

BEDFORD HIGH STREET

Heritage Gazetteer

Tracing the history of properties in Bedford High Street



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HISTORIC OVERVIEW

The present town of Bedford is the result of around 1,400 years of continuous human settlement and it is believed that the north-south route, followed by the High Street and crossing over the River Great Ouse, may even pre-date the early Saxon town.

In the 10th and 11th centuries the town was an important central burgh within its shire. It was the place where coins were minted and where goods were traded. It had a significant market and by the end of the Saxon period, the town had grown and extended northwards, along the High Street, to St Peter's church. The street grid had also extended to create the street pattern that we can still see today with High Street forming the central spine.

The High Street continued to develop as the main route into and through the town and as the prime location for traders. This was the original location for the market, which took place in the main street outside what is now Debenhams. To ensure that the town was welcoming and safe for travellers, street lighting was installed as early as 1556 to provide a well-lit route to hostleries, such as the George Inn and The Swan.

“Lights shall be set forth in the High Street all alongand they shall be set up at the shut in of the evening and be continued until eight o'clock following. Each occupier of shops and other edifices next the street shall each, according to the turn of the side, set out a candle light to the bigness of sixteen in the town.”

The Corporation Act Book, October 1556

By the late 18th and early 19th centuries High Street had become the location for the town's most prestigious businesses. The 1830 edition of Pigot and Co. National Commercial Directory lists the businesses that were operating in Bedford that year. Unfortunately the directory is not specific about addresses, but by searching the business type by street name it is possible to determine the range of services provided in the High Street at this time.

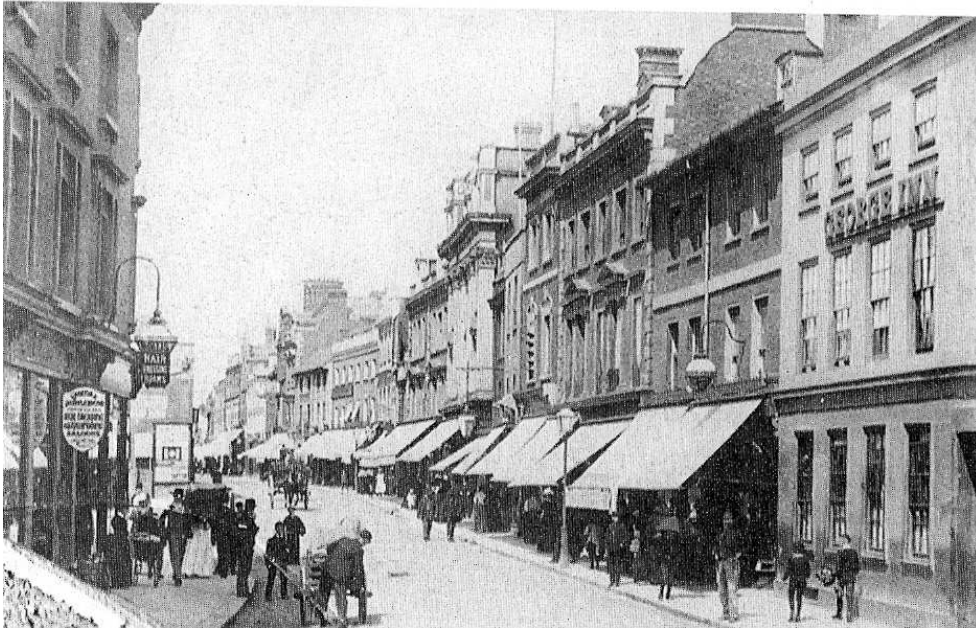
These included:

| Nature of Business | Number in High Street |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Attorneys | 2 |
| Bankers | 2 |
| Fire and Office Agents | 7 |
| Merchants | 3 |
| Surgeons | 3 |
| Veterinary Surgeon | 1 |
| Chemists and Druggists | 3 |
| Hair Dressers | 7 |
| Corn Dealers | 2 |
| Corn Millers | 1 |
| Nursery and Seedsmen | 1 |

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|-------------------------------------|----|
| Paper Hangers | 5 |
| Bakers | 10 |
| Butchers | 10 |
| Grocers and Tea Dealers | 7 |
| Wine and Spirit Merchants | 5 |
| Clothes Dealers | 4 |
| Linen and Woollen Drapers | 8 |
| Lace Manufacturers and Dealers | 4 |
| Hatters | 3 |
| Straw Hat Makers | 1 |
| Milliners and Dressmakers | 8 |
| Tailors | 6 |
| Glover and Tawer | 1 |
| Boot and Shoe Makers | 3 |
| Fancy Bazaar | 1 |
| Booksellers, Stationers and Binders | 5 |
| China and Glass Dealers | 2 |
| Silversmiths and Jewellers | 2 |
| Watch and Clock Makers | 5 |
| Tallow Chandlers | 4 |
| Shopkeepers and Dealers in Sundries | 2 |
| Pawnbrokers | 1 |
| Braziers and Tin-plate Workers | 6 |
| Basket and Sieve Makers | 3 |
| Brush Maker | 1 |
| Brick Makers | 3 |
| Builders | 2 |
| Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers | 3 |
| Chair Makers and Turners | 2 |
| Wool Staplers | 1 |
| Carvers and Guilders | 2 |
| Ironmongers | 6 |
| Joiners and Carpenters | 3 |
| Stone and Marble Masons | 1 |
| Plumbers, Painters and Glaziers | 2 |
| Saddlers and Collar Makers | 3 |
| Lime Burners | 3 |
| Maltsters | 2 |
| Brewers | 2 |
| Inns | 5 |
| Taverns and Public Houses | 14 |

NB numbers should not be taken to represent number of individual businesses as some would be providing more than one service e.g. a grocery dealer may also supply wines and spirits and have a bakery.

This paints a picture of a busy High Street providing almost all of the goods and services that the people of Bedford and surrounding towns and villages would have needed. Goods that were not provided through High Street shops, such as fresh fruit and vegetables and fresh fish, would have been available at the market, which had by this time re-located to St Paul's Square.



South end of High Street in 1900. The George Inn, now Swan Court, is the first building on the right facing the Bank Buildings on the left, which were demolished shortly after 1938 when the town bridge was widened. (Photograph source - BLARS)

The significant number of tradesmen and craftsmen operating from the High Street, such as joiners, ironmongers, cabinet makers etc, also suggests that the back yards and warehouses behind the shop fronts were in use as workshops and manufactories producing a wide range of goods. While some of the listings may refer to the office address of businesses, later listings in Kelly's Directories, which give more specific details of location, do confirm that foundries and workshops were operating, particularly behind the shops along the east side of the High Street around Castle Lane and Ram Yard.



Postcard (un-dated) shows colourful market stalls and shop canopies along the south of High Street and in St Paul's Square. (Source BLARS)



The junction of High Street with Mill Street (left) and Silver Street (right) in the 1880s. (Photograph source - BLARS)



Looking south along High Street during celebrations for the coronation of King Edward VII on 9th August, 1902. (Photograph source - BLARS)



Looking south along High Street in 1907. The clock and bull above John Bull and Co stands out, along with its golden ball, which is no longer there.
(Photograph source - BLARS)



Looking north along High Street from the Lion Hotel (right) in 1907. Next to the Lion is Adkins Gunsmiths with its decorative fascia topped with gun dogs. Shops along the western side of the street are displaying an array of signs overhanging the street.
(Photograph source – BLARS)



Looking south along High Street in late 1800s. No. 71 is on the right hand side. Note the number of clocks and other shop displays, such as the large spectacles and eyes on the right hand side of the street. (Source – Chrystal collection of post cards, BLARS).

High Street continued to be the main focus for retail and business until the 1950s and 60s when new shopping precincts and streets were developed further west, between High Street and the railway and bus stations. In the late 1930s and again through the 1950s and '60s a number of old buildings were demolished and rebuilt in the style of the day. This is most notable in particular sections of the street, such as Nos. 3 to 7 (Swan Court), Nos 42 to 66 (Debenhams and north of Silver Street) and opposite at Nos. 71 to 75 either side of Mill Street.

Over the last 30 years this shift of retailing activity away from High Street has continued. Coupled with the increase in traffic along this main north south axis, the experience and scope for High Street shopping has deteriorated. Where once we found a street lined with the town's highest quality retailers, today we find a growing number of empty units, charity shops, fast food outlets and late night bars and clubs.

GAZETEER

The tables on the following pages provide a potted history of each of the properties along High Street. Information has been gleaned from trade directories, other published sources and press cuttings held in Bedford Library. While this does not provide a complete record of every business that operated from every property, it does help to build a picture of the types of businesses that have traded here over the years.

Where possible, historic images have also been included to provide a visual reference of how High Street has developed into what we find today. Some of the buildings have been re-faced and others have been completely re-built so that we now have a mix of old and more modern architecture.

Please Note:

1. Details of ownership have been provided in an appendix at the end of the Gazetteer for ease of updating this information. This information has been taken from Land Registry documents. It was noted that during the course of this study some businesses ceased trading, others moved premises along High Street and some new businesses were established. This suggests that ownership and leasehold information will quickly become out of date and the details listed in the appendix should not be relied upon. It is recommended that updates are requested from the Land Registry as required.
2. At the time of writing, the Conservation Appraisal from which the 'Status/Heritage Significance' notes were taken was in draft form and some of these entries may be amended in the near future.
3. Unless otherwise stated, dates listed under 'Previous use of site' refer to entries in trade directories and do not necessarily refer to when businesses started trading at a particular address. They have been used to demonstrate that a particular business was trading from a particular address on that date.
4. Photographs listed as sourced from 'BLARS' are from Bedfordshire and Luton Archives and Records Service collection.

HIGH STREET EAST

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| ADDRESS: | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: |
| 1 High Street | Swan Hotel |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: | ARCHITECT: |
| C16 th hostelry rebuilt in 1794-96 Extended towards river front, 1908 Extended 1970 | Henry Holland |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: | |
| Listed Grade II* (TL 0549 1/5 6.6.52) Early C19 th cast iron railings separately listed Grade II (TL 0549 1/5A) | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: | |
| Stone, three-storey with attics. West front has three 3-light double hung sashes with ground floor stone mullions. First floor wooden mullions and slightly sunk segmental heads. Doorway has marginal lights and intricate traceried segmental fan. Tetrastyle Ionic porch with balustraded roof. Welsh slate roof has modillion cornice, central pediment with lunette in panel. South front has two first-floor canted wooden oriels. Interior has good late C17 th staircase said to have come from Houghton House. | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: | |
| <p>Built for Francis Russell, 5th Duke of Bedford. Constructed as a hotel and as Duke's political office.</p> <p>Constructed on site of former C16th timber building, also the Swan Inn.</p> <p>Swan Inn was calling point for carriers. Directory of 1785 states that a coach left the Swan for London on alternate days (fare 12s or 6s 6d depending on whether you travelled inside or outside).</p> <p>Kelly's Directory of 1890 lists the following carriers calling at the Swan Inn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whitmore travelling to Haynes on Wed & Sat • Harris travelling to Southill on Wed & Sat • Masters travelling to Wilshamstead on Wed & Sat <p>It was also the main stopping point in Bedford for long distance coaches and the Royal Mail coaches. Pigot and Co.'s Directory of 1830 includes the following timetable:</p> <p>To LONDON:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <i>Royal Mail</i> (from Leeds) calls every afternoon at half-past four and the <i>Times</i> every morning at half-past eight • The <i>Times</i> (from Manchester) calls every morning at six • A <i>Post Coach</i> (from Kettering) calls every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning at eleven • A <i>Post Coach</i> (from Uppingham) calls every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoon at two <p>To CAMBRIDGE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A <i>Post Coach</i> (from Oxford) calls every Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon at three | |

To **KETTERING:**

- A *Post Coach* (from London) calls every Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon at three

To **LEEDS:**

- The *Royal Mail* (from London) calls every morning at the quarter before two

To **MANCHESTER:**

- The *Times* (from London) calls every morning at two

To **OXFORD:**

- A *Post Coach* (from Cambridge) calls every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning at eleven.

The Bedford Times coach, owned by Mr. W. H. Whitbread, was said to be the smartest coach on the road, travelling to London at an average speed of 10.5 miles per hour (V. Farrar p34). It had rose pink upholstery and green curtains. It left the Swan for the last time on 1846 a victim of competition from the new railways that provided passengers with faster connections to London. The Bedford Times travelled at 10 mph whereas the train could reach speeds of 20mph.

The Swan Hotel stands on site of Bedford Castle moat, which extended northwards for c500 feet to Ram Yard.

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|---|---|
| 1678 | First Post Office in Bedford set up at Swan Inn. Collections were made three times a week. | 'The Story of Bedford', Joyce Godber (p83) |
| 1787 | Duke of Bedford acquired old Swan Inn and rebuilt it | 'The Story of Bedford', Joyce Godber (p83) |
| 1830 | Listed as Swan Inn and posting house. Proprietor – Charles Higgins | 1830 Pigot & Co.s National Commercial Directory |
| 1890 | Proprietor – George Frederick Prickett & Son – Swan family and commercial hotel and posting house | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | County Agricultural Society Masonic Lodge 'Stuart' No. 540 Masonic Lodge 'Sir William Harpur' No. 2,343 | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | Proprietor – Alfred John Paten | 1938 Bedford Directory |

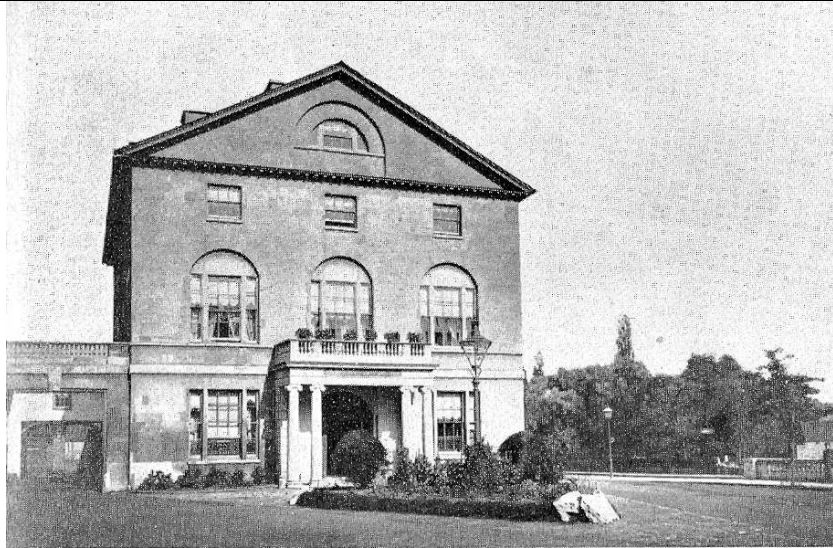
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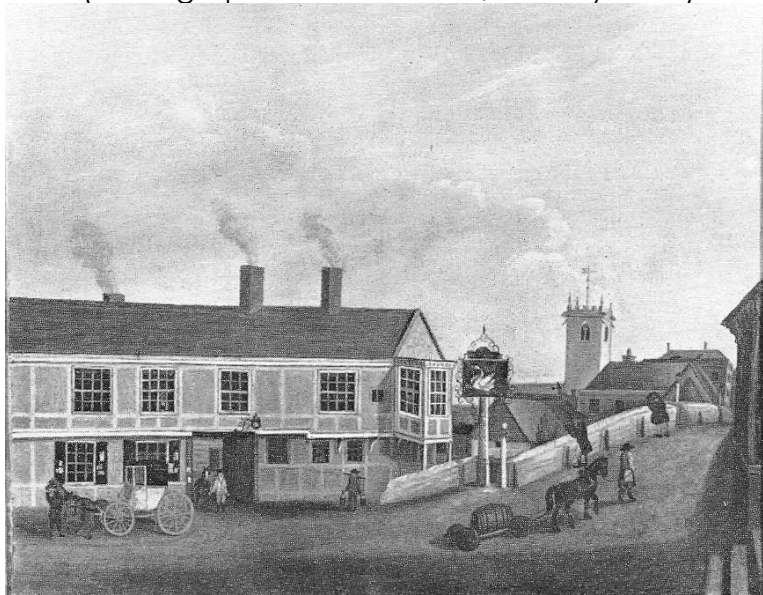
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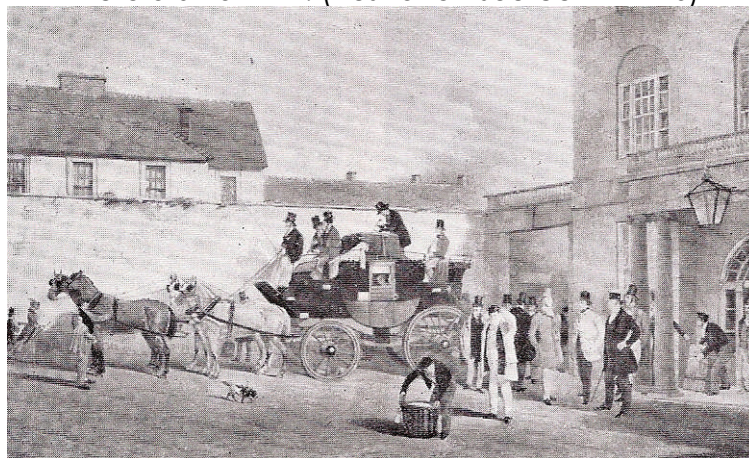
This view of end of war celebrations in 1945 also shows Murketts' garage buildings alongside the Swan Hotel.
(Photograph source – BLARS, Beds Times Collection)





Swan Hotel after right hand arch removed prior to widening of the Embankment c1890. Photo taken before War Memorial erected (in 1904).
(Photograph source – BLARS, Gearey Prints)




The old Swan Inn. (Illustration source – BLARS)



The Bedford Times coach leaving the Swan Inn, 1845.
(Illustration source – BLARS)

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| ADDRESS: | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: |
| High Street / The Embankment corner TL 0511 4963 | War Memorial – South African (Boer) War |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: | ARCHITECT: |
| Unveiled on 2 nd June 1904 by Countess Cowper | Designed by Chevalier |
| OWNERSHIP (June/July 2008) | |
| Site in ownership of Swan Hotel owners. | |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: | |
| None listed. | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: | |
| Cast bronze monument supplied by Farmer & Brindley of London at cost of £1,000 in 1904. Commemorates 230 Bedfordshire men who died in the Boer War. | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH: | HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH: |
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| | Photograph source – Mates Illustrated Guide to Bedford, 1906 |
| PREVIOUS USE OF SITE: | |
| Forecourt of Swan Hotel. Turning space for carriages and coaches, such as The Bedford Times coach. | |

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| ADDRESS: 3 High Street Swan Court | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground floor – Restaurant (Nandos) First floor – offices (To Let) Second floor – offices? |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1959 - 1960 | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: None listed | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: None listed | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Was site of The George Inn/George Hotel. | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH: | |
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



Photograph c1905 showing George Inn. (Photograph source – BLARS)



The George Hotel c1910. (Photograph source – BLARS, Gearey Collection)



Swan Court, 1975 with Barclays Bank occupying No. 3 High Street. (Photograph source 'Bedford Past and Present', Richard Wildman)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|--|--|
| 1791 | The George Inn - formerly called The Maidenhead | CRO x235/1 conveyance 1791 |
| 1797 | Enclosure award mentions The George Inn, plot 474 | CRO Enclosure Book 4 1797 |
| 1890 | The George Hotel, family and commercial hotel | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | George Hotel | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1910 | George Hotel (closed 1910) | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| 1910? | Murkett Bros Car Showroom (demolished 1959) | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| 1938 | Murkett Bros. motor agents | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1952 | No. 3 – Murkett Bros motor engineers, distributors and garage, caravan and marine engine distributors and boat suppliers. No. 3A – Murkett Bros radio and television dealers and engineers. | 1952 Kelly's Directory |
| 1959-60 | Building demolished and Swan Court constructed. | Bedford 50 Years Ago – Victor J. F. Farrar p21 |
| 1959-60 | Barclays Bank | Bedford Past and Present, Richard Wildman |

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|--|--|
| ADDRESS: 5 High Street Swan Court | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground floor – Café and sandwich bar ('The High Street') First floor – offices? Second floor – offices? |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1959 - 1960 | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: None listed | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: None listed | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Birthplace of Mark Rutherford, novelist – born William Hale White 22 nd Dec 1831 above father's bookshop. | |

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPHS:



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:






The first section of Swan Court is being constructed following the demolition of Murkett Bros (formerly George Hotel), right, in 1959. Nos. 5 and 7 are still standing in this photograph but were demolished shortly after to become part of Swan Court.

(Photograph source - BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|---------|--|--|
| 1831 | William White, printer and bookseller | Bedford: A Pictorial History, R. Wildman, 1991 |
| 1867 | James Rogers Porter, bookseller | Bedford, Britain in Old Photographs, Richard Wildman |
| 1890 | J. Beagley, tailor (Grammar and Modern School hats, caps and eagles) | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | J. & A. Beagley, Tailors | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | J. & A. Beagley & Co. Ltd, hatters and clothiers | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1959-60 | Building demolished and Swan Court constructed | Bedford 50 Years Ago – Victor J. F. Farrar p21 |
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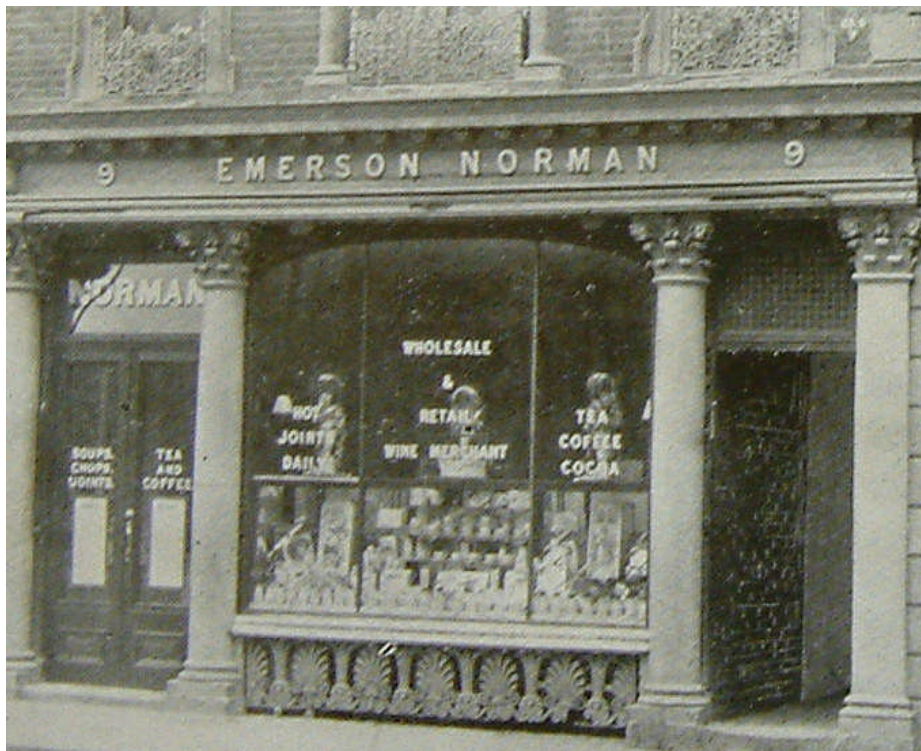
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| ADDRESS: 7 High Street Swan Court | | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground floor – Bookshop (County Town Books) First floor – offices / storage? Second floor – offices? | |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1959 - 1960 | | ARCHITECT: Unknown | |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: None listed | | | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: None listed | | | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH: | | HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH: | |
|  | |  <p>Photograph taken post 1959, but prior to demolition to make way for extension to Swan Court. (Photograph source - BLARS)</p> | |
| PREVIOUS USE OF SITE: | | | |
| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION | |
| 1890 | James Rogers Porter, fancy stationer | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) | |
| 1903 | G. Rogers Porter, Fancy Stationer | 1903 Kelly's Directory | |
| 1938 | J. A. Hague and Son, sports outfitters | 1938 Bedford Directory | |
| 1959 | J. R. Hague & Sons, sports shop | Bedford: A Pictorial History, R. Wildman, 1991 | |
| 1959-60 | Building demolished and Swan Court constructed | Bedford 50 Years Ago – Victor J. F. Farrar p21 | |

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|--|--|
| ADDRESS: 9 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground floor – Restaurant (McDonalds) Upper floors – 1 st floor McDonalds 2 nd floor – Storage? |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Late C18th / cC19th | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Recommended for local listing | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: A Victorian building retaining many of its original features and of sufficient quality to distinguish it from other buildings of that period in Bedford. | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Once known as 'Electricity House' | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH: | |
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS



Photograph c1959 when the building was known as 'Electricity House'
(Source – BLARS)



Photograph from Mates Illustrated Guide to Bedford, 1906 (Source BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|---|--|
| 1890 | Norman Emerson, confectioner | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | Norman Emerson, confectioner | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | Electricity House, Bedford Corporation Electricity Undertaking Showroom | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1959 | Electricity House, Eastern Electricity | Bedford: A Pictorial History, R. Wildman, 1991 |
| 1970s | Eastern Electricity | BCC HER 4077 photo F18/10 |
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|---|---|
| ADDRESS: 11 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground floor - Dental Practice Upper floors – 1 st floor dental practice, 2 nd floor unknown |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Late C18th | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:
Recommended for local listing

FEATURES OF INTEREST:
A Victorian building retaining many of its original features and of sufficient quality to distinguish it from other buildings of that period in Bedford.

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPHS:




HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:



Photograph c1959 (Source – BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|--|--|
| 1903 | Nos. 11 & 13 – Arthur Field Pearmain, draper | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | Belfast Linen | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1959 | Belfast Linen | Bedford: A Pictorial History, R. Wildman, 1991 |
| 1970s | Belfast Linen | BCC HER 4077 photo F18/10 |

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|---|---|
| ADDRESS: 13 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground floor – Bedford Creative Arts Upper floors – residential? |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Unknown | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Recommended for local listing. | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: A Victorian building retaining many of its original features and of sufficient quality to distinguish it from other buildings of that period in Bedford. BCC HER 4078 – refers to stone wall footings (probably C18) uncovered behind brick facing during removal of wall to create access from Phoenix Building basement. | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Archaeological investigation in 1996 (evaluation of single trench in cellar) revealed clay-lined pit with pottery dating from C10th – 12th. | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH: | |
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:





Photograph c1959 (Source – BLARS)



Photograph c1870 from Bedford Museum Collection.
The Turnley Fountain was erected in 1870 and removed in 1880.
The steps were re-used in the base of the John Howard statue.

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|--|--|
| 1903 | Nos. 11 & 13 – Arthur Field Pearmain, draper | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | Arthur Chas Day, costumier, furrier and milliner. 13A – HM Ministry of Transport Eastern Division. 13A – Great Ouse Catchment Board. | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1959 | Arthur Day, costumier | Bedford: A Pictorial History, R. Wildman, 1991 |
| 1970s | Arthur Day, costumier | BCC HER 4078 Photo F18/9 |
| ??? | Polly Flinders | |

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| <p>ADDRESS: 15 - 17 High Street</p> | <p>CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground floor No 15 - Estate Agent (Anderson Reed) Ground floor No 17 - Retail (currently vacant) Upper floors – apartments</p> |
| <p>CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1928 (Mid C18th building demolished 1927 to make way for Phoenix Chambers)</p> | <p>ARCHITECT: Unknown</p> |
| <p>STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Recommended for local listing.</p> | |
| <p>FEATURES OF INTEREST: Known as Phoenix Chambers. An early twentieth century building that is a good example of the style of the period.</p> | |
| <p>CURRENT PHOTOGRAPHS:</p> | |
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:

ESTABLISHED 1747.

TELEPHONE NO. 7.

KILPIN & BILLSON

IRONMONGERS,

*Gas, Electric & Hot Water
Engineers, Plumbers.*



SHOWROOMS —

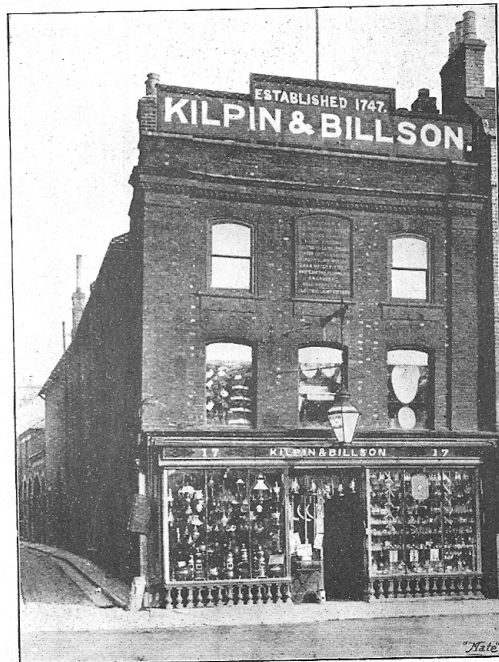
FOR ELECTRIC FITTINGS, BATHS
AND LAVATORIES.

KITCHEN RANGES, MARBLE AND WOOD MANTEL PIECES,
TILED REGISTER GRATES, HEARTHS AND PANELS.



17, High Street, Bedford.

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Advertisement and photograph from 1906 edition of Mate's Illustrated Guide to Bedford (Source – BLARS)





Photograph c1870 from Bedford Museum Collection.
 The Turnley Fountain was erected in 1870 and removed in 1880.
 The steps were re-used in the base of the John Howard statue.

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|------|--|--|
| 1890 | No. 15 – Henry Prole, hatter, hosier, glover, shirt maker. No. 17- Kilpin & Bilson, wholesale, retail & furnishing ironmongers, iron merchants, cutlers, brass founders, tin, iron and zinc plate workers, braziers, coppersmiths, electric bell and gas fitters, hot water engineers, bath fitters, manufacturers of the improved Bedford kitcheners, agents for Milner's fire proof safes & Phoenix fire insurance office, marble merchants & agricultural implement agents (workshops Castle Lane, implement warehouse Potter Street). | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | No. 15 – Henry Prole, hatter. No.17 – Kilpin & Billson, ironmongers. | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1927 | No. 17 - Kilpin & Billson, ironmongers | Bedford: A Pictorial History, R. Wildman, 1991 |

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| 1938 | No. 15 – Deryck Humphries, consulting optician. Nos. 15 – 17 – Phoenix Assurance Co. Ltd, The London Guarantee and Accident Co Ltd. Nos. 15 – 17 – Beds County Council Agricultural Dept. Nos. 15 – 17 – Simon Sanders, L.D.S, RCS Eng Nos. 15 – 17 – HM Ministry of Transport Eastern Division No. 17 – Fleming Reid and Co. Ltd, hosiers | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1970s | No. 15 – Humphries & Burgess No. 17 – B.A. Smart | BCC HER 4079 Photo F18/8 |

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| ADDRESS: Castle Lane Between 17 & 19 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: Includes 16 th century (de-listed) building. | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Former retail and business premises redeveloped as Castle Gate Mews in 2007/8 to create 4 ground floor retail units opposite the Castle Quays mixed use development. Castle Lane was location of Kilpin & Billson workshops (see listing under No. 15 – 17 High Street, 1890) | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPHS: Access to Castle Lane closed while building development underway. | |
| HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH: | |
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| <p>Castle Lane, 1961. To the left of the four 18th century cottages with steps is the Golden Eagle and then Wells & Co. warehouse. (Source BLARS)</p> | |

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| ADDRESS: 19 - 21 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground floor vacant (previously used as Venom Night Club) Upper floors? |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1849-51 | ARCHITECT: Robert Palgrave (nephew of owner, Charles Palgrave) |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Listed Grade II (TL 0549 1/32 6.6.52.) | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: Mid C19th perhaps by Robert Palgrave, nephew of owner of site. Stucco. Modern ground floor front. Four storeys. Giant fluted Corinthian pilasters and half-columns to 1st and 2nd floors, with fully detailed entablature, forming portico in antis. Five sashes in architraves - central and end 1 st floor windows have cornices on consoles, concave curved pediments with anthemion apexes. 2nd floor eared architraves. 3rd floor pilasters with vermiculated panels, carrying frieze, cornice and blocking course. | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Part of Castle Gate development? Victorian-Baroque character was once popular style for High Street banks. Charnleys Opticians had distinctive shop front with large pair of spectacles over whole frontage above window and door. | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH: | |
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



Home Guard parade along the High Street in 1942, passing Loyds Bank and Charnley's Opticians (with its distinctive shop front)
(Photograph source – BLARS, Beds Times Collection)



Photograph c1900 (source BLARS, Chrystal Collection of postcards 21306/10)




Postcard (undated) showing south east section of High Street with Upson & Co between Kilpin & Bilson (right) and Wells & Co. (centre).
Source – BLARS, Chrystal collection of postcards, 21306/10

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|---------|--|---|
| 1849-51 | Constructed as chemist shop and residence of Charles Palgrave, Mayor of Bedford | Bedford 50 Years Ago (Victor Farrar) p67 |
| 1858 | Messrs Taylor and Cuthbert, chemists – succeeded late Mr. Palgrave | BCC HER 1238 – hand written note from Bedford Town and Townsmen by J. Harrison |
| 1890 | No. 19 - Taylor and Cuthbert, pharmaceutical chemists and oil & colour men. No. 21 – Harry Whittome, clothier. | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | No. 19 – Pearse Theed, solicitor. No. 19 – Upson & Co., boot makers. No. 21 – Bedford Clothing Co. | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1914 | Capital and Counties Bank | Plans by Usher and Anthony for alterations to building – see BCC HER 1238 hand written note |
| 1938 | No. 19a – Mrs. Edith O'Mulligan No. 19 – Sun Life Assurance Society No. 19 – Lloyds Bank Ltd No. 21 – Charnley & Sons, consulting opticians | 1938 Bedford Directory |

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| Pre 1955 | Lloyds Bank until late 1970s | Bedford 50 Years Ago (Victor Farrar) p68 Also BCC HER 1238 hand written note re plans for installation of fuel chute in Lloyds Bank 1955 - 6 |
| Late 1970s - present | Succession of bars and night clubs | |
| | Including Pitchers Sports, Joe Friday, the Jumping Jelly Bean (1994) Venom | |

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| ADDRESS: 23 – 25 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground floor – retail (Bathstore.com) Upper floors – unknown (residential?) |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Unknown | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: May be noted as a 'Building of Positive Merit' in final Conservation Appraisal Document. | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: Building has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area. | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Rear of 23-27 High Street part of Castle Gate re-development - disused warehouse buildings (used as a storage facility for Harrison and Gibson) partially demolished as part of new housing development. Building frontages to be retained for retail. Very little demolition took place as part of redevelopment – the vast majority of the early fabric was retained. | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH: | |
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



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Advertisement from Mates Illustrated Guide to Bedford, 1906 (Source BLARS)



Postcard (undated) showing south east section of High Street with Wells & Co in centre. Source – BLARS, Chrystal collection of postcards, 21306/10

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|--|--|
| c1860 | No. 23 – Denmark House, Fricker, draper. | BCC HER 1236-7 photograph (not credited) |
| 1890 | No. 23 - Robert Rose, professor of music, pianoforte and music warehouse. Nos. 23 & 25 – Wells & Company, bazaar, general furnishing & carpet warehouse, cabinet manufacturers, pianoforte warehouse, furniture van owners & contractors for removal of furniture, strong room for valuables, goods packed and shipped to all parts of the world (Stores Castle Lane, Factory Castle Hill). | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | Wells & Company, bazaar (complete house furnishers, painters and decorators). | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | Nos. 23, 25, 27 – Wells of Bedford Ltd, cabinet manufacturers, house furnishers. | 1938 Bedford Directory |
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| ADDRESS: 27 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground floor – Office (Castle Gate development) Residential – divided into flats |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Unknown | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Listed grade II in association with Nos 29, 31 and 33 (TL 0549 1/31). Nos 27 to 43 (odd) and The Rose Inn form a group. | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: C17 or earlier, much altered. Stucco, asbestos tiled roof. Two storeys and attics. Modern shop windows. Right hand four light window, arched and radiating glazing bars, centre forming segmental bow. | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Refurbished as part of Castle Gate development. Bow window was originally a Georgian shop window, re-sited at first floor level some time before 1860 (V. Farrar, p66). | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH: | |
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



Advertisement from Mates Illustrated Guide to Bedford, 1906 (Source BLARS)



Photograph 1963 from Harry Wilds collection (Source BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|--|---|
| 1890 | Mrs. Ann Whiffin, fruiterer | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | Ezra Braggins & Sons, hosiers | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1906 | Our Girls, girls outfitters | 1906 Mates Illustrated Guide |
| 1938 | Part of Wells of Bedford Ltd (along with Nos. 23 and 25) | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1963 | Harrison (Clothing? Furniture?) | 1963 Harry Wilds photograph collection, BLARS |
| 1985 | Harrison (Clothing? Furniture?) | BCC HER 1237 |

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| ADDRESS: | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: |
| 29 – 33 High Street | Ground floor – Retail (Wilkinson) Upper floors – Office, retail storage |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: | ARCHITECT: |
| C17 house | Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: | |
| Listed grade II in association with No 27 (TL 0549 1/31). Nos 27 to 43 (odd) and The Rose Inn form a group. | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: | |
| <p>C17 or earlier, much altered. Stucco, asbestos tiled roof. 2 storeys and attics. Modern shop windows.</p> <p>1st floor: C19 3 light sash. 2 rusticated pilasters flanking pair of C19 casements.</p> <p>RCHME report on 29 – 31 High Street – two timber framed buildings, with rear ranges, which front onto High Street. Earliest phase for which surviving evidence is to rear of 31 – possibly comprised a hall and was probably erected in late C16. In early to mid C17 floor inserted into hall and around same time present timber-framed street-front ranges were erected, probably replacing earlier range. No 29 then extended to the rear before the two buildings were raised in height in the early 18th century. Buildings re-faced in 19th century and refurbishment of same date included insertion of stacks in street front ranges. In 20th century, buildings housed shops at ground-floor level.</p> | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: | |
| <p>William Dawson (tailor) introduced first plate glass windows in the town into his shop at No. 31 (date?)</p> <p>Nos. 31 & 33 noted as buildings at risk in 1995 (owned by Leathbond Ltd) – described as C17 house, much altered. Planning consent for renovation scheme and rear development being implemented spring 1995.</p> <p>When planning permission granted to Leathbond Ltd for redevelopment of the site (Nos. 29 – 41) as retail premises (1995) condition included programme of archaeological investigations (see BCC HER 1234-7 for brief – summary below). Consent also stated that a tall warehouse at rear of site, a building of significant character in the context of the 19th C backland development along the medieval 'burgage' plots, is now to be retained (memo dated 3rd Dec 1994 – BCC HER 1234-7).</p> <p>Archaeological investigation in 1995 (29-41 High Street) at rear of properties revealed several phases of late Saxon and early Medieval industrial activity and occupation, sealed beneath rampart of castle outer bailey ditch. No evidence of post-castle activity.</p> | |

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



Photograph 1963, from Harry Wilds collection, BLARS
(No. 29 is boarded up)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|--|--|
| ???? | No. 31 William Dawson, tailor | Bedford 50 Years Ago (Victor Farrar) p36 |
| 1890 | No. 31 – Susan Bithrey, hairdresser and tobacconist. No. 33 – G. Dudeney, grocer. | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | No. 29 – Benjamin Tisinbom, confectioner. NO. 31 – S. Bithrey & Co. , hairdresser. No. 33 – Dudeney & Johnston Ltd, grocers. | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | No. 29 – Johnson Bros (Dyers) Ltd, cleaners and dyers. No. 31 – Bithrey, St. Paul's toilet saloon. No. 33 – Hugh Cross, photographic dealer. | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1985 | No. 29 – The Sandwich Box. No. 31 - Ace Shoe Repairs. No. 33 – Kingston Windows. | BCC HER 1237 |

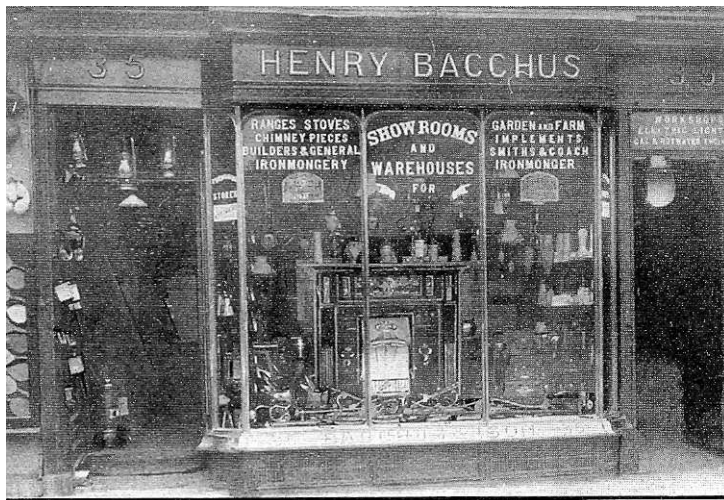
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| ADDRESS: | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: |
| 35 High Street | Ground floor – Retail (Wilkinson) Upper floors – Office, retail storage |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: | ARCHITECT: |
| c1820 | Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: | |
| Listed Grade II (TL 0549 1/93). Nos 27 to 43 (odd) and The Rose Inn form a group. | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: | |
| Early C19, circa 1820. Stucco. Welsh slate roof with stepped parapet, three storeys, shop windows. 1st floor and eaves cornices. Three sashes in architrave surrounds. | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: | |
| <p>The Howard plough, which may have been the one awarded a Prize Medal at the 1851 Great Exhibition, was erected on the parapet of the building in 1851. It remained there until 1969.</p> <p>When planning permission granted to Leathbond Ltd for redevelopment of the site (Nos. 29 – 41) as retail premises (1995) condition included programme of archaeological investigations (see BCC HER 1234-7 for brief – summary below). Consent also stated that a tall warehouse at rear of site, a building of significant character in the context of the 19th C backland development along the medieval 'burgage' plots, is now to be retained (memo dated 3rd Dec 1994 – BCC HER 1234-7).</p> <p>Archaeological investigation in 1995 (29-41 High Street) at rear of properties revealed several phases of late Saxon and early Medieval industrial activity and occupation, sealed beneath rampart of castle outer bailey ditch. No evidence of post-castle activity.</p> | |

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:



Central section of Wilkinson

HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



Photograph source – BLARS



Photograph source – BLARS

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|--|---|
| ???? | Old Barley Mow public house | Bedford 50 Years Ago (Victor Farrar) p36, p41 |
| 1835 | John Howard constructed ironmongery shop and plough manufactory. His sons James and Frederick established Britannia Iron Works in Kempston Road in 1859 as the High Street premises lacked space for expansion. | |
| 1867 | Pain and Moulton Manufacturing Ironmonger. | BCC HER 1236 – Among the Archives info sheet |
| 1890 | 35 High St & Castle Lane – Bacchus & Son (took over from Moulton), manufacturing furnishers, builders, ironmongers, hot water engineers, gas fitters, bell hangers, coppersmiths, tinmen, smiths, plumbers, agric/horticultural implements, sewing machines. | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | Henry Bacchus, ironmonger | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1935 | Henry Bacchus, ironmongers – photo shows shop illuminated for Silver Jubilee of King George V, 6 th May 1935. | Bedford: A Pictorial History, Wildman, 1991 |
| 1938 | Henry Bacchus Ltd, ironmongers, electrical contractors, heating engineers. Also Bedford Leaded Light Works (H. Bacchus Ltd). | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| c1950 | Frederic Gale Ltd acquire Bacchus | Bedford, Britain in Old Photographs, Richard Wildman |
| 1969 | Premises taken over by Gibbs and Dandy, hardware, lighting and ironmongers – retained name of Henry Bacchus (until ? seen in photo of 1967). | BCC HER 1236 – copy of press cutting Beds Times 30-1-1981 |
| 1981 | Gibbs and Dandy - closed on 31-1-1981. | |
| 1985 | Poundsaver | BCC HER 1237 |
| 1995 | Poundsaver Retail Discount Stores – shop standing empty and put onto buildings at risk register. | BCC HER 1236 |

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| ADDRESS: 37 - 41 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground floor – Retail (Wilkinson) Upper floors – Office, retail storage |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Unknown | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

Listed Grade II (TL 0549 1/94).
Nos 27 to 43 (odd) and The Rose Inn form a group.

FEATURES OF INTEREST:

Late C18 or early C19. Stucco, Welsh slate roof with cornice and parapet. Shop windows. Three storeys, six windows with keyblocks.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Archaeological excavation on site revealed remains of a medieval hall building. Lower parts of buildings are remains of C15th medieval buildings.

When planning permission granted to Leathbond Ltd for redevelopment of the site (Nos. 29 – 41) as retail premises (1995) condition included programme of archaeological investigations (see BCC HER 1234-7 for brief – summary below). Consent also stated that a tall warehouse at rear of site, a building of significant character in the context of the 19th C backland development along the medieval 'burgage' plots, is now to be retained (memo dated 3rd Dec 1994 – BCC HER 1234-7).

Archaeological investigation in 1995 (29-41 High Street) at rear of properties revealed several phases of late Saxon and early Medieval industrial activity and occupation, sealed beneath rampart of castle outer bailey ditch. No evidence of post-castle activity.

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:





Postcard (undated) showing south east section of High Street with Nos. 37 – 41 to left of centre. Source – BLARS, Chrystal collection of postcards, 21306/10

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|------|---|--|
| 1890 | No. 37 - J. W. Griffin, fancy draper. No. 39 – Arthur Wellsley, boot maker. No. 41 – Underwood & Banks, wholesale & retail clothiers, tailors, hatters & general outfitters (established over 100 years). | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1891 | No. 41 – Messrs. Underwood and Banks – Wholesale and Retail Clothiers, Tailors, Hatters and General Outfitters. Business notes as being established a century ago (1790s) in Bedford. Shop described as having fine frontage with handsome plate-glass windows. Children's wear, sports wear and 'goods suitable to an agricultural population' also stocked. | Where to Buy at Bedford: an illustrated local review 1891. Includes illustration of shop front. |
| 1903 | No. 37 – John Wm Griffin, costumier. No. 39 – Arthur Wellsley & Son, boot makers. No. 41 - Underwood & Banks, clothiers. | 1903 Kelly's Directory |

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| 1938 | No. 37 - Fredk. Parish, Ed. Photographer. No. 37 – Lesleys, waterproof specialists. No. 39 – Automatic Electrical Refrigerators Ltd. No. 41 – Norman Mickle, radio engineer. No. 41A – Chas Dawes, picture framer. | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1985 | No. 37 – Chubb Cards | BCC HER 1237 |

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| ADDRESS: 43 High Street | | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground floor - Retail (Marie Curie Cancer Care Charity Shop) Upper floor – storage, office, kitchen, bathroom |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Unknown | | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Listed Grade II (TL 05119 1/95). Nos 27 to 43 (odd) and The Rose Inn form a group. | | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: Similar to The Rose Inn, but with shop window. Upper floors have two windows in architrave surrounds. | | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH: | | |
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| HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS: None sourced. | | |
| PREVIOUS USE OF SITE: | | |
| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
| 1890 | Charles Daniel Shelton, carver and gilder | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | Charles Daniel Shelton, carver and gilder. Bedford Amateur Rowing Club. | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | Johnson and Co. (Bedford) Ltd., grocers. Consumers' Tea Company. | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1984 | 41 – 43 – Chelsea Girl, boutique | BCC heritage files |

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| ADDRESS: Rose Yard Between 43 & 45 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Pedestrian access to Ram Yard |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: C17th or earlier | ARCHITECT: |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: None listed | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: Entrance to yard from High Street is carriage way from The Rose Inn thought to have been constructed C17 or earlier. Inn mentioned in pamphlet of 1672. | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: A number of carriers called at the Rose Inn and may have used the carriageway and yard. Kelly's Directory of 1890 lists the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brown travelling to Bletsoe on Sat • Franklin travelling to Bozeat on Tues & Sat • Clayton travelling to Harrold on Sat • White travelling to Marston on Wed & Sat • Holland travelling to Newport Pagnell on Mon & Wed • Armstrong travelling to Thurleigh and Ravensden on Wed & Sat • Clarke travelling to Woburn Sands and Shefford on Sat • Harris travelling to Silsoe on Sat | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH: | |
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| ADDRESS: 45 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground floor - Public house (The Rose Inn) Upper floors – unknown (residential?) |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Main structure may be C17 or earlier – mentioned in pamphlet of 1672. | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Listed Grade II (TL 0549 1/96) | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: Early C19 front. Stucco, Welsh slate roof. Three storeys, quoins, ground floor frieze and cornice, bracketed eaves cornice. Two modern casements, right hand carriageway. Nos. 27 to 43 (odd) and The Rose Inn form a group. | |

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:




HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:

The Rose Inn, 1963 (Source BLARS, Harry Wilds collection)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|--|---|
| 1890 | Rose Commercial Hotel, John Lilley | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1938 | The Rose (proprietor George Wright) | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1976 | The Rose Public House (Whitbread London Ltd) | BCC HER 1233 – ref to planning permission |
| 1995 | Described as The Hogs Head | BCC HER 1233 – planning application for alterations to 1 st floor to create toilet and fire escape |

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| ADDRESS: 47 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground floor – Optician (Alders) Upper floors – unknown – optician? |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: C19 | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Recommended for local listing. | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: A Victorian building retaining many of its original features and of sufficient quality to distinguish it from other buildings of that period in Bedford. | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH: | |
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



Photograph undated. (Source - BLARS)

OTHER ARCHIVE RESOURCES:

BCC list of industries shows a Swann & Ibbott Ltd in Ram Yard in 1924 and 1936 – may be occupying Nos. 1 & 2 behind 47 High Street.

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|--------|--|---|
| 1890 | W. J. Graves, wholesale and retail grocer | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1891 | Mr. Walter Graves – Grocer and Tea Dealer, Wine, Spirits and Bottled Beer Merchant. Estimated that shop sold equivalent of 11lb of tea every four minutes of working day. Reputation as excellent tea blender – particular reference to tea blend called No.3. Coffee freshly roasted and ground daily. Shop had long counter running down whole length of interior with shelves and glass cases behind. | Where to Buy at Bedford: an illustrated local review 1891 |
| 1903 | Nos. 47 & 49 – John Bull & Co., goldsmiths | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | Nos. 47 & 49 – John Bull & Co (Bedford) Ltd, jewellers No. 47 – Mrs. Amy Elizabeth Thompson | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1964 | John Bull moved to St. Peter's Street and Victorian shop front destroyed | Bedford, Britain in Old Photographs, Richard Wildman |
| 1974/5 | No. 47 – Wallenger, sewing machines? | BCC HER 4275 & 4276 |

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| ADDRESS: 49 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground floor – Opticians (Allders) Upper floors – unknown – optician? |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1878 | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Recommended for local listing. | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: Clock and bull. Date stones. A Victorian building retaining many of its original features and of sufficient quality to distinguish it from other buildings of that period in Bedford. | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Original timber bull replaced with polyester resin and fibreglass replica in May 1974. Original bull taken by Bedford Museum. Clock originally had a golden ball that dropped down a pole at 10-o'clock. | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPHS: | |
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



Photograph undated (Source - BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
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| 1817 | John Bull & Co established | Date stone on front of building |
| 1878 | Shop re-built by John Bull and Co | Bedford, Britain in Old Photographs, Richard Wildman |
| 1884 | John Bull & Co – installed clock above shop | BCC HER 4276 |
| 1903 | Nos. 47 & 49 – John Bull & Co., goldsmiths (until 1964) | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | Nos. 47 & 49 – John Bull & Co (Bedford) Ltd, jewellers | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1964 | Northampton Town & Country Building Society | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| 1974 | Anglia Building Society | Press cutting – Bedford Library Also BCC HER 4275 |

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| ADDRESS: 51 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground floor – Engravers (Luddington) – NB during course of study retailer changed to Phat Dealz (mobile phone and MP3 centre) First floor – Hair salon (Gianni Hair) |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Unknown – pre 1840 | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Recommended for local listing. | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: Possibly built prior to 1840 with significant elements of early fabric remaining. Luddington's Passage runs to south side of building providing pedestrian access into Ram Yard. | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Luddington's Passage previously called Bulls Passage (information from Reminiscence Group). | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPHS: | |
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:

None sourced

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|--|------------------------------|
| 1890 | Joseph Smith, tobacconist | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | Fredrick Charles Luddington, tobacconist | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | Frederick Cresswell Luddington, tobacconist. William George Garner, ladies and gents hairdresser. | 1938 Bedford Directory |



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| ADDRESS: 53 - 55 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor - Litten Tree Public House Ground Floor – Harveys Bar Upper floors – TK MAX offices, G. F. Partnership + offices to let |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Old coaching inn re-fronted c1830 Façade 1830s Rebuilt 1972 | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Listed Grade II (TL 0549 1/33 6.6.52.) | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: Early C19. Stucco. Three storeys, six sashes in architraves. 1st and ground floor architraves have cornices, 2nd floor ones eared. Ground floor channelling, 1st and 2nd floor two storey Roman Doric pilasters with entablature, modillion cornice and blocking course. 1st floor cast iron balconettes with anthemion motif. N M R. | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Lion Hotel was a calling point for carriers – Kelly's Directory of 1890 lists the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I bbs travelling to Pertenhall and Kimbolton on Sat. | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:  | |

HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:

Red Lion Hotel in 1965 (Source BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

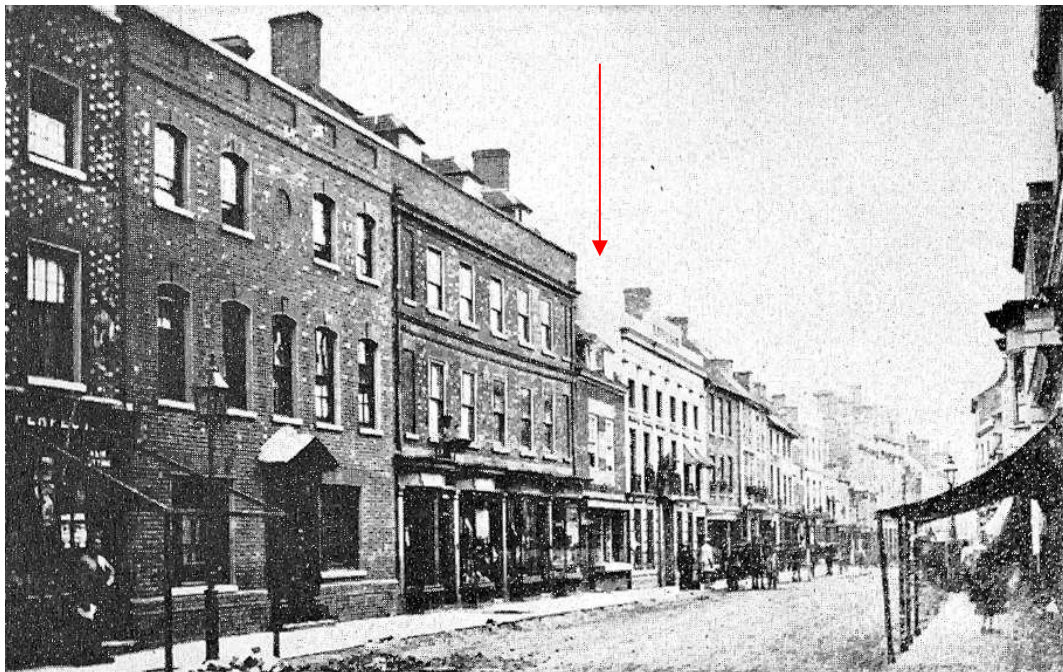
| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
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| 1860 | Red Lion public house (both parts?) | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| 1890 | No. 53 - Harry Thompson, chemist and druggist | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | No. 53 – Pearks, Gunston & Tee Ltd, provision dealers Nos. 53 - 55 – Lion Hotel | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | No. 53 – Pearks' Daries Ltd. Stores No. 55 – The Red Lion Hotel, Trust House | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1965 | Nos. 53 - 55 – Lion Hotel | Bedford: A Pictorial History, Wildman, 1991 |
| 1971 | Lion Hotel closed and was demolished in 1972 apart from the Georgian (1830s) façade. | |
| 1975/6? | No. 53 – Times Furnishing Co Ltd No. 55 – Youngsters (?) toyshop? | BCC HER 1232 |
| 1983 | Times Furnishing Co. Ltd submitted planning application for alterations to shop front | BCC HER 1232 |

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| ADDRESS: 57 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground floor – Food retail – Subway Upper floors – Currently to Let |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1871 | ARCHITECT: John Usher |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Recommended for local listing. | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: A Victorian building retaining many of its original features and by the important local architect, John Usher. Stone gun dogs and 'HA' initials carved in stone on fascia of building – refers to proprietor, Henry Adkins, gun maker. Gun dogs modelled by Exeter sculptor, Harry Hems. | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Designed in Venetian Gothic style. | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPHS: | |
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



No. 57 in 1965 with Dunn & Co. shop front. Source BLARS.





High Street looking south in the late 1860s prior No. 57 being rebuilt.
(Source – BLARS, Gearey collection)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|---|---|
| 1860s | Re-built | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| 1890 | Henry Adkins & Sons, gun makers | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | Henry Adkins & Sons, gun makers | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | H. Adkins & Sons, gun makers and sports outfitters. Commercial Union Assurance Co. Ltd. Liverpool Victoria Insurance area office. | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1974/5 | Dunn & Co, gentlemen's outfitters | BCC HER 4277 photo F13.16 |
| 1986 | Dunn & Co, gentlemen's outfitters Also in 1991 | Press cutting – Bedford Library BCC HER 4277 |

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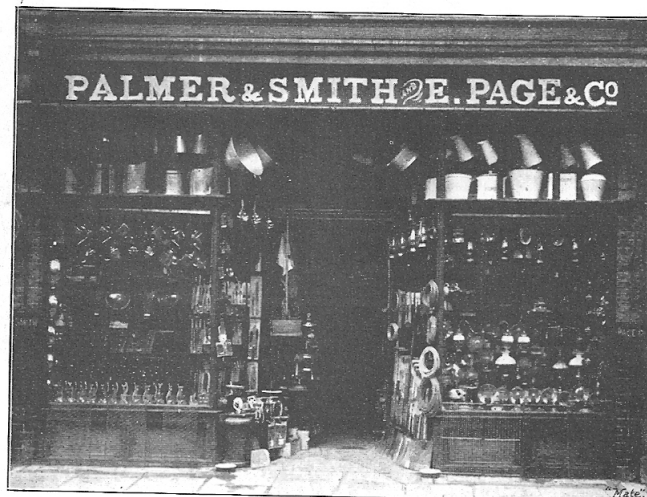
In 1991 Dunn & Co applied to North Beds BC requesting info re grants for refurbishment work – this included ref to possible creation of residential use of upper floors and creating separate access from rear to this.

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| <p>ADDRESS: 59 & 61 High Street</p> | <p>CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground floor: No. 59 – Café (Caffe Crema) No. 61 – Hair salon/barber Upper floors – unknown</p> |
| <p>CONSTRUCTION DATE: c1860</p> | <p>ARCHITECT: Unknown</p> |
| <p>STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Considered of 'Positive Merit'.</p> | |
| <p>FEATURES OF INTEREST: Victorian building retaining many original features and high quality decoration and craftsmanship. Archway between two sections of building once led into Page and Co.'s Ironworks.</p> | |
| <p>CURRENT PHOTOGRAPHS:</p> | |
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:

PALMER & SMITH and E. PAGE & Co.,

Wholesale and
Retail, General,
Furnishing, and
Manufacturing.
Ironmongers,
Iron Founders,
Iron Merchants,
and ::
Agricultural
Implement
Manufacturers,

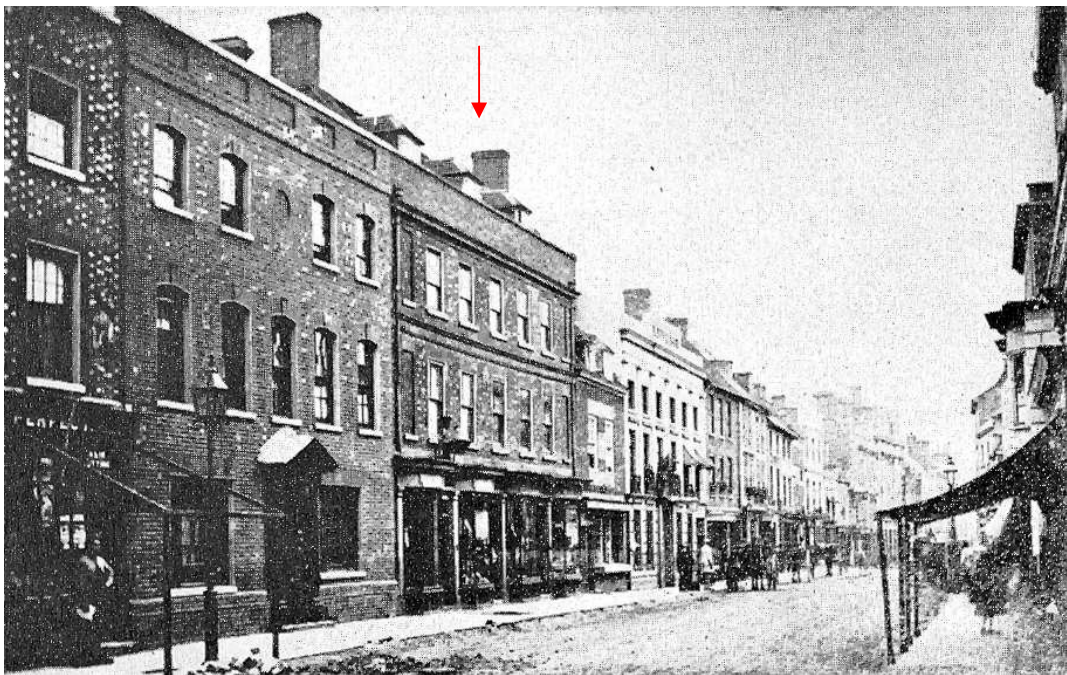


Best Sheffield
Warranted
Cutlery.
and
Tools.
Repairs of all
kinds by
Experienced Workmen
Every Requisite
for
The Home
The Garden
The Farm.

Works : MILL STREET,
Implement Depot : St. CUTHBERT STREET.

59, High Street, BEDFORD.

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Advertisement from 1906 edition of Mate's Illustrated Guide to Bedford.
(Source - BLARS)



High Street looking south in the late 1860s when the shop in the ownership of
Page & Co. ironmongers
(Source - BLARS, Gearey collection)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 1860 | Large private house. Re-built shortly after 1860 | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| 1890 | No. 59 - E. Page & Co. Ltd, manufacturers of improved brick, pipe & tile machinery and agricultural implements, iron and brass founders, engineers, smiths & general machinists, wholesale & retail ironmongers, coppersmiths, bell hangers & gasfitters, manufacturers of iron fencing & roofing, bridges, tanks, steam launches (also Victoria Iron Works) | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | No. 59 - Palmer & Smith, ironmongers. No. 59 – E. Page & Co., brick machinery manufacturers (in yard at rear, through archway). No. 61 – Frederick Thomas Howard, stationer. No. 61 – Bedfordshire Standard Newspaper Co. Ltd, printers. No. 61 – Bedfordshire Standard (Frederick Thomas Howard), publisher. No. 61 – Robert Melvin Fleming, surgeon dentist. | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | No. 59A – Sidney Rigby, ladies hairdresser. No. 59 – Black Boy Chocolate Co. Ltd. No. 59B – Geo Herbert Hartop, draper and clothier. No. 59C – Samuel Nutt, turf accountant. No. 61 – Car and General Insurance Corporation Ltd. No. 61 – Barratt and Co. Ltd, boot and shoe manufacturer. No. 61 – Better Wear Brushes Ltd. No. 61 – Hannelta Ltd, medical specialities. | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1974/5 | No. 59 – Hans, newsagents | BCC HER 4277 |

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| ADDRESS: 63 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground floor – Public House (Bedford Lounge). NB this closed during the course of the study. Upper floors - unknown |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: C18 | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:
Considered of 'Positive Merit'.

FEATURES OF INTEREST:
Victorian building retaining many original features and high quality decoration and craftsmanship.

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



High Street looking south in the late 1860s, when No. 63 was still a house.
(Source – BLARS, Gearey collection)



No. 63a and 63b c1955. Building split into two shops.
(Source – BLARS)



Interior of Laxton Bros. shop c1955. (Source – 'Bedford', Richard Wildman)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

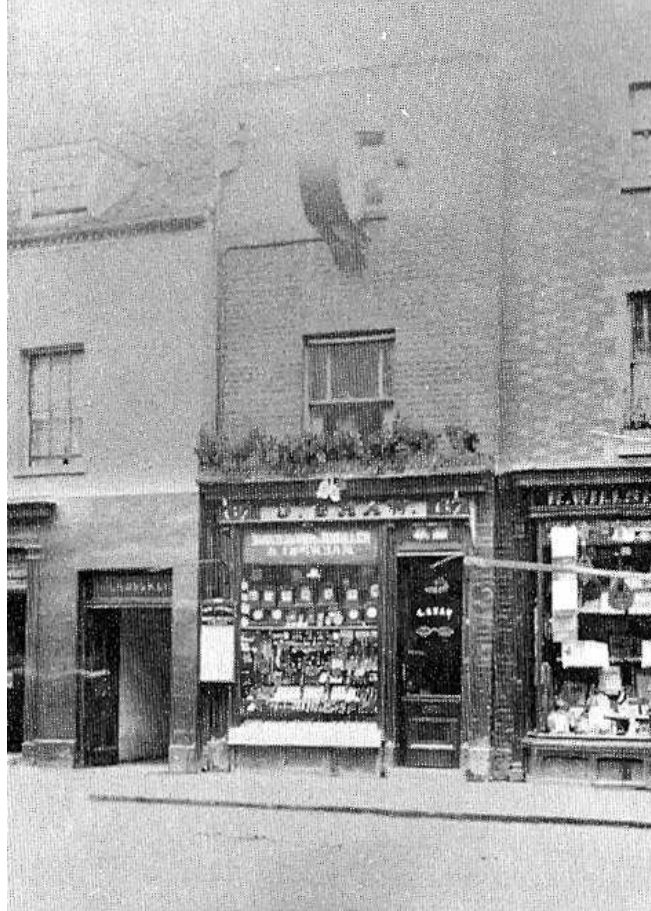
| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
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| 1860s | Private house with central pediment doorway | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| 1890 | E de V Corcoran (successor to E. Rawlins) distiller, rectifier and importer of wines and spirits | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | No. 63 - P. Phipps & Co. Ltd., brewers. No. 63a – Laxton Brothers, nurserymen. | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | No. 63 – Laxton Bros. Bedford Ltd, florists. No 63a – Mrs. L. Monger, baby linen. | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1955 | No.63 – The Baby Shop. No. 63a – Laxton's. | BCC HER 1231 – extract from Bedford: A Pictorial History, Wildman, 1991 |
| 1986 | Nos 63 & 63a - Currys, electricals (? – or cycles? See No. 67). | Press cutting – Bedford Library |

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| ADDRESS: 65 & 67 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground floor – Amusements (Showboat Casino Slots) Upper floors - unknown |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Unknown | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Building of potential merit / retains residual merit. | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands. | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: No. 65 had chequered brick pattern to front of building (shown in photograph of 1860s below). | |

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:




No. 67 (G. Shaw, jeweller and watchmaker) in the mid-1890s. Note the large clock above the shop front. Also note the chequered brickwork of No. 65 on right hand side. (Photograph source – BLARS)



No. 65 c1955. No. 67 is just visible to the left hand side with 'Curry's Cycle' sign. (Photograph source – BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|---|---|
| 1890 | No. 65 – Bedfordshire Standard (est 1883), Fdk Thos Howard (had moved to No. 61 by 1903) No. 65 – R. M. Fleming, surgeon dentist No. 65 – F. T. Howard, stationer | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | No. 65 – R. Willshaw, music warehouse No. 67 – George Shaw, watch maker | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | No. 65 – Walker Ltd. Jewellers No. 67 – Curry's Ltd, cycle and motorcycle agents | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1955 | James Walker | Bedford: A Pictorial History, Wildman, 1991 |
| 1986 | Wards, outfitters | Press cutting – Bedford Library |

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| ADDRESS: 69 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground floor – public house (The Cross Keys). Currently for sale. Upper floors - unknown |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Unknown | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Building of potential merit / retains residual merit. | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands. | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Originally double fronted, Georgian house. Occupied by Elliot's groceries for many years prior to it being split into two buildings (69a -71) in 1897. | |
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



Post card (undated – late 1800s?) showing view south along High Street. To left hand side are Nos. 71 & 69a which were demolished in 1937.
)Source – Chrystal post card collection – BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|---|--|---------------------------|
| 1890 | No. 69 - Cross Keys ph, T. M. Hoe | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | No. 69 - Cross Keys ph No. 69a – Taylor & Brawn, chemists No. 69a – J. Shipley Slipper, surgeon dentist | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | No. 69 – The Cross Keys (Jesse Tyrrell) | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| Has remained as Cross Keys until present day. Building for sale at time of study. | | |

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| ADDRESS: 71 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground floor – Recruitment offices (Brook Street) Upper floors - flats |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1937 | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Recommended for local listing. | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: An early twentieth century building that is a good example of the style of the period. | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Plot originally part of double fronted, Georgian house (remains are now No. 69, Cross Keys). Occupied by Elliot's groceries for many years prior to it being split into two buildings (69a & 71) in 1897, which were demolished in 1937 prior to current building being erected. | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH: | |
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



Photograph 1937 showing Elliott's former grocers shop (left No. 71) and Taylor & Brawn Chemist (right No. 69a) shortly before demolition. (Photograph source – BLARS)



Post card (undated – late 1800s?) showing Elliot Bros at No. 71 and Taylor & Brawn at No. 69a. The upper floors of No. 71 are operating as the Geisha Café.
(Source – Chrystal post card collection – BLARS)



Advertisement from Mates Illustrated Guide to Bedford, 1906. (Source – BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 1890 | Elliot Bros, grocers and tallow chandlers | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| Pre 1897 | Elliot's groceries (as one premises with No. 69a) | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| 1897 | Building split into two – Nos. 69a & 71. Elliot's continued trading at No. 71 | |
| 1903 | William Henry Elliott, grocer (until c1910) | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1914-18 War | Prudential Insurance Co. | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| 1937 | Half of Georgian building demolished and re-built. | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| 1937 - 1970 | Taylor, Brawn & Flood (chemist) occupied ground floor until 1970. | Press cutting – Bedford Library |

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| ADDRESS: 73 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground floor – Retail (Toymaster) NB during course of study this shop closed. Upper floors – currently To Let |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Post 1957 | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:
None

FEATURES OF INTEREST:
None listed

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



Photograph 1906. (Source – BLARS)




Photograph 1930. (Source – BLARS)



No. 73 (right) c1957. Note the traffic lights at the crossroads of High Street with Mill Street and Silver Street. (Source 'Bedford', Richard Wildman)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------|---|---------------------------------|
| 1870 | James Apthorpe, grocers? | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| 1890 | Arthur Jelley, grocer and wine merchant | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | Jelley & Clarke, grocers, wines & spirits Bedford Central Supply Stores – until 1930 | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | Grimbly, Hughes & Co. grocers and provision merchants | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1957 | Bedford Central Supply Stores | 'Bedford', Richard Wildman |
| c1958 | Building demolished. Rebuilt ? | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| 1973 | Alexandres, mens outfitters | |
| 1983 | AA | |

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| <p>ADDRESS: 75 High Street</p> | <p>CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Retail (Laura Ashley) Upper Floors – Offices (Adecco recruitment consultancy)</p> |
| <p>CONSTRUCTION DATE: Previous shop built by George Hurst (draper and Mayor of Bedford 5 times) constructed in 1851. Demolished in 1957 when current building erected.</p> | <p>ARCHITECT: Unknown</p> |
| <p>STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: None</p> | |
| <p>FEATURES OF INTEREST: None listed</p> | |
| <p>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Previous building by draper, George Hurst (who was five times Mayor of Bedford). It was decorated with busts of Palladio, Inigo Jones and Christopher Wren (demolished c1957).</p> | |
| <p>CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:</p> | |
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



Photograph (undated). Initials G. H. (for George Hurst) are in fancy stonework above the parapet. (Source BLARS)



No. 75 c1957, just prior to demolition. (Source 'Bedford', Richard Wildman)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|---|---|
| 1851 | Constructed by George Hurst, draper | 'Bedford, Britain in Old Photographs' Richard Wildman |
| 1870 | Cutcliffe & Bennett, drapers | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| 1890 | Wm Dust, silk mercer, costumier, milliner | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | Wm Dust, court milliner (silk mercer and costumier) | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | Wm Dust-Bedford Ltd, silk mercers and costumiers | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| c1957 | Building demolished. Re-built? | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| ???? | Hepworths, men's clothing | |
| 1986 | Laura Ashley, ladies clothing | |

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| ADDRESS: 77 & 79 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor No. 77 – Buildings Society (Norwich and Peterborough) No. 79 - Retail – art sales and framing (Druidston Gallery) Upper Floors – 1 st floor offices (Wizard Recruitment) |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Early C19th | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Listed Grade II (TL 0549 1/34) | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: Early C19th. Stucco, low pitched Welsh slate roof. Three storeys, modern shops, upper storeys have 6 tall Corinthian half columns. Slightly projecting centre, 1: 3: 1 sashes in architrave surrounds, those on 2nd floor eared. Outer 1st floor windows have cornices on consoles. Central window pediment on consoles. Entablature with modillion cornice, blocking course. Cast iron anthemion motif. First floor balconettes. | |

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:




No. 77 c1957. Margents shop appears to be empty.
(Source 'Bedford', Richard Wildman)



Post card (late 1800s-early 1900s?) showing Nos 77 & 79 on right.
(Source – Chrystal collection of post cards, BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|---|--|
| 1885 | No. 77 - Post Office | Bedford: A Pictorial History, Wildman 1991 |
| 1890 | No. 77 – Dickins Bros, tea, wine and spirit merchant. No. 77 - Alfred Long Field, accountant. No. 77 – Post Office (Robert Shanks, postmaster). No. 77½ - Inland Revenue Office. | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | No. 77 – Amies & Sons, boot makers. No. 79 – Dickins Bros, tea warehouse. | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| ???? | No. 77 (79?) – Margents (business?) | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| 1938 | No. 77 – Victors, hosiery. No. 77A – The Lounge Café. No. 79 – Dickins Bros Ltd, tea and wine merchants. No. 79 – Newland and Nash Ltd., brewers. No. 79 – Wells and Winch Ltd., brewers. | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1986 | No. 77 – Pizzaland No. 79 – Mor-Ray (business?) | BCC Heritage files |

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| ADDRESS: 81 - 83 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – National Westminster Bank Upper Floors – Bank offices? |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1881 (3no southern gables) 1921 (2no northern gables) | ARCHITECT: A.E Anthony of Anthony & Usher |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Recommended for local listing. | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: A Victorian building retaining many of its original features and of sufficient quality to distinguish it from other buildings of that period in Bedford. Date stones on 2 larger gables. | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Extended in 1921 over lower height building to north – two gables added. Medieval jugs found when excavating for new premises for LCW & P Bank near 83 High Street, 1921. Also finds of Later Saxon pottery in this area – probable nucleus of early Anglo-Saxon Bedford (see ref BCC HER 300). | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH: | |
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



Post card (late 1800s-early 1900s?) showing No. 81 - 83 on right. No. 83 is a lower level building that was demolished to make way for the extension in 1921.
(Source – Chrystal collection of post cards, BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|------|--|--------------------------------|
| ???? | No. 83 – Trapp, Halfhead and Trapp, bankers (this was a lower level building pre 1921 when bank was extended to take over plot of No. 83). | Bedford Library press cuttings |
| 1890 | No. 83 - Stafford & Rogers auctioneers, appraisers, house and land agents, public accountants, valuers, arbitrators, surveyors, agents for Sun Fire & Life Insurance, and holders of weekly (Sat) cattle and other stock sales at their cattle mart in Horne Lane. | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | No. 81 – London & County Banking Co Ltd. No. 83 – Stafford & Rogers Ltd, auctioneers (was lower height building). | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | No. 81 – Public Assistance Officer of the Beds County Council and Clerk to Bedford Area Assessment Cttee. No. 81 – Spain Bros and Co., chartered accountants. No. 81 – The English Electric Co. Ltd. No. 81 – 83 – Westminster Bank Ltd | 1938 Bedford Directory |

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| ADDRESS: 85 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Retail (vacant) Upper Floors – 1 st floor offices (Dunton Scott) Top floor residential? (currently To Let / for sale?) |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: C19 | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:
Building of potential merit / retains residual merit.

FEATURES OF INTEREST:
Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands.

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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:

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and
Removal Contractors.**

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We can furnish your house complete in a few hours from Stock.

BLINDS.
CURTAINS.
CARPETS.
LINOLEUMS.
BEDSTEADS.
BEDDING.
**FURNITURE
:: STORED**
in good Dry Stores.



FURNITURE.
IRONMONGERY.
DRAPEY.
CHINA, GLASS &
EARTHENWARE
MAIL CARTS.
TRUNKS, BAGS.
**FURNITURE
REMOVED**
By experienced workmen.

"The Furniture Stores," 85, High Street, BEDFORD.
XXVIII.

Source – Mate's Illustrated Guide to Bedford, 1906 – BLARS.



On this post card (late 1800s-early 1900s?) F. Gammon's sign painted on the end of the building is clearly visible.

(Source – Chrystal collection of post cards, BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|--|---|
| 1891 | Mr. F. Gammon – The 'Furniture Stores', Complete House Furnisher, Carpet Factor, Bedding Manufacturer, etc. Business trading for 20 years at this date. Business includes furniture removal in pantechinon vans. | Where to Buy at Bedford: an illustrated local review 1891 |
| 1903 | Francis Gammon & Sons, house furnishers | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | F. Gammon and Sons Ltd, house furnishers | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1986 | Superdrug | Press cutting – Bedford Library |

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| ADDRESS: 87 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Retail (Early Learning Centre) Upper Floors – empty |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: C19 | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Building of potential merit / retains residual merit. | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands. | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Building constructed on site of Mrs. Langleys front garden where a Yew tree was a feature in the High Street | |

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:




HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:

THOMAS K. GREEN,

.. . . .

*Agent for GILBEY, &
WHITBREAD.*

ESTABLISHED 1811.



FAMILY
GROCER,

*87, High St.,
BEDFORD.*

LVI.

Advertisement from 1906 edition of Mate's Illustrated Guide to Bedford.
(Source – BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1824 | John Green – Brazier, Tinman, Whitesmith. Thomas Green – Whitesmith. | BCC Industries Database |
| 1890 | T. K. Green, grocer | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | Thomas Kenworthy Green, grocer | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | T. K. Green and Sons, grocers. Mid Beds Conservative and Unionist Association. Keens, Shay, Keens and Co, accountants and auditors. | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1991 | Early Learning Centre | BCC HER 4095 planning application |

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| ADDRESS: 89 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – fast food take-away (Tasty Kebab) Upper Floors – residential? |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: C19 | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:
Building of potential merit / retains residual merit.

FEATURES OF INTEREST:
Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands.

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| ADDRESS: 91 - 93 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Vacant (formerly Scope charity shop. Upper Floors – vacant? |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: C19 | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:
Building of potential merit / retains residual merit.

FEATURES OF INTEREST:
Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands.

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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:

HOCKNEY BROTHERS'

EXHIBIT DAY BY DAY,
THROUGHOUT THE SEASON,



The Latest and Most Desirable Novelties in their Showrooms

FASHIONS for LADIES
in ADVANCED STYLES.

In the
**MILLINERY
DEPARTMENT**
the Newest and Smartest
Ideas are always
on view.

The
**DRESSMAKING
DEPARTMENT**
is an Important Feature
Ladies may rely on
both STYLE and FIT.



COSTUMES,
COATS,
SKIRTS,
BLOUSES &
FURS
are presented in
bewildering variety in the
most approved Fashions.

LADIES' LINGERIE.
CHILDREN'S OUTFITS.

Orders and Enquiries
by post have
very careful attention.

TELEPHONE
1 x 3.

91 and 93, High Street, BEDFORD.

LVII.

TELEGRAMS:
HOCKNEY BROS.,
BEDFORD

Advertisement from 1906 edition of Mate's Illustrated Guide to Bedford.
(Source – BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|--------|---|-----------------------------|
| 1890 | No. 91 – John Venn, milliner, ladies' hatter, mantle factor. The Parisian millinery & mantle establishment. No. 93 – Samuel Delafield, furnishings, draper and upholsterer. Funerals completely furnished. | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | Nos. 91 & 93 – Hockney Bros, drapers | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | Nos. 91 & 93 – Hope Bros. Ltd., clothiers and gents outfitters. | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1975/6 | Art Wallpapers | BCC HER 4095 photo F9/30 |
| 1992 | The Spastics Society | BCC HER 4095 photo F761/34A |

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| ADDRESS: 95 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Betting shop (Totesport) Upper Floors - 1st Floor – offices? 2 nd floor vacant? |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Early 1860s. Built by George Handscombe Miller | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Building of potential merit / retains residual merit. | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands. | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH: | |




HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:



95 – 105 High Street in 1869. Note the structures to support the shop canopies.
(Photograph source – BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|--|------------------------------|
| 1890 | Mrs. Emma Semark, millinery and lace warehouse | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | Mrs. Emma Semark, milliner | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | Ideal Cleaners and Dyers. Leslie Breeds. | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1974/5 | Express Dry Cleaners | BCC HER 4102 photo F9/29 |

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| <p>ADDRESS: 97 High Street</p> | <p>CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Retail, ethnic clothing (All Ears) Upper Floors – Residential (2 no flats) (Sold sign in top floor window)</p> |
| <p>CONSTRUCTION DATE: Early 1860s. Built by George Handscombe Miller</p> | <p>ARCHITECT: Unknown</p> |
| <p>STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Building of potential merit / retains residual merit.</p> | |
| <p>FEATURES OF INTEREST: Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands.</p> | |
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:



95 – 105 High Street in 1869. Note the structures to support the shop canopies.
(Photograph source – BLARS)

97 EKINS. CHEMIST. 97

JOHN EKINS, *DISPENSING CHEMIST.*

PERSONAL ATTENTION; MODERATE CHARGES; Neither expense or trouble is spared in order to ensure uniform excellence of quality and purity of all Medical Preparations. MEDICAL and SURGICAL APPLIANCES of all kinds kept in stock or obtained by return of post from the best sources.

SPECIALITIES:—
*Ekin's Cough Balsam 7d., 1/- & 2/6.
Dandelion Camomile & Ginger Pills 1/- & 2/6.
"Neroline" for chapped hands 6d. 1/- & 1/9.
Iron & Quinine Tonic, etc., etc.*

97, HIGH STREET, BEDFORD.

Advertisement from 1906 edition of Mate's Illustrated Guide to Bedford.
(Source – BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1890 | John Edkins, chemist | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | John Edkins, chemist | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | James Herbert Lloyd, chemist | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1974/5 | Harlequin, record supermarket | BCC HER 4102 photo F9/29 |

COMMENTS

Appears to have been recently refurbished.

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| ADDRESS: 99 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Fast food take-away (The Griller) Upper Floors – vacant? For Sale |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Early 1860s. Built by George Handscombe Miller | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

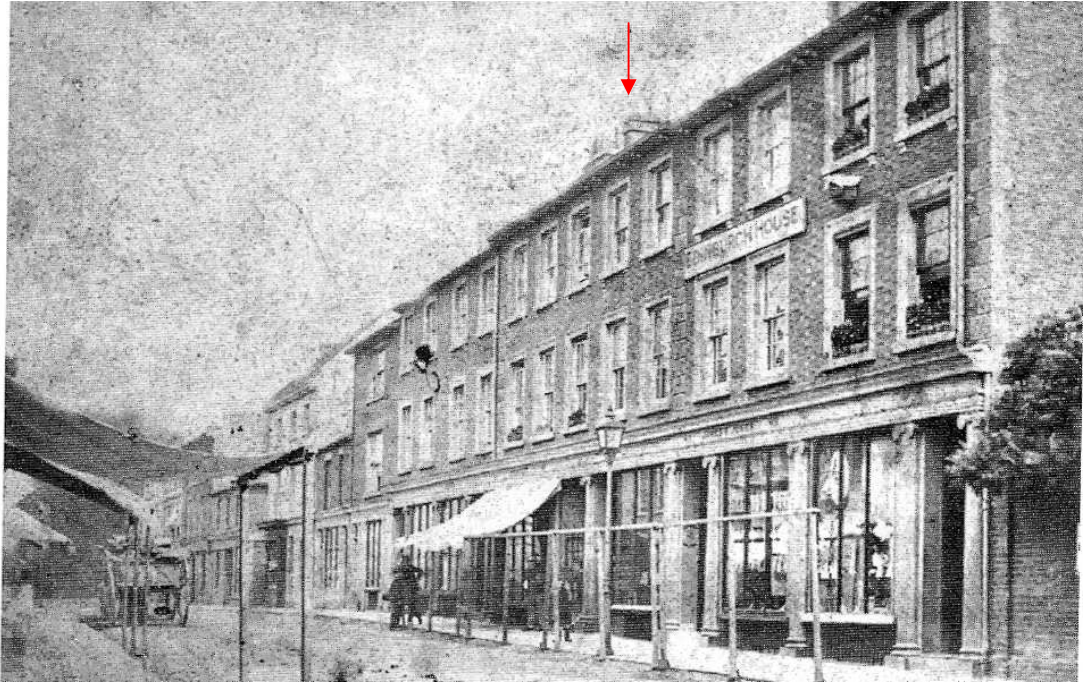
STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:
Building of potential merit / retains residual merit.

FEATURES OF INTEREST:
Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands.

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:



95 – 105 High Street in 1869. Note the structures to support the shop canopies.
(Photograph source – BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|--|------------------------------|
| 1890 | William Warning, grocer | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | William Warning, grocer | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | Gollings and Ayres Ltd., electrical and radio engineers. George Davidson and Co, coal merchants. Arthur Gale, decorator. Sway Model Laundry (receiving office). | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1974/5 | Singer, sewing machines | BCC HER 4102 photo F9/29 |

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| ADDRESS: 101 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Retail, ladies clothing (Jinx) Upper Floors – residential? |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Early 1860s. Built by George Handscombe Miller | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:
Building of potential merit / retains residual merit.

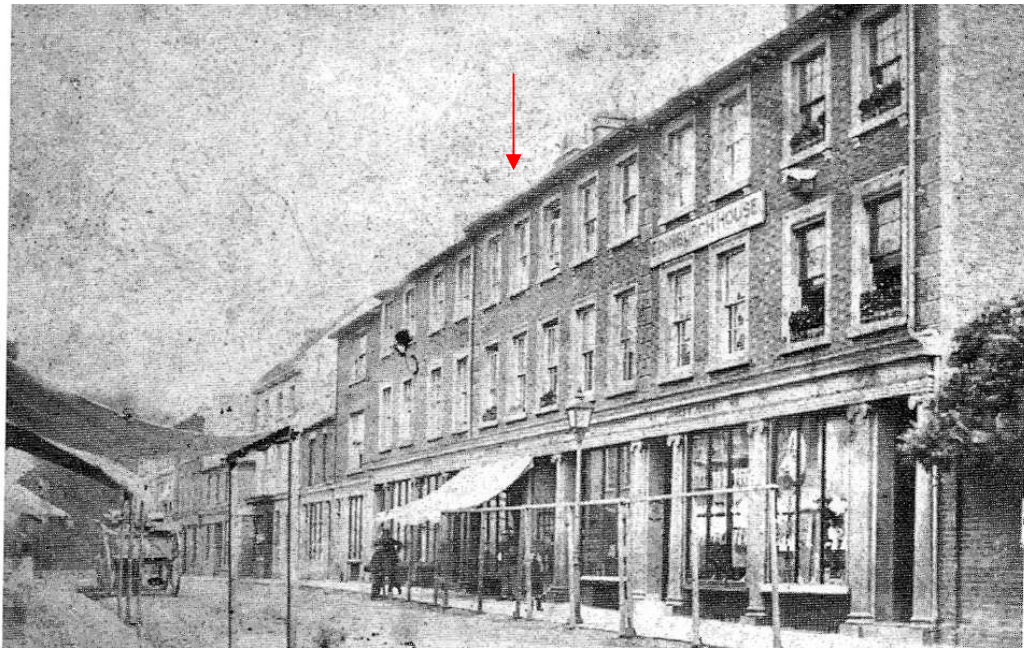
FEATURES OF INTEREST:
Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands.

Alleyway running to south of building providing access to rear.

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:




HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:



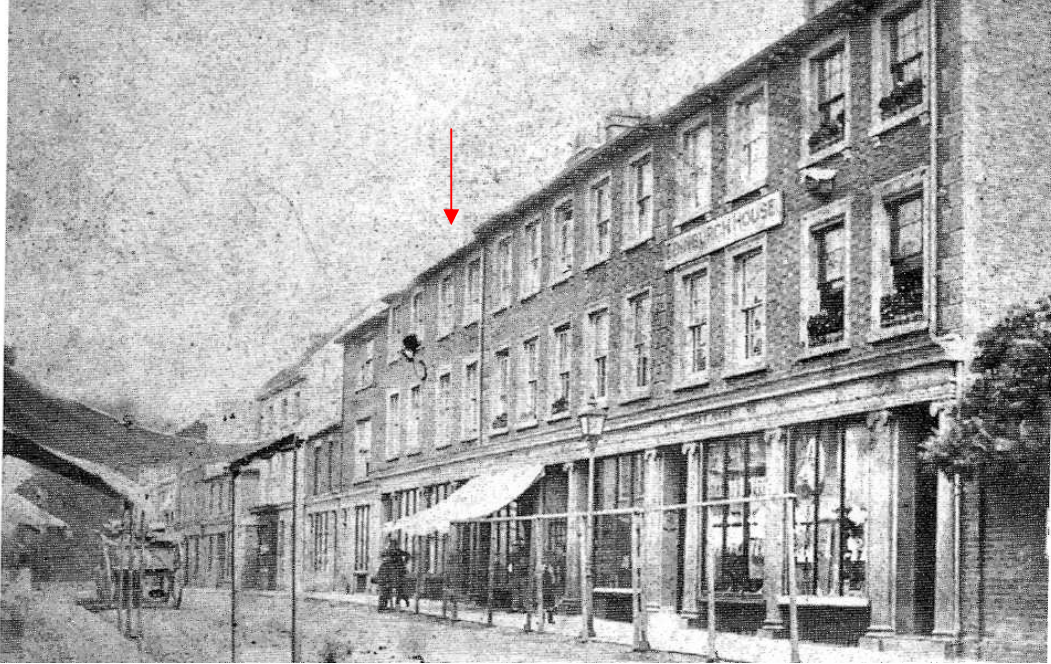
95 – 105 High Street in 1869. Note the structures to support the shop canopies.
(Photograph source – BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|--|------------------------------|
| 1890 | Mrs. Maria Merrie, toy warehouse | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | Ernest Taylor, boot maker | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | No. 101 – Ernest A. Taylor Ltd., shoe factors. No. 101A – Gilbert Martin Nind | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1974/5 | K Shoe Shop | BCC HER 4102 photo F9/29 |

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| ADDRESS: 103 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Estate Agent (Lenwell Property Services) Upper Floors – Offices? |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Early 1860s. Built by George Handscombe Miller | ARCHITECT: |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Building of potential merit / retains residual merit. | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands. Flag poles protruding from front of building between first floor windows. | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH: | |
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:



95 – 105 High Street in 1869. Note the structures to support the shop canopies.
(Photograph source – BLARS)

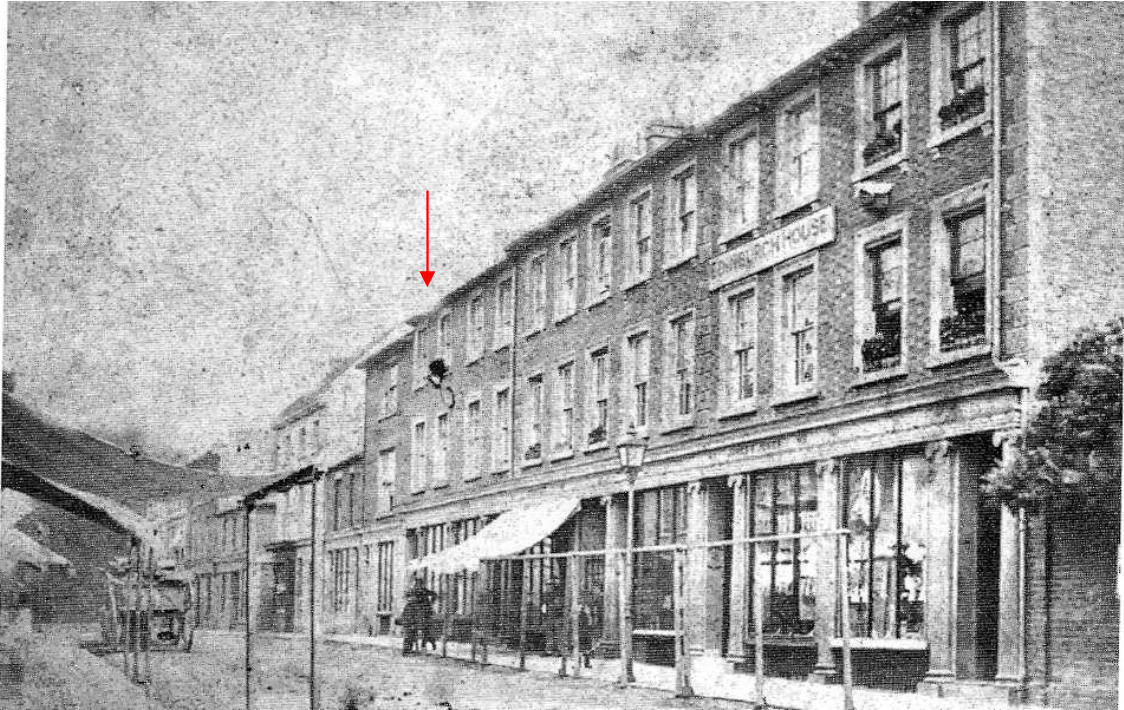
PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|--|------------------------------|
| 1903 | Wm Salmon, photographer | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | Frame's Tours Ltd, railway and shipping offices. Primrose League Offices. The Yorkshire Insurance Co. Ltd. | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1974/5 | Frames, travel agents | BCC HER 4103 photo F9/28 |

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| ADDRESS: 105 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Retail, men's clothing (Funky Junction) Upper Floors – 1 st floor (hairdressers – Andrew Charles) 2 nd floor ? |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Early 1860s. Built by George Handscombe Miller | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Building of potential merit / retains residual merit. | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands. | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH: | |



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:



95 – 105 High Street in 1869. Note the structures to support the shop canopies.
(Photograph source – BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|--------|--|---------------------------|
| 1890 | William Kendall, umbrella manufacturer | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | William Wheeler Kendall, umbrella manufacturer MacDonald Teeth Manufacturing Co. Ltd Harvey H. Sale, architect | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | Kendalls, umbrella specialists. Miss Pearson, ladies' hairdresser. | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1974/5 | Kendall, clothing (gents?) | BCC HER 4103 photo F9/28 |

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| ADDRESS: 107 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Retail (Ironmongers, hardware and model Shop) Upper Floors – Office and storage |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: C19 | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

Building of potential merit / retains residual merit.

FEATURES OF INTEREST:

Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands.

Shop front promoting heritage aspect of business - established in 1867 and operated continuously for 141 years.

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:




HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:



Photograph from Mate's Illustrated Guide to Bedford. (Source BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|----------------|--|--|
| 1890 | Mrs. Ellen Sim, British lace manufacturer to Her Majesty, baby linen and berlin wool repository, ladies' underclothing | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1894 | Day & Son, ironmongers | Bedford, Britain in Old Photographs, Richard Wildman |
| 1897 | Golding & Grant (founded in 1867) | Bedford, Britain in Old Photographs, Richard Wildman |
| 1903 | William Golding & Co, ironmongers | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | Golding and Co. (Bedford) Ltd., ironmongers | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1974/5-present | Goldings, ironmongers | BCC HER 4103 photo F9/27 |

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| ADDRESS: 109 -111 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Barclays Bank Upper Floors – Offices |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1929. Reconstruction of No. 111 into bank premises also included site of No. 109. | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Recommended for local listing. | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: An early twentieth century building that is a good example of the style of the period and has retained the majority of its original features. | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH: | |
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:




109 High Street prior to reconstruction of bank building, which incorporated this plot.
(Source – BLARS)



Photograph, 1920 showing Nos. 109 and 111 prior to reconstruction of bank building.
(Source BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|----------------|--|--|
| 1890 | No. 111 – Charles Tansley, butcher | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | No. 109 – Wm Smith, china stores No. 109a – Higgins & Sons Ltd. brewers No. 111 – Geo. Fredk. Tansley, butcher | 1903 Kelly's Directory Also BCC HER 4105 photo from Bedford Record Centenary Souvenir |
| 1920 | No. 111 Barclays Bank | Bedford, Britain in Old Photographs, Richard Wildman |
| 1938 | No. 109 – National Employers' Mutual General Insurance Association Ltd. No. 109 – Sun Insurance Co. Ltd. Nos. 109 – 111 – Barclays Bank Ltd. | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1977 - present | Barclays Bank | Press cutting – Bedford Library |

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| <p>ADDRESS: 113 High Street</p> | <p>CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Retail (Salvation Army Charity Shop) Upper Floors – 1st floor retail (Salvation Army Charity Shop) 2nd floor storage / vacant?</p> |
| <p>CONSTRUCTION DATE: C20</p> | <p>ARCHITECT: Unknown</p> |
| <p>STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Recommended for local listing.</p> | |
| <p>FEATURES OF INTEREST: An early twentieth century building that is a good example of the style of the period and has retained some high quality original features.</p> | |
| <p>CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:</p> | |
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| <p>HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:</p> | |
| <p>None sourced.</p> | |

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 1840 | Thomas Lester lace dealer – (Error? Also listed as 115) | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| 1890 | Walter Blott, draper | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | Walter Blott, draper | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | W. Blott and Son, draper | 1938 Bedford Directory |

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| ADDRESS: 115 - 117 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Public House (Weatherspoons – The Bankers Draft, Lloyds No1 Bar) Upper Floors – Offices? |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Original building demolished c1964 | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:
None listed

FEATURES OF INTEREST:
None listed

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:

Shop front of No. 117 from Mate's Illustrated Guide to Bedford, 1906.
(Source BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

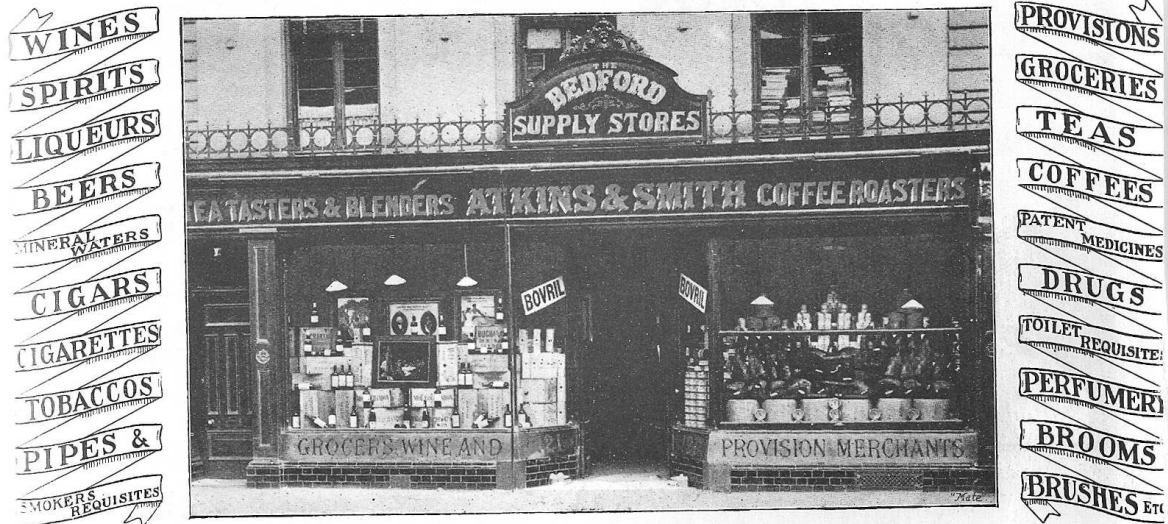
| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
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| 1890 | No. 117 (& 119) – C. Whitelock & Co – draper | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1891 | No. 115 - Messrs. C. and T. Lester – Manufacturers and Designers of Real Lace and Art Needlework. Address given as 'Warehouse, High Street' | 'Where to Buy at Bedford: an illustrated local review' 1891 |
| 1903 | No. 115 - London City & Midland Bank Ltd No. 115 – Lester & Driver, lace warehouse No. 117 & 119 – Charles Joseph Whitlock & Co., drapers | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | No. 115A – Midland Bank Ltd. Nos. 117 – 119 – C. Whitlock and Co., drapers. | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1964 | Building demolished and absorbed into new Midland Bank building | Britain in Old Photographs, Richard Wildman) |

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| ADDRESS: 119 - 121 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Reels Amusement Centre Upper Floors – Storage |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: C20 | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Building of potential merit / retains residual merit. | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands. | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH: | |



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:

THE BEDFORD SUPPLY STORES.
121, HIGH STREET, BEDFORD.



Telegrams : "PIONEER," Bedford.

ATKINS & SMITH.

XXX.

Telephone : 26 Bedford.

Advertisement from 1906 edition of Mate's Illustrated Guide to Bedford.
(Source – BLARS)

OTHER ARCHIVE RESOURCES:

Messrs Atkins and Smith issued 200 page catalogues.

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|----------|---|---|
| Pre 1885 | Mr. Atkins – High class family grocery and provision business | 'Where to Buy at Bedford: an illustrated local review' 1891 |
| 1890 | No. 119 (& 117?) - C. Whitlock & Co – draper. No. 121 - Atkins & Smith, grocers. | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1891 | Messrs. Atkins and Smith 'The Bedford Supply Store' (Mr. Smith became a partner in 1885 and name changed to Atkins and Smith). Particular specialities included: light dinner ale, whole-fruit jams and marmalades, noted teas including 'Bedford' registered tea, concentrated tablet jellies, 'Perfected' | 'Where to Buy at Bedford: an illustrated local review' 1891 |

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| | corn flour, 'Bedford' relish, 'Bedford' coffee mixture. | |
| 1903 | No. 119 (+ 117) – Charles Joseph Whitlock & Co., drapers No. 121 – Atkins & Smith, grocers | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | No. 121 – International Stores, Groceries and Provisions, Ltd. | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1974/5 | International Stores, groceries | BCC HER 4107 photo F9/24 |
| Pre 1980 | International Stores - groceries | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| 1980 – 1986 | 'Showboat' amusement centre | Press cutting – Bedford Library |

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| ADDRESS: 123 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Restaurant and Bar (Rajkot Indian Tapas) Upper Floor – The Paradise Club |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: c1800 | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:
Building of potential merit / retains residual merit.

FEATURES OF INTEREST:
Built as corner building of Duke's Row, a terrace of two-storey dwellings. This is the only surviving building of the row, which originally extended to Lurke Street.

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:




HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:



Advertisement from 1906 edition of Mate's Illustrated Guide to Bedford.
(Source – BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|------|--|--|
| 1891 | Messrs. R. Rose and Co – The Bedfordshire Pianoforte and Music Warehouse (corner plot – also what is now No. 125). Opened as a Music Warehouse in 1840. Sale, hire, tuning and repair of pianofortes, organs and harmoniums. Also violins, other instruments and music. 'A staff of lady assistants are at hand to wait on patrons...' | Where to Buy at Bedford: an illustrated local review 1891. Includes sketch of shop front. |
| 1903 | R. Rose & Co., pianoforte warehouse | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | Ann, milliner | 1938 Bedford Directory |

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| ADDRESS: 125 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Retail (newsagent and off-licence) Upper Floor – The Paradise Club |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: C19 | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Building of potential merit / retains residual merit. | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands. | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH: | |
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:




Advertisement from 1906 edition of Mate's Illustrated Guide to Bedford.
(Source – BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|--------|--|--|
| 1891 | Messrs. R. Rose and Co – The Bedfordshire Pianoforte and Music Warehouse (corner plot – also No. 123). Opened as a Music Warehouse in 1840. Sale, hire, tuning and repair of pianofortes, organs and harmoniums. Also violins, other instruments and music. 'A staff of lady assistants are at hand to wait on patrons...' | Where to Buy at Bedford: an illustrated local review 1891. Includes sketch of shop front. |
| 1903 | R. Rose & Co., pianoforte warehouse | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | Countryside Libraries Ltd. | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1974/5 | Newsfayre | BCC HER 4108 photo F9/23 |

HIGH STREET WEST

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| ADDRESS: 2 - 14 High Street 'Bank Buildings' | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Building demolished shortly after 1938 |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1855 | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| OWNERSHIP (June/July 2008) Buildings no longer present | |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Demolished shortly after 1938 when town bridge was widened. | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: An ARP warden's post was constructed on the site of the Bank Buildings in 1940. Joseph Barnard's Bank established in 1799. Issued its own bank notes for 40 years. Barnard was a coal merchant who offered loans to people and in 1799, with two partners set up a bank with a capital of £10,000. | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH: | |
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| Site of Bank Building | |

HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



Photograph taken from the bridge in 1938 shortly before demolition of the Bank Buildings. (Source – BLARS)



Photograph source – Gearey negatives, BLARS.



ESTABLISHED 1840.

G. Miller & Son,

Civil, Military and Clerical
TAILORS.



Hunting Coats, Breeches for Riding and
Walking. Uniforms, Liveries, etc.

Ladies' Riding Habits, Costumes, etc.

Boys' Eton and School Suits.



4 and 6, Bank Buildings, High Street,
BEDFORD.

Opposite Swan Hotel.

LIX

Advertisement from 1906 edition of Mate's Illustrated Guide to Bedford.
(Source – BLARS)



Joseph Barnard the Banker.
(Source – BLARS)




Post card (early 1900s?) showing the view of High Street from the Town Bridge with the Bank Buildings on the left hand side.
)Source – Chrystal collection of post cards – BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|------|--|---|
| 1855 | Bank buildings constructed | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| 1890 | No. 2 Bedford Bank. No. 8 Thomas Coombs, lace manufacturer. No. 10 Charles Franklin, coal merchant. No. 12 A. C. Hollis, hairdresser No. 14 Freeman, Hardy & Willis, boot and shoe manufacturers. | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1891 | Nos. 4–6 Messrs. G. Miller and Sons – Tailors, Military and Naval Outfitters etc. Described as established in Bedford for over 50 years at this date and believed to be the oldest trade of its kind in the High Street. Shop described as having two plate glass windows. | Where to Buy at Bedford: an illustrated local review 1891 |

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| 1903 | <p>No. 2 Barnard Thomas & Co Bankers, Ernest B. Hallett.</p> <p>Nos 4-6 George Miller & Sons (tailors).</p> <p>NO. 8 Misses Emily & Julia Town, confectioners.</p> <p>No. 10 Charles Franklin, coal merchant.</p> <p>No. 12 Antoine Stavinski, hair dresser</p> <p>No. 14 Freeman, Hardy & Willis, boot manufacturers.</p> | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | <p>No. 2 No listing – unoccupied?</p> <p>No. 4 Singer Sewing Machine Co. Ltd.</p> <p>No. 6 Morgan and Co. Ltd., chemist.</p> <p>No. 8 No listing – unoccupied?</p> <p>No. 10 Charles Franklin, coal merchant.</p> <p>No. 12 Millett's Stores, Government surplus stores.</p> <p>No. 14 Borough Treasurers Office</p> | 1938 Bedford Directory |

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| ADDRESS: 16 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Building demolished 1895 |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Unknown | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| OWNERSHIP (June/July 2008) Building no longer exists | |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Building demolished 1895 | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: The last of the buildings to be demolished to clear the Market Square. | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Building stood on site of kiosk café currently in square. | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPHS: Building demolished 1895 | |
| HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS: | |
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| <p>Market Square late 1860s. Building on left is original 'Cross Keys' public house (demolished c1870) on site of Howard Statue. Next building (No. 16) Brown's fishmonger and poulterer (demolished 1895). (Photograph source – BLARS)</p> | |



(No. 16) Brown's fishmonger and poulterer.
 Photographed just prior to demolition in 1895.
 (Photograph source – BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
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| 1890 | Times Office, Beds and Herts Times and Independent | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1890 | W. H. Brown, fishmonger | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |

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| ADDRESS: 20 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Betting shop (Ladbrookes) Upper Floors – Offices? |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: c1860 | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Recommended for local listing | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: A Victorian building that is a good example of the style of the period and has retained some high quality original features. | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Excavation of cellar on corner of New Market Place and High Street (1850-51?) – urn discovered containing charred bones and ashes – could have been digging cellar for No. 20 High Street at this time. | |

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



Photograph c1912 from Bedford Museum Collection shows No. 20 High Street in background.

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|--------|--|---|
| c1860 | Constructed as shop – Thompson & Son, printers, bookseller | Bedford 50 Years Ago (Victor Farrar) p66 |
| 1875 | Thompson's, bookseller and printer (stages that shop dates from 1850s) | BCC HER 4081 – from Wildman, Bygone Bedford, 1974 |
| 1890 | Frederic Thompson & Son, booksellers, printers, stationers, die sinkers, engravers and circulating library | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1890 | Taken over by Northamptonshire Union Bank | Bedford 50 Years Ago (Victor Farrar) p66 |
| 1903 | Northamptonshire Union Bank Ltd. | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | National & Provincial Bank Ltd. | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1970s? | National Westminster Bank | BCC HER 4081 Photo F23/36 |
| 1976 | Planning Application to change use to Licensed Betting Office by Ladroke Racing Ltd | BCC HER 4081 |

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| ADDRESS: 22 - 24 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Retail (Clued Up Clothing) Upper Floors – 1 st floor – beauty salon (Beauty of Ashes) 2 nd unknown |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Unknown | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:
Building of potential merit / retains residual merit.

FEATURES OF INTEREST:
Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands.

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPHS:



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



Post card late 1800s from Chrystal Collection – BLARS.

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------|---|---------------------------|
| 1890 | No. 22 – William Timpson Wood, tailor & breeches maker, uniforms, liveries, hunting coats, riding habits (established upwards of a century) No. 24 - Sarah Jane Cartlidge, tobacconist | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | W. T. Wood & Sons, tailors | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | Nos. 22 – 24 - 'Jons' gown and blouse specialists | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1970s | Milletts Stores | BCC HER 4082 Photo F23/35 |

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| ADDRESS: 26 – 28 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Public House (Hobgoblin) Upper Floors - unknown |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Unknown | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:
Building of potential merit / retains residual merit.

FEATURES OF INTEREST:
Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands.

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:



Post card late 1800s from Chrystal Collection. Note the large boot above the shop of Pocock Bros at No. 28. (Source – BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|--------|--|---------------------------|
| 1890 | No. 28 - Pocock Brothers, boot and shoe manufacturers No. 26 – Consumers' Tea Company | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | No. 26 – Johnson & Co. Consumers' Tea Company No. 28 – Pocock Bros, boot manufacturers | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | No. 26 – Meesons Ltd., confectioners. No. 28 – Freeman, Hardy and Willis Ltd, shoe factors. | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1970s? | No. 28 – Freeman Hardy Willis, shoe shop | BCC HER 4083 Photo F23/34 |

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| ADDRESS: 30 & 32 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Bar / Club (Time Out) Upper Floors - unknown |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: C19 | ARCHITECT: |

STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:
Building of potential merit / retains residual merit.

FEATURES OF INTEREST:
Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands.

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:




HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:



Post card c1900 from Chrystal Collection. (Source BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|--------|---|---------------------------|
| 1890 | No. 30 – H. S. Barnes, refreshment rooms No. 32 – Mrs. Emma Wood, butcher | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | No. 30 – Achille Serre, dyer & cleaner No. 32 – Henry Thomas Barnes, refreshment rooms | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | No. 30 – Dewhurst Ltd, butchers. No. 32 – The Silver Grill. | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1970s? | Nos. 30 & 32 – Silver Tavern | BCC HER 4084 Photo F23/33 |
| C1993 | Nos. 30 & 32 – Pig and Whistle club | BCC HER 4084 |

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| ADDRESS: 34 - 36 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Bank (Lloyds TSB) Upper Floors – Offices ? Lloyds TSB? |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Unknown | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Recommended for local listing. Potential for statutory listing. | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: A neo-classical building that is a fine example of the style of the period and has retained some high quality original features. Building re-fronted in Neo-Georgian style by Stonebridge & Harris c1936 | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Dudeney & Johnston, who occupied this building between (? - ?) were regarded by many as Bedford's premier grocers. | |
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



Photograph (undated) of No. 34.
(Source – BLARS)

H. E. WHITMORE,
JEWELLER, SILVERSMITH & GENERAL STORES

36, High St., BEDFORD.



DEPARTMENTS:—
WATCH AND CLOCK
REPAIRS.
JEWELLERY
REPAIRS.
GILDING.
ENGRAVING.
SILVER PLATING.
CUTLERY.
ELECTRO PLATE.
JEWELLERY.
WATCHES.
SPECTACLES.
FOLDERS.

OLD GOLD AND SILVER BOUGHT.

CHEAPEST HOUSE IN THE COUNTY FOR
WEDDING RINGS AND KEEPERS.

Advertisement from Mate's
Illustrated Guide to Bedford,
1906. (Source – BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|---|--|
| ???? | William Roff | |
| 1890 | No 34 – Beds Permanent Benefit Building Society No. 36 – Howitt Ebenezer Whitmore, jeweller | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | No. 34 – Dudeney & Johnston Ltd., hygienic steam bakery No. 36 – Howitt Ebenezer Whitmore, jeweller No. 36 – Mrs. F. E. Walker, insurance agent | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | Nos. 34 – 36 – Dudeney and Johnston Ltd., grocers, provisions merchant, bread bakers and confectioners, wine, spirit and ale merchants. Nos. 34 – 36 – Dujon Restaurant. | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| ???? | First floor – Dujon Restaurant | Bedford 50 Years Ago (Victor Farrar) p58 |
| 1976 | Dudeney & Johnston closed. | |
| 1970s? | Supermarket | BCC HER 4087 Photo F23/32 |

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| ADDRESS: 38 - 40 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – retail (Debenhams) Upper Floors – retail (Debenhams) |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Unknown | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:
Building of potential merit / retains residual merit.

FEATURES OF INTEREST:
Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands.

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



Advertisement from Mate's Illustrated Guide to Bedford, 1906. (Source – BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

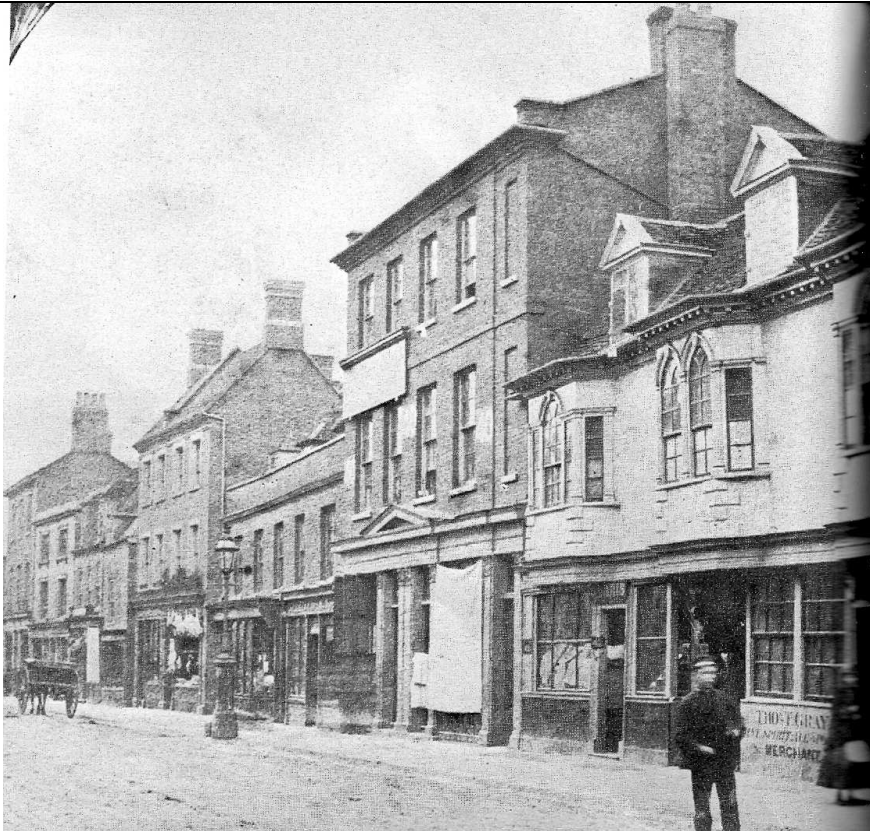
| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------|---|---|
| 1860s | Office of Bedfordshire Mercury (founded in 1837 & merged with Bedford Record in 1912) | |
| 1890 | Nos 38 & 40 – Bedfordshire Mercury | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1891 | Messrs. R. Hill and Co. - Art Studio and Mercury Press. Noted as having over 50 yrs history at this date. Property adjoins the 'Old George' medieval pub. Printing shop in rear office. Shop displays of art studies, local photographs and artists materials. Art classes held on first floor. 'Harpur Note' notepaper a speciality. | Where to Buy at Bedford: an illustrated local review 1891 |
| 1903 | Nos. 38 & 40 - Blake & Edgar, photographers No. 40 – Rowland Hill & Co. , printers No. 40 – Bedfordshire Mercury | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1912 | Most of building occupied by Blake & Edgars photographic studios. | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| ???? | Williams, furniture shop | |
| 1938 | Nos. 38 – 40 – 'Joys' fashion wear | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1970s | Williams Furniture – ground floor Provincial Insurance Co – upper floors | BCC HER 4087 Photo F23/32 |
| ???? | Debenhams | |

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| ADDRESS: | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: |
| 42 - 46 High Street | Ground Floor – retail (Debenhams) Upper Floors – retail (Debenhams) |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: | ARCHITECT: |
| Post 1964 | Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: | |
| None listed | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: | |
| None listed | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: | |
| <p>Between Nos. 46 and 48 was access into George Yard, named after The Old George public house (C15th – town's principle inn owned by Newnham Priory). Inn closed in 1927, demolished 10 yrs later. Remains of inner north face of archway can still be found at rear of Debenhams (actual archway no longer present).</p> <p>The Old George was a calling point for carriers on Wednesdays and Saturdays – Kelly's Directory of 1890 lists the following carriers calling at the Old George:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juffs – travelling to Aspley Guise on Wed & Sat • Wagstaff travelling to Colmworth on Sat • Stains travelling to Upper Dean, Knotting and Welchbourne on Sat • Drage travelling to Lavendon on Sat • Wise travelling to Welchbourne on Wed & Sat and Risely on Sat • Panter travelling to Oakley on Wed & Sat • Williamson travelling to Ridgmount on Sat • Wadsworth travelling to Risely on Sat • Bayes travelling to Sharnbrook on Sat • Woods travelling to St. Neots on Wed • Bailey travelling to Stevington on Wed & Sat • Stuart travelling to Wilden on Sat • Sharpe travelling to Wilshamstead on Wed & Sat <p>E. P. Rose demolished Waterloo House (No.46) c1963 and extended across site of inn yard.</p> <p>High Street access into George Yard blocked c1962.</p> <p>When Old Court House (Nos. 42-44) demolished in 1964, medieval cellars were discovered.</p> <p>C17th century Bedford landmark was Market House, which stood in the middle of the High Street somewhere just to the south of the junction with Silver Street and Mill Street from 1681 – 1780. It was a market hall with court room above – no picture is known to exist.</p> | |

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



Nos. 42 – 44, the Old Court House, is in the foreground of this photograph taken c1870. The ancient Pillory Pump, with a lamp on top can be seen in the street.
(Photograph source – BLARS)



Nos. 42, 44 and 46 in 1957, prior to demolition in 1963.
 (From 'Bedford', Richard Wildman)

♦ The Bedford Ready-Money Draper. ♦

W. J. VALENTINE

Caters for the useful Middle Class Drapery Business, and buys very close and sells at a SMALL PROFIT for READY-MONEY, whether it be for DRESSES, JACKETS, MANTLES, MILLINERY, or LADIES' UNDERWEAR. Also being the largest Manchester Buyer in the District for his Wholesale Trade is enabled to sell CALICOES, SHEETS, BLANKETS, and FLANNELETTES at Bargain Prices.

Waterloo House, Bedford.


Advertisement from Mate's Illustrated Guide to Bedford, 1906. (Source BLARS)

OTHER ARCHIVE RESOURCES:

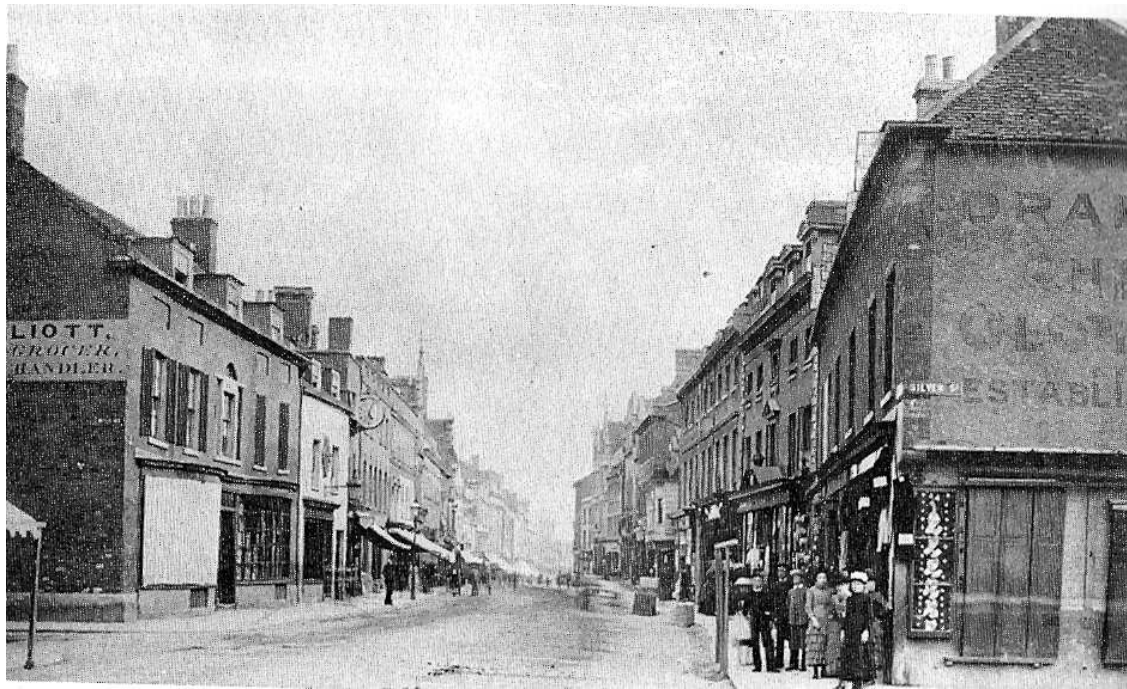
Central bay window of Old Court House (Nos. 42 – 44) were (but no longer) on display in Bedford Museum.

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
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| 1664 | Nos. 42 – 44 – The Old Court House constructed by William Tokelove Gray in 1664. Had C17th oriel windows taken from Market House (1681 – 1780 – shown on Jeffrey's map of 1765), which stood in middle of High Street opposite. Old Court House demolished 1964. NB name doesn't reflect use of building. | Bygone Bedford, Richard Wildman |
| ? | Nos. 42 – 44 – Old Court House occupied by Alderman Joseph Browne and Alderman Tokelove Gray. | Press cuttings – Bedford Library |
| 1870s | Nos. 42 – 44 – upper floor occupied by John Usher, Architect (1866 – 1876). Lower floor part occupied by Thomas Tokelove Gray wine merchant (also twice Mayor of Bedford). | Press cutting – Bedford Library Also ref from Bedford Past and Present by Richard Wildman |
| 1890 | No. 42 – Sell & Son, butchers No. 44 – Sell and Willshaw, fishmongers No. 46 – (Waterloo House) Walter John Valentine, draper & calico merchant, dresses, mantles, millinery, dress and mantle making, funerals furnished. | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | No. 42 - Fisher, butchers No. 44 – Sell & Willshaw, fishmongers No. 46 – (Waterloo House) Walter Valentine Jn, draper (took name from late C19th outfitters chain). | BCC HER 14983 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1912 | No. 46 – Became H. Howard. | |
| 1938 | No. 42 – A. E. Fisher, butcher. No. 44 – Sell and Willsahw, fishmongers. No. 46 – H. Howard, draper. | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1951 | No. 46 – Howard's absorbed by E.P. Rose. | |
| 1964 | Building demolished. | 'Bedford', Richard Wildman |
| 1975 | Leeds Permanent Building Society. Shalets, carpets and curtains? | Bedford Past and Present, Richard Wildman |
| ???? | Debenhams | |

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| ADDRESS: | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: |
| 48 - 54 High Street NB No. 56 (formerly Crown Inn) was demolished in 1937 to widen the access into Silver Street. | Ground Floor – retail (Debenhams) Upper Floors – retail (Debenhams) |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: | ARCHITECT: |
| Post 1964 | Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: | |
| None | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: | |
| None listed | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH: | |
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



Looking south down High Street in the 1880s. No. 56, Drapers on the right, formerly the Crown Inn, was demolished in 1937 when E. P. Rose took over Nos. 48 – 54 for their store. The entrance to Silver Street was also widened over the site of No. 56.
(Photograph source – BLARS)



Photograph c1936 prior to demolition of Draper's store.
(Source – BLARS, Gearey negatives)




Nos. 50 & 52. Photograph from Mate's Illustrated Guide to Bedford, 1906.
(Source – BLARS)



Nos. 50 & 52, interior of shop.
Photograph from Mate's Illustrated Guide to Bedford, 1906. (Source – BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-----------|--|---|
| 1506 | No. 56 (since demolished) – site of Crown Inn (referred to in Newnham Priory Rental). | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| 1890 | No. 48 - Anthony & Biss, pharmaceutical chemists and surgical and medical dentists No. 52 – James Shelton, brush, basket and fancy stores, paper handing warehouse (est over 40 years) No. 54 – Charlotte Porter, hatter No. 56 – Drapers, clothing | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1891 | No 50 – Messrs E. P. Rose and Sons. Dress and Mantle Makers, Milliners, General Drapers, Carpet Warehousemen, etc. Double-fronted shop. Interior divided into departments. Showrooms on first floor with stockrooms above. Property extends at rear along side of 'Old George Yard'. Ware-rooms located here where goods received and also packed for dispatch. Also at rear were living rooms for assistants, work-rooms for milliners, mantlemakers and dressmakers, each department having own work-room. 90 assistants employed in work-rooms. Shop has staff of 70 assistants (unclear as to whether this is in addition to 90 in work-rooms). Items shipped to India, Africa and America, packed in water-tight zinc-lined boxes. | Where to Buy at Bedford: an illustrated local review 1891 |
| 1903 | No. 48 – Anthony & Son, pharmaceutical chemists No. 48a – John William Bliss, surgeon dentist No. 48a – Sydney Bliss Jn, dental surgeon No. 50 – Edward Paine Rose & Son, drapers No. 52 – Thos Coombs, lace manuf No. 54 – Robert Atkins & Co. , grocers No. 56 – William Enoch & John Draper, outfitters | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1906/7 | No. 56 – W. E. & J. Draper (until 1937) | Press cutting – Bedford Library (image on post card) |
| 1906 | Nos. 50 & 52 – E. P. Rose and Son | Mate's Illustrated Guide to Bedford, 1906 |
| 1936 | Current building constructed as E. P. Rose's, replacing a group of premises which had been acquired by Rose's over a number of years. | Bedford 50 Years Ago (Victor Farrar) p89 |
| 1938 | Nos. 48 – 54 – E. P. Rose and Son Ltd, drapers and costumiers. | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| Post 1938 | E. P. Rose Dept Store took over Draper's and adjoining premises. Draper's moved to No. 8 Midland Road until 1974 | Press cutting – Bedford Library |

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| <p>ADDRESS: 58 High Street</p> | <p>CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Retail, ladies clothing (Evans) Upper Floors – 1st floor – Hair stylist (Macgregor) 2nd & 3rd floors - unknown</p> |
| <p>CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1936 – 37 Palace Chambers. Constructed after demolition of Palace Cinema.</p> | <p>ARCHITECT: Unknown</p> |
| <p>STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Building of potential merit / retains residual merit.</p> | |
| <p>FEATURES OF INTEREST: Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands.</p> | |
| <p>CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:</p>  | |

HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



Chequers Inn c1875. Old County Gaol occupied vacant ground in foreground.
(Photograph source – BLARS, Gearey negatives)



Chequers Inn after rebuilding in 1888. (Photograph source – BLARS, Gearey negatives)




1935 after Inn converted into Palace Cinema.
(Photograph source – BLARS, Gearey negatives)



Post card (undated – after 1911). (Source – Chrystal collection of post cards – BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|---|---------------------------------|
| ???? | Site of Bedford Gaol – demolished 1802 | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| 1875 | Chequers Inn – rebuilt 1888 | Bygone Bedford, Richard Wildman |
| 1890 | Chequers Inn | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | The Chequers Inn | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1911 | Chequers Inn converted into Palace Cinema | Bygone Bedford, Richard Wildman |
| 1922 | The Bedford Palace Cinema Brentnall & Clelland's Coal Office | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| 1938 | Fifty Shilling Tailors, Price Tailors Ltd | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1984 | Gents Outfitters | Press cutting – Bedford Library |

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| <p>ADDRESS: 60 High Street</p> | <p>CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – hairdresser (Macgregor) Upper Floors – 1st floor hairdresser (Macgregor). 2nd & 3rd floors - unknown</p> |
| <p>CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1936 – 37 Palace Chambers. Constructed after demolition of Palace Cinema.</p> | <p>ARCHITECT: Unknown</p> |
| <p>STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Building of potential merit / retains residual merit.</p> | |
| <p>FEATURES OF INTEREST: Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands.</p> | |
| <p>CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:</p>  | |

HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:



Post card (undated – after 1911). (Source – Chrystal collection of post cards – BLARS)

OTHER ARCHIVE RESOURCES:

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1890 | Barnard Davis, butcher | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | Barnard Davis, butcher | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | J. Lyons and Co. Ltd., teashop | 1938 Bedford Directory |

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| ADDRESS: 62 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Supermarket (Nisa Metro) Upper Floors – Offices? |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Early 1960s | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:
None

FEATURES OF INTEREST:
None

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:



Post card (undated – after 1911). Leonard's shoe shop sign is clearly visible in large lettering on the shop front. (Source – Chrystal collection of post cards – BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------|---|---|
| 1890 | Wm Hassall, glass, china and earthenware. | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | Wm Hassall, glass and china dealer. | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| c1908 | Benefit Boot Company. | Bedford: A Pictorial History, Richard Wildman, 1991 |
| 1922 | Leonard's Shoe Shop (also 1973). | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| 1938 | Leonards Ltd. | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1960 | Buildings (Nos. 62, 64, 66) survived largely unaltered until this date. | Bedford: A Pictorial History, Richard Wildman, 1991 |

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| ADDRESS: 64 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Retail (Ryman stationers) Upper Floors – Offices ? To Let |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Early 1960s | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:
None

FEATURES OF INTEREST:
None

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:



Nos. 64 & 66 c1908. (Photograph source – 'Bedford', Richard Wildman)



No. 64 (left hand side) in 1960. Demolition work appears to be in progress. (Photograph source – 'Bedford', Richard Wildman)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|---|---|
| 1850s | Along with No. 66 – Thomas Cuttriss, Bedford's first photographer – also chemist who manufactured soda water and false teeth. | Bedford: A Pictorial History, Richard Wildman, 1991 |
| 1890 | James C. Sheppard, nurseryman, seedsman and florist. | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | Wm Walden, nurseryman. | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| c1908 | W. Walden | Bedford: A Pictorial History, Richard Wildman, 1991 |
| 1922 | ?Empire Meat Co. | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| 1938 | No. 64 - Dewhurst Ltd., Butchers. No. 64A – E. J. Grice, confectioner. | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1960 | Buildings (Nos. 62, 64, 66) survived largely unaltered until this date. | Bedford: A Pictorial History, Richard Wildman, 1991 |

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| ADDRESS: 66 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – To Let Upper Floors – Offices? To Let |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Early 1960s | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

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| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: None |
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| FEATURES OF INTEREST: None |
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CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:



Nos. 64 & 66 c1908. (Photograph source – 'Bedford', Richard Wildman)



No. 66 in 1960, sporting a large 'Dolcis' sign . Demolition work appears to be in progress at No. 64. (Photograph source – 'Bedford', Richard Wildman)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|--|---|
| 1850s | Along with No. 64 – Thomas Cuttriss, Bedford's first photographer – also chemist who manufactured soda water and false teeth | Bedford: A Pictorial History, Richard Wildman, 1991 |
| 1850s | Along with No. 64 – Thomas Cuttriss, Bedford's first photographer | Bedford: A Pictorial History, Richard Wildman, 1991 |
| 1890 | Charles Morris, outfitters | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | William J. McCullagh, outfitter | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| c1908 | Morris, clothier, hatter, outfitter | Bedford: A Pictorial History, Richard Wildman, 1991 |
| 1938 | Dolcis Shoe Co. | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1960 | Buildings (Nos. 62, 64, 66) survived largely unaltered until this date. | Bedford: A Pictorial History, Richard Wildman, 1991 |

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| ADDRESS: 68 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – restaurant (Pizza Hut) Upper Floors - unknown |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: C20th | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

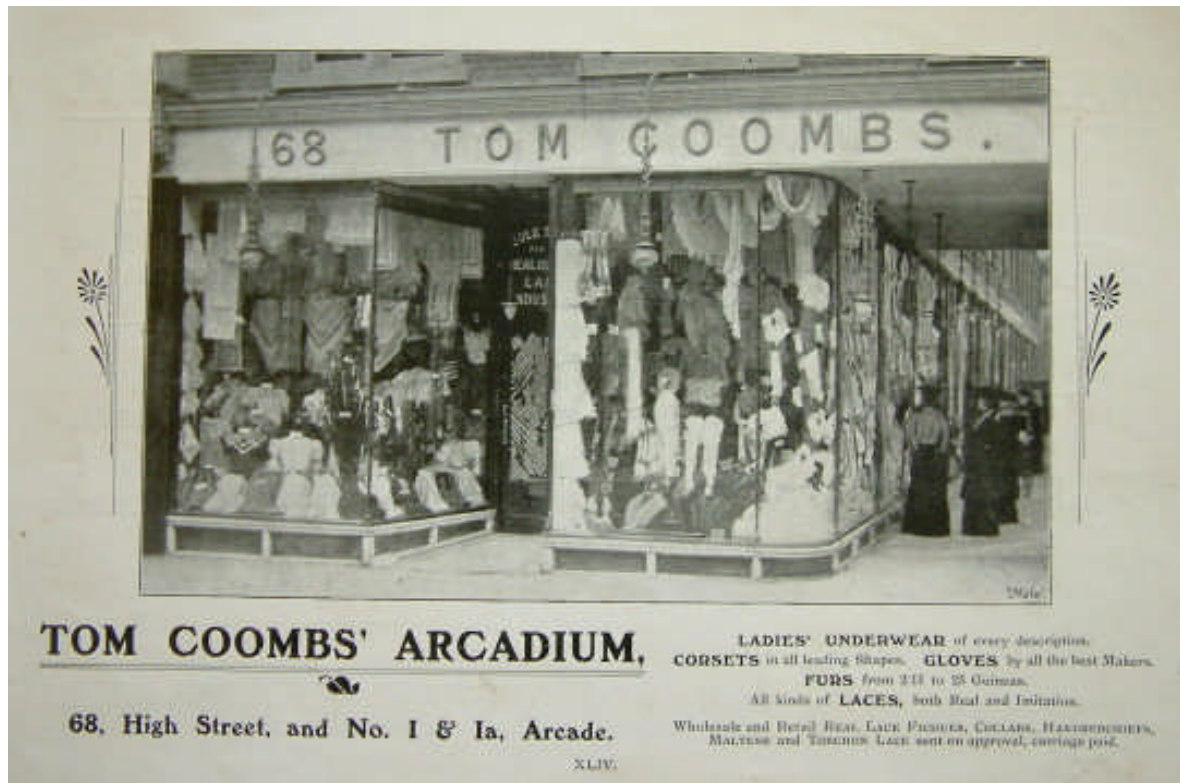
STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:
Recommended for local listing.

FEATURES OF INTEREST:
An early twentieth century building that is a good example of the style of the period and has retained some high quality original features.

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:



Advertisement from Mate's Illustrated Guide to Bedford, 1906.
 The shop extended around the corner into The Arcade. (Source BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1890 | William Greaves Johnson, surgeon | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1906 | Tom Coombs 'Arcadium', draper opened | Bedford: A Pictorial History, Richard Wildman, 1991 |
| 1922 | Cadena café (also in 1973) | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| 1938 | Cadena Café | 1938 Bedford Directory |
| 1970s | Cadena Café | BCC HER 4088 photo F3/14 |
| 1991 | Pizza Hut | Bedford: A Pictorial History, Richard Wildman, 1991 |

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| <p>ADDRESS: The Arcade Between 68 & 70 High Street</p> | <p>CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – retail (various) Upper Floors -</p> |
| <p>CONSTRUCTION DATE: Opened 1905</p> | <p>ARCHITECT: A. E. Anthony of Anthony & Usher Built by George Haynes</p> |
| <p>STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Recommended for local listing. Shops inside arcade also recommended for local listing.</p> | |
| <p>FEATURES OF INTEREST: Early covered shopping mall. Included Marks & Spencer penny bazaar.</p> | |
| <p>CURRENT PHOTOGRAPHS:</p> | |
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| <p>Some of the shops in The Arcade have retained the original shop fronts which gives a period feel to this covered street.</p> |  |

HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:



68 TOM COOMBS.

TOM COOMBS' ARCADIUUM,

68, High Street, and No. 1 & 1a, Arcade.

LADIES' UNDERWEAR of every description.
CORSETS in all leading shapes. **GLOVES** by all the best Makers.
FURS from 3/6 to 25 Guineas.
All kinds of **LACES**, both Real and Imitation.

Wholesale and Retail **BEAR, LAMB, FISHERS, COLLARS, HATS, HOSIERY,**
MALYSE and TRENDS. LACE sent on approval, carriage paid.

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Advertisement from Mate's Illustrated Guide to Bedford, 1906.
Tom Coombs' shop extended around the corner into The Arcade and opened at the same time as The Arcade. (Source BLARS)

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| ADDRESS: 70 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Fast food/take away (Subwich) Upper Floors – Offices? Access Europe HR consultants? (70b) |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Late 1930s | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:
Recommended for local listing.

FEATURES OF INTEREST:
None listed.

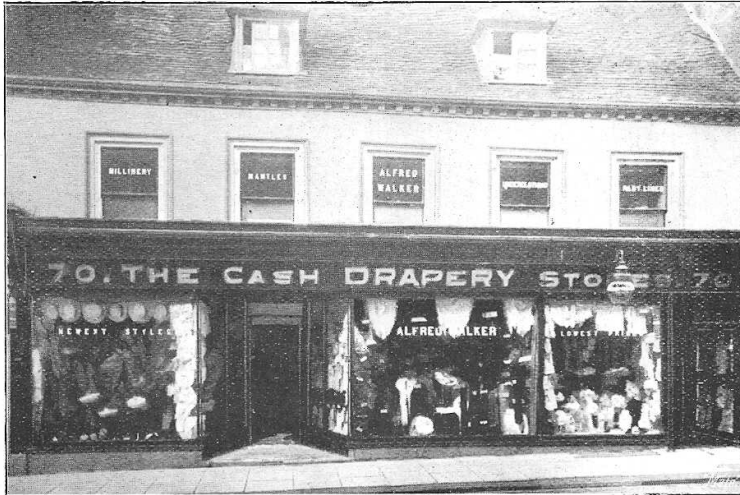
CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:

Alfred Walker, General Draper and Milliner

FOR GOODS OF STERLING QUALITY IN THE
—LATEST STYLES AT POPULAR PRICES.—



SILKS, DRESSES,
COSTUMES, JACKETS,
MANTLES,
HOUSEHOLD LINENS,
CURTAINS, HOSIERY,
GLOVES, LACE,
LADIES' OUTFITTING
and BABY LINEN.

ALL GOODS MARKED IN PLAIN
FIGURES.

The _____
Cash Drapery Stores,
70, High Street,
BEDFORD.

LXXIV.

Advertisement from 1906 edition of Mate's Illustrated Guide to Bedford.
(Source – BLARS)



70 High Street in November 1936 prior to redevelopment.
(Source – 'Bedford', Richard Wildman)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|---|--|
| 1890 | Maxwell & Thompson, drapers | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1891 | Mr. James Maxwell – Wholesale and Retail Draper. Described as one of oldest businesses of its kind in the town having been in existence upward of 100 yrs. (Shop front covered whole extent of building – but only two storeys high). Opposite General Post Office. Spacious showroom extends along entire front of building. | Where to Buy at Bedford: an illustrated local review 1891. Includes sketch of shop front. |
| 1903 | Alfred Walker, draper Cash Drapery Stores | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | Manfield and Son Shoe Co | 1938 Bedford Directory |

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| ADDRESS: 70a & 70b High Street (Previously number 72 High Street) | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Retail (Charity Shop – Cancer Research) Upper Floors? – 70b – Offices - Access Europe HR consultants |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Late 1930s | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Building of potential merit / retains residual merit. | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: None listed | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH: | |
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:

Photograph taken in the 1870s. (Source BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 1870s | Jermyn, hosier | Bygone Bedford, Richard Wildman |
| 1890 | Joseph George, photographer | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | Walter Molesworth Peacock, auctioneer Thomson Jn, photographer (NB these may both be No. 74?) | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1938 | E. H. Swaine, photographer. Randall Ltd. boot and shoe manufacturer. Bedfordshire and Huntingdonshire Farmers' Union. | 1938 Bedford Directory |

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| ADDRESS: 72 / 74 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Tanning Centre + Wine Bar (Cellar 2) Upper Floors – under conversion into flats |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: C19th | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

Building of potential merit / retains residual merit.

FEATURES OF INTEREST:

Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands.

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPHS:



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



Photograph taken in the 1870s shows Downes photography shop on the right.
(Source BLARS)



Randall's shoe shop at No. 74 is just visible on the right hand side of this photograph
taken in 1936. (Source BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 1870s | George Downes, photographer | Bygone Bedford, Richard Wildman |
| 1890 | Francis Gammon, house furnishers (also listed as at No. 85) | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1970s? | Randall Shoe Shop (ground floor) County Staff Agency (1 st floor) | BCC HER 4089 photo F3/15 |

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| ADDRESS: 76 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Retail (Jessops) Upper Floors - unknown |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: C20th | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:
Building of potential merit / retains residual merit.

FEATURES OF INTEREST:
Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands.

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



Photograph, c1926, looking north along the High Street. (Source BLARS)

J. WATFORD,

*Wine and Spirit
-Merchant, Ale-
and Stout Bottler.*

Noted House (for many years) for Old
Irish and Scotch Whiskies, thoroughly
Matured by Age in Wood and
Guaranteed absolutely pure.

AGENCIES:—

Bass & Co., India Pale Ale.
Anglo Bavarian Amber Ales.
Flower & Sons', Celebrated Ales.
Whiteaway's Devonshire Cyder.
Guinness & Co's., Dublin Stout.
Raggett & Sons', Flourishing Stout.
Watney Combe & Co's. London Stout.

**76, HIGH STREET, and
II, ST. PETER'S STREET,
BEDFORD.**

COMPLETE PRICE LIST
POST FREE.

Advertisement from 1906 edition of Mate's Illustrated Guide to Bedford.
(Source BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|---|--|
| 1903 | James Watford, wine & spirit merchant. New York Life Insurance Co. Accident Insurance Co. Ltd. | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1940 | James Watford Ltd., wine merchant. J. McKibbin Ltd., tailors. Tote Investors Ltd., totalisator offices. | 1940 Kelly's Directory |
| 1970s | Peter Dominic, wine merchant | BCC HER 4090 photo F3/16 |
| 1992 | Jessop, photographic and video equipment | BCC HER 4090 grant application under Bedford High St Town Scheme |

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| ADDRESS: 78 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Retail (Colemans Stationers and Art Supplies) Upper Floors - unknown |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Unknown | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:
Building of potential merit / retains residual merit.

FEATURES OF INTEREST:
Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands.

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:



Photograph, c1926, looking north along the High Street. (Source BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
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| 1890 | W. H. Covington, tobacconist | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | William Henry Covington, toy dealer | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1940 | No. 78A – Harrison and Simmonds, tobacconists. No. 78 – J & F Stone Ltd, wireless | 1940 Kelly's Directory |
| 1970s? | Stationary (left hand section) Stone (?) (right hand section) | BCC HER 4090 photo F3/16 |

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| ADDRESS: 80 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Retail - Harrison and Simmonds (gentlemen's gift emporium) Upper Floors – Barbour (Jeeves) |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: C19th | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:
Building of potential merit / retains residual merit.

FEATURES OF INTEREST:
Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands.

Business established since 1928.

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:




Photograph, c1926, looking north along the High Street. (Source BLARS)

OTHER ARCHIVE RESOURCES:

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|--|------------------------------|
| 1890 | Day & Sons, ironmongers. William Samuel Day, registrar of marriages. | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | Frederic Thompson & Son, bookseller. | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1940 | Stafford, Rogers and A. W. Merry Ltd, auctioneers. Norwich Union Insurance Societies. | 1940 Kelly's Directory |
| 1970s? | Harrison & Simmonds | BCC HER 4093 photo F3/17 |

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| ADDRESS: 80a High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Fast food take-away Upper Floors - unknown |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: C17 | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Listed Grade II (TL0549 1/36) | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: C17th, re-fronted in speckled mosaic. Old tile roof. Box dormer. Two storeys and attic. Modern shop window. Wattle and daub found in 1956 (ref in Bedfordshire Times, 17 Aug, 1956) | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Formerly Sketchley Dye Works | |
| CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH: | |
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH:



No. 80a (left) in 1870. (Source BLARS - original source Town Hall)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 1870 | William Day, ironmonger | Bedford Past and Present, Richard Wildman |
| 1903 | Arthur Ernest Hawley & Co. , dyers | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1940 | Sketchley Dye Works, dyers | 1940 Kelly's Directory |
| 1970s? | Sketchley, dry cleaners | BCC HER 4094 photo F3/16 |
| 1986 | Sketchley, dry cleaners | Press cutting – Bedford Library |

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| ADDRESS: 82 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Recruitment Office (Blue Arrow) Upper Floors - unknown |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Unknown | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:
Listed Grade II (TL 0549 1/98)

FEATURES OF INTEREST:
C18th front. Painted brick. Tiles. Two-storeys and attic. Modern shop. Two first floor sashes, box dormer.

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



No. 82 (second left) in 1870 when occupied by T. P. Clare, watchmaker.
(Source BLARS - original source Town Hall)



No. 82 in 1926, still occupied by Clare & Sons.
(Source, 'Bedford' by Richard Wildman)



No. 82 in 1956, when Clare & Sons closed. (Source, 'Bedford' by Richard Wildman)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|--|---|
| 1870 | T. P. Clare, clock and watchmaker and jeweller (had been in business here since June 1812) | Press cutting – Bedford Library + ref in 'Bedford', Richard Wildman |
| 1890 | Clare & Sons, watch makers, jewellers, silversmiths, engravers | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | Clare & Sons, watch makers – had been in business here since June 1812 (BCC HER 1228 – copy of Bedford Pictorial History) | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1956 | Clare & Sons closed, property acquired by investment trust and leased to B. and W. Linen, later Herald Shops, then Sharp Audio | Bedford: A Pictorial History, Wildman, 1991 |
| 1986 | Sharp Videos | Press cutting – Bedford Library |

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| ADDRESS: 84 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Restaurant (Poppins) Upper Floors – Hairdresser (Marios) |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1925 | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:
Building of potential merit / retains residual merit.

FEATURES OF INTEREST:
An early twentieth century building that is a good example of the style of the period and has retained some good original features.

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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



No. 84 (third left) in 1870 when occupied by Clifton, cooper.
(Source BLARS - original source Town Hall)



No. 84 in 1926, when occupied by Kent & Gostick, boot makers and W & H Peacock, estate agency. (Source - 'Bedford' by Richard Wildman)



No. 84 in 1956, when occupied by Russell & Bromley, boot and shoe dealers.
 (Source, 'Bedford' by Richard Wildman)

Advertisement from 1906 edition of Mate's Illustrated Guide to Bedford.
 (Source BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|----------------|--|---|
| 1870 | Cliftons Bazaar (and cooper) | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| 1890 | No. 84 – Kent & Gostick, boot and shoe manufacturer No. 84a – Edward White, tobacconist | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1891 | 84a – Mr. Edward White, hairdresser and tobacconist. Previous proprietor of business was Mr. W. G. Mallows. | Where to Buy at Bedford: an illustrated local review 1891 |
| 1903 | No. 84 - Kent & Gostick, boot makers No. 84 – W & H Peacock, estate agency No. 84a – Edward White, hairdresser | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1925 | Re-built | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| 1940 | No. 84 - Russell and Bromley Ltd, boot and shoe dealers. No. 84A – Orange Tea Rooms. | 1940 Kelly's Directory |
| 1970s | The Golden Egg café/restaurant | BCC HER 4096 photo F3/23 |
| 1986 – present | Poppins restaurant | |

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| ADDRESS: 86 - 88 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – No. 86 - Retail (The Jewellers Bench) – No. 88 – Offices and Computer Training Centre (Bedford College Skills Bank) Upper Floors – Offices? Bedford College? |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: c1890 | ARCHITECT: May be Usher & Anthony (stylistic attribution) |

STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:
Building of potential merit / retains residual merit.

FEATURES OF INTEREST:
An early twentieth century building that is a good example of the style of the period and has retained some good original features.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
Built by Frederic Hockliffe, bookseller.

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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



Nos. 86 – 88 (right) in 1870. No. 86 was occupied by Holmes & Co, fancy goods and tows and No. 86 by Malden's Bakery.
(Source BLARS - original source Town Hall)



Nos. 86-88 High Street in the early 1880s, prior to re-building by Frederic Hockliffe.
(Source – 'Bedford', Richard Wildman)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|--|--|
| 1870s | No. 88 - Malden's, bakery No. 86 – Holmes & Co, fancy goods and toys | Press cutting – Bedford Library + 'Bedford', Richard Wildman |
| c1885 | Re-built by Hockliffe Bookseller and stationer | |
| 1890 | Nos. 86 & 88 – Frederic Hockliffe, new and secondhand book seller | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1903 | Nos. 86 & 88 – Frederic Hockliffe, book seller | 1903 Kelly's Directory |
| 1947 | W. H. Smiths took over Hockliffe business but traded under Hockliffe name until 1973 | BCC HER 4097 eds Times 22 Oct 1976 |
| 1974/5 | Nos. 86 & 88 - F. R. Hockliffe | BCC HER 4096 photos F3/21 & 23 |
| 1976 | Nos. 86 & 88 - W. H. Smith | |
| 1982 | No. 88 – Central Chambers Woodfine & Co. Solicitors | BCC HER 4096 |
| ??? | ? | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| 1986 | ? No. 88 - Central Chambers (?) ? No. 86 – Toy shop? | |
| ???? | Yorkshire Bank | BCC HER 1228 |

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| ADDRESS: | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: |
| Lime Street – Between 88 & 90 High Street | Short section of pedestrianised street linking Lime Street with High Street |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: | |
| Shop units on north side (Nos 1, 1a & 3) identified as buildings of positive merit / retain residual merit. | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: | |
| Lined on north side with small shop units. | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: | |
| Entrance to Lime street had projecting lamp in 1870s (Press cutting – Bedford Library). Lime Street is so named as it ran from the main street to the Lime Kiln, used by the town's tanners. It forms a crossroads with Lurke Street across High Street and together these two roads are believed to have run just inside the northern defences of the Saxon burh (Ref – Ian Freeman, 'From Saxons to Speed'). | |

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPHS:



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



Nos. 88 High Street, on the corner of Lime Street in the early 1880s, prior to re-building by Frederic Hockliffe. (Source – 'Bedford', Richard Wildman)

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| ADDRESS: 90 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Ladies clothing (Lady B) Upper Floors - unknown |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: C19 | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:
Building of potential merit / retains residual merit.

FEATURES OF INTEREST:
Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
C. F Timaeus – family came to Bedford mid C18th. Became Bedford's leading printer and bookseller and publisher of the Bedfordshire Times 1859–72.

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH:



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



Photograph of High Street in 1870. (Source BLARS)



No. 90 c1955. (Source – 'Bedford', Richard Wildman)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|--|---|
| 1870 | Timaeus, bookseller and stationer | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| 1890 | Charles F. Timaeus, printer, book seller, stationer, engraver, die sinker, bookbinder, paper hanger, news agents & dealer in English and foreign fancy goods, depot of the Christian Knowledge, National School & Ely Diocesan Sunday School Societies, general advertising office | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| c1955 | C.F. Timaeus, printer, bookseller, bookbinder and stationer | Bedford: A Pictorial History, Wildman, 1991 |
| 1974/5 | Selwyns, menswear | BCC HER 4098 photo F3/22 |
| 1986 | Bedford Squire, gents outfitters? | Press cutting – Bedford Library |

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| ADDRESS: 92 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Public House (The Bear) Upper Floors – Residential and office |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Unknown | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Building of potential merit / retains residual merit. May go forward for local listing. | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: A late 19 th century building that is a good example of the style of the period as well as reflecting the traditional functional character of the public houses on High Street. | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Bear Inn was a calling point for carriers – Kelly's Directory of 1890 lists the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ibbs travelling to Kimbolton on Sat | |
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Photograph of High Street in 1870 with The Bear Inn on the right. (Source BLARS)

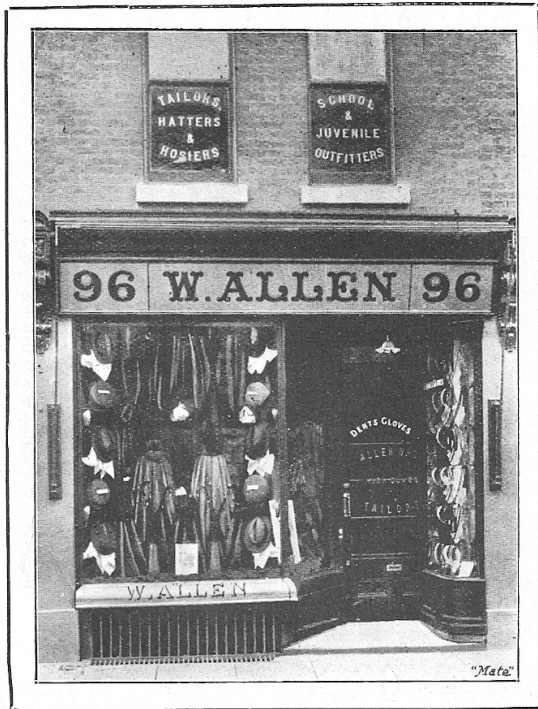
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| 1870s | Bear Inn | Press cutting – Bedford Library |
| C1900 | Bear Inn re-fronted | |

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| ADDRESS: 94 High Street | | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Food take-away (Subway) Upper Floors - unknown |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: C19 | | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Building of potential merit / retains residual merit. | | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands. | | |
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| HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS: None sourced | | |
| PREVIOUS USE OF SITE: | | |
| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
| 1890 | Joshua Chettle, boot and shoe manufacturer | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1940 | Humphries and Edwards, jewellers | 1940 Kelly's Directory |
| 1974/5 | Multi Broadcast, television rentals | BCC HER 4100 photo F3/25 |

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| ADDRESS: 96 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Hair Salon (Salon FX) Upper Floors – Residential? |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: C19 | ARCHITECT: Unknown |
| STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Building of potential merit / retains residual merit. | |
| FEATURES OF INTEREST: Has qualities of age, style and materials that reflect those of a substantial number of the buildings in the conservation area and serves as a reminder of the gradual development of the settlement in which it stands. | |
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Advertisement from 1906 edition of Mate's Illustrated Guide to Bedford.
(Source BLARS)

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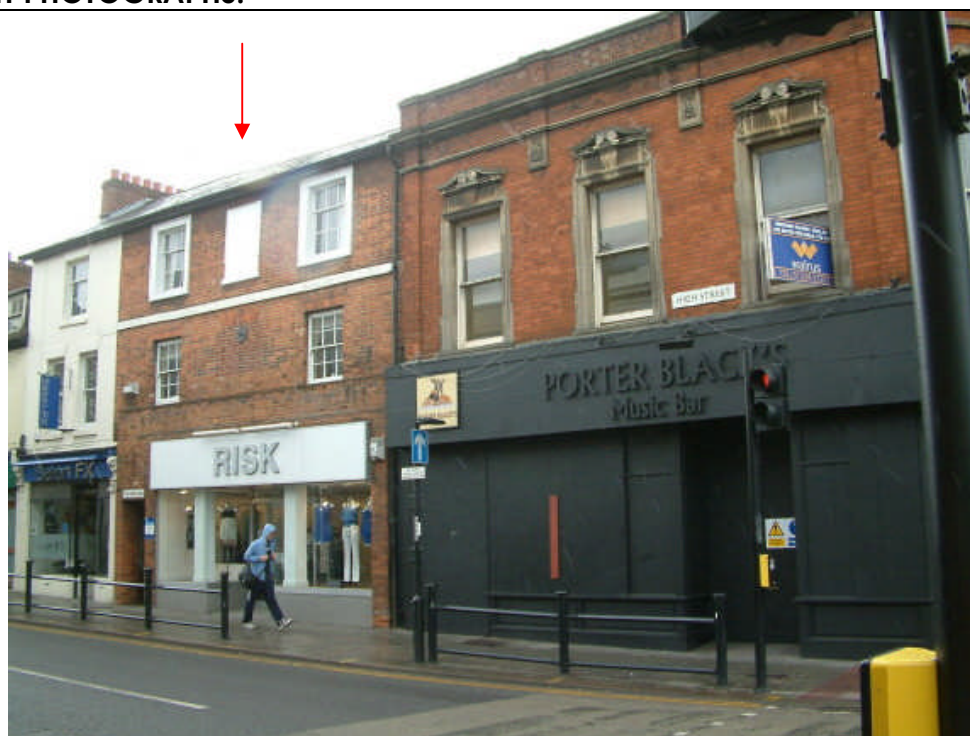
| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
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| 1890 | John Atkinson Jackson, costumier | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1906 | Allen Bros, Tailors, hatters, hosiers and school outfitters | 1906 Mate's Illustrated Guide to Bedford |
| 1940 | Garner Bros., outfitters | 1940 Kelly's Directory |
| 1974/5 | The Bazaar, clothing? | BCC HER 4101 |

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| ADDRESS: 98 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor – Fashion retail ('Risk') Upper Floors – office |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Unknown | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

STATUS / HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:
Building of potential merit / retains residual merit.

FEATURES OF INTEREST:
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CURRENT PHOTOGRAPHS:



HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:
None sourced.

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
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| 1890 | E. H. Blyth, draper | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1940 | John Wilson Ltd., costumier | 1940 Kelly's Directory |
| 1974/5 | Eve Brown, ladies clothing | BCC HER 4101 photo F3/26 |

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| ADDRESS: 100 High Street | CURRENT USE OF BUILDING: Ground Floor + Cellar To Let (formerly Porter Blacks music bar/club) Upper Floors - unknown |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE: Unknown | ARCHITECT: Unknown |

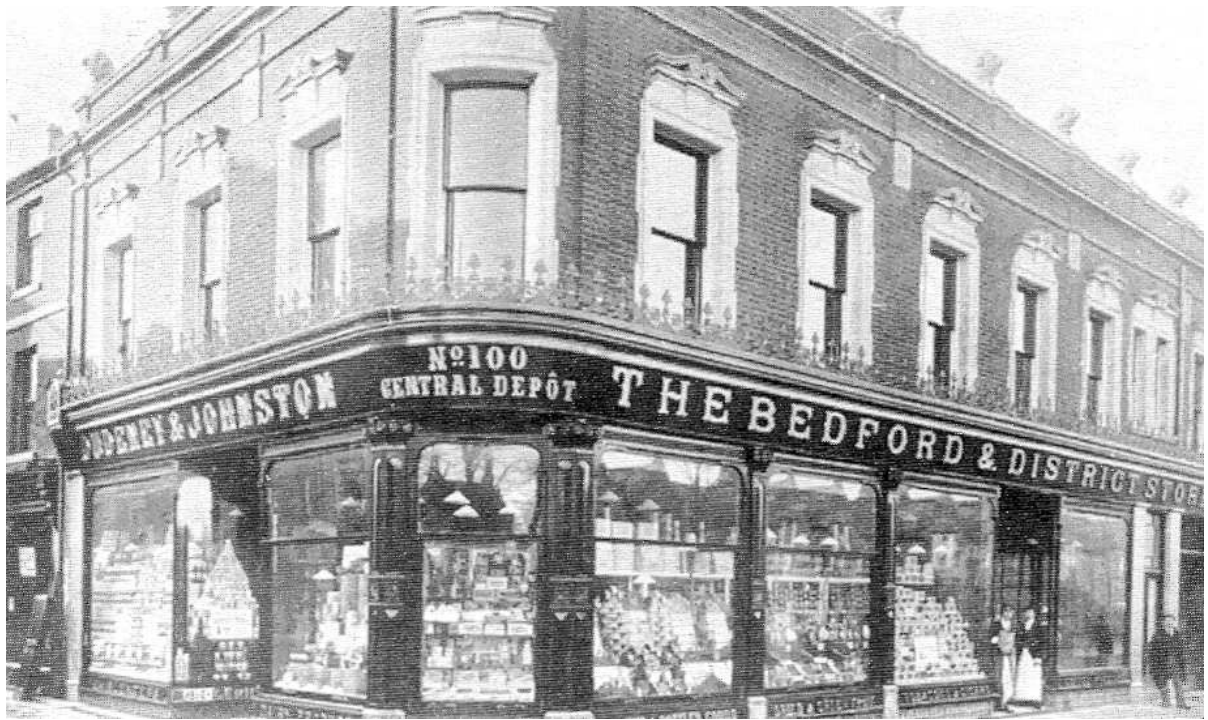
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS:



Photograph post 1900. (Source BLARS)



Photo c1900. (Source BLARS)

PREVIOUS USE OF SITE:

| DATE | USE | SOURCE OF INFORMATION |
|-------------|---|--|
| 1890 | Charles Hart, cook and confectioner (est 1780) | 1890 Kelly's (Commercial) |
| 1900 | Hart's, confectionary shop – low ceiling with step down from pavement | Press cutting – Bedford Library Also 'Bedford, Britain in Old Photographs', Richard Wildman |
| Early 1900s | Re-built by Dudeney & Johnston for grocery business. Upper floor housed India Tea Rooms. | |
| Late 1930s | Property acquired by David Robinson (electrical retailer) | |
| 1940 | David Robinson Ltd, radio dealers. 'Grosvenor Buildings': Road Transport and General Insurance Co. Ltd. Motor Credit Services Ltd. | 1940 Kelly's Directory |
| Post war | Weatherhead's, electrical goods. Record department on upper floor. | 'Bedford, Britain in Old Photographs', Richard Wildman |
| 1984 | Frasers | Press cutting – Bedford Library |