

several instances of changed (often shared) use of premises as part of economic rationalisation. For part of the offices (and flat) belonging to the Water Company is now occupied as Regional offices by the Canterbury-based firm of Wiltshiers (annual turnover of £30m) whose projects range from the present modest re-furbishing of the Civic Centre suite to the sometime ago re-building of the London Waldorf Hotel. Along Broadfield Road and behind Windmill Road is Broadfield School which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. They will not want to recall that the field on which the school is built was Hardy's Field; while the one whose name the school bears was that on which The Queen's Square stands.

36: For the most part, attention has not been drawn to pleasing views - which can 'speak for themselves', but an exception is made of that looking down Springfield Road from its junction with Common Lane. Not only for the combination of buildings of a great variety, well-sited, but for the landscaping provided by open grass crossed by a path and - most especially - the great variety of trees and bushes, most of them preserved from the days of the borough when they were in the extensive grounds of one of the few 'big houses' in this area.

37: Knightsbridge Way is another vantage point from which to appreciate the opportunities which the natural terrain afforded the planners, to applaud their restraint on leaving such a considerable part of the existing landscape, and to speculate on the change in appearance and purpose of so many of the places which can be seen or are half-hidden. Again, material enough for a booklet on its own.

38: Little Road, on the Northern fringe of the extensive area of land shown on the 1846 tithe map as Great Adder Field, was built on the lower, unsurfaced part of Ellingham Road when it ran down in a straight line to join Highfield Lane in front of the bridge carrying the branch railway from the Midland Road Station to Godwin's ^{Hill}. The section from the bridge to the halt was converted into a sort of country lane hedged on both sides, along which it was a delightful walk - before the vandals left their mark, and rubbish.

39: Ellingham Road was ~~as~~^{so} named by the farmworkers who made their way from the town across Great Adder Field to the High Street Farm of Gabriel Ellingham, and the farmworkers and brickworkers who continued from there along Redbourn Road to St. Agnell's Farm or to Claydale's brickworks, both of which belonged to Gabriel's brother William - who was bailiff in 1879.

40: Queensway is another reminder of the visit of Queen Elizabeth II. It is a road which stretches from the Leighton Buzzard (by-pass) Road to the Northern end of the industrial centre; made up of the original stretches (at the town end) of Bury Road and Queen Street (the latter named after Queen Victoria), and of a newly-constructed stretch reaching from the branch railway bridge to the Swallowdale roundabout.

41: With the construction of Jupiter Drive which leads into the Highfield Neighbourhood, the lower part of Highfield Lane which was on the other side of the route of Queensway, was re-named Woodhall Lane. The lodge gate at the entrance to the main drive leading to the front of Highfield House was at the corner of Jupiter Drive with Queensway. The remaining part of the old hedge-lined country lane was left by the Development Corporation for private development - the first of which was Apple Orchard. (No. 1 is a superb example of how to add extensions to ^{an} existing buildings to increase its amenity and enhance its appearance). Of the houses shown in the 1925 Ordnance Survey map only Fairview, built in 1897/8, and Little Farm remain. The latter had been Bohemia Farm from its 16th century beginnings (a little of which is still to be seen), but the change of name came with its occupation in 1929 by the Wilkins family, who also took over the adjoining Winds End Close Riding Stables - the site of the most recent development of the Grazings.

42: Opposite the entrance to this new development is the site of the entrance to the drive leading to the rear of Highfield House. One post of the entrance gates still stands, at the beginning of the hard surface path which leads across the open ground to Queensway, where on the other side can be seen the continuation of the footpath which follows the route of the drive. Highfield House, following the coming of the new town, served as a Children's Home (replacing Catts dell Home); now it accommodates mentally handicapped adults.