

Hello Heritage...

Church Street



View of the church from the horse pool

There was once a large horse pool where the green is now, which was used to stock fish and to drive horse and carts into the water to prevent wooden wagon wheels from shrinking. However, it was filled in during the 20th century. An ancient trackway, Bromley Lane, in front of Poole Farm leads to the nearby village of Diseworth. Along here is the site of a 19th century windmill and medieval earthworks of village plots.



No. 9 Church Street has its origins in the middle ages

The house on the right, opposite the church yard, has a fine Georgian facade. The kitchen and cellars would suggest it was previously a Medieval dwelling. At one time it was an off-licence, selling beer from a small window onto the pavement. The large industrial chimney in the first photograph remains a mystery but may be from the brewery and malt house situated in Church Street, which is shown on early maps.



Aerial view of Poole Farm, with the former Wesleyan Chapel shown on the far right.

This aerial photo shows the Poole Farmhouse which probably dates to 16th century. The name originates from the former horse pool, now the site of the green. The farmyard was enclosed by ancient barns and outbuildings, which were demolished to build new houses. There was a cottage called Poole Cottage, now demolished, which was the first Methodist Chapel to be built in the village. There is another old bridal track which leads to Long Whatton.



No. 1 Church Street, said to have been the first vicarage

No 1 Church Street is anecdotally said to be the site of the first vicarage. The present building dates to at least 1732. The second vicarage is situated in Vicarage Lane, which was built during the 18th century and was extended to the rear in 1837. The third vicarage is an unprepossessing 1950s building in Presents Lane. Church Street would have had more original cottages than remain today, being a main thoroughfare through the village.

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