

MARLPOST

Marlpost Manor was a finger of land, roughly two fields wide, lying to the west of Southwater and extending from Marlpost Farm in the south, to Porters Farm, Friday Street, Rusper, in the north. It was an outlying part of the estate of Tarring (in Worthing) that had belonged to the Archbishops of Canterbury from about 939.

MARLPOST FARM, (at the bottom of Bonfire Hill) Marlpost Farm was a mediaeval two-bay hall with a cross-wing that has been re-constructed at some time.

In 1785 it was owned by Bysshe Shelley and occupied by Joseph Etheridge. In 1804 Etheridge was paying £ 40 per annum in rent. Following a land exchange, it came into the possession of Sir Henry Fletcher, and by 1844 was occupied by John Chantler. We recommend the reading of Frank Holmes "Stories of Old Horsham" regarding the events of "Strife and Scandal behind an affair of the heart" at Marlpost where Joan Pylfold lived.

