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Bannister's in 1951

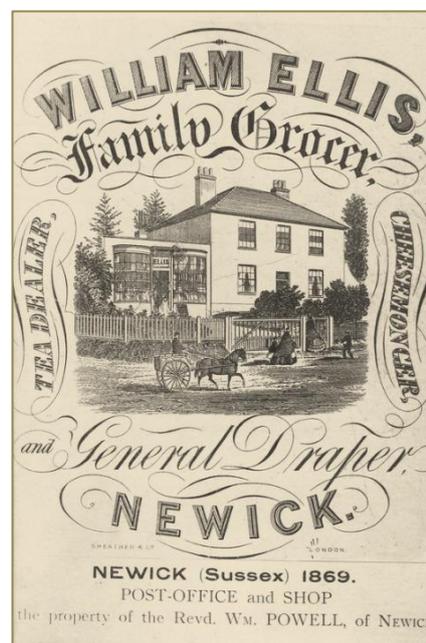
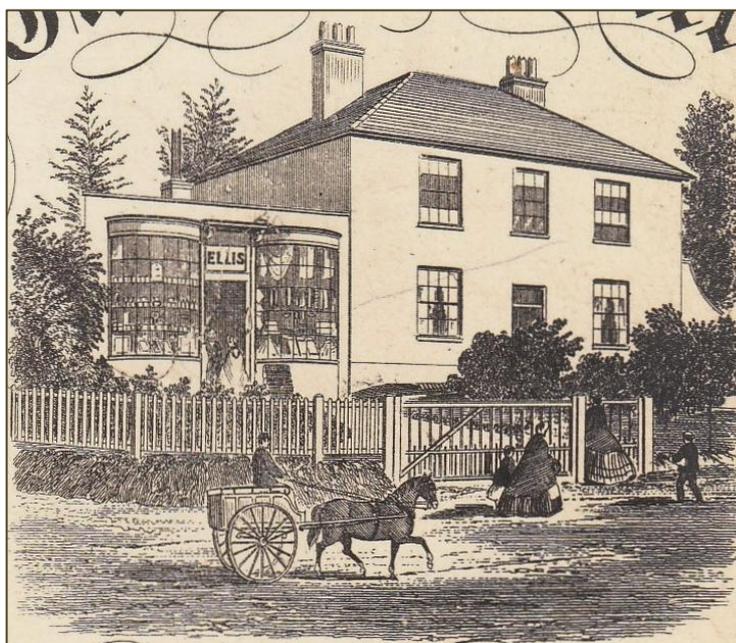
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The property is on the southern side of the junction of Church Road and Allington Road. The present building was erected in 1901. Prior to that, there had been a shop on the site, and indeed earlier still a shop on the opposite side of Allington Road run by William Ellis. That pre-1901 history deserves explanation. A separate, detailed history has been written about the post office, which for many years was part of the shop premises.

## Pre-1901

The shop run by William Ellis was a building alongside Dove Cottage facing Church Road on the north-western side of the Allington Road junction. There exists a fine 1869 engraving of the premises as shown below.

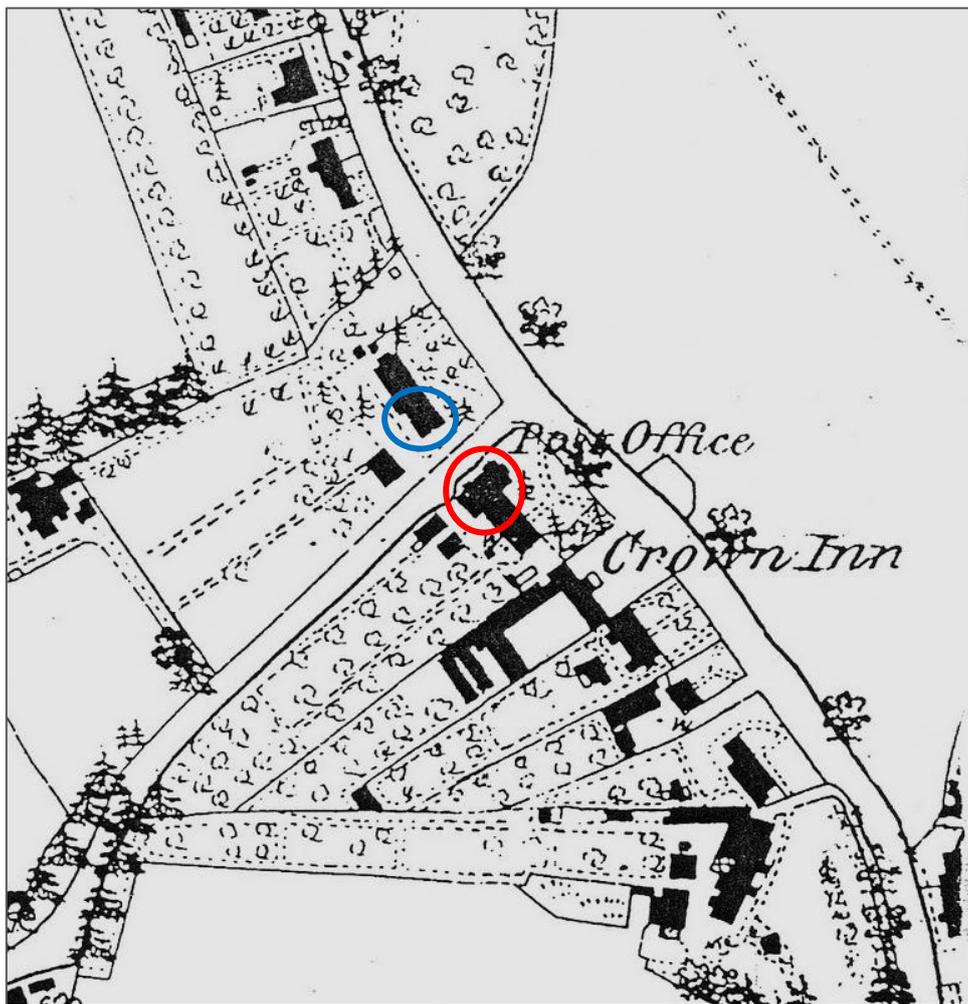


The shop at Dove Cottage, Church Road in 1869

The text on the advertisement explains that William Ellis was a family grocer, tea dealer, cheesemonger and general draper, as well as having the village post

office. William Ellis's shop/post office around this time has been described as a 'flimsy, lean-to structure'. Reverend William Powell, who owned the shop, was persuaded by his tenant there (William Ellis) 'to build for him across the road, a premises of unprecedented scale'. This was to become the shop and post office in the current position on the southern corner of Church Road and Allington Road, leased to William Ellis. When Ellis left Newick, 23-year old Frederick Bannister (born in Little Horsted, Sussex and married to the daughter of Robert Wood from Church Farm) took over the unexpired lease in 1873 and took on the task of running the shop and the post office. The 1874 'Post Office Directory of Sussex' edited by E R Kelly describes the Bannister's use as grocer, draper and a 'post, money order, telegraph office and savings bank'.

The 1875 Ordnance Survey map below shows the premises circled in red (together with the site of William Ellis's shop on the opposite side of Allington Road circled in blue).



Ordnance Survey map extract 1875

The 1881 national population census (extract below) shows Frederick Bannister aged 31 as a master grocer and draper living with his wife Alice, one-year old son Arthur Frederick, son William (who sadly died that year aged 11 months), together with a shop-man draper, an apprentice grocer and a female domestic servant. Another son, George, was born in 1882, followed later by Katherine and Robert.

16	Post Office	1	Frederick Bannister	Head	Man	31		
			Alice Anne	Wife	Woman	29		Grocer and Draper Master employ 3 men
			Arthur Frederick	Son		1		
			William Bannister	Son		10 months		
			Ellen Wood	Wife in last census	Woman	25		
			Thomas Hill	Shopman	Man	20		Shopman Draper
			Albert Waters	Apprentice		16		Grocer's Apprentice
			Eliza Goldsmith	Servant	Woman	21		Servant Domestic

1881 census extract

The 1880s commercial directories and advertisements illustrate how the business rapidly expanded to include furniture, boots and shoes, earthenware and ironmongery. The premises is referred to in the mid 1880's in the book *East Grinstead and its Environs* published by Farncombe and Co, describing it as a block of modern buildings comprising 'the post office and a small edition of Whiteley's'. Whiteleys at that time was a well-known large departmental store in Westbourne Grove, London.

The 1890's period is mentioned in the article entitled *I Remember Newick - Village Cricket and other Memories of the Nineties* by C W Bennett in the *Sussex County Magazine* August 1944, where it states '...post office was at the grocer's in Church Road.....the Royal Mail consisted of a pony trap which conveyed letters and parcels to Lewes and back...' A paper receipt dated July 1893 still exists for the purchase of calico, wool and two reels of cotton from Bannister's shop. The receipt is headed with the details of the shop 'Grocer, provision merchant, draper, furniture dealer, ready-made clothes, 'Coopers' boots and shoes, ironmongery and earthenware', as well as the post office.

In October 1900 Bannister's stores, with the post office, suffered a disastrous fire. A servant girl sleeping in the dwelling-house adjoining the shop was awakened by fumes and smoke and gave the alarm at 3.00am. Neighbours helped with buckets of water, taking advantage of the small pond on the opposite side

of the road. All the post office accounts and stock were retrieved along with an iron safe. Messengers were despatched on bicycles to alert the Uckfield fire brigade who arrived at 4.45 am. The property, owned by the Powell family, was insured but it left the Bannister family deprived of their home. The event was fully reported in the local newspaper.

## 1901 onwards

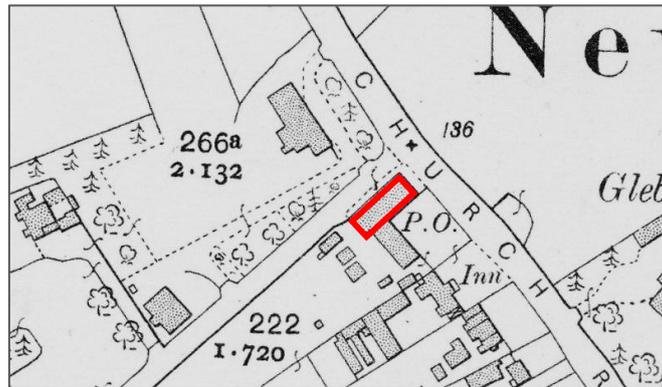
The premises were rebuilt in 1901, described in the newspaper as an improvement upon the destroyed building 'at any rate from a business point of view with separate branches of merchandise more easily kept distinct from one another and displayed in separate windows'. Below is a postcard photograph of the building, not long after the opening with the name F Bannister (Frederick), with one of the windows referring to 'Family Draper'.



The new building as shown on a picture postcard postmarked 1904

Frederick Bannister was recognised as courteous with an obliging manner and highly respected. He was the people's churchwarden for 21 years, had been a parish councillor and was on the school board. He died in 1910 aged 60. The business passed to his two sons Arthur Frederick Bannister and George Bannister.

The 1910 Ordnance Survey map extract below shows, in red, the extent of the building comprising the grocers and the post office, still owned by the Powell's.



The premises in 1910

After the First World War an army hut was purchased from the army camp at Maresfield and re-erected on the north-eastern side of Church Road, opposite The Crown Inn, for use in association with the Bannister's shop, particularly for displaying hardware, china, furniture, linoleum and gardening equipment. Below is an advertisement from the *Sussex County Herald* 28<sup>th</sup> November 1925 referring to the sale of the army huts.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MARESFIELD PARK CAMP, SUSSEX.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Second Important Three Days' Sale upon the demolition of the Camp.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ST. JOHN SMITH &amp; SON</b></p> <p>Have received instructions from the Contractors to Sell by Auctions, upon the Premises as above, on <b>WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY &amp; FRIDAY, 9th, 10th and 11th DECEMBER, 1925</b>, at 11.30 each day,</p> <p><b>125 HUTMENTS</b> of corrugated iron and timber construction, measuring from 210ft. x 20ft. to 6ft. x 7ft.; a capital water meter by Kennedy; 8,000ft. galvanised water piping; large quantity of useful timber; corrugated iron roofing sheets, boilers, cylinders, cisterns, horse troughs, ranges, body baths and miscellaneous.</p> <p>Catalogues of the Auctioneers, High-street, Uckfield (Tel. No. 18), and at Seaford, Sussex.</p>	<p>E.C.2, at Mes Estate ton, an</p> <hr/> <p>By Orc</p> <p>SOUN Com M</p> <p>ME</p> <p>Will S PAV DAY THR DESI</p> <p>consist MAISC 89), the ing £1 UPPE POSSE</p>
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Newspaper advertisement for the sale of army huts

The postcard photograph below shows the premises in about the 1920s.



Bannister's shop in about the 1920s

The *Kellys Directory of Sussex* 1930, below, shows the range of goods offered and that George Bannister lived in the house 'Fairview' in Church Road adjacent to the shop.

NEWICK is a parish and pretty village,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles west from Uckfield, 8 north from Lewes, in the Lewes division of the county, hundred of Barcombe, rape, petty sessional division and union of Lewes, county court district of Eastbourne and Lewes, rural deanery of Uckfield, archdeaconry of Lewes and diocese of Chichester. The railway station is at Chailey, on the Lewes and East Grinstead section of the Southern railway. The river Ouse forms the eastern boundary of the parish. The church of St. Mary is an ancient edifice of stone, in the Norman and later styles, and has a tower containing a clock and 6 bells: in 1887 the church was restored and enlarged, at a cost of £3,924, by Mr. John Oldrid Scott, and reconsecrated: there are 370 sittings. The register dates from the year 1558. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £400, with residence and 5 acres of glebe, in the gift of The National Church League, and held since 1928 by the Rev. Arthur T. Reed B.A. of I.A.K.C. There is a Baptist chapel at Newick Park is the seat of Viscount and Beechland of Charles L. Bower and landowners are the Rev. F. S. Sclat Powell esq. George M. Maryon-Wil Viscount Brentford P.C. The soil is clay and sand rock. The chief crops are peas and mangolds, and a considerable amount of fruit is grown. The area is 1,962 acres of water; the population in 1921 was 1,062.

Parish Clerk, John E. Weston.

Post, M. O., T. & T. E. D. Office. Lewes

Carriers to Lewes.—Horace Page, Monday & Friday. & Ernest E. Strivens, Monday, Tuesday & Friday.

Motor omnibuses pass to & fro at regular intervals.

Marked thus † receive letters through Chailey, Lewes.

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.  
(For T.N.'s see general list of Private Residents at end of book.)

**Bannister George, Fairview**  
Beechland, Orkney Lodge  
Bower Charles L. Beechland  
Brentford Viscount P.C. Newick Park; 70 Queen's Gate SW 7 & Carlton, Royal Automobile & Constitutional Clubs, London  
Clark Miss, White Knights, Fletching Common  
Cox Lionel, Chez Nous

**Bannister George, grocer, draper, furniture & earthenware dealer, ironmonger, wine, spirit & beer merchant, Post office. T N 1**

Barclays Bank Ltd. (open Monday, Wednesday & Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon); head office, 54 Lombard Street E C 3  
Baytop Arthur, butcher. T N 64  
Blackford Caleb Fredk. beer retailer  
**Brooks John A. & Sons**, builders, decorators, carpenters & undertakers, Allington Road  
**BULL HOTEL** (Charles Arthur Bentley, proprietor), & luncheons, & refreshments. T N 80

Mitchell Thos. F. T N 80  
Murton Fredk. gas fitter. T N 80  
Brentford P.C.  
Newick Park  
Newick Bowling Club  
Godden, hon. sec.  
Newick Cricket Club  
Page Horace, carriage painter  
Plummer Alfred, painter  
Rackham Alec L., painter  
Reading Room  
Rhodes Ernest, fitter  
Richards E. J. cooper  
Richards Edgar J., cooper

*Kellys Directory* 1930

The Bannister's were involved with village affairs. In 1936 George Bannister presented the Newick Bowls Club with a wooden seat which is still in use today. George was president of the Newick Bonfire Society when it reformed in 1936. Arthur Frederick Bannister (known as Fred) was in the bowls club. He appears in a 1920s photograph in *Newick Bowls Club - 100 Years* (2011) and also as young lad in an 1893 cricketing photograph in *A Victorian Diary of Newick 1875-1899* by Tony Turk (1999).

A major incident of the Second World War occurred at the Bannister's shop/post office in 1941. It was a hot day in May. Only two enemy planes had reached England on that day, one in Wiltshire and one here in Sussex. An enemy bomber came in over Shoreham at 4.45 in the afternoon, dropping bombs at Henfield, near Lindfield, then Chailey/Scaynes Hill and at 5 o'clock the bomber reached Newick. Laurie Wren on his market garden was bedding strawberries, heard the plane coming dropping bombs and laid on the ground with his fellow workers. Noel Fuller was in Newick Hill and dived into a ditch.

By Bannister's shop, people were hearing the plane and the whistle of a bomb coming down. They scrambled into the banks and ditches, including a lady who grabbed her baby from her pram. The bomb fell on the old Dove Cottage site opposite Bannister's with a massive explosion. Lime tree branches were flying through the air including over the empty pram. The walls and roof of Bannister's and the post office were damaged, with rubble and glass over the pavements. Then there was silence. A Mr Carter had seen the bomb coming down 'like a huge beer bottle'. He had intended to dive underneath a lorry for protection but was pleased that he hadn't, because the lorry had rubble all around it, and under the lorry the concrete had lifted and jammed against the underside. The chemist's shop 'Oddie and Whitby,' by Terry's garage in Church Road, was damaged and inside on the floor surrounded by broken glass was the dead chemist, 62 year-old Percy James Horsley. Broken glass had hit the back of his neck. People were injured by glass in Terry's garage and in Bannister's shop and the post office. Some of the injured went to Uckfield to have tetanus injections.

A couple of days later there was a photograph in the *Evening Argus* local newspaper showing the damage. The location of the scene was not disclosed in the accompanying caption because of wartime restrictions. At Kings hair-dresser's nearby (for haircuts and shaves) signs were erected saying 'Close

'Shave' and 'Blasted Well Carrying On'. The chemist was buried in the Newick churchyard, with the gravestone inscription stating 'killed by enemy action'.

A fragment of the bomb was retrieved from the site, handed down over subsequent years in the Holman family, as Cecil Holman had been one of those in Terry's Garage who was injured from the blast.



The photograph from the *Evening Argus* showing the bomb damage (with some added colour) together with a fragment of the bomb

In 1950 the Bannister family ceased running the post office after the very lengthy period of 77 years. It was handed over to Mrs E L Crowhurst. The Bannister family continued with the shop. This was explained in the *Sussex Express* newspaper of 7<sup>th</sup> July 1950 (extract below).

NEWICK BREAK  
WITH POSTAL  
TRADITION

FOR the first time since 1873 there will not be a Bannister in charge of Newick Sub-Post Office. Last of the line, 68-years - old Mr. George Bannister, of Fairview, Newick, retired from the office of sub - postmaster on Friday and his place is taken by Mrs. E. L. Crowhurst.



Mr. Bannister is not relinquishing the general stores and drapery business he has run in conjunction with the Newick post office. He became postmaster in 1918, taking over from his brother, Mr. Arthur Frederick Bannister, who had run the business for eight years. In his turn, Mr. Arthur Frederick Bannister took over the post office from his father, Mr. Frederick Bannister, who was postmaster from 1873 to 1910. The sub-post office has, therefore, been in charge of various members of the family for 77 years.

Mrs. E. L. Crowhurst, who succeeded Mr. Bannister on Friday, was sub-postmistress at East Hoathly for the past five years.

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1950 newspaper extract

Below is a postcard photograph of Bannister's Stores in 1951.



Bannister's 1951

George Bannister ran the shop until he retired in the mid-1950s. After this, the shop name 'Bannister's' was still retained.

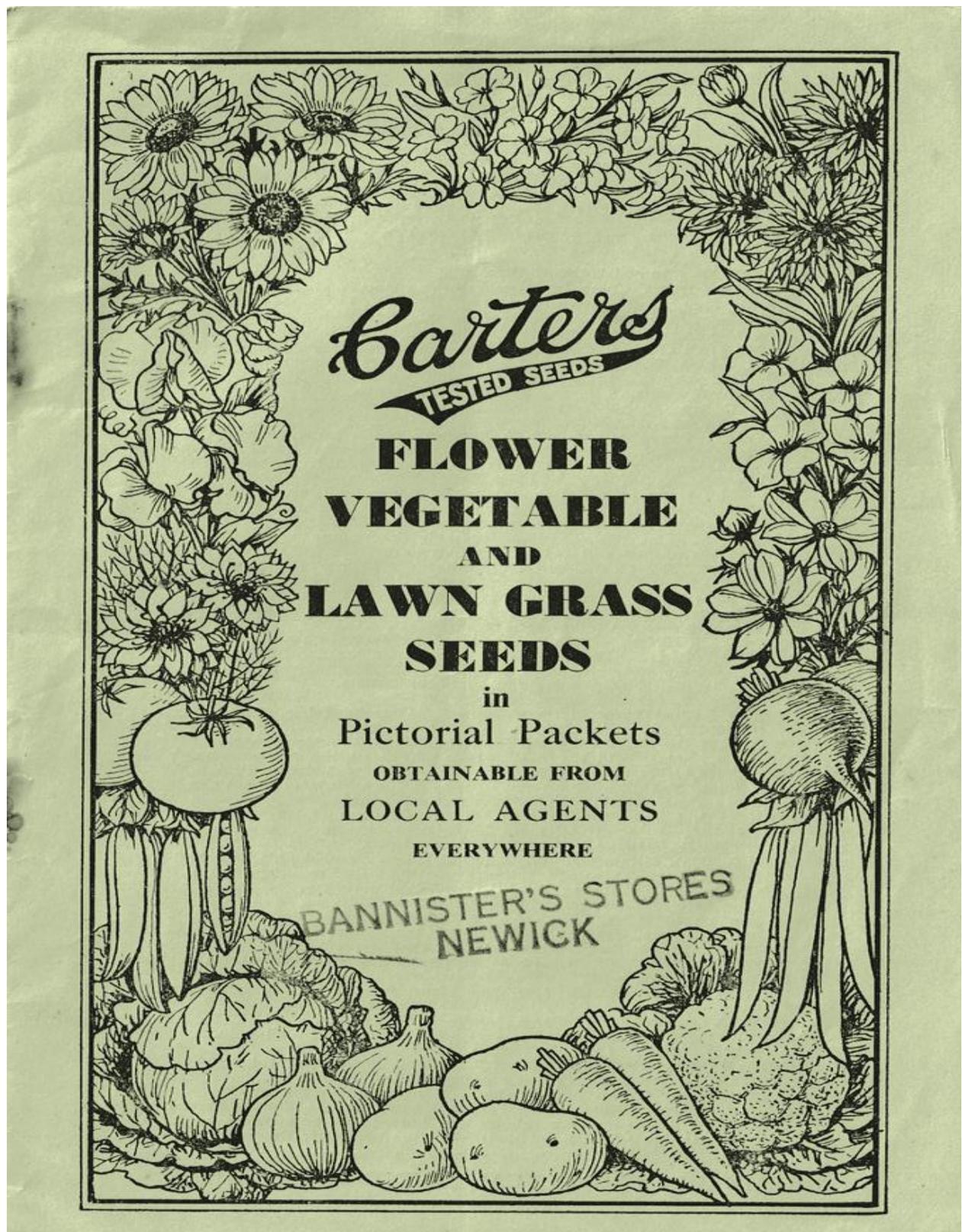
The advertisement in the Newick parish magazine for 1951 refers to the stores being the largest in the district.

GET YOUR SUPPLIES FROM  
**BANNISTER,**  
Grocer, Draper and General Provider  
The Largest Stores in the District.  
Telephone 1. POST OFFICE NEWICK

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A 1951 advertisement for Bannister

Below is a seed catalogue from January 1954 with the 'Bannisters Stores' stamp





## MEMORIES

Bannister's sponsored some of the prizes at the annual Newick Horticultural Society shows. There is still a 'George Bannister Rose Bowl' award for exhibits.

In *Newick Retold*, Tony Mayes refers to the tame cockatoo Polly who, when put out each morning on the Fuller's front boundary wall at Red Brick House in Church Road, would walk to Bannister's Stores, where she was given a handful of broken biscuits. Children also would buy a pennyworth of broken biscuits.

The layout of the Bannister's shop was the drapery and haberdashery on the right, divided by a partition from the groceries on the left. The grocery side had the distinct aroma from the cheeses and hams whilst the drapery/haberdashery side had a very different, distinguished atmosphere, with the soft aroma of the materials and the wide, polished mahogany counter with its built-in brass measuring rule.

The book *Newick School - Reminiscences of School and Village Life 1920-1950* edited by R A Sellens, published in 2000, includes the memories of Bannister's shop by several Newick residents. Laurie Wren said that at Bannister's you could get everything from a tin-tack to a suite of furniture. Bill Holmes stated that you could buy your tweed at Bannister's and then take it to the Newick tailor Joseph Cutting for him to make you a suit. Bill Balcombe remembered the Newick Cricket Club team winning the Nutley and Southdown League Championship in 1937 and the cup being displayed in Bannister's window. He also delivered grocery orders into Bannister's on the way to school, for his mother and neighbours, and then collected the goods on the way home. Henry Robinson refers to the period 1920-1939.... 'groceries didn't come in packages as they do now but many were kept in sacks on the floor and would be scooped out on to a weighing machine and then poured into a packet, made on the spot, of thick blue paper'.

Others can remember the blue paper on the counter which was cleverly folded by the counter assistant into packages for dried fruit, sugar, flour etc. Butter was patted into the sizes requested by the customer and packaged in front of your eyes. Cheese was impressively cut with a fine wire. There was a fearsome looking red and silver bacon slicer on the counter.

## MORE MEMORIES

Patsy Bailey remembers delivering the shopping list for her mum... eating a popular chocolate 'wagon wheel' on the walk home... then the goods would be delivered. 'Bannister's seemed to sell every-thing!' Patsy's father remembers hams being kept cool in the cellar. Patsy particularly remembers the drapery/haberdashery part of the store being wonderful with 'the magic of the beautiful wood and glass-fronted drawers filled with beautiful ribbons, some with flowers and silver threads in. Also, the rolls of material which made a wonderful thump sound as they were flipped over to be measured and cut'.

One memory from Terry Voice is that there was plenty of wool for mothers to knit children's pullovers in the recognised Newick school colour, maroon.

Bob Bird remembers the cellar at Christmas-time stocked with goodies with the wonderful aroma from tangerines. As a schoolboy, helping out at the shop, he was once bitten by a spider crawling from a fresh box of bananas packed in straw and was promptly rushed off to the village doctor. Bob tells of his father, Bob, doing his Bannister's deliveries on a very foggy day, with assistance from his wife 'Rosie' walking up Cinder Hill in front of the van showing her white petticoat so that Bob could see which direction to go.

Many residents remember the payment point for the lady cashier in the corner of the grocery section. This was a mahogany kiosk with a little window through which the customer would pass the payment, having received from the shop assistant a note of the price of their goods. Patsy Bailey says the kiosk was about the size of a telephone box, which the family likened to the 'tardis' of Doctor Who. An earlier payment method included an overhead wire arrangement which carried little containers for the money, to and from the cash kiosk.

Amie Fuller, in the parish magazine for April 1986, remembered the Bannister's goods in the old army hut including second-hand furniture, rolls and rolls of linoleum, china, glass, carpeting and everything for the garden. Just before the use of the old army hut finally ceased for retail trading, Roland Reynolds bought two pitch-forks there for the Newick Bonfire Society, possibly the last items sold from the building and certainly the last pitchforks to be supplied in Newick.

Below is a postcard photograph of the Bannister's premises, including the post office, in 1962.



Bannister's Stores and post office in 1962

The premises later became modernised. Long-time employee at Bannister's, Owen Harman, was heart-broken to see the old mahogany counters from the grocery side and the drapery side being ripped out. Old wooden drawers were removed, although some were recovered for domestic use in a house and later lovingly restored and polished back to their former glory.



Drawers recovered from Bannister's, and now in use again

The old cash desk kiosk, with its mahogany timber work, etched glass and painted panels of Crosse and Blackwell advertisements, was purchased by Peter Jeeves who had an antique shop in Cuckfield. With help from furniture restorer John Tayler, he lovingly restored it to its splendid Victorian state and, it is understood, it then went to the new home of a Frenchman living in this country.



Peter and Tessa Jeeves with the restored cash desk 1979

It was in the 1970s that the residential development 'Bannister's Field' was built where the old army hut had stood. The 1970s saw the introduction of self-service. The 1979 parish magazine shows Bannister's Stores was run by C and D Eaglen selling groceries and provisions, beers, wines, spirits, drapery, children's clothes, knitting wools, china, glassware, hardware, tools, gardening materials, paint and wallpaper. A little later, an advertisement in the January 1984 parish magazine states that the shop was well known for bacon, cheese and delicatessen, knitting yarns by Lister-Lee, Paton's and Southdown, together with a good range of wines and beers. It had become a quality establishment, particularly with the modern delicatessen that was probably ahead of its time, but with all the big supermarket chains moving in the same direction during the 1980s it was difficult to sustain the momentum.

A 1986 advertisement, below, states that the premises were under new ownership, by Daphne and Peter Richmond and Kathleen Starr.

**BANNISTERS  
STORES**

**Tel: Newick 2601**

UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP  
(Daphne & Peter Richmond and Kathleen Starr)

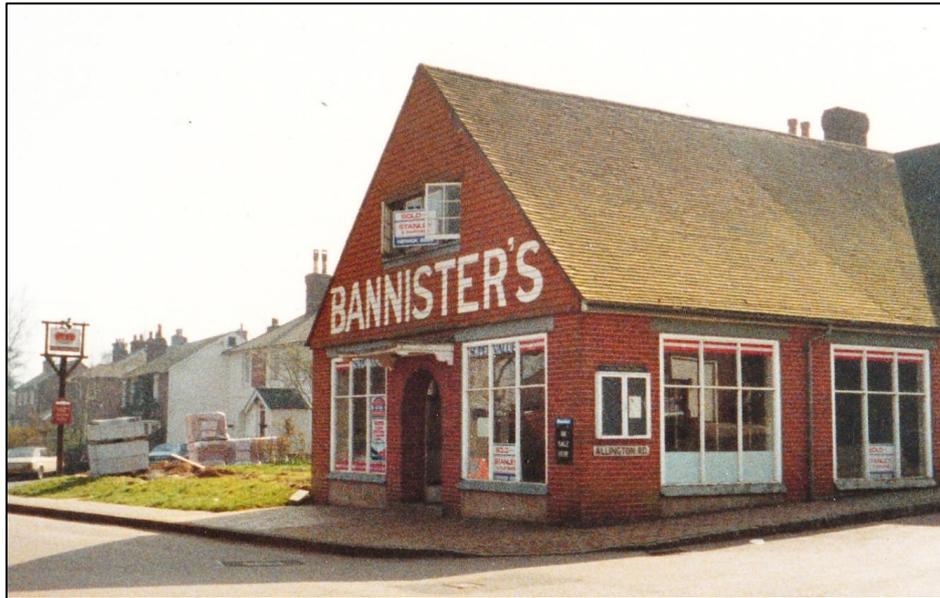
*Now available from your  
family grocer:*

NEWSPAPERS  
VIDEOS  
HABERDASHERY  
BABY CLOTHES  
WOOLS, ETC

**LOCAL GROCERY DELIVERIES AVAILABLE**

1986 advertisement

The property was sold in 1989 by local estate agents Stanley and Partners (photo below).



The property in 1989

The 1990 advertisement below shows Vivian and Chris Loader had the Bannister's stores, including the post office.

**BANNISTERS**  
VIVIEN & CHRIS LOADER  
WELCOME YOU TO OUR  
**VILLAGE STORE**  
OFFERING FREE DELIVERIES  
CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS  
DELICATESSEN, GENERAL GROCERY  
& POST OFFICE  
*COME IN AND MEET THE FRIENDLY  
STAFF IN THIS  
SPACIOUS & AIRY VILLAGE STORE*  
**CHURCH ROAD, NEWICK. TEL: NEWICK 2681**

Local advertisement 1990

The Loader's had a coffee shop and a clothes department on the upper floor. Chris Loader then obtained planning permission to convert the coffee-shop to a one bedroom flat (LW/90/0866) and the clothes department to a one-bedroom flat (LW/91/0102). Also, further internal alterations were approved together

with a new door in the Allington Road elevation (LW/91/0663). This new door became the entrance to the post office so, in 1992, the post office was advertising as a separate business from the remainder of the building.

Further changes occurred with the shop being used for a while for photocopying and for the sale of computer and office equipment (The Copy Shop).

Invoice

**THE COPY SHOP**

11/11 1996

From..... CHURCH ROAD  
NEWICK, NR LEWES  
EAST SUSSEX BN8 4JX 45

To..... TEL: 0825 723555  
VAT. 528 7009 39

50x A4 D/S  
40x A4 S/S

PAID LAST

7.90

Invoice from 'The Copy Shop' 1996

Then for several years it was used as an estate agents business. Below is the 2002 advertisement for Weber Brown estate agents.

**WEBER BROWN**  
*Chartered Valuation Surveyors & Estate Agents*

For a traditional, professional and personal Estate Agency service concentrating on property within Newick and also in surrounding villages and rural areas.

**Church Road, Newick, East Sussex, BN8 4JX**  
**Telephone: 01825 724222**

*Offices also in Haywards Heath and Lindfield*

2002 advertisement

Approval was given by the Lewes District Council in December 2016 for the tenant Ann Altria to change the use from an estate agent's to a cafe (LW/16/0813). 'The Pantry (Newick) Limited' had been formed in November 2016. The cafe opened in March 2017 as 'The Pantry'. A promotional leaflet in June 2017 stated '*... just the place to meet with friends, take a break to relax and treat yourself to something scrummy. We have a lovely selection of homemade cakes, tasty sandwiches and paninis, fresh scones, soup and quiches. You can also get a latte or espresso to pep up your day or a good old-fashioned cup of tea...*'

A year after the opening, the local *Sussex Express* newspaper on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018 referred to the business as a success story, having started when Ann Altria had 'felt like a change after working for many years as a midwife in Sussex hospitals and in the Middle East'. The business has become a popular venue for people of all ages.



'The Pantry' in 2017 and its anniversary day in March 2018

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Newick Horticultural Society schedules, various years

Picture postcards, Bannister's 1958 bill and modern photographs from private collections, including one from Tony and Patsy Bailey

Communications from past and present Newick residents, including Christine Ripley, Patsy Bailey, Alan and Terry Voice, Jean Bishop, Bob Bird, Phoebe Caffyn and John Funnel

The bomb fragment is very kindly provided by Paul Holman, son of Cecil Holman.

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