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Fetcham Post Office - Lower Rd/Sandy Lane (The Ridgeway)

Left: Fetcham Post Office c: 1928

Below: Orchard Parade 1950s



The school master Richard Caernarton was for many the Post Office Receiver, mail arriving at Leatherhead at 7.30am and being dispatched at 7.30pm. In 1871 the Post Office established deliveries to Fetcham, Bookham and Effingham. The sub-office at the school house continued until about 1890 when Henry Partridge, who was the Fetcham Park estate carpenter and his wife Angelina, took it over and operated it from a house on the corner of Lower Road and Sandy Lane (The Ridgeway). A primitive telephone was installed in the mid-1880s as part of the sub-office facilities connected to the omnibus line linking Leatherhead, Bookham and Effingham and it enabled telegrams to be received and dispatched. It is thought that the house may have been a lodge to the Fetcham Park estate until a new one was built in the 1870s. The last occupant was Samuel Friston. The existing facilities were transferred from the house to the present site Orchard Parade, Cobham Road.

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