

BICYCLES AND CARS IN PRATTS BOTTOM

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1891 Census	Osgood's Carriage Works
1901 Census	Osgood's Carriage Works
Kelly's Directory-1905	Osgood's Carriage Works
Kelly's Directory-1911	Osgood's Carriage and Motor Body Works
Field Book-1914	Osgood's Carriage and Motor Body Works
Kelly's Directory-1932	Osgood's Motor Works Ltd.
Kelly's Directory-1935	Osgood's Motor Works Ltd.



George Osgood set up a business making high-class carriages, but with the advent of the motorcar he had to change with the times. A Victoria carriage built by Osgood's Carriage Works was put up for auction in 1922. It was described as having rubber tyres, shafts, pole and bar lamps and cushions; it went for £6!

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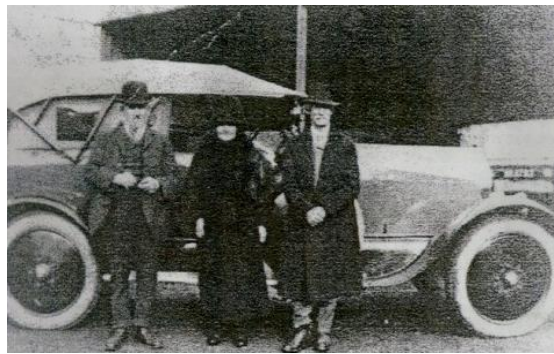
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Ernest Brennan's car

Ernest Brennan's car is pictured in the parade on Pratts Bottom village green. It was the occasion of George V and Queen Mary's Silver Jubilee Celebration in 1935. Mr Brennan had a wireless repair business in the Sevenoaks Road in Pratts Bottom; he delivered the recharged radio batteries in this car.



William Horwood-entrepreneur

This photograph, taken in the 1920s, is of William Horwood, Emily Horwood née Kimber and Albert Horwood their son. William Horwood was an entrepreneur and an excavator of chalk and gravel in the local area (Horwood's Pit near Green Street Green) His car is a Cubitt circa 1925-only about 3000 were made (Information from Roy Allchorne of New Zealand)



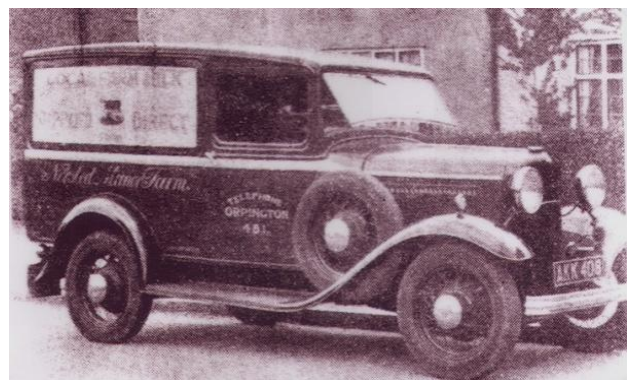
The bus is on the London to Sevenoaks Road (now the A21) passing the turnpike cottage near the Pratts Bottom crossroads (now a roundabout); the cottage was demolished in 1927.



William Staples was a railway plate layer and lived in Pratts Bottom in the early 1900s.



Arthur Joseph West outside the Bull's Head circa 1952



(1) Bradshaw's delivery van circa 1937 (2) Norsted Manor Dairy delivery van circa 1940s

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PRATTS BOTTOM-A JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE**