

JARVIS John A. 119

The headstone of John Jarvis is the oldest one in All Saints churchyard. It stands near to the vestry door on the high old part of the churchyard. John Jarvis lived in the house we now know as 'The Powell Arms' and he also built the property next door now called 'Mulberry's Tea Rooms', but known previously as 'Laburnum House'. In the oldest photo of the house (dated about 1880), the laburnum tree can be seen in the garden at the side of the house.

Not long after John died his two sons, who inherited both the big house in the Square and Laburnum House, altered (or maybe re-built) the latter property in the very latest style, with its distinctive Dutch gables at each end. There were several of this style around the Square by 1700.

The grave inscription reads:

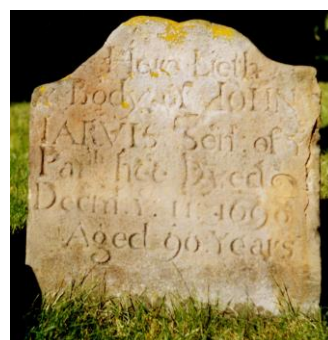
“Here lieth ye body
of John Jarvis Senr.
of ys (this) parish , died
18 Dec 1698(?) aged 90 years.”



Laburnum House c. 1880



The Powell Arms (before alterations) in c. 1850, can be seen on the far right of this drawing



Jarvis gravestone