THE HISTORY OF ROSEBERY AVENUE HARPENDEN

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A History of Rosebery Avenue, Harpenden

INTRODUCTION

The 120 year history of this road has everything ..a mad Rector, two distinguished scientists, a knighted academic, a Viscount and a Queens Counsel ....

ORIGINS

But before the road was here, it was farmland. Harpenden was a very small place when a Jenkyn Reading Esq wrote his will in December 1805 and left lands to the immediate west of Harpenden village in a trust (with four very respectable sounding trustees). Jenkyn Reading died in 1807 (and his will was proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury on 27 July 1807). We do not know the terms of the trust but it seems likely that a William Wollaston Pym (1792-1852) was a beneficiary of the trust; he became Rector of Willian near where Letchworth Garden City was later built.

By 1882 the surviving trustees and the life tenant of the trust, Frank Wollaston Pym (son of William mentioned above), had agreed to restructure the trust and sell some land, maybe to free up capital; they sold for £6,750 to a Robert Mather (an accountant living in St Albans) land west of Harpenden village including Church Farm ...about 34 individually named fields or pieces of land (with names like Churchwick, Barnes Dean, Church Long Croft and Barnswick) ..land given over to arable or pasture and, in one case, an orchard; the total area is described as. 101 1 12.....which I am told is about 101.5 acres. There is a Churchwick Barn, a homestead at Barnwick and an unnamed house and gardens included. A list of relevant documents are set out in a schedule to the sale document ..the earliest is dated 29 March 1799 (a certificate for redemption of land tax)...there are listed Indentures concerning the trust, and various admissions of individuals to copyhold hereditaments of the Manor of Rothampstead. A contemporaneous map of the land bought by Robert Mather is set out in an Appendix 'D'

Some of the land has tenants ..most importantly a Mr Frederick Willmott is tenant of Church Farm.

Following this transaction, Frank Wollaston Pym seems to have continued his comfortable life, living in Kensington and dying in Monte Carlo in 1897.

No further relevant land transactions occurred for 10 years until in 1892 when Robert Mather sold two plots (in an area called Further Pond Field) to a Mrs Florence Watson for £500.

HENRY STEERS

2.15 Henry Steers and his wife, pictured facing the camera, on an official trip to Caen with members of St Albans Corporation in 1909: Harry Carrington of the *Herts Advertiser* took the picture.

By 1895 the origins of The Avenues in Harpenden begin when Robert Mather negotiates a land transaction with Henry Steers, a builder from 33 Tavistock Street, Bedford; Henry Steers is to play a key role in the development of The Avenues. Presumably the farming tenant of Church Farm has gone.

In March 1895 a company called the Harpenden Estates Company Ltd is set up with capital of £5000 from 1,000 shares of £5, to develop part of the land bought by Robert Mather in 1882 nearest to Harpenden village...mostly the area called Church Farm ...the land being sold consists of 9 plots/fields with familiar names like Long Croft, Barnwick and Barn Dean.

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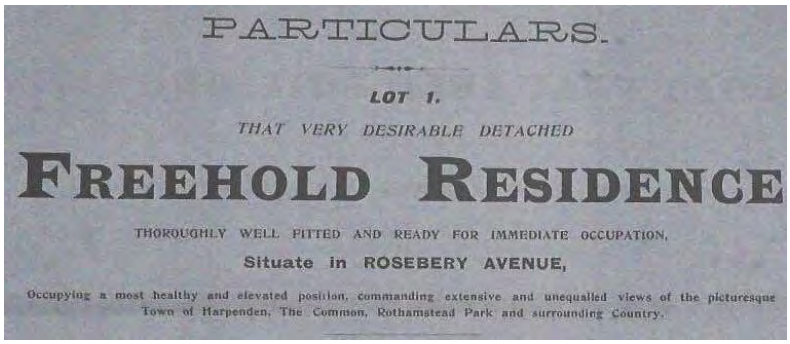
It appears Robert Mather is paid off in April 1895 by a three way rather obscure transaction between the two men and the estates company. Robert Mather is paid £5,500 for the land (which is referred to as part of the St Nicholas estate), Henry Steers pays £3500 to the estates company but gets the land in return and the company paying £1865 to Robert Mather and £1645 to Henry Steers.


PARTICULARS.

LOT 1.

THAT VERY DESIRABLE DETACHED

FREEHOLD RESIDENCE

THOROUGHLY WELL FITTED AND READY FOR IMMEDIATE OCCUPATION,

Situate in ROSEBERY AVENUE,

Occupying a most healthy and elevated position, commanding extensive and unequalled views of the picturesque Town of Harpenden, The Common, Rothamstead Park and surrounding Country.

Robert Mather seems to have retained a significant part of the land he bought in 1882 which is not part of what Henry Steers acquired.....though it has all been built on since. By the 1891 Robert Mather is living in Harpenden ...in a large house calked Kirkwick (now the site of the Gleneagles apartments). He dies in Worthing in 1902....a long way from Northumberland where he was born and grew up.

In February 1897, various business men, mostly from Bedford...a managing clerk, an accountant, a boot-maker, a hosier, a farmer and the manager of a timber company who have shares in the estates company, agree with Henry Steers to wind up the company in return for Henry Steers paying the company's debts .They confirm Henry Steers' right to the land and the roads or proposed roads on it. ...Henry is now free to pursue the development of The Avenues alone.

But Henry Steers appears to struggle to finance the project at least when he gets to Rosebery Avenue; in Rosebery Avenue he gets finance from wealthy gentlemen such as the Reverend Buller (Rector of Harpenden 1898-1907) and Reginald Coldwell an army officer who appears to be away serving in South Africa and has an agent acting on his behalf. So the Rosebery plots are usually sold with part of the proceeds going to Henry Steers and some to his mortgagee.....or, in one case, the mortgagee exercises his right to sell alone. Henry Steers lives until October 1939 at Redclyffe, 23 Salisbury Avenue. Ironically his house has been demolished, unlike the Victorian houses in Rosebery Avenue, and developers are now fighting to build flats on the site. His probate estate is £31,259..maybe £2m today; despite his financing issues, he seems too have made money out of developing the Avenues and died reasonably comfortably off.

BUILDING OF EIGHT HOUSES IN ROSEBERY

With the building of houses in Rosebery Avenue, Henry Steers again seems to rely on business contacts from Bedford ; plots in Rosebery Avenue are sold by Steers to other builders from Bedford....Richard Black in the case of no.6 & 8....and Arthur Ibbott for 7, 9 & 11 (and possibly 1,5 & 15 too). There are only 8 houses built in Rosebery Avenue early in the 20th century .. two on the east side (6 & 8) and another six on the west side (1,5,7,9,11 & 15).The first to be completed appears to be the rather impressive no.1, now the Rosebery Care Home. A map of the proposed development of Rosebery shows lots of small plots to be sold but it appears that the houses are all built on at least 2 plots and in some cases, 4 or more. No.1 has a particularly large plot going through to Longcroft and encompassing the land on which one would expect a no.3 to be built ..but no no.3 house is built until the 1950s. No.5 also has a large plot which extends to Longcroft....and, incidentally, this house also still has an elegant plaque over the front door proclaiming the date '1900'.

Rosebery may have been a slightly odd road until further development begins after World War 2, as much of the east side was taken up by the bottom of the plots of the large houses in Salisbury Avenue; it seems those plots were typically divided into a garden near the rear of the house and a coach house fairly central in the plot with, I presume, a service area at the rear which could have included a yard, a vegetable patch, an area for drying washing etc. One of my neighbours has described how there were big gates opening into Rosebery Avenue when she first saw her Rosebery plot, through which the chauffeur would collect the car to drive to pick up the owner in Salisbury Avenue. Some of the coach houses are still there tucked away in back gardens in this area. Where my and my next door neighbours' houses are built, was an orchard for Henry Steers' own house in Salisbury Avenue.

Old Coach House in garden of 14 (now 20)

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When the houses were built around 1900/1901, they must have been grand...double fronted three storey red brick houses with large gardens; they had water, gas and main drainage and the potential for electricity. Outside a tennis lawn seems to have been a 'must have'. They are unusual for the period, as they seem to be built with cavity walls.

Henry Steers ensures they are all subject to restrictive covenants to maintain an up-market neighbourhood such as no pig sties, no stables, no more than 2 houses on each plot, no pubs or off licences...only professions like a solicitor, architect or physician to be able to practice here etc.

The houses had and still have a great location ..near good schools and within walking distance of the railway station, the high street,

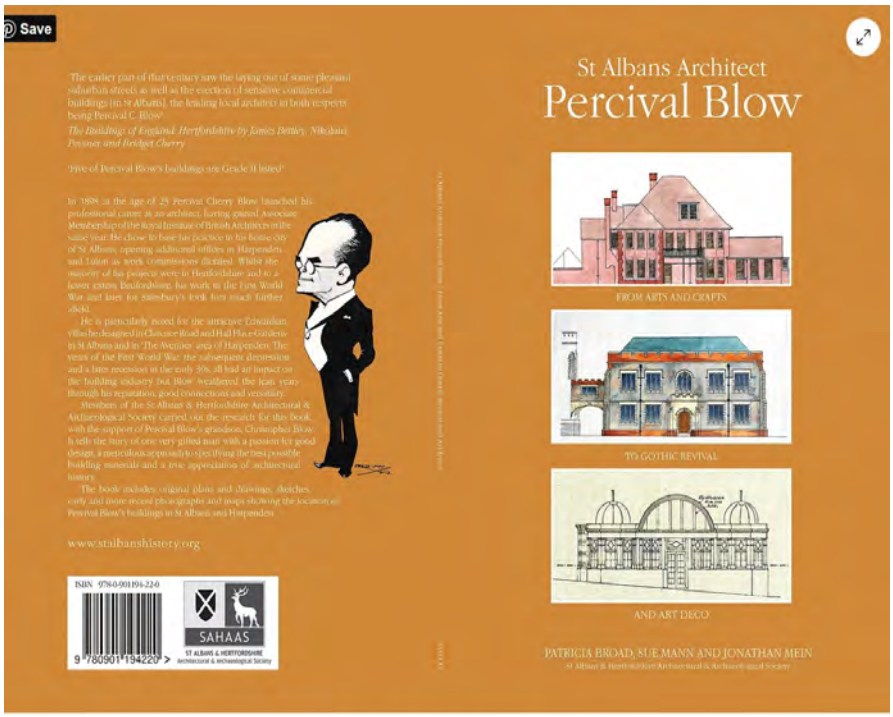
ARCHITECT OF ORIGINAL ROSEBERY AVENUE HOUSES

We do not know who designed the original eight houses in Rosebery Avenue. They broadly fall into two categories No 6 & 8 on the east side, built by the Bedford builder Richard Black, which are very similar, and 1,5,7,9,11 & 15 ,though superficially different in detailing at the front, appear basically similar and were probably all built by Arthur Ibbott, also a builder from Henry Steers home town of Bedford.

But we do not know the architect who designed them. We do know that a very accomplished local architect, Percival Blow, designed houses in Rothamsted Avenue, Kirkwick Avenue, Longcroft Avenue and Maple Road. Percival Blow is responsible for many of the most distinguished buildings in St Albans in the early part of the 20th century including houses he designed for Henry Steers there. The list of properties that Mr Blow designed in 1902 and 1903 in Harpenden include designs for both 'A. Ibbott' and 'Mr Black'. Many of Blow's house designs have an 'Arts and Crafts' feel but he also designed houses with a more solid Victorian character. It does seem very likely that Percival Blow designed the eight original houses in Rosebery Avenue.

To read more about Percival Blow, there is a book about him published by the St Albans Architectural and

Archaeological Society.



Percival Blow Book Cover

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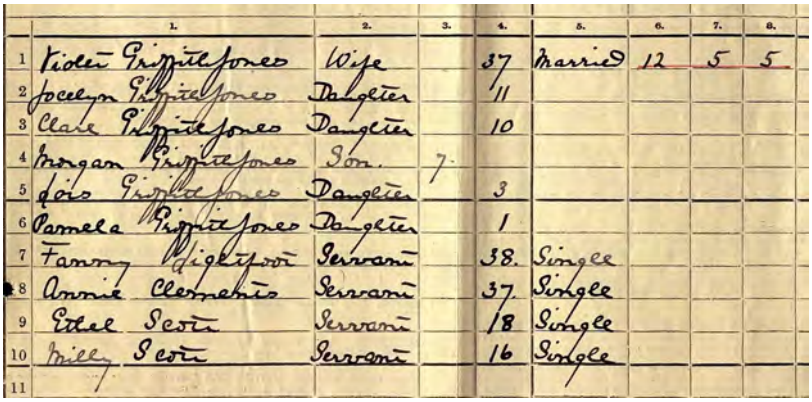
THE HOUSEHOLDS

The heads of households in the early census had jobs such as Shipping merchant, Stockbroker, Commission agent, Electrical engineer, Company director, Headmaster ....though a couple of households are headed by widows of private means.

The heads of household were a remarkably international lot. An American from New York, a man born in Montreal, a German naturalised in 1903 (who seems to have anglicised the family surname around WW1) .... and there is a 22 year old boarder from India in one house (no.9).

The women, as one would expect at that date, don't seem to have occupations ..they would have run households, socialised and undertaken good works....assisted by 2-4 servants per household, typically a cook, housemaid and nurse. An example is Mrs Clutterbuck and her daughters at no.11 (then St Giles). She was a moving spirit in the building of the clock tower war memorial in Hinxworth near Baldock. Which can be viewed via the internet. Incidentally she died in Hinxworth in 1933 before being buried at our St Nicholas church at in 1933...I think her late husband may have been Rector in Hinxworth.



	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.
1	Violet Pilkington Jones	Wife		37	Married	12	5	5
2	Jocelyn Pilkington Jones	Daughter		11				
3	Clare Pilkington Jones	Daughter		10				
4	Morgan Pilkington Jones	Son	7					
5	Doris Pilkington Jones	Daughter		3				
6	Pamela Pilkington Jones	Daughter		1				
7	Fanny Wightwick	Servant		38	Single			
8	Annie Clements	Servant		37	Single			
9	Ethel Scott	Servant		18	Single			
10	Milly Scott	Servant		16	Single			
11								

The Clutterbucks are full of good works. In Theodora's Journals(see below) in about 1937, Theodora says of one of the daughters Constance "Connie Clutterbuck is devoting herself to the Seamen and makes her headquarters at Yarmouth for the herring fishery and she has gone further north to the Shetlands following the men and girls."

A grandchild, Cornelia Clutterbuck (1916-1987), was at the opening ceremony of the Hinxworth war memorial and her scrapbooks and diaries are held by the Local History Society and an interesting biography of her is on their website ...and her memory and role as parish secretary for 16 years is immortalised in the St Nicholas church cafe being called after her!

HOUSE NAMES

One of the frustrations of researching the road is that the original houses did not have house numbers until 1927; before that they had names but the names seem to change with each new owner or tenant. The names varied from New College for a house taking boarders to those with a colonial flavour such as "Wakatu" a place in New Zealand. The latter name was chosen by the household at no.1, headed by Charles Alexander Everett who, remarkably, was born in Montreal, Canada, went to school in New Zealand and settled in Rosebery Avenue by then a wealthy draper.

Only Eastleigh, the name of no.8, survives from the earliest days...though the name Lane End for no.15 has been there since 1920.

One house is called 'Cauldhame' for a few years....lets hope it is not a play on words!

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ROAD NAME

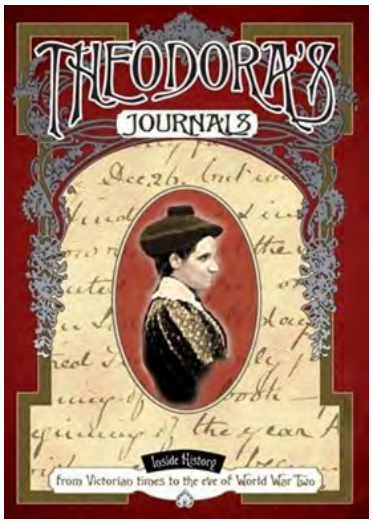
Our road is, of course, called Rosebery Avenue.....but other local road names seem to relate to the original field names like Kirkwick Avenue (though the preceding fields were called Churchwick) and Longcroft Avenue (though this was originally going to be called Devonshire Road)...but not this one.

I think the name came from Lord Rosebery who was prime minister from 1894-1895 ..and a major London thoroughfare called Rosebery Avenue was opened in 1892.

Lord Salisbury was of course Prime Minister for 13 years before and after Lord Rosebery ..so we seem to have a PM theme in these roads names.

Townsend Lane is a much older route from farming days.

THEODORA'S JOURNALS



Theodora's Journals were published by the Harpenden Local History Society. She was Theodora Wilson (1867-1966) who kept a diary for more than 50 years recording her life and events in Harpenden. Her recollections include residents of Rosebery Avenue (including the Clutterbucks referred to above). Here are some relevant extracts from her Journals.

In 1899 she says "And now to the west of the church has arisen a large new building estate called St Nicholas Park after our patron saint. The houses are growing up there and along the Luton Road as fast as in Milton Road and Cowper Road beyond the station and many new people have come to live in Harpenden. Some are nice new friends but most of them we know nothing about."

No.1 Rosebery Avenue becomes the St Nicholas Rectory by 1930 ...the Reverend Fisher is listed as living there in 1930 but according to 'Theodora's journals' in 1931 he had mental health problems (quote "really off his head and he could not be got to resign of his free will and the doctors would not certify him...at last Mr Fisher was induced to resign..." and by 1936 the Revd Sydney Neville Veitch is Rector of Harpenden and in occupation of no.1; he is described in Theodora's Journals as 'a fair slight man ...he has a great deal of latent power and humour and this is a saving grace '.....and he is living at no.1 until 1956 when the final cleric who lived there, Revd Bradshaw, is in occupation.

No.6 Rosebery Avenue; this house is owned by the Washington Gray family by 1903; the father, George, an American (from New York), is a commission agent in woollens and an employer; he dies in early 1925 aged 66 years (his death is referred to on Page 200 of Theodora's Journal)" death was tragically sudden when all his children were away making holiday in Switzerland and the mother alone in the house on a Sunday evening"....a prosperous family holidaying in Switzerland in 1925 and the staff perhaps having time off on a Sunday. The marriage of George's son Ralph is on Page 242 of the Journal. "Our doctors daughter Helen Davenport had a very pretty wedding and a popular one as the bridegroom Ralph Washington Gray was a Harpenden man and his family well known among the Methodists." Ralph dies in 1989 and is buried in St Nicholas churchyard as is George's widow, Emily, who lives at no.6 until her death in 1954.

But the best remembered member of the family is Sybil Washington Gray who is 14 years old when the 1911 census for no.6 is recorded. She sells no.6 after her mother's death and moves to 11 Salisbury Avenue ..and is remembered as having a local factory (in Hemel and/or St Albans?) maybe supplying Aquascutum ....to which, I'm told, Sybil was driven by her resident chauffeur. She sells the bottom of the garden of 11 Salisbury Avenue in 1984 to Davenport Developments enabling no.2a and no.4a Rosebery Avenue to be built. She, like her brother, dies in 1989, aged 92 years, and is buried in St Nicholas churchyard.

No.8 is the residence of the Griffiths-Jones. This family also appears in Theodora's Journals; a daughter Jo (Jocelyn) being recorded as one of the St Hilda's girls getting married aged about 18 as 'mere children' in about 1918 ...such things no doubt changed by the War...but rather young to marry.

In 1920 Theodora records a second Griffiths-Jones marriage (Clare) at a young age " Capt. Lydekker's youngest son John Cuthbert has married the second Griffith Jones girl....a mere child of nineteen...and he and his bride have gone out to East Africa where he is a Government Commissioner". The Lydekkers were of course one of the leading local families.

Henry Steers and several of the first home owners in Rosebery Avenue are buried in St Nicholas churchyard ..see photos of their graves in appendix.

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AFTER WORLD WAR 2

There are still only eight houses in the road until the 1950s but things begin to change ..

THE VICTORIAN HOUSES BECOME UNFASHIONABLE....cold, large and difficult to maintain without servants..

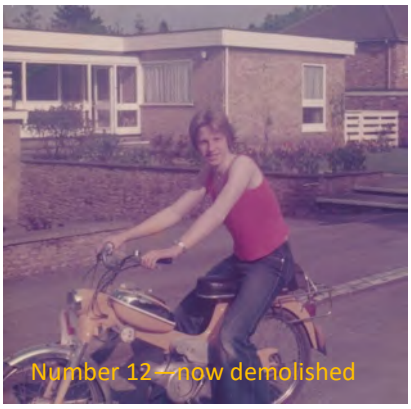
No. 6A, 6B, 6C

- No.1 becomes a care home maybe by the 1960s ..and still is;
- no.7 when purchased in 1980 is described as having been neglected for a number of years with talk of missing roof tiles, leaks and wood rot ...and a lodger/ tenant in occupation .The front left bay had been rebuilt 15 years before because of root damage. The house was, of course, subsequently refurbished;
- the Victorian houses go into multiple occupation; for example no.6 seems to be in multiple occupation by the 1950s but is formally divided into 3 flats in about 1968...and is still three separate flats.

NEW HOUSES ARE BUILT

In the 1950s...

-the 'missing' no.3 is built for the Kassanis in the, by then, overgrown orchard of no.1;


Number 12—now demolished

-No.20 (was no.14) is built in 1956 in the orchard of 23 Salisbury Avenue.

In the 1960s...

-No.2 is built in the grounds of 16 Kirkwick Avenue...since demolished and rebuilt;

-a large bungalow numbered 12 is built in the garden of 19 Salisbury Avenue ....the bungalow since demolished;

-No.s 9a/9b is built in garden of no.11 in 1965.

In the 1970s ..

No.1a (since rebuilt) is built in the garden of 18 Kirkwick Ave in 1970;

No.4 is built by Viscount Southwell in the garden of no.6 Rosebery Avenue in 1970;

No.10 is built in the garden of 8 Rosebery Avenue;

No.16 is built in the garden of 21 Salisbury Avenue in 1972....the plot a gift to the daughter of the owner of 21;

No. 7a (since rebuilt) is built in the garden of no.7 in 1975; and

No.7b ,since refurbished, is built in the garden of 9 Rosebery Avenue in 1975.

In the 1980s ...

No,s 2a & 4a are built in the grounds of 11 Salisbury Avenue in 1984.

In the 1990s....

No.13 is built in the garden of no.15 in 1994;

No.1b is built in part of the garden of no.1 in 1994/5; and

No.3a is built in the garden of no.3 around the millennium.

....and so it continues into the 21st century with the addition of Nos 12,14 and 18...bringing about some renumbering of houses on the east side of the road.

And presumably plots have been sold off from Rosebery Avenue gardens for houses in Longcroft Avenue ...and also from the garden of no.15 for at least one house in Townsend Lane.

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THINGS GRADUALLY START TO CHANGE AGAIN.

No. 3 1984

The Victorian houses in the road begin to become fashionable again perhaps thanks to central heating, roof insulation, well paid jobs in London ..and profits to be made from rising house prices. Some Victorian homes which had gone into multiple occupation are returned to being large family homes...no.8 in about 1975 and no.11 in about 2010/12.

One couple, seeing the potential, bought two of the Victorian houses in the road and refurbished them before moving on to refurbish elsewhere in the Avenues. A Queens Counsel and his wife buy no 9 in 1974/75 perhaps indicating these houses now attract the sort of residents who moved in in the 1900s.

Ironically, houses built in the 50/ 60s become unfashionable or too small and are demolished and rebuilt on a grander scale for example...

-No.3/3a .As mentioned above, no.3 was built on the orchard of no.1 for Basil and Jean Kassanis in the 1950s and is described as a smallish detached house. Basil died in 1985. The Kassanis house was demolished by a developer, sadly Mrs Kassanis thought she was selling to a family, but a new house was built in 2004 .Fortunately the purchasers of the new no.3 were responsible for adding the Victorian features that make no.3 blend in so well with the older houses in the road.

No 2...a small white painted house is built in about 1967 in the garden of 16 Kirkwick Avenue, is demolished by Andrew McLaughlin of Andrews Builders in approximately 2010; he builds and lives in the grander replacement

Houses don't necessarily have a long life...no.7a (the home of Ian Morton. See below) built in 1980 is demolished after 30 years and replaced by a new house...while the Victorian houses have stood for 120 years.

Houses built after the War are refurbished and extended with almost each change of owner. Viscount Southwell builds no.4 in 1970 and it is still there ...but it looks very different.

Similarly when the owners of no.9 decide in about 1974/5 that their Victorian house is too difficult to manage, they build for themselves a largish but rather plain house in the garden of no.9 which they call “Nunine” ...but is numbered 7b. Recently new owners have extended it and considerably softened the look of its frontage so it is almost unrecognisable.

No 12 & 14

Plots are sub divided again, for example-

-No.3/3a .Philip Kassanis (whose mother then owned no.3) builds a house (no.3a) in the garden of no.3 in about 2001;

-No.12 and 14 are built in 2005 in the garden of 19 Salisbury Avenue but replacing one large bungalow built on both plots in about 1968; and

-No 20 previously numbered 14 and named Greytiles and then Kiamara...the latter name from Africa meaning “That’s the place”. This plot was an orchard of 23 Salisbury Avenue and was sold by the executors of Henry Steers in 1939 for £975 where the current house (now much altered) was built in 1956 for approximately £4000. The owners split their garden so a relative could build a house there in 2007....where I now live. I paid rather more than £4000!

Photos of the current houses in Rosebery Ave are set out in an Appendix A together with some older photos. A table of dates of when Rosebery houses were built is also attached in Appendix C.

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PRICES

That takes us to the topic of house prices ..which have somewhat changed. For example, Arthur Ibbott buys a Rosebery Avenue house plot from Henry Steers for £75 in 1900 and sells it with a house for £800. By 1920 it sells for £1650. The price creeps up through another 6 changes of ownership to £39,000 in 1973. After part of the garden is sold off, the house and remaining garden sell for £32,500 in 1975. Now all houses in the road would sell for well over £1m and the larger ones over £2m.

NOTABLE RESIDENTS

No.15 Lane End was from 1925 until 1959, the home of Sir Richard and Lady Lodge (who celebrated their golden wedding there in 1932) following his retirement from Edinburgh University .Sir Richard's book "Studies in 18th century diplomacy" was published in 1929. Sir Richard died in 1936 and his daughter Margaret wrote a biography of her father published in 1947. Lady Lodge lived at no 15 until she died in 1959. Margaret Lodge moved to Tunbridge Wells and published a book of reminiscences and poems entitled " Patchwork of the past in prose and verse".

No.3 was lived in by Basil Kassanis who was born in Greece and had a distinguished career as a Rothamsted scientist and as a sculptor; his biography can be found on the Harpenden Local History website. He carved the Stag on top of the Harpenden sign

No.5. Residents remember Charles and Linda Wong who owned the Chef Peking restaurant, and the 'Lots of Rice' takeaway (now occupied by Tahini)in Harpenden. They kept chickens and had some wonderful swan decorations in their front windows.

No.7a was the home of Ian Morton and his wife Chloe from 1981. Mr Morton (a New Zealander) was a distinguished food scientist with posts at Reading and London universities.....he is said to have invented a method for keeping slices apart in packs of sliced bread and the smoky bacon flavour for crisps! Chloe was a female student at Cambridge University before 1948 when women were refused degrees there ....she was eventually rightly awarded one in 1998.

CONCLUSION

In the 1900s there were 8 houses in Rosebery Avenue all of which survive, all have been extended but only one has retained much of its original large plot. The houses are probably maintained in better condition than they have ever been. There are now about 26 properties and about 29 households and a care-home in the road. No blocks of new flats have intruded on the road thanks to being in a Conservation area. Luckily Henry Steers laid out a wide road as car owners like to park here ...but we have little to complain of ..its a nice road lived in by many nice people. Long may Rosebery Avenue prosper!

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Present Day Pictures

Rosebery Avenue c 2016—Odd Numbers 1A—15 from Kirkwick Avenue to Townsend Lane

Rosebery Avenue c 2016—Even Numbers 2—20 from Kirkwick Avenue to Townsend Lane

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Earliest Pictures

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3A

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Rosebery Avenue Oldest pictures —Odd Numbers 1A—15 from Kirkwick Avenue to Townsend

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14 (see 20)

Rosebery Avenue earliest pictures—Even Numbers 2—20 from Kirkwick Avenue to Townsend Lane

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ROSEBERY AVENUE - Odd numbers

		Orchard House		Wakatu Firdale The Rectory Rosebery Ho.			Cauldhame Dalkeith Laleham Polmont	Rossmore		Nuni ne	New Col- lege Himley			Enham St Giles		Clifton Knole Lane End
	Houses	1A	1B	1	3A	3	5	7	7A	7B	9	9A	9B	11	13	15
1898	2															
1900	3															
1901	3			Wakatu			Cauldhame	Rossmore			New Col- lege					
1903	7			Wakatu			Cauldhame	Rossmore			New Col- lege			Enham		Clifton
1906	7			Wakatu			Cauldhame	Rossmore			New Col- lege			Enham		Clifton
1907	7			Wakatu			Cauldhame	Rossmore			New Col- lege			Enham		Knole
1910	7			Firdale			Dalkeith				Himley			St Giles		Knole
1911	8			Firdale			Dalkeith	Rossmore			Himley			St Giles		Knole
1913	8			Firdale			Dalkeith	Rossmore			Himley			St Giles		Knole
1920	8			Firdale			Laleham	Rossmore			Himley			St Giles		Lane End
1921	8			Firdale			Laleham	Rossmore			Himley			St Giles		Lane End
1923	8			Firdale			Laleham	Rossmore			Himley			St Giles		Lane End
1924	7			Firdale			Laleham				Himley			St Giles		Lane End
1925	7			Firdale			Laleham				Himley			St Giles		Lane End
1926	7			Firdale			Polmont				Himley			St Giles		Lane End
1928	8			1			5	7 Rossmore			9			11		13
1930	8			The Rectory			Polmont				Himley			St Giles		Lane End
1931	8			The Rectory			Polmont				Himley			St Giles		Lane End
1936	8			1			5	7			9			11		15
1937	8			1			5	7			9			11		15
1939	8			1			5	7			9			11		15
1940	8			1			5	7			9			11		15
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1964	10			1		3	5	7			9			11		15
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1967	14			1		3	5	7			9	9A	9B	11		15
1968	18			1		3	5	7			9	9A	9B	11		15
1969	18			1		3	5	7			9	9A	9B	11		15
1970	19	1A		1		3	5	7			9	9A	9B	11		15

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		Orchard House		Wakatu		Cauld-hame	Ross more		Nunine	New College		Enham St Giles		Clifton Knole Lane End
				Firdale		Dalkeith								
				The Recto-ry		Laleham				Himley				
				Rosebery Ho.		Polmont								
	Addresses	1A	1B	1	3A 3	5	7	7A	7B	9	9A	9B	11	13	15
1971	19	1A		1	3	5	7			9	9A	9B	11		15
1972	20	1A		1	3	5	7			9	9A	9B	11		15
1973	21	1A		1	3	5	7			9	9A	9B	11		15
1974	23	1A		1	3	5	7		7B	9	9A	9B	11		15
1975	24	1A		1	3	5	7	7A	7B	9	9A	9B	11		15
1976	22	1A		1	3	5	7	7A	7B	9	9A	9B	11		15
1977	22	1A		1	3	5	7	7A	7B	9	9A	9B	11		15
1978	22	1A		1	3	5	7	7A	7B	9	9A	9B	11		15
1979	22	1A		1	3	5	7	7A	7B	9	9A	9B	11		15
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1982	22	1A		1	3	5	7	7A	7B	9	9A	9B	11		15
1983	22	1A		1	3	5	7	7A	7B	9	9A	9B	11		15
1984	24	1A		1	3	5	7	7A	7B	9	9A	9B	11		15
1985	24	1A		1	3	5	7	7A	7B	9	9A	9B	11		15
1986	24	1A		1	3	5	7	7A	7B	9	9A	9B	11		15
1987	24	1A		1	3	5	7	7A	7B	9	9A	9B	11		15
1988	24	1A		1	3	5	7	7A	7B	9	9A	9B	11		15
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2019	27	1A*	1B	1	3A 3	5	7	7A*	7B	9	9A	9B	11	13	15
2020	27	1A*	1B	1	3A 3	5	7	7A*	7B	9	9A	9B	11	13	15

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					Bencleugh			Eastleigh		Browarth					GreyTiles Kiamara
	2	2A	4A	4	6			8		10	12	14	16	18	20 (Was 14)
1898															
1900															
1901															
1903					Bencleugh			Eastleigh							
1906					Bencleugh			Eastleigh							
1907					Bencleugh			Eastleigh							
1910					Bencleugh			Eastleigh							
1911					Bencleugh			Eastleigh							
1913					Bencleugh			Eastleigh							
1920					Bencleugh			Eastleigh							
1921					Bencleugh			Eastleigh							
1923					Bencleugh			Eastleigh							
1924					Bencleugh			Eastleigh							
1925					Bencleugh			Eastleigh							
1926					Bencleugh			Eastleigh							
1928					6			8							
1930					Bencleugh			Eastleigh							
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1964					6		8	8A							14
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1968	2				6A	6B 6C	8	8A		10	12				18
1969	2				6A	6B 6C	8	8A	8B	10	12				18
1970	2			4	6A	6B 6C	8	8A	8B	10	12				14

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						Bencleugh			Eastleigh		Browarth					GreyTiles Kiamara 20 (Was
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1973	2			4	6A	6B	6C	8	8A	8B	10	12		16		14
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2006	2	2A	4A	4	6A	6B	6C		8		10	12*	14*	16		20
2007	2	2A	4A	4	6A	6B	6C		8		10	12*	14*	16	18	20
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2019	2*	2A	4A	4	6A	6B	6C		8		10	12*	14*	16	18	20
2020	2*	2A	4A	4	6A	6B	6C		8		10	12*	14*	16	18	20

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Local Graves in St Nicholas Churchyard, Harpenden

Steers

Henry

Aged 81

Annie Eliza aged 75

Clutterbuck

Gertrude Elizabeth

1870-1912

Beatrice Cornelia

1884-1970

Henry Julius Trewman

Aged 63

George Washington Gray

Aged 72

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