

Part 4 Buildings

4.1 The Head Post Office at Epsom

Year	Source	Name	Comments
1823/24	Pigot's	J.L. Jaquet	Agent for Sun Fire Office
1826/7	'	John L. Jaquet	Agent for Sun Fire Office
1832/33	'	John Lewis Jaquet	Agent for Sun Fire Office
1839/40	'	John Lewis Jaquet	Agent for Sun Fire Office
1841	Census	John L. Jaquet (Aged 75)	High Street
1845,47	PO Directory of the 6 Home Counties	William Chase Morrish Andrews	Brickmaker & Clerical & Medical Ass. Agent
1851	Census	Wm. C.M. Andrews (aged 50)	High Street
1853	Kelly's	W.C.M. Andrews	
1855	PO Directory of the 6 Home Counties	William Chase Morrish Andrews	Bricklayer & Builder, & Insurance Agent
1859	Kelly's	Mrs. Lucy Andrews	Bookseller, Stationer & Printer
1861	Census	Lucy W Andrews (aged 51)	Stationer
1862,67	Kelly's	Mrs. Lucy Welby Andrews	
1871	Census	Lucy W. Andrews (Aged 62)	Bookseller
1872,74,78	Kelly's	Mrs. Lucy Welby Andrews	High Street
1881	Census		
1882	Kelly's	Mrs. Lucy Welby Andrews	High Street
1895,99	Andrews' Epsom Directory	Miss Mary Anne Andrews	High Street
1905, 07, 09, 11, 13	Kelly's	William Charles Meade	
1915, 18	Kelly's	David George Meadows	High Street
1922	Kelly's	William Thompson	
1924	Kelly's	Thomas Chaplin	High Street
1926, 27, 28, 29	Kelly's & Epsom Directory	T.T. Champion	High Street
1930,34	Epsom Directory	Capt. A.J. Lord, DSO, MC	High Street
1938,40	Epsom Directory	J.P. Allcott	74 High Street
1950,56	Epsom & Ewell Directory	R. Mackenzie	74 High Street

4.2 The Post Offices of Epsom

Head Post Office in High Street c. 1870, at Andrews Builders, now 78 High Street, site of covered market.



New Head Post Office in High Street, opened in 1897, now 74 High Street



74 High Street extended southwards in 1930s. Re-designated Branch Office when Head Office moved to 18 East Street in 1956



Epsom Post Office c.1907



Newspaper Cutting – Saturday January 29, 1898

‘NEW POST OFFICE AT EPSOM

Few if any towns of its size in Surrey can equal or surpass Epsom in the matter of postal accommodation now the new Post Office in the High Street has been completed. The new building is a credit to the town, and an ornament to the High Street, and Epsomians should feel proud of it. For years there has been a manifest want of a better Post Office and it is a marvel how the Epsom staff have been able to carry out their arduous duties in the old office despite its occasional enlargements. The accommodation for the public was not by any means what it should have been, so that they were in the same position as the unfortunate workers. All this will now be remedied, we are happy to state, when the new office is opened on Monday. Public departments are proverbially hard to move, and the General Post Office have been a long time making up their mind over the new office, but thanks to the quiet perseverance and persistence of the postmistress, Miss Andrews, and her brother, Mr. J. Andrews, our well-known townsman, they finally gave way to their representations, and today we have completed that splendid building in the vicinity of the Clock Tower that will for generations to come be a credit to the General Post Office and to the town. The office is admirably situated in the centre of the town, being convenient for all parts, and occupies a site on which stood a few old and tumble-down cottages ere they were removed to make way for the new edifice. The new office is built in the early Tudor style, with red bricks and Bath stone, the heavy mullioned windows and ornamental parts, being all in Bath stone. The public office is a most spacious one, and is well lighted and possesses every modern convenience. It may be thought that its dimensions are large, but it must not be forgotten that in the rush at race times all the available space will be required. The buildings throughout have been built to meet the extraordinary rush during the spring and summer race meetings, and this will, perhaps, account for the ample accommodation provided. The public office on the ground floor is entered by two wide entrances from the street, guarded by oak-panelled doors when not open, and in office hours there are the usual glass swing doors. The office is 40ft. by 20ft., and the counter of mahogany runs the whole length. It is well lighted with incandescent lights, and there are nine telegraph compartments for writing messages, and a huge letter box projecting into the office, with the usual place for slipping in the letters both outside and in. the floor on the public side of the counter is neatly tiled in red, and on the wall is the usual official notice board. Behind the counter there is every convenience for the clerks to carry on their work with dispatch and comfort. The floor is wood blocked. There are plenty of drawers and cupboards for the stock, a couple of safes, and no less than 18 tills, for the pressure weeks. There is a cage for registered letters, money-order boxes, and numerous other conveniences, including a shoot for sending the telegraphic messages up to the operating room above.

Behind the public office is the sorting room, &c. This is approached by a passage from the High Street, by the side of the office, and this prevents mails and heavy parcels, post baskets &c., being taken through the office. The sorting room is 50ft. by 30ft., a lofty well ventilated room, with windows in the roof, serving both the purpose of lighting and ventilation. Here we find every appliance made to meet a sudden outbreak of fire; fire buckets and other requisites being provided. A large sorting-table is placed conveniently to the apparatus for stamping the letters, &c., and from thence they can easily be handed to the postmen to again sort for distribution in the district. Provision is made for accommodating 26 postmen, who each have their compartment with a swing seat, on which to sit down to their work. There are eight compartments for the sorting clerks, a newspaper table, on which to sort the news, and a parcels' table, all placed in convenient positions. A raised superintendent's desk gives a view over the whole work to the office, and adjoining this is a

large wire cage, in which the clerk is placed to receive registered letters, and lock them in a safe until dispatched. Adjoining the sorting-room, between that and the public office, is the postmistress's room, a snug little place, with every accommodation, fire, lavatory, cupboards, safe, &c. Attached to the sorting-room is the postmen's retiring room, with good range and oven and hot water cistern. Lockers are provided for the men, and basins for washing, &c. The clerks have a similar room adjoining, and these will be found an immense boon in busy times. There is ample lavatory accommodation in the yard near, where everything is done in the most up-to-date style of sanitation. On the same floor is the engineer's department, where everything appertaining to the mechanical and electrical apparatus will be dealt with and the necessary plant kept. Underneath is a large coal-cellar and storerooms. On the first floor is a handsome room 50ft. by 20ft. This is the instrument room, and here on long.....

.....Postmistress, Miss Andrews, to a large number of the principal residents of the district inviting them to inspect the new office in the High Street, between the hours of three and five, prior to its being opened for public business on Monday. Though the notice given was short, the invitation was very generally accepted, not only by those residing in Epsom, but by many in the surrounding villages, and between the hours named the High Street presented a busy appearance, whilst the offices themselves were well filled with people who had eagerly seized the opportunity of getting a peep behind the scenes at a post office. The whole of the buildings were thrown open. The commodious public office, with its handsome fittings, and well thought out arrangements for expediting the work attracted much attention. Behind this is the postmistress's private office, and behind this again, reached by a wide passage at the side, is the sorting room. This is a very large apartment, and not a few of the visitors appeared to be much astonished at the amount of labour which has to be gone through before the letters they post can be despatched, or those they receive be delivered to them. There is a most complete modern equipment of desks, tables, etc., for the sorters and the letter carriers, but that it is none too large may be gathered from the fact that the total staff of the office now numbers about ninety. The clerk in charge is provided with a separate desk, and there is also a small office for the clerk entrusted with the responsibility of looking after the registered letters, so arranged that whilst he can see all that is going on around him, and can receive and hand out the letters of which he has charge, it is impossible for anyone else to get into the office without his permission. The fittings are of deal varnished, and ample provision has been made for heating and lighting the room. The instrument room is above the public office, the telegrams being sent up by a small lift. At a pinch forty telegraphists could be accommodated, but already there is a question as to whether the accommodation is sufficient for the large staff which has to be drafted into the town during the race weeks. The whole apparatus of the office is of the newest and best type, and no provision has been omitted, no detail forgotten, which will facilitate the despatch and receipt of the messages to be dealt with. At the side is a small room where the messengers wait until they are required. In other parts of the building are kitchens and private rooms for the caretaker and staff, and, indeed, the office is in every way as complete and perfect as it is possible to make it. Amongst those who visited the building during the afternoon were Sir David and Lady Evans, Mr. A.W. Gadesden, JP, the Rev. E.W. Northey, and Mr. E.B. Jay CC. The postmistress and Mr. J. Andrews received the visitors, showed them over the various rooms, and explained the arrangements to them, the former receiving many congratulations upon the better facilities now at her disposal, whilst not a few were the comparisons with the utterly inadequate building in which the work has hitherto been carried on. The building has been erected from designs prepared by Mr. J. Turner, of HM Board of Works, by Mr. S. Hart, and the total cost has been about £6,000.

The office opened on Monday for public business with an increase in staff of three.

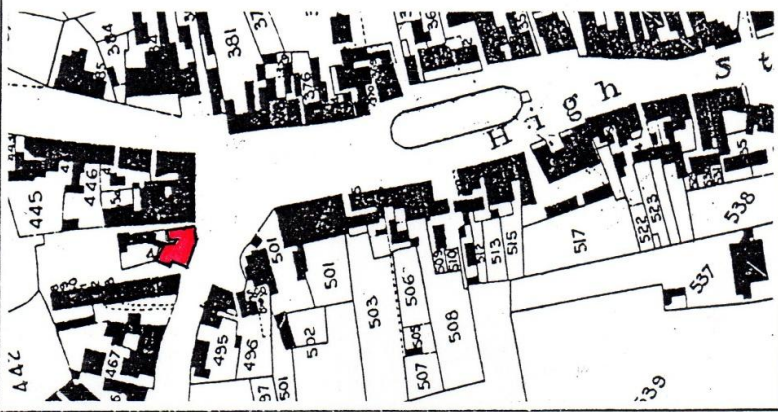
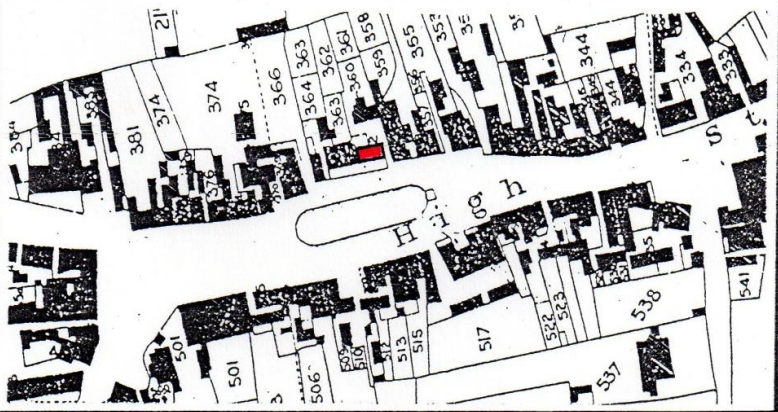
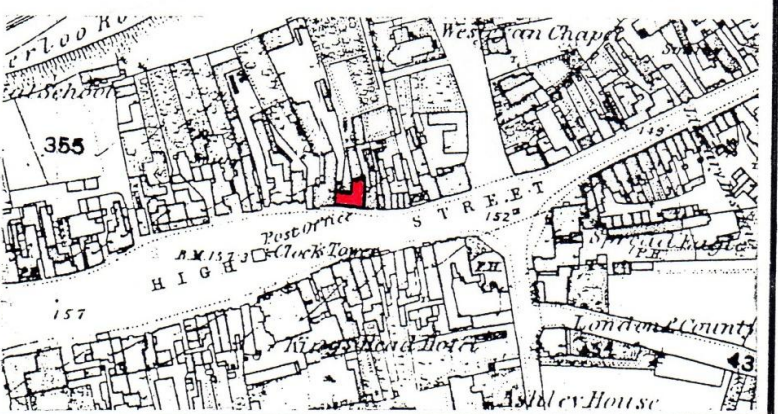
Extract from Edwards Survey 1798

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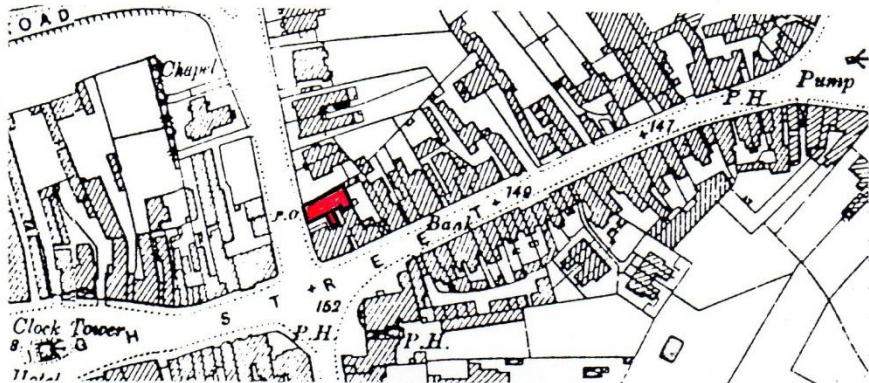
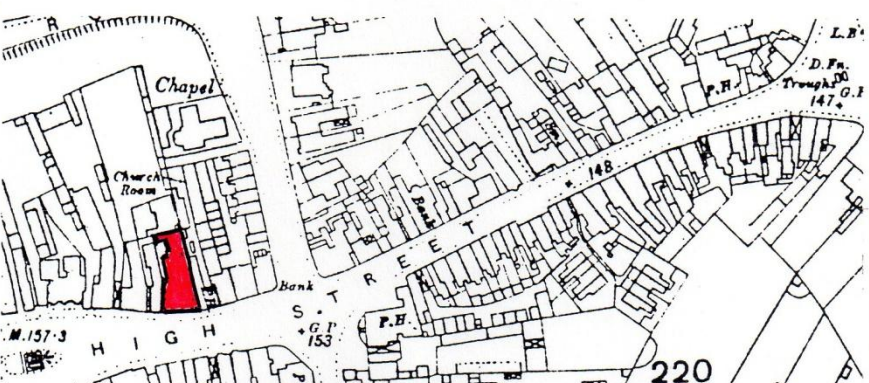
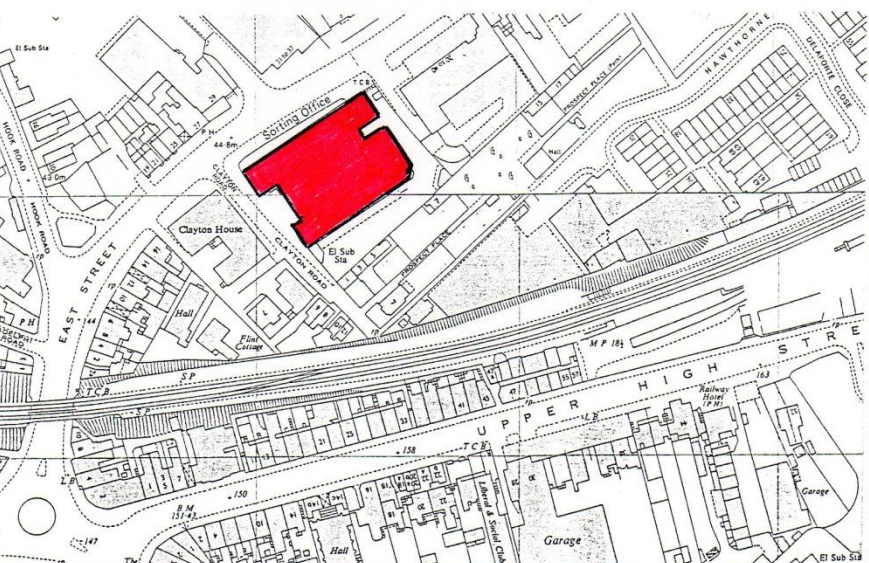
Travelling from Ewell through Epsom

XIV – I – 65 On the right is the Post Office kept by Mr. Cole, watchmaker, the Post for London goes to Croydon every evening (Saturday excepted) at six o'clock – letters on return are delivered out every Morning (Mondays excepted) about seven o'clock

4.3 Epsom Post Office Location Maps

Period	Location
1769 - 1903 or later	South Street 
1841 - 1858 or before	High Street (now 94 High Street - Turner's Locksmith). 
1858 - 1867 or before	High Street (now 78 High Street - Epsom Market Hall). 

THE POST OFFICES OF EPSOM

Period	Location
1871 - 1897	Waterloo Road (since demolished) 
1897 - 1956 Head Office 1956 - Branch Office	74 High Street. 
1956 - Head Office & Sorting Office	18 East Street (on site of previous Dr Barnado's Home). 

4.4 The Sub-Post Offices of Epsom Town

Introduction

It is probable that a Receiving House (Post Office) was established in Epsom by as early as 1678, when an announcement was made in the London Gazette that ‘there is settled a safe and constant Conveyance of Letters and Paquets by Post three times in every Week upon the usual Post days to and from the City of London, and Epsom’. No other receiving houses were opened in the Epsom Area until after 1802, when Fifth Clause Posts were established between Epsom and the surrounding villages of Ewell, Cheam, Sutton & Banstead. The next two receiving houses were set up under the Epsom Penny Post between Epsom and the villages of Walton-on-the-Hill and Kingswood (Tadworth), in 1836 and 1838 respectively.

It was not until after the introduction of the Uniform Penny Post in 1840, that official receiving houses were established at Ashted and Headley in 1845. Woodmansterne had its first receiving house in about 1855 until about 1867, when it was closed down and remained so until 1904. The last of the outlying villages around Epsom to have its own sub-post office was Burgh Heath; it was not until 1892 that the first sub-office was established there.

From as early as 1802, and probably much earlier, there was a free delivery of letters in Epsom Town, carried out by one Town Letter Carrier. The number of Letter Carriers was increased to two in 1843. As Epsom’s population grew in numbers over the years there became a need for a Town Sub-Office to help out the Head Office which was located in the High Street, and to reduce the distance people had to walk to post their letters. The first of the Town Sub-Post Offices was opened in 1895. Over the years, new sub-offices were opened and some closed, so that today there are fourteen Branch, Sub or Rural Sub-Offices open (with four having closed previously). The one Rural Sub-Office is Headley and is the sole remainder of the original surrounding villages to be still under Epsom, with the exception of Ewell, which is a Branch Office.

Details of the above Sub-Post Offices, with the exception of Headley, are given below, but for convenience are divided into two groups, those in the Epsom Area and those in the Ewell Area.

Epsom Area

High Street, Epsom: The Head Post Office had been located in various premises in the High Street when a new purpose built post office was opened in 1898. This office was downgraded to a Branch Office in 1956, when a newly built Head Office was opened at 18 East Street.

East Street: The first Town Sub-Post Office was opened in East Street in about 1895, with Miss Frances Annie Perry at the sub-postmistress. By 1903, the address of this sub-post office was 48 East Street, but it is not known whether the premises had changed since 1895; however, the sub-postmaster was now Walter William Clarke. The sub-office remained at No. 48 until at least 1907, when it would appear to have closed down from 1907 to 1911. By 1915, the sub-office was located at 40 East Street, with the sub-postmistress being Mrs. George Mansbridge, a newsagent. The sub-office and the sub-postmistress continued unchanged until about 1928.

By 1930, the sub-office had moved to 63 East Street with a new sub-postmaster, William John Vernham, a confectioner. Both the above were short lived, because by 1934, the sub-post office had been relocated at 106 East Street, and Mr. Vernham had been replaced by Henry Robert Hewett, a grocer. This new location of the sub-post office turned out to be the most permanent of all the various sites, lasting approximately 33 years, or until between 1975 & 1977, when the office was closed down. Mr. Hewett was the sub-postmaster until at least 1956.

Station Road & Church Road: The second sub-post office to open in the Epsom Town area was at 14 Station Road (now Upper High Street), in about 1905, with Henry George Stokes, a dairyman, as the sub-postmaster. This was short lived as the sub-office was closed down in about 1907. However, a new sub-office was opened not far away in a grocer's shop, Parks Brothers, in Church Road, with Wallace Parks as the sub-postmaster. It is probable that the location of this sub-office was at 38 Church Road; at any rate, the sub-office was at No. 38 by 1924 and remained there until about 1952. During this period a number of sub-postmasters/mistresses held office – Wallace Parks, grocer, up to 1926; Frank Dunn, grocer, 1927 to about 1930; Frank Pearse, grocer, from about 1932 to about 1934; Miss H. Taylor, grocer, about 1936; John Edward Nelson, grocer, about 1938; Frederick George Sanders, grocer, about 1940 to about 1951; Mrs. F.C. Sanders, grocer, about 1952.

By 1956, the sub-office had moved to 27 Church Road, in a general store, with George W. Hussey as the sub-postmaster. Finally, the sub-office moved to 21 Church Road, at least by 1968, and closed down in 1985.

Pound Lane: The third sub-post office was established in 1909 in a shop at 27 Pound Lane, in a new parade of shops. The name of the sub-postmaster at the time is not known, but in 1915, the sub-post office was located in 25 & 27 Pound Lane, with Harry Hillman, confectioner, being the sub-postmaster. The sub-office remained in these premises until between 1956 & 1969, but the sub-postmasters changed a number of times – Harry Hillman from about 1915 to about 1930; Edward Varrall, grocer, about 1932; Joshua Emlyn Jones, confectioner & stationer, from about 1934 to about 1938; Edward John Rossiter, stationer, about 1938 to 1940 or later; J.A. Bullamore, 1952 or earlier; Percy Morris, stationer, from about 1952 to 1956 or later.

Sometime between 1956 & 1969, the sub-office moved to a grocer's shop in the same parade, at 9 Pound Lane, with G.W. Nicholls as the sub-postmaster; the sub-office remains on the same site today (1992).

The Downs: A sub-post office was established in 1912 in a shop in Rosebery Road (actually located in Langley Vale Road), during the early development of the Langley Vale housing estate; the sub-postmaster was George Barcock; Mrs. R. Barcock had taken over this office by 1922. By 1924, Mrs. L.M. Turner was the sub-postmistress, but she gave up in about 1934. In 1934, the sub-office was situated in 'Stoneleigh', 44 Grosvenor Road, and remained there until between 1938 & 1940, when it moved next door to 'Mildene', 42 Grosvenor Road. It remained at this site at least until 1956. Around this time, Nos. 42 & 44 were combined as a single shop. From about 1938 at least until 1956, Harold David Miller was the sub-postmaster. The present sub-post office is located in Vale Village Stores, 44 Grosvenor Road, i.e. in 1992.

Drift Bridge: The sub-post office at Drift Bridge Parade, in Fir Tree Road, was established in 1933, shortly after the construction of the first few shops in the parade. The sub-postmaster/mistress at the time is not known, but by 1935 it was Louise Alice Peachey, who ran a tobacconist's shop at 10 Drift Bridge Parade, known as Peachey & Co.; the shop was later numbered 203 Fir Tree Road, where it still remains today (1992), but is now Martin, newsagent.

Tattenham Corner: This sub-office was established in about 1934, in 'Esme' Ladies' Outfitters, in Tattenham Crescent, with Miss Beatrice Faulder as sub-postmistress. Later, this shop was numbered 3 Tattenham Crescent, Tattenham Corner, where it remains today (1992), but is now 'Forbouys', newsagent & general grocer.

Woodcote Side: The sub-post office at 15 Woodcote Side was opened in about 1938 and has remained in the same premises to this day (1992). The first sub-postmistress was Ethel E. Payne, who was a shopkeeper, and she held office from 1938 to 1940 or later. By 1952, Mrs. D.A. Schooley had taken over the office and held it to between 1968 & 1971. By 1971, Harold J. Linegar had become the sub-postmaster. At least from 1956 to 1968, 15 Woodcote Side was known as 'Watling Stores'; the present shop is called 'Shopwyse' and is a newsagents.

Wells Estate: The sub-post office was opened in about 1941, following the development of the Wells housing estate. It is not known who was the sub-postmaster/mistress at that time, but by 1956, the office was held by Henry William Wilkinson, a confectioner, at 5 The Parade, Spa Drive. By 1971, H.F. Hardy, a newsagent, was the sub-postmaster. Today (1992), the sub-post office remains in the same premises, but is now known as 'The Corner Shop'.

Ewell Area

Ewell (High Street): A receiving house was set up in Ewell, in or shortly after 1802, when the Fifth Clause Post was inaugurated under Epsom, certainly there was a receiving house by 1824, with the sub-postmaster being Mr. Middleton. Mr. Middleton died in 1824 and Mrs. Middleton took over the position. The next information available is that a Mrs. Pennington resigned as sub-postmistress in January 1826 and a Mr. Banks was appointed. It is not known if there is any relationship between Mrs. Middleton and Mrs. Pennington, nor is the location of the sub-post office known at that time.

Joseph Banks, a hairdresser, resigned the office in 1840, and William Sawyer was appointed in his place. By 1845, James Sawyer was the sub-postmaster; the relationship between William & James is not known, but they may have been uncle & nephew, or cousins. James Sawyer was a stationer and hairdresser, and his sub-post office was located in Grove Road (now Cheam Road) in 1845. James Sawyer died in 1854 and his wife Mary Sawyer took over until 1861, when she handed over the appointment to her son-in-law, John Pilgrim. John Pilgrim was also a hairdresser and had been James Sawyer's assistant. By 1851, the sub-post office had moved to the High Street, where it remained until 1903. John Pilgrim relinquished the office of sub-postmaster to Abdiel Evans, a chemist. Abdiel Evans' chemists shop was located on the corner of Grove Road (Cheam Road) and Green Man Street (High Street), now the 'Loose Box'. Abdiel Evans died in 1870, and his wife Harriet Fry Evans took over the office, which she retained until 1903, when her son Ernest Maitland Evans took over for a very short time.

At this time, a considerable number of changes took place in a few years. In about 1904, W.T. Blacking became sub-postmaster, followed by James Edward Brunton, bookseller & confectioner, with the sub-post office moving into his shop in the High Street (now No.32). however, by 1905/6, Henry George Stokes, dairyman's manager, had become the sub-postmaster (Note: Henry George Stokes was the sub-postmaster at 14 Station Road, Epsom, at the same period), with the sub-post office being in Green Man Street, in North Surrey Dairy Farms' shop (now 33 High Street).

In 1907, the sub-office became a Town Sub-office, and moved to a building in the High Street (now Cheam Road – opposite the 'Loose Box') and Mrs. Edith Ellen Wicks was appointed as the new sub-postmistress. By 1938, all the buildings in the village had been numbered and the address of the new Town Sub-Post Office became 3 Cheam Road. Mrs. Wicks continued in office until she died in 1937. During this period, she re-married in 1931/32 and became Mrs. Ernest E. Cleal. From 1937, a vacancy existed for the position of sub-postmaster/mistress, but by 1940, Mr. E. Jones had been appointed. It is not known whether this was Joshua Emlyn Jones who was sub-postmaster at Pound Lane post office from about 1934 to about 1936, or for how long Mr. Jones was the sub-postmaster, but by 1952, the office had been promoted to a Branch Office, with Miss G.L. Bayliss as the Officer in Charge.

In 1968, the location of the post office moved from 3 Cheam Road to 7 High Street, where it remains today (1992).

West Ewell: The first sub-office in the Ewell Area was set up at West Ewell in Chessington Road, with George Henry Turk, baker & grocer, as the sub-postmaster. Between 1907 & 1909, the sub-office moved to a shop at 10 Woodley Terrace, Plough Road (the outline of the shop front can still be seen today – 1992) with Mrs. Annie Beams, draper, as the sub-postmistress. In about 1911, the sub-office was transferred to 4 King's Walk, Chessington Road (a new parade of shops) with Annie Beams remaining as the sub-postmistress. Annie Beams died in 1917, and her daughter Miss Edith Beams took over. In 1923, Edith Beams relinquished the position to Walter Francis Fulker, a fancy goods dealer.

Between 1930 & 1932, the sub-office moved next door to 5 King's Walk; later the two shops were combined to make 4 & 5 King's Walk, which were renumbered 248 & 250 Chessington Road in about 1938. Walter Francis Fulker continued as sub-postmaster until at least 1952.

Between 1952 & 1956, J.S. Dangerfield, a dyer & cleaner, took over the post office. The post office is housed in 248 Chessington Road today (1992) and is known simply as West Ewell Post Office.

97 Kingston Road: A sub-post office was opened in a shop at 97 Kingston Road in about 1931, and finally closed between 1944 & 1955. For the period 1934 to 1940, at least, the sub-postmaster was Harry Simmons.

Ruxley Corner: The first sub-post office was set up here in about 1933, at 10 Ruxley Parade, Kingston Road, with Cyril D. Hedger, a newsagent, as the sub-postmaster; he remained in office at least until 1940. Later the shop was numbered 421 Kingston Road, and the post office remained at these premises until about 1968. In the meantime there had been some changes in the sub-postmaster; Thomas E. Byles holding office in the late 40s and early 50s;

then Albert E.G. Blackman from 1952 to at least 1956; both the above were newsagents. In 1969 the post office sub-postmaster (Leslie Hall had previously been the sub-postmaster at 88 Ewell By-Pass from at least 1952 to 1956). In about 1974, the post office moved once again, this time to Churchill, newsagents, at 449 Kingston Road, where it still remains today (1992).

Ewell Court: A sub-post office was opened in a shop at 179 Kingston Road in about 1934, with the sub-postmaster being Maurice J. Lindsay, a newsagent. Maurice Lindsay was the sub-postmaster at least until 1940. In about 1952, the sub-office became a Branch Office, with the Officer in Charge being Miss M.H. Appleton, and then Miss B. Tolhurst by 1956. At a later date this office lost its Branch status and returned to being a Town Sub-Post Office. The present post office remains situated in the same premises and is known as Ewell Court Post Office.

Stoneleigh: A sub-post office was opened in or shortly before 1934, and was in a shop at 26 The Broadway, Stoneleigh, called Charles & Hoare, confectioners. From 1934 to 1940 at least, the sub-postmaster was Benjamin Alfred Charles, confectioner, but by 1956, the shop was T. & M. Marlow, confectioners. The present post office is situated in the same premises and is known as Stoneleigh Post Office.

Ruxley Lane: Once more a sub-post office was opened in the early 1930s, this time in Ruxley Lane in about 1934. The location of the sub-office in Ruxley Lane was near the junction with Chessington Road, and Edwin A. Girton, a grocer, was the sub-postmaster. Later, when the buildings were numbered, the post office became 228 Ruxley Lane. Mrs. Lilian Girton took over the postal duties from her husband at some time between 1952 & 1956; by 1971, William J. Allen had become the sub-postmaster. The present sub-post office remains at No. 228.

Ewell By-Pass: In 1938, a sub-post office was established at 9 Castle Parade, Ewell By-Pass, with Mr. A.H. Talbot, an ironmonger, as the sub-postmaster. He remained in office until 1952, when Leslie Hall took over until at least 1956. By 1969, Leslie Hall had moved to the Ruxley Corner post office. The Ewell By-Pass sub-post office closed down in about 1990.

Poole Road: The last sub-office to open in the Ewell Area was in about 1955 at 63 Poole Road, in a chemist's shop, with Mrs. B.B. Stone as the sub-postmistress. The post office still remains in the same premises today (1992), but the shop is now Potter's Drug Store & Pool Road Post Office, the proprietors being S & C Potter.

The Sub-Post Office of Ewell

Sub-office in the North Surrey Dairy & Poultry Farms in High Street. Building demolished in 1980s and rebuilt in original style; now 33 High Street. C.1904



Sub-office in Brunton's in High Street, in building which is now 32 High Street (Williams & Sons). C.1905

The Town Sub-Post Office of Ewell

Town sub-post office at 3 Cheam Road. C.1910

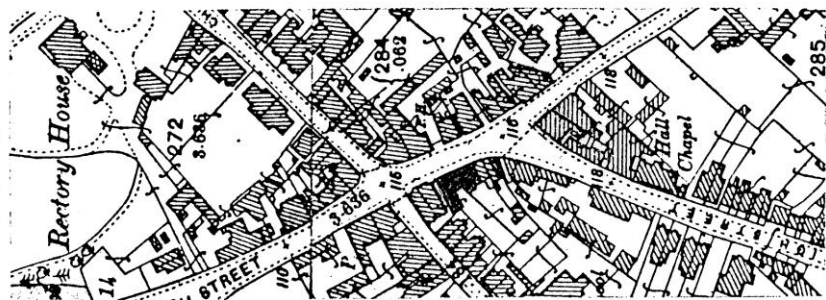


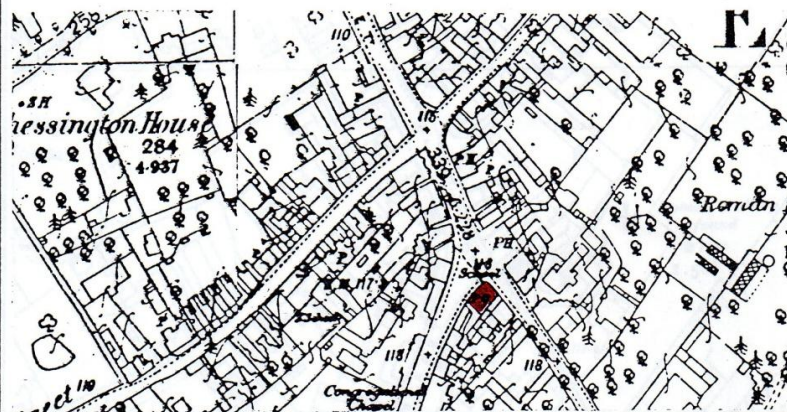
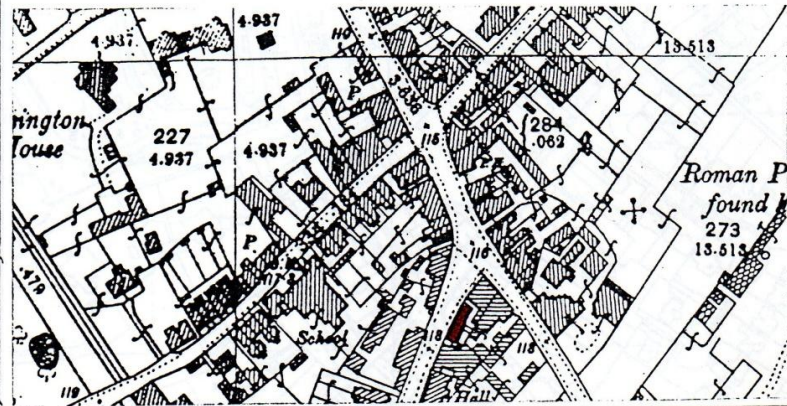
New Town sub-post office at 5 High Street, opened in 1968.



4.5 Ewell Post Office and Sub Post Office Location Maps

THE POST OFFICES OF EWELL

Period	Location
on or before 1851 - 1904	31 High Street - presently 'Loose Box' 
on or before 1905 - 1905	32 High Street - presently Williams & Sons 
on or before 1906 - 1968	3 Cheam Road - presently Curry House, etc. 
1968 -	5 High Street - 

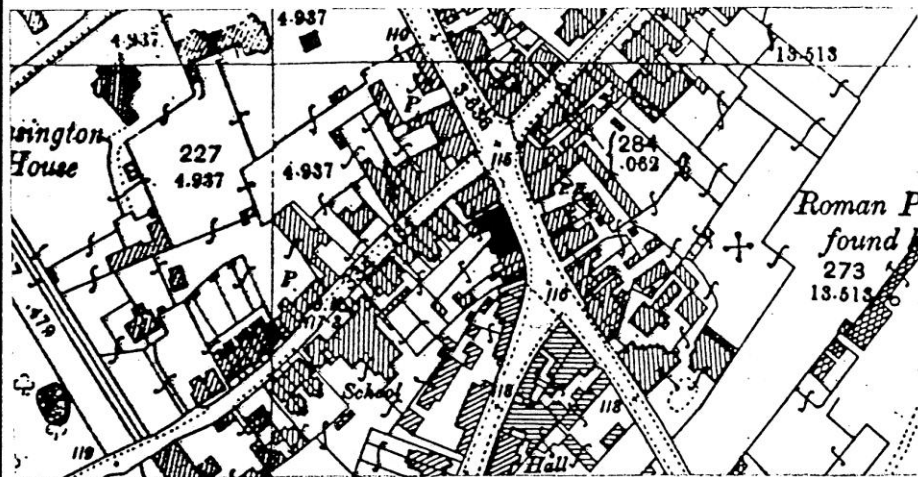
THE SUB-POST OFFICE AT EWELL	
in or before ? 1797 - 1824 Bye-post office	Bull's Head (Demolished in 1860's). Now 1 & 3 Cheam Rd. 
1824 - 1903	31 High Street - presently Loose Box. 
1904	33 High Street (Demolished in 1980's & rebuilt to match). 

THE SUB-POST OFFICE AT EWELL (CONT'D)

1905

32 High Street.

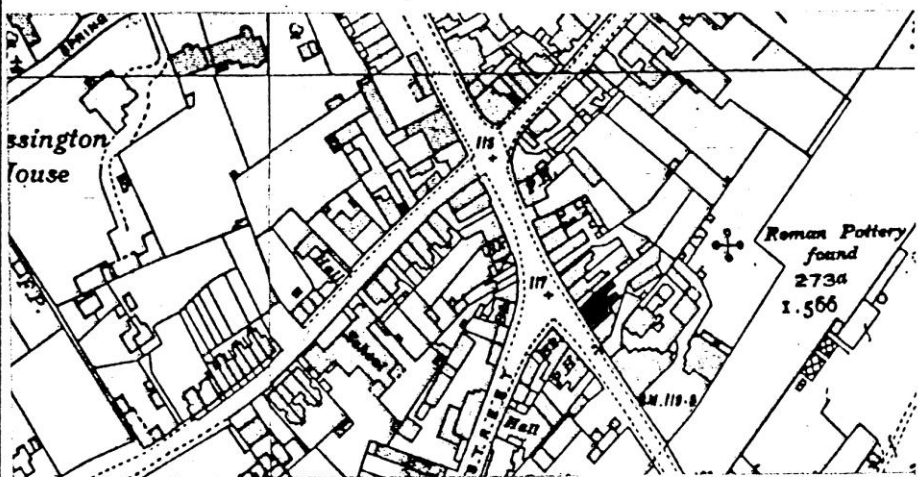
Presently Williams & Sons.



1906 - 1968

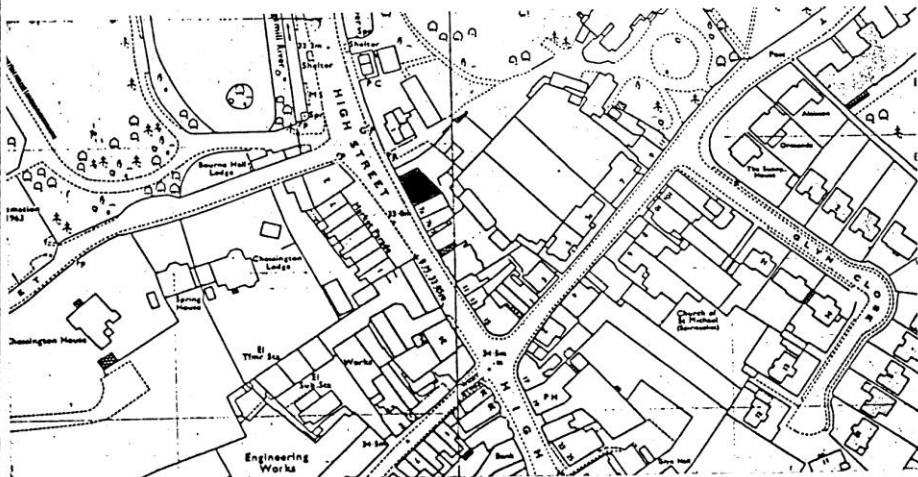
3 Cheam Road

Presently Curry House, etc.



1968 -

5 High Street.



4.6 Ewell Receiving House/Sub-post office/Town Sub-post office/Branch office

Year	Directory	(Sub) Postmaster/Mistress	Remarks
1826/7	Pigots	Joseph Banks	Hairdresser & Stationer
1832/33	'	'	'
1839	'	'	'
1841	Census		
1845	PO Directory of the 6 Home Counties	James Sawyer	Hairdresser & Stationer
1847	Kellys	'	'
1851	Census	' (36)	Haircutter & PO
1853	'	'	'
1855	PO Directory of the 6 Home Counties		Stationer & Hairdresser
1859	Kellys	Mary Sawyer (Mrs.)	'
1861	Census	' (48)	Postmistress
1862	'	John Pilgrim	Postmaster
1867	'	Abdiel Evans	Chemist & Druggist died 1870
1871	Census	Harriet Fry Evans (40)	Postmistress
1874	Kellys	Harriet F. Evans (Mrs.)	Chemist, Druggist & Stationer
1878	Kellys	Harriet Fry Evans (Mrs.)	Chemist, Druggist & Stationer
1881	Census	Harriet F. Evans (49)	Chemist & Postmistress
1882	Kellys	Harriet Fry Evans	'
1887	'	'	'
1890	Holts	'	'
1895	Andrews Ewell Directory	'	'
1899	Kellys also Andrews Ewell Directory	'	Chemist, Hight St. HFE died 1903
1903	Kellys & Piles	Ernest Maitland Evans	Evans' Drug Store
1904	Piles & Holts	Clerk in charge	
1905	Kellys & Piles	James Edward Brunton	Newsagent, High St.
1906	Piles	Edith Ella Wicks (Mrs.)	Town sub-post office
1907	Kellys	'	'
1909	Kellys also Holt's Alphabetical Directory of Ewell	Edith E. Wicks (Mrs.) S. Wicks (Mrs.)	
1913 to 1924	Kellys	Edith E. Wicks (Mrs.)	

Year	Directory	(Sub) Postmaster/Mistress	Remarks
1926			Town sub-post office High Street
1927 to 1929	Kellys	Edith E. Wicks (Mrs.)	
1930	'	E. E. Wicks (Mrs.)	High Street
1932	'	E. E. Cleal (Mrs.)	3 Cheam Road Mrs Wicks married E.E. Cleal 1931/32
1934	'	'	Town sub-post office Mrs. Cleal died 1937
1952	Epsom & Ewell	Miss G. L. Bayliss Officer in charge	Ewell Branch Office Cheam Road
1956	'	'	'
1972			7 High Street

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EWELL

1902-03

GREEN MAN STREET (South Side)

Evans' Drug Stores

Evans Ernest Maitland, post office

London & Provincial Bank Limited (The)(Branch), Henry George Stokes, Manager

North Surrey Dairy Farm, Hy. Geo. Stokes, manager

1903-04

GREEN MAN STREET (South Side)

Post Office (W.T. Blacking, sub-postmaster)

London & Provincial Bank Limited (The)(Branch) P.A. Tulloch, manager

North Surrey Dairy Farm, Hy. Geo. Stokes, manager

1904-05

HIGH STREET (North Side)

.....here is West St.....

Alder, George, butcher

Coakes, Francis H., grocer

Brunton, James Edward, bookseller & confectioner & post office

Hards, George, assistant overseer & clerk to parish council, collector of rates & assessor & collector of King's taxes (Effra House)

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-.....here is Green Man St.....

1905-06

GREEN MAN STREET (South Side)
London & Provincial Bank Limited (The)(Branch) P.A. Tulloch, manager
North Surrey Dairy Farm, Henry Geo. Stokes, mgr) & post office

1907

HIGH STREET (South Side)
.....here is Green Man St.....
London & Provincial Bank Limited (The)(Branch), (J.A. Tulloch, manager)
Masters, Thomas D. (Bank house)

GREEN MAN STREET (South Side)
North Surrey Dairy Farm (Henry Geo. Stokes, mgr.) & post office
Congregational Church & Lecture Hall

1910 & 1911

HIGH STREET (South Side)
.....here is Church St.....
-King William IV p.h.
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Post & Telegraph Office (Mrs. E.E. Wicks, sub-postmistress)
.....here is Cheam Rd.....

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EWELL

1902-03
Ernest H. Evans, sub-postmaster, Green Man Street

1903-04
W.T. Blacking, sub-postmaster in charge, Green Man Street

1904-5
James Edward Brunton, sub-postmaster in charge, High Street

1907
Mrs. A.E. Wix, sub-postmistress, Green Man Street

1910
Mrs. E.E. Wicks, sub-postmistress, High Street

1911,1912
Mrs. E.E. Wicks, sub-postmistress, Town Sub-Post Office, High Street

1932
Mrs. E.E. Cleal, sub-postmistress, 3 Cheam Rd.



Brunton's Shop & Post Office, now Williams', 32 The High Street, Ewell, c.1905

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