

Morland Lodge (Now 21a & b Church Road)

In 1935 Morland Lodge was owned by Mr Fane, J.P. who lived in the large house called Morland House (previously the Vicarage). It was divided into two halves: the Badcock family occupied the west side, nearest to Holloway Road, and Mr Turner lived on the east. He provided a petrol service; the pump being by the outer wall of the front garden. When Mr Turner moved out, the Badcock family occupied the whole house. Mr Badcock was the Senior Gardener for Mr Fane.

The upper floor of the property had, at one time, been a village hall, and the rooms were very large. In more recent times the house was taken over by the local authority housing department and was altered in a linear way. The front half is now privately owned. The old Fire Station to the rear of the property, was originally the stables for the Rectory/Morland House.

In 1935, when John Badcock lived there as a boy, the house was known as The Firs, so he has called his present house, The Firs, at 15 London Road.