

## House history: Stocks House

Stocks House was formerly known as Stocks Cottage and consisted of two semi-detached cottages, '42 and 43 Felthorpe'. They were built in the early 1800s by the Haveringland Estate. The houses are adjacent to the village stocks which were erected in 1804 on the village green. The picture below show Stocks House (42 and 43 Felthorpe) in the 1920s.

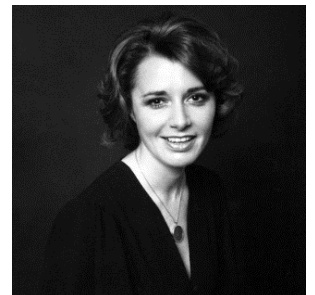


The Haveringland Estate owned and rented out numerous properties in Haveringland and Felthorpe, these were sold off by auction at the Royal Hotel, Norwich on Saturday 30th November 1946.

An excerpt from the Sales Catalogue shows the tenant at 42 Felthorpe as a Mrs W Wilkerson paying an annual rent of £13.00, equivalent to £605 pa today – how times change! The cottage also included a small shop. Mrs Wilkerson lived there with her daughter Effie Johnson.

At 43, Felthorpe the tenant, Mr H Peachment had it a little easier, his annual rent was £4 8s. 6d. Horace Peachment was a mole catcher working on the Haveringland Estate, was married to Phoebe and had a daughter Barbara. The house had a twisted staircase leading from the living room up to the landing.

Various occupants followed with one a 'celebrity' - Jane Probyn (pictured left) who was a well-known Anglia TV presenter in the 70's and 80's



After her Ian and Maggie Goldsmith moved in. The twisted staircase remained in the property until the 1980's when the property was converted into a single dwelling. Ian was an architect and his wife Maggie an Art teacher at the Hewitt School, they remained in the property until June 1997 when it was bought by Andre and Linda Korolus.



The supply of water to 42 and 43 Felthorpe was from the well which is still visible on the village green today. At the time of the sale the well was conveyed to the nearest property, Lot 67 and is now on the deeds of Stocks House.

Stocks House as it is today.

***Andre and Linda Korolus, with thanks to Ann Excell***