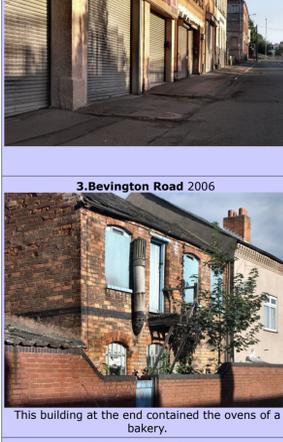


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Selection of photos Aston, Witton, Handsworth, Perry Barr, and Erdington.

## Aston and Witton

1. Alma Street 2006



2. Aston Tavern 2005



3. Bevington Road 2006



This building at the end contained the ovens of a bakery

4. Birchfield Road



5. Brantley Rd 2007



This is our first significant snowfall for several years, which is why such a light covering caused such disruption to just about everything - England has so little snow nowadays that everyone has forgotten how to cope with it!

6. Brantley Rd 2007



7. Brookvale Road 2004



Note the missing rails at the extreme lower left. I first noticed the gap around 2003 and I'm surprised I not to have heard of anyone falling through it onto the riverbank about 12 feet below

8. Fentham Road 2004



9. Fentham Road 2007



10. Freer Road



This was Edna Jones' grocery shop at the junction with Fentham Road.

11. Freer Road 2007



When I was a child, this was Mrs Oaten's haberdashery and toy shop with a large window that curved gracefully round the corner.

12. Freer Road



At the top of the road, approaching Hampton Road.

13. Green workshop. Witton 2001



14. Holford Industrial Estate 1985



building a replacement bridge over the River Tame

15. King Edward VI Grammar School 2006



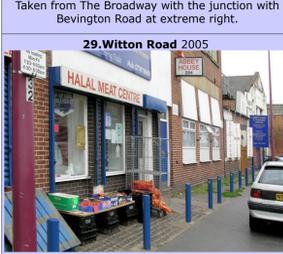
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16. Ozzie Osbourne lived here



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17. Tame Road 2006



18. Tame Road shops 2003



Grilles on local shop windows - a sign of the times

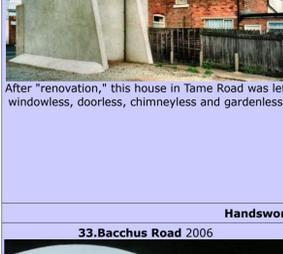
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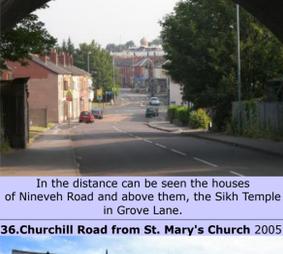
22. Under Witton Railway Bridge 2005



23. Whitehead Road 2006



24. Whitehead Road 2006



25. Witton Locks 1990s



26. Fire behind Witton Locks 1986



27. Witton Road 2005



Taken from The Broadway with the junction with Bevington Road at extreme right.

28. Witton Road 2005



29. Witton Road 2005



30. Witton Road 2006



My late mother-in-law used to play piano accompaniment to silent films in the Empress. (by red car) I wonder why I didn't ever go in there - Saturday mornings saw me at the Odeon, Perry Barr.

31. Witton mystery house 2001



32. Tame Road fence 1986



After "renovation," this house in Tame Road was left windowless, doorless, chimneyless and gardenless.

## Handsworth Selection.

33. Bacchus Road 2006

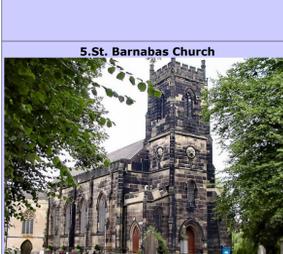


34. Bacchus Road 2006



In the distance can be seen the houses of Nineveh Road and above them, the Sikh Temple in Grove Lane.

35. Calthorpe Arms 2006



36. Churchill Road from St. Mary's Church 2005



When I was a child I used to walk to Handsworth Park when that corner shop just sold ice cream, cigarettes & sweets. Now it has become a mini-Asian supermarket

37. College Road 2005



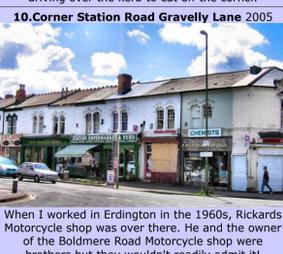
38. College Road 2003



39. Handsworth Park 2007



40. Terrace Road 2007



41. Wellington Road 2006



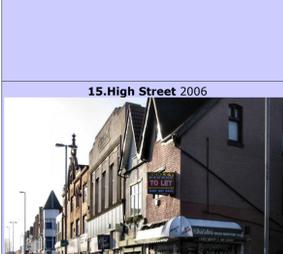
The view from the Calthorpe Arms of the Westminster Road junction.

42. Westminster Road Primary School 2006

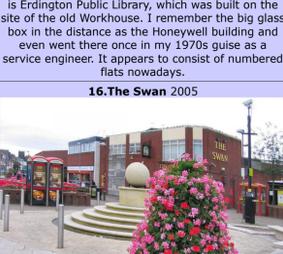


This was my first primary school and I have nothing but the fondest memories of it - the first and last year I enjoyed attending a school. I remember that part of the playground was grassed over, but there's no sign of any grass now.

43. Rookery Road 2006

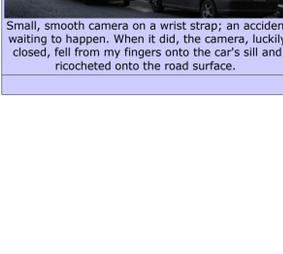


44. Heathfield Road 2006



## Erdington Selection.

1. Gravelly Lane 2004



2. Gravelly Lane 2006



The high corner building can view the crossroads in all four directions.

3. Highclare School 2005



4. Central Square, High Street



Two photos stitched together vertically

5. St. Barnabas Church



Erdington Parish Church, High Street. Gutted by a fire on 4th October 2007, believed to have been caused by arsonists

6. Lychgate at St Barnabas Church 2006



7. The Green 2005



8. Erdington Public Library 2005



This was built facing the Green on the site that used to be occupied by the Erdington Workhouse. In the distance can be seen the Honeywell building, which looks new but I remember it being there in the 1960s. In the immediate foreground is a small green post that went unnoticed at the time of the photograph so I can shed no light upon its purpose. Update 26/7/08: I've since examined it and it appears to be an iron buffer to deter vehicles from driving over the kerb to cut off the corner.

9. Barnabas Road Market 2005



10. Corner Station Road Gravelly Lane 2005



When I worked in Erdington in the 1960s, Rickards Motorcycle shop was over there. He and the owner of the Boldmere Road Motorcycle shop were brothers but they wouldn't readily admit it!

11. Orphanage Road 2005



12. Erdington High Street 2006



13. Royal Oak



14. Erdington High Street 2006



The classical-looking building behind the pillar box is Erdington Public Library, which was built on the site of the old Workhouse. I remember the big glass box in the distance as the Honeywell building and even went there once in my 1970s guise as a service engineer. It appears to consist of numbered flats nowadays.

15. High Street 2006



16. The Swan 2005



Small, smooth camera on a wrist strap; an accident waiting to happen. When it did, the camera, luckily closed, fell from my fingers onto the car's sill and ricocheted onto the road surface.

An earlier 1960s photo in previous album shows how it was.