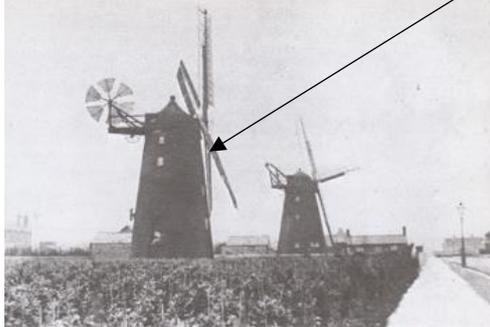


NAVARINO ROAD -- What's in a name?

(N.B. Click on images to enlarge)



Between 1808 & 1813 an octagonal red brick tower windmill (known as a Smock mill) was built for Richard Hyde on a site to the west of Ham road, the Millers cottage still stands in Ham road.



A second mill was built for local millwright James Shepherd between 1827 & 1831 and was a 5 storied tower, a modern design for those times.

In 1850 the mills were purchased by local merchant George Newlands and they passed to his son Robert upon his death in 1863.

In 1887 the mills together with business premises at 37 High street passed to William Barker who continued to operate the mills until his death in 1896.

The windmills fell into disrepair and were eventually demolished between 1909 & 1911.

The 2nd mill mentioned above was named Navarino Mill, after the battle of Navarino which took place on 20th October 1827. Eventually both mills adopted the name.

The battle was fought during the Greek war of Independence between a combined British, French & Russian fleet commanded by Admiral Sir Edward Codrington in which the Turkish and Egyptian fleets were destroyed off the bay of Navarino in Greece.

Admiral Sir Edward Codrington who also fought at the battle of Trafalgar was relieved of command in 1828 and lived for some time in Western road Brighton, and a Brighton Society blue plaque celebrates this.

Once the windmills were demolished the whole area which included additional mills and a brickworks were gradually sold off and the layout we see today was created.

Church walk which connects Ham road to St Georges church was built and Navarino road was constructed on the site of a footpath which gave access to the market gardens that existed around the mills.



Church Walk in 1895



Church Walk today



Navarino Rd in 1910



Navarino Rd. in 1944

Navarino road first appears on the Ordnance Survey map of 1896 and house building commenced at the turn of the century.

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