

## THEN AND NOW



*Photo by the late Kate Hoyle*

Saunder Rake Mill was built in 1803-1807 by William Bond for spinning cotton by water power. Adjoining the mill was a row of 4 workers' cottages (shown in the picture above) William Bond died in 1838 and his son Simon continued the business until 1866, when cotton spinning ended due to the shortage of raw cotton supplies during the American Civil War. George Tweedy then developed the mill as an iron and brass foundry, making maritime products, especially portholes and ships' pulleys. From about 1920, food processing machines were manufactured there also. Tweedy's were taken over in the 1960s by other companies. The works closed down in 1973 and all the buildings were demolished in the late 1970s. The first of the Tweedy's Court houses was built in 1989.

