

## HISTORIC BRADMORE PROPERTIES

### FARMER STREET, EAST SIDE

#### **15 Farmer Street, Bonsers Farm, Plumtrees House from 1999**

Listed Building: Ref 5/6, Farmer St East side, No.15, grade 2. Early C18th house, designed by and built for Sir Thomas Parkyns of Bunny Hall. Red brick. Concrete pantile roof. 2 red brick gable stacks. Brick coped gables with kneelers. Dentil eaves. First floor band. 2 storeys, 3 bays. Central doorway with C20th door flanked by single tripartite casements. Altered ground floor openings under segmental arches. Above are 2 similar casements. To the left a red brick and concrete pantile single storey wing, to the rear a 2-storey wing. (Dept of Environment List of Buildings 1986.)

The main part of the house was built early in the C18th, say 1720. It was built onto an existing low room at the back, the wash house, which has wooden beams at the eaves level and a bedroom halfway up the stairs, C17th or earlier. Later the back kitchen to the north was added and the parlour separated by a wall of 3in. thick bricks to form a corridor to the stairs and rear room. A door between the parlour and living room was blocked up and an enclosure made so that the dairy door did not open directly into the living room. The original back door from the living room was also blocked up. 1956 a bathroom was formed in the old wash house. 1987 replacement windows. (Source: J Randall.)

c1744-1763 Thomas Glover, husbandman, married to Mary

1763-1771 Philip Glover, son of Thomas and Mary. Married Ann. Inventory of 1771 comprising purse and apparel £5, household goods £40, light horses £80, one foal £5, 11 horses £44, 4 calves £6, 40 sheep £16, wheat in the brick barn £50, beans on the hovel £20, hay £20, 2 waggons and 3 carts £25, 10 acres of wheat and barley £72, 17 acres of beans £34, harrows, ploughs and all other implements of husbandry £10, manures in the yard £5, pigs £2, total £434.

1771-1777 Thomas Glover son of Philip and Ann, died in 1777. His younger brother John was 18 years old by this time, and may have taken over the farm straightaway.

c1777-1835 John Glover, younger son of Philip and Ann. Paid land tax from 1780, the beginning of the record, until 1832, when the record ends. In 1792 Bunny estate survey with 107<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> acres, house and homestead. Married Mary, who died 1838.

c1832-1846 John Glover, farmer, son of John and Mary. Died 1846 unmarried, leaving money bequests to his housekeeper Ann Lewis and her daughter Elizabeth, and all other goods, chattels, estate and effects to be sold.

1846-9 Sam Bonser married to Catherine, died 1849 leaving money, live and dead farming stock, household goods and furniture, plate, linen and china and all his estate to his wife Catherine. 1849-1870 Catherine Bonser, widow of Sam, in 1851 farmer of 82 acres. In 1861 farmer of 104 acres. In 1867 Bunny Estate rental Catherine and her son Joseph jointly rented 104 acres, house, buildings, and garden. Catherine died 1870.

c1856-1881 Joseph Bonser, son of Sam and Catherine, reached the age of 21 in 1856, described as farmer in directory entry of 1864, but farmed jointly with his mother until her death in 1870. In 1868 trustee of the Methodist church. At 1871 farmer of 104 acres. Married Sarah in 1872. 1891 his application to Bunny & Bradmore Charities for apprentice fee for his son was refused as he was no longer resident in Bradmore.

1881-1893 William Ford of 8 Mapperley Rd. seems to have been tenant farmer.

1894-9 F T Ford, of Bradmere House, Elm Bank, tenant farmer. 1897 Ford is recorded as required to clean out ditches shared with Grundy's fields (Manor Farm). Thomas Harris was employed as farm bailiff, though on electoral roll only for 1898.

1898 Bonsers Farm tenancy passed from F T Ford to John Randall. A full valuation of the premises including house, buildings, farmyard and land was drawn up as at 1.4.1898, and the valuation was paid for on 13 July that year. 104 acres. The Randalls at this time were living at Rufford Lodge. The tenancy agreement was originally dated 20.1.1898, but was amended to 1900 presumably when it was signed, though rent was payable half yearly from the first payment on 11.10.1898.

BONSERS FARM Valuation 1898. 1 April, of tenantry and fixtures from F T Ford Esq to Miss Hawksley or the incoming tenant Mr Randall. Tenancy 6 April. Stackyard. Clover and oat straw at full value, heap manure. Cow shed (1), 5 cow chains. Cow shed (2) 5 ditto, galvanised tank, sheds with corrugated iron roof and fencing to form lambing shed, tank, barn floor and end, ditto. 10 step ladder, chaff screen, step to door, mangolds, shed with roost over. 2 lattice gates, hen ladder. Field acreage 2.2.0 Labour in Vain, grass. Field acreage 9.0.0 Spinney Hill, grass, wood hovel, iron pump and stone trough. Field acreage 8.0.0 Warren Field, grass. Field acreage 11.2.0 Shoulder of Mutton, wheat on clover, herbage, ploughed, labour on manure, seed wheat and labour, heap manure etc. Field acreage 5.2.0 Garden Piece, wheat after tares, ploughed, seed and labour. Field acreage 8.0.0 Little Basner,

common turnips, seed and hoeing, since ploughed, orders, rent and rates, less ½ crop. Field acreage 16.0.0 Big Basner, new seeds, bill and labour, willow tops. Field acreage 6.0.0 Crockell Bridgetts, part wheat after beans, ploughed, drilling and dressing, seed and labour, part wheat on summer fallow, orders, rent and rates, seed and labour. Field acreage 10.0.0 Road to Osiers, 4 acres herbage, the whole field now wheat, ploughed, seed wheat and labour, part rolled. Field acreage 6.0.0 Narrow Field, wheat, herbage, ploughed, seed and labour. Field acreage 10.0.0 Ten Acres, wheat stubbles, 2ce (twice) ploughed. Field acreage 6.0.0 Field above Osiers, wheat stubbles, ploughed, labour on manure, part tares and rye, seed and labour. Field acreage 4.0.0 Top Field, wheat stubbles, 2ce ploughed. / Bonsers Yard. 29 iron hurdles and gate. Back Kitchen. Sinkstone, slapstone, plate rack, shelving, towel roller, oven door and frame, swing gate, old fire bars. Kitchen. Oven boiler and fire grate, ashes grate, swing gate and hooks, wood screen, corner cupboard, roller for blind. 5 bacon hooks. Back passage. Shelves. Dairy. Cheese press, meatsafe, old shelving and locks. Sitting Room. Reg. grate, mantel shelf, recess cupboard, roller for blind, spring latch and chain on door. Passage. Shelves, pegs. Pantry. Shelves and lock. Parlour. Oak cupboard, shelves and lock, chain, spring latch, fire grate, lock on side door. Bedroom (1) Fire grate, roller for blind. Bedroom (2) Oak cupboard with panel door, roller for blind, lock on door. Bedroom (3). Lock. Attic. Culmer bins. Back bedroom. Roller. / Allowed for cake and purchased feedingstuffs consumed during the last 2 years of tenancy as per custom. Allowed for cost of artificial applied in 1897. Amounting after deducting for dilapidations to the sum of £345.0s.1d. Less stamp 15s.0d equals £344.5s.1d. Jno H Bradwell & Son. Edmund Walton FAD.

1898 Tenancy Agreement, 20 Jan 1900, between Mrs Wilkinson Smith and Mr John Randall, for the yearly tenancy of house and land in the parishes of Bunney and Bradmore, annual rent £156.10s.0d.

Messuage, farmhouse and closes of land ... containing together 140 acres 1 rood 18 perches or thereabouts ... now in the occupation of Frederick Thomas Ford. / Except and reserved to the Landlord (1) All mines and minerals gravel and stone and the timber and other trees in under and upon the said premises together with all necessary and usual rights and privileges for getting, working, marking, felling and carrying away the same, the Landlord making reasonable compensation to the tenant for all damage which may be occasioned thereby. (2) All manner of winged game and wild fowl upon the said premises and the full and exclusive right of preserving the same and of hunting and shooting and sporting over the said premises, and (3) subject to the provisions of the Ground Game Act 1880 the exclusive right of preserving killing and taking ground game upon the said premises from 6.4.1898 from year to year...at yearly rent of £156.10s.10d payable by equal half yearly payments on 11 October and 6 April... / The tenant will insure and keep insured in the Alliance or some other Assurance office to be approved by the Landlord his live and dead farming stock stacks implements produce chattels and effects upon the said farm in the full value thereof and will pay all premiums and sums of money necessary for effecting and keeping on foot such insurance ... / The tenant shall not break up or convert into tillage any parts of the said premises which now is or hereinafter shall be meadow or pasture or which now is or hereinafter shall be seeded down to permanent pasture and generally will occupy manage cultivate and farm the said premises in a proper and husbandlike manner and according to the custom of the country (except in such respects as such custom is hereby varied).

Plan no.18 farm house and out offices

18	garden	arable	0	3	21
117 pt	Home Close	pasture	1	1	34
102	Well Close	pasture	8	2	34
102 pt	Garden	arable			10
103	Labor in Vain	pasture	2	2	24
108	Shoulder of Mutton	pasture	2	3	21
109	First Close, now one with 108	pasture	4	0	8
110	First Close	arable	4	0	15
111	Old Close	arable	4	1	13
117	Nether Sheet Close	arable	4	3	30
118	Upper Nether Sheet Close	arable	4	1	12
113	Peets Close	arable	4	1	29
112	Little Close, now one with 113	arable	3	2	16
114	Bassiner	arable	8	1	14
124	Upper Overstick	arable	4	2	29
125	Overstick	arable	4	3	7
127	Nether Street, now one with 125	arable	6	0	27
130	Cockle Bridgett	arable	6	1	26
132	Far Press Moor	arable	5	2	22
126	Overstick	arable	5	2	14

128	Bassiner		6	2	23
129	Ditto.		5	1	8
	Land adjoining 222 now one	arable			33
115	Bottom Basiner		2	0	17
116	Top Basiner		2	0	11
	Total Area		104	1	18

1900 OS map shows 2 pumps by the yard, one at the south-west corner and one at the north-east.

1902-28 John Randall, d. 1928, moved here from Rufford Lodge with son John Edward.

1905, 6th April farm tenancy passed to William Oliver and John Edward Randall. Acreage increased to 193 acres, covering three farm premises: (1) Bonsers farm house, out offices, gardens and Home Close; (2) Orchard, stackyard, farmhouse, offices and House Close probably based on Rufford Lodge; (3) land formerly occupied as house, outoffices, shed and yard, garden, orchard and stackyard, possibly from Rowbothams who had been living on the Orchard House corner of Farmer St. 1909 WO & JE Randall purchased 12.7 acres in Ruddington (Ruddington Field, No.284 on 1900 OS map) from Charles F Hutchinson.

Tenancy agreement 1905, 30 May, between Arabella Wilkinson Smith of Bunny Park... wife of Robert Wilkinson Smith Esquire... and William Oliver Randall and John Edward Randall both of Bradmore... Farmers. Agreed to let messuages or farmhouses and closes of land ... late in the occupation of John Randall containing 193 acres 1 rood and 9 perches more or less... reserved to the landlord all mines and minerals gravel and stone and the timber and other trees ... all necessary and usual rights for getting, working, marking, felling and carrying away the same ... winged game and wildfowl ... full and exclusive right of preserving the same and of hunting shooting and sporting over the said premises ... full and exclusive right of killing and taking ground game from 6.4.1905 ... yearly rent of £271.6s.10d clear of all deductions except Land Tax, Landlord's Property Tax and Tithe Rent Charge if any ... equal half yearly payments on 11 October and 6 April...Tenants will insure and keep insured ... their live and dead farming stock, stacks, implements, produce, chattels and effects ... Tenants shall not break or convert into tillage any part ... which is now or hereafter shall be meadow or pasture etc.. Tenants shall not during the last year of tenancy sell off any hay straw manure roots or green crops and generally will occupy manage cultivate in a proper and husbandlike manner and according to the custom of the country...

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102	Well Close	pasture	8	3	34
103	Labor in Vain	pasture	2	2	24
108	Shoulder of Mutton	pasture			
109	First Close, now one with 108	pasture	6	3	29
110	First Close				
111	Old Close (with 110 and 112)	arable	12	0	4
112	Little Close				
117	Nether Street Close (with 118)	arable	9	1	2
118	Upper Nether Street Close				
113	Peats Close	arable	4	1	29
114	Bassiner	arable	8	1	14
124	Upper Overstick	arable	4	2	29
125	Overstick				
127	Nether Street, with 125	arable	10	3	34
130	Cockle Bridgett	arable	6	1	26
132	Far Press Moor	arable	5	2	22
126	Overstick	arable	5	2	14
128	Bassiner				
129	Ditto with 128,115 and 116)	arable	16	1	12
115	Bottom Basiner				
116	Top Basiner				
131	Osier Field	pasture	8	0	0
27	Orchard, stackyard				2 28
	Farm House, offices etc				
32	House Close	pasture			3 32
275	First Vineyard	pasture	8	3	13
276	Second Vineyard (with 275)				

104	First Vineyard Close	pasture	3 1 32
105	With 104.		
106	Second Open Close	arable	7 3 38
107	Open Close	arable	4 0 7
119	Muckle Lands	arable	5 2 28
120	Ditto	arable	6 0 22
158	Briar Wong (with 159)	arable	11 0 17
159			
160	Roe Close	pasture	3 2 4
161	Far Briar Wong	pasture	11 2 27
23	Land formerly house, out offices, shed & yard		
23	Garden and orchard		3 12
24	Stackyard		35
In Bunny			
381	Moor Close and pond	pasture	3 2 17
392	Moor Close (total 4.2.34)	pasture	3 0 14
		arable	1 2 20
393	Ditto	arable	2 1 10
399	Ditto	grass	2 3 6
403	Ditto	grass	2 1 29
	Total Area		193 1 9

Written on the back in a different hand and undated is: Note The timber and corrugated iron cattle shed measuring 25'6" x 16'0" erected in the crewyard No.27 in the schedule to the above written agreement is the property of the said tenants with the exception of the brick foundations of the same which have been put in by the landlord. (Is this Bonsers Farm buildings?)

Valuation 1905, 19 June, of tenantry and fixtures etc from Mr John Randall to Messrs William Oliver and John Edward Randall. Field acreage 3.1.32 First Vineyard Nos.104 & 105, heap of compo and gas lime. Field acreage 7.3.38 Second Open Field No.106, part wheat on mangolds, orders, rent and rates, seed and hoeing, labour on manure, seed wheat and workings, less crop drawn, part potatoes, ploughed, compensation, seed wheat and workings, remainder barley stubbles, ploughed and worked, labour on manure, drilled swede turnips seed and workings, purchased manure applied. Field acreage 6.0.22 Micklands (120), oat stubbles after roots, ploughed and worked, sown wheat, seed and labour, sown seeds. Field acreage 4.0.7 Open Close (no.107), peas and dills after barley, sown wheat, seed wheat and workings. Field acreage 5.2.28 Micklands No.119, part wheat stubbles after peas, twice ploughed, remainder winter tares, ploughed seed and workings, less used by outgoer. Field acreage 11.0.17 Briar Wong No.158 & 159, new seeds after wheat on fallow, seed bill and labour (seeds grazed). Field acreage 11.2.27 Far Briar Wong No.161, second years seeds mown, cost of harvesting, cost of basic slagg applied. Field acreage 3.2.4 Roe Close (160), permanent pasture, pond fence. Field acreage 6.1.26 Cockle Bridgett (130), oat stubbles on seeds, twice ploughed, gas lime applied, part tares and ryas, grazed. Field acreage 16.1.12 Bassiners, part wheat on summer fallow, orders, rent and rates, cost and carriage of night soil applied. Drilled and prepared, seed wheat and workings, willow heads, part mangolds drawn, orders, rent and rates, labour on manure, seed and hoeing less crop drawn. Remainder common turnips and mustard eaten on. Orders rent and rates seed and hoeing, labour on manure less half crop. Part of this field sown barley, seed barley and labour, seed bill and sowing. Field acreage 4.2.29 Upper Overstick (124), oats on seeds, ploughed. Seed and workings. Field acreage 5.2.22 Far Pressmoor (132) Oats on seeds, as above field. Field acreage 10.3.34 Overstick and Nether Street (125 & 127), beans and peas after wheat and barley stubbles. Ploughed and worked. Seed and labour, labour on manure. Field acreage 5.2.14 Overstick (126), swedes and cabbage. Orders rent and rates. Seed and hoeing, labour on manure, ploughed, drilled barley, seed and workings, less crop drawn. Field acreage 9.1.2 Nether St Close & Upper ditto (no number given), wheat on bean stubbles, ploughed & worked, seed and labour. Field acreage 8.1.14 Bassiner (114), wheat stubbles after clover, ploughed 3 times and worked, labour on manure, cost of cabbage plants and potatoes and planting mangold. Kohl and Rabbi seed. Field acreage 4.1.29 Peats Close (113), wheat stubbles after clover, ploughed and worked in autumn, drilled mangolds, seed and labour, labour on manure. Field acreage 12.0.4 First, Old and Little Closes (no numbers given), barley stubbles after roots, seeded, new seed bill and labour, trifolium seed and labour, heap of sweepings in lane. Field acreage 8.0.0 Osier field (131), grass. Field acreage 8.3.4 Well Close (102), grass grazed, stone trough, iron pump. Field acreage 6.3.29 Shoulder of Mutton & 1st Close (no number given), grass, wooden hovel. Field acreage 2.2.24 Labour in Vain (103), grass. Field acreage 8.3.13 Vineyards (275 & 276), grass grazed. Field acreage 1.1.34 Top Stackyard and Home Close, shelter, hovel with thatched roof and boarded side and ends,

heap scrapings. Gardens: Cabbage plants and planting, berry and raspberries, lead pump and stone trough, potatoes and peas. Rhubarb roots, trefolium etc. Field acreage 3.0.14 Moors, mowing grass. Field acreage 5.0.35 Moors, ditto labour on manure. Field acreage 3.2.17 Moors, grass grazed. Field acreage 1.2.20 Moors, barley stubbles, ploughed and worked, labour on manure, drilled turnips, seed and labour. Field acreage 2.1.10 Moors (393), clover roots mown, ploughed, sown wheat, seed wheat, and workings, labour on manure. Willow heads, hedge brushing on farm. / Garden and Orchard. Produce on same. Barn Boarded floor at end, boarded front to loft, boarding to form chaff bin, hen roost floor. Hovel. 6 chain tials. Cart Horse stable. 2 standings, rack, door to form box. Box or calf place. Rack and manger. Courtyard. Lead pump, stone trough. Pig Sty. Rack and manger. Kitchen. 22 gallon copper, 26 gall. ditto. Oven and boiler, sinkstone, towel roller. Dairy. Meat safe, shelving, cheese press. Iron spouting and downright over stable and coal house, ditto on house and downright. House Place. Wood mantel, oven and boiler, 2 small cupboard fronts on each side of fire place, cupboard front in recess with 2 drawers, cash drawer in side, blind roller and rack. / Cellar. Salting slab. Passage. Rail and 10 pins. Living room. Dwarf cupboard, fire place, wood chimney piece. Upstairs. Bedroom 1 cupboard in recess. Bedroom 2. Cupboard in recess. 3 blind roller. 2 small fireplaces, rail and pegs. Boiling house. Iron copper, boarding to same with 3 galvanised sheets and iron furnace. Spouting on cow hovel sides and downright, swill tub, extra spouting and downright on calf places and open shed. Capping on top to chaff bin, boarded closet at end of lambing shed, spouting over kitchen door, 4 head tials. Wheat, barley, straw and hay, manure in yards etc. Wash house. Iron pan, washing table. Passage. Rail and 9 pins. House place. Bookcase in recess with 3 drawers under. Home Premises. 10 cow chains, galvanised tank, shed with corrugated iron roof and fencing to form lambing shed, barn floor and end, ditto. 10 step ladder, chaff screen, step to door, shed with roost over. 2 lattice gates, henladder, iron hurdles and gates. Back kitchen. Sinkstone, slapstone, plate rick, shelving, towel roller, oven door and frame, swing gate, old fire bars. / Kitchen. Oven boiler and fire grate, ashes grate, swing gate and hooks, wood screen. Corner cupboard, roller for blind. 5 bacon hooks. Back Passage. Shelves. Dairy. Cheese press, meat safe, old shelving and locks. Sitting Room. Reg grate, mantel shelf, recess cupboard, roller for blind, spring latch and chain on door. Passage. Shelves and pegs. Pantry. Shelves and lock. Parlour Oak cupboard shelves and lock. Chain. Spring latch. Firegrate. Lock on side door. Bedroom 1. Firegrate, roller for blind. Bedroom 2 Oak cupboard with panel door, roller for blind, lock on door. Bedroom 3 Lock. / Attic. Culmer bins. Back bedroom. Roller. / Allowed. Cost and carriage of purchased manure applied for roots in 1905. Allowed full cost of artificials applied to roots in 1904 and carriage. Allowed for cake and feeding stuffs consumed on the holding during the last 2 years of tenancy as per custom. / Amounting to sum of £421.14d.3d. after making necessary deductions including proportion of rent and rates from 6th April to date of valuation. Plus 15s.0d. (add 1/2 stamp) equals £422.9s.3d.

Valuation 1905, June 19th, John Randall to W O and J E Randall, inventory and valuation of live and dead farming stock and effects, as from 6.4.1905. 74 sheep, viz 31 long wool ewes, 42 lambs. Oxford ram. 9 pigs viz gilt and litter of 6, gilt and 1 young pig. 7 horses, viz brown mare Blossom with foal at foot, brown horse Prince, black mare Bute, 3 year old filly, yearling filly, bay mare Bonny. / 40 beast viz 10 dairy beast, 5 yearling heifers and steers, 5 2-year old steers and heifers, 7 reared calves, 12 young calves, young bull. 40 couples fowls. 13 couples chickens. / Agricultural implements, tackling etc: 3 collars, 3 blufts, 3 pairs gears etc, 5 prs pads and chains, 4 belly bands, 3 cart saddles, 3 prs loose chains, set light harness, 112 various trays. Olivers digger, heel trees, 2 sets pads and chains, 2 collars and blufts, heavy cart with rathes and side boards, saddle and breech band, fork, horse hoe and heel tree, ridge plough, steerage horse hoe, set 3 seed harrows, pr chisel harrows, stretcher fork and hoe, dock drawer, flat roll, set 3 iron harrows, 2 boarded fleaks, combined reaper and mower, 3 hand rakes, 3 forks, horse rake, hand hoe. Cooks digger. Narrow wheel cart, 2 lengths wire netting and fleaks, 6 sheets corrugated iron, thatch pegs, iron drag. 18 rd ladder, bonny cake, timber, old iron, sawnelsons, turnip cutter, old tan? stepladder, winnower, 6 step ladder, quantity sacks, eking barrow, sack barrow, riddle, quantity of pease and oats in sacks, scraper, bucket, wagon rope, brush. 3 forks, scrawl, 36 rd ladder, 2 cribs, sawn timber under shed, turnip cutter, fork and brush, 7 step ladder, skep, swill tub, splasher, manure fork, spade, axe, minor tools, loose chains, cake breaker, binder twine, scythe, turnip axe and scoop, 3 sieves, pig net, corn bin, fork and brush. 2 hay forks. 108 sacks, 3 pitch forks, oven peel, potato riddle and fork, pulse fork, 4 skeps, 3 boarded cribs, chaff cutter, 3 wagon ropes, beam scales, engine, shafting and belting, chaff cutter, corn mill, pulper. Blackstones pulper, wood trough, narrow wheel wagon, broad wheel ditto, harvest dray, thatch pegs, 2 bonny rakes, 3 hand rakes, 3 gathering rakes, stack cloth, 25 rd ladder. Camb roll. 15 rd ladder, iron trough. 2 carts with rathes, buckets, Bamletts combined reaper and mower. 10 coulter corn drill complete. 2 hay racks, slatted crib, 36 rd ladder, 15 rd ladder, 27 rd ladder. Ransomes digger, foal tub. 2 old troughs. 3 sheep troughs, old cart, turnip slicer, horse hoe, steerage drill with management box. 2 rolls wire netting, old wire netting,

quantity stakes, 3 sheep troughs, salt box, crow bar. Massey Harris self binder, thatch pegs, set seed harrows, wood drag harrows, plough. Cooks digger, fork, pick, seed hopper and strap, cart jack and grease, 2 wheelbarrows, 3 halters, crow bar and ladle. 3 pea stooks, hatchet, fork, grindstone and frame, 3 iron pig troughs, churn, pig cratch. 3 milk buckets, 5 zinc buckets, lamp, 2 hoes, 36 sacks. Amounting to the sum £696.6s.6d. add 1/2 stamp and copy £1.0s.0d. equals £697.6s.6d.

Valuation 1905 20th November, valuations of live and dead farming stock and tenant right and fixtures at Bradmore. Perusing the corn, cake and manure bills, amounts of valuations £1118.0s.9d.

Fee as per scale including horse hire and expenses	£20.18s. 0d.	
Paid for Revenue Stamps and copies of awards	3.10s. 0d	
Mr Randall Senr. share	£13.19s.0d. allowed	8s. 0d.
Messrs Randall share	£10. 9s. 0d.	24. 0s. 0d

Received 10/1/06 Walker, Walton & Hanson. CG.

23rd February 1909 Purchase of field from Charles Frederick Hutchinson.

I Charles Frederick Hutchinson agree to sell and I John Randall agree to purchase all that freehold field being No.284 on the Ruddington Hall estate Plan and being 12 acres 2 roods and 30 perches for the sum of £670 which includes all tenantry. The vendor agrees to fix a substantial fence opposite the gate into Mr Sutton's land before completion. Complete July 6th 1909. Deposit now paid £25. The vendor to give the same title and conditions as that now held by him and which is to be the same as that given to him by Major Ashworth. Witnesses: Charles Frederick Hutchinson. John Randall. Albert Ball. Dated 23.2.1909. 10.7.1909 paid purchase money £645 (+ deposit £25 = £670).

1910 Bonsers Farm purchased by William Oliver and John Edward Randall from Sir Albert Ball, although their father, John, did the negotiating. Also purchased 3 cottages on South St., the cottages which later became Southwell House, Main St.

1928-37 John Edward Randall and William Oliver Randall farmed here jointly. John Edward lived here with his mother Maria and William Oliver lived at the Crown (now Fircroft) on the Main Rd. The farm later became wholly owned by William Oliver Randall, and passed to his son Oliver.

1938-75 Bonsers was farmed jointly by Frank and Ernest Randall trading as Randall Brothers. 1942 purchased 9.19 acres in the moors from P J Collings, and in 1947 22.06 acres also in the moors from Cedric H Jackson, executor for Ira Voce. In 1949 bought from Hammond & Allcock land in Ruddington parish previously rented by Mr T E C Brown of Debdale Farm, Main Rd. Bradmore. 1956 Randall Brothers purchased Bonsers Farm and the 3 cottages on Main St. from Oliver Herbert Randall, with 110 acres of land. 1956 bought another 6.45 acres on the south side of Moor Lane Bunny, in Bradmore Moor, from Keith Davis Thomas and Joan Ellerby Thomas, and in 1965 purchased 11 acres in two closes of land in the moors from Gerald Alfred Bealby of Long Farm Ruddington, formerly owned by Mrs A Hickling. In 1967 grain storage silos were erected in the farm yard. At some point the farmhouse was bought by Frank and Mary Randall from Randall Brothers, and in 1973/4 the building was modernised.

Conveyance 12 December 1947. Cedric Harvey Jackson as personal representative of Ira Voce deceased, conveyed to Frank Cripwell Randall and Ernest William Randall in fee simple lands on Moor Lane numbered 30, 29, 93, 92, 91, 90 and 89 on Ordnance Plan 1900 edition containing approx. 10 acres 2 roods, with a moiety in width of Moor Lane along the whole extent of Plot No. 30.

1975 Bonsers farm land was sold by the Randall Brothers on retirement, in two lots, 145 acres north east of the village to Dr J B Hunting, and 48 acres in the moors to persons unknown.

Sale by tender of Bonsers Farm, Bradmore, 193.76 acres, on instructions from Messrs Randall Brothers who are retiring from farming. Vacant possession 25.3.1975. Auctioneers: Siles & Smith. Auctioneers' Remarks: The Randall Brothers and family have been farming in Bradmore since the latter half of the 19th century. This land is a credit to the technical and managerial expertise of the two brothers Frank and Ernest. These 2 blocks of land give an opportunity to purchase prime agricultural land in Nottinghamshire which rarely comes onto the market.

Lot 1, 145 acres, in a ring fence with frontage to the Loughborough Rd. just north of the village. Soil of medium to heavy loam, capable of growing high yielding root, corn and grass crops. Naturally well drained. Implement Shed / Store of corrugated iron with asbestos roof, 30'x12' adjacent to Mill Lane in OS 8100. No footpaths. Wayleave payment for 4 electricity poles and 4 stays. Vendor is prepared to make arrangements permitting purchaser the use of the farm buildings at Bonsers Farm on terms to be agreed; adequate storage facilities for all commodities grown on the farm, a drier and 2 cattle yards. Title commences for one part with conveyance 18.10.1949 from Sarah Ann Hammond and Frederick Sidney Allcock to the Vendors, and the other part with conveyance 5.10.1956 from Oliver Herbert Randall to Vendors. Tenancy agreement of 27.7.1940 between Sarah Ann Hammond and Frederick Allcock and Thomas Eric Cheshire Brown does not survive, tenancy merged into the freehold reversion. Field No.3551 (in Ruddington parish) has access from Loughborough Rd. via a horse

carriage drift and footway 12' wide, subject to payment of proportionate part of repair expenses, shared with adjacent fields not part of Bonsers Farm.

Lot 2, 48 acres, to the south west of the village off Moor Lane, 39 acres south of the lane, 9 acres north. Soil dark easy working loam capable of growing high yielding root, corn and grass crops. Naturally well drained. Brook rate of £8.84 for y/e 5.4.1974. Title commences one part with conveyance 31.12.1942 from Percy John Collings to Vendors; a further part with conveyance 12.2.1957 from Keith Davis Thomas and Joan Ellerby Thomas to Vendors; a further part with conveyance 12.12.1947 from Cedric Harry Jackson to Vendors; a further part with conveyance 20.11.1918 from Thomas Griffin to William Ernest and Amelia Hickling.

In Quorn Hunting country. Shooting rights in hand. Mains water to water troughs in OS 4577, 2914 and 2934. Well water in OS 9447 which has never dried up. Agricultural right of way west from NW corner of OS 3551 direct to the A60 Loughborough Rd. Mill Lane and Moor Lane recorded as private roads, Vendors having no liability to maintenance of either.

Complete Dispersal Sale of Live and Dead Farming Stock at Bonsers Farm, Bradmore, Nottingham, on Thursday 27.3.1975 at 11.30 am. Auctioneers Sikes & Smith (est.1886), Melton Mowbray. Barn & Farm Equipment: Quantity of scrap iron. Quantity of Timber. 4 electricity poles 36'. Quantity of Timber Trusses, Spars, Fencing Timber, Asbestos Sheeting, Corrugated Iron Sheets. Various Belting, Hose Pipes, Buckets, Skeps, Aluminium Ladders, Wagon Ropes. Quantity of corn and potato hessian sacks. 2 Haybox chicken rearers. Wooden step ladder. Water tank. Various water troughs and feed troughs. 1 Heavy cattle feed trough. 8 Cattle tumbrils in good condition. Various steel and timber gates, gate furniture. 2 tyres for Ford 400 tractor, 1 tyre for International tractor. Saw bench. Set of sack wheels. Pair of two chains. Veterinary equipment and materials. Cattle crush. Grind wheel. Quantity of cane and wire potato baskets, potato air ducting, barbed wire. Tool chest. Grease gun and grease. Quantity of small tools. 2x50 gallon oil reservoirs with pumps. 1x250 gallon diesel tank. 1x300 gallon diesel tank. 1x250 gallon urea tank. 1 x 34 stave wooden ladder. Sugar beet net. Pig net. 1 Sack winder. Set of Avery 5 cwt scales. 2 canvas stack covers. 1 canvas trailer cover. Bird Scaring alarm device. Ideal Rothery grain cleaner, with auger. Reco 4½" auger 18' 3 phase motor. Ideal Mayrath 30' auger 3 phase motor 4½" Ideal Mayrath 36' mobile auger 3 phase motor 4½". Pair of loading ramps heavy duty - by O J Blood (Ruddington blacksmith). Poultry house. International hammer mill with hopper. / Implements: Belt pulley for Fordson Super Major. Small car trailer. Set of cage wheels for Ford tractor. Set of spring tyne harrows. 7 Tyne Superflow Cultivator. Dutch Harrow, by O J Blood, having Crumbler attachment. Fordson Tool Bar 9 tyne cultivator. Ford-Ransome Potato Spinner-hydraulic. Ransome C62 Ridger/Cultivator. Set of small seed harrows. Set of 5 heavy seed harrows. Set of 3 heavy seed harrows. Various P.T.O. guards. Nicholas Front Mounted 5 row Steerage How. Vicon Varispreader. Massey 732 Mower. Bamford 6 reel hayturner. 2 row potato planter. New Holland Super Hayliner 68. Bale Collector. Perry Bale Loader. Small Seeds Drill. Massey Harris 728 Corn-Drill. Stander Potato Elevator-digger. 3 Gang heavy Cambridge roll. Wytrac Potato Elevator new in 1974 (2 h.p.motor) only handled 13 acre crop. Ransome 4 furrow semi-digger plough. Ransome 2 Furrow Reversible TS82 Plough having had a new turnover unit in Autumn 1974. Dorman 100 gallon Standard Sprayer. Cooch potato riddle with Briggs & Stratton engine and low feed bucket. Ogle bale elevator with petrol engine and root hopper. 2 Four wheel bale trailers with raves. 2 Wheel bale trailer. 2 Wheel Wheatley tipping trailer having grain sides. 2 Wheel 3 ton tipping trailer. 4 Wheel 8 ton trailer with extension sides and raves. 2 Wheel Wheatley 6½ ton tipping trailer having Dunlop Stabilia tyres. Root bucket for forend loader. / Tractors, Combines & Vehicles: Fordson Super Major Reg No. 446 SNN with cab, 1st registered 11.6.1963, new engine Jan.1974. Ford 4000 Reg No. WRR 542M - approx 1000 hours, having safety cab and auto-hitch and tyres by Kleber, 1st registered 24.9.1973. International 354 Reg No. VAL 455L - approx 900 hours, having safety cab and forend loader and auto-hitch, 1st registered 16.5.1973. Bedford Utilabrake Reg No. OVO 161F 1st registered 1.1.1968. International 8-41 Combine Reg No. SUT 642H having had new concave for 1974 harvest, 1st registered 11.8.1969. / Cattle: 5 Hereford x cows, have had 1 calf each. 3 Hereford x yearling heifers. 2 Hereford x yearling steers.

### **17 Farmer Street, Blackcliffe Farm**

Listed building, Ref 5/7, Farmer St. East side, No.17 Blackcliffe Farmhouse, grade 2, listed 13.10.1966. Farmhouse c1700, designed by and built for Sir Thomas Parkyns of Bunny Hall. Red brick, ashlar dressings. Plain tile roof. Right gable and single ridge red brick stacks. Brick coped gables with kneelers. 1st floor band with band over 1st floor openings. Lobby entry plan. 2 storeys, 4 bays. Doorway with segmental arched reveal and inner plank door. To right are 2 ashlar mullion 2-light casements with a single similar casement to the left and 4 similar casements above, that over the doorway with lead glazing bars. Attached to left is a red brick and pantile lean-to. Interior has

chamfered bressumer beam over fireplace. (Dept of Environment List of Buildings 1986.)  
 Listed building: Ref 5/16 Loughborough Rd. Barn behind No.17 Farmer St. (Blackcliffe Farmhouse) grade 2. Early C18th barn, probably designed by and built for Sir Thomas Parkyns of Bunny Hall. Red brick. Plain tile and concrete pantile roof. Brick coped gables and kneelers. Single storey and garret, 2 bays. Large doorway to left is a domestic doorway under segmental arch. Blocked slit ventilators. (Dept of Environment List of Buildings 1986.)  
 c1760-1781, John Savage, farmer, married to Ann.  
 1781-4 Ann Savage widow of John. In 1784 she married Thomas Goodacre.  
 1784-1821 Thomas Goodacre, farmer, married to Ann. In 1792 Bunny Estate Survey with 110 acres, house and homestead. Ann died in 1811, Thomas in 1821.  
 1821 William Goodacre paid land tax for one year only, before the farm passed to Thomas's son James. William's relationship to Thomas is not known.  
 1822-1833 James Goodacre son of Thomas and Ann, married Elizabeth.  
 1833 part of James Goodacre's holding was the site of the new Methodist Church built in 1830, and in 1833 the land was granted to the church.  
 1833-1856 Elizabeth Goodacre, James' widow, in 1841 farmer, living alone. 1851 farmer of 110 acres, household included brother Samuel and grandchildren Sarah Maria and Elizabeth Butler.  
 1856-1860s Samuel Butler, grandson of Elizabeth Goodacre, with sisters Elizabeth and Sarah Maria Butler. 1864 directory has Misses Elizabeth and Maria Butler; no mention of Samuel. 1867 Sarah Maria Butler, gentlewoman of Bradmore and daughter of John, married Henry John Hosking, vicar of Bunny. There is no later reference to the Butlers here.  
 1871, 1881 and 1891 censuses give no clear identification of residents here.  
 1900 OS map shows a pump behind the house.  
 1910 bought by Henry Lester from Bunny Estate and rented to Robert Bagguley; sold to him in 1920.

#### **Methodist Chapel and Sunday School.**

Reputedly John Wesley came through Bradmore, before the Turnpike was built in 1738, and may have preached at the bottom of Main St. near the site of the Chapel. Built originally on part of the land associated with Blackcliffe Farm, and when the tenant James Goodacre died the land was separated from the farm and allocated to the Methodists. Chapel originally had a central stove for heating and backless benches, lit by tallow candles tended by the Chapelkeeper. Singing was led by local musicians until the purchase of a harmonium.

Listed buildings. Ref 5/8 Farmer St east side, Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, grade 2. Chapel 1830. Red brick stretchers with pink headers. Hipped slate roof. Single C19th red brick stack to left. Single storey 3 bays. 3 round arched glazing bar casements. Attached to the left is a 1904 wing, not of special interest (i.e. the Wesleyan Sunday School, date 1904 on the front gable). (Dept of Environment List of Buildings 1986.)

Inscriptions on the bricks on the front of the chapel : There are three windows, viewed from the road. From the left, window No.1 above top centre, 'J Bradwell'. Window No.2 above top centre, 'J.J'. To left of top centre 'Rowbotham W / September 1830'. To right of top centre 'S Jaques / 1830'. Window No.3 above top centre 'W L Foster / MDCXXX' (1830). To right about half way up 'Jackues. S'. To right at corner of wall about half way up 'Joseph Buxton / September 1830'. Just below this 'William Dalby / ( ) 1830'. Below this but on the side wall round the corner 'JH'.

Methodist Chapel Deeds, Extracts.

Indenture made 15.1.1835 between Rt Hon George Augustus Henry Anne Lord Rancliffe of Bunney Park of the one part, and John Lane of the Township of Bradmore, Farmer, Churchwarden; Samuel Voce, farmer, overseer of the poor; Richard Walker, farmer, William Attenborough, farmer, John Peet farmer, Joseph Nixon farmer, Gervas Bosworth farmer, all of Bradmore; John Harwood of Ruddington farmer, Richard Burrows of Ruddington farmer, John Holmes of Ruddington, farmer, John Brewster of Plumtree, farmer, John Baldock of Wysall, farmer, Thomas Cooper Angrave the younger of East Lake, farmer, Edward Carver of the Town of Nottingham, Hatter, and John Walker of Burrowash Derbyshire, farmer, of the other part. Whereas a building intended to be used as a chapel and for the other purposes hereinafter mentioned hath been lately erected by subscription upon a piece of land belonging to the said Lord Rancliffe situate in Bradmore, and the subscribers to such Building having applied to and requested the said Lord Rancliffe to grant a lease thereof in order that it may continue to be used accordingly for a term of years, the said Lord Rancliffe hath complied with such their request and agreed to enter into these presents..... Which said piece of Land was late in the occupation of Mr James Goodacre, and which said Building ... abuts upon the Town Street of Bradmore.. to have and to hold the said premises... from the 25th day of March last past for and during and unto the full end and term of 70 years from thence next ensuing ... yielding and paying therefore yearly during the same Term and

on the 25th day of March in every year unto the said Lord Rancliffe his Heirs assigns the clear yearly rent of 2/- of lawful English money... / ...that part of the said Building now set apart as a vestry to be used as a place of assembly or meeting for the Payers of Rates of the said Township of Bradmore and every of them when thereunto required or desired by the Churchwarden or Overseers of the poor or the Surveyor of the Highways of the Township of Bradmore ... for the purpose of considering or transacting any business relating to the said Township of Bradmore so as such meetings shall not interfere with usual time of any meeting for religious worship or purposes as hereinafter provided for, and also shall ... permit and allow the said Vestry to be used as a place of assembly or meeting for any other public purpose relating to the Township of Bradmore .. or for any Sick Club (at the discretion of the Trustees residing in Bradmore for the time being) or for any Sunday School for the time being existing... and also as a place of Religious Worship for Wesleyan Methodists and occasionally for Christians of other denominations as the majority of the Trustees for the time being may think proper ... / ...whenever the said Lessees .. shall be reduced by death to the number of three then ... the surviving Lessees... will immediately thereupon assign transfer or vest the same ... unto or in themselves and 12 new Trustees one thereof being the Churchwarden for the time being of Bradmore and the other Eleven being Wesleyan Methodists residing in Bradmore or Bunny, or in case of there not being 11 therein resident then to some other person or persons being a Wesleyan Methodist or Methodists residing as near Bradmore as may be ...

... shall not at any time during the continuance of the said term permit or suffer the said Building to be used as a Dwelling house or place of residence, or to be materially changed from the present plan or form, or permit the same to be occupied for any other than the purposes hereinbefore mentioned ...

Indenture made 13th May 1868 between Harriett Forteath of Bunney Park, widow, of the first part, Thomas Cooper Angrave of East Leake farmer, Richard Burrows of Ruddington farmer, John Baldock of Wysall farmer, Richard Walker of Great Bowden Leics grazier, Edward Carver of the Town and County of the Town of Nottingham hatter, Thomas Holmes of Bradmore farmer, Joseph Bonsor farmer, Thomas Rowbotham farmer, William Smith cottager, Thomas Attewell cottager, all of Bradmore, James Buxton of Ruddington baker, William Braithwaite of East Leake farmer, of the second part, and the Rev Peter Cross Horton of Nottingham Wesleyan Minister, Superintendent Preacher of the Circuit in the Methodist Connexion, of the third part. Whereas a building used as a Wesleyan Methodist Chapel and as a School in connection therewith was several years since erected by Subscription on a piece of land situate at Bradmore .... and whereas the said Harriett Forteath the present owner, ... being desirous of securing in perpetuity the use of the said building as a Wesleyan Methodist Chapel and School, she has upon the application and request of the said parties hereto of the second part agreed to ... grant and convey unto the parties hereto of the second part their heirs and assigns all that building now and for many years past used as a Wesleyan Methodist Chapel situate and being at Bradmore together with the piece of land on the west side thereof and adjoining to the Village Street of the length of 50 feet or thereabouts and the piece of land on the south side thereof of the length of 25 feet and 7 inches or thereabouts and which said premises are now and for several years past have been enclosed by a brick wall from the said Street and from other property belonging to the said Harriett Forteath. Also a piece of land adjoining the whole length of the north and east sides of the said chapel of the width of 6 feet measured from the said chapel on part of which said last mentioned piece of land, on the north side of the said chapel, a privy and ashes pit are placed and the remainder thereof is at present open to adjoining land of the said Harriett Forteath now occupied as a garden ...

1885/6 Whites Directory entry for Bradmore refers to the Wesleyan Chapel built 1830, the site afterwards presented to the Conference body by the late Mrs Forteath.

1886 Methodist Sunday School Anniversary platform made, cost £5.

1890 sought to establish a supply of rainwater as there was no piped water.

Indenture 31 December 1903 between Scottish Widows Fund and Life Assurance Society, Arabella Wilkinson Smith wife of Robert Wilkinson Smith of Bunney Park, Alfred John Bingham and Francis Abel Smith (the Trustees) of the third part, Rev Ebenezer Moulton of Musters Rd West Bridgford, present Superintendent Minister of the Circuit of the Wesleyan Methodist Connexion of the 4th part, Thomas Walker farmer, Charles Frederick Hutchinson farmer, William Hutchinson farmer, William Randall farmer, George Grundy farmer, Richard Jamson farm labourer, Thomas Harris farm bailiff, Richard Jackson carrier, and William Smith bag hosier, all of Bradmore, Francis Wootton of Bunny farmer, Samuel Hands Towle the elder of Burton on the Wolds farmer, George Hallam of West Bridgford coal merchant, Thomas Attewell of Harby Leics farmer, William Braithwaite of (Stathern?) (crossed out, marginal note dead), James Buxton of Ruddington gentleman, John Mee of the same, Agent, and John Dodgson Fenn of the City of Nottingham clothier and Joseph Bonsor of the same City gentleman (crossed out, marginal note dead) of the 5th part. Ref to mortgage of 1867. Ref to will of Harriett Forteath widow dated 12.3.1874 confirming Arabella Wilkinson Smith as tenant for life in

possession of the land described...Whereas the said parties of the 5th part are desirous of acquiring a piece of land for the purpose of erecting and maintaining thereon a school or place of religious worship and other buildings to be settled upon the trusts... the Vendor ... has agreed ... for the absolute sale to them of the fee simple in possession free from incumbrances of and in the piece of land hereditaments and premises hereinafter described and expressed to be hereby conveyed at or for the price or sum of £5 and the costs charges and expenses of the parties of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd parts being paid by the parties of the 5th part... Reference to the mortgage of £37537/4/2 secured on the property.... the Vendor ... conveys all that piece of land situate at Bradmore containing by recent admeasurement 280 sq yds and 1/3 of a sq yd or thereabouts, bounded on or towards the north and east by other land of the Vendor, on the south in part by hereditaments of the parties of the 5th part and being the Bradmore Wesleyan Chapel, and on the remaining part by other hereditaments of the Vendor and towards the west in part by the Bradmore Wesleyan Chapel and in the remaining part by the Village Street of Bradmore... to hold the same freed and discharged from the mortgage ... / ... a further separate covenant with the person or persons entitled to the hereditaments situate on the north east and south sides of the piece of land ... except so much of the south side as abuts upon the Bradmore Wesleyan Chapel, that they ... will forthwith construct and for ever maintain proper and sufficient fences ... such fences to be erected within the area of the said piece of land.

1913 alterations and renovations completed, costing over £100.

1919/20 the Mens Institute contributed £2 towards the War Memorial. Receipt for the 1914-8 War Memorial in the Chapel addressed to Mr G Smith, from Saml Drake of 109 Derby Rd. (office), and The Ropewalk, Nottingham (works), established 1844. Practical Monumental Mason in Granite, Marble, Stone and Slate, Imperishable Letters in Lead. Dated 5.5.1920, To Marble tablet erected in the Chapel £36/10/-; to engraving and painting 19 dozen and 3 letters at 5/- per dozen, £4/16/-. Total £41/6/-. Noted received 10.5.1920 with thanks, and covering letter to Mr T W Walker 'Dear Sir, Your note to hand with cheque enclosed for which I thank you. Pleased to hear all is satisfactory. Yours faithfully Saml Drake.'

1921 heating pipes installed by Mr Topley.

1922 Kellys Directory entry for Bradmore advises that the Wesleyans have a small chapel here in which a marble tablet was erected as a war memorial.

1924 piped water supply. Internal redecoration.

1929 electricity installed, wiring and connection cost £39/7/-.

1931 organ installed and fee paid to Performing Rights Society.

1934 new hymn books purchased, £17/6/6.

Extract from The Methodist Outlook, South Notts, including Circuit Plan and Directory, for May 1937. Frontispiece: Bradmore Methodist Church

Methodism in the picturesque little village of Bradmore dates back to the early part of the last Century, when a group of local farmers bearing such names as Walker, Holmes, Nixon and Rowbottom, men keenly interested in the cause, resolved themselves into a Society, and toward the year 1830 became sufficiently strong in membership to venture on the building of a place of worship.

At first some difficulty was experienced in obtaining a plot of land but this was eventually overcome and the Leasehold of a suitable site was granted by the Right Hon. Lord Raneliffe of the Manor, Bunny Park, at an annual rental of 2s. After his decease the estate passed to one Mrs Harriet Forteach, and in subsequent years a Conveyance of Freehold was signed, in celebration of which a Thanksgiving Service was held in the home of one of the members.

When the work on the building started, it is said that there was no actual "stonelaying ceremony" but that anyone who gave the builders a "tip" could name and place a brick! Several so-named bricks may still be seen. The Chapel was completed and opened for public worship on Feast Monday, the first Monday in November 1830. Although built as a Wesleyan chapel it was not until some years after its erection that the first Trust was formed and the property handed over to the Connexion.

While many structural alterations have been effected during the course of latter years, it is interesting to note that the floor of the Chapel was originally paved with bricks and this part of the work was barely finished on the morning of the opening. The place was heated by a stove in the centre, and the seating consisted of plain backless forms. At night tallow candles provided the only illumination, and it was the duty of the Chapel-keeper to go round during the service and snuff them, making no little commotion in his hob-nailed boots, and presenting a striking appearance in his blue smock frock and knee-breeches.

Before the Harmonium was purchased, the singing was led by a band of local musicians, with cornet, clarinet, euphonium, etc, and should they fail to be there, someone in the congregation was called upon to raise the tune. (A modern pipe-organ with an electrical blower now adorns the place).

For quite a period ministerial appointments were few and far between but the pulpit was worthily

supplied by Local Preachers, such as James Buxton, Thomas Attewell, William Hickling and William Smith (the latter still resident in the village and intensely devoted to his chapel at the age of 85 years).

At one time, the Sabbath was certainly a "Day well spent" beginning as it did with a Prayer Meeting at 7 am, then Class Meeting at 9.0., Sunday School at 10.0, followed by Services at 2.30 pm and 6 o'clock.

One of the most remarkable incidents in the history of the Chapel was on the occasion of the Anniversary about 50 years ago, when during the evening service the ceiling suddenly cracked. Strange to say, the preacher a Rev Mr Thornley was about to announce his text, "Escape for thy life" Gen. 19:17). Fortunately, the congregation had time to leave the building before the ceiling crashed.

Until the year 1904 the Chapel was also used as a Sunday School, then more land was secured and the adjoining Schoolroom was built. A stone on behalf of the children was laid by the Superintendent, William Smith, to whom was presented a Hymn Book, one of his most treasured possessions to this day. Another item of peculiar interest is the Society Stewards account book, which has been in use for over 100 years; the first entry was made in 1831, and the last so recently as 1935.

The Chapel Centenary was celebrated in July of 1930, when the occasion was graced by the presence of the Rev E Benson Parkins. Throughout the years the Methodist witness has been effectively borne, the work at present is maintained by loyal and devoted people, and from the 'little Bethel by the wayside' there still flows an uplifting and helpful influence.

Signed: F.B.

1941-5 War Damage Insurance purchase.

1949/50 redecoration of schoolroom and renovation of chapel.

1998 initiation of project to rebuild schoolroom and provide a more flexible facility, including for use as a village hall; the space in the church also to be made more flexible.

2000-2004 redevelopment of Schoolroom to create Village Hall facility, opened 2004.

### **27 Farmer Street, Parkyns**

Listed building: Ref 5/9 Farmer St east side, No.27, grade 2. House, early and late C19th. Red brick. Pantile roof, 2 gable and single ridge red brick stacks. Dogtooth eaves. 2 storeys, 4 bays. Right single bay late C19th. Doorway with part glazed double door and reveal. Either side are single tripartite casement and further right a single tripartite casement under a segmental arch. Above are 2 similar casements. Included in listing for group value. (Dept of Environment List of Buildings 1986.)

C19th, Rowbottam family occupied this corner and Orchard House corner. Precise occupation prior to that is not certain, and the following is a suggested resolution of the evidence.

c1760-1817 Robert Roebottom, carpenter and coffin-maker, married to Alice. In 1792 in Bunny estate survey with 13½ acres on Cottage Moor and Moor Close, and an acre foldyard and croft, house, carpenter's shop and garden.

1817-1828 Thomas Roobottom son of Robert and Alice, joiner and carpenter. Married Mary.

1828-1849 Thomas's widow Mary at the Rowbottam house in the 1841 census with her son John and his wife and children. She died 1849.

1849-88 Thomas Rowbotham, carpenter and joiner, son of Thomas and Mary, with a 19-year old son Thomas, carpenter. By 1861 Thomas senior had moved across the road to the Orchard House site, leaving Thomas junior in Parkyns with his wife Mary. They were married in 1853, and this may be when Thomas senior moved out. Thomas junior in the 1861 census as cottager with 4 acres. The census sequence places him clearly in Parkyns and his father opposite, though later census sequence suggests he and Thomas senior swapped houses in 1871 and swapped back again in 1881 - this may be a confusion in writing up the census results. In 1867 Bunny estate rental Thomas junior had 1¾ acres in Bradmore, 2 acres in Bunny, house and garden. Both Thomas senior and Thomas junior died in 1886. Mary senior died 1887, and Mary junior 1888.

c1888-? Richard Jackson, cottager and corn carrier, son of Richard and Ann, married to Eliza. In 1891 had left his parents' house and is in the census sequence after the north end of Farmer St. and immediately before the Dalbys on the main road in front of the Crown. Parkyns corner is a logical location. In 1900 Bunny estate rental with cottage and 18½ acres. By the 1908 rental he had only 1¾ acres. Before 1920 the family moved to No.11 Main St., the exact date not clear as electoral rolls show R Jackson with land and tenement 1890-1914, then the roll was suspended during the War and only resumed in 1920. 1900 OS map shows a well at the south side of the house, on the corner.

### **FARMER STREET, WEST SIDE**

#### **28 Farmer Street, Manor House (formerly Manor Farm, includes former Nos.26 & 28)**

Listed building: Ref 5/11 Farmer St. west side No.28, grade 2. House, formerly 2 houses. Mid C18th/early C19th and early C20th. Early C19th house of red brick and slate roof. 2 external red brick

gable stacks. Dogtooth eaves. 2 storeys, 3 bays. Remains of C18th 1st floor band to right single bay. Doorway with panelled door. Either side are single glazing bar sashes with 3 similar sashes above. All openings are under segmental arches. To the right is the lower 2-storey, 3 bay C20th house. Red brick, plain tile roof and right gable red brick stack, with doorway and various openings. Included for group value. (Dept of Environment List of Buildings 1986.)

There were five wells in the courtyard of Manor Farm, though none appear on the OS map of 1900.

#### **Northern house**

c1763-1772 Edward Vose senior, farmer; agreement between himself and his son Edward Vose wherein for £60 he became joint partner and resigned to him half his effects. An inventory in 1771 comprises purse and apparel £10, household goods £40, horses £50, cows £50, sheep £20, corn growing £100, carriages £30, manure and all implements of husbandry £20, old beans £20, total £340. There is no indication of which farm Edward is at, but the 1792 survey places his son at Manor Farm, northern end.

1772-1831 Edward Vose junior. In 1792 Bunny Estate survey, in northern portion of the Manor Farm site, with house, outbuildings, garden, foldyard, and 104 acres. He married Mary in 1767, which may have been when he entered into joint partnership with his father, paying £60. Died in 1831.

1817-1829 William Vose, born 1770s, married to Mary c1797, parents not known but could have been a surviving son of Edward and Mary. Took over land tax 1817 and paid until his death in 1829, when it passed to his son Isaac. Mary died 1838.

1830-c1851 Isaac Voce, son of William and Mary, married Elizabeth. In 1832 farmer, jointly with Sam Voce of Yorke Farm. Last reference in Bradmore is in the 1851 census, as farmer of 128 acres - considerably less than the full extent of Manor Farm, but this census gives no locational information. The southern house was apparently unoccupied up to 1850 but by 1851 the James brothers were established in Manor Farm.

1841 Thomas Harwood, shoemaker, son of John Harwood, recorded between entries for Manor Farm and Bonsers Farm, married to Sarah (his second marriage). Thomas was a great-grandson of Richard and Rebecca Walker who were in the southern house in the mid 1700s. By 1861 he is listed on the main road between the Crown Inn and Yorke Farm. He may have established himself at Manor Farm before moving into premises vacated by the Olivers, also shoemakers, who disappeared from Bradmore after 1853.

1841 census also shows John Smith, collarmaker, cottager and framework knitter in 1851, married to Ann, listed between Thomas Harwood and Bonsers Farm, presumably at the extreme north end of Farmer St. The Smiths were either in the northern house, or in the farm cottage beyond it. The 1851 census gives no location information, being in roughly alphabetical order of surnames. By 1861 the Smiths were on Main St. in the Southwell House cottages.

1861 Edward Harwood, agricultural labourer, a younger brother of Thomas, married to Martha, sequenced between Manor Farm and Bonsers Farm, probably in the northern house. In 1867 Bunny Estate survey with a house and garden at £2/10/- pa, and also jointly with John Henson renting allotments for £48 pa. By the 1871 census Edward was on Far St., more consistent with the low rent in the survey, so may have already moved there by 1867.

1871 Elizabeth Goodwin, retired farmer's widow, listed between Bonsers Farm and Edward Goodwin at Manor Farm, who may be her son. By 1867 Robert Goodwin had arrived in the village and is recorded in Bunny estate rental with 200½ acres, house, buildings and orchard, but there is no later reference to him. By 1871 George Goodwin was at Debdale Farm, with 200 acres, and Edward Goodwin at Manor Farm, also with 200 acres; both are from Derbyshire, but there is no indication of their parentage. It seems likely that Robert was Elizabeth's husband, and died shortly after moving to Bradmore. There is no later reference to Elizabeth.

By 1881 George Preston, agricultural labourer, listed between Manor Farm and Bonsers Farm. Married Mary Ann. In 1891 there is no clear indication of a separate household in the northern house.

#### **Southern house**

c1725-1776 Richard Walker married Rebecca Street and was active in Bradmore affairs from 1730s.

1776-1785 When land tax records begin in 1780, Richard Walker's widow Rebecca paid tax listed as Widow Walker. She died in 1785, leaving her son Richard, farmer, as executor. Her will indicates extensive family links, through marriages of her children: daughter Elizabeth married William Goodacre, miller of Wymeswold, and one of their 8 children later took over Blackcliffe Farm; daughter Rebecca married William Dalby, miller of Bradmore; daughter Mary married John Harwood of Ruddington, and their son John eventually inherited Hill Farm from Rebecca's sister Mary. The Walker lands had probably already passed to the eldest son Richard. Rebecca's inventory comprises purse and apparel £5, goods in the house £3, in the parlour £2, in the kitchen £1, in the fires, in the chamber over the house and in the parlour £5, in another chamber £1; 3 horses £18, 5 cows £15, sheep £15, swine £2,

white corn in the barn unthrashed £40, peas unthrashed £15, hay £15, grain growing on the ground £10, implements of husbandry £3. Not clear whether this relates to just Hill Farm, or Manor Farm as well.

1779-87 Richard Walker junior paid land tax on Manor Farm. Married Mary.

1787-1804 Mary Walker widow of Richard paid land tax for Manor Farm. In 1792 Survey with 183¼ acres, house, outbuildings, garden and foldyard. Her son Richard was 21 in 1796, but did not take over the land tax immediately. Mary died 1823.

1805-c1829 Richard Walker son of Richard and Mary took over the land tax and continued to the end of the record in 1832. Married Ann, who died in 1829. In 1816 he appeared to absorb the lands formerly held by Mr Boulthby and Mr Hopwell, and by the Browns before them, in the 1792 survey shown as 11 acres, identified as the three Flawford Closes. In 1828 land tax increased again, absorbing lands given up by John Lane senior (83¼ acres in 1792, based at Rufford Lodge) and half of John Lane Junior's lands (formerly of George and then Robert Attenborough, total 169¼ acres in 1792 based at Rancliffe Farm.) There is a second Richard Walker in the village at the same time, married to Mary Ann, located at Rancliffe Farm, not at Manor Farm, and may be the son of Richard and Ann, set up on the lands taken over from John Lane junior. There is no evidence for Richard Walker senior after 1829. 1829-c1850 Richard Walker son of Richard and Ann, married Mary Ann 1827, based at Rancliffe Farm, may have continued to farm Manor as well, though there is no direct evidence. The last reference to Richard is in 1847. Isaac Voce may possibly have been living in the southern house during this period (see above, under Northern house) but although he was still in the village in 1851 he cannot have been at Manor Farm at the date of the census as the James brothers had by then taken over the farm. Also in 1841 the census sequence shows a Sam Hordmer, householder of independent means with 3 servants, located between the Goodacres at Blackcliffe Farm and Isaac Voce at Manor, which would put him either in Barn Close or in one of the Manor Farm houses. Nothing else is known about him.

1850-3 William James, farmer's son from Barnstone, in 1851 farmer of 220 acres, with his brother Edward Griffin James. In 1853 directory there is an entry for William as farmer, but by 1855 the entry is for his brother Edward. There is no later reference to William

c1854-1869 Edward Griffin James, brother of William, present at Manor Farm in the 1851 census, first described as farmer in 1855 directory. 1861 married to Mary Ann, farmer of 317 acres; in 1864 directory as farmer and land steward to Bunny Estate. In 1867 Bunny Estate Survey with 319½ acres, house, buildings, garden and orchard, with the Manor Farm fields, 211 acres, listed individually under his name in the survey. The final reference to Edward is in the 1869 directory, as farmer.

c1870-6 Edward Goodwin from Derbyshire, probably brother of George Goodwin at Debdale Farm from 1864, and possibly son of widow Elizabeth living in the northern house in 1871 as retired farmer's widow. In 1871 farmer of 200 acres (i.e. the original Manor Farm lands), married to Emma.

c1881-c1890 Thomas Grundy from Lincolnshire married to Mary, in 1881 farmer of 114 acres, living in a farm house. The census sequence, running from the Main Rd. up the Ramper and south along Farmer St., places Thomas next to Thomas Morris at Barn Close. However, the acreage is low for Manor Farm, and Blackcliffe Farm appears to be empty at this time and in 1891, when there is a similar sequence, so the Grundys may have been there. If so, Manor Farm was empty at this time. By 1891 Thomas Grundy was described as retired farmer and was living with one of his grand-daughters in a cottage near the bottom of Main St.

c1890-c1898 George Grundy living with his parents in 1881, took over the farm by 1891 when he was described as farmer. Married Emma who died in 1885 and by 1888 George was married to Alice Emily. On the electoral roll with land and tenement up to 1899. 1897 the parish council employed a man to clean out the open ditches, then in a filthy state, at the north end of the village running between Mr Grundy's fields and Mr Ford's (Bonsers Farm). 1898 his wife Alice Emily applied to the Bunny & Bradmore charities for the apprentice fee for Harry Jackson Grundy, son of George and Emma, which suggests that George had died, but he is still recorded as trustee of the Methodist church in deeds of 1903. There is no later reference to the family.

1899-c1903 Edwin Harriman, son of James, farmer, at Manor Farm in 1900 when he married Clara Kate. April 1899 parish council minutes record that the cost of cleaning out the Common Issue ditch between Mr Harriman's lands and R Bagguley's (Blackcliffe) to be shared between Mr Bagguley and the council. In 1900 Bunny estate rental with 209½ acres, farmhouse and a cottage and garden at £3/10/- rent. By 1908 estate rental Manor Farm had passed to J & CF Hutchinson. The Harrimans moved to Cropwell, and after Edwin died Clara Kate and her 2 children moved back to Bradmore to live in one of the Southwell House cottages.

c1903-c1917 Charles Frederick Hutchinson, son of John Hutchinson of Rancliffe Farm. Married Elizabeth. By 1897 on the electoral roll as Frederick, with a house, up to 1901 and then with land and tenement in 1902, and jointly with John senior until 1908, and alone until 1914 when the roll ceased for

the duration of the War. In 1900 Bunny estate rental as F C Hutchinson with a cottage and 3¾ acres, elsewhere in the village, but by 1908 jointly with J Hutchinson he had 209½ acres, and a second entry for £3, probably a cottage. No later reference to Charles Frederick. The Hutchinsons moved to Rancliffe Farm when the Beebys took Manor Farm in about 1918 (Source: M Peregrine).

Manor Farm Sale by auction Wednesday 13.7.1977, 3pm at Sale Room of Turner, Fletcher & Essex, Notts Bank Chambers, Pelham St Nottingham. 139.84 acres freehold agricultural land in 5 lots. Instructed by Mr & Mrs K L Beeby. / Mains water supplies to a trough in OS No.1200 (top end lot 4) and to a pipe to OS No.3400 on Keyworth Lane. Sporting rights in hand. The purchaser to pay tenant-right in accordance with Agricultural Holdings Act 1948 including residual values of Artificials and Lime applied. No dilapidations or deductions. The Vendor is not aware of any Tithe or Land Tax. Drainage Rate totals approx £23.50, apportioned. Lot 1, accommodation grass land 10.37 acres, OS No.4900, access from main Nottingham to Loughborough road, vacant possession on completion 10 Aug 1977, nil tenant right, contains an EMEB pole. Sold to Mr Orr, £15000. Lot 2 productive arable land 48.7 acres south west of Bradmore in a compact block, access from Moor Lane, OS No.600 9.19 acres, OS Nos 5356 6.45 acres and 6954 11 acres in one, and OS No.0049 22.06 acres, vacant possession on completion 29 Sept except where cereal crops have not been harvested, when vacant possession will be immediately after harvesting; tenantright and half valuation fee £411.76. Sold to Furze, £45,500. Lot 3 productive arable land 54.56 acres, south west of Bradmore in a compact block, access either by agricultural right of way from west end of Main St. over OS No.1200 parallel to the northern boundary of OS No.1200, or from Moor Lane; OS No.0003 arable 25.79 acres, OS No.0085 arable 15.28 acres, OS 0085 arable 12.74 acres, OS Pt.1370 road 0.75 acres; vacant possession 29 Sept or after harvest completed, tenantright and half valuation fee £444.18, sold to Foster for Mr Woodhouse, £41,500. Lot 4, two grass fields of 10.75 acres, accesses from Main St. to OS No.1200 and from Moor Lane to OS No.1081; mains water supply to trough in OS No.1200 and a pond in OS No.1081; sale subject to agricultural right of way to OS No.0003 along northern boundary of OS No.1200; OS No.1200 grass 7.07 acres, OS No.1081 grass 3.50 acres, OS Pt.2096 road 0.18 acres; vacant possession 10 August, nil tenantright payment. Sold to Hallam for Mrs Thomas, £13000. Lot 5 productive arable field 15.46 acres on the north side of Keyworth Lane, partly in the parish of Keyworth and partly in Bradmore, with mains water supply pipe, OS No.3400, vacant possession 29 Sept or on completion of harvest, tenantright and half valuation fee £66.24, withdrawn from sale. Also sold by auction, Fair View 37 Main St. and 4 freehold allotment gardens, one with vacant possession and 3 subject to tenancy, immediately south of Fair View with access from Moor Lane. Lot 2, part OS No.152 immediately south of Fair View, 0.055 acres, currently let to T W Humberstone at £10 pa, sold to Hurst? £250. Lot 3, OS No.153 immediately south of Lot 2, three allotments totalling 0.14 acres; No.1 let to E Wing at £1 pa; No.2 let to R Powley at £1 pa; No.3 vacant and in hand.

### **30 Farmer Street, Stafford House, formerly Barn Close**

Listed building: Ref 5/12 Farmer St. west side, Stafford House and adjacent barn, formerly listed as Barn Close and adjacent barn. Grade 2 listed 13.10.1966. Farmhouse and adjacent barn, house now offices. Early and mid C18th, converted c.1985. Designed by and built for Sir Thomas Parkyns of Bunny Hall. House of red brick. Plain tile roof. Single ridge red brick and C20th right gable stacks. Brick coped right gable and kneeler. Lobby entry plan. 2 storeys, 5 bays. 1st floor band and band over 1st floor lintels. These extend to the right side of the barn. Central doorway, 4 steps up with segmental arched fielded panel reveal and inner panelled door. To the right are 2 sashes and to the left a single similar sash and on far left a single small casement. Above are 3 similar sashes. Windows were probably 2 light stone mullion. Attached to the left and of the same height is the red brick and pantile 3 storey barn. The left part being mid C18th and set on a plinth with a large segmental arched doorway flanked by single pilaster buttresses. To the left, 2 low blind segmental arches. Above are 5 slit ventilators with 5 similar ventilators above. Over is a single opening with shutter and above are 9 slit ventilators which extend over the doorway. There are 2 tie plates. Interior of house with bressumer fireplaces and chamfered beams. (Dept of Environment List of Buildings 1986.)

c1700-1727, John Nixon, husbandman and yeoman of Bradmore, married to Ann, active in Bradmore from 1711 when he carried out the inventory of goods of Joseph Chamberlain, farmer of Bradmore. John Nixon's own inventory of 1726 comprised purse and apparell £2/10/-, goods in the house £5, goods in the first parlour 15/-, goods in the next parlour 10/-, goods in the chambers £2/10/-, goods in the kitchen £2/5/-, cows young and old £25, horse flesh young and old £27, swine £2/5/-, sheep and fleeces £12, carriage, ploughs, harrows and other implements 10/5, crop on the ground £2/10/-, total £110/10/-. At this stage there is nothing to indicate which farm is involved.

1727-?1732 John Nixon's executor was his son John, about whom little is known; he may be the John Nixon of Bradmore buried at Bunny in 1732.

1732-1780 Joseph Nixon, farmer, son of John and Ann, married Mary, survived to 1787. Inventory comprised only purse and apparell £50 and household goods etc £50. He was 77 years old when he died and had already handed the farm over to William, probably when about 70 years old in 1780.

c1780-1817 William Nixon son of Joseph and Mary. In 1792 Bunny estate survey at Barn Farm, with 90 acres, house, outbuildings, garden and foldyard. Paid land tax from the start of the record in 1780 to 1799, then intermittently, alternating with John Nixon, until 1817 when he died.

1808-1854 John Nixon, paid land tax intermittently, 1808-1817, alternating with William Nixon, then continuously from 1819 to the end of the land tax record in 1832. First described as farmer in 1827, in directories as farmer 1832-1855. Married to Martha. In 1851 farmer of 140 acres. In 1908 Bunny estate rental 'Nixon's farm' was farmed in hand by the estate.

1858-1887 Tommy Morris from Barnstone, son of Samuel, farmer, was in the village in 1858 and at Barn Close in 1861 farming 116 acres. Married Emma. In 1867 Bunny estate rental with 122<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> acres, house, buildings and land. In 1871 farming 176 acres. 1881 farmer of 179 acres. Thomas died in 1884, and Emma in 1887.

1888-c1914 Joseph Stafford from Annesley in 1888 directory as farmer of Bradmore, also in 1891, married to Ellen. In 1900 Bunny estate rental with 96 acres and a farmhouse. The 1908 rental shows 95 acres. 1900 OS map shows a pump behind the house. On electoral roll with land and tenement 1886-1914, but by 1920 he had moved to Main St., probably No.24. In the 1890s Mr Stafford rented the house on the corner of Far St. and Farmer St. and had a meadow in the moors with a footpath along one side and an old wooden shed (J P Smeeton). Ellen Stafford died in 1895, Joseph in 1932.

In the 1891 census Joseph Stafford's is one of two households numbered 31, the other being that of George Ingram, farm manager, from Lincolnshire with his wife Harriett and family. The evidence suggests that the Ingrams and Staffords shared the house at Barn Close, though it is not clear which farm George Ingram was managing.

### **36 Farmer Street, Rufford Lodge**

Listed building: Ref 5/13 Farmer St west side, Rufford Lodge and adjacent outbuildings and barns, grade 2, listed 13.10.1966. House and adjacent outbuildings and barn, c1700 and early C19th. c1700 house designed by and built for Sir Thomas Parkyns of Bunny Hall. Render over red brick. Ashlar dressings. Pantile roof. Single ridge red brick stack. Lead coped gables and kneelers. 1st floor band and band over 1st floor openings. 2 storeys and garret, 3 bays. Central doorway with fielded panel reveal and C20th glazing bar door. Either side are single ashlar mullion 2-light casements. Three similar casements above, some casements with glazing bars. To the rear are 2 similar wings, that on the left with single C20th casement and single similar ashlar mullion casement above. Attached to the left and fronting Main St. is the range of early C19th red brick and pantile outbuildings and barn with raised eaves bands. That attached to the house being single storey and single ridge red brick stack and 2 C20th fixed lights is converted to domestic use. Further left is a 2-storey barn with doorway with large plank door and overlight and on the far left is a single storey range. (Dept of Environment List of Buildings 1986.)

c1770-1825 John Lane senior, married to Jane. Paid land tax 1780-1827 as John senior. John died in 1825 but tax records lagged behind, and in 1827 still described him as farmer. In 1792 Bunny estate survey as John senior with 83<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> acres, house, outbuildings, garden, foldyard and orchard. Part of his land was opposite on Main St., later Riding School land. In 1828 his land tax was incorporated into that of Richard Walker at Manor Farm, representing part of the land farmed by Richard Walker junior based at Rancliffe.

1825-c1836 John Lane junior, son of John senior, took over land tax of Robert Attenborough of Rancliffe Farm in 1814, but reduced to half the amount in 1828, the lost half transferring to Richard Walker together with John Lane senior's land and forming the basis for Richard Walker junior's holding at Rancliffe. John junior was described in the directory of 1832 as farmer, and still paid land tax in 1832 when the record ends. Trustee of Bradmore Methodist Church in 1835, as farmer, and signed the Constables Accounts in 1836, the last record of him in Bradmore. Possibly after his father's death John junior moved into his parents' house, freeing up Rancliffe for the Walkers, but retaining some lands to continue farming.

1837-1860 The 1841 census is unclear at this part of Farmer St. John Nixon is listed between Stubbs the saddler by the steeple and Goodacres at Blackcliffe Farm, which could place him at either Rufford Lodge or Barn Close. If the latter, then Rufford Lodge was unoccupied at the time of the census. John Nixon was the son of William Nixon at Barn Close and from 1808-1817, when William died, William and John paid land tax alternately on the Barn Close holding. John then paid tax through to the end of the record in 1832 and was in the village up to his death in 1854, but on balance the evidence points to him being at Barn Close rather than Rufford Lodge. Rufford therefore appears to be unoccupied.

1861-1870 Levi Sharpe from Cotgrave, married to Ann. 1861 farmer of 66 acres. In 1867 Bunny estate rental with 63½ acres in Bradmore and 3¼ acres in Bunny, with house, orchard and garden in Bradmore. April 1870 he signed the valuation of the farm opposite the chapel (i.e. Rufford Lodge) at the transfer of tenants right from himself to Mrs Harriett Forteath of Bunny Park and her appointed tenant Mr John Randall. The Sharpes moved to Main St., where they appear on the 1871 census.

1870-1909 John Randall from Lodge on the Wolds, joiner, wheelwright and farmer, married to Sarah. Moved to Bradmore on 25.3.1870 (Lady Day, quarter day). 1871 farmer of 67 acres. 1881 farmer of 67 acres. In 1900 Bunny Estate rental with 185 acres and farmhouses, presumably including Bonsers Farm, and by 1908 this land had transferred to his sons John Edward and William Oliver Randall jointly. John Randall (senior) on electoral roll with land and tenement up to 1907, probably after the date of the change. Moved to 15 Farmer St., Bonsers Farm, in 1909. John died in 1928, at Bonsers. Sons William Oliver moved to 111 Loughborough Rd. in 1911 while John Edward was at Bonsers.

Valuation 8 April 1870, farm at Bradmore opposite chapel called Rufford Lodge in 1877. Valuation of tenants right upon a farm at Bradmore in the County of Nottingham from Mr Levi Sharp to Mrs Harriet Forteath or her appointed tenant Mr John Randall, as on the 6th inst. / 3.2.4 Roe Close. New seeds. Seeds bill and sowing. / 11.2.7 Far Briar Wong. 5.2.12 new seeds, bill and sowing. 4.0.0 once ploughed. / 5.2.20 Mickle Lands. 2.0.3 wheat after clover, seed, labour and herbage. 1.0.0 new seeds, bill and sowing. / 2.2.1 sweeds eaten on. Orders, rent and rates, seed and hoeing, carting and spreading manure, deducting half value of turnip crop, since ploughed. / 6.0.22 Mickle Lands. Barley after dills and peas, once ploughed, seed barley found and sown by oncomer. / 4.0.7 Open Close. Peas after barley, once ploughed, seed and putting in by oncomer. / 7.3.38 Second Open Close. Once ploughed after wheat. / Stackyard. Heap of manure, wheat straw, shed and thatch pegs. / Garden. 3 dozen berry trees. 8 rasps. / Barn. 4 yds zinc spouting. 2 barn boards. / Yard. Heap of manure, part of a stack of hay, hovel, yard fence, grindstone, hovel and manger, boarded front to shed. 1 glass tile, calf rack. / Cow hovel. 6 cow ties, rope and pulley for lantern, hay bin. / Chop house. Shelf. / Stable. Partition door. 2 neck ties, cord and 2 pulleys. / Yard. 47 gallon stone trough, spout, pump, trough. 2 metal grates, door to soft water cistern. / Chambers. Rail and 4 pins. 2 locks, 2 bolts, 2 rollers for blinds. / Passage. Rail and 9 pins. 3 rollers for blinds. / Cellar. Zinc window. / Dairy. 2 zinc windows, stays for shelves, 4 hooks, cheese press. / Kitchen. 2 iron set pans and underworks, oven boiler fire and ashes grates, gate, jockeybar, oven door, shelves. / The above matters and things examined and appraised to the sum of £84.7s.7d. Geo Goodwin settled 13.6.1870, Levi Sharp his mark. £84.13s.9d less 6s.2d error equals £84.7s.7d.

1900 OS map shows a pump behind the house in the yard.

### **38 Farmer Street, Orchard House**

Before 1861 there is no clear evidence to name the occupier of this corner site. This and the opposite corner, the site of Parkyns, are both associated with the Rowbotham family, and one probable scenario places Robert Roebottom here at the 1792 Survey, renting 13½ acres on Cottage Moor and Moor Close, and with a 1 acre foldyard and croft, plus house, carpenter's shop and garden. The shop was in a barn which stood on the corner of Farmer St. and Main St., near where the later garage was built. Robert was here from about 1760, married to Alice. Died 1817.

1817-1828 Thomas Roobotham, joiner and carpenter, son of Robert and Alice.

1828-1849 Mary Roobotham, widow of Thomas. Up to this point, it is unclear whether the house is Parkyns or on the Orchard House site.

1849-86 Thomas, carpenter and joiner, son of Thomas and Mary, married to Mary, with son Thomas junior, carpenter. By 1861 census the sequence of the listing indicates clearly that Thomas senior was on the Orchard House site, and Thomas junior was in Parkyns with his wife, also called Mary. They were married in 1853, and this may be when the families divided between the two properties. The 1867 Bunny estate rental has Thomas Senior renting a house, garden and orchard of ¾ acre in Bradmore, and 12 acres in Bunny. The 1871 census sequence suggests that Thomas senior and Thomas junior had swapped houses and swapped back again in 1881 - this may be a confusion in writing up the census results. The 1881 census has Thomas senior in Orchard House. Thomas is still listed in the 1885/6 directory as cottager, and on the electoral roll with land and a tenement in 1886/7. He died in 1886, and his wife Mary died the year after. Thomas junior also died in 1886, and his wife Mary junior died in 1888.

c1891-5 George Henry Clark, agricultural labourer, married to Sarah. The house may have been split to accommodate two households at this period.

c1890-1898, Thomas Grundy and his wife Mary, formerly at Manor Farm / Blackcliffe Farm, moved here when Thomas retired and handed the farm over to his son George Grundy.

1898-1925 Occupants not known, but John Randall at Rufford Lodge took over the barn as his

stackyard. J P Smeeton in 1939 referred to a cottage demolished recently near the village stocks, which stood near this corner, and to a gravestone in the cottage wall which was taken as evidence that Bradmore once had its own graveyard.

Valuation dated 5.4.1887 of Homestead, demolished prior to 1920, opposite chapel and also opposite Rufford Lodge, where Mrs Attewell lived 1977, i.e. on site of Orchard House. Valuation and tenant-right and fixtures on a cottage and premises situate at Bradmore, also of dilapidations on same, as transferred from the executors of the late Thomas Rowbotham to Miss Hawksley of Bunny Park, or her incoming tenant John Randall. / In House. Copper and fixing 33 inches, lid to do., 2 shelves and supports, hanging bar and hooks, shelving with 8 small drawers, wood mantel shelf. 12' shelves in dairy, peg rail and 9 pegs upstairs, wood mantel shelf in parlour. / In Yard and Garden etc, lead pump with wood case, stone trough to do., 5 raspberry canes, 7 willow heads in ploughed field. / Amounting to the sum of £8. as valued by Joseph Walker, Nottingham. / Dilapidations. Yard orchard etc 3 posts, fencing by pump, fowl house door and frame, repairs to cow hovel front, pair of doors to barn, gate at corner of barn, 18 yards of crewyard fence, gate and post, garden fence, repairs to door and frame to coal house. 18 yards of stackyard fence, repairs to orchard fence by road. / In Moor Closes. 2 posts, 1 gate, hedging, gapping, straw consumed off premises, 2 acres oat stubble. / Accounting to the sum of £8 as valued by Joseph Walker, Nottingham.

1923-47 The present Orchard House was built by John Attewell.

#### **46 Farmer Street, Rancliffe Farm House**

Listed building: Ref 5/14 Farmer St. west side, Rancliffe Farmhouse, grade 2, listed 13.10.1966. House of 1736 designed by and built for Sir Thomas Parkyns of Bunny Hall. Red brick, some black brick and rubble. Plain tile roofs. Single large red brick stack to each ridge. Brick coped gables and corbelled out kneelers. Raised eaves band. Splayed rubble and brick plinth. Double-depth plan. 2 storeys and cellar and garret, 2 gabled bays. The cellar has 4 blocked segmental arches. Above on each floor are 3 glazing bar casements, all segmental arched with brick hood moulds. Between ground floor windows is a similarly arched blocked opening. In the left gable apex in black brick headers is inscribed Sir T.P. and in the right gable 1736. The doorway is in the right wall. Segmental arched fielded panel reveal with similar hood mould over a panelled door. Attached to the right of the house and set back is a single storey red brick and plain tile wing with a right red brick gable stack and no openings. (Dept of Environment List of Buildings 1986.)

c1750-1799 George Attenborough son of Richard and Prudence, married Mary. In 1792 Bunny estate Survey with 169<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> acres, house, outbuildings, garden, field, yard and croft.

1799-1813 Robert Attenborough, son of George and Mary, died in 1813, apparently unmarried.

1814-1827 John Lane junior, farmer in land tax schedule. In 1828 half of John Lane's land tax, plus all that of his father, was taken over by Richard Walker at Manor Farm. John Lane continued to farm the other half of his land, but was not still living at Rancliffe Farm.

1828-c1848 Richard Walker, son of Richard and Ann at Manor Farm, possibly farming Rancliffe on behalf of his father who took over much of the Lanes' land, at least up to 1834 when Richard senior died. Richard is described as farmer in the 1832 directory, married Mary Ann.

c1849-1860s The 1851 census gives no locational information to confirm who took over Rancliffe after the Walkers. Joseph Nixon appears to be at Yorke Farm in the 1841 census, but by the 1861 census was apparently at Rancliffe Farm with 180 acres. However, Thomas Holmes who was at Yorke Farm in 1861 was in the village from 1849, and this seems a likely date for Joseph's move to Rancliffe. Joseph is recorded in 1851 as farmer of 200 acres, and in directory entries through the 1850s. However, there is no information after 1861, other than a reference to his widow Mary in 1891 at her son-in-law's farm at Burton Bandalls, Leics.

c1871 Joseph Bosworth, married to Frances, farmer of 170 acres at Rancliffe Farm. There is no other reference to these Bosworths, so it is not known how long they were in Bradmore.

c1875-c1903 By 1881 John Hutchinson, farmer of 191 acres living in the farmhouse with his wife Ann. In 1861 he was still described as cotton stocking maker, but had set up his own household in a cottage somewhere near Rancliffe Farm. By 1865 he was renting grazing along the lanes, and in the 1867 Bunny estate rental he had a house, mill, garden and 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> acres in Bradmore plus 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> acres in Bunny. The mill at the top of Far St. was known as Hutchinsons Mill, and by 1871 John and his family were living at the top of Main St. in Home Farm. The census describes him as farmer and miller, with 23 acres. By 1881 he moved into Rancliffe Farm. The name Hutchinson's Lane applied to this part of Farmer St. probably dates from this time. In 1900 Bunny estate rental with farmhouse and 169<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> acres, and a second entry for a cottage and garden at £3 rent, location unknown. On electoral roll with land and tenement to 1902, then jointly with his son Frederick 1903-1905. In 1908 Bunny estate

rental John and Frederick Hutchinson jointly, with 109½ acres plus a cottage - this is actually Manor Farm which C F Hutchinson took over from Edwin Harriman c1903.

c1903-1907 No information.

1907-c1911 Isaac Rains. In 1908 Bunny estate rental with 179 acres 1 rood 20 perches, rent £155 pa, and cottages at £2 rent.

### **Old Barn, Farmer Street**

Listed building: Ref 5/15 Farmer St. west side, The Old Barn, formerly listed as the Barn approx 21m SSE of Rancliffe Farmhouse. Grade 2 listed 11.12.1979. Threshing barn, now a house. Early C18th, altered c1980. Designed by and built for Sir Thomas Parkyns of Bunny Hall. Red brick. Pantile roof. Single red brick stack. Brick coped gables with kneelers. Splayed plinth. 2 storeys, 5 bays. 2 storey doorway with herringbone plank panel, either side are single pilaster buttresses. To the right, at ground level, are 2 segmental arches. On the far left a single 2 light C20th light in former doorway with segmental arched drip mould over. Above to the left of the doorway is a single C20th 2 light fixed light. Rear openings with C20th lights. Blocked slit ventilators. Interior. Tie beams with curved braces and curved Queen struts, through purlins and wind braces. Carpenters marks in Roman numerals. Listed for group value only. (Dept of Environment List of Buildings 1986.)

Conversion approved 1977. The garage alongside the barn used to be the corn-drier, with the entrance facing the opposite way into the yard.

Listed building: Ref 5/10 Farmer St east side, barn, 10m east of Rancliffe Farmhouse, grade 2.

Barn early C18th. Probably designed by and built for Sir Thomas Parkyns of Bunny Hall. Red brick. Concrete pantile roof. Red brick coped gables with kneelers. 2 storeys, 5 bays. 2 storey doorway with plank door. On the 1st floor a single casement. 8 slit ventilators. Included for group value. (Dept of Environment List of Buildings 1986.)