister	U		Surrey Horsell
			Andrew Gale	2	grandson	U		Surrey Horsell
28		1	Stephen Daborn	56	Head	M	farm labourer	Surrey Horsell
			Emily Daborn	51	wife	M		Surrey Horsell
			James Daborn	30	son	U	farm labourer	Surrey Horsell
29		1	Daniel Hawkins	41	Head	M	farm labourer	Hants Binstead
			Eliza Hawkins	37	wife	M		Hants Binstead
			Mary Hawkins	12	daughter	U		Hants Binstead
			Daniel Hawkins	10	son	U	scholar	Hants Binstead
			Alice Hawkins	8	daughter	U	scholar	Hants Binstead
			Eliza Mills	15	daughter	U		Hants Binstead
			Sarah Mills	11	daughter	U	scholar	Hants Binstead
30		1	James George	70	Head	W	yeoman	Wilts Longford
			Mary George	39	niece	U	housekeeper	Wilts Salisbury
31	Wiggery	1	James Turner	60	Head	M	farm labourer	Surrey Chobham
			Margaret Turner	55	wife	M		Surrey Chobham
			Henry Turner	23	son	U	farm labourer	Surrey Horsell
			Louisa Turner	18	daughter	U		Surrey Horsell
			George Turner	16	son	U	servant	Surrey Horsell
			Elizabeth Alice Turner	13	daughter	U		Surrey Horsell
			Henry Turner	1	grandson	U		Surrey Horsell
88	Carthouse Lane	1	James Collyer	34	Head	M	labourer	Surrey Woking
			Emma Collyer	28	wife	M		Surrey Chobham
			Sarah Bedford	19	daughter	U		Surrey Worplesdon
			Mary Ann Collyer	5	daughter	U		Surrey Horsell
			Herbert Collyer	4	son	u		Surrey Horsell
			Emma Collyer	1	daughter	U		Surrey Horsell
89		1	William Haines	28	Head	M	farm labourer	Surrey Worplesdon
			Mary Ann Haines	28	wife	M		Surrey Ash
90		1	Richard Collyer	36	Head	M	farmer	Surrey Woking

			Ellen Collyer	26	wife	M		Surrey Chobham
			Ellen Collyer	4	daughter	U		Surrey Horsell
			Alice Collyer	3	daughter	U		Surrey Horsell
			Richard Collyer	1	son	U		Surrey Horsell
			John Collyer	2 m	son	U		Surrey Horsell
			Emily Alderton	14	servant	U	general servant domestic	Surrey Woking
91	Birch Cricketers Inn	1	Edward Jay	35	head	M	licensed victualler	Surrey Horsell
			Rose Jay	33	wife	M		Surrey Woking
			Mary Ann Jay	10	daughter	U		Surrey West Horsley
			Ellen Jay	7	daughter	U		Surrey West Horsley
			Henry Jay	5	son	U		Surrey Woking
			Edward Jay	3	son	U		Surrey Horsell
			Levena Jay	8 m	daughter	U		Surrey Horsell
91			William Collyer	30	Head	M	lodgers nursery labourer	Surrey Woking
			Elizabeth Ann	35	wife	M		Cornwall
			Vince Vincent	11	son	U	nursery labourer	Sussex
			Christopher Vincent	9	son	U		Sussex
91			Henry Cotterall	30	Head	M	labourer	
			Sarah Cotterall	28	wife	M		Surrey Windlesham
			Thomas Cotterall	3	son	U		Surrey Battersea
			Charles Cotterall	2	son	U		Surrey Bagshot
			Laura Louise Cotterall	6 m	daughter	U		Surrey Horsell
92	Birch	1	William Collyer	81	Head	wi dr	nurseryman	Surrey Horsell
	Birch Farm House		James Collyer	47	son	wi dr	labourer	Surrey Woking
			Mary Collyer	22	granddaug hter	wi dr		Surrey Horsell
			Abraham Collyer	1	son	U		Surrey Battersea
			Elizabeth Hurst	15	visitor	U		London Middlesex
92			Nathan Knowles	35	Head	M	- labourer	Surrey Horsell
			Charlotte	39	wife	M	- labourer	Surrey Woking



			Knowles					
			Augustus Knowles	8	nephew	U	- scholar	Surrey Horsell
93	Nursery	1	Henry Cobbett	61	Head	U	nursery	Surrey Horsell
			- Bull	59	servant	U	general servant domestic	Somerset -

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21	Birch Nursery <b>Birch Farm House</b>	1	Arthur Knowles*	48	Head	M	nurseryman of 20 acres employing 5 men and 2 boys	Surrey Horsell
			Charlotte Knowles	49	wife	M		Surrey Horsell
			Augustus Knowles	19	son	U		Surrey Horsell
22	Birch	1	Caroline Daborn	69	Head	W	agricultural labourer	Surrey Horsell
			Sarah M Steptoe	25	daughter	W		Surrey Horsell
			Henry Smith	12	grandson	U	agricultural labourer	Surrey Horsell
			Frederick G Steptoe	5	grandson	U		Surrey Horsell
			Carrie Steptoe	4m	granddaughter	U		Surrey Horsell
			Joseph Steptoe	23	boarder	U		Surrey Horsell
23	Cricketers Inn Birch	1	Edward Jay*	46	Head	M	publican	Surrey West Horsley
			Rosina Jay	44	Wife	M		Surrey Woking
			Henry Jay	16	Son	U		Surrey Woking
			Edward Jay	14	Son	U		Surrey Horsell
			Lavinia Jay	11	Daughter	U		Surrey Horsell
			William Jay	9	Son	U	scholar	Surrey Horsell
			Philip Jay	6	Son	U	scholar	Surrey Horsell
			Rosina Jay	3	Daughter	U		Surrey Horsell
24	Birch Cricketers		George Church	28	Lodger	U	labourer	Surrey Horsell
			Edward Olson	31	Lodger	U	labourer	Surrey Horsell
25	Birch	1	William Daborn	37	Head	M	agricultural labourer	Surrey Woking
			Fanny Daborn	35	wife	M		Surrey Horsell
			Mary A Daborn	12	daughter	U		Surrey Horsell
			Fanny Daborn	8	daughter	U		Surrey Horsell
			Rosina Daborn	6	daughter	U		Surrey Horsell
			Minnie Daborn	1	daughter	U		Surrey Horsell

93	Spring Cottage	1	Mary George	48	Head	U		Wilts Salisbury
			Hannah George	42	sister	U		Wilts Salisbury
94	Birch	1	Stephen Daborn	67	Head	M	agricultural labourer	Surrey Horsell
			Emily Daborn	62	wife	M		Surrey Horsell
			James Daborn	40	son	U	agricultural labourer	Surrey Horsell
95	Birch	1	Susannah Gale	59	Head	W	agricultural labourer	Surrey Horsell
			Andrew Gale	12	grandson	U	agricultural labourer	Surrey Horsell
96	Birch	1	Peter Gale	30	Head	M	agricultural labourer	Surrey Horsell
			Mary Gale	27	wife	M		Surrey Horsell
			Susannah Gale	4	daughter	U		Surrey Horsell
			Charles Gale	8d	son	U		Surrey Horsell
97	Birch Elm Cottage	1	Henry Elson	67	Head	W	labourer	Surrey Horsell
			Frank Elson	27	son	M	labourer	Surrey Horsell
			Sarah Elson	28	wife	M		Mile End Stepney
			Alice Elson	4	daughter	U		Surrey Horsell
			Gabriel Elson	11 min	son	U		Surrey Horsell
			Noah Elson	27	brother	U	labourer	Surrey Horsell
			Henry Elson	25	brother	U	labourer	Surrey Horsell
98	Birch Ivy Cottage	1	William Boylett	60	Head	M	labourer	Surrey Woking
			Mrs Boylett	50	wife	M		Surrey Horsell
			William Boylett	15	son	U	labourer	Surrey Horsell
			Charles Boylett	9	son	U	scholar	Surrey Horsell
99		1	William Steer	58	Head	M	carpenter	Surrey Horsell
			Mary Steer	58	Wife	M		Surrey Pirbright
			William Steer	26	son	M	carpenter	Surrey Horsell
			Ann K Steer	28	wife	M		Surrey Horsell
			William Watts	21	nephew	U	carpenter	Surrey Horsell
			Evan G Sherlock	15	visitor	U		Surrey Horsell
100	Birch Road	1	John Watts	48	Head	M	carpenter	Surrey Pirbright
			Mary A Watts	56	wife	M		Surrey Horsell
			Emma M Watts	19	daughter	U		Surrey Horsell
			Albert S Watts	14	son	U	scholar	Surrey Horsell
101	Birch Road	1	Stephen Mant	39	Head	M	labourer	Surrey Horsell
			Emma Mant	40	wife	M		Surrey Woking
102	Horsell Nursery	1	Eliza Cobbett	71	Head	W	co-partner nursery gardener	Surrey Chobham
			Eliza Cobbett	31	daughter	U		Surrey Horsell

			Albert Cobbett	5	grandson	U		Surrey Horsell
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22	Birch	1	Augustus Mills	28	Head	M	dairyman	Surrey Horsell
			Elizabeth Mills	31	wife	M		Hants Tadley
			Arthur Mills	7	son	S	scholar	Surrey Horsell
			Rose Mills	5	daughter	S	scholar	Surrey Horsell
			Elizabeth Mills	2	daughter	S		Surrey Horsell
			Jane Mills	2m	daughter	S		Surrey Horsell
			Nelter Stubbin	2	boarder	S		London
			Ages Arlott	16	servant	S	servant	Hants Tadley
23	Birch	1	Stephen Mant	49	Head	M	labourer	Surrey Horsell
			Emma Mant	50	wife	M		Surrey Woking
24	Birch	1	John Watts	58	Head	M	carpenter	Surrey Chobham
			Mary Ann Watts	65	wife	M		Surrey Horsell
			Albert J Watts	25	son	S	carpenter	Surrey Horsell
			Evan G Shurlock	24	lodger	S	baker	Surrey Horsell
			Emma M Low	29	daughter	M		Surrey Horsell
			John H Low	2	grandson	S		Middlesex Hounslow
25	Birch	1	Arthur Knowles	55	Head	M	nurseryman	Surrey Horsell
	<b>Birch Farm House</b>		Charlotte Knowles	59	wife	M		Surrey Woking
26	Birch	1	William Steer	67	Head	M	builder	Surrey Horsell
	<b>Birch House</b>		Mary Steer	67	wife	M		Surrey Pirbright
			Annie N Steer	9	granddaughter	S		Surrey Horsell
27	Birch	1	Caroline Boylett	65	Head	W		Surrey Witley
	<b>Ivy Cottage</b>		William Boylett	25	son	S	nursery labourer	Surrey Horsell
28	The Birch	1	Frank Elson	34	Head	M	nursery labourer	Surrey Horsell
	<b>Elm Cottage</b>		Sarah Elson	34	wife	M		London Stepney
			Alice M Elson	14	daughter	S	scholar	Surrey Horsell
			Gabriel Elson	11	son	S	scholar	Surrey Horsell
			William M Elson	9	son	S	scholar	Surrey Horsell
			Henry C Elson	7	son	S	scholar	Surrey Horsell
			Rosina Elson	4	daughter	S	scholar	Surrey Horsell
29	The Birch	1	Susan Gale	69	Head	W		Surrey Woking
			Peter Gale	44	son	M	labourer	Surrey Horsell
			Mary Gale	37	wife	M		Surrey Woking
			Susan Gale	14	son	S	scholar	Surrey Horsell

			William Gale	11	son	S	scholar	Surrey Horsell
			Charles Gale	10	son	S	scholar	Surrey Horsell
			John Gale	8	son	S	scholar	Surrey Horsell
			Herbert Gale	3	son	S	scholar	Surrey Horsell
30	The Birch	1	Emily Daborn	73	Head	W		Surrey Horsell
			James Daborn	54	son	S		Surrey Horsell
31	The Birch Vigory	1	Isaac Hampton	37	Head	M		Surrey Byfleet
			Maria Hampton	33	wife	M		Surrey Chobham
			Ellen Hampton	14	daughter	S	scholar	Surrey Moulsey
32	The Birch	1	Mary George	59	Head	S		Wilts Salisbury
	Spring Cottage		Hannah George	52	sister	S	laundry woman	Wilts Salisbury
33	The Birch Vigory	1	James Firfield	67	Head	M	labourer	Hants Headley
			Mary A	56	wife	M		Surrey Chobham
			Mary A Horold	9	boarder	S	scholar	Surrey Woking
			Albert Wittle	9m	boarder	S		Surrey Woking
34		1	Edward Jay	24	Head	M	nursery labourer	Surrey Horsell
			Alice	24	wife	M		Surrey Moulsey
35	The Birch	1	Charles Favell	37	Head	M	labourer	Huntingdon
			Ann Favell	44	wife	M		Surrey Horsell
			Charles Favell	4	son	S	scholar	Surrey Horsell
			Walter Mant	25	son	S	labourer ill	Surrey Horsell
			Rose Mant	12	daughter	S	scholar	Surrey Horsell
			George Mant	10	son	S	scholar	Surrey Horsell
36	The Birch	1	William Steer	37	Head	M	publican	Surrey Horsell
	the Cricketers Inn		Anna N Steer	36	wife	M		Surrey Horsell
			William H Steer	7	son	U	scholar	Surrey Horsell
37	Village Nursery	1	Eliza Cobbett	81	Head	W	living on own means	Surrey Chobham
			Mary A Ottoway	51	daughter	W	dressmaker	Surrey Chobham
			Alice Cobbett	47	daughter	S	dressmaker	Surrey Horsell
			Eliza Cobbett	41	daughter	S	dressmaker	Surrey Horsell
38	Carthouse Lane	1	Annie Agar	44	Head	S	living on her own means	Berks Windsor
			Charlotte Agar	75	mother	W	living on her own means	Berks Shinfield
			Elizabeth Pritchard	68	aunt	W	living on her own means	Wilts Shallowfield

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97	Homestead	1	Charles Osman	25	Head	S	gardener market	Surrey Balham
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98	Horsell Birch	1	Stephen Mant	59	Head	M	labourer on nursery	Horsell
			Emma Mant	60	wife	M		Woking
			James Osborn	60	boarder	S	labourer on nursery	Horsell
99	Birch Farm House	1	Arthur Knowles	63	head	M	nurseryman	Horsell
			Charlotte Knowles	67	wife	M		Knaphill
			Mary C Collyer	32	neice	S	housekeeper	Battersea
100	Horsell Birch	1	James Harding	63	Head	M	labourer -	Chobham
	1 Birch Cottage		Esther Harding	52	wife	M		Woking
			Herbert Harding	27	son	S	labourer nursery	Horsell
			Alfred Harding	20	son	S	carter on nursery	Horsell
			Rosa Harding	13	daughter	S	day nurse	Horsell
			Nelly Harding	10	daughter	S		Horsell
			Winnie Harding	8	daughter	S		Horsell
101	Horsell Birch	1	Maria E Coker	64	Head	W	charwoman	London St Sepulchre
102	Horsell Birch	1	George Larkham	31	Head	M	carter on farm	Dorset Piddleheaton
			Charlotte Larkham	28	wife	M		Dorset Weymouth
			Thomas F Larkham	5	son	S		Dorset Charlton
			Louisa Larkham	3	daughter	S		Dorset Piddletown
			Charles Larkham	11m	son	S		Dorset Piddleheaton
103	The Cricketers Inn	1	William Steer	44	Head	M	licensed victualler	Surrey Horsell
	Horsell Birch		Annie Steer	42	wife	M		Surrey Horsell
			Naomi Steer	19	daughter	S		Surrey Horsell
			Henry Steer	17	son	S	carpenter	Surrey Horsell
			Ruby Steer	9	daughter	S		Surrey Horsell
			Mary Steer	7	daughter	S		Surrey Horsell
104	Horsell Birch	1	Charles Favell	45	Head	M	gardener domestic	Cambs Cambridge
	5 Birch Cottage		Ann Favell	53	wife	M		Surrey Horsell
			Rose Mant	22	stepdaughter	S		Surrey Horsell
			George Mant	20	stepson	S	horseman on farm	Surrey Horsell
			Charles Favell	11	son	S	office boy	Surrey Horsell

			James Daborn	45	boarder	M	navvy on railway	Surrey Horsell
105	Horsell Birch	1	Frederick Langstone	44	Head	M	dealer pigs	Bucks Colnbrook
			Amy Langstone	38	wife	M		London Lambeth
			Lilly Langstone	17	daughter	S		Bucks Colnbrook
			Albert Langstone	14	son	S		Middx Staines
			Willie Langstone	12	son	S		Middx Staines
			Emma Langstone	15	daughter	S	cashier chemist	Middx Staines
106	Horsell Birch	1	Mary Steer	78	Head	W		Surrey Pirbright
			John Watts	69	brother in l	W		Surrey Pirbright
			Albert Watts	33	nephew	S	carpenter	Surrey Horsell
			Emma Lowe	37	niece	M		Surrey Horsell
			Henry Lowe	11	great nephew	S		Middx Hounslow
			John Hammond	48	visitor	M	gardener jobbing	Suffolk Ipswich
107	Horsell Birch	1	Caroline Boylett	77	Head	M		Surrey Stroud
	Ivy Cottage		Charles J Boylett	29	son	S	baker journeyman	Surrey Horsell
108	Horsell Birch	1	Frank Elson	47	Head	M		Surrey Horsell
	Elm Cottage		Sarah Elson	42	wife	M		London Stepney
			Minnie Elson	24	daughter	S		Surrey Horsell
			Florence Elson	13	daughter	S		Surrey Horsell
109	Horsell Birch	1	James Jarrett	45	Head	M	bricklayer	London Clerkenwell
			Amelia Jarrett	42	wife	M		Worcester
			Ivy A Jarrett	9	daughter	S		Kent Sutton at Hone
			James H Jarrett	7	son	S		Kent
			Cyril A Jarrett	6	son	S		Kent
			Joseph Jarrett	3	son	S		Kent
			Manford L Jarrett	1	son	S		Surrey Horsell
110	Vigory Cottage		Albert Watts	34	Head	M	labourer nursery	Surrey Bisley
			Rose Watts	31	wife	M		Hants Tadley
			Annie Watts	8	daughter	S		Surrey Horsell

### 1911 Census

(The transcription of this census is littered with errors but it is possible to identify with a certain degree of certainty the houses in which the people featured in the returns were living. These houses are shown in red in the first column, Dates in red are calculated and not copied from the census returns.)

Birch	98	LAWRENCE	H	M	M	28	1889	bricklayers lab	Surrey	Thames Ditton
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Cottages		Arthur								
Birch Cottage		LAWRENCE Mary	wife	M 5y	F	25	1886		Surrey	Chobham
		LAWRENCE Dennis	s	S	M	3	1908		Surrey	Woking
		LAWRENCE Edith	d	S	F	1	1910		Surrey	Horsell
Horsell Birch	99	CHRISTMAS George	H	M	M	56	1855	market gardener	Hants	
Birch Farm House		CHRISTMAS Elizabeth	wife	M 33y	F	56	1855		London	
		CHRISTMAS Alice	d	S	F	20	1891		Surrey	Woking
1 Birch Cottage	100	HARDING Esther	H	W	F	62	1849		Surrey	Woking
		HARDING George	s	S	M	39	1872	lab	Surrey	Woking
		HARDING William	s	S	M	33	1878	lab	Surrey	Woking
		HARDING Alfred	s	S	M	30	1881	lab	Surrey	Woking
2 Birch Cottages	101	JACKMAN William	H	M	M	26	1885	gen lab	Surrey	Pyrford
		JACKMAN Florence	wife	M 6y	F	23	1888		Surrey	Horsell
		JACKMAN Phyllis	s	S	F	5	1906		Surrey	Horsell
		JACKMAN Alfred	s	S	M	4	1907		Surrey	Horsell
		JACKMAN Frank	s	S	M	2	1909		Surrey	Horsell
		JACKMAN No name given	d	S	F	0	1911		Surrey	Horsell
3 Birch Cottages	102	RAY Charles George	H	M	M	25	1886	cons carter	Hants	Portsmouth
		RAY Mabel Kate	wife	M	F	23	1888		Surrey	Woking
		Ray Mabel Ethel	d	S	F	0	1911		Surrey	Brookwood

<b>Cricketers</b>	103	STEER William	H	M	M	55	1856	publican	Surrey	Horsell Birch
		STEER Ann	wife	M 30y	F	53	1858		Surrey	Horsell village
		STEER Naomi	d	S	F	29	1882	asstg in business	Surrey	Horsell Birch
		STEER Ruby	d	S	F	19	1892	dressmaker		
		STEER May	d	S	F	17	1894	asstg in business		
		ROBINSON William J	lodg	M 23y	F	49	1862	farmers stockman	Surrey	Bisley
<b>5 Birch Cottages</b>	104	FAVELL Ann	H	W	F	65	1846	laundress	Surrey	Horsell Woking
		LEDGER Rose	d v	M	F	32	1879	laundress	Surrey	Horsell
		MANT George	s	S	M	30	1881	domestic gardener	Surrey	Horsell
<b>6 Birch Cottages</b>	105	LANE Thomas Henry	H	M	M	34	1877	gen lab	Worcester	City
		LANE Alice Minnie	wife	M 7y	F	34	1877		Surrey	Horsell
		LANE Harry Thomas Frank	s	S	M	7	1904		Surrey	Horsell
		LANE Norman Murray	s	S	M	4	1907		Surrey	Horsell
		LANE Norah Minnie	d	S	F	2	1909		Surrey	Horsell
<b>Lodgers at 6 above</b>	106	ELSON Harry	H	M	M	27	1884	farm lab	Surrey	Horsell Birch
		ELSON Edith	wife	M	F	24	1887		Anglesey Wales	Menae Bridge
		ELSON Dorothy	d	S	F	1	1910		Surrey	Horsell Moor
<b>Brockhill</b>	107	LAWSON Henry Peter	H	M	M	43	1868	member stock exchange		Northampton
		LAWSON Margaret	d	S	F	1	1910		Surrey	Horsell
		LAWSON Percy Brailsford	br	S	M	42	1869	crown colonial service		Northampton
		NORMAN Eliza	serv	S	F	25	1886	nurse	Surrey	Ottershaw
		WORT Elsie	serv	S	F	26	1885	cook	Hants	No Mans Land
		FARRER Hilda	serv	S	F	15	1896	housemaid	Northants	Sudborough
		TROWBRIDGE	serv	S	F	23	1888	parlourmaid	London	



		Kate								
<b>Brockhill</b>	108	HAMPTON Jim	H	M	M	38	1873	gardener	Surrey	Chobham
<b>Cottage</b>		HAMPTON Helen	wife	M 11y	F	37	1874		London	Lambeth
		HAMPTON Arthur	s	S	M	10	1901	school	Surrey	Chobham
		HAMPTON Horace	s	S	M	8	1903		Surrey	Horsell
<b>1 Heather Cottages</b>	109	SMITHERS Alfred	H	M	M	44	1867	farm lab	Surrey	Chobham
		SMITHERS Ethel	wife	M 14y	F	33	1878		Surrey	Woking
		SMITHERS Florence	d	S	F	11	1900	school	Surrey	Woking
		SMITHERS George	s	S	M	9	1902		Surrey	Woking
		SMITHERS Beatrice	d	S	F	6	1905		Surrey	Woking
<b>2 Heather Cottages</b>	110	TICKNER William	H	M	M	36	1875	nursery lab	Surrey	Chobham
		TICKNER Mary A	wife	M 10y	F	35	1876		Warwick	Leamington
		TICKNER Herbert G	s	S	M	9	1902		Surrey	Chobham
		TICKNER Frank W	s	S	M	7	1904		Surrey	Horsell
		TICKNER James	br	S	M	37	1874	bricklayers lab	Surrey	Chobham
<b>Parley</b>	111	WATTS Alfred	H	M	M	49	1862	farm lab	Surrey	Bisley
<b>Corner Cottage</b>		WATTS Mary Maria	wife	M 25y	F	55	1856		Norfolk	Barton Turfa
		WATTS Henry	s	S	M	19	1892	farm lab	Surrey	Horsell
<b>Birch House</b>	112	LEE George	H	M	M	68	1843	stableman	Sussex	Horsham
		LEE Matilda	wife	M 37y	F	54	1857	laundress	Surrey	Windesham
		HUNT Esther	niece	S	F	21	1890	sorter & packer	Surrey	Englefield Green
		CROUCHER Ada	serv	S	F	22	1889	gen servant	Surrey	Corking?
		SMITH Alfred	bdr	S	M	22	1889	carman	Surrey	Chobham

		THOMPSON Gladys	nurse child	S	F	12	1899	school	Surrey	Woking
Ivy Cottage	113	BOYLETT Charles	H	M	M	39	1872	baker	Surrey	Horsell
		BOYLETT Amelia	wife	M 9y	F	37	1874		Dorset	Maudford
		BOYLETT Charles Alfred Percy	s	S	M	8	1903	school	Surrey	Horsell
Elm Cottage	114	ELSON Frank	H	M	M	56	1855	nursery lab	Surrey	Horsell
		ELSON Sarah	wife	M 35y	F	53	1858		Surrey	Horsell
		ELSON Frank jnr	s	S	M	30	1881	nursery lab	Surrey	Horsell
		ELSON William	s	S	M	28	1883	nursery lab	Surrey	Horsell
	115	JERRETT James	H	M		55	1856	bricklayer	London	Clerkenwell
		JERRETT Amelia	wife	M 20y		52	1859	domestic servant		Worcester
		JERRETT Ivy	d	S		19	1891	domestic servant	Kent	Sutton at Home
		JERRETT Joseph	s	S		13	1904	schoolboy	Kent	Sutton at Home
		JERRETT Monford Lewis	s	S		11	1906	schoolboy	Surrey	Horsell
		WATTS Albert	lodg	S		43	1868	house painter	Surrey	horsell
Spring Cottage	116	HUTH Frederick Lionel	H	M	M	31	1880	Japanese & Chinese Merchant	Somerset	Bath
		HUTH Constance Ruby	wife	M 4y	F	25	1886		London	Balham
		HUTH Ferdinard William Kelsall	s	S	M	3	1908		Middx	Ashford
		HUTH Percival	s	S	M	1	1910		Surrey	Horsell
		TOWNSEND Emily Matilda	serv	M 19y	F	45	1866	cook	Oxon	Ascott under Witchwood
		MARTIN Gertrude Emily	serv	S	F	16	1895	housemaid	Surrey	Chobham

		BANKS Mary Ethel	serv	S	F	28	1883	nurse	Hants	Alton
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### Appendix B Woking News & Mail Directories - Horsell Birch

The following list shows the present day houses on Horsell Birch running in positional order from Little Heath on Littlewick Road to Parley adjacent to Littlewick Road almost opposite Squires.

Little Heath	entry on Littlewick Road
Lone Oak	entry on Littlewick Road
Spring Cottage	entry on Littlewick Road
The Elms	
Birch End	
Appletrees	
St Davids	
Holly Cottage	
Ferland Cottage	
The Willow	
Swincombe	
Ridge View	
Lynton	
Coppelia	
Wicken	
Silverwood	
Brambledene	
Elm Cottage	
Ivy Cottage	
Mill End	
Rusper House	
Fairlight Cottage	
Balgownie	
Polzeath	
Westholme	
Dappledene	
Windover	
Birch House	
Birch Farm House	
Silver Birches	

Birch Cottages	1 & 2
The Cricketers	
Birch Cottages	3 & 4 solid two storey probably Victorian house
Brock Hill Lodge	Probably Brock Cottage with Brock Hill demolished
Heather Cottages	Heather Cottages were probably the present day Heather Cottage at the Claydon Road end of the group and its semi detached partner, Avoca
Avocat	
Belmont	formerly Forton
Swinton Cottage	These three houses remain today and are in the group between Claydon Road and Littlewick Road.
Ranworth	
Parley Cottage	Parley Cottage is adjacent to Littlewick Road

The following houses unfortunately are not in order ie a house shown adjacent to another house in this list is not necessarily next door to that other house:

1919	The Birch	Steer W
		Harding W
	Birch Nursery	Christmas G
	Birch House	Lee Mrs A
		Boylett C
	Elm Cottage	Elson William
		Jerrett J
	Birch Lodge	Prendergast-Arnold G
	Lone Oak	Tull AH
	Whitegates	Hine G
	Birch Cottages	Harding Mrs
		Jackman William
	Myrtle Cottage	Hicks Mrs
	The Cricketers	Daborn A
	Birch Cottages	Favell Mrs
		Lane Mrs
	Brockhill	Lawton HP
	Brock Cottage	Hampton J
	Heather Cottages	1, Smithers A
		2.Tickner W
		3.Watts A

1921	The Birch	Steer W
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		Harding W
	Birch Nursery	Christmas G
	Birch House	Lee Mrs A
		Boylett C
	Elm Cottage	Elson William
		Jerrett J
	Birch Lodge	Prendergast-Arnold G
	Lone Oak	Tull AH
	Whitegates	Hine G
	Birch Cottages	Harding Mrs
		Jackman William
	Myrtle Cottage	Hicks Mrs
	The Cricketers	Daborn A
	Birch Cottages	Favell Mrs
		Lane Mrs
	Brockhill	Lawton HF
	Brock Cottage	Hampton J
	Heather Cottages	1, Smithers A
		2.Tickner W
		3.Watts A

1922	The Birch	Steer W
		Harding W
	Birch Nursery	Christmas G
	Birch House	Lee Mrs A
		Boylett C
	Elm Cottage	Elson William
		Jerrett J
	Spring Cottage	Jones BE
	Birch Lodge	Prendergast-Arnold G
	Lone Oak	Brumfit TB
	Whitegates	Hine G
	Birch Cottages	Harding Mrs
		Jackman William
	Myrtle Cottage	Hicks Mrs
	The Cricketers	Daborn A
	Birch Cottages	Favell Mrs
		Lane Mrs

	Brockhill	Lawton HF
	Brock Cottage	Hampton J
	Heather Cottages	1, Smithers A
		2. Tickner W
		3. Watts A

1923	The Birch	Steer W
		Harding W
	Birch Nursery	Christmas G
	Birch House	Lee Mrs A
		Boylett C
	Elm Cottage	Elson William
		Jerrett J
	Spring Cottage	Jones BE
	Birch Lodge	Prendergast-Arnold G
	Lone Oak	Brumfit TB
	Whitegates	Hine G
	Birch Cottages	Harding Mrs
		Jackman William
	Myrtle Cottage	Hicks Mrs
	The Cricketers	Daborn A
	Birch Cottages	Mant G
		Lane Mrs
	Brockhill	Lawton HF
	Brock Cottage	Hampton J
	Heather Cottages	1, Smithers A
		2. Tickner W
		3. Watts A

1924/5	The Birch	Steer W
		Harding W
	Birch Nursery	Christmas G
	Birch House	Lee Mrs A
		Boylett C
	Elm Cottage	Elson William
		Jerrett J
	Spring Cottage	Jones BE
	Birch Lodge	Prendergast-Arnold G
	Lone Oak	Brumfit TB

	Whitegates	Hine G
	Birch Cottages	Harding Mrs
		Jackman William
	Myrtle Cottage	Hicks Mrs
	The Cricketers	Daborn A
	Birch Cottages	Mant G
		Lane Mrs
	Brockhill	Lawton HF
	Brock Cottage	Hampton J
	Heather Cottages	1, Smithers A
		2.Tickner W
		3.Watts A

1925/6	The Birch	Steer W
		Harding W
	Birch Nursery	Christmas G
	Birch House	Steer WH
		Boylett C
	Elm Cottage	Elson William
		Jerrett J
	Spring Cottage	Jones BE
	Lone Oak	Brumfit TB
	Whitegates	Hine G
	Birch Cottages	Harding W
		Jackman William
	Myrtle Cottage	Hicks Mrs
	The Cricketers	Daborn A
	Birch Cottages	Mant G
		Lane Mrs
	Brockhill	Lawton HP
	Brock Cottage	Hampton J
	Heather Cottages	1, Smithers A
		2.Woodger HJ
		3.Watts A
	Swinton Cottage	Maslin GE
	Ranworth	Watts G

1926/7	The Birch	Steer W
		Harding W

	Birch Nursery	Christmas G
	Birch House	Steer WH
		Boylett C
	Elm Cottage	Elson William
		Jerrett J
	Spring Cottage	Jones BE
	Lone Oak	Brumfit TB
	Whitegates	Hine G
	Birch Cottages	Harding W
		Jackman William
	Myrtle Cottage	Hicks Mrs
	The Cricketers	Daborn A
	Birch Cottages	Mant G
		Lane Mrs
	Brockhill	Lawton HP
	Brock Cottage	Hampton J
	Heather Cottages	1, Smithers A
		2. Woodger HJ
		3. Watts A
	Swinton Cottage	Maslin GE
	Ranworth	Watts H

1927/8	The Birch	Steer W
		Harding W
	Birch Nursery	Christmas G
	Birch House	Steer WH
		Boylett Mrs C
	Elm Cottage	Elson William
		Jerrett J
	Spring Cottage	Jones BE
	Lone Oak	Brumfit TB
	Whitegates	Hine Mrs G
	Birch Cottages	Harding W
		Jackman William
	Myrtle Cottage	Hicks Mrs
	The Cricketers	Foster TH
	Birch Cottages	Mant G
		Lane Mrs
	Brockhill	Lawton HP



	Brock Cottage	Hampton J
	Heather Cottages	1, Smithers A
		2. Woodger HJ
		3. Watts A
	Swinton Cottage	Maslin GE
	Ranworth	Watts H

1928/9	The Birch	Steer W
		Harding W
	Birch Nursery	Christmas A
	Birch House	Steer WH
		Boylett Mrs C
	Elm Cottage	Elson William
		Jerrett J
	Spring Cottage	Jones BE
	Lone Oak	Ansell Mrs K
	Whitegates	G..... Geoffrey
	Birch Cottages	Harding W
		Jackman William
	Myrtle Cottage	Hicks Mrs
	The Cricketers	Foster TH
	Birch Cottages	Mant G
		Lane Mrs
	Brockhill	Lawton HP
	Brock Cottage	Hampton J
	Heather Cottages	1, Smithers A
		2. Woodger HJ
	Swinton Cottage	Maslin G
	Ranworth	Watts H
	Parley Cottage	Watts A

1929/30	The Birch	Steer W
		Harding W
	Birch Nursery	vacant
	Birch House	Steer WH
	Balgowne	Thayer EJ
	Bridgate	Poulton L
	Fairlight Cottage	Hine Mrs ME
	Mill End	Hine Mrs E

		Boylett Mrs C
	Elm Cottage	Elson William
		Jerrett J
	Spring Cottage	Turnbull AL
	Lone Oak	Ansell Mrs K
	Whitegates	Grailing. Geoffrey
	Birch Cottages	Harding W
		Jackman William
	Myrtle Cottage	Hicks Mrs
	The Cricketers	Foster TH
	Birch Cottages	Mant G
		Lane Mrs
	Brockhill	Lawton HP
	Brock Cottage	Hampton J
	Heather Cottages	1, Smithers A
		2. Woodger HJ
	Swinton Cottage	Maslin G
	Ranworth	Watts H
	Parley Cottage	Watts A

1930/31	The Birch	Steer W
		Harding W
	Birch Nursery	vacant
	Birch House	Steer WH
	Balgowne	Thayer EJ
	Bridgate	Poulton L
	Fairlight Cottage	Hine Mrs ME
	Mill End	Hine Mrs E
		Boylett Mrs C
	Elm Cottage	Elson William
		Jerrett J
	Spring Cottage	Turnbull AL
	Lone Oak	Ansell Mrs K
	Whitegates	Grinling. Geoffrey
	Birch Cottages	Harding W
		Jackman William
	Myrtle Cottage	Hicks Mrs
	The Cricketers	Foster TH
	Birch Cottages	Mant G

		Lane Mrs
	Brockhill	Lawton HP
	Brock Cottage	Hampton J
	Heather Cottages	1, Smithers A
		2. Woodger HJ
	Swinton Cottage	Maslin G
	Ranworth	Watts H
	Parley Cottage	Watts A

1931/32	The Birch	Steer W
		Harding W
	Birch Nursery	Colman R
	Birch House	Steer WH
	Balgowne	Thayer EJ
	Bridgate	Poulton L
	Fairlight Cottage	Hine Mrs ME
	Mill End	Hine Mrs E
		Boylett Mrs C
	Elm Cottage	Elson William
		Jerrett J
	Spring Cottage	Turnbull AL
	Lone Oak	Ansell Mrs K
	Whitegates	Grailing. Geoffrey
	Birch Cottages	Harding W
		Jackman William
	Court Cottage	Silk AC
	Myrtle Cottage	Hicks Mrs
	The Cricketers	Foster TH
	Birch Cottages	Mant G
		Lane Mrs
	Brockhill	vacant
	Brock Cottage	vacant
	Heather Cottages	1, Smithers A
		2. Woodger HJ
	Swinton Cottage	Maslin G
	Ranworth	Watts H
	Parley Cottage	Watts A

1932/3	The Birch	Steer W
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		Harding W
	Birch Farm	Colman Mrs W
	Birch House	Steer WH
	Balgowne	Thayer EJ
	Haldene	Francis AE
	Bridgate	Poulton L
	Fairlight Cottage	Hine Mrs ME
	Mill End	Hine Mrs E
		Boylett Mrs C
	Elm Cottage	Elson William
		Jerrett J
	Spring Cottage	Turnbull AL
	Lone Oak	Ansell Mrs K
	Whitegates	Rae RF
	Birch Cottages	Harding W
		Jackman William
	Court Cottage	Silk AC
	Myrtle Cottage	Hicks W
	The Cricketers	Foster TH
	Birch Cottages	Mant G
		Lane Mrs
	Brockhill	vacant
	Brock Cottage	Roche Mrs LW
	Heather Cottages	1, Smithers A
		2. Woodger HJ
	Swinton Cottage	Maslin G
	Ranworth	Watts H
	Parley Cottage	Watts A

1935	The Birch	Steer W
		Harding W
	Birch Farm	Colman Mrs W
	Birch House	Steer WH
	Westholme	Heaves AH
	Balgowne	Thayer EJ
	Haldene	Francis AE
	Bridgate	Poulton L
	Fairlight Cottage	Hine Mrs ME
	Mill End	Jones WA

		Boylett Mrs C
	Elm Cottage	Elson William
		Jerrett J
	Spring Cottage	Turnbull AL
	Lone Oak	Andras Lt Col JB
	Whitegates	Rae RF
	Birch Cottages	Harding Miss W
		Jackman William
	Court Cottage	Silk AC
	Myrtle Cottage	Hicks W
	The Cricketers	Foster TH
	Birch Cottages	Mant G
		Lane H
	Brockhill	Redington-Roche Mrs LE
	Brock Cottage	Vickery WA
	Heather Cottages	1, Smithers A
		2. Woodger HJ
	Forton	Bond B
	Swinton Cottage	Maslin G
	Ranworth	Watts H
	Parley Cottage	Watts A

1936	The Birch	Steer W
	Birch Farm	Colman Mrs RA
	Birch House	Steer WH
	Windover	Sheppey MW
	Westholme	Heaves AH
	Balgowne	Thayer EJ
	Bridgate	Poulton L
	Fairlight Cottage	Hine AG
	Mill End	Jones WA
		Boylett Mrs C
	Elm Cottage	Elson William
		Jerrett J
	Little Heath	Grose SJ
	Spring Cottage	Turnbull AL
	Lone Oak	Andras Lt Col JB
	Whitegates	Rae RF
	Birch Cottages	Harding Miss W

		Warren FJ
		Jackman William
	Court Cottage	Silk AC
	Myrtle Cottage	Hicks W
	The Cricketers	Foster TH
	Birch Cottages	Mant G
		Lane H
	Brockhill	Slocock W Ashley
	Brock Cottage	Timms E
	Heather Cottages	1, Smithers A
		2. Woodger HJ
	Swinton Cottage	Binstead FA
	Ranworth	Watts H
	Parley Cottage	Watts A

1937	The Birch	Steer W
		Daborn W
	Birch Farm	Colman Mrs RA
	Birch House	Steer WH
	Windover	Sheppey MW
	Westholme	Heaves AH
	Balgowne	Thayer EJ
	Haldene	Kent O
	Bridgate	Poulton L
	Fairlight Cottage	Hine AG
	Mill End	Jones WA
		Boylett Mrs C
	Ivy Cottage	Osgood PW
	Elm Cottage	Elson William
		Jerrett J
	Little Heath	Grose SJ
	Dorelyst	Turner AR
	Spring Cottage	Turnbull AL
	Lone Oak	Andras Lt Col JB
	Whitegates	Rae RF
	Birch Cottages	Harding Miss W
		Warren FJ
		Jackman William
	Court Cottage	Silk AC

	Myrtle Cottage	Hicks W
	The Cricketers	Foster TH
	Birch Cottages	Mant G
		Lane H
	Brockhill	Slocock W Ashley
	Brock Cottage	Timms E
	Duhollow	Hamilton Maj CB
	Heather Cottages	1, Smithers A
		2. Woodger HJ
	Forton	Bond B
	Swinton Cottage	Joyce EW
	Ranworth	Watts H
	Parley Cottage	Watts A

1938	The Birch	Steer W
		Daborn W
	Birch Farm	Colman Mrs RA
		Edwards EA
	Birch House	Steer WH
	Windover	Sheppey MW
	Westholme	Heaves AH
	Balgowne	Thayer EJ
	Haldene	Moeler CG
	Bridgate	Poulton L
	Fairlight Cottage	Hine AG
	Rusper House	Austin CG
	Ridge View	Twitchen PW
	Swincombe	Pearce PG
	The Elms	JH Jarrett
	Mill End	Jones WA
		Boylett Mrs C
	Ivy Cottage	Osgood PW
	Elm Cottage	Elson William
		Jerrett J
	Little Heath	Grose SJ
	Spring Cottage	Randolph CG
	Lone Oak	Andras Lt Col JB
	Whitegates	Rae RF
	Birch Cottages	Harding Miss W

		Warren FJ
		Jackman William
	Court Cottage	Silk AC
	Myrtle Cottage	Hicks W
	The Cricketers	Foster TH
	Birch Cottages	Mant G
		Lane H
	Brockhill	Slocock W Ashley
	Brock Cottage	Timms E
	Heather Cottages	1, Smithers A
		2. Woodger HJ
	Forton	Bond B
	Swinton Cottage	Sibley H
	Ranworth	Watts H
	Parley Cottage	-

1948	The Birch	Steer W
		Daborn W
	Birch House	Noble DC
	Windover	Sheppey MW
	Westholme	Heaves AH
	Balgowne	Thayer EJ
	Haldene	Moeler CG
	Polneath	Steele HD
	Fairlight Cottage	Knott FH
	Rusper House	Austin CG
	Mill End	Jones WA
	Ivy Cottage	Osgood PW
	Elm Cottage	Elson William
	New House	Prescott F
	Tara	Connolly C
	Ridge View	Longmore Mrs AE
	Swincombe	Pearce PG
	St Davids	Tickner AV
	Dorelyst	?????
	The Elms	JH Jarrett
	Spring Cottage	Randolph CG
	Lone Oak	Hunt V
	Little Heath	Grose SJ



	Birch Cottages	Steer Miss AN
		Jackman William
	Birch Farm	Colman Mrs WR
		Edwards EA
	Court Cottage	Silk AC
	Myrtle Cottage	Hicks Mrs W
	The Cricketers	Foster TH
	Birch Cottages	Mant G
		Lane H
	Brockhill	Slocock W Ashley
	Brock Cottage	Timms E
	Nuthallow	Swift A
	Heather Cottages	1, Warren FJ
		2. Woodger HJ
	Forton	Rose JC
	Swinton Cottage	Sibley H
	Ranworth	Sayer GP
	Parley Cottage	Watts H

## Appendix C – The Cricketers Inn – Images



1. Front elevation of the Cricketers



2. Rear elevation of the Cricketers showing the brick encased old cottage



3. Old print showing position of original front door (*image The Lightbox*)



4. North side of the old cottage showing the original front wall



5. Inside the cottage with the partitioning removed and replaced by an imported post



6. Slots for removed partitioning



7. Inside view of original cottage north wall





8. Lambs tongue stop



9. Curved stop in bar



10. Possible stair space in bar.



11. Inside of stair wall, possibly east end of original cottage.



12. Outside of stair wall



13. Corner post of the original cottage temporarily revealed at the rear



14. Brickwork at front showing extension to the east



15. Single storey extension on the west side





16. Inside of extension showing three beams.

### Appendix D – Edward Ryde Map

Edward Ryde's parish valuation of Horsell was published in 1851. There is a note in Edward Ryde's diaries at Surrey History Centre (1262) in 1851 under the heading of Tenders, (*with Jn. Wells of Addlestone*) for survey of *Horsell, accepted (8 & 12 Feb.); terms (4 March)* and under General Interest, *walks bounds of Horsell (18 Feb.)* and *copies Horsell section of Basingstoke Canal Co,' map (12 July)*. In 1852, again under General Interest, there is an entry *newly erected National School at Horsell added to map (17 March)*.

The map which covers the whole of the original parish including Knaphill has been split into 17 separate sheets plus a further map of the entire parish showing the area covered by each split sheet. In addition a Book of Reference provides detailed information about all the various fields and buildings in the parish - owner, occupant, unique plot number, description, use and area in acres, roods and poles.

Local historian John Craig has transcribed the Book of Reference and there is a pdf copy on the WSFHS\*'s website [www.wsfhs.org/publications.htm](http://www.wsfhs.org/publications.htm). The individual map sheets, however, can only be viewed at the Surrey History Centre (6158/11/188-9). The relevant sheets for Horsell Birch are No.8 for Birch Cottage, Birch House and Elm Cottage & Ivy Cottage and No.11 for Birch Farm House and the Cricketers. The last two properties are on an island site surrounded by Bulbeggars Lane, Tracious Lane and Horsell Birch at the extreme top right corner of the sheet.

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### **Appendix E - Domestic Buildings Research Group (Surrey) DRGB**

Domestic Buildings Research Group (Surrey) are an independent group of volunteers - founded in 1970 - engaged in the study and recording of traditional domestic architecture.

They study, by invitation, old houses, cottages and other domestic and farm buildings, mainly in Surrey, and have recorded over 4,000 buildings. Each owner receives a report consisting of scale drawings and sketches of the structural and decorative features of the building, together with a page or two of comments on its origin and developments. The report is free of charge but the Group are grateful for small donations to help with the costs of photocopying, stationery and their publications fund.

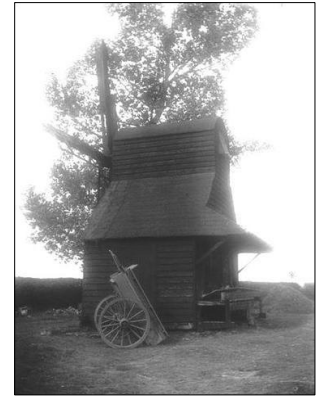
Their reports are not published, but copies are deposited in the National Buildings Record of the Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England at Swindon, and also in the Surrey History Centre at Woking on closed access (i.e. not available to the public).

The Group works closely with the Surrey Archaeological Society Historic Buildings Conservation Committee and also with local societies and encourages the production of local histories.

[www.dbrg.org.uk](http://www.dbrg.org.uk)

## Appendix F – Horsell’s windmill

There does not seem to be much doubt there was a windmill at Horsell. The problem is that there does not seem to be that much reliable information about the structure. The two available sources appear to be the Muggeridge image *F186675 Horsell Post Mill* of the mill taken in 1904, the property of the University of Kent and an extract from *The Windmills of Surrey and Inner London* by *KG Farries and MT Mason* dated 1966. The image and the information contained in the extract can be found in publications but often without any indication of from where this originates.



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The mill was erected on the site now occupied by the house Mill End in Horsell Birch – not Viggory Lane – by the Street family. The construction is said to have lacked the hallmark of a professional millwright. The mill would have been used by the Steers in their business of carpenters and builders and it is thought that the efficiency of the little mill would have been low.

The first trace of the Steer family in the Horsell parish registers is at the start of the 18<sup>th</sup> century when the baptism of the children of Henry Steer are registered between 1701 and 1714. The family, as soon as occupations are noted in the registers, are described as carpenters. Although it has been suggested that James and John Steer and Isaac Steer and his son Reuben might have been connected with the construction and use of the mill, it would have been more likely for the branch of the family living in Horsell Birch to have been involved. An account of this branch has been given earlier on page 10. It is said that in the last active days of the mill, this was run by William Steer. It may have survived in a derelict condition until 1910.

## Appendix G – Sources

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