



BAB5F4 The photograph was taken around 1890 and shows the original Duttons shop which occupied about half of its present day premises. Next to it, going away from the camera is Thompsons which was a high-class grocer. In the distance the Town Hall can be seen still with open arcades at ground level. One is filled in with a double door and this space is used to house the fire appliance. A clock donated by Squire Southby can be seen on the far end of the Town Hall roof.

BA26CD The east aspect of the Town Hall seen in 1977. In the distance, Barclays Bank and a grocery shop can be seen. The Market Square without a car in it is something that is no longer seen unless it has been forcibly cleared ready for the arrival of the fun fair in August.

BA2008 The south west aspect of the Town Hall in 1977. The surrounding gardens planted after the Town Hall was restored in 1972/3 are just beginning to get established

BAADB8 Inside the Town Hall in the gallery upstairs in 1977

BAD156 This plaque explains that the clock on the Town Hall was put there in 1908 in recognition of the good works done by Squire Philip Southby. When Market Square Garage was built in 1960/1 for some reason the clock was moved to the front fascia boarding of the showroom. Who knows, perhaps the structure holding the clock had become unsafe and selling it to the owner of the garage was considered the best alternative. When the garage was pulled down in 1998/9 to make way for Thornberry flats, the clock was sold to someone out of Bampton, much to the annoyance and sadness of many.

BA9528 The west end of the Town Hall. The plaque informs people that it's the home of the Bampton Arts Centre. A flag pole can be seen centre top.

BAAB20 The south side of the Town Hall seen in 1977

BA46D8 The south and east aspect of the Town Hall in 1977. The Market Square garage can be seen across the far side of the square and the WI Hall on the right. The WI Hall is now the Village Hall

BAE64E John Taylor adjusting the time on the clock on his Market Square Garage. The clock came from on top of the Town Hall and was a gift from Squire Southby and people don't know how or why John came to own it and have it on his garage. When the garage was demolished in 1998 the clock was sold out of the village much to our annoyance.

BAEDB3 Officially opening the door to the Town Hall after major refurbishment is Mrs Davey of The Elms in Broad Street. The tall gentleman is Ray Carter and J L Hughes Owens, chairman of the Parish Council is on the left. August 1972

BA142A Upstairs in the Gallery in the Town Hall after the major refurbishments were done in 1972.

MA8FBE The Market Square seen from east to west including the War Memorial and the Town Hall taken in the 1930s

TOWNHA~3 The Town Hall and fire station in the early 1960s. The two west facing arches on the ground floor were unblocked to create a space in the dry for people waiting for a bus

TOWNHA~4 The Town Hall with the clock on the top in memory of Philip Southby Esq. put there in 1908 in thanks for all his good works in Bampton. The fire appliance was stored behind the double doors and all the remaining archways have been filled in. A horse and cart can be seen and two lurcher dogs.

TOWNHA~1 Thompsons the family grocers, the Talbot and the Town Hall. Just one archway in the Town Hall has been opened up for people to use the space on the ground floor as a bus stop shelter in the dry. Nearly all the railings have gone now, the only bit left is in front of Hythe house, a little red brick dwelling sandwiched between The Talbot and The Romany. There is a stand for bicycles outside Thompsons. There is no proper footpath on the left

TOWNHA~2 1903 and Robinsons the butchers can be seen on the left in the Market Square, all the arches in the Town Hall are blocked off, Wenman's the bakers and Mrs Evans; cottage can be seen, both were pulled down to make way for the War Memorial.

a16 The Town Hall and High Street seen from outside Box House in 2003.

a743 High Street, looking west. Must be pre 1920 because Wenman's the bakers and Mrs Evans cottage (nearest) at the east end of the Market Sq. are still there and they were pulled down to make way for the War Memorial which was dedicated in 1922. Greyshott house is covered in either ivy or Virginia creeper, the arches of the Town Hall are bricked up, there are no footpaths but there is a clear gutter on the north side of the road.

a748 Market Square, the east aspect of the Town Hall and the Southby Memorial Clock. Postcard post marked August, 1908; the clock was put on in 1908. Shops on the left are probably Eeles, now a Co-op (2015), Box House can be seen in the distance in the centre of the picture. The arches in the Town Hall are bricked up and the fire appliance can be seen by it.

img512 Town Hall from outside Box House. Clock still on the top of the Town Hall although Market Square Garage is there, which is where the clock ended up after the Show Room was built 1960/61.

img515 Town Hall, Cheapside & Market Square seen from next to War Memorial. Square has white line down the centre because it was part of the through road to Aston.

img088 Market Square looking west from by the war memorial. Two pole ladders up against the Town Hall. Pole ladders were made from one long tree trunk, split down the middle and rungs put across. It didn't matter if the sides were not absolutely straight because the 'kinks' would be parallel.

img089 Market Square & Town Hall with clock on top, a gift from the people of Bampton in 1908 for all that Squire Southby had done for them. There is a plaque on the Town Hall which reads "The clock on this wall is erected to the memory of Philip Southby Esq. by his friends and fellow parishioners in recognition of his public spirit and liberality during a residence of more than 40 years. 1908." When the Town Hall had major restoration work done in 1972 the clock was taken down and John Taylor of Market Square Garage bought it to keep it in the village and he had it placed on the front of the garage show room. When the garage was pulled down to make way for Thornberry flats the then owner of the garage, possibly not knowing the history of the clock, sold it out of the town much to the annoyance of many.

img874 Town Hall seen from the by the War Memorial in the Market Square

img878 NE aspect of Town Hall with a van in the square belonging to Witney Rural District Council

img044 Harknett the Steeplejacks using Adrian Simmonds' camera to photograph the Town Hall and all surrounding buildings from the top of the steeple of St Mary's. The Market Square garage can be seen and the supermarket was a Londis store.

2015.2.16 Bampton People. John Taylor from the Market Square Garage looking at the clock workings of the clock that used to be on the Town Hall, which was put there by Bampton people to show their gratitude to Squire Southby for all that he had done for Bampton. For some reason in the 1960s the clock was either sold or given to John Taylor to put onto the front of the showroom with his garage, so at least it stayed in the Market Square. When the garage was pulled down to make way for Thornberry Flats, John was not the owner of the garage. The owner, probably knowing nothing of the history of the clock sold it to someone out of Bampton much to the annoyance of all true Bamptonians.



THE CLOCK ON THIS HALL  
IS ERECTED TO THE MEMORY OF  
PHILIP SOUTHBY ESQ<sup>RE</sup>  
BY HIS FRIENDS  
AND FELLOW PARISHIONERS  
IN RECOGNITION OF  
HIS PUBLIC SPIRIT AND LIBERALITY  
DURING A RESIDENCE  
OF MORE THAN FORTY YEARS.  
1908.



TOWN HALL & SOUTH'S MEMORIAL CLOCK HAMPTON OXON















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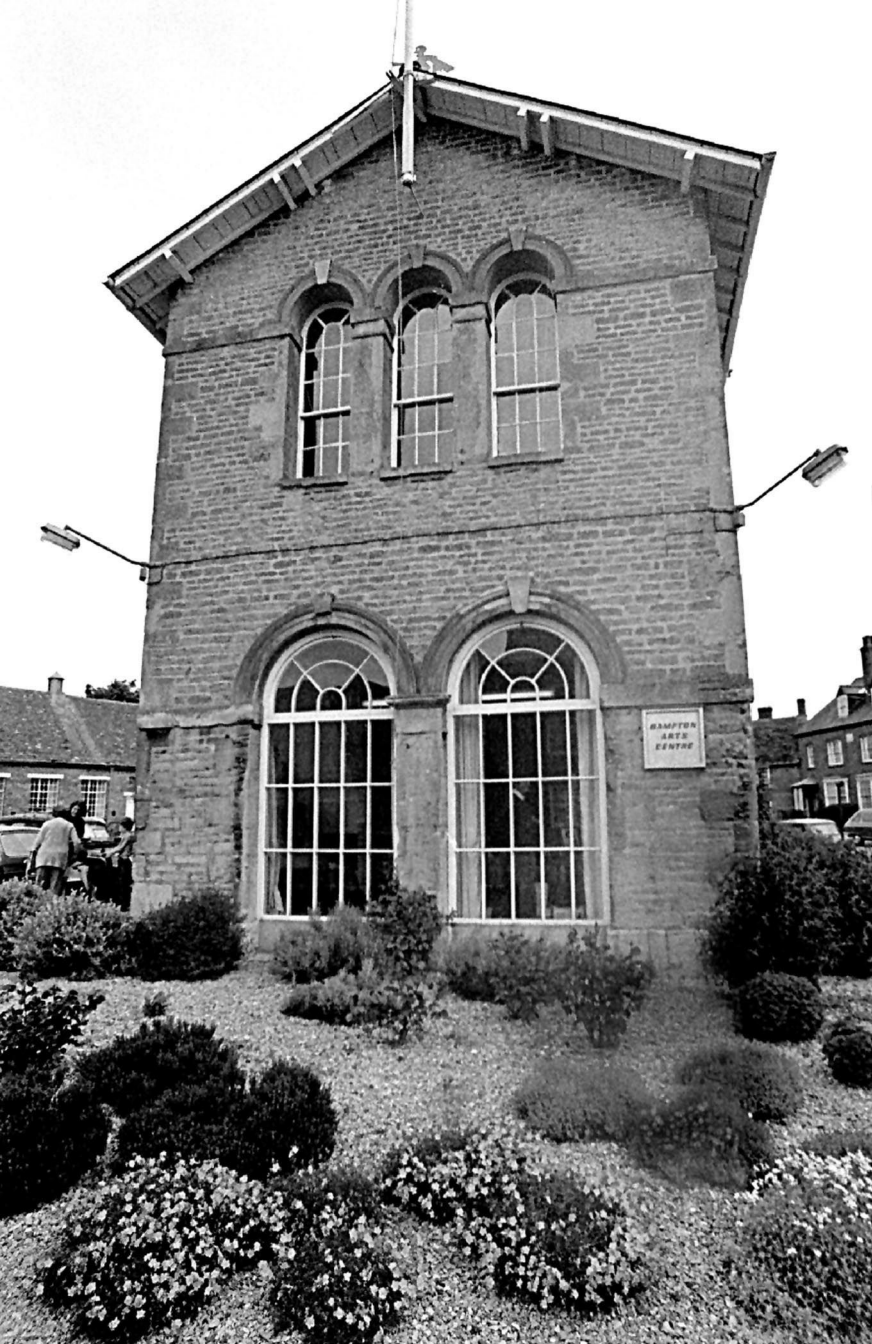








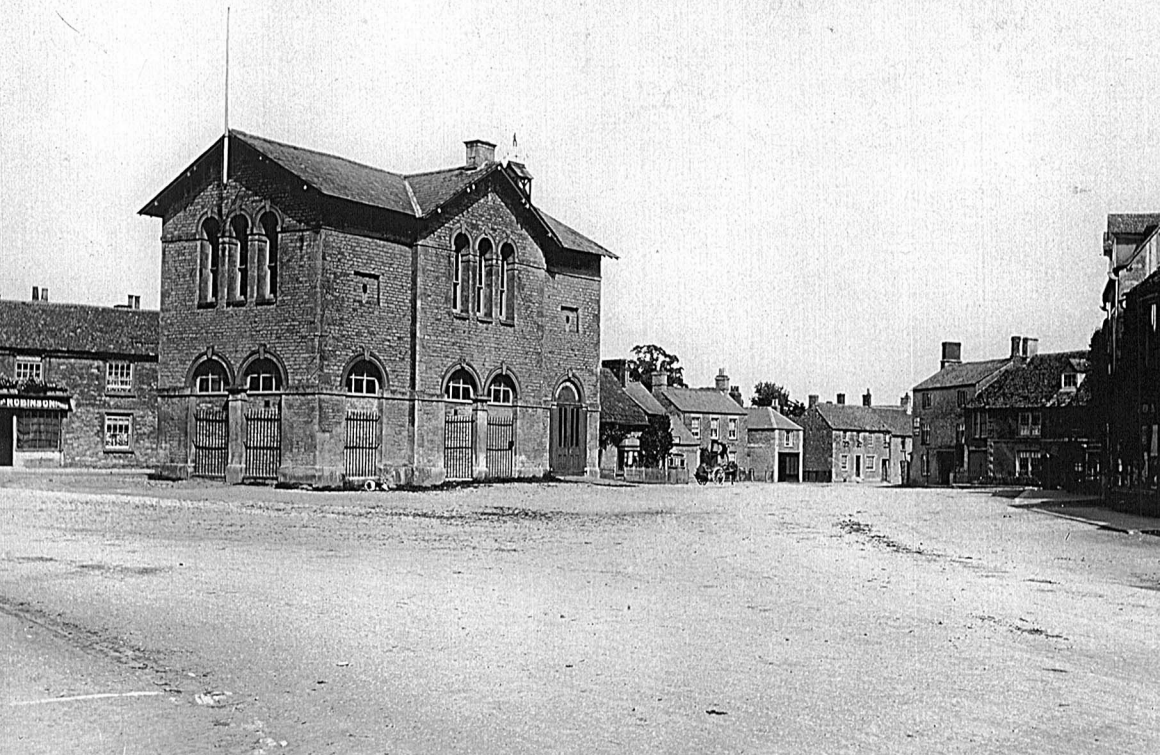




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