

## Pictures of old Brompton

### View up Northallerton Road from Church Green area



*(Picture kindly contributed by **Colin Narramore**)*

This picture dated 1908 shows the cottages on left now numbered from number 1 Northallerton Road onwards. Traffic is a little more sedate than the present day and the kids would not be able to pose for the camera like this nowadays. Colin's Grandma lived, I believe, in No 3. Shop on corner at right of picture is the current 21st century (and only!!)shop and Post Office.

### High Green in 1915



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This postcard shows High Green in 1915, with the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel on the left (arched doorway and Notice Board) and the newly planted trees on the Green itself. The Wesleyan Methodist Chapel was built in 1817 and restored in 1878. It has now been converted into residential use. The Chapel Sunday school built in 1893 can be seen in the distance on the right and this is the current Methodist Chapel although the entrance porch has been removed and a wheelchair friendly entrance is on the left of the building. The trees are now mature.

## Church View from Manor House to Shop End



(Picture kindly contributed by **Colin Narramore**)

This view shows the Manor House on the left with its archway hidden by the trees in the front garden. This was the main Wilford house during the early days of the Wilford linen manufacturing. At the far end in the centre of the picture, is the old Toll Booth in the middle of what is now a busy crossroads.

The houses on the left lead down to Shop End and a number of shops can be seen amongst these houses. The last one to close at Shop End was the Post Office at 10/11 Church View when the then Post Mistress took early retirement. More shops can be seen centre right, hence the area being known as Shop End.....it still is called Shop End despite the shops there having all closed.

There are no trees on Church Green on the right in this picture taken around the turn of the 19th/20th century. The tree overhanging the top right hand corner is the famous and wonderful Copper Beech in the NE corner of St Thomas churchyard opposite the Manor House.

## The Old Lock Up on The Green

(Picture kindly contributed by **Colin Narramore**)

Mr Albert Johnson going through the door of the Old Lock up which was located behind Number 1 The Green. It was a 12ft square brick building with a stout wooden door which was still in use up to the First World War.



## View North up Station Road

This wonderful old photo taken in 1906 shows great activity around the Blacksmith's shop near the crossroads in the middle of the village. On the very left hand side is the Crown Inn. The Blacksmith's shop was Sam Hardcastle's during the 40's and 50's. The Blacksmiths and the adjacent cottages are no longer there but they were located in what is now the Crown car park and Recycling centre ).



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Wilford mill chimney is in the background and some say that the building shown next to the Crown was built out of the old Toll booth which stood in the middle of this crossroads. Claude Wilford allegedly bought the tollbooth and demolished it in around 1912 so that he would not have to negotiate around it in his new car, believed to be the first in the village!

The building on the right is the 3 HorseShoes and the road to the right leads up Cockpit Hill towards Water End. Behind us is Lead Lane and to the left at the crossroads is Shop End, High Green, Church Green and the road to Northallerton.



## Brompton Station 1922



*(Pictures kindly contributed by **Colin Narramore**)*

Brompton was built to a typical North East Railway company country station design. In 1846 an act of parliament authorised the building of the Yarm branch of the Leeds and Thirsk railway company to link Leeds with Teesside. Building started in 1852 and the line was opened on May 15th 1854, the original company had been taken over by the N.E.R. Below - the last passenger train departs in 1963.



## Primitive Methodist Chapel Cockpit Hill 1905

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This 1905 picture of Cockpit Hill (without safety railings!!) shows to the right of the drainpipe, the Primitive Methodist Chapel. This was erected in 1821. The building is now a private house.

The minister of the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Reverend G J Lane, in 1906 is pictured with chapel officials. The gentleman 2nd from right with beard is John Richardson. The Primitives and the Methodists amalgamated in 1934.

