



Fascinating Facts

There are a number of shops in South Cheltenham that have been in the same business for up to 150 years!

Rainbow fish & chips (Bath Road) 85 years
 Adcocks shoes (Bath Road) 100 years
 Newman & Bloodworths (Bath Road) - 100 years
 Watts Butchers (The Suffolks) 150 years

There were even more pubs in the Bath Road than there are now. The Fountain used to be where the Sainsbury store now is and the Brighton Arms where Lloyds Bank is. The Exmouth Arms is believed to be one of the oldest properties in the Bath Road, with the first pint pulled in 1816, and at one point had one of the best bowling greens in the country.

A shire horse once broke free from the corner of the car park in Bath Terrace (where Hallmark cards currently is) and careered up the Bath Road with its wagon demolishing a number of lamp posts on its way!

St James' Church in the Suffolks (now Zizzis) was built in 1830 to accommodate 1400 worshippers. Seats were charged at 1/- each per Sunday (equivalent to £5 today) but the church was always full and the vicar was allowed to keep the takings from 400 seats!

The Daffodil Cinema in The Suffolks opened on Thursday 5th of October 1922 with the continuous showing of the silent film 'Thunderclap', a silent black and white drama by Richard Stanton. Musical accompaniment was provided.

Some of the trades in the last century included : tripe dresser, fudge boiler, seamstress, chimney sweep, candle-maker and clog maker!