

## Cotgrave local history group walk No 1

Start – The Green in front of All Saints Church next to Church Lane *which was formerly Pepper Street*.



*The Stump on the Green in front of All Saints Church*

Walk up Church Lane pointing out No 1 Pepper St (home to Thurman family). Continue along Church Lane pointing out the location of the Walnut tree that RUSTICUS (George Hickling) sat in when composing his poems.

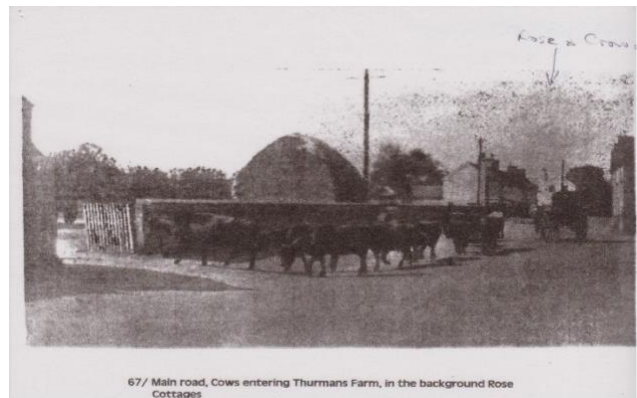


To the right off Church Lane lies a pathway "allegedly used to take the Plague victims" to a nearby field for burial, hence the name of Pepper street because of the 'sprinkled Pepper' on the lane (now Church Lane).

Walk back down Pepper St and on the left is Church View Nursing home (built on land previously owned by Thomas Thurman & family), turn left on Main St towards the Petrol service station.



Look beyond the 'Twitchel / jitty' to Thurman's Chapel built in 1852 following a 'breakaway' group of United Methodists led by Thomas Thurman and Samuel Voce until unification with the Bingham Road Methodist Church at the turn of the century.



67/ Main road, Cows entering Thurmans Farm, in the background Rose Cottages

*Thurman's farm on Main Road*

Just beyond is a car park where there used to be a row of terraced houses called Rose Cottages.



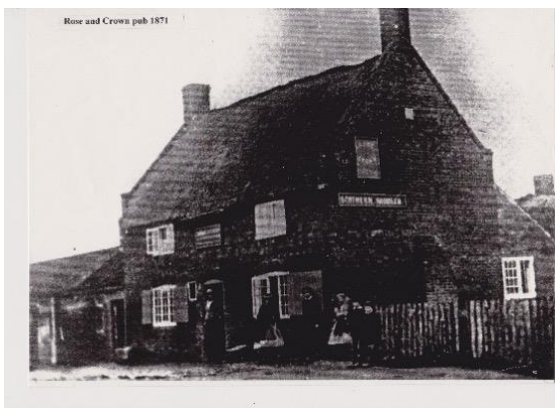
*Rose Cottages on Main Road  
and  
The Rose & Crown on the right*

Standing with your back to the road (at this point) you would face Blacksmith Court which used to have a row of out-buildings housing a Blacksmith, Wheelwright and a Saddler.



*Wheelwright and Blacksmith at work outside their out-buildings*

Now turn to your right and face The Rose and Crown public house which has had a number of name changes namely – Duke of Wellington 1822-1825, The Five Bells 1825-1853, The Victoria 1853-1861 before being renamed the Rose & Crown in 1861.



*Old and new (2020) Photos of the Rose and Crown.*



Continue to walk out along Main Road just beyond Mill Lane and point out where the first School House and Library stood. Further along was where the world famous ‘Marl’ was dug out and transported around the country ostensibly to be used on cricket squares. (It is claimed that this Marl (clay based) was transported to Australia and used on the Melbourne Cricket ground pitch?).



*Bronze artefacts*

Proceed up Mill Lane until the left hand bend and stop by the footpath to the fields at the back. Point out the location at the top of the road to where the remains of 106 Anglo-Saxon bodies were buried along with a number of artefacts.



*One of several Anglo-Saxon burial pit*



Also indicate the location of Gozen’s Windmill which crumbled under strong winds in 1915. It is reputed to be responsible for the death of a young man fatally injured by one of the vanes. This windmill was one of three located around Cotgrave the other three on Gripps Common, Wolds fields and near to the Cotgrave Woods atop of Owthorpe Road.

Proceed along the Footpath until the 'T' junction intersection. Directly across was a large field used for both the local Football team and Cricket team.



Turn right and walk down the footpath and into East Acres and on to Bingham Road. Point out 'the Pinfold' which (following Enclosure in 1791) in villages was used to hold stray animals.



*The Pinfold or Penfold*

Turn right onto Bingham Road and proceed to the Methodist Church. Note the history of the Methodist Church building, its connection with Thurman's chapel and the early Chapel building at the back now used as the Scout and Guide Hall.



*Cotgrave Methodist Church*



*earlier Chapel now the Scout & Guide Hall*

Continue along Bingham Road passing Thurmans Drive towards All Saints church pointing out the Post Office and the Butchers shop before arriving at the Manvers Arms public house, previously known as Royal Oak 1822-1825, The Black Lion 1825 -1861 and then its present name.



*Old photo of Manvers Arms*



*2021 photo of Manvers Arms*

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