

neatly and comfortably fitted up, and is capable of affording accommodation to 400 hearers. Behind the chapel there is a commodious school-room for between two and three hundred children, which was built in 1858 at the cost of a little over £200.

Above the gateway of the Old George, which closely adjoins the aforesaid chapel, there is the date of 1614, giving evidence of a somewhat venerable antiquity; and on passing this mark of the revelry of bygone times, the traveller is fairly in

THE HIGH STREET

On the north side there stands a good specimen of an ancient building, of the Elizabethan order of architecture, which was probably erected about 1600.¹ Its projecting upper-storey, rounded windows, pointed gables, and ornamented verge boards differ widely from modern structures; whilst the old-fashioned sun dial with its quaint motto "*Aspice et abi*", mingles very good advice with precious little information, and says to the passer-by "See what's o'clock, and go about your business."

This street is generally considered as the chief emporium of trade in the town, as well as the leading thoroughfare from east to west. Almost anything that may be required in the way of trade, from a Banbury cake to a bushel of sweetmeats, from a lady's slipper to a jockey's "tops", from half-an-ounce of snuff to a hogshead of sugar, from a Colt's revolver to a double-barrelled Manton, from a yard of tape to a web of broadcloth, from a lady's wedding ring to a gentleman's chronometer, may be obtained at one or other of the places of business. Is our traveller in want of law? he can get it here *ad libitum!* Does he require physic? here it is to be had in abominable abundance! Does he need refreshments? the principal hotels in the town are here! Is he in want of money? here are banks with cash galore!

The Old Bank is the first of these at which he will arrive, and he may notice it on his left hand as he proceeds up the street. It was established in 1785, and draws upon Messrs Jones, Lloyd and Co, 43 Lothbury, London. The business of the Bucks and Oxon Branch Bank is also conducted under the same roof and by the same firm.

Having got his cheque cashed, the visitor will naturally cross the road to the publishing office of the *Stranger's* [sic] *Guide*, from which the

¹ This is the still-surviving building, built for Edward Vivers and actually dated 1650. A statement made in print is not necessarily correct!