

DESCRIPTION OF SITES

1. **MANOR INN.** Built 1869.
- 1a. **CAR PARK (and adjoining houses)** make up the site of the former livestock market, held monthly and serving the farmers of the entire Brixham peninsula.
2. **SMITHY** until c.1935. Predates 1839.
- 2a. **SITE of THE HORSESHOE INN** until 1869.
3. **BIX COTTAGE** predates 1839.
4. **Originally THE DARTMOUTH INN.** Name indicates this where the Dartmouth stagecoach stopped to change horses but how would they have coped with manoeuvring on the steep hill?
5. **INDEPENDENT CHAPEL.** Built by villagers 1830. Later became a Sunday School.
6. **WISTERIA COTTAGE.** In 1870 this was two semi-detached, thatched cottages, each at an annual rent of £2 & 12 shillings.
7. **ROSE COTTAGE.** Built of cob and stone with a newly thatched roof in 1944 when the annual rent was £6 & 15 shillings.
8. **POST COTTAGE.** Thought to have had links with Sir Walter Raleigh, more likely his cousin! 'POST' because one occupier bought it, by post, from Christmas Island!
9. **COBB COTTAGE.** Formerly a cobbler's cottage, haunted in sound and sight.
10. **VALE HOUSE.** The farmhouse of the former Vale Farm. (88 acres c.1882). Front of the house c.1812, rear much older. Robert Graves (poet) lived here during the last war (see Blue Plaque).
11. **VILLAGE INSTITUTE.** Built by order of THOMAS BEDFORD BOLITHO, Lord of the Manor, in 1902.
12. **CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.** Formerly the cider pound and barn of Vale Farm. Converted by the village "Pick & Shovel Brigade" in 1961.
- 12a. **St. PAUL'S STEPS.** Made by boys from St. Paul's School, London in 1961, whilst on holiday.
13. **APPLE ORCHARDS.** Until just after the last war the majority of the village area was apple orchard interspersed with buildings.



CHOICE OF 3 WALKS USING THE GALMPTON TRAIL MAP

- W1 CIRCULAR SHORT WALK** around the immediate village centre. Distance: half a mile.
- W2 MEDIUM WALK** - As Walk 1 with additional leg down to Galmpton Creek with views of the River Dart. Distance: one and a half miles.
- W3 LONG WALK** - As Walk 2 down to the Creek, then continue up bridlepath to join Mill Lane, turn left up hill and follow lane to junction with Greenway Road (1/2 mile). Turn left along Greenway Road back to village. Distance: two and a half miles.

GALMPTON AT A GLANCE Village Trail

- - before 1839
- - 1860 to 1914
- MS - Milestone (post 1773) traffic from River Dart and the Creek given indication by it. Emphasises importance of Galmpton Creek.
- WT - Village Water Taps

MAP KEY

- - STREAM
- ||||| - FOOTPATH
- - SCALE

ILLUSTRATIONS BY GEORGE DETAIN

13a GERMAN AIRMAN.

During World War II the German pilot of an Me109 parachuted into the orchard, having been shot down by guns positioned on the Warborough An ARP officer based at the Institute took him prisoner and gave him a cup of tea!

14. STREAM.

Rises just half a mile up the valley and runs down through the village, now partially culverted, to the creek.

14a PIG BELLY GATE.

Pigs owned by the villagers were taken through the gate to the pond where they were washed before been taken to the slaughter house.

15. **CHURCH SCHOOL.** Built in 1870 as a gift from Mrs Susanna Harvey, widow of the late Richard Harvey, the late Lord of the Manor.

15a. **SCHOOL HEAD MISTRESS'S HOUSE** originally.

16. **'MODEL' COTTAGES.** Built in 1869 to replace the 'miserable hovels' of his tenants by Richard Harvey when he became Lord of the Manor.

16a **SITE OF EARLY VILLAGE POST OFFICE** with Victorian village shop next door. Note on exterior of building the Harvey coat of arms, depicting the Cornish Chough, symbolising his Cornish ancestry.

17. **JUBILEE TREE.** Village oak, planted to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897.

18. **20th CENTURY VICARAGES.** Two separate properties, built since the Second World War, have, in turn, served as vicarages for the Parish of Churston Ferrers.
19. **GALMPTON FARM** (176 acres c.1869). The main barn off Old Road, was made use of by G.I.s prior to D Day for 'letting their hair down' dancing! Now residences.
20. **PENNYCOT TERRACE.** Tudor in origin.
- 20a **MINIATURE COTT** in grounds of Pennycott used to be a cobbler's workshop.
21. **JUBILEE TERRACE** Built 1865. Internal timber work by local shipwrights. Ground floor & basements provided butcher, cobblers & bake house services.
22. **SEA CAPTAIN'S** residence of Victorian times.
23. **MANOR FARM** (172 acres c.1882). The third of the village's three farms. Barns now converted to residences.
24. **LIMESTONE QUARRIES.** Area heavily quarried for limestone since Tudor times. Stone taken out by river from Galmpton Quay. Stone used for ballast in Tudor times, also building stone and conversion into lime.
25. **LIMEKILN** (Restored & managed by The Galmpton & Churston History Group) One of numerous limekilns within the area where limestone was converted into quicklime and/or slaked lime. Both products being of immense benefit to the rural economy.
26. **BOATYARDS.** These were sited both sides of the creek. More than 300 Brixham sailing trawlers and other craft were built here over 150 years. During World War II M.T.B.s, M.G.B.s and motor launches were assembled here. Sand dredged from the estuary was landed at the Sandquay. Remnants of the weighbridge and grab-rails can still be seen.
27. **IVY COTTAGE.** Quite probably of Tudor origin, although a puzzle in that not shown on 1839 Tithe Map.
28. **PERRY MILL COTTAGE.** Converted barn, most likely included a cider press. Note crushing stone built over open road drain.
29. **POST OFFICE/BUTCHERS/HAIRDRESSERS 2014.** Area formally known as SKARDONS was once a small farmstead and the village slaughter house.
30. **FLAVEL CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL.** Built in 1870 to replace the Independent Chapel (Site 5).