

The Historic Buildings of Mere

Glebe House



This was formerly known as Parsonage Farm, and formed part of the Manor of the Parsonage of Mere. It was leased by the Dean, Robert Woodward, to Thomas Chafyn in 1711, and from then until 1861 it was leased mainly to members of the Chafyn-Grove family.

In 1861 the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, who at some time previously had taken over the Manor of the Parsonage sold it to William Chafyn-Grove and Eleanor Grove. The conveyance shows that at the time the Manor of the Parsonage included a great deal of land, extending to Castle Street to the north and the Square to the east, as well as fields in various parts of the parish. When William died it passed to his sister Julia Chafyn-Grove who sold the house, with a comparatively small amount of land, to Edwin Card, a bank manager for £510. In 1904 it was bought by Edward Angrave, a schoolmaster, who ran it as a preparatory school for boys. In 1927 he sold it to Mr. and Mrs. F. Coward and it had remained in that family until the present day.