

ROUNDBOUT RINGWOOD & SURROUNDING VILLAGES

NOW and THEN

6-8 High Street, Barclays Bank, Ringwood.

Although the ground floor of this property, now Barclays Bank, has changed considerably over the years, it is still recognisable as the

c1900



same 18th century building shown in the earlier photographs.

The 1851 and 1861 censuses show it was then occupied by James Adams, a watchmaker and early photographer. By 1871 it had become the first shop of George Hext watchmaker before he moved over to the

south side of the High Street and then eventually to 2 High Street. (This is an amendment to the account given in the article on the Hext family published in Now and Then February 2017).

For many years from about 1878 the property was a draper's and outfitter's shop known as the London Bazaar, run by Louis Leach and later his son Frank.

After 1914 it continued as a draper's owned by Percy Pyne. By the 1950s, though still known as Pyne's, the shop catered for ladies' fashions run by Miss E. Cox. By this time the building, like the others nearby, had lost its chimneys and its brickwork had been painted. The parapet and the three windows on the first floor remained the same.

In the 1970s Barclays Bank moved from New House West Street to 6 - 8 High Street, making drastic alterations to the ground floor. Today this includes a night safe and an ATM machine.



late 1960's

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