

Leatherhead & District Local History Society

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Ballands Hall (formerly The Rectory), The Street, Fetcham



Ballands Hall, Fetcham, formerly the Rectory once home to the Moon family, is now divided into separate residences. It was built in the late seventeenth century with alterations in the next two centuries. In a Particulars of Sale dated 1788 the rectory is described as 'one of the finest parsonage houses in Surrey.

The Ballands Hall estate was sold in 1919. There had been a sale of the contents of the house in 1911, which gave a good impression of the layout and size of the house at that time: an entrance hall which led into the Library and the Morning Room, with the Dining Room and Drawing Room on the first floor. There were as many as 16 bedrooms on the top floor of the house. However, the 1919 sale catalogue is more comprehensive, because it includes the house itself and 23 acres of land, with 13 bedrooms (I wonder what happened to the other three) and dressing rooms, a suite of reception rooms plus valuable building sites and 'picturesque country cottages'. The buyers, Mr. and Mrs. Julian, are recorded as being community minded and the annual Christmas Party for local children was held at the Hall.

The majority of the building survives in the original form, but the conservatory shown in picture and a ballroom, dating from the nineteenth century were demolished in the 1920s following the 1919 sale.

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