

# THE PEEL'S ARMS/PADFIELD MAIN ROAD



## DRINK TO A VICTORIAN PRIME MINISTER

Padfield is a "Domesday village" and its layout probably did not change significantly from Anglo Saxon times until the 19th Century. The oldest datestone in Padfield is 1669. It is tucked away around the corner from the top of Post Street at no 104 Padfield Main Road. It used to stand in its own grounds and is listed as a stable used as a slaughterhouse at one time.

The land along Padfield Main Road was owned by the farmers of the village and put to agricultural use.



*A converted 'Heath Robinson' shelter*

Properties on Post St are constructed from brick due to the railway having been opened prior to their construction.

On Rhodes Street, the present day school was originally the Methodist Church Sunday School.

The Methodist Chapel at the top of Post Street (behind the pub) was closed in the 1990s and converted into flats. According to the 1851 census former shops on Post Street included a fish and chip shop, butcher, a haberdashery, a general store at no.36 which was the last shop to close in the village in 1987.



*Padfield Main Road*

At the top of Post Street are some of the original farm buildings. In the mid 1900s these buildings were used by Chevens Coal merchants, who delivered using horse drawn carts. Part of the building was stabling although it is now known as Peel Farm. Public footpaths across the fields to the rear take you down to Bottoms reservoir.



*Opposite 6 Peel Street*



*Prince of Wales outing c1919*



*The Peel's Arms*

The Peel's Arms public house was named after 19th century Prime Minister Sir Robert Peel whose government brought in the Factories Act of 1844 limiting the working hours for children and women in factories and mills.

The building was originally a pack horse inn as farms in the village may well have supplied the trade along the saltway from the salt mines in Cheshire to the industrial areas of Sheffield (via Edale).

During the 1800s the brewery expanded their accommodation by building cottages on the other side of the road.

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