

Enquiry from John Calvert re Brooklands

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Subject: Can you help ?

Hello.

I came across your website by accident.

I lived in Westcott between 1964 and 1985. I lived in Harestock House (The middle section of a large house to the right of what used to be a Shell Garage many years ago) on the Guildford Road - Right opposite the Church). Do you have any information /old photographs of this house ?

I now live in Kent and miss Westcott terribly ! If you have any information, or can point me in the right direction it would be most appreciated.

With best wishes,

JOHN CALVERT

The garage has gone, of course, and the house that replaced it has had a succession of tenants. The Ranfts, who lived in Haresstock House for several years have decamped for France. The new owners have just had the house re-roofed. Here are a couple of pictures. One shows the house and the other the Dowager Marchioness of Hertford with her daughter Lady Florence Blunt, who lived there. There are memorial plates to each in the church. The only other photos simply show the house in the far background, but one indicates its previous 'Georgian' style architecture - but do not have it to hand. This was presumably how it looked when the Charles March lived there in the middle of the 19th century. Sadly I don't know when the first haouse was built on the ste.

Hope this helps

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Many many thanks for your response.

I've probably learned more about the house in this e-mail than from anything else. Though I did hear that Brooklands, Harestock House & Little Brooklands was once one big house and owned a huge chunk of land in Westcott. You may be able to shed some light on this matter or indeed direct me to where ican find info on this.

I really appreciate this. It's absolutely fantastic. If you pick up any morsels relating to this house or the area it is in I would welcome you pasing it onto me.

Once again, many thanks.

JOHN CALVERT