

The Medieval Manor



This image of the dig is from the other side of the Pavilion. The work revealed the manor house with a hall, and a separate bakehouse.

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The Lost House

Today's manor is not the first on the site.

The earliest estate map shows a substantial house in this area near the church. Another drawn for a sale in 1678 shows it again, labelling it 'The Mannor House' (sic).

Remaking the Manor

Archaeological excavations carried out in 1979-1980 confirmed that a large hall house, dated about 1380, originally sat under what is now the South Pavilion. It was bought, in that 1678 sale, by William Pritchard, a wealthy merchant. He made sweeping changes.

By 1690 the old house was gone, the stone likely used for today's manor. Still relatively modest, the new house was enlarged around 1725. A thatched barn and these stables (the Pavilions) were added at about the same time, framing and adding consequence to the main house.

Look

...at the front and back of the Pavilions.

Notice any differences?

Only this side was dressed to impress visitors. The other faced a working yard.



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