



# Old tollgate cottage saw world go by

A COUPLE from Patricbourne are hoping Memories readers will help them uncover information about the old tollgate cottage that once stood opposite the Gate Inn in New Dover Road, Canterbury.

Pensioners Reginald and Gwendolyn Brickenden, who live at Bifrons Gardens, remember that the building — known affectionately as the bungalow — was standing at the beginning of this century, but think it must have been demolished some time before World War II.

Mr Brickenden's parents lived there for many years before they moved over the road to take over the Gate Inn.

An industrious couple, Charles and May Brickenden ran the busy pub, kept pigs and chickens and brought up a family of 16 children. And Mr Brickenden still managed to make and sell wattle hurdles.

The old gentleman is pictured standing beside his hurdles stacked in front of the stable, while his wife is in the pub doorway.

The couple retired from The Gate in 1927 after running it for 42 years and spent their latter years in the house shown next door — then 60 Old Dover Road.

As the youngest of the 16 children, Reginald was born at The Gate Inn, but can remember at least three other families living in the tollgate cottage before it was pulled down.

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