

Some of Twyford's Historic Buildings



This is all that remains of Twyford Farm - closed as such in 1920. Twyford's oldest standing building, it is a 16th century two bay cottage facing the road, with a 17th century building behind. An Elizabethan diamond mullion window was discovered in 1980 when the building was restored. The farmyard proper became the site for a housing development in 1994 with the name of *Old Mill Court* because of its previous use as a depot by the owners of Twyford Mill. The farmland extended behind the buildings in the High Street and Wargrave Road, and redevelopment in 1988 (following on the closure of The "Bell" in 1987) has seen the erection of Bell Court.

Old Farm House (16th Century) High Street

Chiswick House is a 17th century building, altered in the early 19th century, formerly the "Rose and Crown" mentioned in the Court Rolls of the Manor of Hinton Pipard for 1624. Old woodwork painted with a floral design has been uncovered. A substantial dining room catered in the early part of this century for some of the social life of Twyford. It was also the Headquarters of the Oddfellows. The licence was given up in 1930.



Chiswick House



The building was built (probably in the 19th century) as a bakery and used as such until Mr Hillyer retired in 1966. The panel at first floor level replaces the former door to the flour store. Massive ovens were installed below. The bay window is one which was removed from the 17th century Ann Cottage.

Hillyers Old Bake House

St Mary's Church was built (without a tower) in 1847 as a Chapel of Ease to Hurst Church, largely at the expense of Miss Frances Dorothea Currie of Stanlake, sister-in-law to the Revd A A Cameron, Perpetual Curate of Hurst. The north aisle was added in 1883 by Mrs Cameron (nee Mary Currie). The tower was added in 1910 by the Revd R Acworth, and the peal of bells was hung in 1913.



St. Marys Church



Apsley House

Apsley House is an 18th century house of bluish bricks known as grisaille or "grizzle", made locally by throwing salt over the sand coating of the bricks before firing. The "elephant leg" brickwork at first floor level is very unusual although it is said that there is another example on a cottage near the "Bird in Hand" at Knowl Hill. In the middle of the 19th century it was the home of Dr Charles Armstrong, a former East India surgeon and Twyford GP.



John Finch at Waitrose Plaque

John Finch (1909 - 2009) was founder chairman and later president of the Twyford and Ruscombe Local History Society. He is seen here by the plaque donated by Waitrose on opening their supermarket in Twyford. He is featured in a clip on the video page of the Society's website where he describes the setting up of the society. John Finch (1909 - 2009) was founder chairman and later president of the Twyford and Ruscombe Local History Society. He is seen here by the plaque donated by Waitrose on opening their supermarket in Twyford. He is featured in a clip on the video page of the Society's website where he describes the setting up of the society.

The front of Mill House is late 18th century (restored 1977) but most of the building is older. Thomas Billinge, who died in 1826, one of the brothers from Macclesfield who built the 19th century silk mill, lived here.



Mill House



Stanlake House (Park) was built in the 1580s by Richard Aldworth, a rich London clothier and was originally known as Stanlake Farm. Stanlake later came into the ownership of Sir Nathaniel Duckinfield and in 1840 it was bought by George Barker whose descendants continued to live there until Colonel Barker's death in 1951.

Stanlake Park

Twyford Cross Roads

The Village centre (circa 1930) looking South towards Station Road and the Railway Station.



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King's Arms Corner

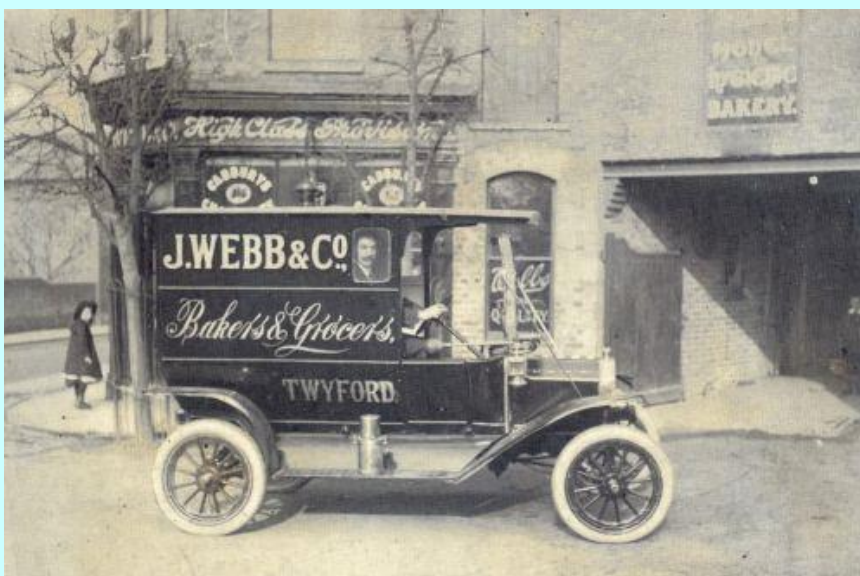
The village centre with the King's Arms Hotel on the right. The hotel, complete with yard, stables and meadow, occupied a large area of land extending along the London Road and Wargrave Road.

King's Arms Corner

In 1902 a property was leased from Simond's Brewery at the corner of Wargrave Road Bell Corner, previously a blacksmiths, which was turned into the new Twyford Fire Station. The picture of Stroller and volunteer crew outside these premises was taken in 1903. Twyford retained it's own fire engine up until 1945, when cover was then provided by Sonning and Wargrave engines. Simond's & Lawence (Parkers) Estate Agents now stands on this site at the new Bell Corner.



Twyford Fire Brigade 1903



Webb's Grocers

An old established Twyford business who ran both grocery and hardware shops . Situated in the area opposite the URC church and old Blacksmiths house, this once was an open village square as can be seen in this picture. The building has been many things in the past but now houses HaaHoos ceramic art shop and two terraced houses.

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