



Pill in use, last week for these two ovens.

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The very last batch baked before demolition.



Tony Guam - Baker.

Re last week the oven was used.

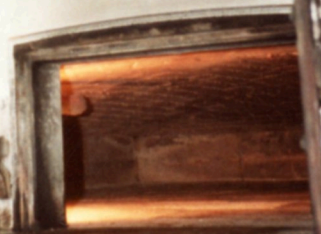


6 Bakehouse oven.

Decorated panel.



OVEN BUILDERS
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TEMP & JONAS
WATERBURY
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Peel, inside even.

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Beautiful brick barrel roof.

KEMP & SONS
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OVEN BUILDERS
GREENE,
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Baker's oven.

oven door showing, below handle, circular hole.

Red ~~hot oven floor glowing~~ glow shows oven is "on";
a modern bit of electric lighting.



Barrel Roof.

Light inside is comparatively modern.



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Sleeve to bring flour from upstairs



Two ones in other room. oil fixed.

Not quite so old.

Large mixing bowl in foreground.

Top right corner. Knotted up cotton sleeve. Flour
tipped down from floor above into a mixing
bowl.



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Stacked tins stored on wall.



2 Bakehouse Oven.

General view showing wooden peel over oven
used for moving tins in and out of oven



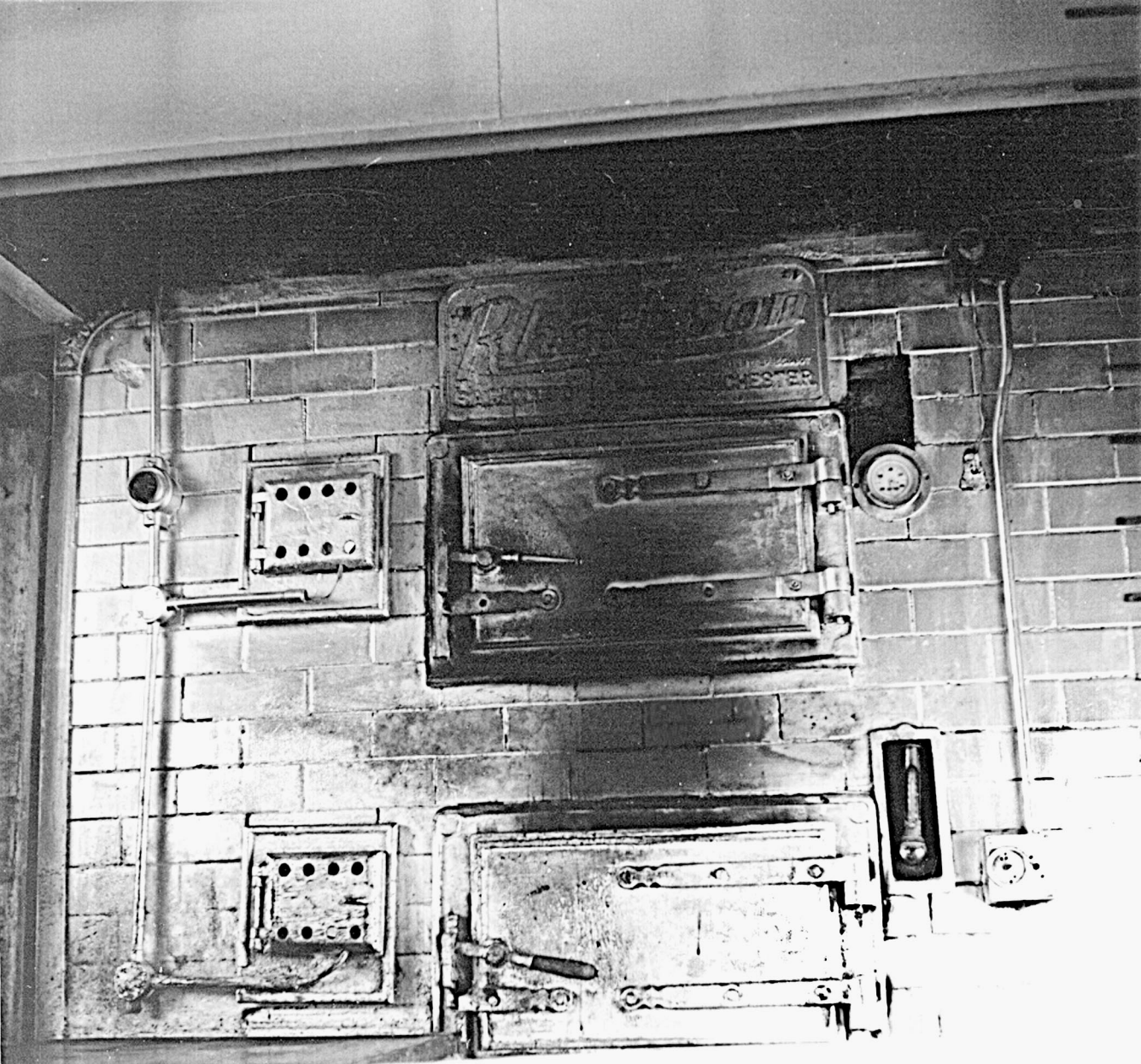
1984.

Bakhouse Demolished.

Constable's Bakehouse Oven.
Long door on right behind
broom handle ~~used~~ where
fire was staked.

Negative on Sousse film.

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Josephine & Anthony Allam





Market Place, BAMPTON.

Feb. 18th 1921

Mr. Green..

Dr. to **T. A. Constable,**

Baker, Confectioner and Carriage Proprietor.

Landaus, Brakes, Waggonettes, Rubber-Tyred
Governess Cars, Traps &c., for Hire.

Terms Moderate. Trains met by order with careful Drivers and quiet Horses.

Feb 18 Carriages for Wedding

	£ . s . d
Paid At 6	10 . 0
Feb 19 1921	<u>10 . 0</u>



Fire engines at the Bakery, Bampton, on Wednesday.

Bampton bakery damaged by fire

CUSTOMERS AT Constables bakery, Market Square, Bampton, will be served with sliced loaves today instead of their usual old-fashioned loaves after fire badly damaged part of the bakery yesterday afternoon.

The sliced loaves are being brought in from the manufacturers to help the many hundreds of customers which

rely on Constables for their bread. Fire engines from Witney, Bampton and Burford went to

the blaze which was discovered by Mr. Kenneth East, an employee who noticed thick smoke pouring out of a ventilator. "It was probably started by an oven overheating," he said.

TWO FLOORS

Firemen wearing breathing apparatus went inside the smoke filled building to tackle the flames which badly damaged part of the ground and first floors as well as the roof.

Part of the slate roof had to be torn away so firemen could kill the fire in the attic.

This is the second fire that this small firm, which was established in 1895, has suffered this year. A few weeks ago, an oven had burner trouble and started a small blaze.

Mrs. T. A. Constable, owner of the bakery, said this morning that none of the main ovens are in use at the moment but a small spare oven should be working tomorrow and things will be getting back to normal. "We have got things organised," she said.

BA8B56~2. The baker's cart with the name Bampton Bakery on it is tipped over outside the east window of St Mary's. It probably belonged to Constables who had the bakers and confectionary business on the corner of Bridge Street and Rosemary Lane.

BAFC90~1. This was one of the ovens at Constable's bakery on the corner of the Market Square and Rosemary Lane. It closed in the 1980s and all who lived in Bampton prior to it closing recall the lovely bread and the mouth-watering lardy cakes and their cream cakes. The premises have been variously a wine shop, solicitors and at the moment (2018) it is Mark's Kitchen, a Chinese Take Away.

BA70C7~1. The last customer leaving Constable's bakery before it closed for ever in the 1980s. Their bread, cream cakes and mouth-watering lardy cakes were sorely missed.

a629b. Fire Brigade at competition camp. Back row:- Mr Fox, Edward 'Ted' Green, 'Papa' Townsend, Tom Constable (baker) and Fred Green. Front row:- Billy Wilkins and James Green.

A639a. Outside Bampton Town Hall Fire Station. L.to R. Cripps. Fox. Jesse King. Fox. (1 of the Fox's is Mavis Green's Grandfather). T.A. Constable. Cambria Williams. Dick Rose. Edward. J. (Ted) Green. George (Pet) Townsend. Alec Townsend. Eustace.

A937. Ivy Constable on her 100th birthday at Oathurst (now Rosebank in High Street) old people's home in 1999. Tom Constable bought the bakery in 1895.

img304. Notes by J L Hughes-Owens about Viner's the drapers and Constable's the bakery.

img302. On the right-hand edge can be seen George Joyner's bakery, now a private dwelling called Bakery Cottage. The business was bought by Mr Shepherd (could be Sheppard) and then in 1898 by Thomas Augustus Constable of Lechlade. The other shop is Viner's, the drapery store. Mr Constable bought Viner's, moved his bakery business into it and made his old shop into his sitting room. Buildings at the back were used to bake the bread.



Ivy Constable.wav

img273. Newspaper clipping - April 18th 1969. Smoke was detected at Constables the bakers by Kenneth East who worked there. Part of the slate roof had to be torn away so that firemen could kill the fire in the attic. A few months before there was a small fire in an oven.

img371b. A photograph of the Bampton Fire Brigade with two shields and a cup won before 1919. All men are named: back row L-R Edward Green, Isaac Widdows, James Green, Tom King, Tom Constable, George "Papa" Townsend; front row L-R Cambrian Williams & Dick Rose

img083. Invoice from TA Constable Baker, Confectioner and Carriage Proprietor issued to Mr Frederick John Green on February 18th 1921. This was for a carriage to his wedding - cost 10/- (50p). There were horses and stables at

the back of Constables and they hired out their horse and carriages for weddings and the fire brigade borrowed their horses before the day of motorised fire appliances.

A few questions – put to Janet Newman by Janet Rouse, the archivist regarding Constables bakery.

- Do you know what the part that is now Bojangles and the Community shop was used for? (The Community Shop was next to Mark's Kitchen when I asked Janet this question. It is now farther down Rosemary Lane in property that was part of Constables. Prior to the Community Shop using it, it was a shop selling material, patterns and general dressmaking items.)

When my mother (Vera Elward née Tanner) was a child the ovens were at the back of the shop which was also the living accommodation. In the 1920s she, and many others, used to take the Sunday roast to be cooked in the baker's ovens. She thinks the separate building may have been where the bakers did the mixing. In the late 1940s there was a fire in the main building and all the men who were in The George and Dragon ran to help. My dad went in the shop door and through into the corridor where he saw a man through the smoke at the end of it, he called to him, reassured him that he would get him out. The man didn't move so my dad went toward him telling the ma to come to him but still the man didn't move. My dad moved quickly forward to grab him and walked straight into the mirror at the end of the corridor! – he had been talking to his own reflection through the smoke. It could have been after that that the ovens were moved to the separate building. I remember them being there because we used to stop for a 'warm' on the way to school.

In the 1950s the part where the Community shop now is, was the living accommodation – that is where the front door was.

- Did Constables ever sell their own bread sliced and wrapped? I was wondering if they had a slicing and wrapping machine where the two shops now stand

Constables never sold sliced bread in the early part of the C20th. They did towards the end because people wanted to make packed lunches. David Rose had a Saturday job delivering and he also worked the sliced bread wrapping machine.

- What was the name of the lady who drove their delivery van? Her son married Julie Till; I think he was an HGV driver and he, Julie and son went to live in America

Freddie Constable (always known to us as Freddie Bun) did the deliveries for Bampton and Sid Constable (Patrick's dad) did the outlying villages

- Do you know the year Constables closed? My mother came to live with us in 1979 and it was still open then, because those photos of the ovens in the database were taken by my mother.
- I can't remember when Constables closed but it became a sort of Patisserie before the Solicitors. (I've since found out it was 1984 – Janet Rouse)

I don't think I had any photos copied for the exhibition. All photos were original and all the captions handwritten because I didn't have a computer in those days! If your mum's photos were copied, it was more likely to have been done by Roy Barrett who did all the copying for the Archive in the early days.

It would be very worthwhile to talk to Patrick Constable because he has all the Constable family photos and knows everything about the family history.

There was a Baker's Cottage next door to where Mary Farmer lived in Broad Street where Constables provided accommodation for their baker. Past bakers were: Kenny East (now lives in Bowling Green Close); Tony Allam whose mother was the last landlady of the The Lamb; Bob Allison whose mother-in-law, Mrs Craddock, was a Constable.

Constable families baptised, buried and married in Bampton

BAPTISMS

1. 1896 July 5th. Florence May Constable baptised. Parents Thomas Augustus & Florence Mary. Baker
2. 1898 Oct 14th. William Thomas Constable baptised. Parents Thomas Augustus & Florence Mary. Banker
3. 1901 Sept 8th. Violet Eleanor baptised. Parents Thomas Augustus & Florence Mary. Baker
4. 1903 Sept 13th. Amy Ethel baptised. Parents Thomas Augustus & Florence Mary. Labourer (odd, but that's what the record shows)
5. 1904 Oct 18th. Ivy Gladys Constable baptised. Parents Thomas & Florence Mary. Banker
6. 1904 Oct 18th. Ruby Constable baptised. Parents Thomas and Florence Mary. Baker. Ivy and Ruby were twins
7. 1909 June 12th. Frederick William Thomas Constable baptised. Parents Thomas Augustus & Florence Mary. Baker
8. 1933 April 30th. Frank Cecil Ernest Constable baptised. Parents Robert Ernest Geoffrey & Elsie Marianne. Storekeeper. Born Feb 10th 10 Kings Avenue, Clapham Park, London SW
9. 1938 July 24th. John Edward Constable baptised. Parents Sydney Edward & Rose Mary. Baker. Born May 30th at 7 Broad Street, Bampton.
10. 1941 March 9th. Peter Constable baptised. Parents Charles Roy & Vera. Surgeon. Born June 14th Hassen Dean, Wimbourne Road, Bournemouth.
11. 1944 April 9th. Irene Georgina baptised. Parents Harry Stephen & Irene Winifred. Armourer RAF. Born Dec 28th 1943 Buckland Road
12. 1947 April 13th. Stephen John baptised. Parents Harry Stephen & Irene Winifred. Fitter / Armourer RAF. Born Dec 3rd 1946 Buckland Road

13. 1947 May 25th. Patrick Constable baptised. Parents Sydney Edward & Rose Mary. Taxi driver. Born Jan 8th Church Street
14. 1949 July 31st. Michael Carton baptised. Parents Sydney Edward & Rose Fanny (don't know if Fanny was a nickname but that's what's in the records). Private hire proprietor. Born June 10th Church Street

BURIALS

1. 1893 Sept 24th. Charles Constable age 48, labourer
2. 1898 Oct 19th. William Thomas Constable age 13 days. Baker's son
3. 1905 Jan 10th. Ruby Constable, 11 weeks, daughter of baker
4. 1905 Mar 29th. Ivy Gladys, 6 months, daughter of baker

MARRIAGES

1. 1849 Dec 9th. Alfred Plummer, farmer to Charlotte Constable. Fathers Thomas Plummer farmer, William Constable cordwainer
2. 1921 July 11th. Frederick William Craddock, carpenter to Lilian Maud Constable. Fathers Percy Joseph Craddock, (dec'd) inn-keeper and Thomas Augustus Constable, baker
3. 1924 Aug 12th. William Henry Wilkins, farmer to Florence May Constable. Fathers George Wilkins, farmer and Thomas Augustus Constable, baker
4. 1927 Aug 10th. Herbert Harry Gerring, farmer to Amy Ethel. Fathers George Edward Gerring, (dec'd) farmer and Thomas Augustus Constable, baker
5. 1929 Aug 10th. Robert Ernest Geoffrey Constable, butcher to Elsie Marianne White. Fathers Ernest Charles Constable, painter and Walter White, gardener
6. 1934 July 18th. Frederick Tongue, grocer to Violet Eleanor. Fathers George William Thompson (adopted son of) grocer and Thomas Augustus Constable, baker