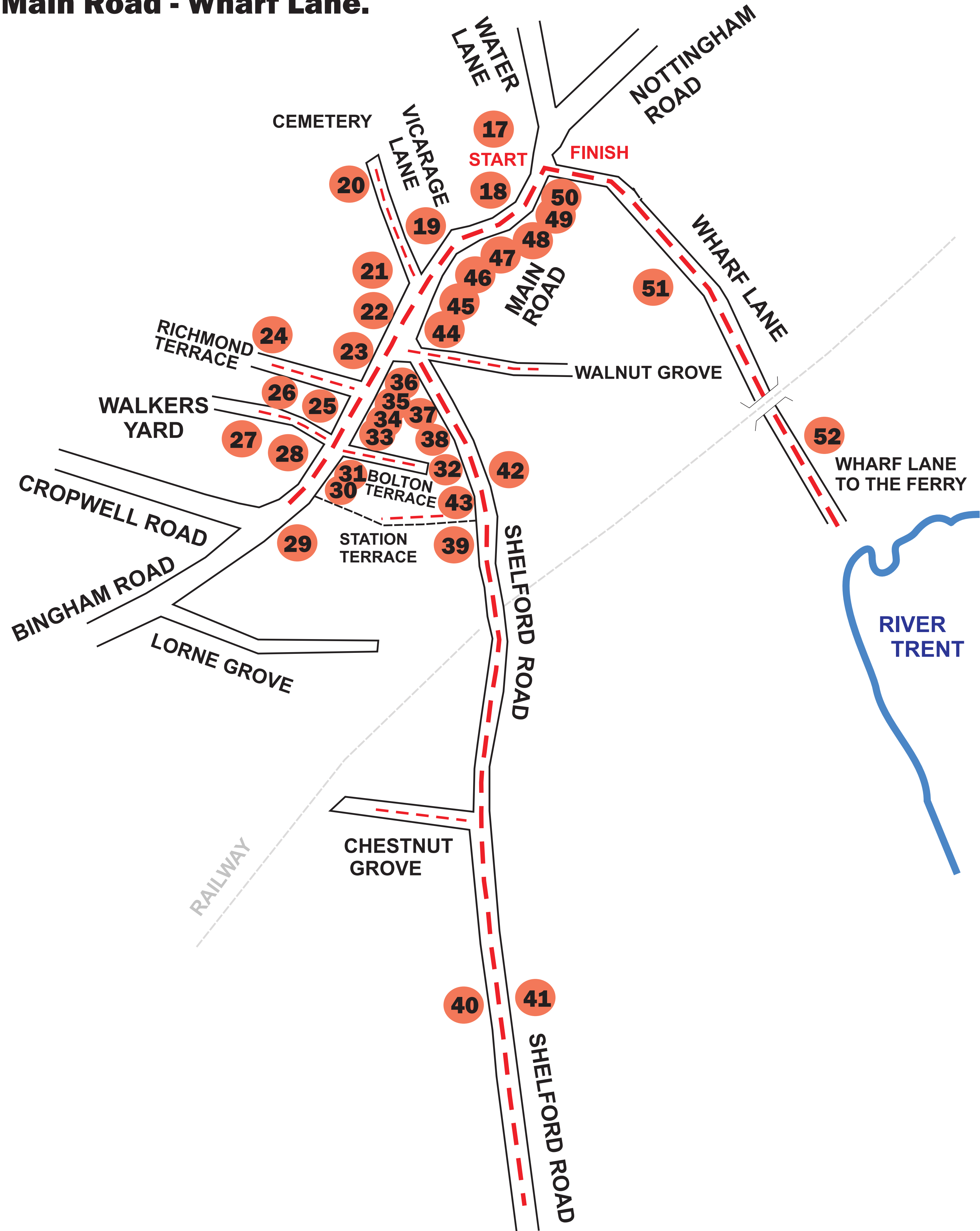


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We start the second walk in this series from Radcliffe Hall. This house was built in the late 18th century and has 19th century extensions. Mrs Helena Smith, a widow, lives here. Her husband Samuel Smith, a Lace Manufacturer, has died in 1912, leaving



Radcliffe Hall

her with one son, Howard. Mrs Smith is to open up the house as a convalescent home for wounded officers during the war and there she will meet Lieutenant Norman Lloyd Dexter who had been seriously injured. He became her husband in 1919. The original house and lands occupied 162 acres stretching southward from the Hall. Next is the parish church, St. Mary's, with its strange saddle-back tower. Reverend John Cullen, a much loved and respected vicar, sadly died in January 1914 and Rev Robert Cecil Smith has now taken over at the Vicarage. Rev Cullen was the instigator of the rebuilding of the church. We believe the tower's design came about because Rev Cullen's wife was German born and it reminded her of buildings back home, the tower being of German-French design.

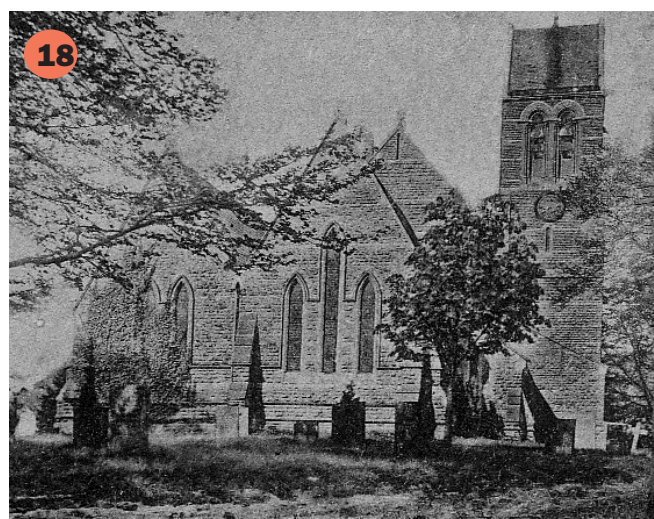


The Vicarage

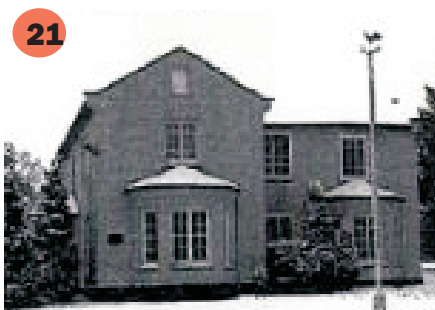


Roulstone's Tea Rooms

If we turn right after the church we come to Vicarage Lane, where the current vicarage stands. This house was built in 1827, with the attached church rooms added in 1890, which are used for church and vestry meetings. Just beyond the vicarage is Hartwell House, home to Mr and Mrs Redgate, where church garden parties are held. Opposite is the home of Tom Roulstone where you can stop for a cup of tea at his splendid tea rooms (one of a number in the village). Returning to the village centre, we pass the entrance to the cemetery. This site was controversial in 1869 when it was first proposed, because of problems with drainage. The first burial was that on 13 July 1870 of William Martin, a well respected surgeon. After the cemetery is The Grange lived in by Thomas Haynes a JP and maltster. His son William Brewster Haynes is to become a 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery and to be mentioned in despatches. His daughters Emma and Charlotte will serve as VAD's at the military hospital at Trent Bridge. We are now in the village square and walking past the drinking fountain. The fountain was built to commemorate the coronation of King Edward VII in 1902. Animals drink from the trough on the road side and villagers from a tap on the pavement side. Unfortunately there are a couple of mistakes on the plaque as the



St. Mary's Church



The Grange



The Drinking Fountain



King was ill prior to his coronation and Mrs Noel who performed the opening ceremony had broken her hip. The dates are wrong but the Parish Council decided not to invest in a corrected plaque. The next house is The Poplars, where Mr Butler Parr



The Poplars



Richmond Terrace

lives, a brewery agent and prominent member of the Parish Council. This house regularly floods from the overflowing Syke Drain that runs down the Main Street from Saxondale. We then come to Richmond Terrace and The Royal Oak. Richmond Terrace is a row of terraced cottages where the Bemrose brothers Tom and William live and also Wallace Lingard Spriggs. All three are to serve in the War. The shop at the end facing the Main Road is run by Edward Kyte the druggist. At the top of Richmond Terrace are a couple of larger houses, one being Beech House. The Royal Oak where John Fryer is the landlord, has been a public house since the 18th century. They brew their own beer on site. Also located here is a butchers shop run by the Foster brothers, together with a slaughterhouse. Dunmore House is next, a large double-fronted property.

If we now turn right up Brewery Yard (Walkers Yard) we come to The Rosary which was the home of the famous cricketer Richard Daft. Returning to Main Road on the right is Dene House, home to the Reynolds family who run the shop and corn mill further down the village. Buxtons farm house is next complete with a stack yard and Pinfold Cottage.

Cross over Main Road and the first substantial building is Hollybank House, where Miss Annis Marriott lives, a spinster living on private means. Walk back on this side of the road and on the corner of



Walkers Yard



Hollybank House



The Royal Oak



Dunmore House



Dene House

Station Terrace is where the Chamberlain family live; their pork butchers shop is situated on the corner with Main Road. Their sons George and Henry will serve in the war and their daughter Sarah is to die of influenza in 1918.

RADCLIFFE WALKS

Walk 2 continued

We now come to another hostelry, The Black Lion, whose landlord is Fred Platts - this building stretches back up Station Terrace. Next door is Mrs Sarah Taylor's drapery shop.

Bolton Terrace on the right is next, named after a Nottingham business man in 1865 who built one of the houses up here. The Wells family live here; James Wells is to be a conscientious objector but undertake war work at Boots in Nottingham.

Another house is occupied by the Foster family, including brothers Frank and Owen Foster. Owen will become a 2nd Lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards, while Frank will serve with the artillery. Their married sister Agnes Pike is a teacher at the village school. Charles Paine's family also live along here. His father James is a postman. Charles emigrated to Australia in 1913. He is to sail from there to France and to be killed at the Somme in August 1916.

Back on Main Road there are three terraced houses, reached by steps from the



The Black Lion



Taylor's Shop



Bolton Terrace



Main Road



Bowring Farmhouse



Police Station

road and then the farmhouse and yard lived in by the Bowring/Lunn family, sadly Elvira Bowring the last surviving child of Joseph and Edith Bowring has recently died. Next is the police station built in 1837. The current Police Sergeant is Jason Carlin whose son Ben is to lose his life in the war in 1918. His other son George will return from the conflict to continue his passion as a golf professional at the local club. The Union of London & Smith's Bank is next, joined onto the Co-operative shop. The bank was established in 1912 and is open only in the mornings for four days a week. The Co-operative store was opened here in 1905 having moved from premises on Hogg Lane. It is a two storey building with an assembly room on the top floor. We



Bank

have dances, a cinema and meetings here. The hall entrance is on Station Road (Shelford Road) and the hall can seat up to 120 people. Turn right up Station Road (Shelford Road). There are a number of

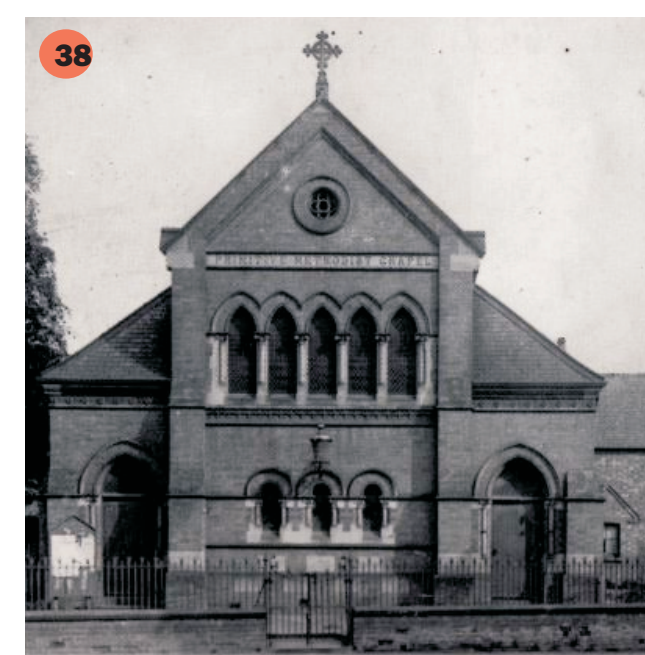


shops on this side; Fred Astill's and Albert Wroughton's both hairdressers and Rowe's newsagents. The Primitive Methodist chapel is next opened in 1893.

After the chapel is Cedar



Corner of Station Road



Primitive Methodist Chapel

walk over the railway bridge where it becomes known as Shelford Road. There are three substantial villas along here, Clyde Villa and Campbell House where the Lace Manufacturer Geoffrey Holmes lives. His son Francis Percival Holmes is to become a Captain in the South Notts Hussars and his daughter Marie a VAD at the Nottingham Dispensary. The third house is on the corner of Chestnut Grove (later called Benbui). These houses were built by wealthy Lace Manufacturers wanting a house in the country but needing to be near the Railway Station for commuting to their place of work.

Turn right down Chestnut Grove and here we find a number of fine three storey Victorian houses where Percy Cox, Robert Hallam and William Ritter live. All three were to lose their lives fighting in the War.

On the opposite corner as we turn up Shelford Road is The Firs, an imposing house hidden by a large brick wall. After this house there are fields until we reach Northolme House and Westcliffe House and then Shelford Road farm.

Returning to the village we cross over the road and pass a number of fields and the first house we come to is Cliff House, built in 1869 and set back from the road with its own lodge house at the bottom of the drive. Back over the railway bridge and we reach Old Manor Farm. George Bell, the landlord at The Manvers Arms, farms here as well as running the

House where Gerald Robotham lives, who will become an observer in the Royal Air Force during the War. Turn right down Station Terrace where a row of artisan houses and gardens can be found (fourteen in all). Here William Hallam lives at No.5, Bertie Bakewell at No.7 and Francis H Pepper at No.14. They all serve in the War.

Back again to Station Road and



Station Terrace



Northolme House



Cliffe House

RADCLIFFE WALKS

Walk 2 continued

pub. On his land are outbuildings, a cottage and a tin hut where the catholic congregation of the village worship. Next are more terraced houses set around a courtyard called Gilmans Yard where George Draper lives - he will serve with the Royal Engineers in the War. John Gilman also lives here and we can get another cup of tea at his refreshment rooms. High House, a three storey building is next, set back from the road a little with steps up to the front door. Then we have Englewood House with its grand entrance on the corner of Walnut Grove, though you cannot see the house from the road due to a screening of trees.

Turn right up Walnut Grove. Here we find another fine area of substantial built houses; one is occupied by James Redgate

who will soon be off to serve with the Royal Artillery in the War. Along here also is the family of Arthur Howard a maltster. His son Ernest will serve with the Royal Army Service Corp but will lose his life in 1918, and his daughter Connie is to become a

nurse at the Manchester General Hospital.

We are now back to the square and on this corner sits the wooden building housing Thomas Barratt's boot and shoemaking business. Next is a block of shops where there is a post office, established here since 1900. Another Barratt family runs it, as well as a bakery and provision shop next door; then there is the shop and house of butcher Samuel Dyson Parr.

We now come to the Old School House where James Browne and his wife lived whilst he was the headmaster of the local school. He has now retired and lives up Shelford Road. What was the old village school (built 1871) is now The



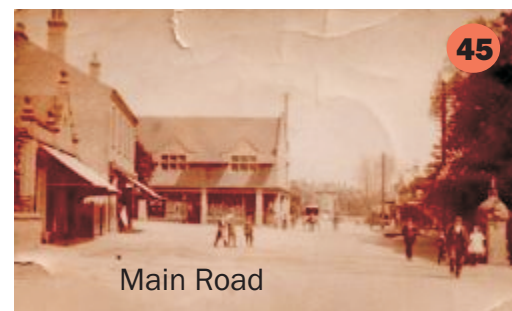
Gilmans Yard



High House



Barratt's Shoe Shop



Main Road



Old School House

Samuel Dyson Parr's House



Pierrepont Institute; it is used as a Sunday School and on weekdays a reading room, lecture room, or venue for concerts and public meetings. During the War it will become a social club for convalescing wounded servicemen. Richmond House is next and then another of the public houses, The Manvers Arms. This inn, formerly known as The White Hart, was probably the most important inn in the village as coaches and carriers would stop daily en-route for Nottingham or Newark. It was rebuilt by the Manvers Estate in 1815. The Bell family have lived here for a number of years.



The Manor House



Radcliffe Lodge

is the first building; a large house set in its own grounds but has been turned into two separate dwellings: North and South Lodge. It is said to have been built in 1791 by the banker Colonel Samuel Wright. Opposite the Lodge is the recreation ground opened to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897. There are swings, a slide and a see-saw for the children to play on. The only other building on this Lane is the Ferry House by the river. The Vickerstaff family live here and are to send four sons to war: Archibald, Charles, who was awarded a meritorious service medal, John and Leonard. Their father William operates the ferry. We now retrace our steps back to the Main Road.



Pierrepont Institute



The Manvers Arms

The Manor House is next, built in the 17th C and is home to Gerard Septimus Dowson, an estate agent. They have a wonderful tennis court but this was destined to be dug up to grow much needed vegetables during the war. Mrs Dowson will become actively involved in raising funds for the war effort and Mr Dowson is to assist The British Red Cross with their newly formed Missing and Wounded Soldiers enquiry service.

Turn right down Wharf Lane, which leads to the ferry across the River Trent. Radcliffe Lodge



Ferry House