



Houses



On the **left** above is **Bay Tree Cottage**, which is situated on The Green at Aston Rowant. This house of brick and flint with a tiled roof was the home of Thomas Rixon, a maltster, at the end of the 18th century. Later it was two cottages. In 1928 Mr Lambourne lived there on a service tenancy rent of 2s 6d weekly. It had three bedrooms, living rooms and a woodhouse. On the **right** is **Jasmine Cottage**, also situated on The Green. In 1928 this double fronted cottage residence with latticed bay windows was called The Cottage and was the home of the Misses Goucher. It had two staircases to four bedrooms, above those were two attics. There were three acres of garden and paddock and a shed which had formerly been a two stall stable. The rent in 1928 was £15 per annum.



On the bottom of the previous page are several cottages in Church Lane. The one on the **left, number 20 Church Lane**, is probably Elizabethan and is thought to be the oldest house in the village. The cottage is thatched and built of brick and flint. It belonged to Aston Estate and in 1859 Emmanuel Clare, a shepherd lived there. There were two bedrooms and two rooms and a scullery downstairs. It had a big fireplace with a gun rack above. At the turn of the century the Wallington family lived there. The picture on the **right shows No 19 Church Lane and Aston Cottage**. These cottages were also lived in by workers on the estate. They are built of brick with a thatched roof. In 1928 the larger cottage had two rooms, a scullery, larder and bathroom downstairs with three bedrooms upstairs. The smaller one had a living room, scullery, bathroom and two bedrooms. This one was held on a service tenancy by Mr Lambourn at a rent of £4 per annum. The other had a rent of £20 per annum but was unoccupied. In the early years of the 20th century George Piddington, the bricklayer lived in the first cottage and Mr Drinkwater, the gardener lived in the other.

The two pictures **above** show **Moat Manor**, Kingston Blount. This may be built on the



site of an early Manor House. It has a lake and a small osier bed. The photograph on the left shows the house before it was renovated. The house is a 16th century timber framed building with brick and flint infill. It has an overhanging upper storey on the north side and the west gable end is herringbone brick. In the 19th and early 20th centuries the house was divided into three cottages. The cottages used to belong to the Clerke–Brown family estate. In the 1920s Mrs Horwood and Mrs Fletcher lived there. In 1928 they were occupied by Julia Surman, William Horwood and Daniel Young.

The house on the **left** is now called **Old Croft** in Pleck Lane, Kingston Blount. It is a 16th century house, timber framed with brick filling. Some of the bricks are in a herringbone



pattern and shingle tiles cover some of the front. This house was originally the home of the Belson family. The house has a central chimney stack with a group of four brickshafts. It stood in Shepherds Close and was several cottages in the 1920s. Mr Pullen, the blacksmith lived in the end one and Albert White and Eddie Horwood in the others. The house on the **right**, is now called **Elderslade**, it was once called The Old Tudor House and before that Lavengro. It is located next to the old Chapel of Ease. It

has a 16th century timber framed east wing, a centre block of 17th century timber framing with colour wash brick and an 18th century west end of chequer brick. There is a central chimney stack with a group of square shafts. The house was the home of Mr Chapman the butcher. It was once divided into two cottages.

The houses above are on the High Street in Kingston Blount. The picture on the **left** shows **The Red House**, which was built in 1824. William Harding had it built at a cost of £1100. He lived there until the early 1850s. This picture was taken in the 1920s. In 1881



the house was called The Lords and Thomas Seigne Hatton lived there, he too was a wine merchant. David Mitrany lived there for the few years around 1928. The postcard on the **right** shows the house, which was the home of Henry Hatton, who was the carrier in the 19th century. His yard was through the gates at the side of the property. It is now called **Hill Cottage** but was once called The Hills. The picture was taken just before the First World War.

The house on the **left** is now called **Aspley Cottage** but was once called The Firs. It dates from at least 1827 as documents are available from that date. Henry Hatton, the carrier owned it before the Hill family who obtained it in 1854. It was in the same family until 1947. It must have been rented out as Henry Hamp and family lived there followed



by his wife until just before 1920. Miss Chapman lived there until 1935. The cottage on the **right** is called **Yew Tree Cottage**. It is situated on the corner of Brook Street and Pleck Lane. Miss Green, who was headmistress of both Kingston and Aston schools for forty years lived there for many years. This is a recent picture.

The photograph on the **left** taken in the 1950s shows **Vine Cottage** in Park Lane Kingston Blount. This was the home of the May family who ran one of the baker's shops in Kingston. The shop opened at the beginning of the 20th century. It was still open during

the Second World War. The picture on the right shows Mr Hill who was believed to be a



sausage maker outside Hamilton Cottage on the High Street in Kingston. The picture **above** shows **Shepherds Close** in Kingston Stert, called Kingston Villa until around 1911. In the 1870s Harry and Elizabeth Wild lived there, he was a retired chemist. Mrs Fielding lived there for many years at the end of the 19th century and then Albert Mansell took it over. In 1911 Sir Graham Claverhouse J.P. was in residence.

