

# ROUNABOUT RINGWOOD & SURROUNDING VILLAGES

## NOW and THEN

### 10 High Street, Curry Garden, Ringwood.

The smallest building in the c1868 photograph right, 10 High Street, is a Georgian cottage with two front doors, a small shop window and three first floor windows, with the central window blocked up, probably due to the Window Tax. By 1901 this cottage was the home and shop of shoe and bootmaker George Payne and his family.

During the first half of the 20th century the property became The Old Brown House restaurant. It was probably then that it acquired its distinctive outer false 'Tudor' beams on top of its Georgian plasterwork. Ironically this building contains genuine timber framing inside, although not visible today. Other than the false beams the exterior has changed little over the years.

For many decades the Old Brown House and Daisy Darling opposite were the only tea/coffee shops in the High Street, unlike today when the town is full of them. In the 1970s the last of the many owners of the Old Brown House sold the business and for a while the

c1868



c1965



restaurant became the Country Kitchen. In about 1986 the business was bought by Mr Feroze Khan who opened the Curry Garden. This restaurant has continued serving Indian Tandoori cuisine for over thirty years and is now under the ownership of Mr Khan's sons, Humayun and Jay.

Today the ground floor frontage remains virtually unchanged since the photograph of c1868, a most unusual attribute, as almost all of Ringwood's other High Street buildings have been given newer shop fronts.

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