



Buildings in Bedfordshire

2023

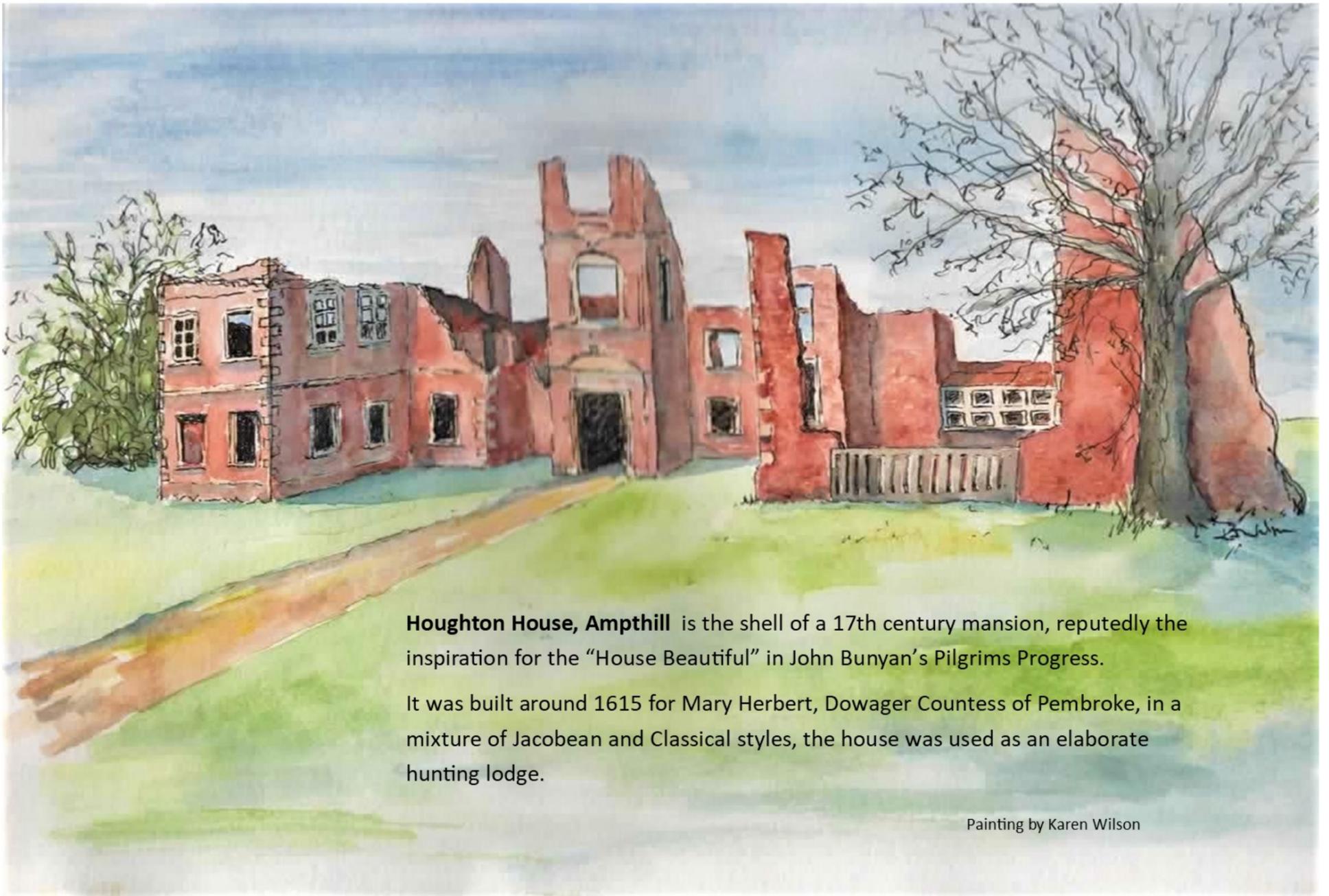
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2023 CALENDAR

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Calendar produced by John Broadhouse



Houghton House, Ampthill is the shell of a 17th century mansion, reputedly the inspiration for the “House Beautiful” in John Bunyan’s Pilgrims Progress.

It was built around 1615 for Mary Herbert, Dowager Countess of Pembroke, in a mixture of Jacobean and Classical styles, the house was used as an elaborate hunting lodge.

Painting by Karen Wilson

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
30	31					1 New Year's Day
2 New Year's Day Holiday	3 Bank Holiday: Scotland	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

JANUARY 2023



Ailesbury Mausoleum in the churchyard of St Marys the Virgin church, was originally constructed by Thomas Earl of Elgin in memory of his second wife Diana, daughter of the Earl of Stamford.

The mausoleum is now managed by the County Council in partnership with the Maulden Parochial Church Council and Maulden History Society.

Painting by Derrick Lawrence.

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	Valentine's Day					
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27	28					

FEBRUARY 2023

Woburn Street, Ampthill, the houses stand on the brow of a hill, leading from the Market Square to Ampthill Great Park



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 St. David's Day	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday: N Ireland & Ireland	18	19 Mother's Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Clocks go forward
27	28	29	30	31		

MARCH 2023



Moot Hall, Elstow.

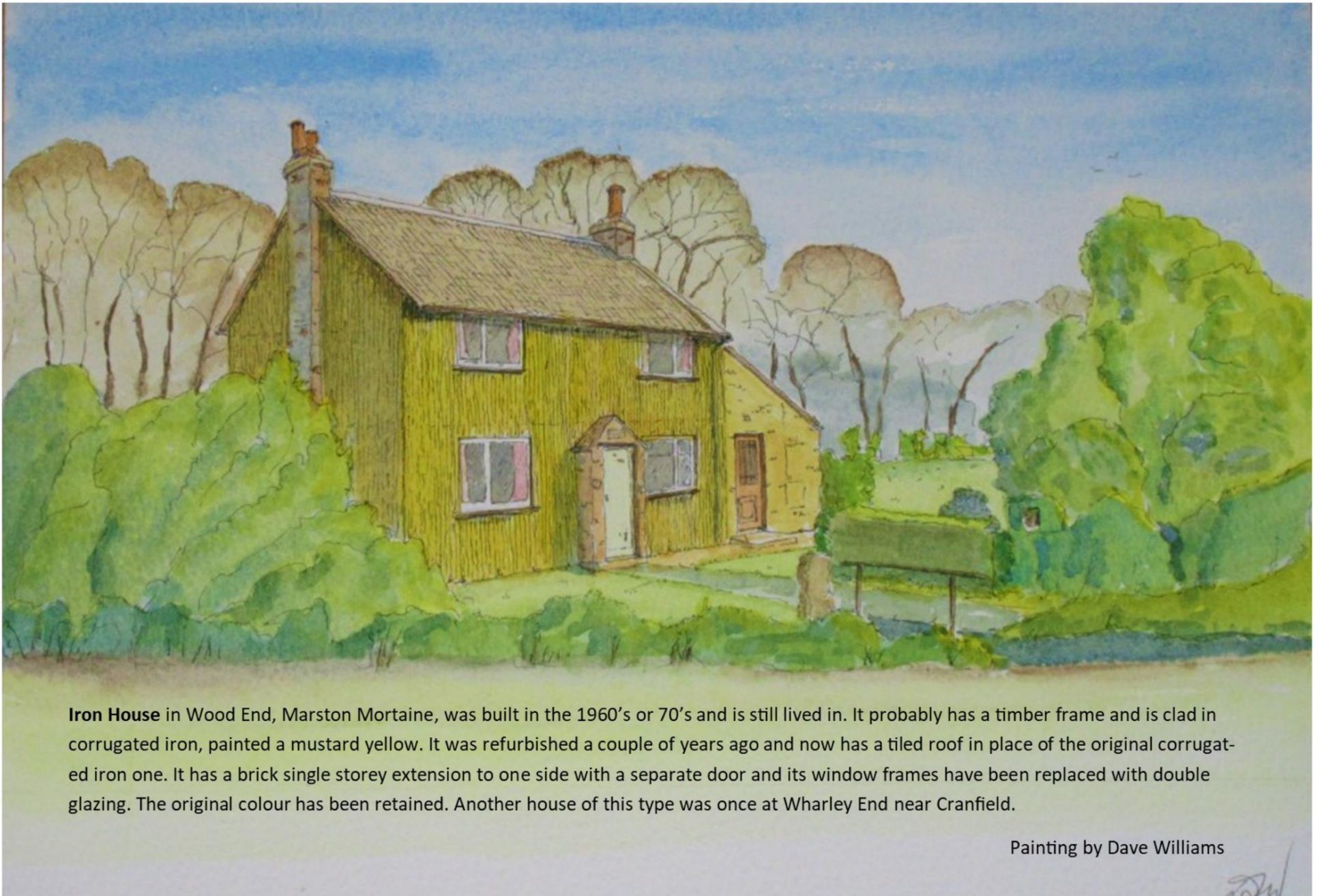
Originally built to serve Elstow Abbey as a market house in the 15th century.

It now houses a museum depicting its use as a court house and an extensive collection on the life and times of John Bunyan.

Painting by Tony Brightman

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Good Friday	8	9 Easter Sunday
10 Easter Monday Holiday (except Scotland)	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 St. George's Day
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

APRIL 2023

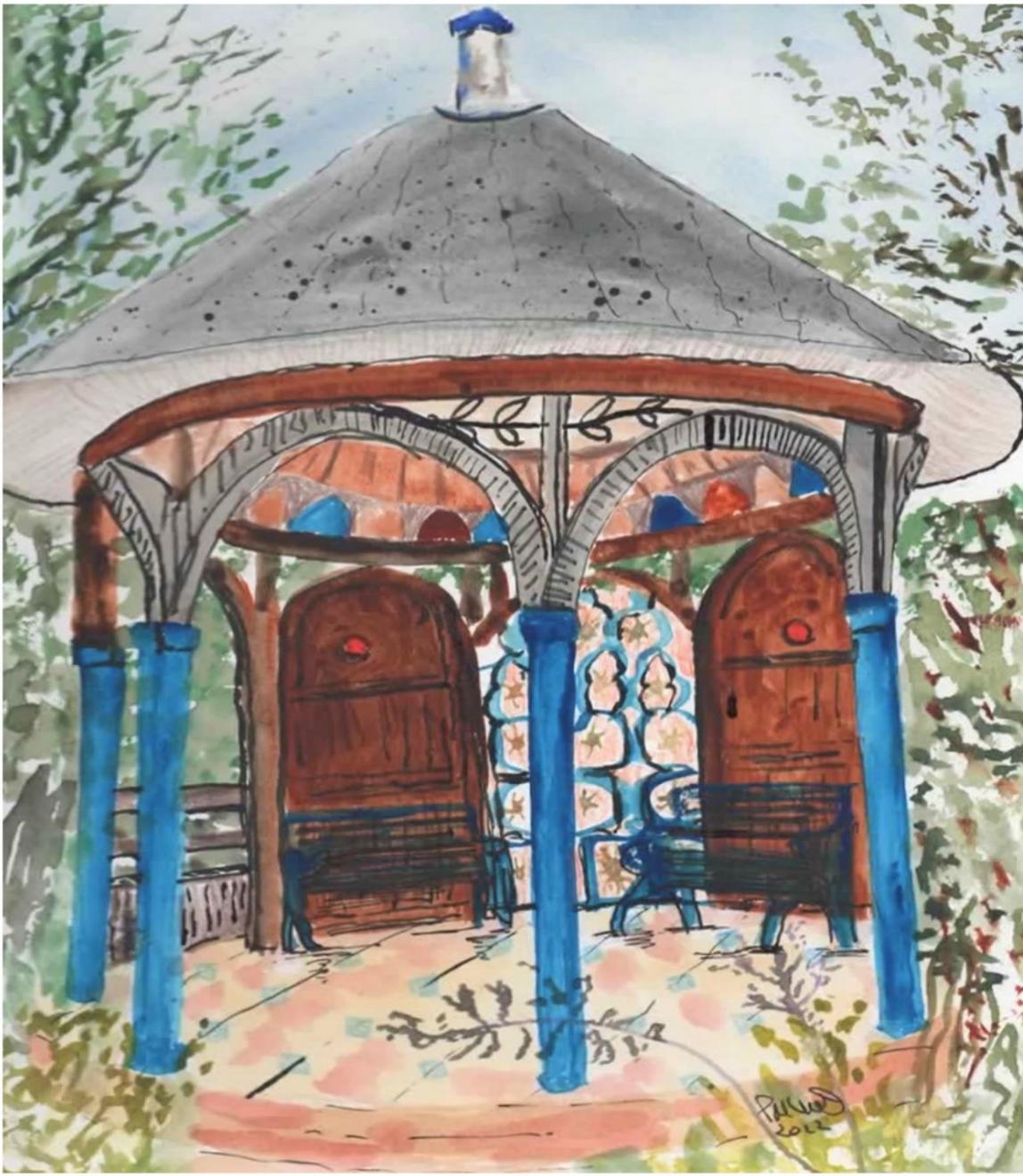


Iron House in Wood End, Marston Mortaine, was built in the 1960's or 70's and is still lived in. It probably has a timber frame and is clad in corrugated iron, painted a mustard yellow. It was refurbished a couple of years ago and now has a tiled roof in place of the original corrugated iron one. It has a brick single storey extension to one side with a separate door and its window frames have been replaced with double glazing. The original colour has been retained. Another house of this type was once at Wharley End near Cranfield.

Painting by Dave Williams

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Bank Holiday	2	3	4	5	6	7
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Bank Holiday (except Ireland)	30	31				

MAY 2023



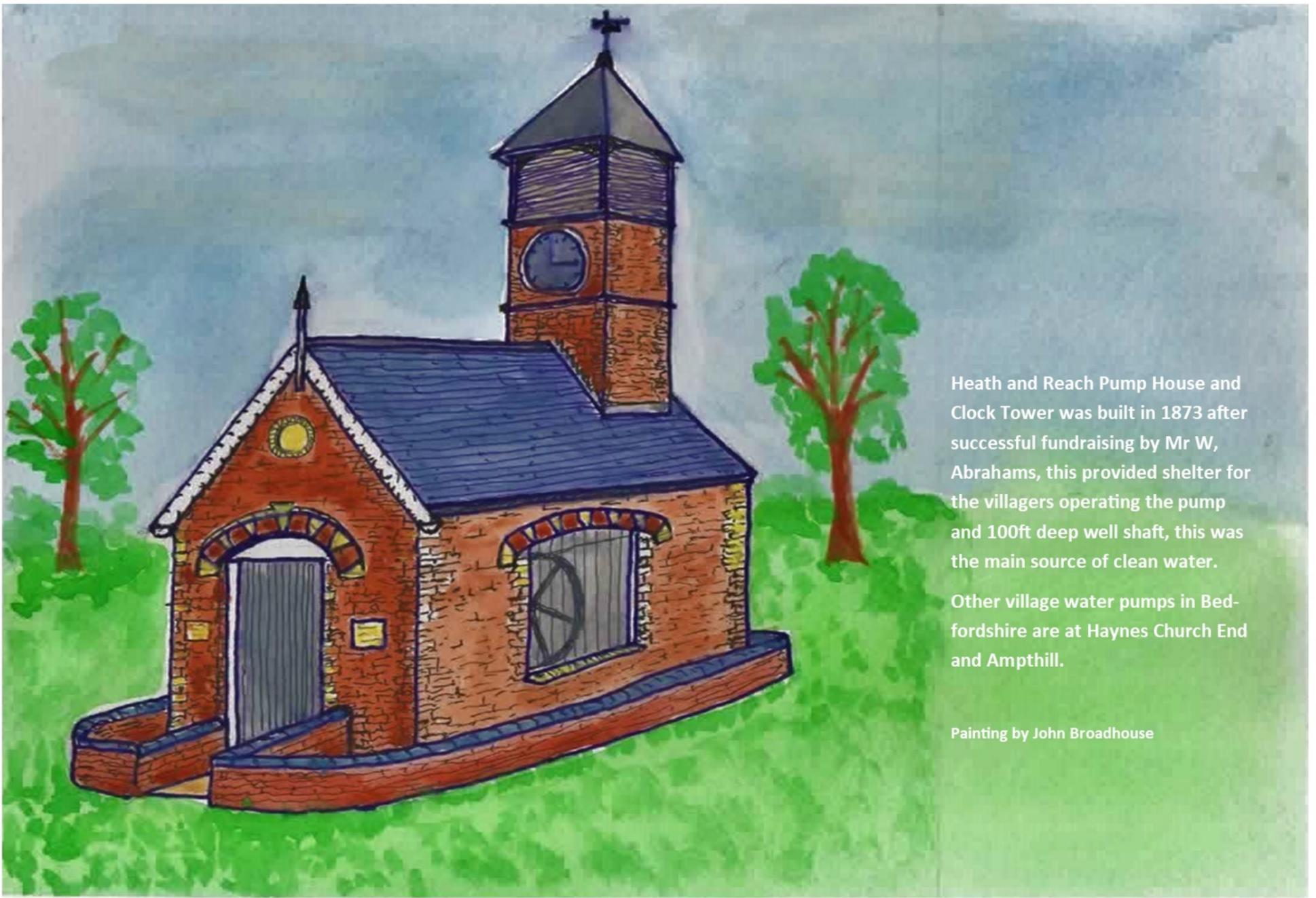
**Ornate Shelter at
Shuttleworth's
Swiss Garden**

Swiss Garden is a garden of contrived vistas leading the eye to several architectural features.

Interesting things to see are a grotto and fernery, a thatched tree shelter, an Indian Pavilion and many fine specimens of shrubs and conifers plus some outstanding trees.

Painting by Pauline Lewis.

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Bank Holiday: Ireland						
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						Father's Day
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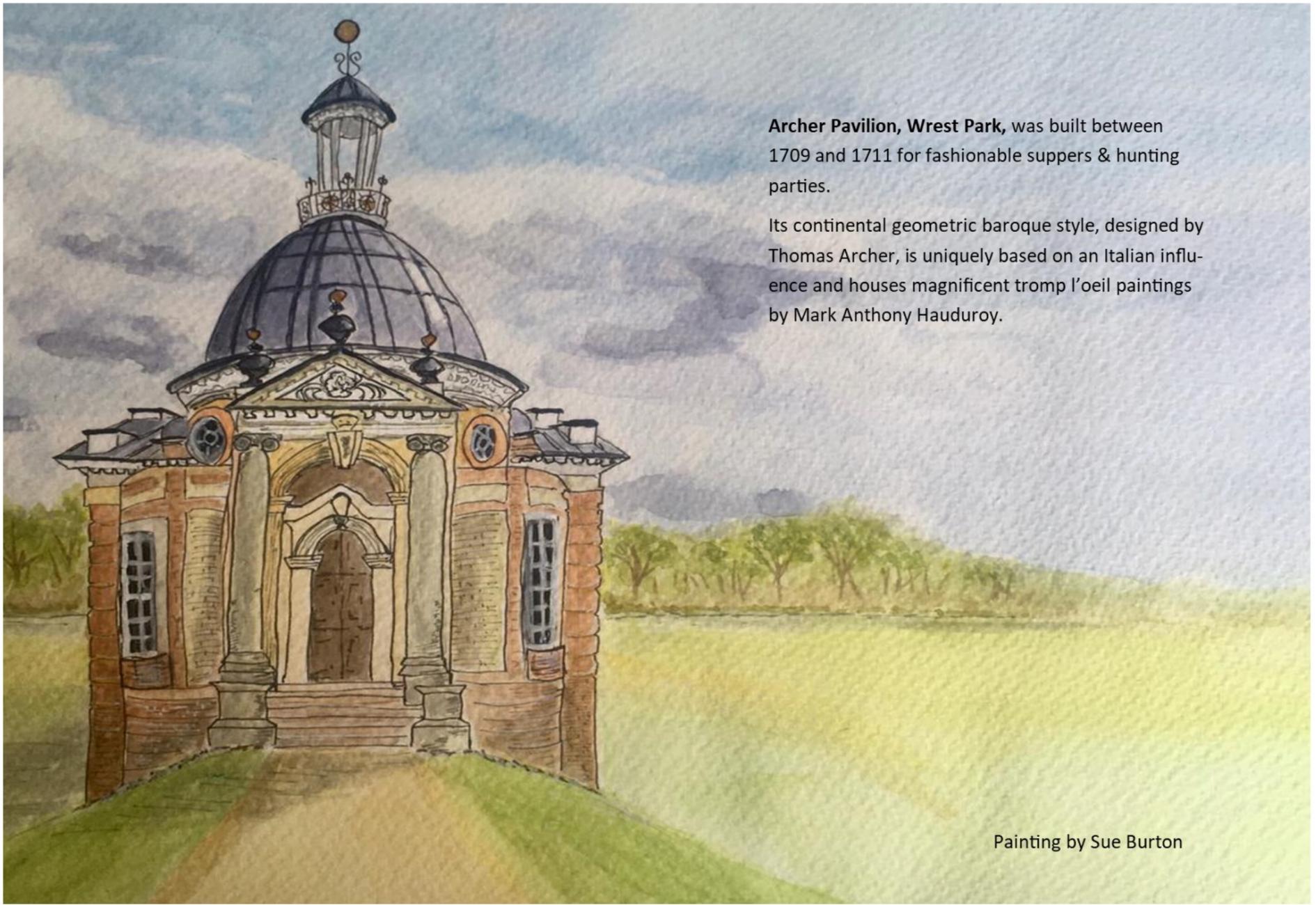
Heath and Reach Pump House and Clock Tower was built in 1873 after successful fundraising by Mr W, Abrahams, this provided shelter for the villagers operating the pump and 100ft deep well shaft, this was the main source of clean water.

Other village water pumps in Bedfordshire are at Haynes Church End and Ampthill.

Painting by John Broadhouse

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JULY 2023



Archer Pavilion, Wrest Park, was built between 1709 and 1711 for fashionable suppers & hunting parties.

Its continental geometric baroque style, designed by Thomas Archer, is uniquely based on an Italian influence and houses magnificent tromp l'oeil paintings by Mark Anthony Hauduroy.

Painting by Sue Burton

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7 Bank Holiday: Ireland & Scotland	8	9	10	11	12	13
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Bank Holiday: England, N Ireland & Wales	29	30	31			

AUGUST 2023



Bedfordshire Onion Barn

The Bedfordshire Greensand Ridge has rich sandy soil, perfect for growing onions.

The harvest was dried & stored in barns like this one that is now derelict in Sandy. In the 19th century there were many such barns. Onions are still a major local crop.

Painting by Barbara Boxshall

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SEPTEMBER 2023



KEEPERS COTTAGE is a cottage tucked away in the woods on the Shuttleworth Estate in Old Warden. It was built in 1878 for Joseph Shuttleworth and became the hub of prodigious Edwardian shooting parties, with the gamekeeper hatching pheasants at the back and rearing them in pens on the Warren.

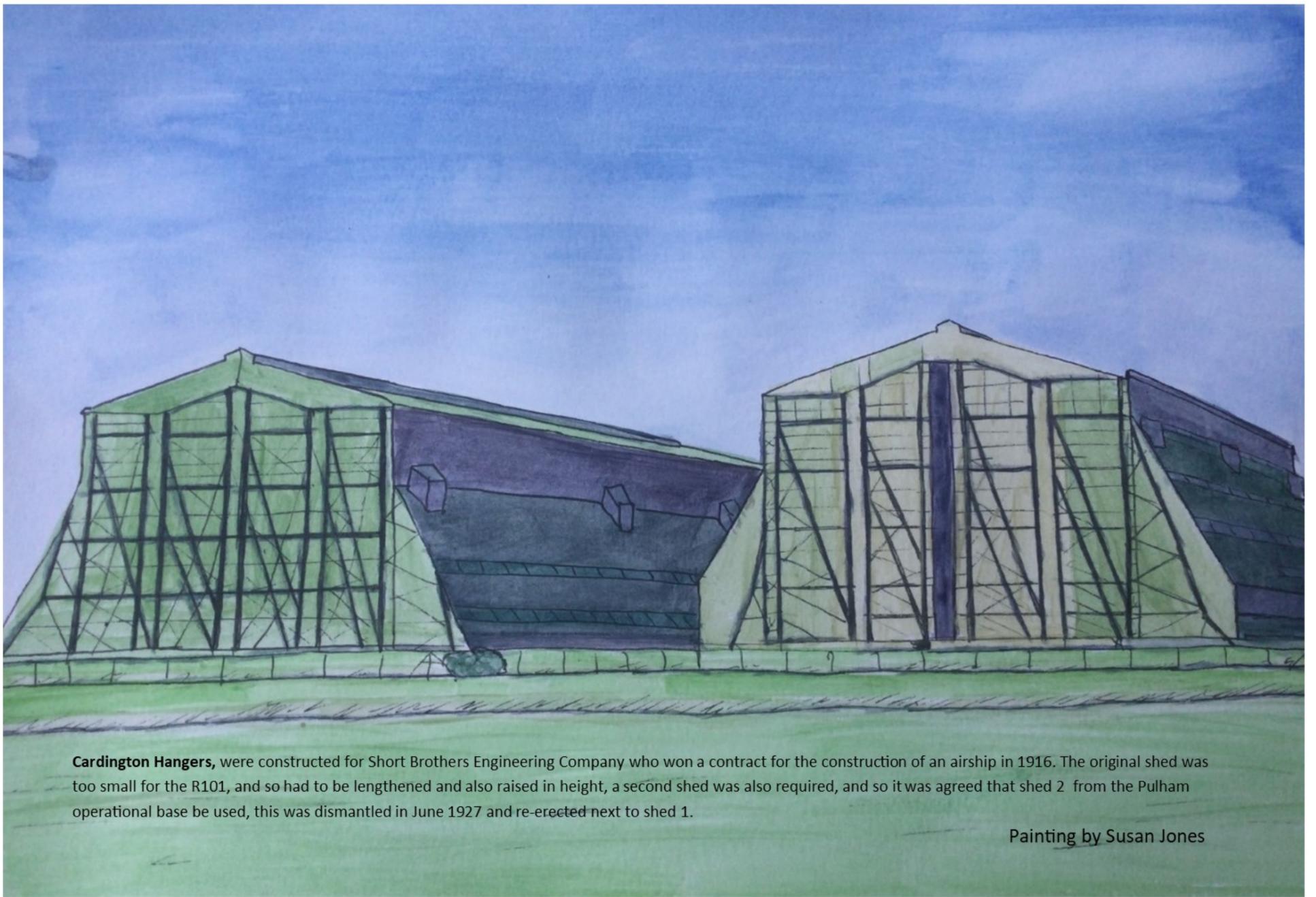
In the 1940's the cottage became derelict, luckily the original plans survived and the Landmark Trust were able to restore , it is now a holiday let.

Painting by Doreen Buckles

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Clocks go back

OCTOBER 2023

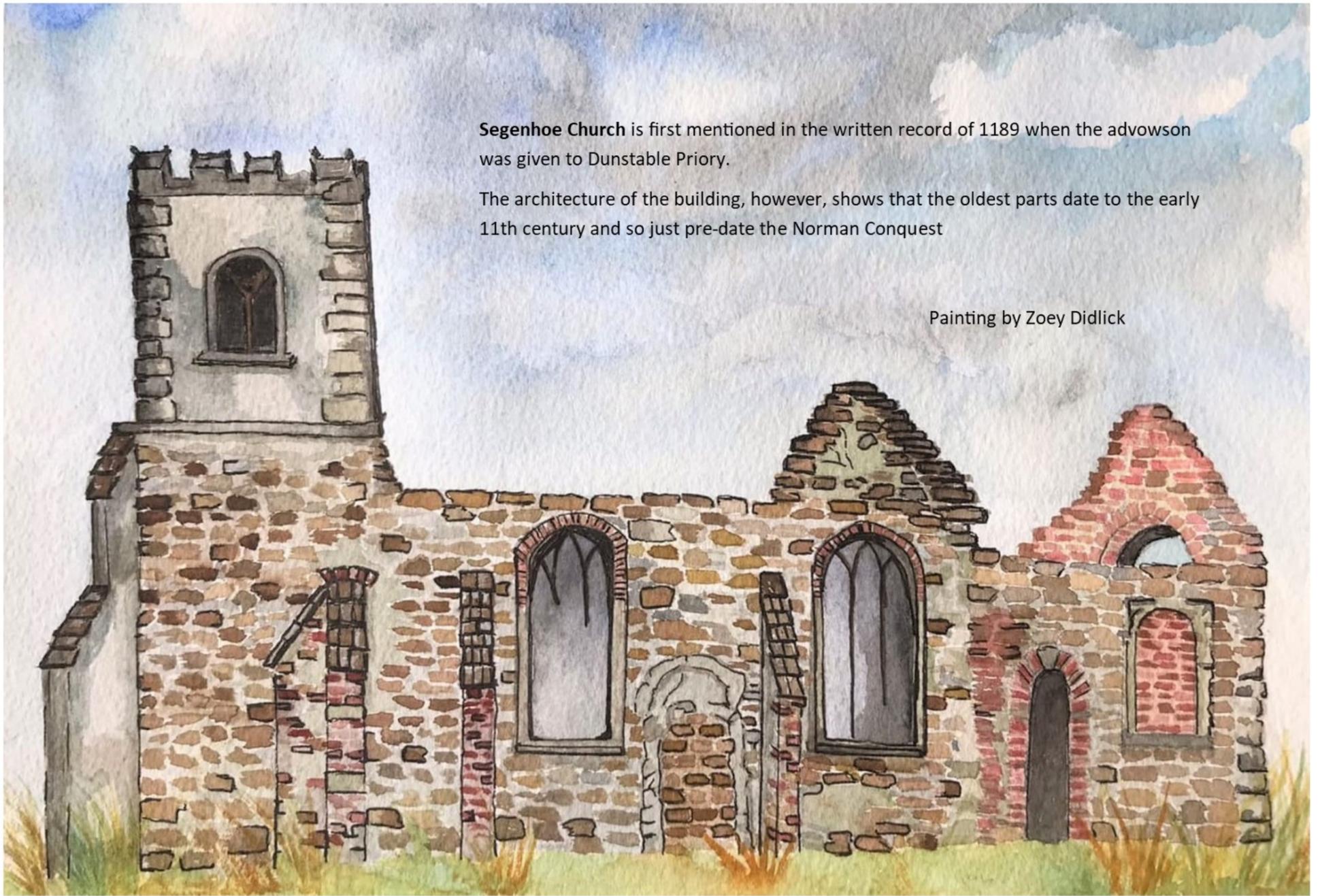


Cardington Hangers, were constructed for Short Brothers Engineering Company who won a contract for the construction of an airship in 1916. The original shed was too small for the R101, and so had to be lengthened and also raised in height, a second shed was also required, and so it was agreed that shed 2 from the Pulham operational base be used, this was dismantled in June 1927 and re-erected next to shed 1.

Painting by Susan Jones

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			St. Andrew's Day Bank Holiday: Scotland			

NOVEMBER 2023



Segenhoe Church is first mentioned in the written record of 1189 when the advowson was given to Dunstable Priory.

The architecture of the building, however, shows that the oldest parts date to the early 11th century and so just pre-date the Norman Conquest

Painting by Zoey Didlick

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						Christmas Eve
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas Day	Boxing Day St. Stephen's Day: Ireland					New Year's Eve

DECEMBER 2023

FORWARD PLANNER

2024

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25	Wednesday	Christmas Day
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31	Tuesday	New Year's Eve

FORWARD PLANNER

2024