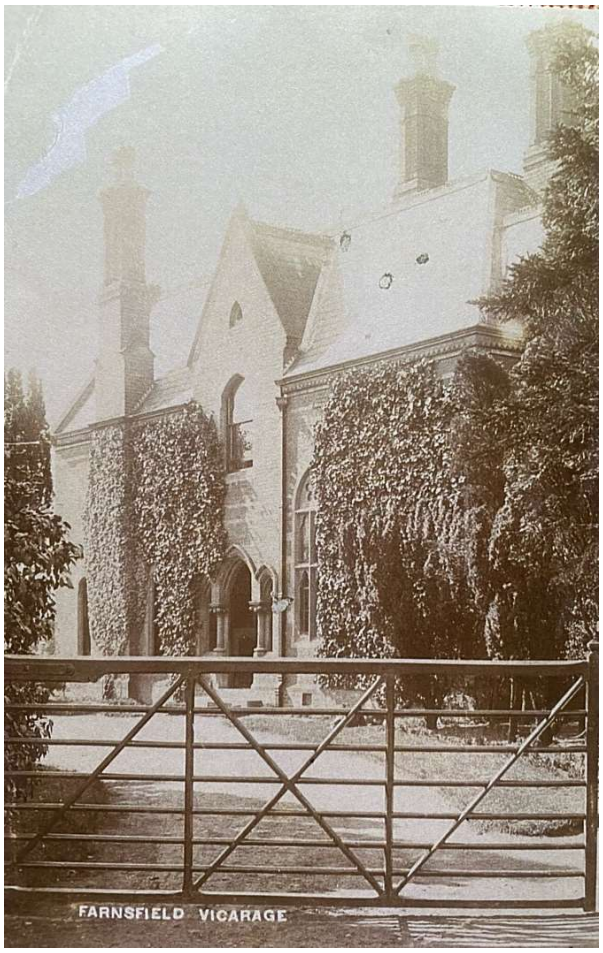
The Old Vicarage

The Old Vicarage, on Vicarage Lane, was built by Reverend Henry Robert Wilkins and his wife Sarah in 1870 with the help of a grant from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. A decade before, they had been at the forefront of the mission to build a new parish church in the village which opened in 1860. The church was designed by Nottingham architect, T.C.Hine. The architect of the Vicarage is unknown, but its distinctive style might suggest it is also one of his designs. (photo above) The Vicarage in the early 1900s



(left) Photo dated 1910
The house is grand in style with a large pointed arched main doorway, pointed arched windows and decorative chimney stacks.

In the 1871 census the Wilkins and their two daughters aged 17 and 14 were living in the house with a governess, cook, parlour maid and kitchen maid. The house has both front and back staircases, presumably the plainer back staircase was for the servants.

The Wilkins family had a rather short stay in the house as Henry Wilkins died on 19th December 1874 and Sarah Wilkins and her two daughters moved back to the former vicarage on Main Street.

Some villagers still remember garden parties held in the grounds of the Old Vicarage, hosted by Reverend Frampton in the 1950s.

The Reverend Frampton (with glasses) with the garden party planning meeting at the Vicarage in the 1950s.

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