



THE PRIEST'S HOUSE.

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OAK BEAMS IN THE SITTING ROOM DATE THIS GRADE II LISTED HOUSE TO THE LATE 1500s, AND THE STONE MULLION WINDOWS ARE OF THE SAME PERIOD. A MYSTERIOUS CIRCULAR CONTAINER ABOVE THE OLD BRICK OVEN IS REPUTED TO BE A PRIEST'S HOLE, ALBEIT A CRAMPED AND TOASTY ONE: THIS PROBABLY GAVE NAME TO THE HOUSE.

IN 1841 THE HARRISES, SHOEMAKERS, LIVED IN THE HOUSE, AND SCRAPS OF THEIR SHOE LEATHER CAN STILL BE FOUND. BY 1851 THE HOUSE WAS CROWDED WITH LABOURERS AND FAMILIES AND PROBABLY DIVIDED INTO TWO