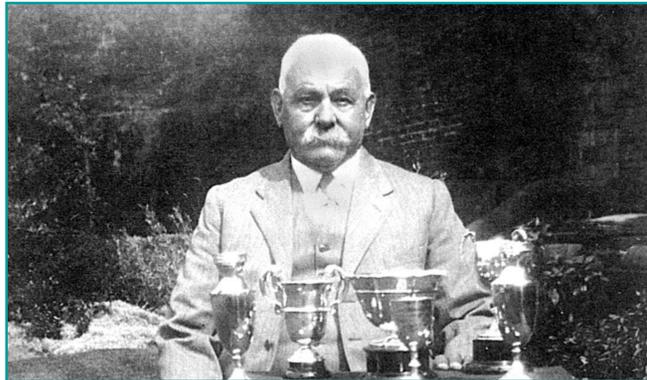


# Hello Heritage...

## The Manor House, Jordan's Bakery



The large property, originally the Manor House or Mansion House on High Street opposite the Swan Inn, was built by Joseph Wilkes circa 1870. It was the house, bakery and provisions shop of Mr. Jordan. The cottages were once one house and thought to be the original Manor House. It is written that this building was once the Bulls Head Inn. The large house and the cottages were demolished in 1969 and are now the site of Measham Stone Centre and Fireplace World.

Mr Arthur Jordan (Master Baker) is seen here sitting with his cups for showing Bantam hens and baking loaves in 1920.



### **BANKING IN MEASHAM**

This building was built in the 1780s by Joseph Wilkes out of his famous jumb bricks. Part of the house was used as the Wilkes Bank. The Rear of the building was a brewing house, and later became Jordan's shop and bakery. Success in almost all of his enterprises soon found Wilkes with an accumulation of money and he followed the classic route from being a borrower to a lender of capital. The family ethos included this. Joseph Wilkes II had supplied credit and private banking facilities to a more superior social class, the Gresleys. Joseph III opened the first country bank outside Leicester and other branches of his bank, Peel, Wilkes, Dickinson and Goodall existed at Tamworth, Measham, Ashby and Burton on Trent.



### **THE MALT HOUSE WELL**

Not far from the Manor house, opposite Leicester Road was the Malt House Well. It was so named because water was used for the Malt House which was nearby. The well may have also been used to supply water to the brew house behind the Manor House. Brewing ceased by 1820. The well was looked after by the Parish Council until it became redundant in 1024 when mains water was laid in the High Street.

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