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# Developing But Holding Old Charm

**BRIMINGTON, near Chesterfield, presents a picture of old England.**

**T**HE village's old houses, some of which date back to 1710, are gradually being demolished, however, but the village is developing rapidly with the building of several new housing estates.

This quaint old village is mentioned in *Domesday Book* and the lodge house to the former Brimington Manor still stands.

The lodge house was originally built 440 years ago, but many years later it was rebuilt by the late Mr. Radford Wetton, who died at the age of 82.

## For 22 Years

The former lodge house, which used to have a thatched roof and now has a tiled one, is owned by Mr. Wetton's widow, who still lives in the village.

Living in the old lodge are 70-year-old **MR. JOAN TURNER** and his wife, who is 77.

Mrs. Turner was village midwife for many years. Brimington born, they have lived in the house for 22 years. "I remember



**MR. and MRS. JOHN TURNER,**  
of the Manor House lodge house.  
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visiting the lodge when I was six years of age," commented Mrs. Turner.

Her husband worked for 51 years as an iron dresser at nearby Slaveley Works.

## Had To Pay

Several generations of the Wetton family, local bus proprietors, have lived in the old village and Mr. Alan Wetton spoke of the time when his

ancestors operated horse-drawn carriages in the district.

The local pub, *The Red Lion* — originally Cherry Tree farmhouse — is about 400 years old. The stables and mangers still remain at the back of the old building.

The present parish church of St. Michael and All Angels, which stands in the centre of the village, is comparatively new. A Victorian building, it was built a century ago. It had, however, been rebuilt several times.

One of the oldest residents in the district is 94-year-old **Mr. Joe Hancock**, of Devonshire Street. Some years ago, a former Parish Council Clerk, **Mr. Vernon Brelsford**, wrote an interesting booklet on the history of the village.

The **REV. D. FORD**, who formerly lived in the Isle of Wight, became village rector several months ago.

A Derbyshire man, he has this to say: "The people of Brimington are very friendly and helpful, and it is good to be back in my native Derbyshire."