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HARRY JOHNSON AWARD 2000



GRANNIES TEA ROOM AND GIFT SHOP, BINGHAM ROAD, COTGRAVE

The annual Harry Johnson Award continues to reveal the encouraging extent of the good work being carried out in the County, by way of new buildings and the restoration of old buildings in the villages.

This year, there were nine entries and the standard was so high that it was a pity, in a way, that a winner had to be chosen from either group.

The eventual winner of the Best New Building in a Village Setting was a new property in Sutton Bonington, divided into two dwellings called, respectively:

ST MICHAELS COTTAGE AND STEEPLE VIEW, SUTTON BONINGTON



This new house is so well blended into the village street that, initially, the judges found it difficult to locate the property. Internally, however, each dwelling is up-to-date and visually very spacious and well integrated.

Under the terms of the Harry Johnson brief, it would be difficult to fault this design in any way.

The winner of the **Best Destoration** category was the conversion of redundant farm buildings to a Tea Room and Gift Shop in Cotgrave related to a new parking area. This building is pictured on the front cover of the Bulletin.

This scheme had retained the main features of the vernacular buildings, whilst creating an acceptable piece of village development.

There were two commendable restoration schemes for village halls:

The William Lee Memorial Park Pavilion at Cotgrave

and

The Caernarvon Rooms in Burton Joyce

Although totally different in concept, both of these schemes are admirable in their designs and the contributions they make to village life.

Other excellent schemes were the Restoration of one of the Southwell Prebend Houses and two residential conversions, including the restoration and conversion of farm buildings to residential use, all impeccably carried out.

The Parish Councils are to be congratulated, along with the eventual winners, for sponsoring these very worthy entries for this year's Harry Johnson Award.