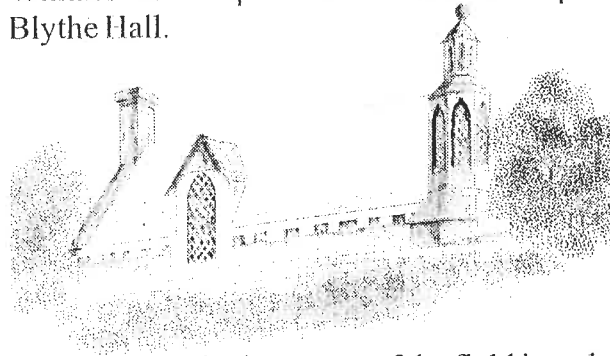


These listed curiosities once housed a steam-powered beam engine that pumped water to Birmingham.

Follow the headland to a large gap in the hedge at the top of the field. Go through the gap and cross the field diagonally to the top left hand corner. As you reach the top you will first see an apparently isolated greenhouse, then a very curious gothic styled building, complete with tower and gargoyles. This is the old crossing-keepers cottage on the Whitacre to Hampton line and was the stop for Blythe Hall.



Cross the stile in the corner of the field into the field beyond. Walk along the path keeping the hedge on your left. Note the lovely old oak trees in the hedgerow and a great crack-willow, part of which has fallen. Bear left here and you will see a stile. Cross over on to a short path which leads you to the keepers lodge. Turn right and walk towards the gate and stile beside the B4114 Coleshill/Nuncaton road. From here you cross the Blythe Bridge and, using the footpath, follow the road back towards Coleshill, taking the first turn left into Church Hill.

This is a most delightful walk in beautiful countryside with an ancient history. You may need to consider taking good walking boots or wellingtons if the weather is inclement; but whatever the weather take a camera - there is much worth recording.