

BAKERS CLOSE

Harry Baker (1853 -1925) was the founder of H Baker & Son (Builders) Ltd. He was born at Andrews Farm around 1853. His building firm had their yard and offices in Worthing Road where Bakers Close is today. Later the business was run by his son, Ben Baker, and after that by the Batchelor family. They were general builders and built several houses in the village, including some of the council houses in Church Lane. Huge tree trunks were brought in regularly to be used by their timber yard, where they made doors and windows on the premises. They were also coal merchants and used the yard in Station Road for that part of the business.



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