

## The Old Manor

Built in 1710-20, this house has a slightly later parlour wing at the rear. It is built of red brick except for the rear wall, which is timber-framed. It has a cellar, two principal storeys and an attic with three hipped dormers. There is a symmetrical, five-window range framed by pilasters with red brick quoins, moulded brick capitals and bases. There are four steps up to a central doorway, with a door of eight raised and fielded panels, and flat hood on scroll brackets of a later date.

Inside there is a paved hall with a fine opening staircase of four flights and two landings. The mid-18th century parlour is lined with raised and fielded panelling of two heights, and the adjoining room at the front has similar panelling.

It has been suggested that the house was built for Richard Hitch on his marriage to Mary Hawkes in 1704, or that it was the bailiff's house, built by the Hitch family following their purchase of the Argentines and Trayles Manors.

The adjoining house, The Maltings, was formerly a



*Above, the front and left, the rear of the Old Manor, High Street*

store or warehouse associated with the Manor House. It has three bays and two storeys and was originally weatherboarded. Another moated manor known as Caxtons, owned in 1086 by Hardwin de Scalers, was probably seized from Almar the priest. It was sited on the Moor but was possibly destroyed when the Moat House was built in 1939.

## Old Hall House, Little Lane

A house on the basic hall plan, though now much modified, remains in the village, and is still known as the Old Hall House. This house probably originated in the late-15th century, and began as a three bay plan, with two bays to the north added in the 17th century. It has a small 20th century extension at the rear. It is of two storeys, jettied at the south end of the first floor, where the framing is exposed. The original doorway to the centre bay is now blocked. Inside, the three bays of the medieval house are intact and the timber framing is exposed. There is blackening of the roof beams, indicating the former presence of an open hearth. The timberwork of the roof is original. In 1842 the house was owned by Peterhouse College and let as two tenements.