

# Hello Heritage...

Newton Road end of Main Street

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View of the Manor House

**Manor House Heather** – This is next door to the Church. It has extensive stone foundations which are believed to be part of the former Preceptory, where men were recruited for service with the Knights in the Holy Land, Rhodes, Cyprus and Malta. The house, garden and church have a common boundary wall. Paul Belcher, Clerk, who a year or two after his marriage, purchased the advowson (or 'Patronage') from Thomas Everard and Thomas Flavell, succeeded George Everard as rector in 1775 signing the registration on September 8th that year. In the 1840s, Queen Adelaide, dowager of King William IV, spent much of her time at Gopsall Hall, the home of Earl Howe. When once returning to Gopsall from a trip out, the axle on her coach broke as she was passing through Heather. As it was getting dark, she gratefully received the offer of a room at the Manor House. The room she occupied, which is on the first floor at the front of the house, is to this day known as Queen Adelaide's room.

Sir Walter Scott is supposed to have worked on one of his books whilst at the Manor.

Many of the Rectors lived at the Manor over the years, then it was sold and became private property.

It has beautiful designs of the Georgina era, a fine oak staircase with broad panelled stairs.

It is a Grade 11 Listed Building.



**Beresford House** – In the early 1900s it was owned by Francis Beresford Champion (farmer) relation to the Champions at Heather Hall. In the 1920s there were two families who lived there, but now a number of private dwellings. Also Grade 11 Listed Building.



**The Rookery** – The bottom end of Main Street from Newton Road. There were six or eight houses in there, in the 1920's. Past the old house in the photo was a yard known as Bradleys Yard and the farm on the right.



**Main Street** - On the right you can see Beresford House. Opposite was the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, the oldest of the two chapels in the village, built in 1828. In the early 1900's the steward was Mr Marsh who lived in the white house next to the chapel.