



Ismalia Cottages were already standing by 1896. They were named after a small town on the banks of the Bitter Lakes, which formed part of the Suez Canal in Egypt. This terrace was built of 'burr' bricks, or burnt bricks, which were the bricks nearest the furnace in the brick kilns during the firing. It is very possible that the builder was the owner of Quex Park, as he named many of his properties after the places he had visited on his explorations of Africa and beyond. Many of these bricks can be seen in garden walls, but there were also used in complete houses in the village, for example, 'Fairfield' in Berkeley Road, faced with concrete in 2009, when it was converted into flats.