

Historic Towns & Villages

Milton Keynes

The Village that gave its name to a City



Bird's Cottage c1900



Bird's Cottage 2000



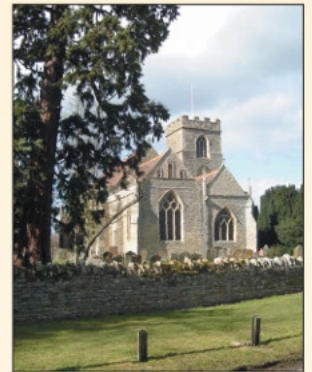
All Saints Church pre-1875



The Swan 1914-18



The Swan today



All Saints Church today

In the Domesday Book of 1086 Milton Keynes was called Middleton. By the twelfth century it had acquired the affix Cahaignes from the name of one of the Lords of the Manor and gradually became Milton Keynes. MK Development Corporation reverted to Middleton for the new grid square to distinguish it from the city.

The centre of the village still looks rural, but these children pictured when the new town was announced, would find that the surrounding countryside they knew is now completely covered by houses.

Parts of All Saints Church date from about 1200 and some rebuilding and the addition of a chapel including expensive carved stonework took place about 1330.

Some would argue that The Swan Inn, at the junction of three roads, is the most important building in the village! It probably dates from the late seventeenth century and has suffered several fires, most recently in 2011, but has always been sympathetically restored.

Bird's Cottage, the Bird family's builders' yard where estate maintenance work was done, may have been a mediaeval hall house, possibly a manor house and is one of the oldest domestic buildings in the area.

