

10. Rose Cottage, The Old Post Office and Graylings are thatched cottages which were once the homes of farm workers. Most of the farmers used to make their own cider, as did the monks who owned extensive orchards around East Budleigh.

11. The Pound is a shady, grass-covered recreational area, so-called because it is the place where stray animals were once impounded and kept until their owners reclaimed them on payment of a fine.

12. Red brick cottages in Middle Street were built by Mark Rolle in 1874. He was a public-spirited predecessor of Lord Clinton and he and his land agent were responsible for many of the existing farm buildings and cottages. Opposite No. 4 was the first village school sponsored by the Drake Charity, founded by Robert Drake, who died in 1628. All that remains of it are the steps leading up to a field.

13. An old standpipe opposite the cottages was one of ten established in the village in the 19th century to provide piped water (see also the Jubilee memorial at 15).

14. Drake's School was built in 1860. Full-time education came to East Budleigh in 1852 with the appointment of two teachers by the Drake Charity and the first school was at the top of the steps that can be seen in Middle Street (see 12).

15. The first piped water supply was presented to the village and turned on by Lady Gertrude Rolle in 1888 to commemorate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. The water came from Budleigh Brook and the hills behind Wynard's farm and was obtained from standpipes (see 13).

16 & 17. The War Memorial is situated by the side of the **Budleigh Brook** and in front of **the village hall**. The Budleigh Brook has its source on Woodbury Common. It runs through the village, alongside the High Street to Lower Budleigh and via an aqueduct to the River Otter. During WWII many soldiers and Royal Marines trained on nearby Woodbury Common and some of these were quartered in the village. Dances were organised in the Village Institute to help entertain them. The aging Nissen hut proved very cramped for this purpose and so there was a demand for a more modern facility. Eventually, in

1955, the new village hall was opened with the help of a donation of land by Lord Clinton.

18. Wynard's House, at the start of High Street, is one of a number of listed buildings which line the street as it rises to All Saints Church. The present building was probably built in the 1770s. Three cottages next to Wynards were originally a farmhouse called Higher Bastones, probably built in the late 16th century. The south end had a six-sided extension built in the 19th century, known as the Round House. In the 1960's its name was changed to The Toll House and in 1977 it collapsed into a heap of mud and thatch, quite beyond repair..

19 & 20. Stores Cottage, on the opposite side of the road, is now a private house. It was once a thriving grocery and paper shop. Other buildings of note in the High Street are **Budleigh House**, built in the early 19th century as the residence of the Rolle Estate Agent, John Daw; **Churchstile**, formerly a 16th century farmhouse, **Angle Cottage** (No. 40) which together with No. 38 was also part of a 16th century farmhouse. **The Old Bakery** was a thriving business in the 19th and 20th centuries until 1956.

21. The Sir Raleigh Walter public house was once known as the King's Arms. It is an intriguing building which dates from the early 16th century, rearranged and refurbished in the late 18th century and converted to a public house in early 19th century.

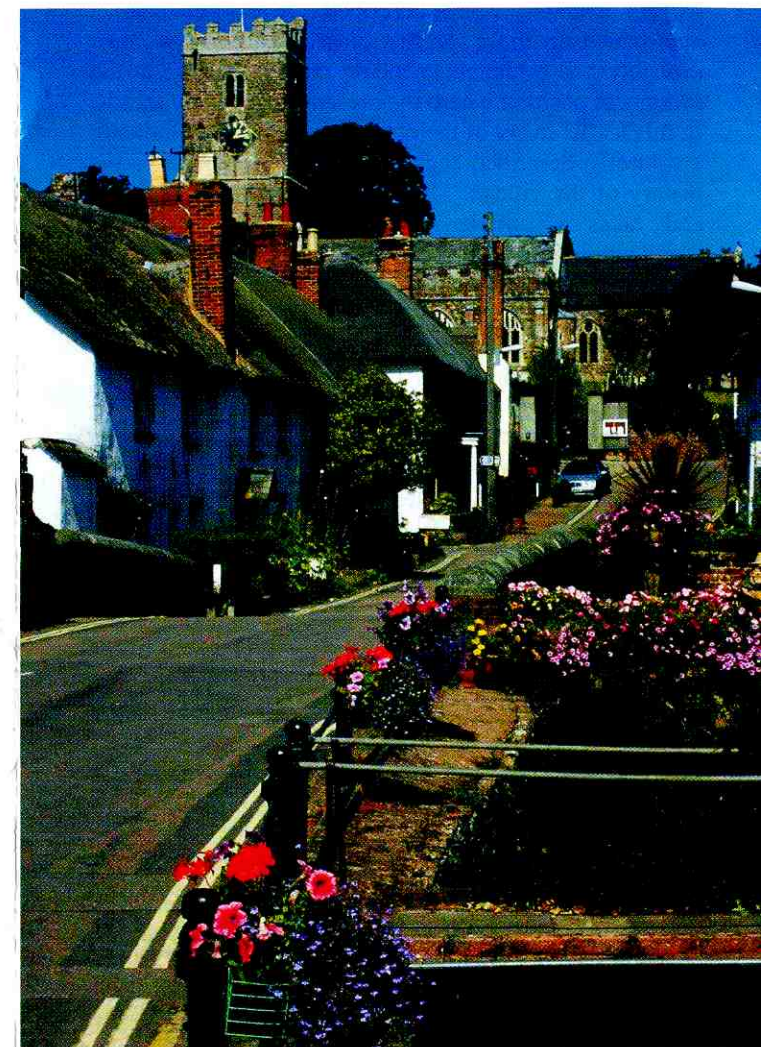
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A walk round East Budleigh



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