

Falkner, Harold 1875 - 1963

Harold Falkner was born in Bramley, Surrey, England on 28 November 1875. After leaving school he was articled in the office of Reginald Theodore Blomfield (1856-1942) following which he attended Farnham School of Art in Farnham, Surrey.

Falkner commenced independent practice as an architect in 1897. His first commission was Strangers Corner in Farnham (1897) for W. H. Allen, the master of Farnham School of Art.

From 1902 to 1909 he was a junior partner in the London-based architectural firm Niven Wigglesworth & Falkner. He then practised on his own before forming a partnership with Guy Maxwell Aylwin (1889-1968) in 1927. As Falkner Aylwin they designed a number of buildings in the Farnham area, usually in a vernacular and Arts and Crafts style. They also received several commissions from Courage Brewery in Alton, Hampshire for whom they designed or refurbished a number of public houses. The partnership was dissolved in 1930 and for the rest of his career Falkner practised alone.

Falkner was elected a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) 1929.

In addition to his work as an architect, Falkner was also an accomplished artist and between 1900 and 1924 exhibited at the Royal Academy in London. A pencil drawing by him entitled "Bull Pitt Passage, Bradford-on-Avon" is illustrated in *Drawing & Design* vol.5, no.12, April 1926 (p.397)

Falkner died at 44 Hale Road, Farnham on 30 November 1963

Worked in

UK

Works

Notable works by Falkner included Strangers Corner, Farnham, Surrey (1897); studio for Strangers Corner, Farnham, Surrey (1902); rebuilding of North Munstead in Busbridge, Surrey (c.1920); remodelling of Dippenhall Grange in Farnham, Surrey (early 1920s); The Barn in Farnham, Surrey (c.1925); St. Thomas-on-the-Bourne War Memorial, Farnham, Surrey (unveiled 1921); Overdeans Court, Farnham, Surrey (1931); Meads, Farnham, Surrey (1935); and

Burles Cottage in Farnham, Surrey (1937).

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British Listed Building - 8 listed buildings by Harold Falkner [*link below*]

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