

Malthouse Yard

Turning into Church Street we pass the former George and Dragon, one of the two public houses in the area. With the baker's shop at the other end of this row of cottages, they must have supplied sustenance to the workers and customers who came to what we might describe as Reepham's industrial area.

The first house belonged to the Frankland family who were tinsmiths and braziers with their tinker's shop in the yard. The business later went to the Eglington family who built up the an agricultural engineering business. This was later Randell's Cycle Shop.



Randalls Cottages

The yard now known as Malthouse Yard originally comprised the 'yards and premises' of several businesses fronting onto Church Hill and Ollands Road. New houses have now been built around the yard and some of the cottages modernised

but some of the old walls round 'premises' remain. It was probably the industrial character of this area that saw Randells of North Walsham taking over this area later.

Most of this area has been demolished and rebuilt as dwellings or as the Spar Shop. However, along Church Hill a row of Eighteenth/Nineteenth century cottages are still occupied.

The Malthouse originally belonged to Bircham's Brewery but, when Birchams sold the brewery in 1897, it was sold to Bullard and Boyce who owned the 'George and Dragon' inn on the corner of Church Hill and Norwich Road. All that remains of the Malthouse is one curved wall with an arch at ground level.



Malthouse arch