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compiled by Muskham School 1988

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Bathley is about a mile away from North Muskham. It was not inhabited at Domesday but later a farm there called Gosewonge Grange was owned by Dale Abbey. There are now about half a dozen farms, small holdings, old houses, conversions and post-war buildings.

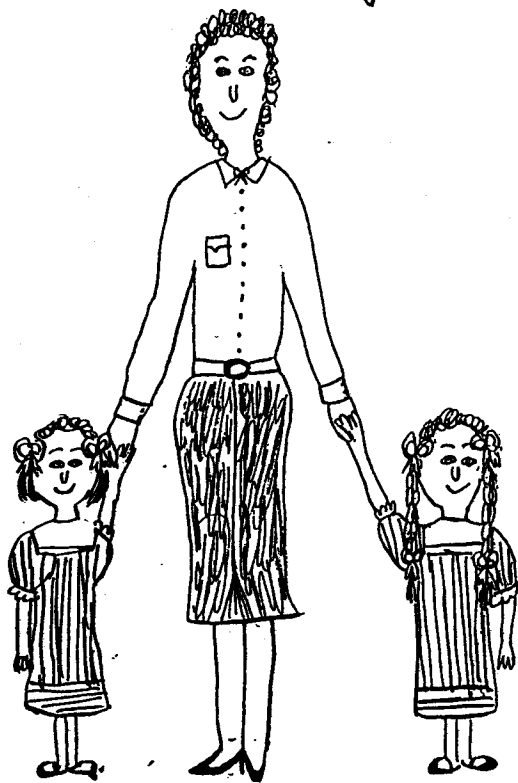
It is part of the parish of North Muskham and Bathley. We have been able to find no evidence of a church or a school having been built in Bathley.

The land is mainly clay and needs careful drainage.

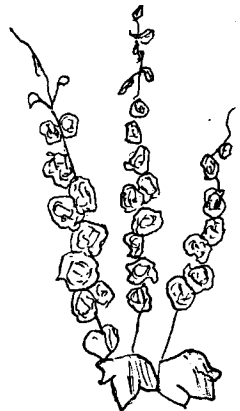
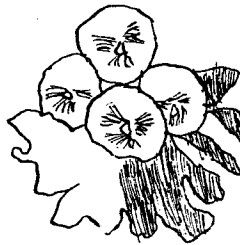
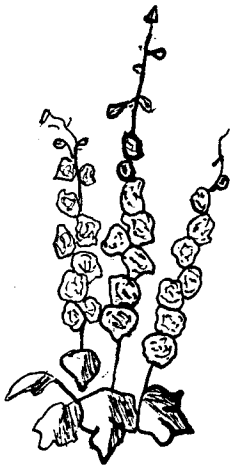
Bathley is fortunate in having both the Will and Inventory of John Smyth who died in 1581.

1. Park in the car park opposite the Pub. The Pub is the only place to meet in the Village apart from old barns. The Crown is over a hundred years old and is attached to a house. It does bar meals for people passing by. It only sells John Smith's beer. If it were a free house, it could sell a wide range.

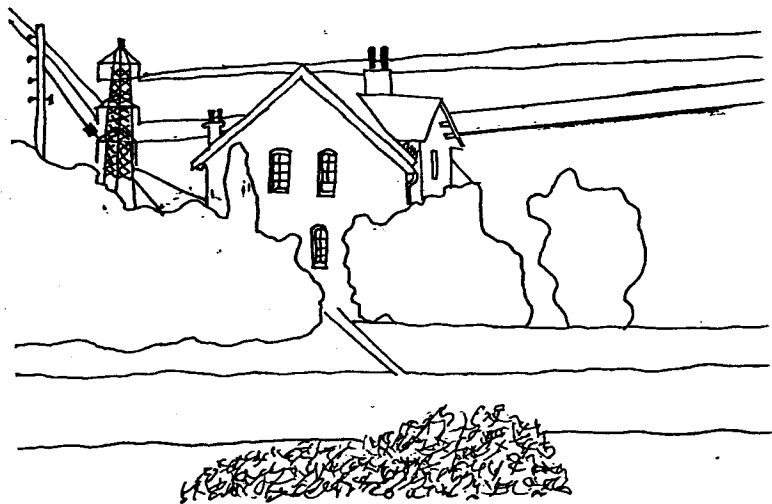
With your back to the car park, face the Pub and turn right and go on.



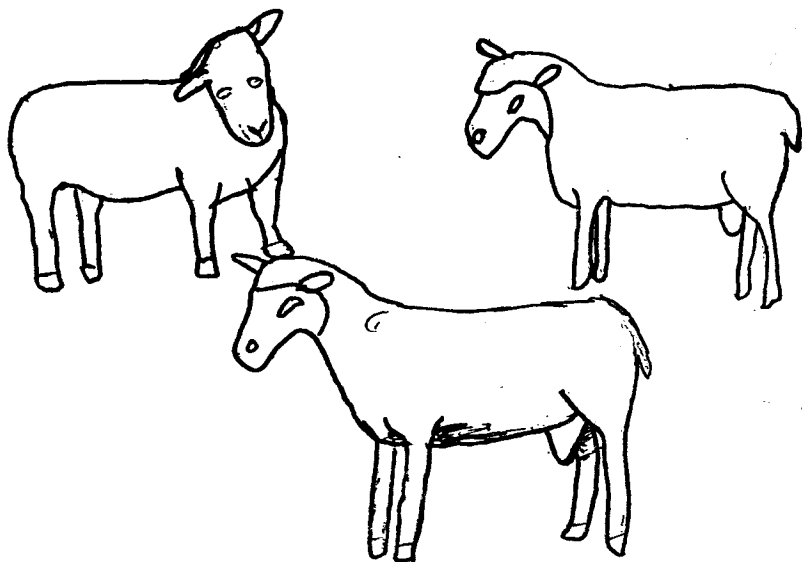
2. On your right, there are some recently-built bungalows. They have a tarmaced drive and fencing around the front. There is a modern bungalow elsewhere in the village that has a swimming pool, and a balcony. All the bungalows are well-cared-for.



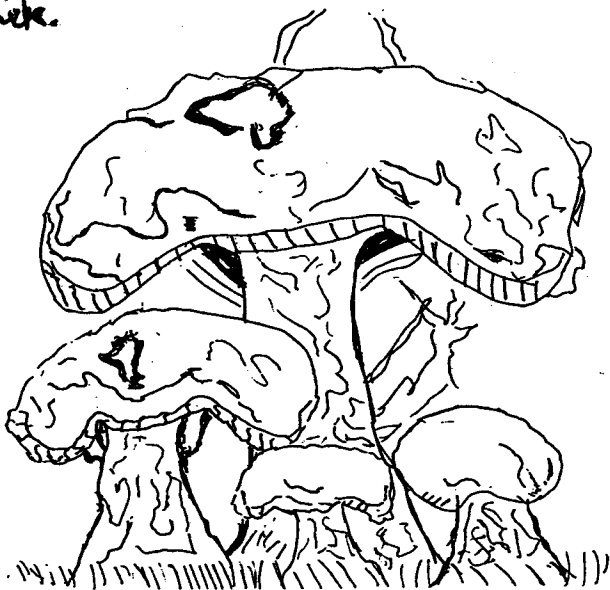
3. Hopyard used to grow hops.
The present owners grow plants.
In some fields, there are still
hops growing in the wild.
Carry on until you reach a
Victorian house on the left.

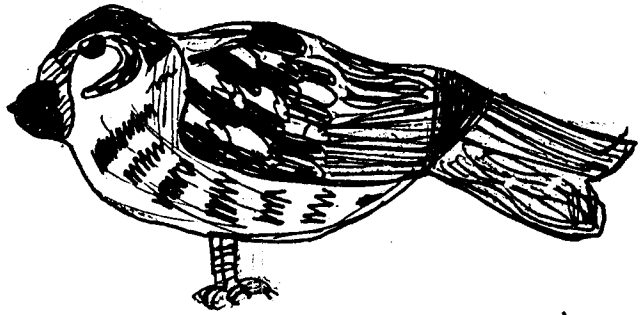


4. On your left is Mr and Mrs Beresford's house. The house was built in Victorian times. They mostly have sheep but they have some pigs and chickens. We went to see the sheep being dipped; it's a very messy business. The sheep must be dipped twice a year to try and get rid of a disease called sheep scab. It makes the sheep scratch against mites and they lose wool. The farm is called Oak Farm. Mr Beresford's a governor of Muskham School. On your right is the track.



5. This track leads from Little Carlton road through to Bathley Village. Turn right along the track. Half of the track is made out of limestone to make it stronger because the lories used to go on it when men were searching for oil in the fields. People who use the track nowadays are villagers going for a walk and farmers. Dykes at the side of tracks and fields help with drainage. Where the track bends, do NOT go up to the woods. Bear right with the main track.



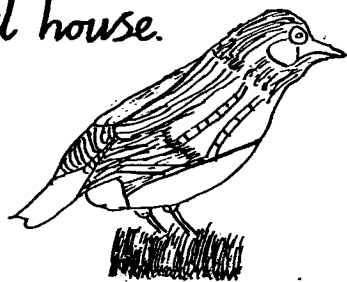


6. As you walk along the track-road, you will see an old house on your left. This unusual-shaped house, is probably early 19 century. We have called it the lego house. Before the modern housing was built, there would only have been this house and a farm house on Hopyard lane.



7. On your left, is the Dovecote.

In the winter, the owners used to eat the doves. You can still the ledge on the wall high-up where the doves would stand. The house is more or less in the shape of a right angle because it was probably extended. The dovecote has been converted into a house. The farmhouse would have been near by to the right. Nowadays, the farmhouse looks like a normal house.



8.

Keep going along Hopyard Lane until you come to the main road. Turn left.

9. On your left is the Hollies.
The Hollies framework was first built in the 13th century with wattle and daub and then changed to brick later on. Inside, the wooden cruck is still there. The frame has been well-preserved and still holds up the house. The building is mainly 16th century and originally would have been thatched. The farm next to the Hollies (Holgates Farm) used to belong to the person who lived in the Hollies.

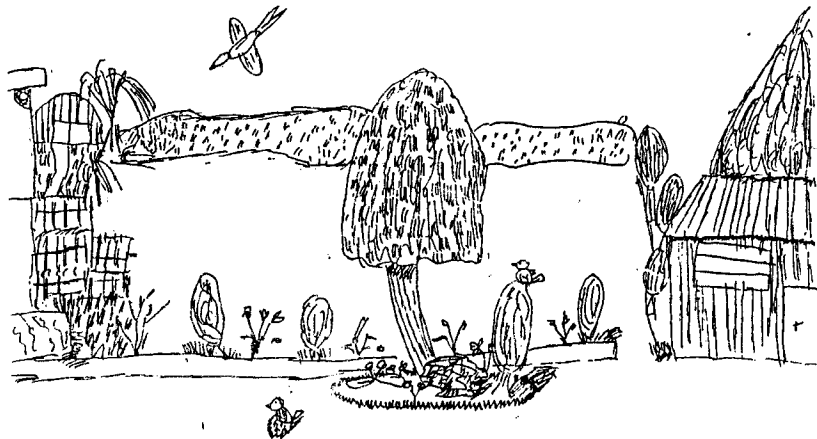


10. A few yards from the Mollies on the right of you is Bathley House. The house was built in Georgian times in the eighteenth century. It has a very big garden behind the door in the wall.

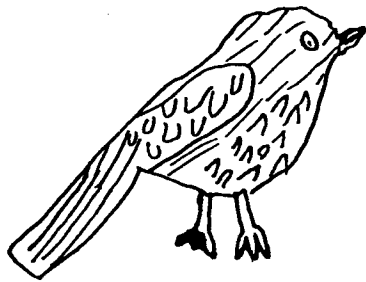
Bathley village had a celebration there on the occasion of the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana. Beware, because there are no pavements in Bathley.

The Bathley roads are very busy and it is dangerous because there are no pavements. Lorries, cars, motorbikes and occasionally buses use it. It is very busy because it is a main road between villages and there is much farm traffic and village cars. There are an exceptional number of footpaths through fields which have beautiful surroundings. The roads are very windy and twisty which make it dangerous.

11. Continue on your right and you will come to The Homestead. It was built in 1786. We think it used to be an old bake-house because there was a large oven next to the chimney. The property has a three acre field with dykes either side. There is a garage and two barns, a shed and some chickens. In the field, it is full of broken pot and glass, where people of Bathley dumped their rubbish when there was no collection. The house appears low and small on the outside, but big on the inside for there are 13 rooms.

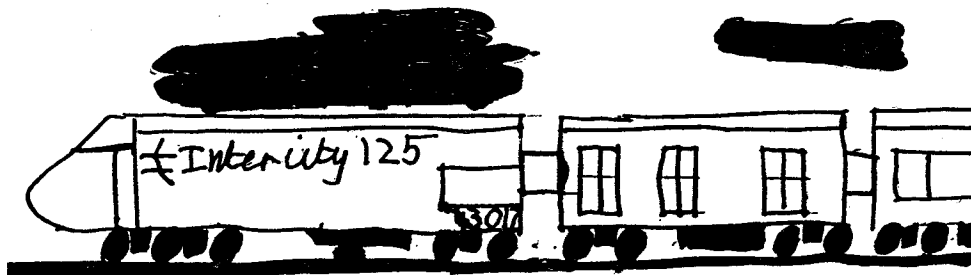


12. A little further down on the right is a property called The Mill. It wasn't a water mill. There have been many conversions in Bathley since the war. Houses have been converted from a barn, from a dovecote, and old houses have been modernised. The houses which have been renovated are very beautiful for they have old bricks which give them the finishing touch. The houses look as if they have been there a long time even though their windows and doors are modern.

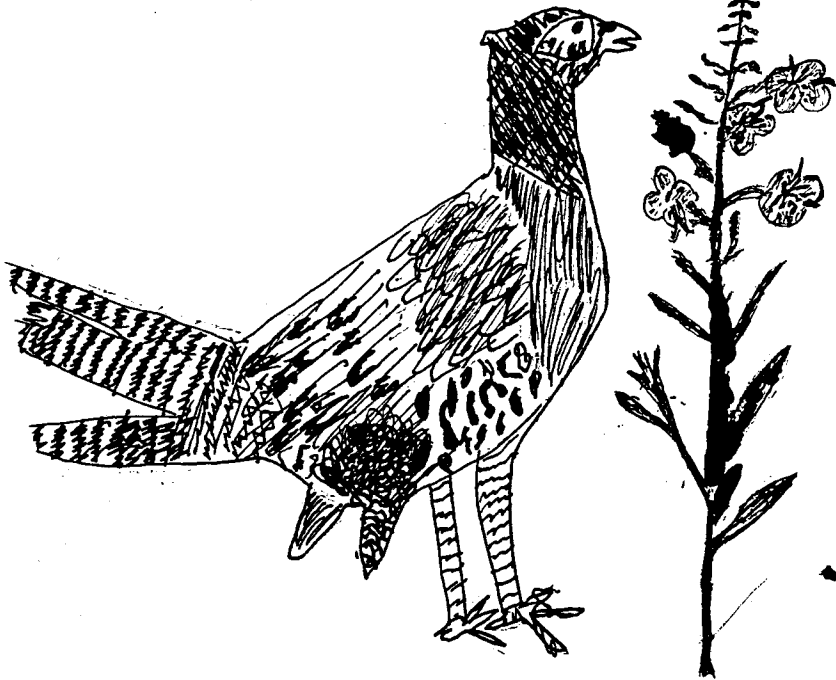
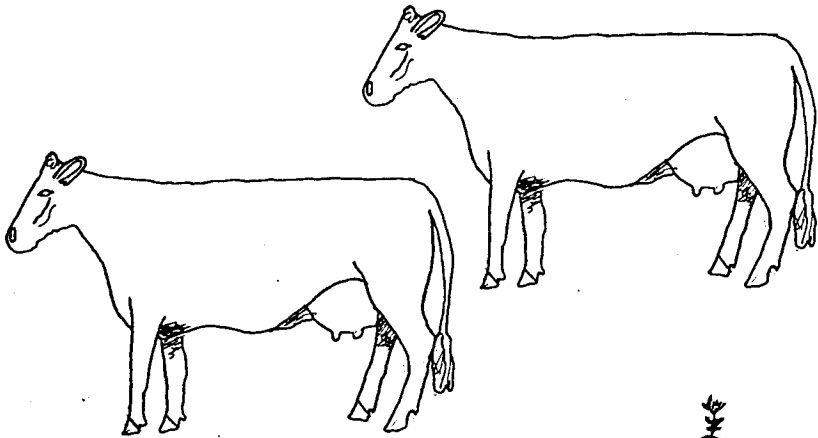


13. Keep going past the barn conversion called The Mill. On your right you will see a public footpath. Go through the field and head for the little bridge.

14. Continue over the bridge to the other side. Go along with the dyke on your right hand side. As you are walking, see if you can see or hear these birds: pheasant, duncock, thrush and yellow-hammer. Also, if you look a long way down the fields, you may see Bathley Lane section of rail track with the line running from London to Edinburgh in Scotland. The trains can run up to about 125 m.p.h. on Inter-city. The line is now electrified but there are no electric trains yet. At Bathley, there is a signal box that is still manned.



15. Going back to the trail, carry on alongside the dyke and bear left to the white gate.



16 From the white gate, go down Chapel Lane. Look to your left, and you will see Grange Farm. This used to be known as Bathley Grange. John Smyth died here in 1581. He left all his belongings to various people, providing they did certain things for the poor. The farm was given to the Corporation of Newark by John Lilley in 1623. The Corporation of Newark rented the farm, the money being used for Magnus Grammar School. The farm was sold in this century by the Corporation.



1. To Robert, William and Richard Lilley all lands and tenements called Bathley Grange.
UPON CONDITION THAT
they give yearly to ten poor persons within parish of North Muskham, Bathley and Holme 20s and a black gown with a J and S of red cloth upon the left sleeve; and also have preached four sermons a year; and the poor have a yearly dinner at the Grange for ever.
2. to William and Alexander Smith my Tan Yard in Newark, my lands and buildings in Mill Gate, Stodman Street, Beaumont Cross and Cartergate.
UPON CONDITION THAT
they pay for six poor scholars to be placed at Pembroke Hall, Cambridge and 26s. 8d. yearly for ever
3. to William Smith my lands and tenements in Sutton
UPON CONDITION THAT
he provide six loads of coal amongst the poor in Sutton for ever and yearly have a special sermon for ever.
4. to every one of my brothers and sisters, sons or children now living 5s. apiece.
5. to every one of my servants 5s.
6. to Joan Thurland my keeper, 40s.
7. to Stephen Thurland her son, 13s. 4d
8. to John her husband, 70s.
9. to Thomas Green £3. 6s. 8d.
10. to William Lilly the close from Mr. John Smith.
11. to 33 poor people to accompany me to my burial, every one of them one gown of 6s. 8d. apiece with a J and S of red cloth upon the left sleeve, and 4p apiece, and their dinners the day of my burial.
12. my executors to provide one fair tomb in the chancel of North Muskham and some sculpture about the poor scholars and poor people with mine age which is 33.
13. that a fair place be made upon the stone over my brother William in the church in Newark with the words on it, God hath the soul of William Smith, with the year of his age which was 31, and his will in all points to be performed.
14. ordain Robert Lilley, Richard Lilley, William Lilley and John Ellice as my executors; unto each a nest of silver bowls of £6. 13s. 4d.
15. to Mr. Peter Roose £5.
Mr. John Copeland £3. 6. 8d and any costs incurred touching my will.
16. to Robert and John Lilley my lease of the Ram Inn.

First Codicil

1. tenants behaving themselves and repairing their houses (great timber expected) shall enjoy their houses of the rents they pay. Miles Brodbank with his associate 56s.8d. towards building a kiln house.

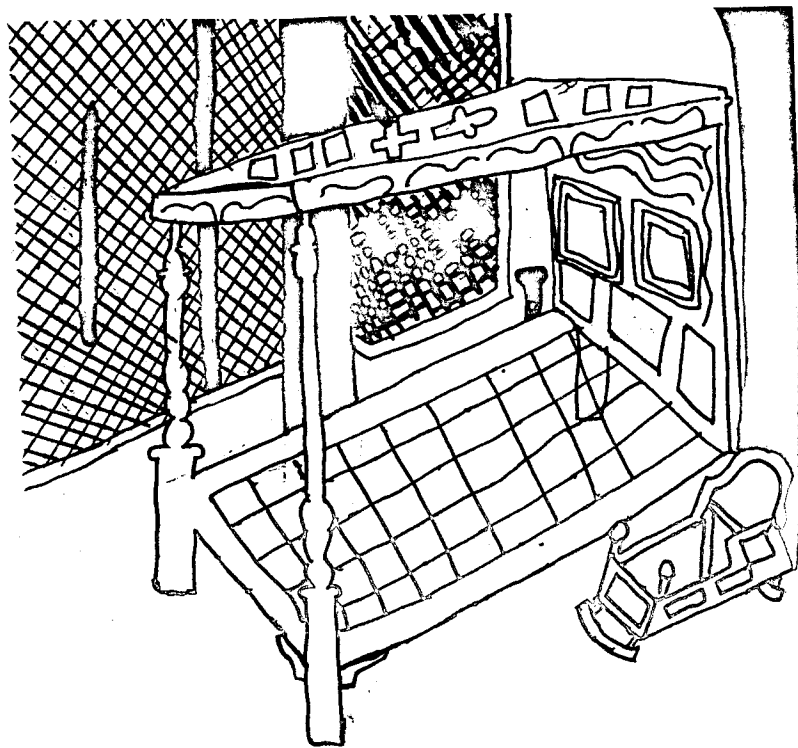
Edward Robertson per annum 1s.
John Wright " " 10s.
Robert Machin " " 20s.
Lawrence Hill 43s. 4d to leave all the ceiling in the parlour.
Nicholas Hill per annum 13s.4d.
Ralph Grossbrook one close per annum £3. 6s.8d.
Seth Bathley per annum 10s.
William ? " " 6s.8d.
William North " " 6s. 8d.
Robert Burt 53s. 4d.
John Hall per annum 6s.8d.
Godfrey Heatcote per annum 5s.
Richard Wells " " -s.

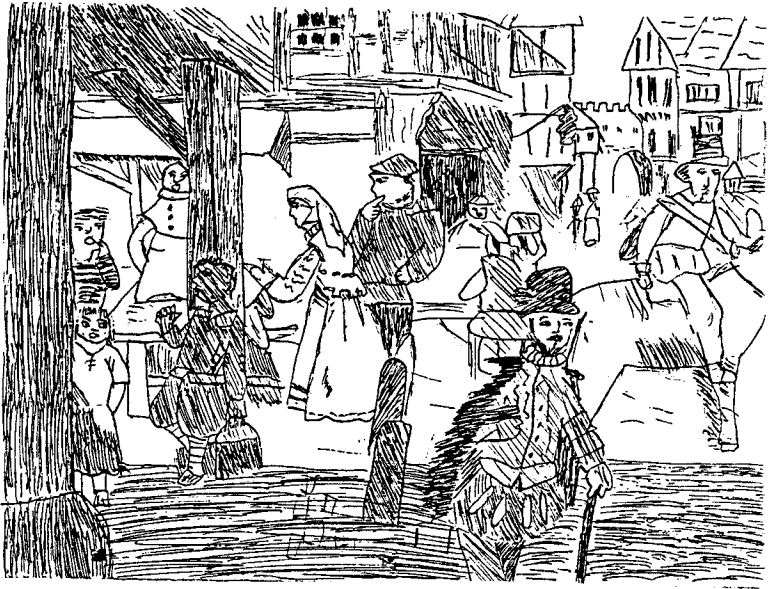
2. to Richard and John Lilley one piece of ground adjoining a tenement.
3. to the wife of Thomas Crosby of Newark, Tanner. 46s. 8d
4. to my God children 12d apiece.
- 5 to the mending of the highways within North Muskham 20s.
6. to the repairing of the church in North Muskham 10s.
7. to my brother Bradley 10s.
8. to Robert Smith, one piece of gold of 10s.
to Stephen Pye and his wife 5s.
to Ralph Grosbrook a piece of gold of 5s.
9. to Joan Thurland a further £6. 13. 4d.
10. to Joan Thurland a feather bed and a bolster
11. to Ricketts 6s.8d
12. I forgive John Leverton the elder one obligation to me off£20.
13. I forgive John Leverton the elder one other obligation of £10.
14. to Barnaby Lilly 33s. 4d.

The copy of John Smith's will is reproduced by courtesy of Notts. Records' Office.



The interior of John Smith's house was very different to modern homes. Surprisingly, there is no mention in the inventory of books although there was much valuable glass.





Newark-on-Trent was a busy town at the meeting of the A1, the A46 and the River Trent.



Will.

John Smythe of Bathley 1581

Will proved 1 June 1581

Inventory

The trewe inventorie of all the goods and chattells of
John Smyth of Bathkey.....the 18th daie of Maie Ao 1581.
By John Hopkinsone of Holme, gent., Roger Skrimshawe,
John Sampie of Bathley and Willm Bradley & Willm
Skrimshawe of Muskham.....as followeth.

In the Hall

First, one fframed table with 2 lockers, one forme, one tressele & one benche	14s.
One syde borde wth a frame, 2 lyttell formes	4s.
One cheare of wainescote	2s.
2 throwne chaires	2s.
6 quishinge	6s.
25 pames of glasse	14s.
One gallowe tree, 2 stoopes of yron, 4 hooks, one tostinge yron, one payer of tonges, one fier scom, one fier yron.	5s.

In the buttrie

2 brasse potts, one posnett	20s.
2 greate pannes, 3 greate kettells, two lyttell kettells	40s.
3 candelsticks, one chaffindish, one mort ^r wth a pestell, one scom ^{an}	6s. 8d
One greate brasen mort ^r wth a pestell	5s.
One tinne candelsticke	16d.
7 pewter platters	12s.
4 pottingers	16d.
4 sawcers, one salte	20d.
One basin, 2 lyttell dublers, 2 sawcers	3s.
One dozen case trenchers, 2 dosen of.....enchers	14d.

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,,.....table with a fferme fframe	?
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.....of Joyners worke	7 ?
.....nnes of glasse	5s. ?

In the greate chambr

One carved bedsteade with a garth webb botome	16s.
One other bedsteade with a corded bottome	8s.
One fetherbed, 2 bolsters, 2 cushian pillowes wth one olde matterisse	30s.
One tester of satten, a bridge wth a fringe of silke, 5 curtens of sarcemiet green & redd	£ 3
2 coverletts, one blankett	5s.
One coveringe of arras	30s.
One other ffetherbed, one bolster, 2 pillowes	16s.
One other tester of satten, a bridges with a fringe & 4 silk curtens of yolowe am Redd	26s. 8d.
One hearen coverlett	2s.
One other chiste wth Iron in yt	13s. 4d.
One chaire, one olde chiste, 2 dores, one borde, one close stoole	8s
9 castmente	6s

In the lyttell chambr

One trundell bed with corde & a matt	2s. 6d.
One ffetherbedde, 2 pillowes, one old quilte	10s.
One bedde coveringe	10s.
One stande bedde	
One ffanne, one paire of old bedstocks	2s.
One tubbe with fethers & 3 yeards of heare clothe	2s. 6d
One paire of skoles	2s. 6d
2 peces of leade	16d.
Certen olde locks, one olde chiste, one olde cupborde, to sett potts on	3s.
21 fotte of olde broken geaspe	7s
One tester of a bedd of Redd Pay(?) with 3 curtens	4s.

In the bedd chambr

One bedsted with a tester seeled	
.....	16s.
One matterisse, 2 bolsters, 2 pillowes, one fetherbed	23s. ?
2 blanketts, one coveringe, 5 lockerand curtens blewe	22s.
One chamberpott	8d.
2 chaires of kar de borde	8s
One throwne chaire	4d
One co tr 3 chistes	10s.
One chiste bounde with yron	16s.
In the said chiste one silver spoone	5s.
7 golde rings, a tablet of golde, one Romaine a' silver & gilte	£ 6
Certen painted clothes	5s.
One table cloth of diap, one towell, 2 napkins of diaper	13s. 4d.
2 paier of lynninge sheets	14s.
5 table clothes, lynninge, 12 table napkins lynninge	12s.
4 pillowe beares	6s
3 paier & one sheete of ayfdinge, 3 hande towels	7s.
One budgett, one coffer	2s. 8d.
21 paines of glasse	6s.

Aparrell

One dublet of blacke saten, one paire of venicions of tuffed taffetie	£ 3. 6s. 8d.
One ceske of purple color	30s.
One cloke of marble wth a hudde	16s.
One dublett of blacke taffetie	4s.
One jerkin of blacke clothe wth a brode lace of silke	7s.
One paier of venicions of blackeclothe	5s.
2 paier of blacke paine hose lacde on with lace	7s.
One blacke Spenishe jerkin cutt	5s.
One blacke plaine Jerkin	4s.
A paire of venicions of purple clothe	3s. 4d.
One dublett of white milian fustian	5s.
One canves dublett cutt	2s. 8d.
3 (Sh)reise Jerkins blacke	5s.
One syde gowne of blewe faced wth blacke conie, and laide with lace and lyned wth whyte baies	30s.

One paire of whyte Jernesale netherstocke	3s. 4d.
One paire of black Jernesale netherstocks	3s. 4d.
A paire of whyte knitte netherstocke	12d.
One blacke shette	4s.
One paire of boote hose	2s.

In the mylke house

3 loomes	2s. 4d.
One lather basen	2s. 4d.
4 chesfatts, one chese borde, 7 shelves, a breade grater, wth other implements	4s.

In the kitchen

One dishe benche	10s.
2 tubbes with covers	2s.
4 spytts, one paier of cobyrons	3s. 4d.
Drippinge panne	2s.
2 gridyrons	2s.
One screene	8d.
One brandrithe	20 d.
One mashe fatte, a gatheringe tubbe & kunnele	4s.
One so (?) 4 kytte	2s.
One bord.... & one buskett	16d.

In the kitchen chamber

2 trusse bedds	7s.
One matteris, 2 blanketts, one coverlett	3s. 4d.
20 bunch of latts	6s. 8d.
One picke pann & a brande	2s. 8d.
One axe, one hatchett, one paire of plowe yrons, one mattocke with other iron ware	4s.
One trundell bedd	20d.

In the brewe house

One Leade	13s. 4d.
One paire of quernes	20s.
A paire of mustarde querns	16s.
One mashe fatte	5s.
One kneadinge troughe, one boltinge chiste and one old Leade	6s.
5 forkes, 5 sives, one bowle	6s.

In the stable

2 saddels, 2 bridles with patwells	5s.
One mannger, one racke wth plannchers and one boose	5s.
5 horse collers	2s. 6d.
5 paire of horse geares	6s.
One carte rope & a well rope	20d.
4 axel trees with other plowe timber	3s. 4d.

In the yeard

One carte, one ploughe, one paire of Iron harrowes	28s.
6 tymber trees	18s.
All the fier wood in the yearde	20s.
15 roodes of pale	27s. 6d.
18 lodes of stone	24s.
6 lodes of stone	12s.
2 whele barrowes & one hande barrowe	20d.
Plaster, slate & lyme	16s.

In the lathe

One pile of squared timber	46s. 8d.
.....3 bordes	14s.

.....peces & one balke 13s. 4d.
s, 2 sydes of a ladder, a horse.....
 wth all other implements in..... 5s ?

.....Sheep & cattell

.....one & 11 olde shepe, with fold fleake £ 49
 3 kye £ 4. 10s.
 3 mares, 3 foles £ 3. 6s. 8d
 One graie mare 33s. 4d.
 One grisseld horse & one dimed horse 20s.
 One geldinge £ 3. 6s. 8d
 One bay stoned horse 20s.
 One sowe & one gilte 11s.
 One turkie cocke & 3 hennes 6s.
 12 hennes & one cocke 4s.
 3 capons 2s.
 One buckett, one rope, one borde that covereth
 the well & an heape of stones 4s.

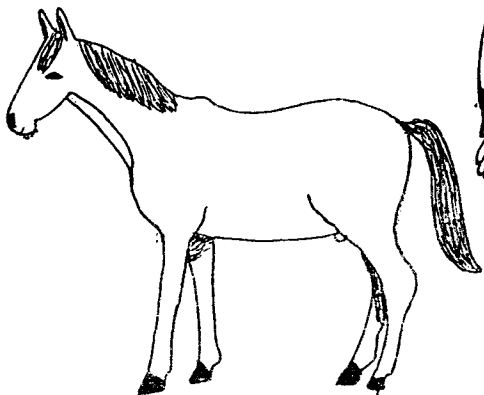
Corne

5 acres of corne, rie, wheate & barley 50s.
 20 acres of pease £ 6. 13s. 4d
 4 acres of barley, ohe acre and a halfe
 of pease £ 3

Sum total £ 143. 17s. 4d.

One horse one cade lambe one quarter of malte &
 strikes of pease & certain wood standinge in w(?)orno wood
 to the value of an acre & 2 roode of poles, 2 olde geise
 and a gander with yonge two turkie hennes et cetera 46s. 8d.

Sum tota £ 146. 3s.

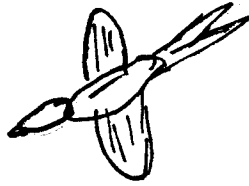


17. Carry on down Chapel Lane and on your right is a Chapel. The Chapel dates from 1844. Years ago, it used to be popular with many Methodist worshippers. The Chapel had a Sunday School but it closed down. It is now used for a store house for builders.

18. Keep going down Chapel Lane until you come to the village green. You will recognise it because the bench has a plaque in commemoration of the 1977 Silver Jubilee. The green used to be much bigger than it is now. There's a telephone, a postbox and a notice board. There is no church like there is on quite a few village greens.

19. Across the way from the green is the Smalley's Garage. With farming, it is the only industry in Bathley. At the back of the Garage is a heap of battered cars, lorries, vans and motor bikes. It also sells petrol and diesel.

There are many advantages but also disadvantages to living in Bathley. Some disadvantages are that there are no shops or pavements; also, the roads are very bendy and dangerous for small children. A big disadvantage is there are no clubs or things to do, but there is peace and quiet, countryside, friendly neighbours and beautiful buildings.



You are now back at the car park. We hope you enjoyed your Village Trail.



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Find 10 words to do with Bathley :

- Bathley
- The Crown
- John Smyth
- Footpath
- Garage
- Dovecote
- Thrush
- Hops
- Farm
- Chapel