



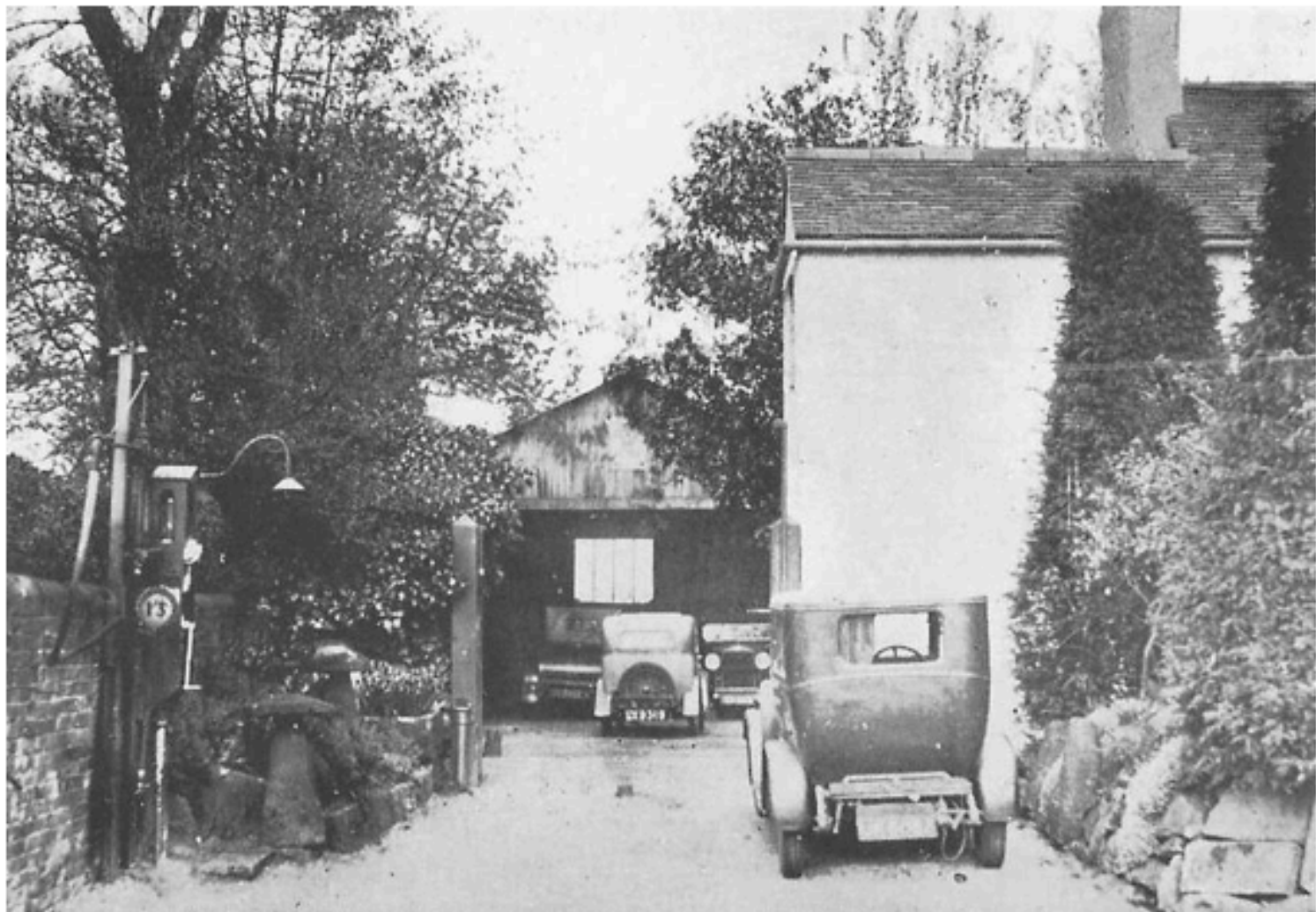
Birches Bridge Garage Co. (W. Brindley, proprietor) as will be seen, is one which has the appearance of efficiency as its predominating feature. Conveniently situated on the Wolverhampton Road, its array of Petrol and Oil Tanks immediately arrests the eye of the motorist, no matter in which direction he may travel. As Automobile and Electrical Engineeers, they are in position to execute repairs at the shortest notice. They are Authorised Morris Dealers and Stockists and Agents for Raleigh and Hercules Cycles.

The filling station is still there – and is now part of a major car dealership



The Woodman Inn, Lane Green, Bilbrook, a most attractive hostel with its broad windows and leaded lights, is equipped with every modern convenience. The large assembly hall used for parties and dances is one of its many attractions. Ansells' Ales, Wines and Spirits are supplied and parties catered for by Sam Gibson, the proprietor. Phone Codsall 114.

The house to be seen on the left hand side has now been incorporated into the public house. The livestock belonged to a farm which was opposite the Woodman – the farm was demolished and a line of shops has stood on the site for many years.



The Repairs and Service Garage of Messrs. A. Harper and J. Wall, is as shown in the illustration, set in ideally rural surroundings. This is on the main Wolverhampton Road, the roadway itself being rather narrow at this point, but it will soon be widened and when done will bring this business "right to the front" in the true sense of the word. The partners were, for years, in the Sunbeam Repair Shop and are thoroughly experienced Automobile and Electrical Engineers. All repairs are promptly carried out and are guaranteed. Shell Mex Petrol is supplied, and Lubricating Oils of all kinds are kept in stock. Telephone No. 123.

The garage has since disappeared and it is now a private house.



The Wheel Inn – one of the old type, recently modernised and extended. A real “call house” with its broad sweep of “open space” for the accommodation of motor and other vehicles. Its hanging baskets of beautiful flowers and its well kept appearance, stamp it immediately as a house for comfort and service.

Sadly, The Wheel is currently in the process of being demolished and plans have been controversially put forward for approval to develop the site for a three-storey development of 32 dwellings on the front and 14 larger houses at the rear of the site.



York's Grocery and Provision Stores.

This old established business of E.J. York will be known by this name for many years to come, although now in the possession of C. A. Stockton who has re-stocked the Stores with the choicest selection of groceries and provisions.

We're confused about this - the above is the caption on the back of a postcard of what is now Codsall Tandoori (formerly Franco's Italian Restaurant).. But was it Yorks in 1935? Or was that round the corner? E-mail the Society if you can shed light on this at codsallhistory@hotmail.com.

HAIRDRESSER.



The Hairdressing Saloon of W.H. Screen, conducted on excellent modern lines, appeals to both ladies and gentlemen requiring tonsorial attention, and his well-stocked shop of Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., provides comfort for the smoker.

And still a shop and hairdresser's to this day.



The Post Office stands at the most prominent part of the village, on the corner of the Square and Church Road. There are 858 houses in the Codsall postal area, with a population of approximately 3,500. There are three deliveries and four collections of letters daily. The Postmaster is J.L. Law. There are facilities for Post, Telephone, Telegrams, Money Orders, Savings Bank, etc.

It's now Staffordshire Building Society. The bricks which bore the sign of the Post Office are still painted white, though of course, the writing upon them has long since gone.



Frank Spencer – just that – yet it represents so much, not only in Codsall, but for many miles radius. One look at the Sides of Beef, Carcasses of Sheep and Lamb, Joints of every description and even the most innocent shopper realises that it is only one quality – ‘Prime’. All meat is killed and dressed on the premises. Mr. Spencer has an able assistant in his son Harry, who, in addition, is a practical Farmer and Cattle Raiser.

This Butcher's Shop in Codsall Village is still going strong to this day.



The "Bull" Hotel, standing prominently on the corner is under the proprietorship of T. H. Athersmith who displays a tempting sign for the thirsty. This Hotel has good motor accommodation, pleasure grounds and bowling green. Parties are catered for.

Still going strong to this day.



Codsall Cycle Stores, as seen in the illustration has a very complete display of cycles of various makes and design for ladies, gents and children. J. Hancock has the agency for Sunbeam, B.S.A., Hercules, New Hudson, James, etc. If you require a Gramophone or Records you will find them here, and the sportsman can obtain his Cartridges at this establishment where a useful stock is kept.

The old cycle shop is now the site of Lloyds-TSB bank in the Square.



The Codsall Supply Co. was originally started in 1920 as Coal Merchants and introduced the sale of corn in 1921. The coal trade was relinquished in 1929, giving the opportunity to concentrate on the business of Corn and General Agricultural Merchants, with the result that they acquired the Calf Heath Mill in 1921. The expansion of this concern may be judged by the fact that they now employ 24 people and serve a district of 15 miles radius with their own transport facilities, consisting of 2 heavy motor vehicles, 2 light motor vehicles and 2 horse lorries.

It was situated in what is now the main car park in the centre of Codsall.