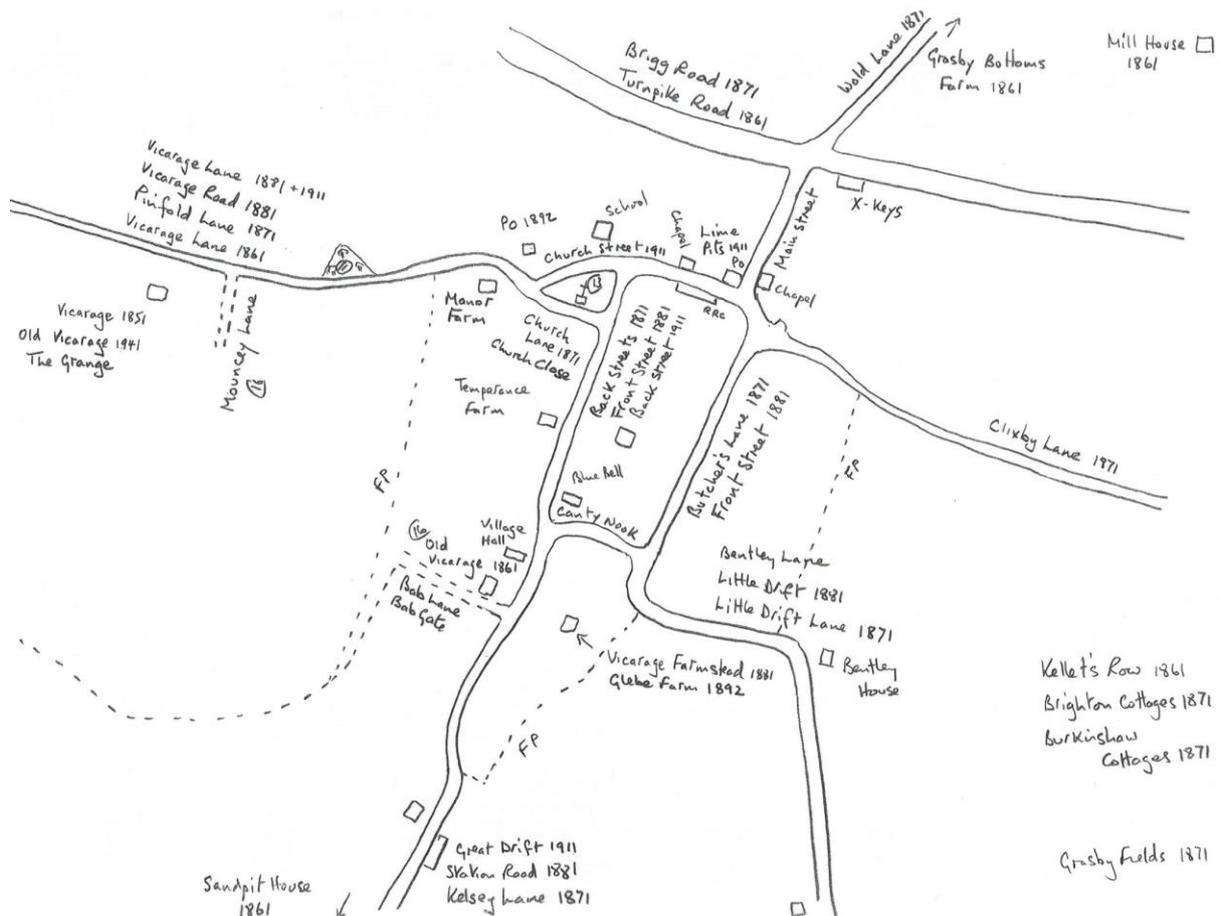


XIII THE GRASBY PROJECT 2000

As part of the celebrations to welcome in the new Millennium a project was organised by Ifor Barton to produce a CD Rom with a wide selection of photographs, documents, interviews and general interest articles to illustrate some of the village's history, its landscape and wildlife as well as contemporary changes and developments. Below and taken from this CD are a series of photographs which demonstrate quite vividly some of the most notable changes that took place during the C20th.

The order of photographs follows a route around the village beginning with the Mill in the north and working more or less southwards towards Station Road. The map below provides the names of roads and streets at various times in the past.



The Old Mill



Even the old base of the mill has now been completely demolished



The Post Office is a Grade II listed building on the corner of Main Street and Vicarage Lane

Village Green



Possibly the Village Green – pictures taken at beginning of Clixby Lane looking west

Clixby Lane



One of these children is Violet Grey
nee Bell



Looking east, top of Front Street bottom right



Taken on Good Friday March 23rd 1975



Clixby Lane, Primitive Methodist Chapel on Main Street top left bottom photograph



Mrs Lacey and son Fred in front of their shop at Reading Room Cottage. Today it is a modernised cottage opposite to the Post Office at the beginning of Vicarage Lane



The disused crushing plant in the old Lime Works on Vicarage Lane opposite and slightly west of Reading Room Cottage (likely date 1970s)

The Old Quarry Workings



The cleared area has now been entirely filled with new housing. Also demolished was the Wesleyan Chapel shown bottom right in top photograph. View from church tower.

School



The exterior to the main part of the building has changed very little. The school is opposite the church on Vicarage Lane

Church Tower



The spire was demolished and the tower capped in 1956

The View from All Saints Tower



Manor Farm is centre right in the top picture. Since its demolition (bottom) a new dwelling has been built to take its place at Church Close/Vicarage Lane junction. View is west from tower.

Manor Farm



This field is on the north side of Vicarage Lane (now built on) looking SE. Manor Farm is hidden (centre right) from view.

Looking down Front Street



The workshop (centre left) has now been demolished. The view is south from part way down Front Street looking towards Canty Nook and Bentley Lane.

Front Street



Again, looking south. The cottages on the left are some of the oldest buildings in the village.

Looking up Front Street



The view is north from the east end of Canty Nook.



Frank Haw and Jim Frankish



Wheelwright's workshop on east side of Front Street, now demolished.

Number 9, Front Street



It's a shame that the original house could not have been renovated

Kirkby's Shop



The shop is now a private house. The location is at the bottom of Front Street. The road bottom left, lower photograph, is the top of Bentley Lane.

Kirkby & Sons



An earlier photograph of the shop – note the absence of petrol pumps.

Blacksmith Row



Photographs taken looking south from near top of Church Hill. The Blacksmith's cottage (centre left) remains but the two cottages below this have been demolished.

The Blacksmith



Eric Hasnip and Ricky

Workshop demolished to make way for new housing. His cottage remains as private dwelling.

Blue Bell Inn



Looking north up Church Hill. Old Blue Bell hidden by new bungalow (bottom photograph).

Church Hill



Again, looking north. Temperance Cottage centre left, top photograph (private house today).

The Old Vicarage



The first dwelling on Station Road and oldest house in village, foundations dating back to 1606.



Victorian Barns, Glebe House, Station Road. New house built to left of barn (bottom), but barn retained and renovated by owners of Glebe House (a private dwelling).





Demolition of Vicarage Farm barns begins. Photographs taken from within stack yard looking towards Station Road.

Berkley House



Station Road (the mock Tudor beams have since been removed)

Station Road Terrace



The terrace still exists, fully modernised.



Thomas Sellars Farm, now "Treetops".



Grasby in C21st (orange : newly built-up areas; green : hedgerows; brown dashes : grubbed-up hedges; red : 3 remaining farms in parish)