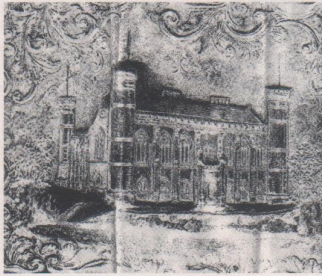


# Questions & Answers

People, plants, antiques, works of art—raise a query with COUNTRY LIFE readers



Q Could readers help me to identify this building (*above*)? The image is engraved on a silver visiting-card case dating from 1852. From about 1840, manufacturers of silver visiting-card cases began decorating them with picturesque scenes from round the country. Some were well known, such as Windsor Castle and the Scott Memorial, while others were rather more obscure, such as this scene on my case.

PAUL GILLAN

Q Does anyone recognise the location of the scene in this oil painting (*below*)? It was probably painted in the mid 19th century and is unsigned.

JEREMY BATE

A With reference to Joe Barr's query (*Questions & Answers*, August 19) about the Deddington street sign 'The Tchure'—he may be interested to know that there is an alleyway here in Buckingham signed 'The Chewar', locally pronounced 'chure'.

E. G. WALSH

A Coincidentally, my colleague Ann Cole is currently researching 'Tchure' names. Apparently, tchures are mostly narrow alleyways found between stone-walled cottages and garden boundaries, often 200 years old or more. The name occurs fairly frequently in Oxfordshire villages and small towns to the north and west, especially in the Cotswold and ironstone area. Other spellings include Chure, Tewel, Tuer and Chewer. Place-name expert Dr Margaret Gelling believes the name comes from the Old French *tuyère*—a pipe. In the iron smelting process, this pipe was inserted into the side of a blast furnace for the introduction of air.

ELIZABETH LEGGATT

A We have a variation on Mr Barr's street, 'The Chure', here in Gilling East, York. Streets throughout the country have taken on this nomenclature: the term refers to long-gone communities, being a corruption of the word 'Jewry'. Many English towns and villages had small, ghetto-ised Jewish communities during the Middle Ages. That of Deddington (which sparked Mr Barr's query) has a special claim to fame: Langbourn, in his *Historie of the Countie of Oxford* mentions Deddington's Jewry as producing 'wond'rous small cakes baked with many types of fruits and nuts'.

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