

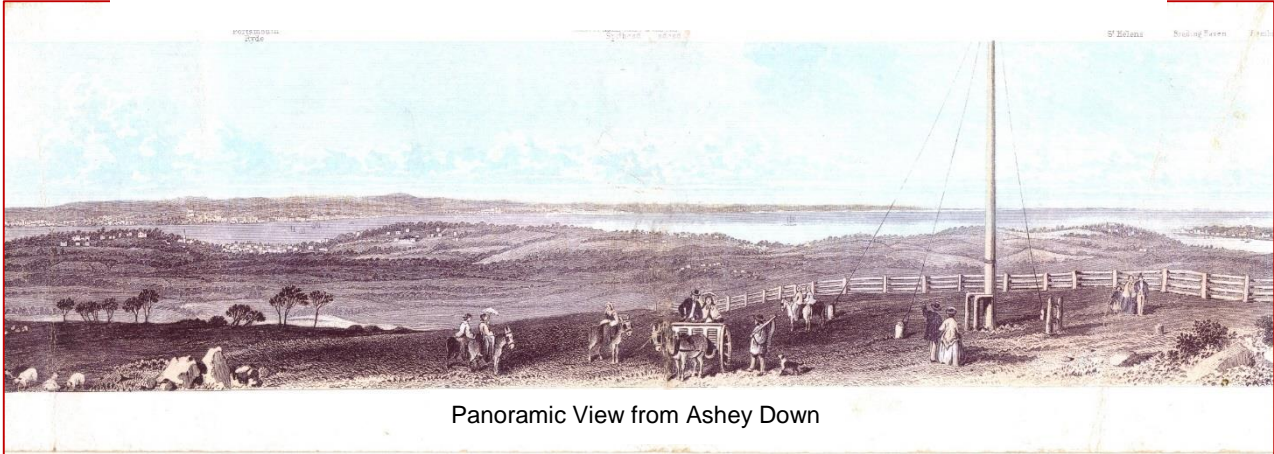


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OUT & ABOUT ~ FROM RYDE



Panoramic View from Ashy Down

NUNWELL

Called Nunwell as it is thought that the nuns of Ashy obtained their supply of water from a spring near the house

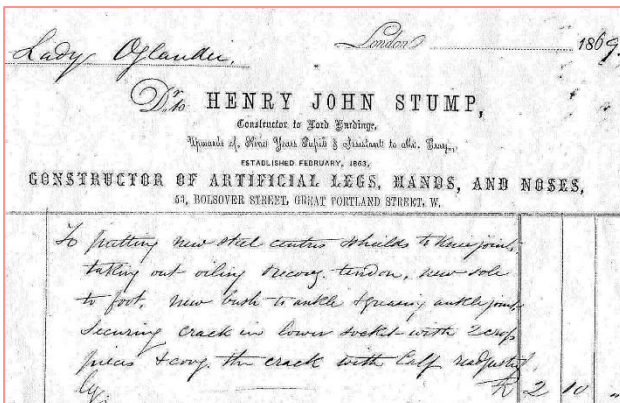
IW Observer 4 February 1860

Nunwell Volunteers – On Thursday last, Capt. Brigstocke, R.N. attended at Nunwell, and swore-in the company raised by and at the expense of Sir Henry Oglander, bart. After the oaths had been administered, the company was put through a two-hours' drill. These things being over, the whole party was summoned to the farm, where a first-rate banquet was served up.



IW Observer 11 April 1885

Considerable alarm was created on Sunday by the report of a fire at Nunwell House, the residence of Lady Oglander. It seems that the flue of one of the chimneys got over-heated and set fire to the woodwork of the roof. The roof had consequently to be knocked in, considerable damage being thereby occasioned.



IW Observer 30 December 1893

Lady Oglander, with her usual generosity, distributed about 800 lbs. of beef to her labourers and the poor of the parish of Brading on Saturday last. A large quantity of bread was also given, in proportion to the number of the recipients' families. On Thursday Lady Oglander gave a dinner to the Sunday School children, and today (Friday) she gives a treat to the infants.

Did one of Lady Oglander's family, or a servant, have an artificial leg, or was she having a suit of armour repaired, requiring Mr Stump's services. 1869 bill to Lady Oglander. RSHG

BINSTEAD

A small village of quite respectable antiquity, finding mention as "Benestite" in the Domesday Book. Behind the church is the Giant's Tomb, which local residents point out as the grave of Samuel Landon, who when he died in 1844 was reputed to be the biggest man in the world. (from the 24th edition of Ward Lock)



Art Card 'The Solent from Binstead' – Ann Barrett School postcard – Paul Kingswell
Extracts from School Log. IW Record Office ref: CC/ED/G/12/5. Indexed by Ann Barrett

IW Observer 13 May 1899

Dr. Groves is to be thanked for calling attention in his report to the fact that pig fattening is carried on at Binstead to an extent that causes it to be an infliction to the whole population. Often when taking a walk in that direction on a summer evening, with little wind, the smell that hangs over the place drives many pedestrians away. Now the population has increased, so much pig keeping should not be permitted.



EXTRACTS FROM LOG BOOK BINSTEAD C. E. SCHOOL (Infants) 1872-1890

3 June 1872 Binstead Infant School opened for the first time. Mistress in charge, Anne Stevens. Commenced with 63 children in the morning and 34 in the afternoon. Present at opening Col. Hill, Mrs Hewitt, the Rev. Philip Hewitt being absent from home at the time.

20 November 1878 Punished H Jerram for playing truant, having censured him before, as he indulges in this practice at least one half day in the week.

11 November 1878 One child, H Wheeler comes to school very late, this morning it was 11 o'clock, sent her home again.

14 January 1879 W James is seriously ill, will not again attend the school until the Summer. C Hutchings unable to attend school, on account of injuring an eye.

20 August 1880 One little girl, Ada Passmore on her way to school, was rode over by a horse and cart, and very much bruised and shaken, that she is today unable to attend school.

24 March 1887 Charles Organ met with a bad accident in the playground during the dinner hour by falling off the wall.

28 March 1887 Lily Venus ill with inflammation of the right lung.

IW Observer 19 August 1893

Technical Education – In the course of discussion, it was submitted that technical education was not welcomed in the rural districts. They knew which end of a potato to put in a furrow, and needed no instructions to teach their grandmother to suck eggs.

IW Observer 28 January 1922

Postman Leaving – Mr. G. F. Harris, who had been postman in Binstead district for 18 years and who had biked many hundreds of miles during that period in the performance of his duties is being transferred to Ryde. Mr. Harris, who is held in much esteem by the inhabitants was called up during the war and was one of the oldest of the Post Office staff to serve in the trenches.



Post Office – Roy Brinton
Shop opposite the post office
RSHG

IW Observer 6 November 1920

Poultry – Hidden Treasures are contained in Ovum, Thorley's Poultry Spice; sold by W. Cooper, Grocer, Post Office, Binstead.

IW Times 3 November 1960

Postage Stamps - The Post Office has decided to liberalise and simplify the arrangements under which shopkeepers and others may sell postage stamps. The distance limit has now been abolished and the Post Office will welcome applications from persons who wish to sell postage stamps.

IW Times 26 October 1961

In a normal week, three new television licenses and three sound radio licenses are taken out in the Ryde postal area. After the recent Post Office detector van comb of the district, however, 87 new TV licenses and 41 wireless passed over Post Office counters.

SPRINGVALE

Springvale is little more than a terrace of houses, with a pretty woodland district behind. The sands at low water stretch a great distance, and it is possible to get quite close to the nearest of the circular forts in the Solent. (from the 24th edition of Ward Lock)

Six pairs of pink flamingos took to wearing stockings for a journey from Buckinghamshire to the Isle of Wight.

But the unusual leg-wear was not for decoration — just to protect the Chilean flamingoes, super-long legs from injury by folding them under their bodies.

They caused quite a commotion, too, during their 120-mile trip from Olney to Seaview's popular holiday attraction, Flamingo Park in Oakhill Road.

For the birds travelled in

the back seat of a car belonging to the sanctuary's joint-owner, Mr. Peter Adams.

Each bird cost £55, and they join 13 other flamingos at the park making a flock of 25. They will form part of the collection of over 1000 waterfowl of 40 varieties, which attract thousands of holidaymakers each year.

After the journey Mr. Adams said that his passengers, "who just sat there watching me," had been no trouble at all.

"Every time I went round

a bend I could see them in my mirror all huddled in a corner," he said.

Heads turned in disbelief as people noticed Mr. Adams' unusual passengers.

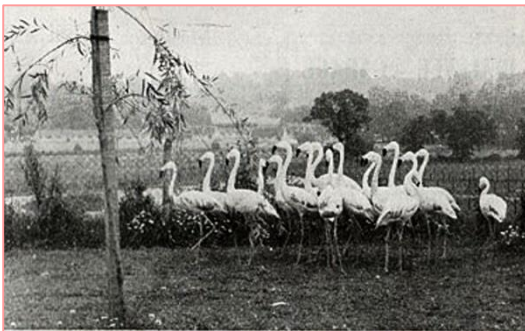
Mr. Adams, who admitted that the birds, worth £660, caused quite a commotion at the car ferry, said they soon recovered after their stockings were removed, and joined the rest of the flock.

He said that he started his trip at 3.30 in the morning. It took so long "because this type of flamingo are prone to heart attacks, so I could not drive too fast."

Feathered Fiends, Not Friends!

Flamingo Park is under attack from the 'Black Death'. Hordes of marauding crows are making hit and run raids on eggs and fledglings scattered along the water banks of the ten-acre park. The situation has reached the stage where they have had to call in specialist marksmen to shoot the crows. The raiders sometimes attacked in flocks of 200 strong.

From the IW County Press 27 April 1974.



Flamingo Park article IW County Press 20 April 1974

Postcard of the Queen's establishment on the Duver - RSHG

FLAMINGO PARK BIRD SANCTUARY
 OAKHILL ROAD - SPRINGVALE - SEAVIEW - ISLE OF WIGHT
 Telephone: Seaview 2153
 Come and enjoy an afternoon in our 10 acres of parkland. Over 1,000 birds in many varieties. **BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIRD HOUSE.**
 Open daily from 2.0 to 6.0 p.m. Adults 20p. Children 10p.
 Large Free Car Park Toilets
 Bird food available at Kiosk
 Seaview Services Buses from Ryde to Duver Toll Gate or Southern Vectis Buses Nos. 7 and 8 to Bullen Cross, or about 30 minutes comfortable walk along sea wall from Ryde Canoe Lake.
 Regret strictly NO dogs allowed.



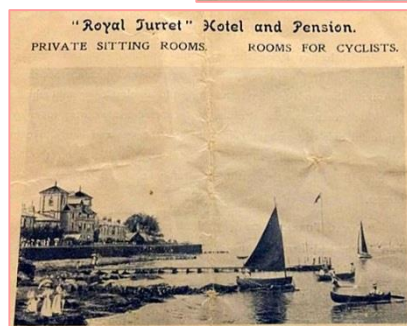
IW Observer 10 June 1899

The Royal Turret Hotel and Boarding Establishment, Spring Vale, is now open, and the comfort of visitors ensured by the personal supervision of Mrs George Handley.

George Handley was the founder of the large store Handley's Ltd. of Southsea. He lived at Oakhill, Springvale and commuted daily to his business. At the age of 65 he collapsed and died on the steamer while travelling home. Obituary IW County Press 21 December 1935.



"Royal Turret" Hotel and Pension.
 SPRING VALE, ISLE OF WIGHT.
 (One mile East of Ryde on the sea shore near Golf Links).
 GOOD BOATING AND FISHING.
 TERMS.—From £2 2s. 0d. per week.
 EXTRAS.
 Bedroom Fire. Early Cup of Tea. Meals in Room.
 Boot Cleaning, 1/-; and Bath, 1/- per week.
 HOURS OF MEALS.
 BREAKFAST ... 9 a.m. LUNCHEON ... 1.30 p.m.
 TEA ... 4 p.m. DINNER ... 7 p.m.
 SUNDAYS.
 BREAKFAST ... 9 a.m. DINNER ... 1.30 p.m.
 TEA ... 5 p.m. SUPPER ... 8.30 p.m.
 VISITORS.
 BREAKFAST, 1/6 LUNCH, 2/- DINNER, 3/- AFTERNOON TEA, 6d.



Royal Turret Hotel brochure
 Roy Brinton Collection

SEAVIEW

The first mention of Seaview was thought to be in July 1545 when the French, in a naval attack on Portsmouth, landed near what became the Old Fort Café on the Esplanade, and routed defenders from a small emplacement at Fort Bank. (RSHG)



IW County Press 22 June 1968

At the Magistrates Court, Town Hall, Ryde, the assistant cook at St. Clare Holiday Camp, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering The Dell Café and the Tollgate Café, Seaview, and stealing four chicken quarters valued at 10s., belonging to Westridge Estates, Ltd. Offences were committed under the influence of drink.



THE TOLLGATE
The Duver,
Seaview
Map Reference A5
Tel: Seaview 2442 & Ryde 65957
Clive Green

Tollgate Restaurant
The Duver, Seaview
Tel. Seaview 2442 or Ryde 65957

WINE and DINE

and enjoy a well-cooked meal from our specially selected five-course table d'hôte menu, and served in our own unique atmosphere of friendliness.

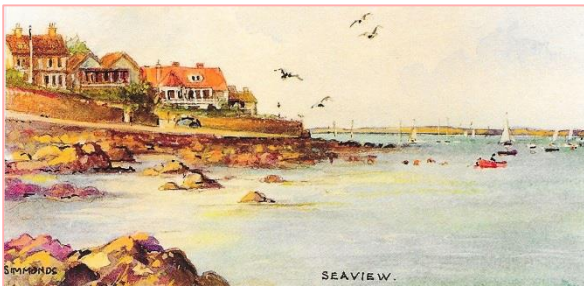
Last orders 10 pm. From £2.95 inclusive.
Also available: COFFEES, LUNCHES, CREAM TEAS, LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

★ JOIN OUR "SUNDAY LUNCHERS" ★
Leave the cooking and washing-up alone. Let us look after you. Come and choose from our wide choice of a three-course-plus-coffee Lunch for only £2.20 inclusive (Senior Citizens £1.85 and Children under 12 £1.45) 12.30 pm to 2 pm.

TABLE RESERVATIONS ADVISED

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
● WEDDING RECEPTIONS from £1.50 inclusive ●
● PRIVATE PARTIES CATERED FOR ●
● FUNCTIONS UP TO 120 PERSONS ●
120 persons if with Dancing? ●
Personal attention by Clive Green
LICENSED RESTAURANT

Advert IW County Press
12 August 1978
Photo from 'Where to Eat' 1970's.



Art Cards – RSHG
Seaview Pier – Roy Brinton Collection

A number of Ryde people set up shops and businesses in Seaview. The following people are listed in "Memories of Old Seaview" by R J Cheverton and S L Matthews.

CAPITAL & COUNTIES BANK On the ground floor of Cathay, High Street, opened two days a week. The cashier drove out from Ryde in his horse and trap which was stabled at Speedwell Mews.

MR DYKE watchmaker, High Street.

ALFRED GRUNDY pre-WW1 fishmongers, High Street.

MR JOHNCOX post-WW1 fishmongers shop, High Street.

MR E HUDSON pre-WW2 cycle and pram shop, High Street.

MR MEAD formerly employed at the Old Cinema, Ryde attempted to revive the film shows at Seaview Pavilion after WW1.

MR NICHOLLS photographic shop next to Coronation House, Esplanade. It had previously been a chandlery business.

JACK SWEET greengrocer, Church Street.

HAYLANDS

The origin of the name Haylands comes from Old English for 'Enclosed Land'.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

"PER SE"

CHICKEN

F O O D

"PER SE"

Can now be obtained from the following:

G. WIFFIELD..... High Street, Ryde & Sea View
C. LANDER West Street,
A. TUTT & SONS, Oakfield Post Office.
W. COOPER Bishop Post Office.
Mrs. JENNINGS Seaview.
W. MOREY Haylands Post Office.
C. LIPSCOMBE Eleven Street Post Office
AND
B. SHUTE & CO., John Street, Ryde.

"PER SE" is sold in 2lb. Bds. & 1/4.
Insist on having "PER SE" Chicken Food.

**OVER 2 TONS SOLD
IN RYDE LAST SEASON**



IW County Press 25 November 1961

Theft – During the weekend Haylands Sub-Post Office was broken into and £6.10s. was missed. The discovery was made on Monday morning by the sub-post mistress, Miss Irene Saunders. Goods in the shop, including cartons of cigarettes, were untouched.

Haylands Post Office RSHG
Advert IW Observer 20 March 1909
After the fire at Haylands– Roy Brinton



IW County Press 15 December 1962

Mrs Coombes of London writes – My mother, over 90, still remembers the terrible snow-storm of 1881. She is a native of Haylands, Ryde, and often recalls happenings that took place during her childhood. She would so much like to hear if the old cottages in Mitchells Road, Haylands, that her father, a master builder, had erected, are still there. The lovely spring at the bottom of her garden in Woodbine Cottage supplied the few cottages there with water.



GATEHOUSE FARM, ASHEY, NEAR RYDE, I.W.

To Dairymen and Others.
Growing Crop of Mangold for Sale by Auction.
MESSRS. E. MARVIN & SONS are instructed by Herbert Ratcliffe, Esq., to SELL by AUCTION, on the Premises, on THURSDAY, October 28th, 1886, at 11 o'clock precisely, subject to conditions to be then named, the
CROP OF MANGOLD,
"Golden Tankard," now growing in a field near the house, known as The Butts, of 2½ acres in extent, in lots of 20 rods each, to suit the convenience of buyers.
The crop can be seen on application to the bailiff at the farm.
Auction and Estate Agency Offices,
9, Union-street, Ryde.

Advert IW Observer
23 October 1886
Photos Gatehouse – RSHG
Kelly's Directory 1937

IW Observer 16 May 1874

Discovery of Roman coins – On Saturday an excavator working near Ashey, on the Ryde and Newport Railway, struck his pickaxe into an earthen pot containing a quantity of copper coins (Roman). They were much corroded, and the image and superscription were illegible. We hear that some of them have been cleaned, and found to be of the reign of the Emperor Antonius Marcus Aurelius, who died A.D. 161.



IW County Press 1 July 1972

Property Auction – Pasture field of 4.6 acres, at Gatehouse Road, Ashey, with mains water to drinking troughs, £3700 (equals £804 per acre). The price of the agricultural land at Ashey is thought to be a record for the Isle of Wight.

IW County Press 17 March 1973

Man, or keen lad required for farm-work, mainly with pig breeding herd. Experience preferred but not essential if keen to learn. Good conditions and pay. Beak, Gatehouse Farm, Ashey, phone Ryde 2491.

Salmon Arth. Hillside, Upton
Sheath Stephen, dairyman, Stroud farm, Upton
Shergold Jn. Water Works cotts
Stant Wm. Jn. (1 Upton cotts)
Taylor Miss (1 Osborne view, Upton)
Taylor Geo. Stroud Wood, Upton
Taylor Harry A. (Whitelay cotts)
Warne Herbt. Sweet Briar cott
Warne Miss, Old Manor ho
Warne Wltr. farmer (East Ashey manor)
Went Jas. (West Ashey cotts)

'Walks Around Ryde', Henry Holloway, 1848.
Notes taken by Liz Black

As late as the reign of Queen Elizabeth it is recorded that a widow, named Agnes Parker, was attainted of witchcraft, and all her goods and chattels forfeited to the lord of the manor, and herself here led to the stake, yielding up her life to the flames.

This is Ashey rendered interesting from olden associations ... there has been a spacious hall, a painted and gilded chamber and God's own temple ... and yet not the smallest vestige has survived.

IW County Press 15 October 1982

Planning Application – 17938 Alterations and 2 storey extension forming kitchen, garage, bedroom and bathroom and formation of vehicular access, Sweet Briar Cottage, Ashey.

Photograph of Sweet Briar Cottage, East Ashey Lane
Liz Black, the home of her mother.

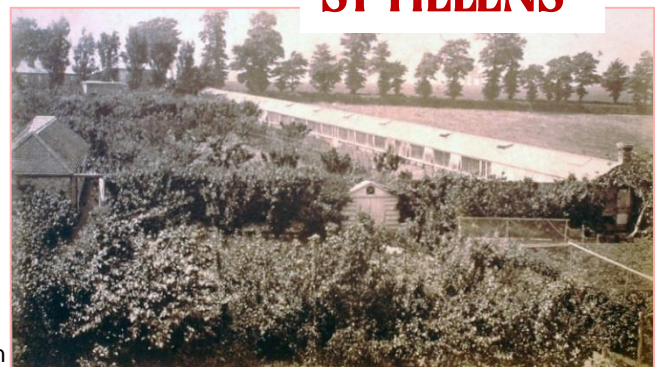


The start of 1951 saw another Naval machine come down in the Ryde area. Fortunately, the only fatality in this incident was a grazing cow. Around mid-day on Monday 21 January Fairey Firefly IV, TW738, suffered a complete engine failure and force-landed at East Ashey Manor Farm ... the machine touched down in a field before skidding through a hedge and hit a tree and the unfortunate cow, owned by Mr Warne. Mrs Yule, who lived nearby, ran to assist with other people, while neighbour, Mrs Black, telephoned for the police. Luckily the two on board had only minor injuries and the plane did not catch fire. Ryde Fire Brigade, under Station Officer Potts, were soon on the scene.

From the IW County Press 27 January 1951

Photograph annotated
'St Helen's House Vinery 270' long.
Melon pits and two fruit gardens'. Roy Brinton Collection

ST HELENS



TOLL HOUSES & TOLL ROADS



Toll house at St John's in existence from the 1840's to 1889
Both images Roy Brinton collection



Watercolour painting by Sir James Lilyman Caldwell 1843. He lived at Beechlands in Ryde, until he died in his 94th year in 1863. In his army career he saw service in India around the 1790's, with the future Duke of Wellington. 'A fine old English gentleman'. From his obituary IW Observer 4 July 1863.

Stone Pitts Turnpike	Joseph Rabbits	Head	Mar 75	Toll Gate Collector	Wells Tollard Royal
	John Browsing	Grandson	13	Scholar	D. Swindon

1851 census 'Stone Pitts Turnpike' with 75-year-old Joseph Rabbits from Tollard Royal, Wiltshire, as the toll collector.

List of charges, below, payable on more or less everything that passed through a toll gate.
Roy Brinton Collection

53^d GEORGII III. Cap.92.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any Person or Persons to be appointed by virtue of this Act Collector or Collectors as aforesaid, to demand and take the several Tolls and Duties following, at each and every of the several and respective Turnpikes or Toll Gates or Toll Houses, or Turnpike or Toll Gate or Toll House, or Side Bar or Side Gate, which shall be erected in, upon, across, or on the Sides of the said Roads or any of them, by virtue of this Act, and on every Day, such Day to be computed from Twelve of the Clock at Night to Twelve of the Clock in the next succeeding Night; (that is to say,)

For every Coach, Chariot, Landau, Sociable, Berlin, Chaise, Curricule, Phaeton, Vis-à-vis, Diligence, Caravan, Gig, or other Carriage, drawn by Six or more Horses, Mules, or other Beasts, the Sum of One Shilling and Sixpence :

For every Coach, Chariot, Landau, Sociable, Berlin, Chaise, Curricule, Phaeton, Vis-à-vis, Diligence, Caravan, Gig, or other Carriage, drawn by Five Horses, Mules, or other Beasts, the Sum of One Shilling and Threepence :

For every Coach, Chariot, Landau, Sociable, Berlin, Chaise, Curricule, Phaeton, Vis-à-vis, Diligence, Caravan, Gig, or other Carriage, drawn by Four Horses, Mules, or other Beasts, the Sum of One Shilling :

For every Coach, Chariot, Landau, Sociable, Berlin, Chaise, Curricule, Phaeton, Vis-à-vis, Diligence, Caravan, Gig, or other Carriage, drawn by Three Horses, Mules, or other Beasts, the Sum of Ninepence :

For every Coach, Chariot, Landau, Sociable, Berlin, Chaise, Curricule, Phaeton, Vis-à-vis, Diligence, Caravan, Gig, or other Carriage, drawn by Two Horses, Mules, or other Beasts, the Sum of Sixpence :

For every Coach, Chariot, Landau, Sociable, Berlin, Chaise, Curricule, Phaeton, Vis-à-vis, Diligence, Caravan, Gig, or other Carriage, drawn by One Horse, Mule, or other Beast, the Sum of Threepence :

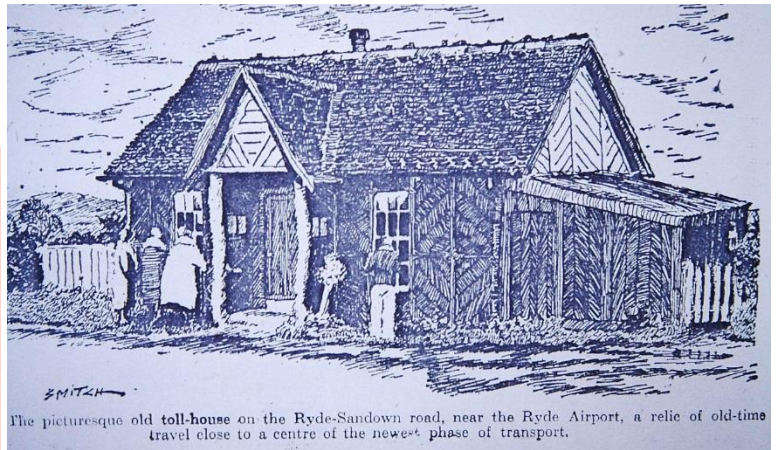
For every Waggon, Wain, Cart or other such Carriage, with Wheels of less Breadth than Three Inches, and drawn by One Horse or other Beast, a Sum not more than Eightpence nor less than Fourpence :

For every Horse, Mare, Gelding, Mule, or Ass, laden or unladen, and not drawing, the Sum of Twopence :

For every Score of Oxen, Cows, Bullocks, or Neat Cattle, the Sum of Twopence, and so in proportion for a greater or less Number than a Score : And,

For every Score of Calves, Sheep, Hogs, or Lambs, the Sum of Fivepence, and so in proportion for any greater or less Number than a Score :

And for every Coach, Chariot, Landau, Berlin, Hearse, Chaise, Curricule, Calash, Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage, and for every Horse, Mare, Gelding, Mule, or Ass, and for every Drove of Oxen, Cows, Bullocks, Calves, Hogs, Sheep, or Lambs, which shall pass through any of the said Gates on a Sunday (to be computed from Twelve of the Clock on Saturday Night to Twelve of the Clock on the Sunday)



The picturesque old toll-house on the Ryde-Sandown road, near the Ryde Airport, a relic of old-time travel close to a centre of the newest phase of transport.

Toll house on the Ryde to Sandown road and a typical toll house today.
Both Roy Brinton Collection



IW Observer 22 January 1921

If the owners of cars, carts and carriages would be kind enough to confer a boon on the residents and visitors to Seaview, by combining for two or three weeks to take the inland road to and from Seaview. If this were done those who pocket the toll money, would find their receipts falling off, and also realise that the best way to regain them would be to repair their disgusting road.