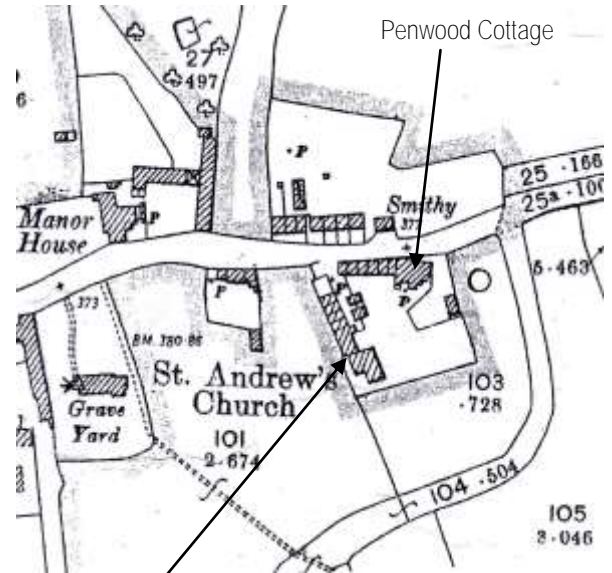


Carlton Hall research

Our report of an investigation into the site of Carlton Hall has now been completed. Old maps of Hall Terrace, Penwood Cottage and the land behind them show the current line of buildings along Main Street with a larger Penwood Cottage than the present building and a second line of buildings at right angles to the road along the western edge of the site which terminate in a relatively large building.



Wall of Carlton Stone joining south wall of cellar at this point



The available maps also document a number of different smaller buildings and boundary lines, and minor alterations to the other buildings on the site. In view of these changes, the excavations recovered surprisingly little in the way of rubble, mortar or other building debris.

Excavations revealed the brickwork footings of the line of buildings along the western edge of the site, which had a cellar at the southern end. The south western corner of the cellar was illustrated in the Feb 2017 issue of Carlton News. The picture on the opposite page shows the eastern wall of the cellar, and the top of an arch which supported the wall above a well. The lead pipe carried water from the well to a hand pump in Penwood Cottage.

The only trace of the larger building to the south of the cellar was a short length of wall built of Carlton Stone at the southern end of the brickwork footings. The brick buildings are thought to be of late 17th century date, based on the large number of pottery fragments of this age found alongside them.

Other trenches on the site produced Iron Age, Roman, Medieval and 16th century pottery, indicating a long history of human activity near the historic core of the village. The full report can be downloaded from the Parish Council website.

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Above: inside eastern wall of cellar - note brick arch above well and lead pipe which carried water to Penwood Cottage

Left: cobbled surface outside eastern wall of cellar.