

Cloister Cottage

Rector Simcox (rector from 1889-1901) lobbied the Trust for years to provide a nurse for the Almspeople. He even helpfully suggested suitable cottages in Burrows Hill for her home, and a salary of £45 12sh 6d per annum. His efforts eventually bore fruit when a Nurse was finally appointed early in 1907 or 1908. She was Nurse Sabrina Annette Babcock who stayed in the position for many years.



The photograph shows Sister Babcock outside the Nurse's cottage. Her successors were all SRN's, and Sister Heaney 1943-1976 was very popular as she would patch up villagers' minor injuries. The last SRN was Nurse Janet Glaskin 1976-1986.



The role was redesignated as a Warden after 1986 when Joan Cannon, who was not a qualified nurse, took over and served until 1998. Dee Rosier followed until 2024, the lady that has succeeded her is Sam Cunningham.