

1. There is a history of the Church just inside. Worth noting are two memorials - one to Philip Parsons 1608 and the other to William Bagges 1662.

2. Tithe Barn. This was the original tithe barn of the Cistercians - similar to that at Great Coxwell. Converted to a house in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

3. Conyger - the ancient rabbit warren of the Cistercians.

4. The Dovecote - a Medieval building - another source of food for the Cistercians.

5. The Old Manor - probably the original grange of the Cistercians. Still has the remains of a piscina in it.

6. The Old Forge - the heart of the village in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

7. Just beyond the war memorial you can see the remains of two pumps, one for buckets and one for barrels on carts. They were still in use until the end of the 1930's. As was the pump near the bridge - 8.

9. Opposite the pond is a footpath leading to Burford. This was the route used by packhorses in the medieval wool trade.

10. Rose & Crown Inn. At one time in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries there were three pubs in Shilton - the Plough, the Ragged Louse, and the Rose & Crown. Only the latter remains today.

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11. Almost opposite the Rose & Crown is April House - the bakery until the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

12. Further up the village street the bridge over the Shill was rebuilt in the 1930's and at the same time the road was built up to alleviate flooding. Before

that the carthorses were brought to the brook there to drink on their way home.

13. The house in which Samuel Birch had his famous school is unknown but is likely to be either Bridge House or Elm Farm - 14.

15. At the top of Straight Hill is Shilton House. This has a date of 1678 on the front but it seems likely that the house is older.

16. Easter Cottage. This is typical of many Shilton cottages in that it is now one house yet in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century housed three families.

17. Baptist Chapel - built in 1830 as a daughter church of Burford Baptist. It fell into disrepair at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century but was restored in 1903. It is a typical chapel inside with wainscoting, hat pegs and wooden pews. Services are still held there every Sunday.

18. The Old School. There had been schools in Shilton before this one was built in 1867 to cater for all village children. When it started there were about 40 pupils attending. It closed in 1970 and was bought by the village for a hall in 1971.

19. Ivybank - built as the schoolteacher's house on the site of the old village pound.

