

WANBOROUGH BREWERY & THE OLD MALTHOUSE.

The brewery was situated alongside the Harrow Inn on the site now occupied by The Maltings development, to which it gave the name. It was built before 1871 by the Deacon family, who farmed in Wanborough. The exact date of construction is not recorded but it is listed in the 1871 census when it was owned by H J Deacon, brewer, who employed 3 men and a boy (Backhouse, 1992).

Sale particulars dated 1899 offer for sale the Harrow Inn, Old Malthouse and brewery premises, and a close of rich pasture land (now the site of Manor Orchard) containing a 'well of pure water', which was piped to the Old Malthouse, the brewery, and the Harrow Inn.

Sometime later, The Old Malthouse was bought by a teetotaler who was unhappy with the house name. He arranged to exchange house names with Yew Tee Cottage next door, purportedly for a bottle of whisky! So the former Old Malthouse is now known as Yew Tree Cottage, and the former Yew Tree Cottage, which still has the yew tree in the garden, is now known as the Old Malthouse.

The present Old Malthouse was the site of Wanborough Post Office when the photograph below was taken in 1925.

