

a keenly contested county election, in which Sir James Dashwood had the misfortune to be one of the Tory candidates. He lost the day, and £40,000 in hard cash besides, so the upshot was that Calthorpe House found another owner.⁴



THE GREEN

The broad and expansive carriage drive, the convenient footpaths on which we are entered, the convenient footpaths on each side of the way, the umbrageous foliage of the trees causes this to be a street which is considerably resorted to, and a very comfortable place to stroll on a summer's day. The Independent Chapel is just round the corner, standing a short way back from the street. It was erected in 1857 and is capable of accommodating about 500 persons. There are schools in connection with it for 300 children.

Returning by the Cross, the traveller enters upon the broad expanse of the Horse Fair, and sees before him

⁴ Calthorpe House was sold by its seventeenth century owners, Hawtens and Morgans, in 1680 to Sir John Read. It was leased to the Cobb family from 1723 and was only inherited and immediately mortgaged by Sir James Dashwood around 1754. He never lived there, and it was never a "seat" of the family. It was eventually sold by the Dashwood estate in 1801 to its lessee Thomas Cobb.