

GLYNE MANOR FARM

This property was a Manor in it's own right, later held of the Manor of Pebsham.

PROPERTY DETAILS (NGR TQ 7628 0835)

Glyne Manor Farm was the home of John de Glynde 1263, 1288 & 1296. Spelt Glynd in 1795. (1) The Manor was granted in 1528 to John Baker, The King's Attorney General. It remained for more than a century in the Baker family. Sir Richard Baker being the owner in 1572-3. In 1601 it was settled on Thomas Baker on his marriage to Constance Kingsmill and in 1622 was settled on Constance and their younger son Richard. Sir Thomas died seized of it in 1625 and it seems to have passed to their elder son Thomas, for he and his wife Alice sold the Manor or farm in 1647 to Benjamin Scarlett and others. From that time it's history is unclear. In 1665 it appears in the hands of Richard Alfray and in 1671-2 was conveyed by him to John and Mary Lowe after which there is no further record of it. (2)

The present house dates back to c1734 and has a wide frontage with the main entrance in the centre and two rooms on either side. The entrance hall opens into a spacious chamber with a staircase to the rear. The parlour is to the left, and to the right is the hall/kitchen with an open fireplace. Behind the kitchen was the bakehouse with a brick floor and bread oven built into a smaller inglenook. The back of the oven protrudes from the rear of the house. The well was situated by the side of the bakehouse door. Service rooms adjoined the bakehouse. Along the rear of the property were rooms in which to store grain and provisions with more space above in the roof, a trap door connecting the two levels. On the first floor a staircase opened onto a large landing with two main chambers to the left and right, the continuation of the stairs provided access to the garrett which in later years was used for servants. This is now a Grade I listed building. (3)

There are tales about the happenings at this house as with most old properties. There is said to be a tunnel which runs down to the sea, probably used in the smuggling trade. Monks held their religious services in the house.

The old mounting block still stands on the front lawn, a reminder of the days of horse travel. The barn and pond were near the house, an area of which is now covered with houses and bungalows of the Pebsham Estate. There was a lower barn in the corner of the field which lies at the junction with the southern end of the Hastings Road and De la Warr Road by the new roundabout. This barn built between 1873 and 1899 had gone by 1940 and replaced by another building. There were two farm cottages across the main road near the AA Box built prior to 1873 and gone by 1940. At the turn of the 20th century Glyne Farm was famous for it's dairy herd and had been in the hands of the Gibb family for over 30 years.



Glyne Manor Farmhouse 1987

OWNER/TENANT DETAILS

- <1727-1734> Thomas Walker tenant (4)
- <1740> Benjamin Newington paying Poor Rate (5)
- <1754> Mrs Newington paying Poor Rate (5)
- <1833> John Roberts Esq owner, James Turner tenant (6)
- <1843> John Roberts Esq owner, James Turner tenant (7)
- 1855> James Turner still tenant (8)
- <1861> Margaret Ann Turner farmer 300 acres emp. 1 man and 1 boy (10)
- <1878> Henry Le Mesurier Dunn owner (9)
It was when Alderman Dunn lived at Glyne Manor Farm that he was thrown from his horse and became a cripple for the rest of his life. The land then consisted of 56 acres which lay to the east of the road, formerly the land to the east of the road belonged to the farm.
- <1882-1898> J. Gibb tenant, took over from his father (7) David Harmer, carter, worked there since c1893 and Peter Hickman since c1873. (11)
- 1930's Owned and farmed by the Claxton family, hence one of the roads in the being called Claxton Road.
- 1950 Mrs Claxton in residence (7)

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