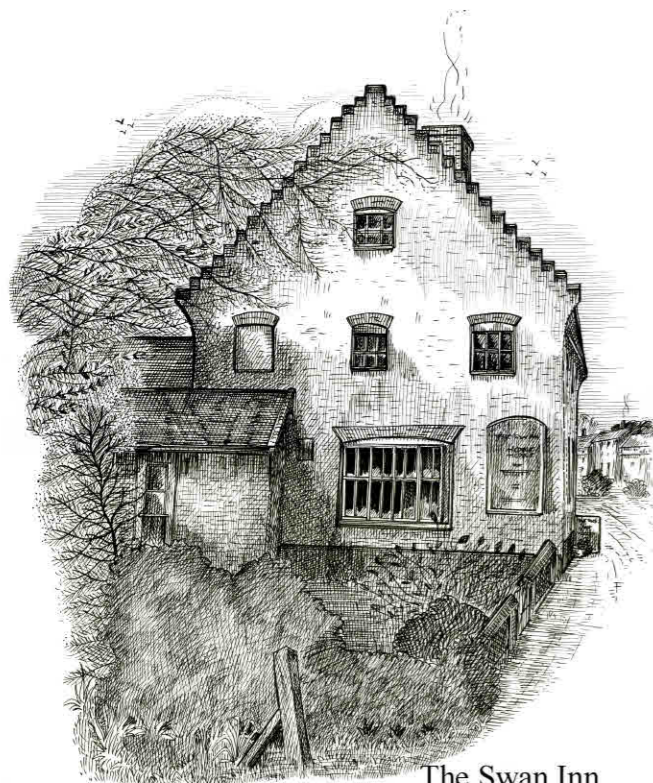


HOXNE HERITAGE WALK

3. The Village Green.

The Village Green is triangular in shape and rises towards the parish church and Green Street. This area was also known as Church Street and is surrounded by a variety of thatched, timber framed and brick faced buildings.



The Swan Inn

The Swan Inn has a crow-stepped gable and interesting architectural features to the rear of the property. Internally the oak linen-fold panelling and carvings are worthy of inspection. The pub was a guest house for travellers and visitors to the Bishop's Palace and a small chapel with a 17th century plasterwork over-mantle can be found upstairs.

The Butcher's Shop [shambles] opposite the pub once had an open counter onto the street. This timber framed and panelled building dates from



the Georgian and Victorian periods. The painted glass panels of a ram and bull are noteworthy.

The Village Shop and Post Office dates from the 16th century, with Victorian features and fittings. The shop sells a variety of local produce and publications.

The covered well seat on the green used to be situated in front of 49 Low Street with its Dutch gable, once the home of the Gilman family and before that an ale house called The Christopher after the patron saint of Travellers. Rules governing the extraction of water from the well can be seen inside the shelter.

The pair of thatched cottages which you will see in Low Street on the left hand side were once used as a

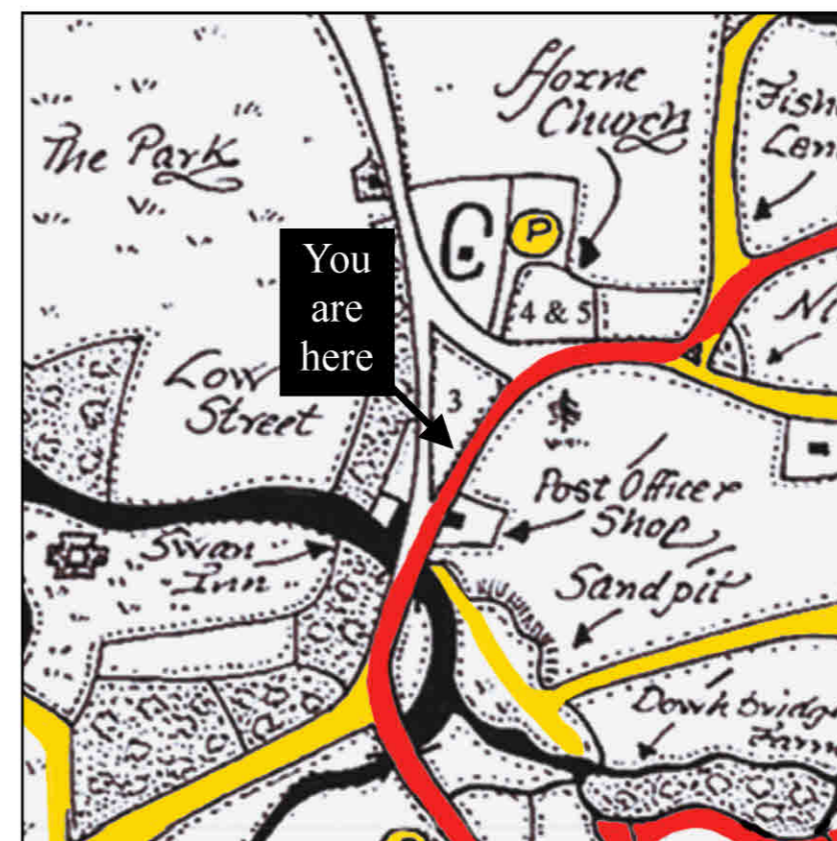


Low Street Seat



The Village Shop

doctor's surgery and a police station. Court House Cottage, overlooking the Green, is one of three 15th century timber-framed dwellings with an overhanging upper storey and was used as a manorial court meeting room and public house.



The Red House with its fine brickwork dates from the Georgian period with the original 16th century timber-framed building beneath. This was the house of the land steward to the Hoxne Hall Estate.

The Village Green has been used for entertainments, fairs and festivities including the Harvest Breakfast [still held each September] with its barrel organ and the Hoxon Hundred Dancers. The Hoxne Bullock Fairs were held here during the 17th and 18th centuries, but later moved to Harleston in Norfolk.