



# Salmons & Sons Coachbuilders

## Newport Pagnell

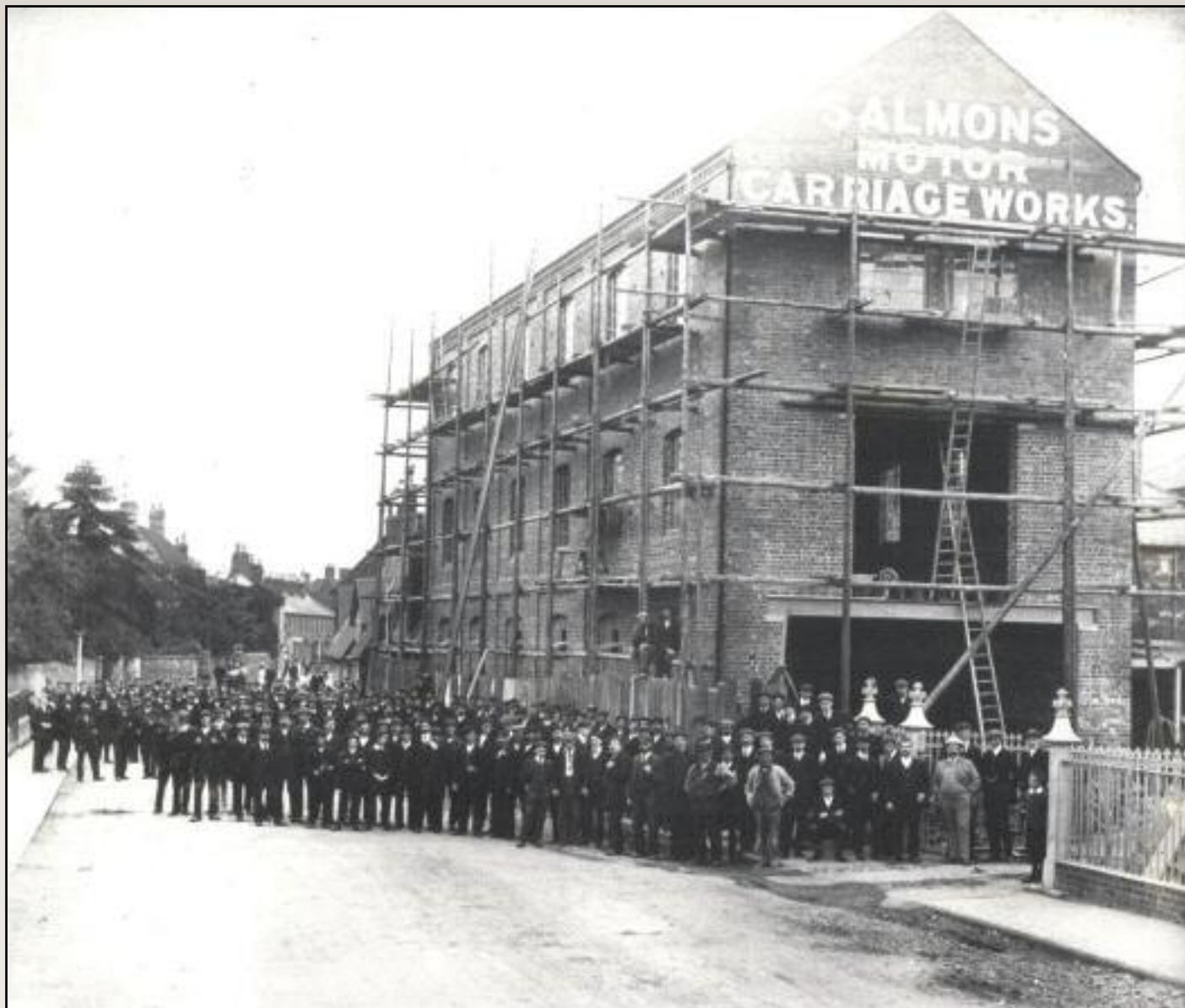


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Constructing the three-storey building



Salmons House and workshops



Body shop, 1910



The business was founded around 1830 and, by the 1840s, Joseph Salmons is recorded as making coaches in Newport Pagnell. The business prospered and he built a house (since demolished) and workshops in Tickford Street.

Sons and grandsons followed him into the business and, by 1898, Salmons had made their first motor car body, and by 1902 had a London showroom. In 1910 the three-storey building was erected – possibly the first purpose built motor-carriage workshop in the country – and the company continued to develop innovative car bodies.

In the 1940s the Salmons family sold the company and it became Tickford Ltd and, from the '50s, Aston Martin

(who celebrate their centenary in 2013). Sadly, production of Aston Martins ceased at Newport Pagnell in 2007. Whilst the name Salmons and Sons isn't well known, James Bond's Aston Martin built at Newport Pagnell is!

Much of the site in Tickford Street is awaiting redevelopment but the historically important three-storey building, the office block and Sunnyside (originally a pair of semi-detached houses built for members of the Salmons family) remain.

The Olympia building on the south side of Tickford Street is now the Heritage Showroom of Aston Martin Works.

