

unequal height. The manor was purchased in 1553 by the Horde family and rebuilt by Thomas Horde in the early c17, incorporating part of the earlier house. It has since been little altered. The E wing, low and irregular, is probably c16. It has mullioned windows and bay-windows of two storeys on its N and E fronts. On the E is reset the head of a two-light c13 window with plate tracery. At the back of this wing, at the far end of the screens passage, a staircase tower of four storeys with a modern newel stair. Inside, two doorways with four-centred heads lead from the screens passage into the E wing, which must have been retained as the kitchens when the house was rebuilt. The c17 hall, occupying the central block, was entered at the side through the screens passage. The original doorway is now blocked and its position filled by an oval window. The present central doorway is late c17 and has a pulvinated frieze typical of this date. Externally, the c17 building is unified by a string course continued round the house at first- and second-floor level. Gabled early c17 w wing. In the tower to the w the original staircase with turned balusters and newel posts with ball finials. There are some original stone fireplaces with four-centred arches, but most of the early panelling has gone. Panelling of c. 1700 in the drawing room.

MILTON HOUSE. Built c. 1750. Windows with keystone heads and a central doorway with a stone shell hood on brackets.

COTTISFORD

ST MARY. A small E.E. church consisting of chancel, nave, and s porch. Original lancets remain in the N wall of the nave and in the chancel. E window of c.1300 with intersecting tracery. In 1861 there was a thorough restoration by *Charles Buckridge*, who inserted tracery in the square-headed windows. E.E. s porch with a hollow-chamfered arch. The Dec inner doorway has an arch with continuous mouldings and a label with head-stops. — PLATE. Chalice and Paten Cover, 1585. — Also a foreign Chalice and Paten believed to be ancient. — MONUMENTS. Brass of c.1500 to John Samewell and his wife. Kneeling effigies of 12½ and 11½ in. — In the churchyard the base and shaft of a medieval CROSS.

MANOR FARM. A small c14 manor house altered and enlarged in the c16 and c17. The original house consisted of an oblong block running N-S with two small projections on the w. These

projections remain, but the space between them was filled in in the c19 and a parlour built on this side of the house in the c16. The main block of the medieval house had a hall and solar on the first floor. These were open to the roof, but a floor was inserted in the c16 and the roof rebuilt. The small wing to the w of the solar was probably a garderobe. It has a semi-circular stone trough and drain and two rectangular c14 windows. The crested octagonal stack above it, also c14, does not connect with a fireplace and must have been a vent. In the second projecting wing which led from the medieval hall one small c15 window and a modern staircase. Another c15 window is re-used in the c19 addition on the w. On the N two c15 single-trefoiled lights. The head of a window of c.1200 with two arched lights has been built into the N gable.

(COTTISFORD HOUSE. A square stone box with a hipped roof and attic dormers. s doorway with broken pediment. It was built c.1700 by Laurence Lord and altered and enlarged c.1830. VCH)

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ST PETER. A humble chapel of ease to Hailey, built in 1837. A simple box with plain lancets and no detailing.

UPHILL FARM, NE of the church. c17, of two storeys, with a central doorway and irregularly spaced mullioned windows.

CROPREDY

ST MARY. A large church, mostly Dec and Perp, with an embattled Perp w tower and SE turret. E.E. work in the s aisle includes the s doorway and two windows with geometrical tracery. Other external details worth noting are the Late Dec cornice of the s aisle, carved with heads and ballflower, and the Perp porch. Inside, the nave is high and spacious with tall Dec arcades of four bays. The piers are without capitals and the mouldings of the arches continue to the ground. Similar chancel arch. Dec E window with reticulated tracery. DOUBLE PISCINA of the same date with two trefoiled openings. In the s aisle Dec windows with flowing tracery and two tomb recesses. In the N aisle a Perp PISCINA. It has lost its drain. The N aisle, rebuilt in the c15, has uniform Perp windows. In the same period the aisles were extended E to form chapels