



The Social Settlement was intended to alleviate the high levels of poverty and lawlessness in St Clement parish at the end of the 19th century. Some timber-framed medieval buildings stood on this site and in 1896-97 they were substantially altered to create a Social Settlement. In 1899 a large public hall was added at the rear and presumably the medieval buildings at the front were demolished to be replaced by a new residential building on three floors with 16 bedrooms, designed in 1902 for benefactor, Daniel Ford Goddard, by Eade & Johns Architects. It was in Edwardian free-style, red brick with stone dressings, symmetrical with a large central gable, oriel bay windows & flanked by turret gables with copper cupola roofs. It stood opposite the present-day UCS Waterfront Building and was, in its dilapidated state by 1961, demolished as part of the Fore Street Improvement Scheme. By that time it had a very sixties-style advertising hoarding and trellis to the right.



Three properties to the east of the former Sorrell Horse which still stand with very different frontages. The centre shop was Richards & Death with C.H. Fisk, Tobacconist's at number 127 Fore Street at the right. The Social Settlement stood immediately to the right of these buildings – now demolished, it is the site of the Students' Car Park.





Sorrel Horse Mews. The Grimwade Street frontage (left) and the Fore Street frontage (right). The shop was occupied by Barnard Brothers' animal feed (the business still trades today in Woodbridge Road). Cobbold's Sorrell Horse public house was behind Barnard's, accessed by a gateway on Fore Street which had a pub sign beside it, shown as a thin line in the right-hand drawing.



The Captain's Houses at 79 to 83 Grimwade Street with a notably long bressumer beam dated '1631' with the initials 'R.S.' standing for Captain Robert Sansom.



77 Grimwade Street. This handsome Georgian frontage on a timber-framed building stands next to The Captain's Houses, also shown as a line drawing.





107 Fore Street, the 'Tudorbethan'-style Salvation Army Hostel for Men at the west corner of the Grimwade Street junction, was replaced by the current hostel, Lyndon House, in 1987-89. Immediately west of it was the Esso Orwell Service Station, which many drivers will recall from a time when you buy petrol from a number of small retailers in the town. This is now the site of Minerva Court.



Two shops either side of a gated cart-entrance; no dormer windows and wobbly roofline to the right. It took a while to identify these buildings. The stills from the Society's film of the project shows these buildings situated on the north side of the east-west stretch of Fore Street (scroll down to no. 39). The Social Settlement adjoined the right hand side of this drawing. A Lyons café occupied the shop immediately to the left of the cart entrance. The gentle slope upwards from west to east is noticeable. The entrance to The Sorrell Horse public house was two shops down to the left from this drawing.