

'BOTTLE & GLASS PUBLIC HOUSE BINFIELD HEATH.

Parish:- Shiplake, Oxfordshire.

Owners:- Brakspear's Brewery.

This investigation was carried out with the kind permission of Mr. and Mrs.
H. Wright.



'BOTTLE & GLASS' Public House with BOURNES FARM BARN to the left.

A listed building, Gd. III; C 16 - 17Cent. 2 storey, timber frame and brick infilling. Windows irregular, altered thatch roof. Picturesque.

Upgraded 1985 to Gd II

This thatched timber framed house stands where the Henley to Caversham road and Bones Lane, an old track way, meet. It faces the heath, now mainly built over, and its north-west gable is only separated by a few yards from the barn of Bournes Farm, which we have recorded in report No. 4. Their close proximity and the absence of a farm house at Bournes farm, leaves very little doubt as to the original use of the 'Bottle & Glass'; but many farmers brewed their own

beer and if there was a call for it sold it to travellers, which is the beginning of most rural pubs. The 'Bottle & Glass' is first mentioned in the Shiplake Churchwardens' accounts of 1764 as a public house. By this time the retailing of beer had become a separate concern. The 1841 Tithe Returns certainly show the farmer of Bournes living in a house some distance away. It is interesting to note that the Census Returns show that the tenant publicans also carried out a second trade.

The enclosed 1913 map shows a pond opposite the pub where the car park is now.

ARCHITECTURAL EVIDENCE.

The house is timber framed with brick infill. The two ^{left} ~~right~~ hand bays (I and II on ground plan) have irregular square panels, and are of one storey and attic; the ^{newell} left hand bay (No. III on plan) has very regular panels and is slightly higher, making it a two-storey building. The outline of earlier straight braces from wall post to tie can be seen on its gable and front wall. The porch is a modern addition. A small timber-framed extension was added to the north-west gable. Outshuts of varying dates and widths run the length of the back wall. The entrance is into a lobby against the stack ^h ~~w~~hich is situated between bays II and III. A newel stair rises between the lobby and stack and is accessible from bay II. The roof is thatched with a half hip on the south-east gable.

On entering the left hand bar, (bays I and II), it soon becomes apparent that this was originally divided into three rooms. One heated room in bay II and two unheated service rooms in bay I. There is still the sawn-off end of a sole plate which would have run underneath the central spine beam of bay I, and there are several wattle stave holes in the underside of the binding joists (also see Anne Cottingham's enclosed sketch) at truss B - B1. The joists in this section are laid flat and are between 0.12 to 0.15m wide. The spine beam has chamfered stops. It seems that these two service rooms were always lofted over. During recent alterations to the bar, when part of the outshut was incorporated into it, wattle and daub panels were removed from the back wall of bay I, leaving the stave holes exposed.

There is a small hoist door in the north-west gable above ceiling height, originally giving access from the outside to the loft for storage purposes.

The ceiling of bay II is ca 0.15m lower than that of bay I. It has a very rough spine beam, which shows some signs of a chamfer, but no stops, and the joists are narrow and irregular of 0.05 to 0.07m. Some look re-used.

The brick work of the 2.50m. wide fire place with an opening of 1.50m does not help with the dating since it looks re-built. The mantel beam has a deep chamfer. There is an attractive panelled door next to the fire place giving access to a steep newel stair which turns right towards the front of the house where it ends on a small landing giving access to the rooms above bays II and III. From the mortises for wall studs in the underside of the girding beam which now forms the top of the door frame it becomes clear that this is not the original staircase, since this was an end wall.

Before discussing the architectural development of the building we must go into bay III, which from the external evidence is a later addition. No ceiling joists are exposed here, only a tie beam and the wall plate, since the outshut was incorporated into the room. A fire place with modern bricks is set into the back of the stack. This part is of full 2 storey height.

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT.

From the available evidence - it was not possible to examine the upstairs rooms for evidence of an open-hall truss or smoke blackening on the rafters - this seems to be a late-medieval house of two bays, one was heated. Whether this was by an open fire - the later ceiling insertion points to it - or by a brick-built external stack - cannot be ascertained for lack of evidence. The other bay, bay I on our ground plan, was sub-divided into 2 unheated service rooms with loft over. Mr. Wright confirmed during a conversation that the division into two rooms still existed when they came to the house in 1966. One of the rooms was used as a bar. Bay II was probably lofted over when the stack was built, perhaps in the 1580's when brick-built stacks began to appear everywhere. Was access to the top floor only through the external hoist door, or was there a ladder stair from the outshut? The newel stair can only have been built after the erection of bay III, because it is outside the original 2-bay building, as is the stack and the present lobby-entry. The right hand bay, No. III, was probably built on in the 17th - 18th C.

A copy of this report will go to the National Monuments Record Office.

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 Scale drawings:- R. Gibson.

'BOTTLE & GLASS' Public House, BINFIELD HEATH

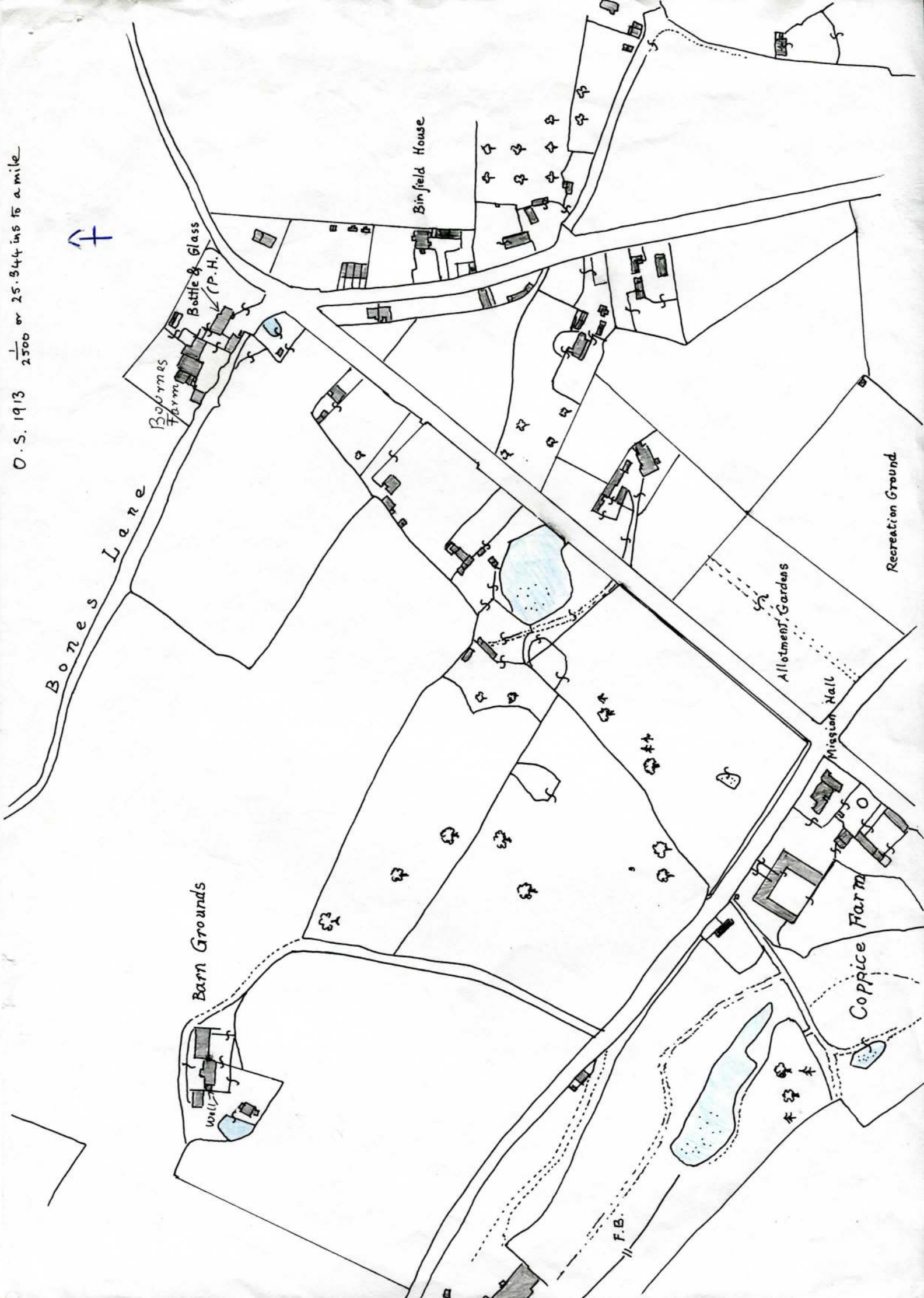
OWNERS:- Joseph Benwell, Henley Brewer until 1830
Rev H Gosse, until 1881
From 1881 until today owned by Brakspear & Sons
(information from F Sheppard's book)

TENANTS:- From the Victuallers Recognizances :-
1753-1769 probably Anthony Harris (no pub name, but one of the
Shiplake pubs, and by elimination most likely Bottle &
Glass)
1770-1787 William Harris (Bottle & Glass)
1789-1797 John Mercer (Bottle & Glass)
1801-1821 John Reeves (Bottle & Glass)
1822 John Reeves (E J Climenson 'History of Shiplake')
1841 Elizabeth Reeves, his widow (Tithe Lists)
1851 William Prier (Census Returns)
1861 ?
1871 Charles Marcham, who also carried on trade as a
carpenter (Census Returns)
1881 Charles Simmons, aged 44, his wife Mary A Simmons
aged 46; he also worked as a general
labourer (Census Returns)

The following list of Licensees was supplied by Messrs Brakspear:-

1896-1900	T Noakes
March 1901	E J Cordery
Sept 1908	H B Sharp
Aug 1910	J England
Jan 1914	Page
Sept 1915	Wood
July 1917	R W Gilbert
Feb 1931	H E Robbins
July 1946	B W Bayliss
July 1961	J A Taylor
Dec 1962	H G Anderson
April 1966	H A G Wright
Dec 1985	

O.S. 1913 $\frac{1}{2500}$ or 25.344 ins to a mile



Bones Lane

Boynes Farm
Bottle & Glass
(P.H.)

Binfield House

Barn Grounds

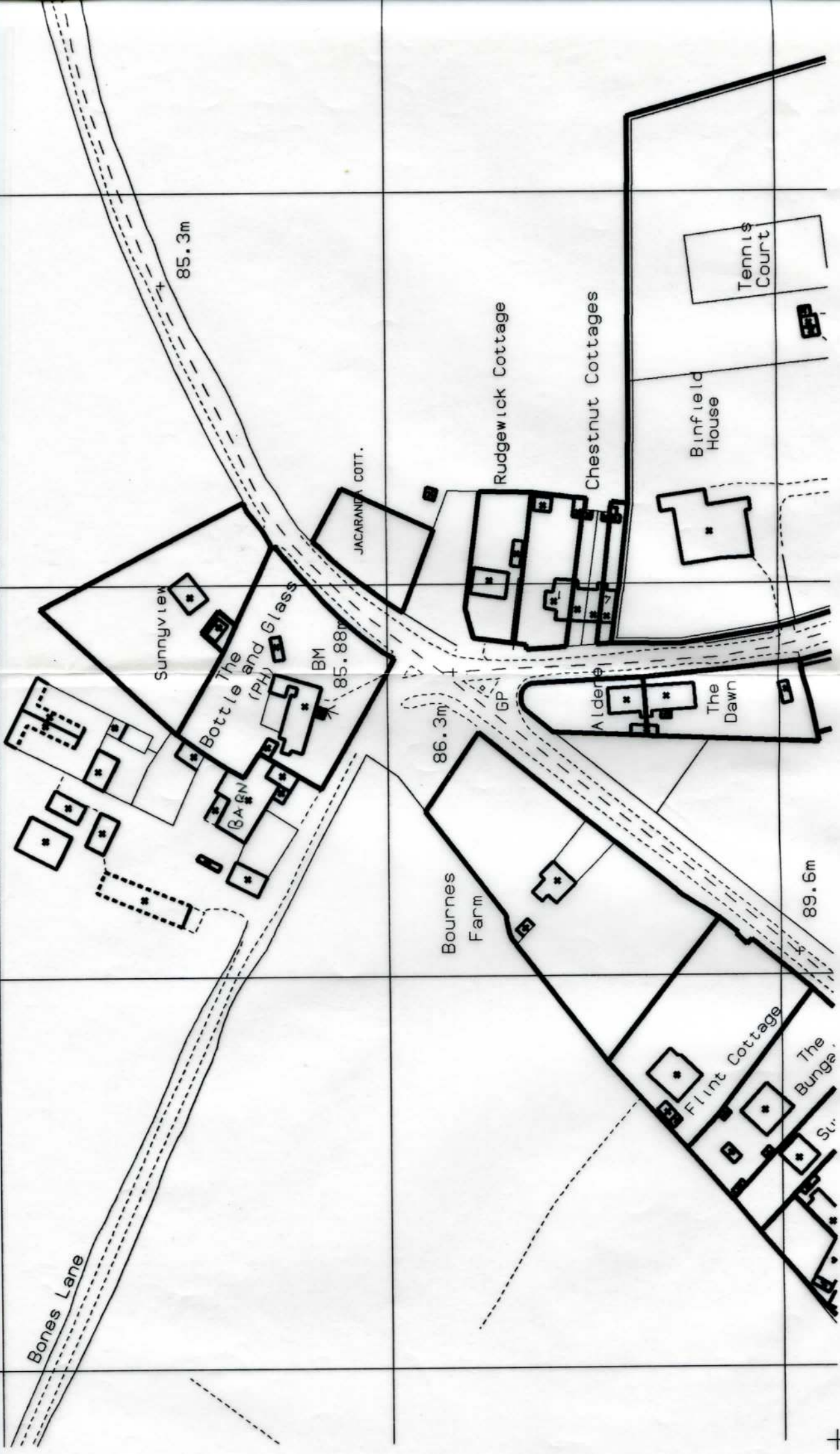
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Mission Hall

Allotment Gardens

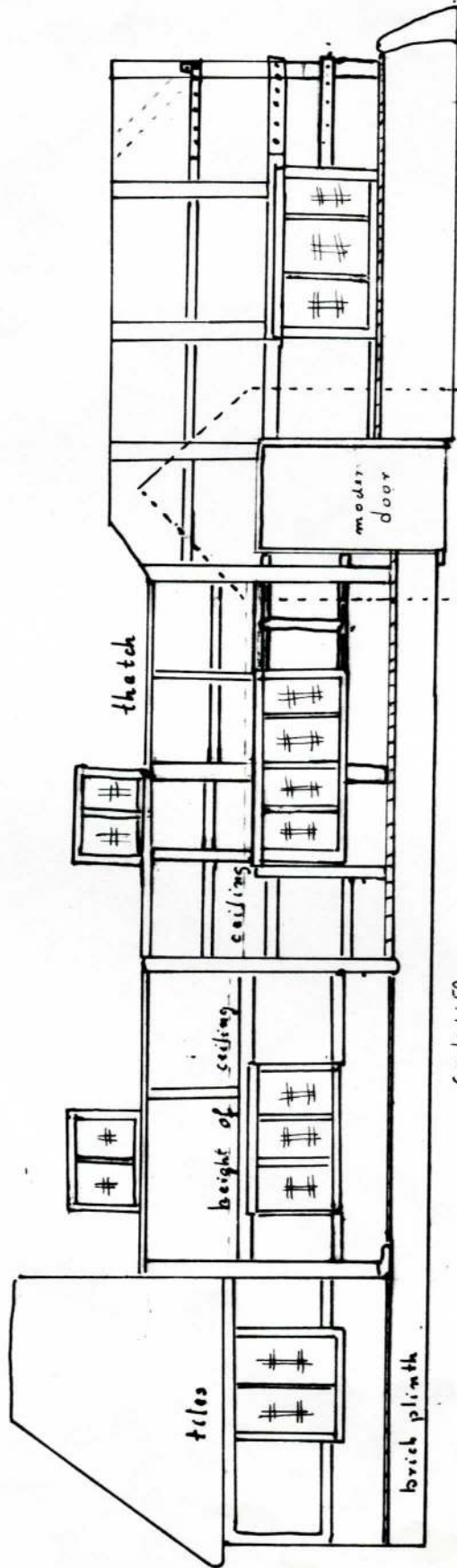
Recreation Ground

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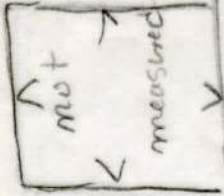
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roof - not measured -

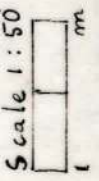
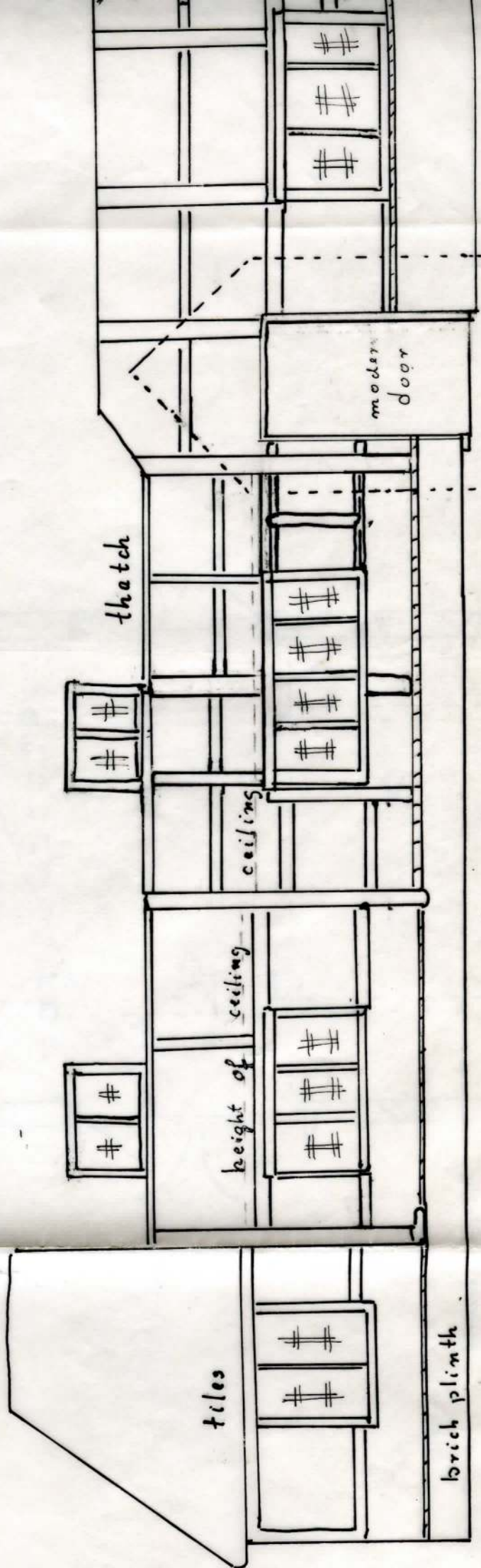


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R. G. / 83 'Bottle & Glass' South - West Elevation



roof - not measured



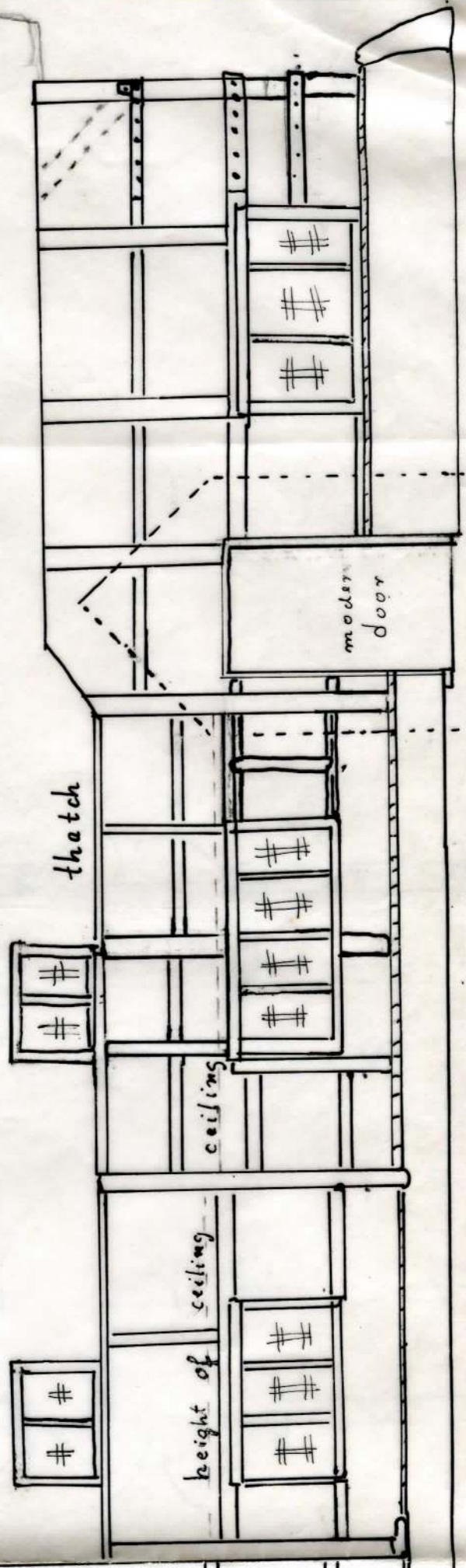
modern South - West Elevation
porch

R.G/83

'Bottle & Glass'

not measured

roof - not measured



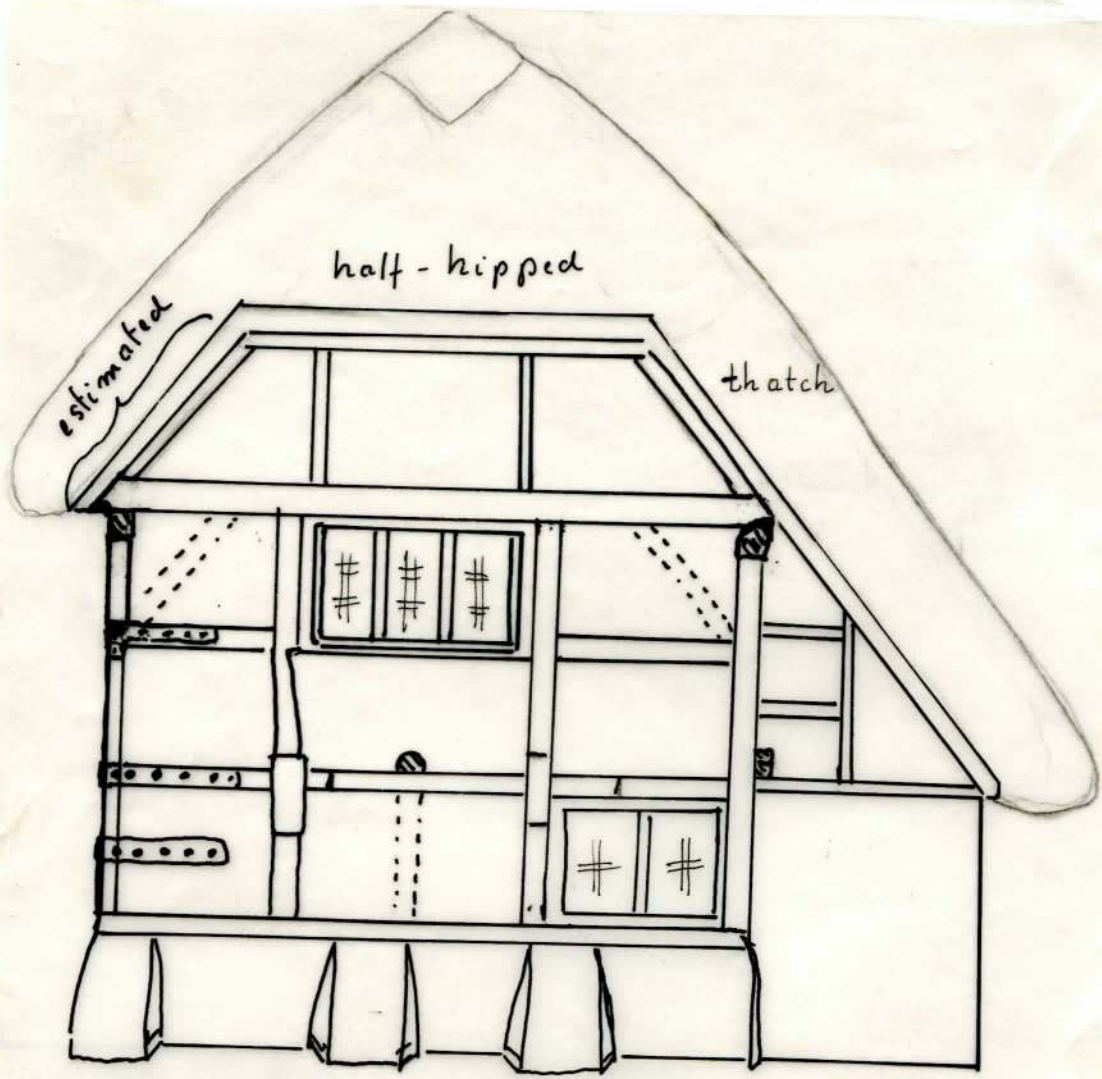
modern South - West Elevation porch

Scale 1:50
1 m

R.G/83

'Bottle & Glass'

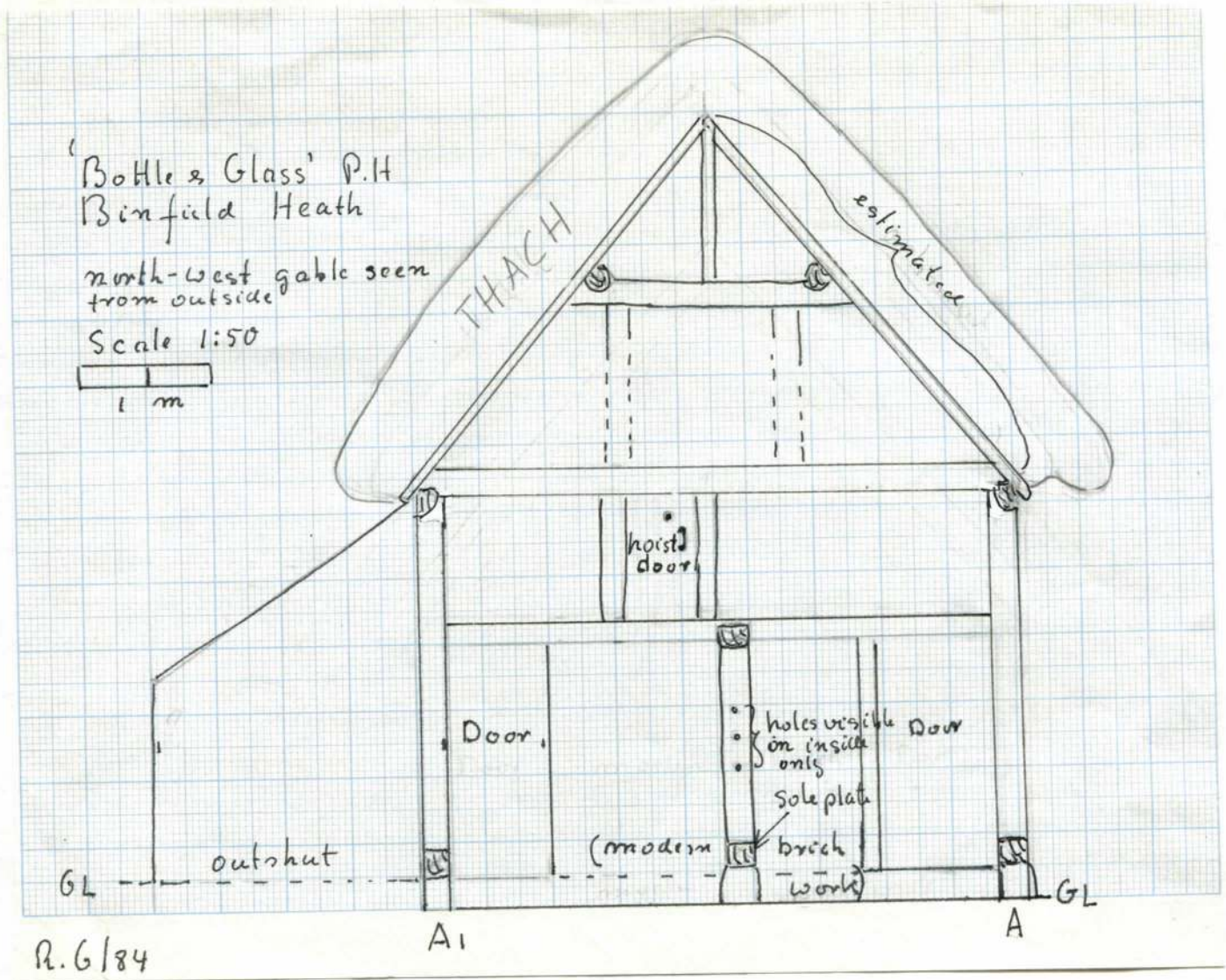
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'Bottle & Glass' P.H. Binfield Heath
South-East gable, timber framed
with brick plinth & brick nogging

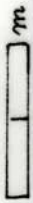
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1 m

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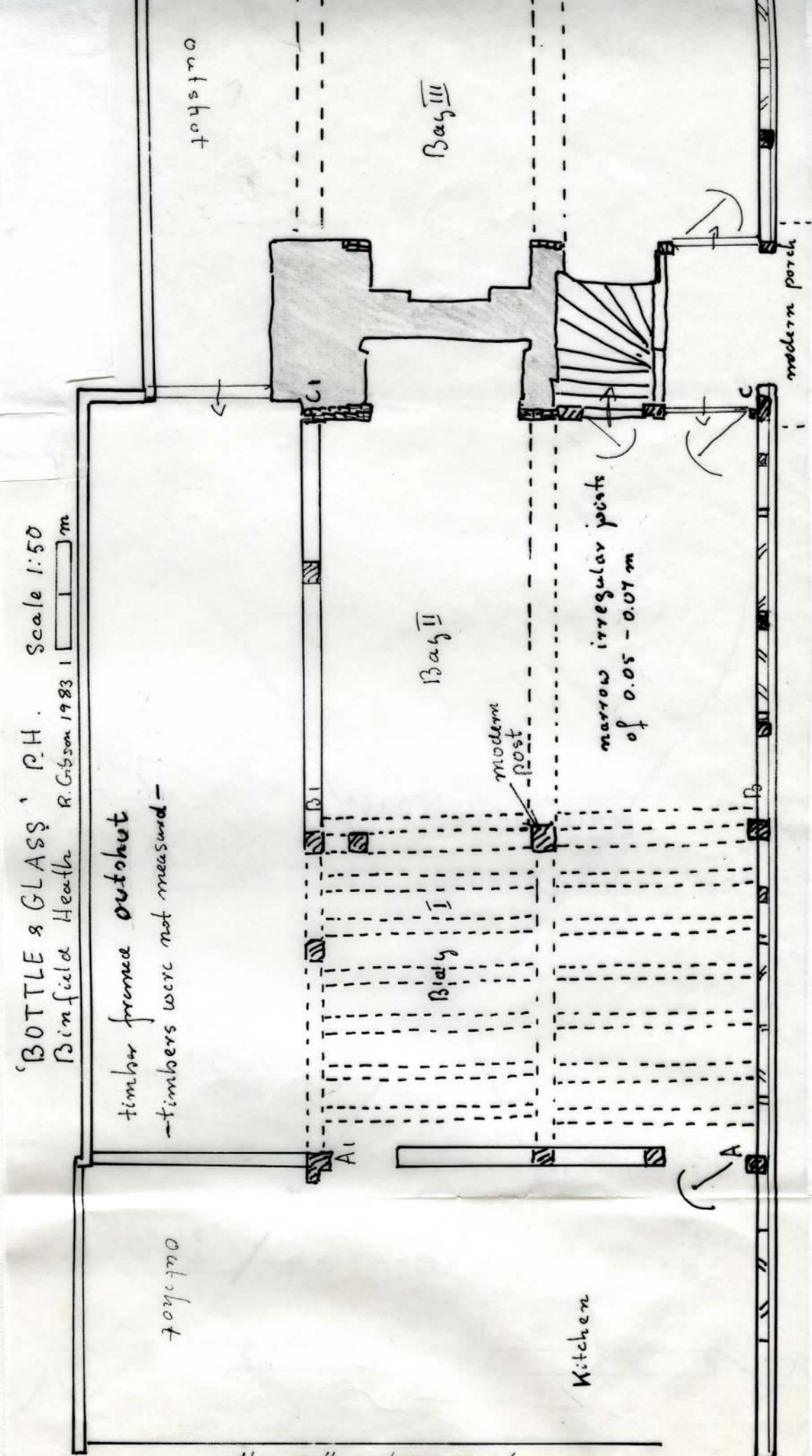


North-West Gable with extensions

'BOTTLE & GLASS' P.H. Scale 1:50
 Binfield Heath R. Gibson 1983



timber framed outshot
 -timbers were not measured-



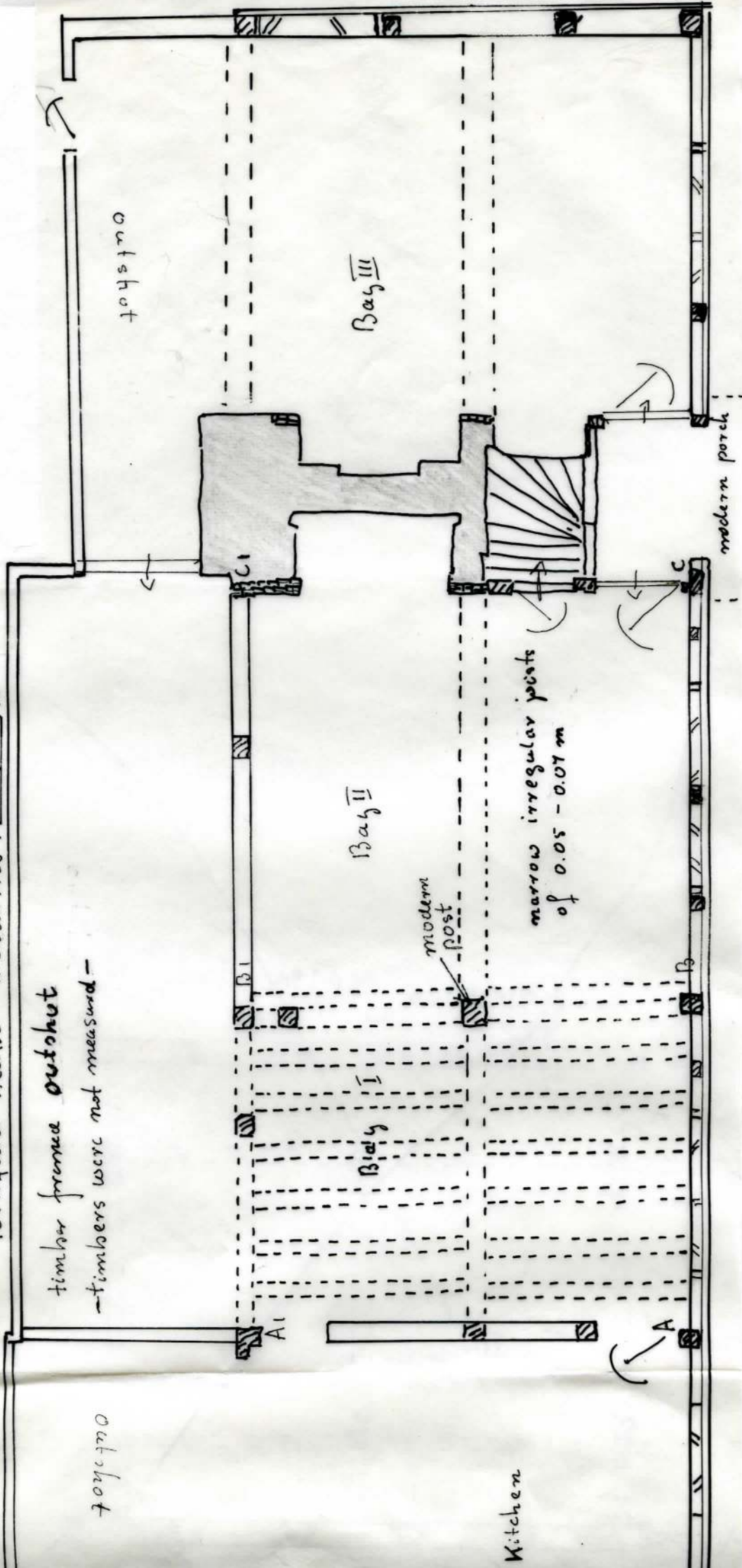
this wall not measured
 (modern outbuilding)
 adjoining

'BOTTLE & GLASS' P.H. Scale 1:50
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1 m

timber frame *outshot*

timbers were not measured -



Bay II

Bay III

Bay I

narrow irregular joists
of 0.05 - 0.07 m

modern
post

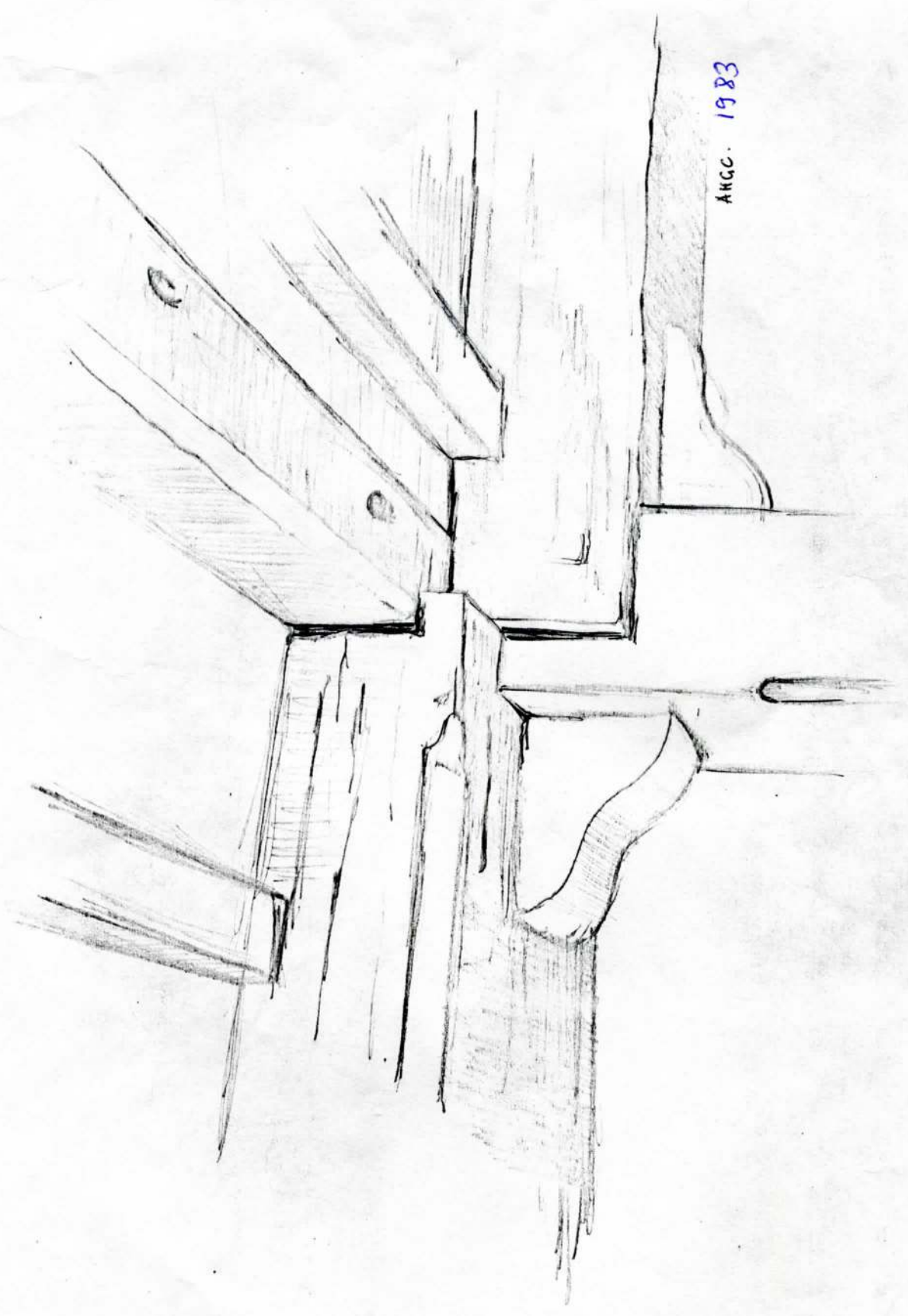
modern porch

Kitchen

outshot

outshot

mbs

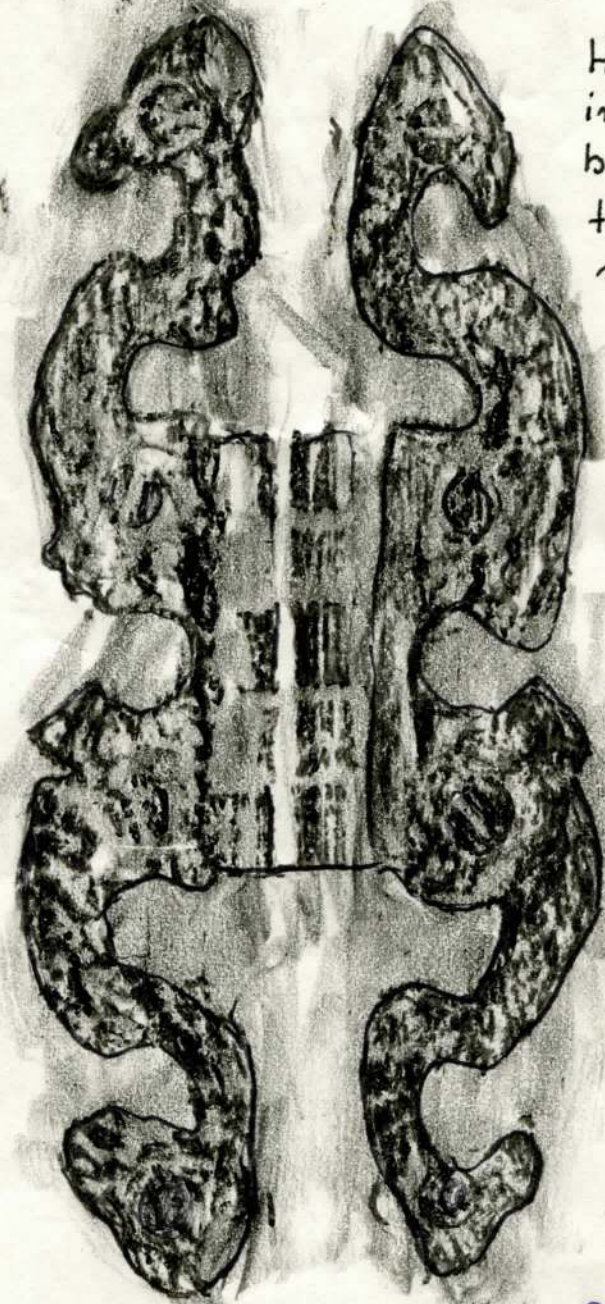


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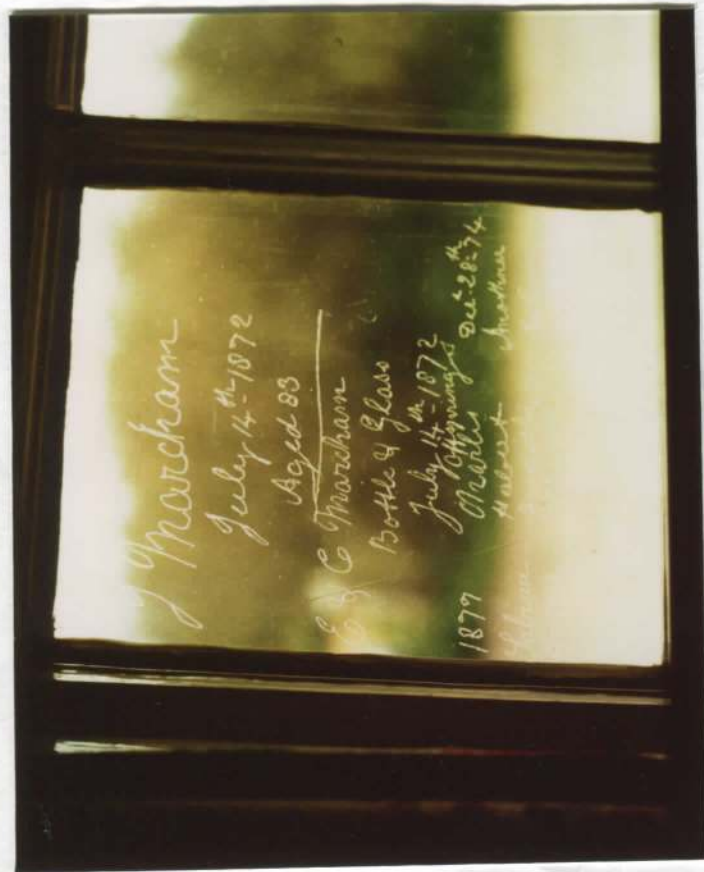
'Bottle & Glass' New timber post supporting the two spine beams at truss B-B1
- note difference in ceiling heights and holes for wattle staves of former stud wall

'Bottles Glass'
Binfield Heath

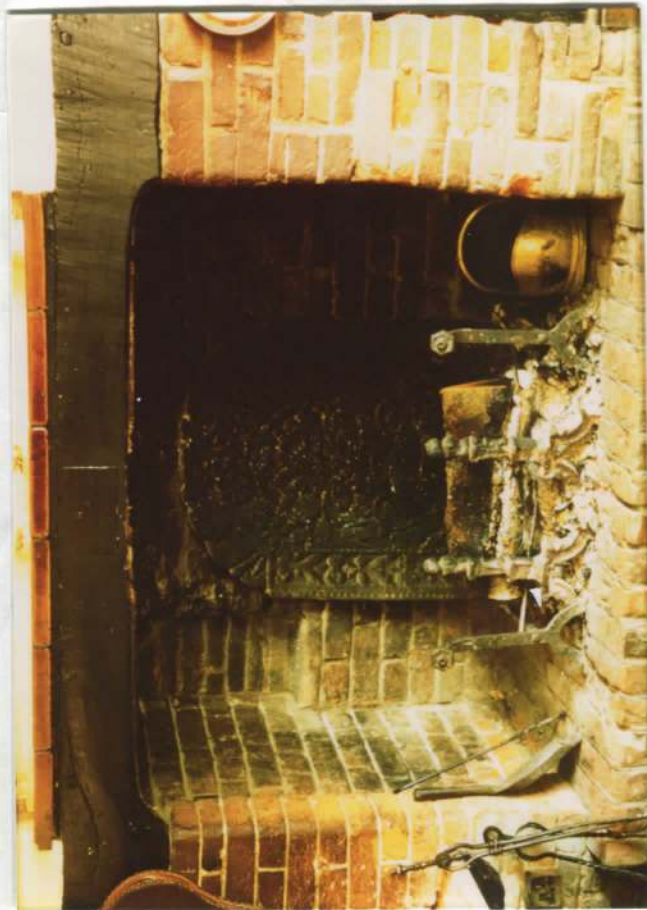
Hinge on door
in left hand
bar, leading
to newel stair
next to stack.



Rubbing by
R. Gibson 1983



The Marchams were tenants



Fireplace in Bay II

1983



Names written on window pane in Bay II



Newel Stair next to stack in Bay II

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'SHAMBLES'
No. 1 CROFTERSVALE PARK
BARLESTONE
NUNEATON
WARWICKSHIRE
CV13 0FD

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Dear Mrs Gibson,

I have dug out some
old & new pictures taken when we were
at the Bottle + Glass. I hope some of them
will be of interest to you, as they show the
old buildings that have now been pulled
down.

Yours sincerely

Harry Doughty



Time for retirement

The popular licensees of Binfield Heath pub were given a rousing send-off on Saturday night to mark their retirement after 20 years at the pub.

Harry and Rene Wright of the Bottle and Glass are retiring to live in Warwickshire and on Saturday night, friends and regulars gathered together to say goodbye with cards and presents.

Rene was given 20 red roses

to mark each year they have lived at the pub and a rosebowl and Harry was presented with a decanter and a bottle of brandy. In addition to these gifts, so much money had been raised by the customers that a cheque for £130 was also given to the couple.

"They were slightly taken aback because I think they were surprised at how much people liked them," said Mr. Bruce Beck, who has been a regular at the pub for some years.

Since the Wrights took over the Bottle and Glass, they stopped selling cigarettes and were also responsible for helping to organise the traditional wheelbarrow race, which takes place each year, where couples push each other from the Bottle and Glass to the White Hart in Shiplake.

Harry has also gained the reputation of ensuring the pub's beer is always of the finest quality.

"His was undoubtedly the best Brakspear beer without question," said Mr. Beck.

It has also always been a joke among regulars at the pub that Rene is such a staunch supporter of the British Legion that she will not serve anyone who isn't wearing a poppy around Remembrance Day. This last year alone, the Bottle and Glass raised over £300 for the charity.

Although they are moving out of the area, Harry and Rene have promised to come back regularly and see all the friends they have made through running the pub.

The new landlord of the pub is Timothy Allen, and he was granted a protection order by the licensing justices at Henley on Tuesday.

Although he has been working as a caterer, Mr.

Allen has spent a number of years in the licensed trade. He held the licence of The Pegasus at Marlow Bottom from 1966 to 1977 and, with his mother, had the licence of The Studley Arms at Studley Green from 1974 to 1976. His wife Glenys will help run the pub.



Bottle & Glass Binfield Heath

pre 1985, by H & R. Wright 1 on 1 lands since 1966





Bottle & Glass P.H. Binfield Heath, pre 1985, by H & R Wrist
tenants

Pair sign 20-year lease after Grade II listed building is refurbished and extended

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Long-term investment: new tenants David Holliday, left, and Alex Sergeant outside Bottle and Glass Inn where the new and old parts of the pub are joined and, right, the extension that will house a 70-seat restaurant



Village pub to re-open after three years

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A PUB in Binfield Heath that has been closed for three years will re-open on April 1 after being renovated and extended.

David Holliday and Alex Sergeant have signed a 20-year lease on the former Bottle and Glass pub in Harpsden Road and rebranded it the Bottle and Glass Inn.

The pub is owned by the Phillimore Estate which bought it from Brakspear for more than £400,000 in 2014. This followed a quick turnover of landlords and the pub's closure in November 2013.

The estate has completed an 18-month restoration of the Grade II listed building and built a two-storey extension, which will house a 70-cover restaurant.

The car park has been moved to the rear and an infill three-

bedroom house built. A bar for "locals" has been created in the old part of the pub, with pews, benches and standing room.

Mr Holliday, 36, lives in Wargrave, and Mr Sergeant, 31, from Pinkneys Green, have spent £250,000 furnishing and fitting out the pub.

Mr Holliday, who used to be head chef at the Pot Kiln pub and restaurant in Fritilsham, near Newbury, said: "We wanted to be involved with a regeneration of a pub."

"We wanted somewhere that screamed 'traditional English pub' but the site also had to be able to accommodate a kitchen and trading spaces that could be run as a food-led operation."

"The Phillimores have created a wonderful trading space at the back of the pub so the business case for the project was much stronger."

"It ticked a lot of boxes with a rural location close to Henley and



Modernised: the Grade II listed pub has been refurbished and refitted easy access from Reading station if we really put it on the map.

"But we don't want to just be a restaurant, the pub aspect is very important to us. We have a great big outside space and will be doing bar food."

Mr Holliday is the co-founder of

Natural Blender, a subscription-based smoothie business, and has

Dunsden, which is also on the estate. The landlords plan to source produce directly from local farmers where possible.

The pub menu will include Oxfordshire wood pigeon, beetroot, pickled berries and cobnuts and estate fallow deer chop, brewer's malt, parsley root and seasonal greens. Cheeses will come from the Nettlebed Creamery.

A range of bar snacks will include Lancashire bomb with onion pastry, hand-raised pork pies and the Bottle and Glass scotch egg.

The tenants plan to open the pub to villagers only at the end of this month.

A spokesman for the estate said: "When the last remaining pub in Binfield Heath came on the market, the Phillimore family were keen to secure its future not only as a listed building but as a functional pub."

"The estate has liaised with Binfield Heath Parish Council to ensure

that the village keeps a pub as a vital and vibrant part of the community.

"The estate recognised that village pubs can no longer survive without extensive restaurant facilities and undertook a sympathetic renovation of the listed pub and a major extension project to create a traditional pub that is equipped to deal with modern requirements."

"The Phillimore family are delighted to have David and Alex on board and are looking forward to the Bottle and Glass becoming the heart of the community once again."

Graham and Jill Hughes ran the pub until April 2013, when they left saying they had lost £35,000.

It was then taken over by Anthony Eden, a former Goring parish councillor, but he left in November 2013.

The parish council registered the pub as an asset of community value before it was bought by the Phillimore Estate.