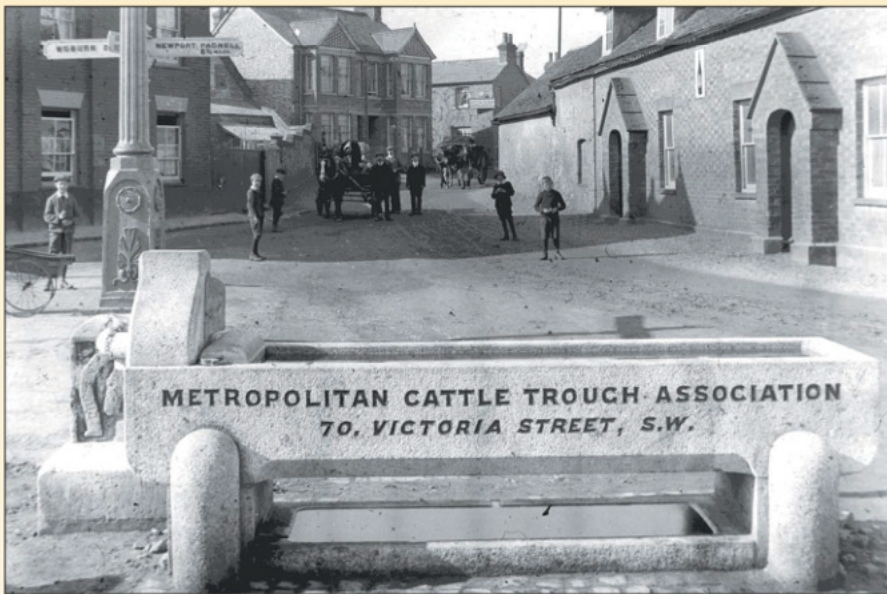


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Woburn Sands

Friends and Piggeries



The horse trough at the junction of the High Street and Hardwick Road



View from the Swan Hotel



The Friends Meeting House

Woburn Sands did not exist by that name until relatively recently. "Hogsty End" was the term covering the area of what we know as present day Woburn Sands. This unattractive sounding "End" was one of several which formed the village of Wavendon; others included Cross, Church and Lower End. Wavendon can be found in the Domesday Book, a tiny group of farms and peasants. Obviously swine were farmed, and probably the main piggeries were away from the church and centre of Wavendon.

Roads from Woburn, turnpiked in 1706 and extended through Hogsty End to Kingston Bridge in 1727, Bow Brickhill, Aspley Guise and Wavendon meet here.

This good accessibility meant that it became an important meeting place for religious non-conformists. The Friends Meeting House until recently housed the town's Library.

In the Second World War many staff from Bletchley Park lived in the town.

In the late 1960s, a new city began on the horizon and a huge population started moving into an area which had been predominantly farmland, and the latest plans bring it right up to the outskirts of Woburn Sands, the pretty little countryside piggery.