

Fresh drinking water penny a bucket !

-Or maybe less, when farthings and halfpence had purchasing power! If you had lived in Barwick around the turn of the century, you could have had your drinking water from the Parish Pump delivered to the door. Sally Grattan was one of a group of Barwick "characters" who enlivened the domestic scene at this time. Others were "Stivvy Kelly" and "Brickie Dick". They lived in cottages situated in the yard behind the Black Swan Inn. These dwellings were demolished over 50 years ago. Sally sketched here as water carrier, also did washing and odd jobs to eke out a living.



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Letter from Jack Reed (born Barwick 1912) "two wells in what is now the builders yard Potterton Lane, each served with a hand pump. Drinking water came from the town well down Aberford Road".