

TALES OF CATISFIELD - Drinking in Catisfield

Topic 4

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Drinking in Catisfield



The Railway Inn



It reverted back to
The Fisherman's
Rest

Where was The Railway Inn?

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know as The Fisherman's Rest.

Actually it was what we

Part of the C18th terrace of cottages opposite Titchfield Abbey became a pub, sometime before 1868 (first press report of a fight...)

Late 1800s the inn-keeper, John West, renamed it to The Railway Inn

Doubtless to attract the Navvies working on the Fareham-Southampton Railway. (which opened 1889).

Name changed back when they moved on

CLICK for postcard . [as it once was - with right-hand cottage still occupied]

RAILWAY INN

- Named to attract the Navvies working on the Fareham-Southampton Railway
- BUT – there could have been a different Railway running to the SOUTH of Titchfield, so they would have lived, and drunk, elsewhere.



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for map

Actually appeared on some maps, but eventually built where is today.

Could have had a 'Ranvilles Lane' station.....

Lesson: don't trust everything in old maps....

WINE STORES

1957 Catisfield Superstores shop opened (with flatlets above)
1958 Discount Wine Store opened in the Superstore (owned by Dickie Downes, run by Daphne Downes then aged 15)
This was in the early days of discounting of alcohol, before the supermarkets majored on drink. People came from many miles around - Catisfield was famous for the Wine Stores.
1973 Catisfield Hotel built with large new Wine Stores forming ground floor.
1990 Wine Store close



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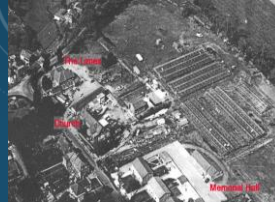
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Superstore on right. Hotel rear.

Initially a reasonable quality business hotel (no Premier Inns those days). With 'Les Routiers' restaurant.

The Limes

- 1955: Catisfield Country Club opened by Dickie Downes (in the house called The Limes).
- 1962: Catisfield Country Club becomes the "Limes Hotel".
- And in due course became just a freehouse pub known as "The Limes at Catisfield".
- When a Function Room was added on the south end of The Limes, the pub was quite a major community facility for Catisfield and the area.
- Over many years The Limes served many excellent 'real ales' (often six at any one time) and was regularly recognised in the national annual publication "The Good Beer Guide"
- August 2013: The Limes closes for the last time. February 2014 - The Limes is demolished....



- Dickie bought the house to run the 60,000 square feet of greenhouses. Hillview Nurseries.
"When he discovered how big this house really is, he decided to turn it into a club."
- As the Catisfield Country Club, it just grew and grew until it had about 2,500 members".

CLICK for Function Room / beer. Run from 1986 by Darryl Downes. r

eg: Fareham Chess Club; Bridge Club twice a week; The Fareham Lions, a chess club, Austin 7 owners club, vintage motorcycle club, folk club, etc etc Plus the renowned Petanque Club.

After nearly 30 years of attempts to get planning permission for redevelopment of the adjoining rundown 'Hinton' Hotel site, it was achieved - with the inclusion this time of the Limes itself too.

CATISFIELD COUNTRY CLUB

- Originally in The Limes. Didn't always obey licencing laws etc exactly....
- 1958 – A notorious raid by 20 Police Officers – 63 people arrested at midnight, charged with gaming
- 1963: In May Mr Dicky Downes bought the nearby deconsecrated Tin Tabernacle, St Columba, built in 1891, and opened the building as the '106 Country Club' run as a night club.
- All sorts of acts are said to have performed there - eg Gerry and the Pacemakers, Kathy Kirby, Ronnie Hilton
- 1979: The '106 Country Club' closed. The running had been leased to a Hugh Curtis. The standards of the club had deteriorated.
- 1992: The Tabernacle was demolished



CLICK To start. Midnight Raid meant a Magistrate was dragged out of bed, all the people processed, then ferried back to the Limes.

CLICK for Tabernacle

And many 'celebrity' visitors. Aussie Test Team.

CLICK for Demolition

THE HEATHFIELD

- Was called Heathfield House
- WW2 - a 'Wrennery'
- 1946-56 - Lysses Senior School (boys day and boarding)
- derelict in late 60s and early 70s
- Heathfield Manor pub/rest
- Toby Jug carvery;
- American Ribs n Wings restaurant TJs Ribs;
- Now Beefeater Oast & Squire pub/rest



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for photo1 It was one of the 'Big Houses' of Catisfield

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for photo2

To conclude.....

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