

## Wey Cottage and Lea Cottage



TQ021569 **LBII** C16, C19, C20 **WBC** TM161 Owner James Hodd Occupier John Tickner  
Originally one house, now divided into the two cottages. The listing as detailed by Woking Borough Council on their website is:

*House, now divided. C16 with C19 additions. Timber framed brick cladding to right, rendered to left; plain tiled roofs with stack to left of centre. Wey Cottage to left: 2 storeys with attic under tile hung dormer, flat band over ground floor, gable front bay to left. 3 C20 casement windows across the first floor; glazed door to left in catslide extension, further part glazed door to centre under gabled porch on brick piers. Timber frame exposed to rear. Lea Cottage to right: gable front break, 2 C20 casements across the first floor. Part glazed door in tiled gabled porch in wooden supports. Catslide to rear*

The house(s) are likely to be mid 15th century given the crown post roofs.

This house appears on the John Holmes Map of 1709 *now in the care of Surrey History Centre*.. It can be seen below as the second house outside the lychgate of St Peter's, the first house is the now demolished house of which No. 1 Church Cottages formed part.



The occupants according to the 1841-1901 census returns were probably:

**1841**

John Tickner, agricultural labourer and his wife Elizabeth plus James Daw brewer.

**1851**

John Tickner, agricultural labourer and his wife Elizabeth plus David Harwood plumber and glazier and Thomas Sherlock cordwainer, both visitors.

**1861**

John Tickner, labourer, his wife Elizabeth and James Ottaway groom.

**1871**

William Webber, master blacksmith, his wife Eliza and their daughter Eunnie

John Tickner, former agricultural labourer and his wife Elizabeth

Joseph Bullen, labourer in paper mill, his wife Ellen and their son James plus Elizabeth Jelley laundress.

**1881** *Church Street*

William Webber, his wife and daughter are still living in the street.

**1891** *Church Street*

Frederick Cole *see below* and his family are already living here

There is a James Elsley *see below* shown in the 1881 and 1891 censuses as living in Church Street

**1901** *Church Street*

James Ellesley and his wife, Agnes

It is likely that the cottages were known as *Whitburn Cottages* in 1919. The Woking News and Mail Directory of that year showed the occupants as James Smith, W Shearing, J Elsley and F Cole. There would appear to have been four occupants up to 1932. It is possible that Messrs Smith and Shearing were in what is now Wey Cottage and Messrs Elsley and Cole in Lea Cottage. Were the two cottages further divided?

**1928** *Weylea Cottages* A Russell, F Brine, J Elsley, F Cole

**1930-2** *Weylea Cottages* Mrs Lawrence, F Brine, J Elsley, F Cole

**1936** *Lea Cottage* EE Weaver, *Wey Cottage* CC Wright **1937** *Lea Cottage* Willis *Wey Cottage* SWA Smith **1939** *Lea Cottage* JW Willis, *Wey Cottage* JPS Wallis **1948-69** *Lea Cottage* CC Wright

**1948-9** *Wey Cottage* A Roberts **1957-64** *Wey Cottage* P Rigby-Jones **1969** *Wey Cottage* CA Arnold **WNM**

Michael Allbrook, a previous owner of Wey Cottage, has supplied the following details of owners between 1900 and 1975. It would appear from these that the cottage was tenanted from time to time.

Prior to 1900	Arthur Lionel Eustace-Barron of Barronford, Woking
1900	James Whitburn of Woking
1925	Arthur Edwin Garrod of Weylea
1933	The Misses Muriel Evelyn Garrod both of Weylea
1934	Peter Rigby-Jones of 11 Cavendish Mansions, Mill Lane, London NW6
1935	Robert John and Chantel Marie Therese Brown
1971	Dorothy Gertrude Slater
1973	Geoffrey Scott and Mary Rose Hunter
1974	Christopher Gunson and Christine Wardle
1975	Michael Allbrook

### Sources

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