

TRACING THE HISTORY OF BEES





Situated on a corner plot with frontage on North Road West and Bartholomew Lane, this detached house offers views of the English Channel over the Romney Marshes. Built between 1933 and 1934, the property showcases the design style of a Kent Yeoman house and features a brick inglenook-style fireplace. Inside Arts and Crafts style.

What was there before Bees?

The land on which Bees is built has a historical connection to St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

On May 10, 1336, Edward III granted a license to Hamo, the Bishop of Rochester, allowing him to acquire land and rent valued at £10 annually to establish a hospital for poor individuals in the town of Hythe. In that same year, the bishop and the commonalty of the port of Hythe founded a hospital named the Hospital of St. Andrew.

Later, on May 10, 1342, the bishop received another license to establish a hospital for thirteen poor individuals on his land in Hythe

1685: St Bartholomew's Hospital moves from Saltwood

In 1685, the date of the Thomas Hill map, St Bartholomew's Hospital was moved from Saltwood to Hythe.

The listing for the Grade II* listed building, Centuries, at numbers 1 and 2 Bartholomew Street, Hythe states:

“In 1685 the inhabitants of St. Bartholomew's Hospital in Saltwood, founded by Bishop Hamo in 1336, were transferred to this site [i.e. Centuries] and the building was known as St. Bartholomew's Hospital from that date ...

In 1949 the residents of St. Bartholomew's Hospital were combined with those at St. John's Hospital at 150 High Street, Hythe.”

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Information provided by Mike de la Mare

1685 Thomas Hill map of the lands of St Bartholomew Hospital



1842 Saltwood Tithe Map

The Saltwood Tithe Map's accompanying Apportionment Schedule describes this site as 'House Barn Stable & Yards' owned by St Bartholomew Hospital and occupied by Robert Hewitt, who also has some of the nearby fields.

The three buildings appear to be in a similar arrangement to those shown on the 1684/5 Thomas Hill maps, although the northernmost seems rather smaller and the southernmost larger and set further back from the road. A large pond is shown to the South West of the buildings.



More recent Ordnance Survey maps show that St Bartholomew farm was at the exact location of the entrance to the present North Road West.

HYTHE, KENT

Tenders for Construction of a New Road.

The Trustees of St. Bartholomew's and St John's Hospitals, Hythe, are prepared to receive Tenders for the construction of a New Road in the Town of Hythe, from Elm Passage to Bartholomew Farm.

Plans of the Road may be seen and specifications, estimate, and Bill of Quantities obtained of Messrs. G. and G.S. Wilks, Solicitors, Hythe.

A charge of 5s. will be made for estimate and Bill of Quantities, which will be returned on receipt of a genuine Tender.

The Trustees do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

All Tenders must be delivered sealed and marked "Tender for New Road "on or before Thursday. 5th February 1891 to

MESSRS G. and G.S. WILKS

Hythe, Kent

Clerks to the above Trustees. 3995

17th December 1890

Kentish Express and Ashford News Aug 23 1924

**HYTHE, KENT,
DESIRABLE FREEHOLD BUILDING**

PLOTS, on the high ground towards Saltwood, and a larger plot near Tanner's Hill.

**Messrs. COBAY Bros.
(F.W Butler, F.A.I.)**

**WILL SELL BY AUCTION AT THE
AUCTION ROOMS.** Marine Walk

Street. **HYTHE.** at 3 pm. On MONDAY

25th AUGUST, 1924

FREEHOLD BUILDING LAND

comprising

NINE PLOTS

60ft in width by about 200ft, deep, situated near the site of Bartholomew Farm, at the western extremity of North Road. These Plots occupy a high and healthy position commanding delightful views over the sea and country. Main drainage. Gas and Company's water are accessible

This Conveyance made the twenty eighth day of
January one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.
Between the corporation of the prior Brothers &
Sisters of the Hospital of St Bartholomew, in the
parish
of St Leonard Hythe County Kent therein after called
the corporation of the first part (here after called the
Trustees).

John Scott- Gentleman

Herbert Dixon Dale- Clerk in the Holy Order

Richard Price- Gentleman

James Ashdown -Gentleman

Henry Straham- Gentleman

Arthur Henry Horton-Builder

Henry Lee- Gentleman

James George White- Farmer & Grazier

George Laurie Mackeson -Gentleman

John James Jenner - Builder

The second part (hereafter called the purchaser)

Mrs Beatrice Helen Sievwright wife.

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Gentleman Arthur Henry Horton Builder Henry Lee
Gentleman James George White Farmer and Grazier George
Laurie Mackeson Gentleman and John James Jenner
Builder all of Hythe aforesaid the present Trustees of The Hospital
of St Bartholomew aforesaid (hereinafter called the Trustees) of
the second part and Beatrice Helen Sievwright "Wife
of Frederick James Hume Sievwright Gentleman of Amer
Rajputana India (hereinafter called "The Purchaser") of the
third part

1. By a Scheme established by an Order made by the Board

Seller Information

Date: 28/01/1931

Seller: The Corporation of the Prior Brothers and Sisters of the Hospital of St Bartholomew, within the parish of St Leonard's.

Purchaser: Beatrice Helen Sievwright, wife of Frederick James Hume Sievwright, a gentleman residing in Ajmer, Rajputana, India.

Property Details: The land has a frontage of 144 feet, contains 1 rood and 20 poles, and forms Plot 11 and part of Plot 12. Price: £225.00 Surveyor Fees: 1 guinea

Planning approval

On 11 February 1933, Mr. FJH Sievwright received planning approval for the erection of a dwelling house on plots 11 & 12 (Site of Bees).

Press Advertisements

Building land opposite Bartholomew Farm—plots of land for sale from 1923 to 1927.

Additional Travel Information:

1929-Frederick James Sievwright was living at 3 Cleveland Road, West Ealing, W13 when he was 48 years old. Beatrice was also listed at the same address, age of 42—her last permanent address was in **India**. They embarked from Bombay on the ship *Viceroy of India* on 24 May 1929.

1933-Frederick, aged 52, was recorded on the ship *Majola*, departing from Bombay, **India**, where he lived on Corniche Fairlight Road, Hythe (as a superintendent).

Personal Information

Frederick James Hume Sievwright was born on 22 May 1881 in Tynemouth, Northumberland.

Beatrice Helen Van Someren was born on 22 August 1886 in Muree, India.

They married on 16 June 1909 in Mumbai, Maharashtra, India, and had one child during their marriage.

Military Service: - Frederick James Hume Sievwright served as a Lieutenant in the Bombay, Baroda & Central India Railway Volunteer Rifles.

Census and Directory Information:

In the 1938 Kelly's Directory, Frederick James Sievwright was living at 102 North Road.

According to the 1939 census, Frederick James Hume Sievwright (Dob 22/05/1881) worked as a Traffic Superintendent and ARP Warden.

Beatrice Helen Sievwright is listed as an unpaid domestic at the same time (date of birth 22/08/1886).

Death and Probate Information:

Frederick James Hume Sievwright of Bees North Road West died on 12 May 1952 at the age of 71. Probate was granted on 2 July 1952 to Beatrice Helen Sievwright, with an estate value of £12076.11.6 (equivalent to £432,713.00 in 2024). |

On January 15, 1953, Beatrice Helen Sievwright, aged 67, a widow for 8 months, sold her residence at Bees, where she had lived for 22 years, to Dr. and Mrs. Barham for £5,100.00.

Beatrice Helen Sievwright passed away on 12 September 1966 at the age of 80. The probate value was £400.60.



The name Bees

I was curious about how the property got its name, "Bees," and I wasn't sure which owner originally named it. After researching the library's index directories, I discovered that it was indeed the first owner who chose the name. When I first moved in, I thought it might relate to the yellow flowering tree (Sophora Microphylla "Sun King") by the front door. When it bloomed, the tree was full of bees collecting nectar, which was quite a sight.

However, after receiving photos from Dr. Barham's family, who were the second owners, I noticed that the tree hadn't been planted. Then I realised that the first owner's name was Beatrice. Some people suggested that it might be spelt "Bea" instead of "Bee," but I still felt that "bees" was a fitting explanation for the name. This was confirmed with the next picture, indicating that Beatrice spelt it as "Bee."

By Iris Pearce, sixth owner.

Fred & Bee



Picture of their marriage in 1909 in India. (Fred age 28 and Bee 23.)

**1942 -For sale 10 HP Hillman Minx saloon de luxe 1936 30mpg. done only
20,000 miles, tyres good, laid up since September 1940.
Apply; Sievwright "Bees" North Road, Hythe, Kent**



Not the original car

1944

BEES

Turnpike Army
camp



DR BARHAM AND FAMILY

SECOND OWNERS

1953-1984

Dr. John Percival Barham (physician and surgeon) was born in 1920 in Rochford, Essex. Joy Edna Gregg was born in Northwood, Middlesex, on February 10, 1923. John and Joy were married on April 5, 1947, in Northwood, Middlesex. They had two children, a son and a daughter. The couple previously lived at Fir Tree Cottage on Bartholomew Close before moving to Bees.

Dr. Barham came to Hythe in September 1952 at the age of 32 to join Dr. John Comyn in a General Practice (GP) partnership following the death of Dr. A.F. Comyn. In May 1955, they purchased land on Sun Lane.

John and Dr Barham and his wife Joy



The History of Hythe Saltwood Sailing Club (HSSC)

Hythe & Saltwood Sailing Club began in 1961 initially based at Cannongate, half a mile east in 1971 with the opening of the current on 25th September 1971 by Sir Alec Rose.



as Saltwood Sailing Society. The club was of the Hotel Imperial, but was moved to Hythe clubhouse. This building was officially opened

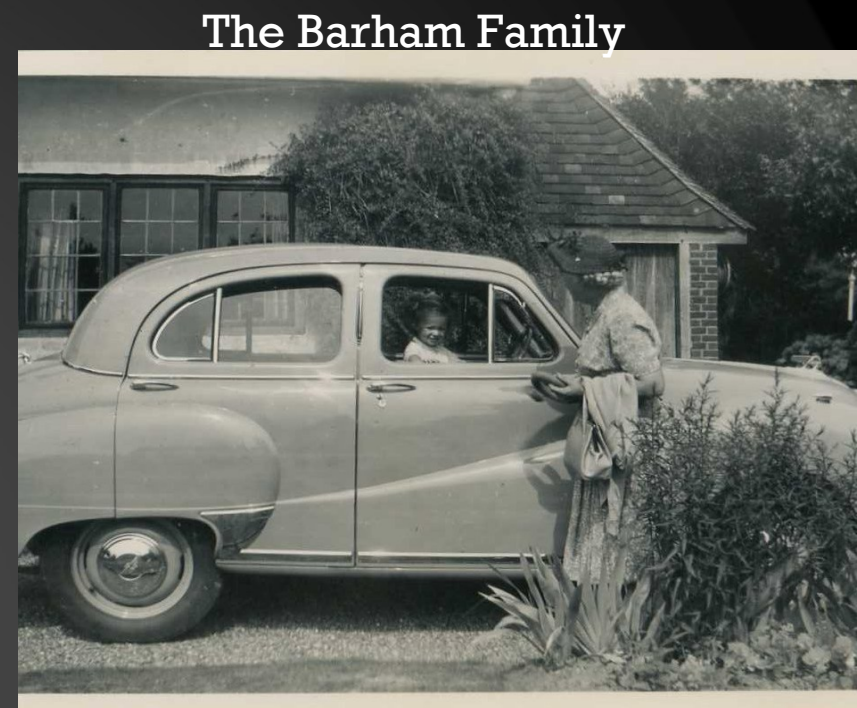
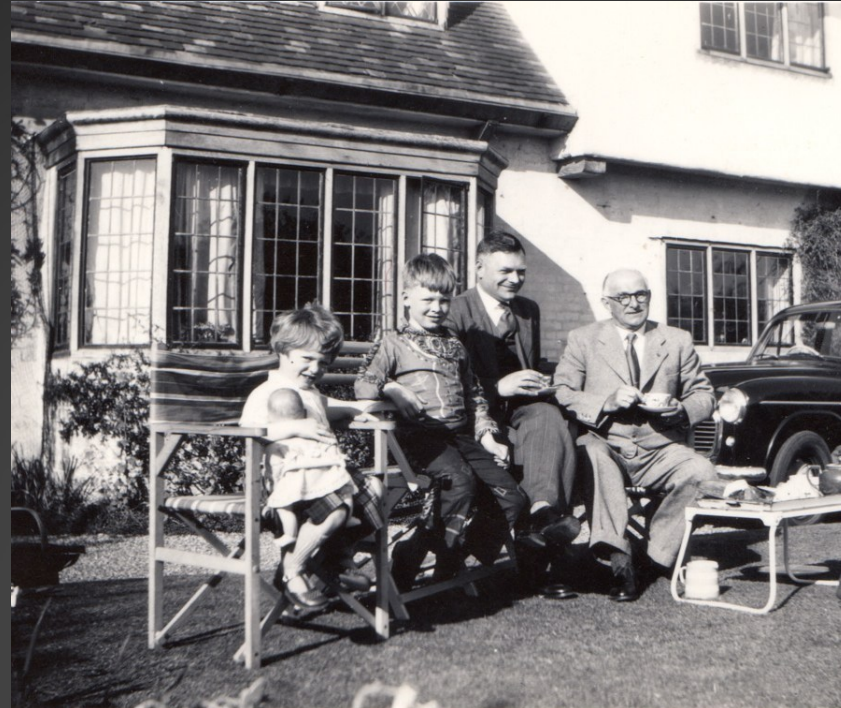


HSSC Commodores

Year	Commodore
1963 - 1964	Dr. J Barham



The Barham Family

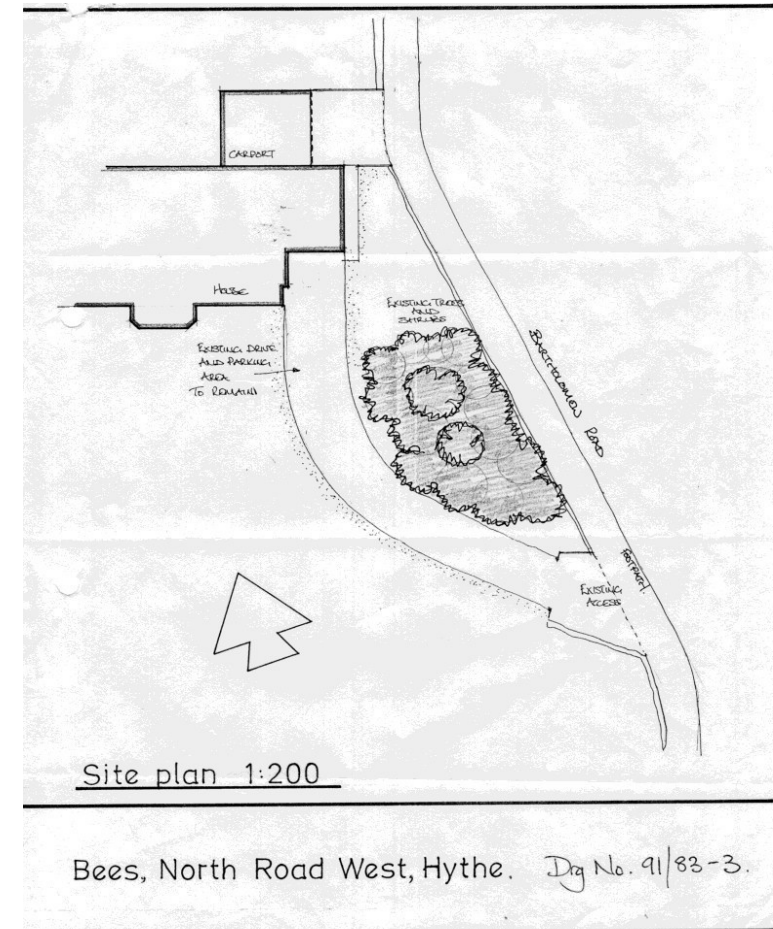


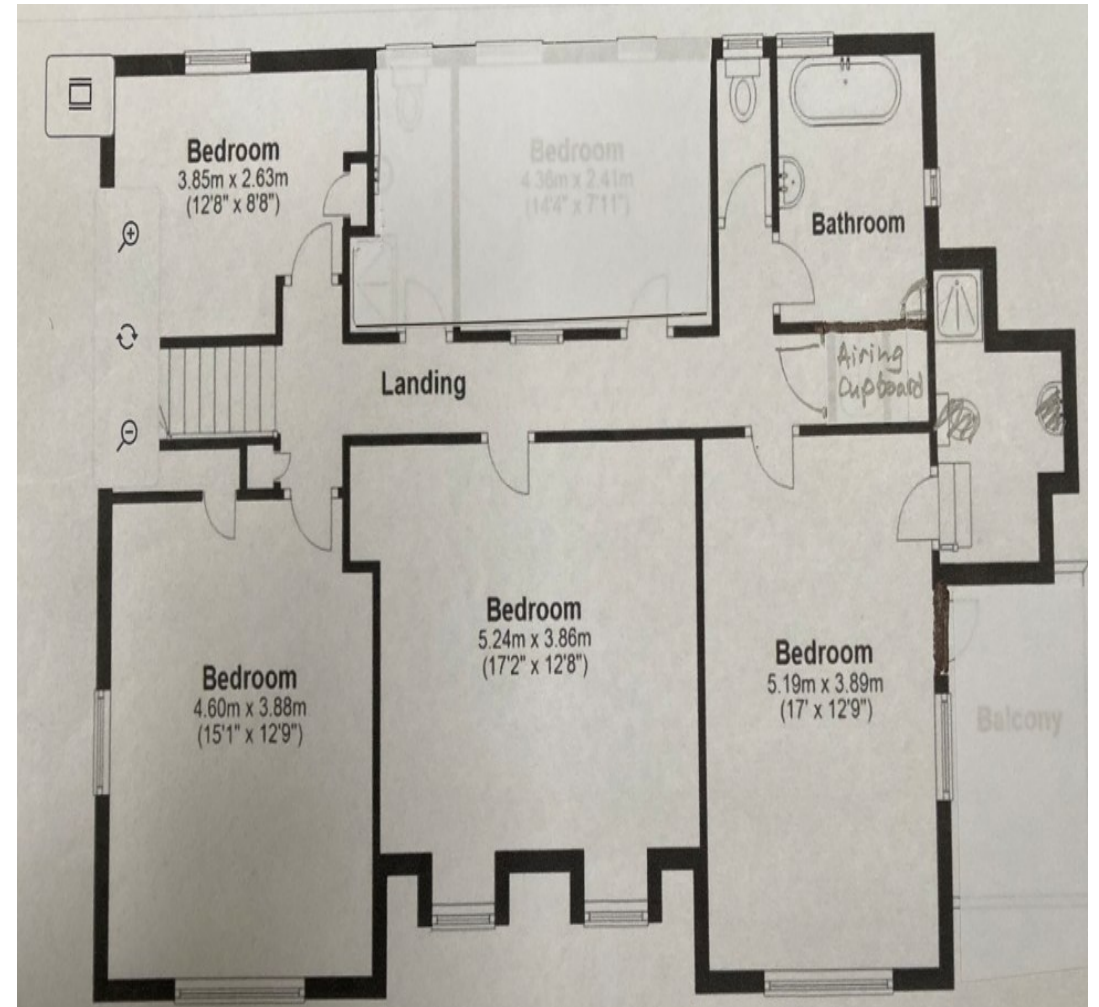
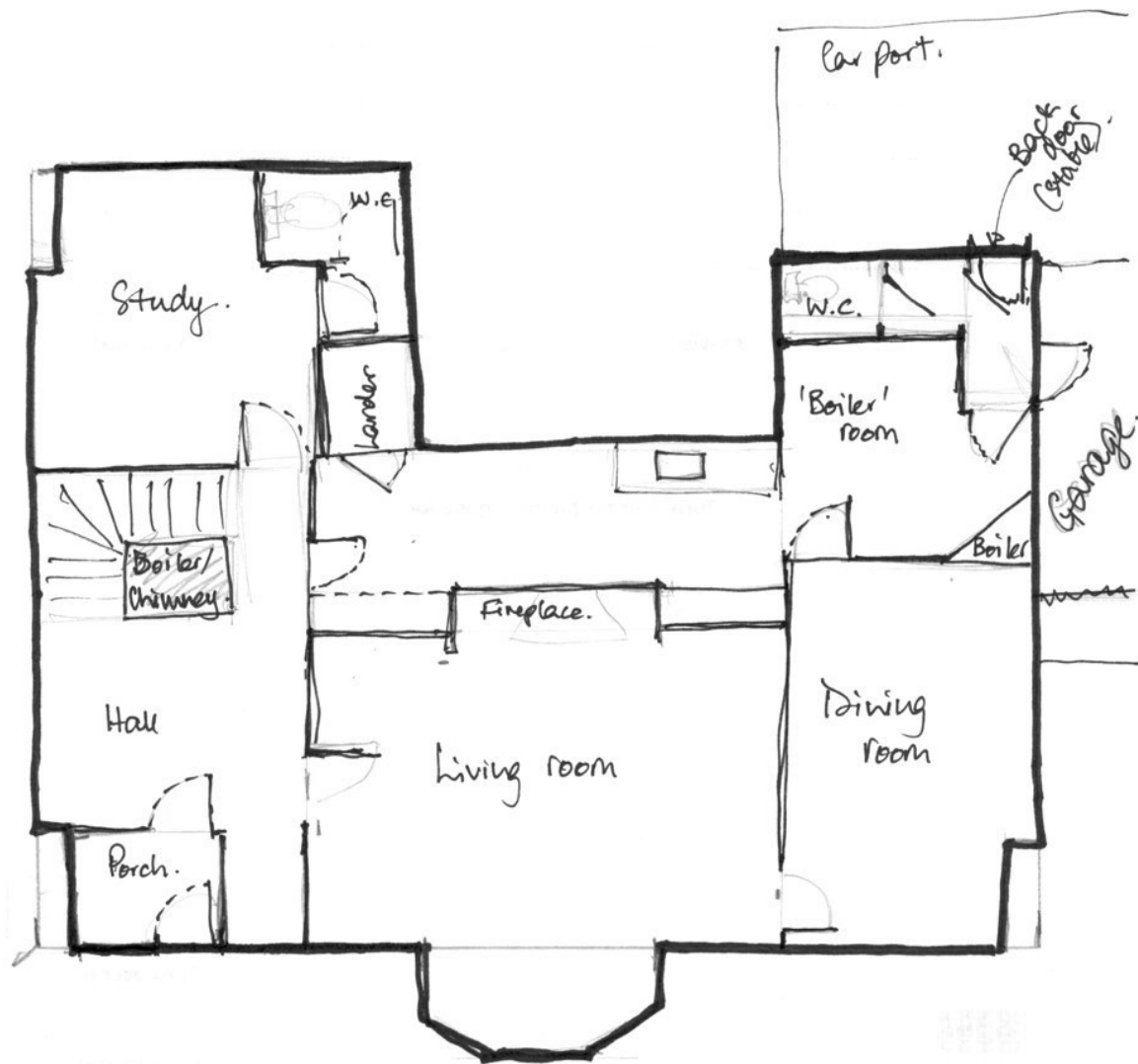
HYTHE CIVIC AWARDS

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS

To honour any Hythe Citizen who has rendered outstanding voluntary service to the community, the Society introduced a special Award in May 2000. It was intended that this award should only be made occasionally and to the most deserving citizens. The certificate contains the words "In appreciation of your outstanding service to the community of Hythe" and may be decorated with small pictures representing the activities undertaken by the recipients.









A wooden arch 1960



No wooden arch 2020



View from pond 2020

1980's



1980's



2018





View from the balcony

Changes to the property.

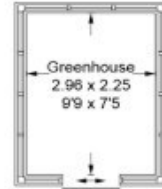
(The worst feature of the property was the kitchen -long and narrow 20'x6'6")

Name of family	Dates	Changes	
2 nd owners -Barham family.	1970's	The carport is built with access from the road to the rear.	
3 rd owners-	1991 1992 -plan approved.	Extension 1st-floor extension to provide a dormer window. Extra bedroom, WC, and shower. Conversion of the garage to a study. Kitchen. Extended Erection of detached garage. They walled up the driveway to the front of the house.	.
4 th owner Jackson family		None noted	
5 th owners. Wicks family	2009	Extension with balcony above. John spent approximately. £60K New kitchen & matching units in utility room, oak flooring, porch at back. Heating, Vac. System. Log burner.	
6 th owners. Pearce Family	2015	New tiled roof on garage. New double-glazed patio doors in the dining room and sunroom. New greenhouse. Large trees were chopped down. Maintained and reshaped the garden to a high standard.	A new log burner was installed as the one installed by the last owner was not put in correctly and was condemned.
7 th owners.			

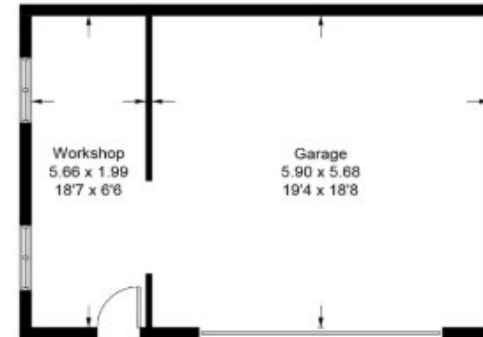
NB. The title deeds required consent for the work done on the 2009 extension, which was never approved. The solicitors for the seventh owner were asked to either obtain this consent or to have the sixth owner's solicitors provide indemnity insurance at their expense. Tim Lawrence, one of the trustees, kindly provided written permission.

Bees, 15 North Road West, Hythe

 = Reduced headroom below 1.5m / 5'0"

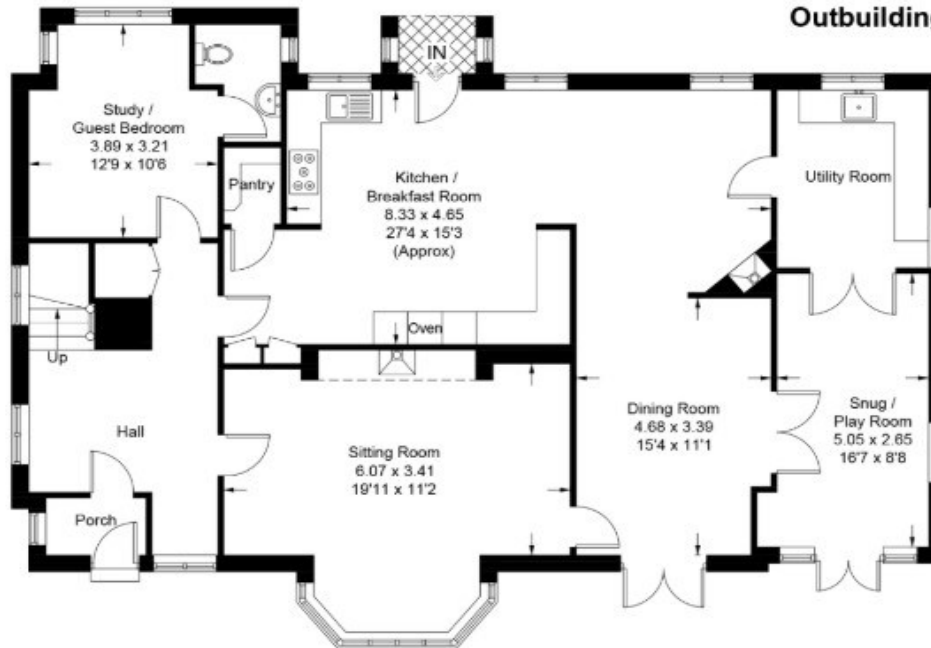


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Outbuildings - 52.2 sq m / 562 sq ft



Ground Floor - 141.7 sq m / 1525 sq ft

Approximate Gross Internal Area = 260.4 sq m / 2803 sq ft

(Including Garage / Excluding Eaves)

Outbuildings = 52.2 sq m / 562 sq ft

Total = 312.6 sq m / 3365 sq ft



First Floor - 118.7 sq m / 1278 sq ft

This plan is for layout guidance only. Not drawn to scale unless stated. Windows and door openings















Hedges North Road West and Bartholomew Lane





Back of the house



Date	Years lived	Name of seller		Name of purchaser	details
28/01/1931		The Corporation of the Prior Brothers & Sisters of the Hospital of St Bartholomew, the parish of St Leonard's	Trustees John Scott –Gentleman Herbert Dixon Dale- Clerk in Holy Orders, Richard Price-Gentleman James Ashdown-Gentleman Henry Straham-Gentleman Arthur Henry Horton-Builder Henry Lee-Gentleman James George White-Farmer & Grazier George Laurie Mackeson-Gentleman John James Jenner- Builder	Beatrice Helen Sievwright, wife of Frederick James Hume Sievwright- Gentleman of Ajmer, Rajputana, India	Price £225. 00. Frontage of 144 feet. Containing 1 rood 20 poles and forming plot 11 & part of plot 12. 1 guinea for surveyors' fees
15/01/1953	22 years	Mrs Beatrice Helen Sievwright (Widow). 1886 DOB.	Beatrice moved to Hampshire where son lived.	Mr John Percival Barham (Physician and surgeon) & Mrs Joyce Edna Barham. Previous house: Fir Tree Cottage, Bartholomew Close.	Price £5,100.00 Mentioned in the deeds as Bees
20/3/1984	31 years	Mr & Mrs J P Barham		Iain James Ritchie and Evelyn Audrey Ritchie. Sheffield.	£84,000.00
2004	20 years	Iain James Ritchie and Evelyn Audrey Ritchie.	Bought as a holiday home	Mr & Mrs Jackson	
19/12/2006	2 years	Mr & Mrs Jackson	Ashford.	John Albert Wicks	£657,000.00
7/03/2014	8 years	John Wicks		Robin John and Iris Ann Pearce <u>Pettswood Kent</u>	£715,000.00
11/11/2021	7yrs 8mths	Robin John & Iris Ann Pearce		Tom & Katie Butterworth	£1,150,00.00

**Total of 7
owners since
1933 up to
2024.
Bees 92 years
old**

When my husband and I decided to move from our three-bedroom semi-detached house in Petts Wood, we never imagined we would be upsizing to a five-bedroom house with four to five reception rooms and a garden on a third of an acre. However, after viewing the property known as "Bees," we were sold.

While living at Bees, I was always curious about its history—who lived there before, what changes had been made, and so on. We were fortunate to meet Dr. Barham's daughter (Tricia) during a celebration of his life at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Saltwood on November 18, 2017. Tricia and her husband later visited us at Bees, and it was wonderful to hear her share her fond memories of growing up there. After their visit, she sent us some lovely pictures of the house, the garden, and her family, giving us insight into what it looked like many years ago.

Due to our age and the challenges of managing the large house and garden—both of which we loved—we decided to downsize. Although it was sad to leave, it was the right decision, and we are left with fond memories of our time at Bees.

We still live in Hythe.

Iris & Robin Pearce lived at Bees from 7th March 2014 to 11th November 2021

