

ANCIENT IFIELD



The Bethel Chapel, Robinson Road

Originally named New Road when built in the 1850s, Church Road by 1864 and Post Office Road from 1895, Robinson Road (from 1940) was home to many of the Crawley's important community buildings including Sarah Robinsons British School (1854-1956, and latterly an annexe to Crawley College), the Bethel Chapel (1858-1969 and which was later reopened as the Crawley Reformed Baptist Church from 1971 to demolition), the Post Office (1895-1928), Crawley and Ifield Cottage Hospital (1896-1939) and The Congregational Church (1835-1863, followed by a new building 1863 - 1962).

Robinson Road was demolished in 1995 to make way for Peglar Way and the Asda development. Bodies exhumed from the graveyard of the Bethel Chapel were re-interred at Snell Hatch Cemetery with the gravestones being broken up and used in the sub-structure of Peglar Way.

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