



## The Historic Buildings and Land of Stratton St. Margaret

There was a mill up until recent times and is recorded in the 'Doomsday Book'

Near the church once stood an Elizabethan tithe barn, built mainly of wood, and the village pound and the small parish school.

The main tithe barn stood near Parsonage Farm in Swindon Road (both now demolished).

Kingsdown House – (now Demolished)

Description from a Upper Stratton Senior school visit in 1935 – *“Colonel Birley residence is a stately pile of the Tudor period. It is approached through a fine park and stands in its own grounds.*

*It has twelve chimneys of the usual tudor design and mullioned windows. The outside is grey and mellowed with age. Round the house there is a small moat, but it is now covered by the grass.*

*The ceilings are very high and some of the older floors have been replaced by modern ones. The door is of stout oak studded with nails.*

*Just inside the front door there is a large hall and on each wall there are huge candlesticks which are used as ornaments. Just inside the front door there is also a room where they play table-tennis. Opposite the table-tennis room there is a room where they have parties.*

*This manor will be still standing when other more recent structures have crumbled away.*

Eileen Griffin 1A

If she had only known it would be knocked down to build the Crematorium 30 years later.

The Pidgeon House was built c.1600 for the use of the Manor and is a Grade II listed building at the back of Swindon Road/Ermin Street.

Church Farm (grade II) dates from the mid/late 17th century. It is an 'L' plan farmhouse built of local rubblestone with ashlar stone quoins and ovolo section stone mullion windows, it is now incorporated into a Residential home. It was originally called 'Priory Farm' and stood on site of a Benedictine Priory.

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73 Swindon Rd, dated 1773, is a two and a half storey coursed rubblestone former farmhouse, listed grade II.

West Cottage, Green Lane would have stood near to railway crossing just inside Motor plant grounds.

The boundary house was built about 1894 on the site of the boundary cottage from when the road was turnpiked in 1757/8.

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The Wheatsheaf in Ermin Street is listed grade II and probably dates from the 18th century. It has a typical Cotswold stone tiled roof which is characteristically laid in diminishing courses i.e. small tiles close to the ridge becoming larger towards the eaves. The pub has been associated with nearby Arkells Brewery since the 1850's (Arkells Brewery is the focus of the Stratton (Kingsdown) Conservation Area).

Stratton Park house was built by the Brick maker Thomas Day.

Recreation Grounds, Ermin Street, sold to Plessey's for Sports Ground now Kingsdown Gate housing estate.

Garrads, the radio and record player company, had a Sports field off Stratton Road. It had football, cricket, hockey pitches, tennis courts and bowling green along with clubhouse. When Garrads left Swindon the grounds were sold and now make up part of Greenbridge leisure area.

1966 Crematorium built in Kingsdown Road.

Gays Place, sheltered housing named after well known local midwife of 1940's and 1950's often seen out and about on her bike.

Espringham House, Sheltered Housing in Hathaway Road opened in 1971.

Stratton Wood - [A Woodland Trust Site](#) this was opened around 2000 after a lot of local campaigning. On the first day of tree planting Clive Anderson came and joined in.