

Busk Coffee Shop, Sandringham Street

The owner of Busk kindly allowed Chris Rainger of FFH, to take notes from the original deeds for purchase of the land where the shop was built.

Here are some snippets:

Dated 3rd March 1869. Price £180

Between the vendor; Ambrose Walker and Thomas Tittensor, baker.

Plot of land defined as;

Bounded to the south by the Lighthorseman, to the north by the newly built Sandringham Street, and to the west, other land being part of the Fishergate House estate belonging to Ambrose Walker.

Ambrose Walker had bought the Fishergate House estate in June 1868 from Maria and Eliza Laycock, spinsters, then of Winkfield, (near Windsor) Berkshire.

A condition of the purchase was that Tittensor was not to erect more than 2 dwelling houses or shops without the written consent of Ambrose Walker.

Also, Tittensor was to pay for making ½ of Sandringham St. in front of his plot to a standard approved by surveyors of the Local Board of Health.



Woolgrove's Bakery, which followed Tittensor's



Sandringham Street c.1910

Note that the Baker and Confectioner lettering is the same as on the Woolgrove picture, above, but the shop was still Tittensor's at this time



Fishergate Shops c.1910

Note that only the corner shop and the next three, have 'proper' shop fronts.

Also, the bicycle is parked on the roadside kerb, and there is a small step onto the forecourt of the properties. This is still visible today, along with the worn stones where the garden gates used to be.

Kelly's 1925 directory list from the left; Mrs Alice Sutton, Draper; Anthony Thomas Howell, Fruiterer and Greengrocer; Samuel Thomas Fairey, Bootmaker; James Edward Trendall, News Agent and Stationer; Frederick Brown & Son, Tailors; Frederick Ernest Anfield, Watch Maker; Robert Peckitt, Fruiter



Jim Helsby outside his wonderful beer, wine and cheese shop



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