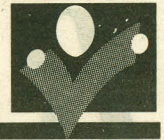
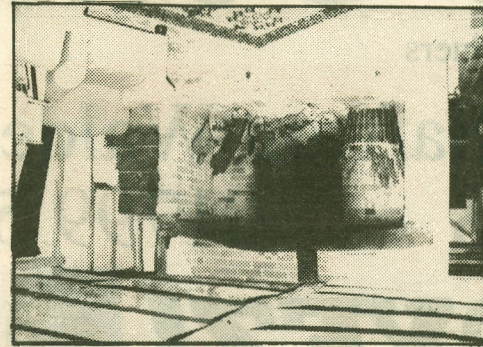


Property News



Repaired and restored 17th century cottage



● WASH Cottage in Hempstead is a throw back to a bygone age.

BRUCE Munro Auctioneers, Estate Agents, Valuers and Surveyors of Saffron Walden have just received instructions to market this beautifully restored 17th century cottage known as Wash Cottage, Bumpstead Road, Hempstead - guide price £145,000.

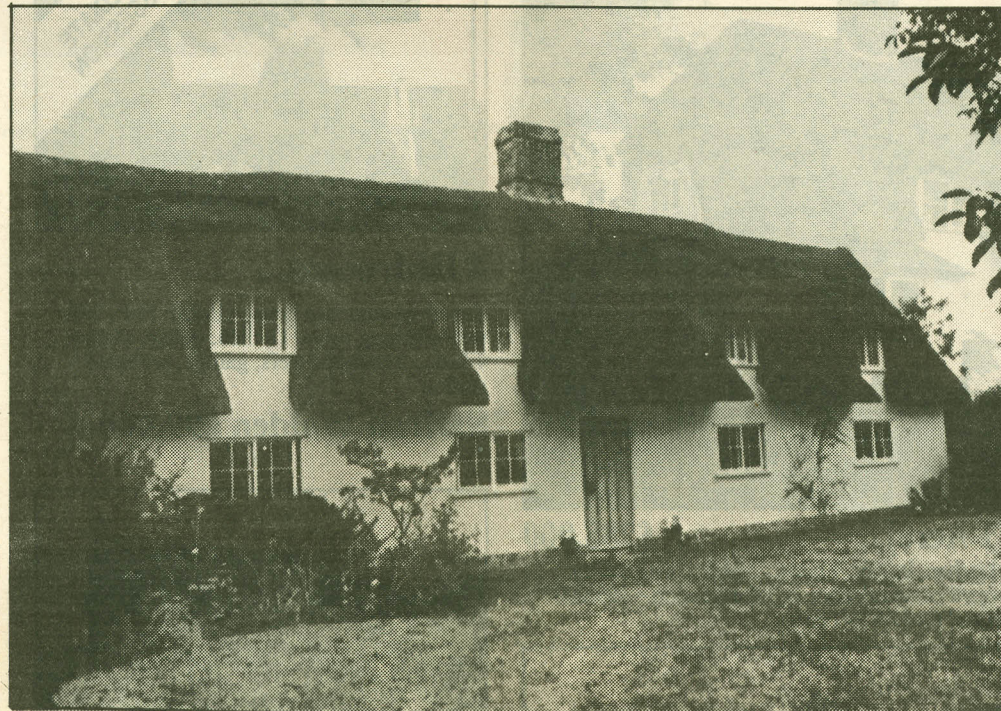
Steeped in history, it is reputed to have been sold in 1867 to a brewer and maltster who owned the Kedington Brewery. Known then as The Plough, it was bought by Greene King in 1887 and sold in 1906 with a covenant restricting its use as an ale-house or off-license.

The property has been extensively repaired and restored. Features include exposed timbers, inglenook fireplaces and a restored bread oven. The doors, although more recent, are in keeping with the period in oak (external) and elm (internal), ledged with Norfolk latches and iron hinges.

Reminiscent of an earlier age, the accommodation provides a sitting room and dining room (both with inglenook fireplaces) and a study, kitchen and bathroom. Two staircases lead to two bedrooms at one end and a landing bedroom and fourth bedroom at the other. The garden surrounding the house is well screened by a high boundary hedge beside which runs a brook, and there is a 0.16 acre enclosure, suitable for use as a small paddock.

For further information or an appointment to view contact Bruce Munro on (01799) 522628.

HOME OF THE WEEK



AGENTS UPDATE

From Bruce Munro

REGARDLESS of what the building societies have to say, it is abundantly clear that the property market has much improved since the early part of this year. It was a bleak winter, but with the spring sunshine the buyers blossomed.

Prices are not running away with themselves, but a greater demand for properties in all price ranges brings about a steady growth.

A supply of properties, however, fails to meet demand.

Country houses with a few acres from £300,000 plus are much sought after but scarce. Demand for Saffron Walden houses and cottages is keen and this also applies to the villages around.

In short, there is great interest in all residential properties in this area from active and secure buyers.

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