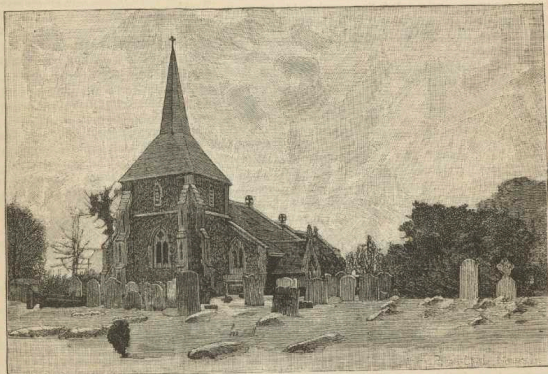


groups of houses, with the usual admixture of shops, schools, and inns. The church, dedicated to All Saints, was built in 1865, from the designs of Mr. S. Teulon, and in the Early Decorated style. Its situation is lofty and imposing, and it is really a fine modern reproduction of a mediæval parish church. It is constructed of flint and stone in courses, and consists of a tower, nave, and chancel, with north and south aisles. A stained glass window in the chancel was placed there by a subscription of the inhabitants of Sutton and others, in memory of

introduction of railways, and a tinted engraving of it by Allen, from a drawing by Rowlandson, was published in 1790 by Messrs. Robinsons, of Pater-noster Row; a copy of it hangs upon the walls here. The very sign of the old hostelry, as the writer of the local "Guide" observes, is suggestive of "a connection with former days, when cock-fighting was a favourite sport with Londoners, and Sutton not improbably a common resort for it. This inn," continues our author, "was in years gone by a very famous posting-house, and a resting-place for



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Mr. Thomas Alcock, M.P., who endowed the church. Close by are schools and a parsonage, which, together with the church, form a pretty architectural group. The village green by the road-side, adorned with rows of fine elms, is laid out as a recreation-ground.

The high street of Sutton is spanned by the signs of two inns, the "Cock" and the "Greyhound"; the former is an old-fashioned hostelry, well known to all people who have driven to Epsom, being the last place for baiting on the way to the course, and the first halting-place on the way home. The sight in front of this house on the "Derby" and "Oaks" days is one worth going a long journey to see.

The "Cock at Sutton" was a famous posting-house for the Brighton stage coaches, before the

princes and noblemen on their road to Brighton. . . . The turnpike gate formerly stood just in front of this house, at the corner of the cross-roads; and one of the latter keepers—who is yet (1880) hale and hearty—relates a meeting of two kings at this spot, which occurred in this way: 'Admiral King was then living at Sutton Court, and having served in the same glorious service as his Majesty William the Fourth, took the opportunity of paying his respects to the king on his way to Brighton; and during the change of horses, a pleasant chat ensued, and was followed by a hearty grip of the hand.' Here is still preserved the china tea-service used by George IV. on the occasion of his visits. It is marked "Rockingham Works, Brameld, manufacturer to the king." It is stated that his