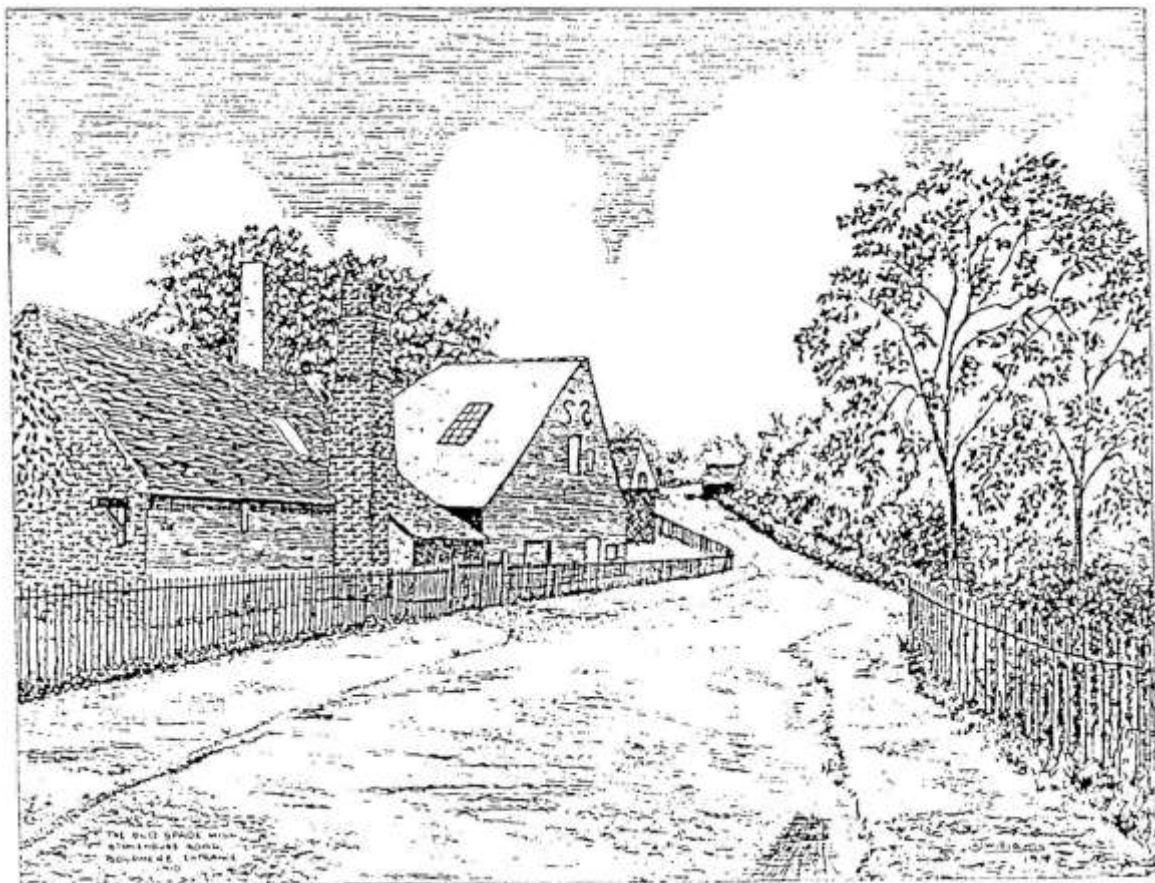
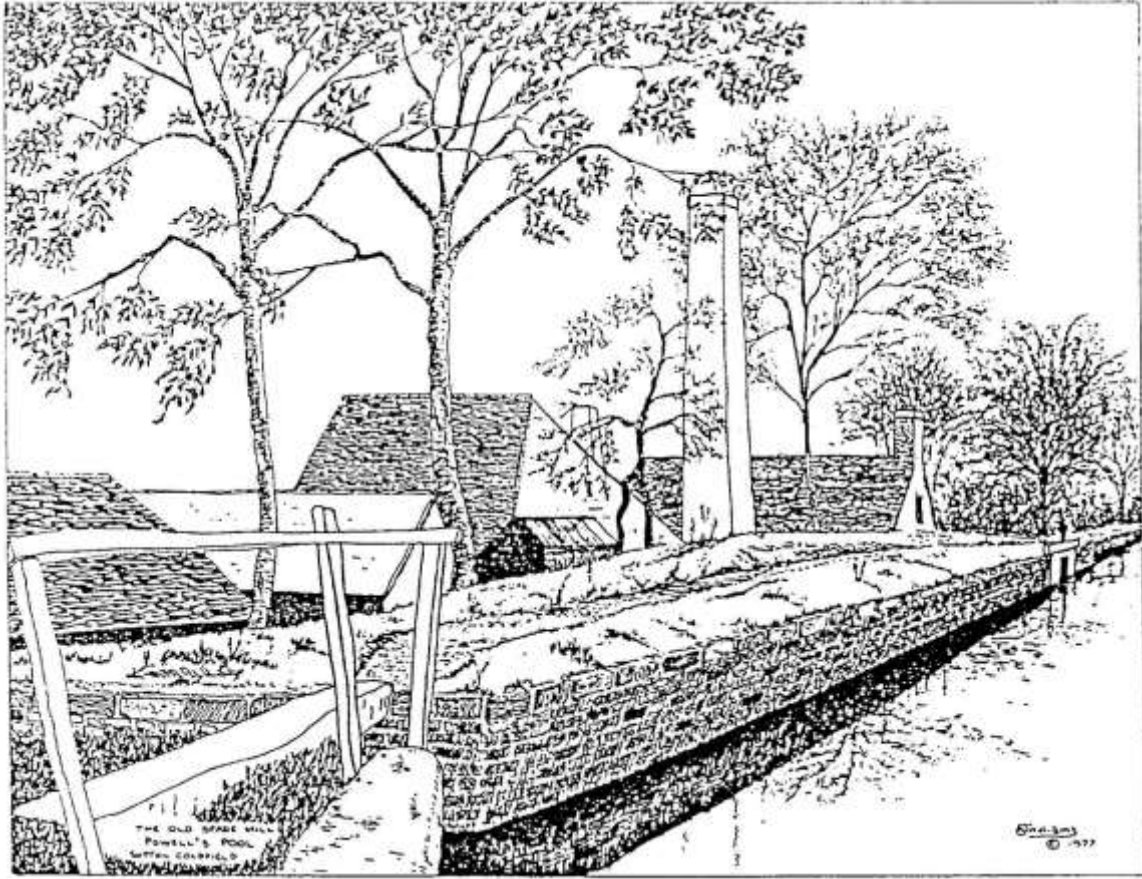


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### ① DAM AT POWELL'S POOL

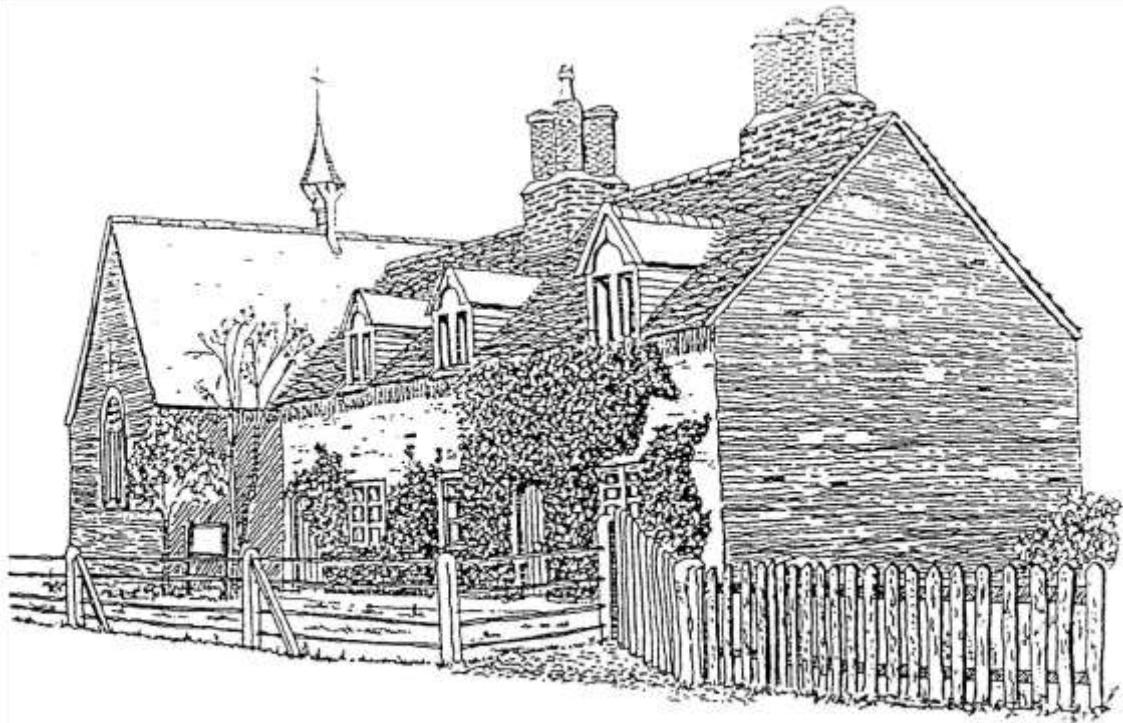
IN 1730 SIR THOMAS HOLTE BUILT A DAM ACROSS THE VALLEY BELOW STONEHOUSE FARM, CREATING A POOL OF 35 ACRES. IT IS THE LARGEST POOL IN SUTTON COLDFIELDS. ORIGINALLY INTENDED FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES IT PRESENTLY CATERERS FOR LEISURE AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES. IT TAKES THE NAME POWELL'S POOL AFTER WILLIAM POWELL WHO WORKED A WATERMILL THERE IN THE 1750'S

### ② SPADE MILL

JOHN WYATT, AN INVENTOR FROM WEEFORD, IN 1733 SPUN THE FIRST THREADS OF COTTON EVER PRODUCED WITHOUT HUMAN HANDS ON A MACHINE OF HIS INVENTION IN A SHED ON THE DAM. SUBSEQUENTLY A LARGER WATER MILL WAS ERECTED WHICH WAS KNOWN AS SPADE MILL AFTER THE SPADES MANUFACTURED THERE

### ③ STONEHOUSE FARM

STONEHOUSE FARM, ONE OF THREE WORKING FARMS WITH CATTLE AND POULTRY SITUATED APPROXIMATELY ALONG BISHOP VESEY'S 1528 PARK BOUNDARY. A LINE NOW DESCRIBED BY MONMOUTH DRIVE. UNTIL THE ENCLOSURE AWARD OF 1834 ITS CATTLE WAS FREE TO GRAZE ON THE OPEN COMMON OF THE COLDFIELD. THE FARM BUILDINGS WERE DEMOLISHED IN THE 1950'S



St NICHOLAS R.C. CHAPEL  
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④ ST NICHOLAS R.C. CHAPEL

WITH LAND AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT AFTER THE ENCLOSURE AWARD, JOHN BUGGINS, FARMER, SOLD A PIECE OF LAND IN 1839 NEXT TO THE PRESENT SUTTON PARK INN, BOLDMERE ROAD, WHERE IN 1840 A ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPEL DEDICATED TO ST. NICHOLAS WAS BUILT SEATING FIFTY PEOPLE. IT SURVIVED UNTIL 1961 WHEN IT WAS DEMOLISHED.

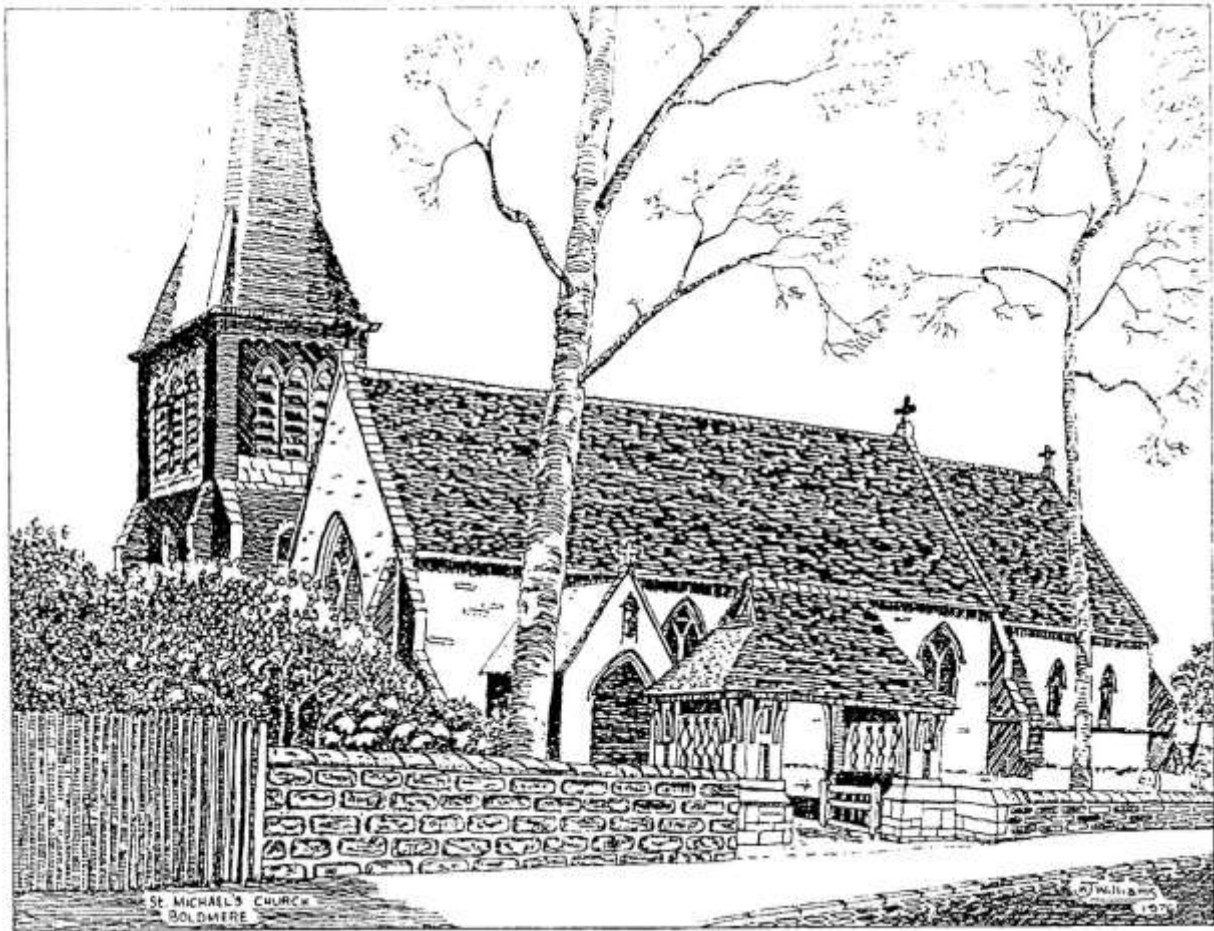
⑤ SUTTON PARK HOTEL

ANOTHER EARLY BUILDING WAS THE SUTTON PARK HOTEL ON THE CORNER OF JOCKEY ROAD AND BOLDMERE ROAD. THIS ORIGINAL BUILDING SERVED AS A FOCAL POINT FOR THE GROWING DISTRICT OF BOLDMERE AND CONVENIENT FOR VISITORS TO THE PARK USING THE BOLDMERE ENTRANCE. ITS ROOMS WERE USED BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR THEIR MEETINGS INCLUDING THE BOLDMERE SWIMMING CLUB.

⑥ GIRLS AND INFANTS SCHOOL

A GROWING DISTRICT NEEDS A SCHOOL. THIS WAS PROVIDED IN 1848 THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE REV. RILAND BEDFORD, WHEN A GIRLS AND INFANTS SCHOOL WAS ERECTED IN BOLDMERE ROAD BELOW THE SITE INTENDED FOR ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ALTHOUGH STILL STANDING THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING NO LONGER SERVES AS A SCHOOL.





⑦ St. Michael's Church, Boldmere.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BOLDMERE, WAS BUILT IN 1857 AT A COST OF £3663, BUT WITHOUT A SPIRE. THIS WAS ADDED IN 1871 AFTER FUNDRAISING EVENTS RAISED THE NECESSARY CAPITAL. IT WAS BUILT ON A HILL OVERLOOKING BOLDMOOR LAKE BELOW ON THE CHESTER ROAD, FROM WHICH THE DISTRICT OF BOLDMERE TOOK ITS NAME.

⑧ Shops Boldmere Road.

THE OPENING OF THE BIRMINGHAM TO SUTTON (CALSFIELD) RAILWAY IN 1862 CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE GROWTH OF BOLDMERE AT THE ERDINGTON END. ITS DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH BIRMINGHAM ENCOURAGED COMMUTING, AND TO MEET THE NEW RESIDENTS DEMANDS NEW HOUSES AND SHOPS WERE BUILT, INCLUDING THESE AT THE ERDINGTON END OF BOLDMERE ROAD.

