



Trumpington Road looking to Lensfield Road, c1905

Cambridge TRUMPINGTON ROAD Area Scrapbook

Includes Barrow Road, Bentley Road, Chaucer Road, Latham Road & Porson Road
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1900

1902 01 14

After being 'wanted' by the police for years a man who is supposed to be a suspicious character named Villiers, was arrested by Scotland Yard detectives at his residence on Trumpington Road, Cambridge. They searched the house for a considerable time without finding him. At last he was discovered concealed between the ceiling and the roof. To this secret hiding place he had gained access by a door secreted behind a piece of furniture. The arrest is in connection with the publication of obscene literature and prints. Since being removed to the station the man has died

1904 07 25

The publication of Mr John Sweeney's book 'At Scotland Yard' recalls one of the most sensational tragedies Cambridge has known. The detective mentions the arrest and subsequent death of the swindler who styled himself 'Dr Sinclair Roland' and resided at a well-furnished, expensively-rented house called Edenfield in Trumpington Road. It had been chosen for its security from observation and general utility as a hiding place. There was an elaborate system of cupboards and secret passages by which he could hide or escape. But the police blocked every exit, a systematic search was made and a secret panel discovered where the man was found. He called for a glass of water and fell dead, having taken poison which he carried in a ring

1905 10 14

The Trumpington Road has an unenviable notoriety for being frequented by shady and suspicious characters. Lately the large houses have suffered depredations at the hands of one of the burgling

fraternity. Police supervision should be strengthened: one constable was not sufficient. The Chief Constable said that being with easy reach of London they offered a tempting bait to the criminals of the metropolis. The man involved pretended to be collecting for a cricket club. He was today being tried at Exeter 05 10 14b

1905 10 26

Cambridge councillors discussed an alternative route from Madingley Road to the Cattle Market by constructing a road from Barton Road over the river by Newnham Mill Pit and along Coe Fen Lane to Trumpington Road. Two bridges would have to be erected and the Leys School would give up a strip of land. But there was no argument in favour of making a winding lane into a straight road unless it was for traffic. It was a bad system to introduce a big scheme piecemeal and commit the council first by one step and then another. 05 10 26b

1906 09 08

Building trade in Cambridge is comparatively slack just now as suburban expansion on any large scale has ceased. Six months ago there was considerable activity in the Newnham district and on the Central Estate where a large number of houses sprang up suddenly. Then there was an extension of New Cherryhinton through the erection of many houses on the Hills Road. It is now planned to open up a building estate by cutting an avenue from Hills Road to the Trumpington Road 06 09 08c

1908 05 22

A Lt Abington farmer told the court that the County Council had been repairing Trumpington Road, which was worn down to the granite, but had left a sharp edge four inches high which in the dark was really a trap. His horse's foot had caught against it, was thrown down and badly injured. Both shafts of the trap were broken. Lamps which should have been there were not working as there was no oil in them. He claimed damages for neglect. But the judge said he'd exaggerated the problem and dismissed the case. CWN 08 05 22 p8

1910

1910 09 09

'Thornlea', a large house in Chaucer Road, was the scene of a daring burglary. Entry was gained by cutting away the wood of the kitchen window, outside which were blurred footprints, showing the burglar wore socks over his boots. He crawled through a small opening in the wall to get into the dining room and broke open a lady's work box with a poker. He then took food from the larder and smoked a cigar but ignored the silver candlesticks and other valuable ornaments. The owners were asleep upstairs at the time. CWN 09 09 10

1914 04 24

King's Visit. Six thousand Cambridge schoolchildren, with flags gaily flying, will next Thursday line the Cambridge streets and with hearty voices join their elders in bidding welcome to their King. Although the King's visit is to be regarded as one specially made to the Leys School, the townspeople are naturally taking a keen interest in the event. His Majesty will motor from Newmarket and is due to arrive at the Leys at 11 a.m. It is probable he will reach the outskirts a few minutes before that hour and will proceed to the school via Newmarket Road, East Road, Lensfield Road and Trumpington Road. Upon arrival at the school, the King will be received by a guard of honour consisting of members of the school's Junior Officers' Training Corps and met by Dr. Barber, the headmaster and members of the governing body He will then be conducted to the chapel to view the memorial erected to the memory of the Old Leysians who fell in the South African War. Following this he will proceed to the large hall and receive an address of welcome. Then His Majesty will inspect the gymnasium, swimming baths, science buildings, etc. In accordance with a request made by the Mayor of Cambridge (Mr. J. A. Sturton), the royal car will be slowed down when passing the junction of Newmarket Road and East Road. This is perhaps, the most convenient spot for the schoolchildren to assemble and they will line up on either side. 14 04 24

1914 06 19

If Chaucer Road was a newly-made road the council would not allow the owners to build until they had made the road up to the required standard. But if the residents wanted to keep the road private and did not want water and the other benefits of civilisation they had a right to keep as they were, one councillor said. Owners had petitioned against council plans to have the road made up. But in Grange Road, Brooklands Avenue and Selwyn Gardens householders had paid and it was unfair to treat one set of ratepayers differently from another 14 06 19 p3

1914 11 27

Chaucer Road

1914 12 18

Chaucer Road making up

1916 03 29

March blizzards. Following two delightful spring days, another extraordinary spell of rough wintry weather set in at Cambridge on Monday evening. The wind, which had been boisterous during the day, developed into a heavy gale, accompanied by snow. A good deal of damage was done to telegraph and telephone wires in various parts of the county, and communication with London and other parts was interrupted. Telegraph posts on the Trumpington Road, Shelford Road and Huntingdon Road were blown down, whilst on the Histon Road were blown down just beyond Cambridge. Several trees were uprooted and the mail cart from Cambridge to St. Ives was delayed for a time owing to obstructions on the road. On Tuesday morning the ground was covered with snow. Trains were late owing to wires being down. Rain set in during the day, but towards the close of the afternoon this turned to snow. The wind, too, increased in violence until it was blowing quite a hurricane. Huge trees gave way before the violence of the wind, chimney pots and slates came crashing down, whilst many fences collapsed. The Corporation workmen had to be called out to assist in clearing away fallen trees, and to assist the police in warning vehicles. Several pedestrians had narrow escapes. Among the many trees which fell was the famous plane tree in the Catholic Rectory grounds, which has been visited by arboriculturists from all over the world

1919 10 15

Coming up – influx of students – during past few days has shown all the pre-war activity; students whose study interrupted by war have resumed education; arrival undergraduates coincided with ending of rail strike; Prince Albert and Prince Henry motored from Buckingham Palace to ‘Southacre’, Latham Road – 19 10 15a photo Royals 19 10 15b

1920

1920 04 20

New Road. A proposed road in Cambridge, which new will relieve the pressure of traffic in Silver Street, was described at a meeting of the Cambs. County Council on Saturday. The Town Council had written to the County authorities stating that they pro-posed to promote a Bill in the ensuing session of Parliament, and that they would be prepared to insert a clause providing for the construction by the County Council for a by-pass road from the Barton Road to Hills Road, with the necessary bridges. The Roads Committee of the County Council considers that such a road would be a desirable improvement, and the County Surveyor, the County Architect, and the Borough Surveyor are to confer with a view to preparing a plan showing the suggested links for the proposed new road, together with an estimate of the cost. Alderman J. Q. Vinter said that the time had come when there should be proper communications between these districts. Councillor W. L. Rayners observing that the scheme might not be clear to some members of It consisted of a road starting at the corner of the Barton Road, next to the Caius Ground, going down over a sort of drift way towards the bathing sheds at the bottom of the Lammas Ground, which the Borough bought a little while ago, then across some private land reaching the river. There was a bridge, and over that bridge the road would join on the Pemberton Estate and link up with Chaucer Road, then reaching the main London

road. It would then turn back a little way to the bridge over the Brook, joining up with Brooklands Avenue. It would make a main by-pass road which would avoid the necessity of using Silver Street, a main road with a bridge which was often dangerous for the traffic. The County Council agreed that the Town Council should be asked to insert a clause to the proposed bill 20 04 20

1920 07 14

Proposed roads connecting Barton and Trumpington Roads

1920 08 04

Proposed road between Barton Rd & Trumpington Road turned down – 20 08 04a

1920 12 06

Ministry of Transport would grant aid construction of road from Cherry Hinton Road to Mill Road, Barton Road to Trumpington Rd

1920 12 22

Two new roads to make work unemployed – from Cherry Hinton Road to Mill Road (near huts to Brookfields) and from The Grove, Newnham to Trumpington Road via Coe Fen Lane – 20 12 22b

1922 03 11

Brooklands Avenue Inquiry. It was an attempt to make a road from Hills Road to Trumpington Road. At present the greater part of the Avenue was open but it was in regard to the smaller part at the Trumpington-road end that the application was made. At the present time there was a gate fastened there and kept locked by the owner. He understood that people going to houses in the Avenue were allowed to go though and he could understand that the gentleman would like to keep it a quiet place. Personally he would oppose it if he lived there

1924 02 17c

“I have never known the Cambridge roads to get into such a bad state as they are at present. Take Mill Road. Here we have considerable traffic and the pedestrian and cyclist are faced with the prospect of a mud bath after every shower. To go through Trumpington Road is worse than driving through a ploughed field”

1926 01 12

The proposal to establish a parking-station in opposite Brookside in Trumpington Road, Cambridge, is meeting with opposition. Residents resent the possibility of charabanc crowds congregating in front of & gaping into their windows. The scheme will interfere with their privacy, comfort and peacefulness; the noise caused by the arrival and departure of motor vehicles would create an intolerable nuisance; the outlook would be entirely spoilt, & the value of the properties seriously depreciated.

1926 05 11

The Recorder gave his judgement on the appeal of residents of Brookside, Cambridge, against the council's order authorising part of Trumpington Road as a parking place. They anticipated noise from the vehicles and their attendants who would gaze into their windows. They also thought it would be used for charabancs and omnibuses. Having heard the evidence and visited the spot he was satisfied that the fears are to a great extent groundless

1930

1930 04 29

A terrible double road fatality occurred at Cambridge about midnight when a motor-cycle carrying a pillion passenger came into collision with a high-powered Delage car on the Trumpington Road. The force of the impact was such that the motor-cyclist was flung through the car windscreen and practically decapitated. His passenger died in hospital. The car was badly damaged and the front axle

was wrenched off as it proceeded for nearly 150 yards, veering from side to side until finally coming to rest in a hedge. 30 04 29

1930 08 12

Barrow Road photo, p8

1937 06 14

George Hawkins, the Cambridge caterer, and his wife both sustained injuries in a motor accident. He was driving along Trumpington Street when one of the car wheels got into the run at the side of the road and the car collided with a lamp post. Another accident occurred at Pampisford Railway Station cross-roads when a van plunged down an eight-foot bank after a collision. The driver, Mr T.H. Marriott, a Duxford butcher, was trapped. When extricated it was found he had suffered a severe scalp wound and other injuries. 37 06 14a

1937 06 15

Car struck a telephone kiosk on Trumpington Road smashing it so completely that only the base remained; the roof land upside-down some distance away – photo – 37 06 15

1940

1940 10 16

Barrow Road houses bombed; residential houses wrecked, one killed; also oil bomb – photos – 40 10 16a,b

1947 12 08

One thing I found out on making a tour of the Regional Petroleum Office in Chaucer Road, Cambridge was that stories of endless delay and general chaos in dealing with applications for petrol coupons are quite unfounded. I went into the hut in the garden where the coupons are prepared for despatch - an envy-evoking sight for petrol-thirsty motorists. A score of men were counting, rubber stamping and recording the issue of hundreds of coupons of all kinds. Each one deals with between 150 and 200 applications at day; the quickest worker in the room, a woman, has dealt with 300 a day, She seemed to stamp coupons almost as quickly as you can flick over the pages of a book 47 12 08

1949 06 06

One of the worst accidents that has ever occurred in Cambridge resulted in three local women being fatally injured when a car driven by the Hon. ---, a Trinity college undergraduate, collided with them in Trumpington Road. The car, a 20 hp Alvis first mounted the pavement on the stone bridge near Brooklands Ave, where it knocked over the three women. It then hit a lamp standard and regained the road with its offside front wheel wrenched off. Finally, it struck a cyclist, whose machine was dragged along under the car, but who himself escaped serious injuries

1949 06 22

Sir – I have been employed 14 years at a place of work at the corner of Fen Causeway (Trumpington Road end), Cambridge. Almost daily there is an accident on this corner, cyclists, cars and lorries being involved. A few months ago “improvements” were carried out at this spot. I can tell you the accident rate has increased daily since these were made. The only way to make this corner safe is to install traffic lights or have police permanently on point duty – Employee

1949 08 13

Sir – Many of your readers will be perturbed to hear of the recent happening on Coe Fen camp. The council has forced the removal of all chickens and rabbits kept by tenants. The real reason in my view is the marring of the view from Trumpington Road by the camp. Nissen encampments are not beautiful but the solution to the problem is the building of proper homes for the people at present forced by the acute housing shortage to live there – Jane Wolstencroft

1949 08 29

In the glorious sunshine which has marked most open-air functions this year, members of the Trumpington Friendship Club ("over-sixties") held their first garden party in the lovely garden of 14 Bentley Road. More than 90 of the club's 120 members attended including the oldest member, 93-years-old Mrs Seymour. Membership includes residents, both of the village and the new estate, and many have never missed a single meeting since the club was opened 18 months ago

1949 11 08

The Chief of Air Staff, Marshall of the R.A.F. Lord Tedder came to Cambridge to unveil the war memorial at Magdalene College and to open the new Headquarters and Mess of the Cambridge University Air Squadron at Chaucer Road. The Cambridge unit was the first University air squadron not only in Britain but the world.

1950

1950 01 25

Full details of a proposal to build a new Technical College at Trumpington Road, Cambridge were submitted. The scheme calls for capital expenditure of over £1 m & has the full backing of the Ministry of Education. It is proposed to build in two stages, 1951-54 and 1954-57. Hopeless overcrowding in the existing premises has accounted for the fact that the scheme is being pressed.

1951 02 26

A number of proposals to alleviate Cambridge's parking problem have been compiled by the Chamber of Commerce. They include the triangular site on the corner of Silver Street & Queen's Road used as a military car park during the war; the site on Trumpington Road formerly occupied by army huts but now in temporary occupation by squatters; at Castle Street opposite the Shire Hall and also on Butts Green during the building operations at Lion Yard.

1952 02 09

There are happy memories of King George VI's undergraduate days at Trinity College, Cambridge in 1919-20 when with his brother he sojourned at "Southacre" in Latham Road. In 1922 he unveiled the war memorial in Hills Road and attended the Royal Show at Trumpington & in 1932 he opened the new wing for children and private patients at Addenbrooke's Hospital. His last visit was last year when he attended the Service of Thanksgiving at King's College.

1952 02 21

Sixteen patients were moved to safety when fire broke out in the nurses' quarters at the Evelyn Nursing Homes, Trumpington Road, Cambridge. One of them was 102 years old. The Fire Brigade tackled "the biggest job for a long time" and brought the fire under control. Chief Fire Officer, Mr Tom Knowles, paid a tribute to the conduct of the nurses: "They were cool, calm and collected and completely unflurried; they might just have been making a cup of tea", he said.

1952 07 14

When the British Red Cross Society decided to make "Edwinstowe" at Chaucer Road, Cambridge a home for old people, there were questions in the minds of the organisers. Although residents would be well looked after and have all the material comforts, would the old people want to come? It is now an established and happy home and the public flock each year to the annual fete, not only to help the funds of the home but to renew acquaintance with the residents who seem to be having an "at home" in their own beautiful gardens. Pupils of the Betty Ripley-Carter School of Dancing made a charming contribution to the enjoyment with a dancing display.

1952 11 07

Cambridge council objected to the proposed development of land at Stourbridge Common as a professional football ground. The land was acquired for tipping purposes and they wished it to be zoned for storing Civil Defence materials or for use as a lorry park. The Chief Constable said that,

assuming the aim was to bring Third Division football to Cambridge with possible crowds of 15,000 people, it would not present much difficulty in dispersing them from Newmarket Road after a match. The City council proposed a municipal sports ground at Trumpington Road. The class of football envisaged would attract gates of not more than 1,000 and would not be in the same class as Cambridge City or United football clubs.

1953 01 23

A decision to build a new £100,000 telephone exchange in Cambridge was revealed at the annual Christmas party of the male telephonists of Cambridge G.P.O. It will be quite a big new building, in Trumpington Road. Mr G.S. Cumming, the Chief Night Supervisor, said that the night telephonist's job was very important and evening calls provide the greatest degree of happiness that the telephone service gives. During the night most of the calls were vitally important. His staff were really wonderful and their wives had a lot to do with it – they sent the men to work happy.

1957 04 26

The Appointments Board in Chaucer Road is the undergraduates' "labour exchange". The Secretary, J.G. Davies interviews 1,500 students every year, some after they have done National Service or after a year's not-to-successful search on their own. A small intake, a dozen each year, go into atomic research where the standards are very high. There is a demand for mathematicians because of the development of automatic computers and economic analysis in Government offices but a desperate shortage of teachers specialising in science. 57 04 26

1954 07 19

The Minister has approved a western by-pass for Cambridge using the northern leg of Storeys Way and a link from Barton Road through Chaucer Road to Trumpington Road. There will be a road from the end of Brooklands Avenue across the railway sidings and joining Station Road opposite the end of Tenison Road. This means it will be possible eventually to have a complete ring road near the centre of the city.

1955 03 11

Cambridge University Airborne Club organised a parachute jump from a balloon on the Pemberton Estate. In the first cage for jumping, which took place from the usual height of 800 feet, were four regular soldiers; they were followed by 28 members of the Airborne Club in drops of five, all of whom were attached to regiments of the 16th Parachute Division, Territorial Army. The wind was quite sharp and gusty and most of those who landed were dragged yards by their inflated canopies. Quite a crowd of spectators gathered to watch the descents and many cars and lorries were drawn up on the Trumpington Road. All ended happily, with a cup of tea. 55 03 11

1958 02 18

Civic leaders have backed the News' appeal for emergency funds for Edwinstowe Old People's Home in Chaucer Road. It needs money to replace furnishings, including mattresses and the hot water system. This pioneer Home has catered for 90 elderly people since it opened in 1946 but rising costs have made it impossible for money to be found other than by an appeal to the warm-hearted generosity of local people. 58 02 18a

1958 05 29

"The Freshman", a light-hearted film about life at Cambridge University, will bring in all the well-known local angles – the May Races and balls, chases by Proctors and their 'Bulldogs', visits to coffee bars – and of course, a local romance. It will star Hardy Kruger and Sylvia Syms. But they have had a mishap. While a motoring scene was being shot along Trumpington Road the crankshaft of a vintage 1927 Bentley car suddenly snapped. Now mechanics are searching for a spare, or a new car! 58 05 29a, 58 05 28

1958 11 08

The Ministry of Fuel and Power which administered fuel rationing during the war has moved its regional headquarters from Brooklands Avenue to London. At first there were two offices: the petroleum office in Chaucer Road and a general office which started at Corpus Christi College and late removed to Trinity dealing with coal, gas and electricity. At its peak 300 people were employed but now a very small staff will remain to ensure that gas and electricity meters are working efficiently. 58 11 08c

1958 11 12

A Chesterton Bridge was proposed over 50 years ago but no work had been started. A Ministerial ruling had decided in favour of the route from Milton Road to Trumpington Road via Haig Road, Cam Road and Walnut Tree Avenue and this would be designated a Trunk Road in due course. However funds were limited and other works had priority. 58 11 12

1959 09 01

A Ring Road was proposed for Cambridge before the war. It was to run from Trumpington Road and Brooks Road to Coldham's Lane, then on across Milton Road, Huntingdon Road and so to Hills Road. Thousands of pounds were spent to make a dual carriageway from Coldham's Lane to Ditton Walk with a ramp six feet high to start the viaduct across the river. This section was completed and only required the final tarmac surface. Now half of the dual carriageways have been dug up and the ramp bulldozed. It cost many thousands of pounds to make and over £34,500 to destroy. 59 09 01

1960s The Cambridgeshire Collection has newspaper cuttings files from this date

1960

1961 02 01

Traffic lights installed at junction Brooklands Avenue and Trumpington Road – 61 02 01

1963 01 17

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Chaucer Road – 63 01 17

1963 06 08

Firemen had to lift passengers down from the top deck of a No.115 bus at the Bentley Road junction with Trumpington Road after a heavy lorry had demolished part of the bus' stairway. The rear of the bus was extensively damaged in the impact. The bus had pulled into a stop when the collision took place and it was pushed nearly 30 yards along the road. The bus conductor was taken to hospital with head injuries and shock after being trapped by his ankle in the collision. Two lady passengers were also hurt. 63 06 08b

1964 03 20

The new HQ of Cambridge A.T.C. Squadron is the former Royal Observer Corps base on Newmarket Road. When the Squadron was first formed as a unit of the Air Defence Cadet Corps its members attended lectures at the University Engineering Laboratories before moving early in the war to Leighton House in Trumpington Road. But most of its time has been spent at "Rock Mill" in Rathmore Road. 64 03 20

1972 04 21

The traffic lights at the Trumpington Road – Lensfield Road -Fen Causeway junction in Cambridge are expected to be working again this weekend. Some new lights control equipment which went wrong before it was installed last week has been returned from the makers. The City council had intended to install the equipment in a bid to cut delays at the junction. Traffic experts consider that the system which was working until last week gave preference to "minority groups" and caused hold-ups for most other road users. There had been no reports of accidents so far on the corner but the City Surveyor, Geoffrey Cresswell, feared that motorists might get used having no lights at the junction and be tempted to take chances

1976 03 02

Cambridge's last links with serving members of the Royal Navy will be officially severed next week when the Royal Naval Unit in Porson Road closes. It has been involved in providing 'guinea-pigs' for psychological tests at the Medical Research Council Applied Psychology Unit in Chaucer Road. Sailors from many parts of Britain have come to Cambridge to take part in the tests. The Cambridge unit first opened in 1945 at Parkside and moved to Porson Road in 1951. Research centred on the effects of hot and humid atmospheric conditions – heat stress – upon work. Southacre Park, Chaucer Road, site of mansion in 1880 which housed royal princes Albert & Henry while undergraduates now developed into luxury houses - 90 04 28c

1978 10 29

Experimental mini-roundabouts at the Lensfield Road – Trumpington Road junction in Cambridge have been approved by the Government and will be made permanent. They replaced traffic lights which for years caused long delays and have speeded-up traffic at the once-notorious bottleneck. In addition a pelican crossing is to be built at Fen Causeway at the entrance to the Engineering Laboratories with another at Trumpington Road. There will also be one over Brooks Road when the new and controversial link with Newmarket Road is opened shortly.

1979 01 02 c

The renovation of Bridge House in Bridge Street, Cambridge has been commended by the Civic Trust. Judges say this skilful piece of restoration has conserved a valuable piece of Cambridge, where the scale of the existing buildings is a foil to the University buildings opposite. The County Council is praised for the extension to Sutton School with its rich brickwork, inventive windows in scale with child and adult alike and traditional compatible fenland materials. In Essex commendations go to Saffron Walden Library and Arts Centre and Thaxted Guildhall. But the new Evelyn Nursing Home in Trumpington Road, Cambridge has won the only full award in the region; the handsome building makes an immediate impact on the environment.

1980

1987 07 22

When the Evelyn Hospital was officially opened in 1921 there were 12 beds. Today on its pleasant site off Trumpington Road, it has a total of 56 and last year admitted 3,012 patients. There have been many improvements recently including the Robinson Wing, built in 1983 with money donated by Sir David Robinson, a modern nurses home and a new operating theatre which opened in 1981. Each patient room has a telephone, colour television and all will soon have attractive en-suite bathrooms. 87 07 22 & a

1988 04 29

Alan Bennett came to Cambridge in 1953 as part of his National Service to learn Russian with a view to getting into the Intelligence Service. He was based at Douglas House in Trumpington Road and stayed in digs at Foxton and Newnham Terrace. He remembers many hours doing his work in the city library opposite the Corn Exchange. It left him with an abiding affection for Cambridge though now, he says, it has lost a lot of its simple charm and the traffic problems seem as bad as anywhere. 88 04 29a

1989 06 23

A new bridge over Hobson's Conduit is part of a scheme to beat traffic jams at the junction of Lensfield and Trumpington Roads. Vehicles would turn along a short stretch of Brookside then cross the stream towards Trumpington. The rest of the junction would be controlled by a complex system of traffic lights based on the successful new computer system on Huntingdon Road. Some of the cost would be met by whichever company develops the ground-level car park in Saxon Street, county engineers say. But it was rejected as 'devastating and environmentally disastrous' by city officials. 89 06 23 & b

