

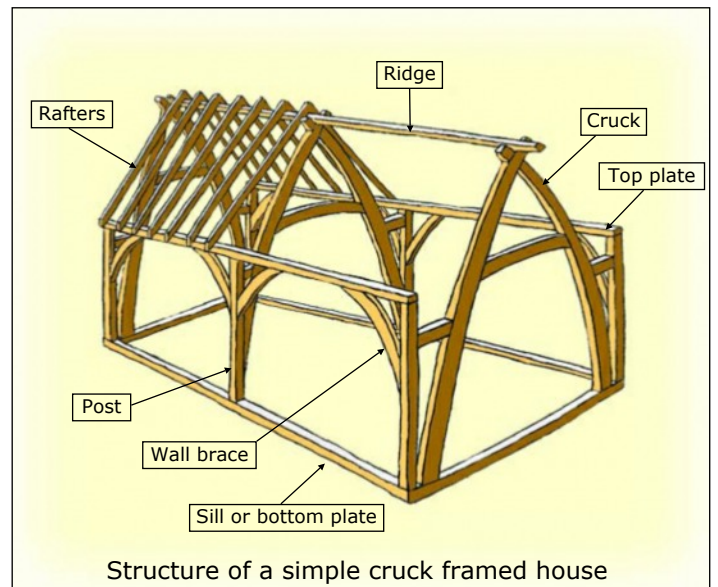
# HISTORIC AYLBURTON - 1

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An interesting visit was made by me to a charming cottage at number 32 High Street. This is a real gem of a Grade II Listed building with fabulous period features. Both 32 and 34 High Street are both listed buildings and parts of a small medieval hall are still visible in the building.

The oldest (No. 32) was possibly the dwelling house and outbuildings of one of two freehold estates absorbed by Aylburton manor in the late 16th century. Its entrance probably preserves the line of the screens passage of a small medieval hall, from which there survives a dais beam, with cut-back shields and heads, and upstairs a smoke-blackened central cruck truss and windbrace (see right). North of the hall the service end was reconstructed in the 17th century, perhaps when an upper floor and chimney stack were inserted in the hall, and the adjoining dwelling on the south appears to preserve the form of a 17th century cross wing.

All in all a really delightful historic feature in our village of which the current occupants, Michelle and Steve, are justly proud.



Party wall with No. 30



Dais beam in party wall with No. 34



St. Mary's Church

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