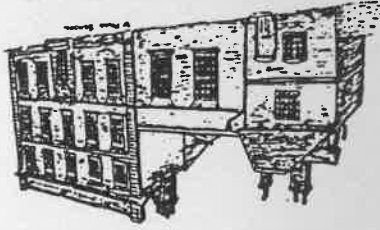


30. St. Paul's House - this was built in 1884 originally as a boy's home and was run by the Sisters of Charity of St. Paul, it was closed as a home in 1925 when new



premises were built along Coventry Road.

The building however remained open as a

school and had the very large Central

School built behind. It was a mixed public

elementary school. The school was

demolished in 1970 leaving St. Paul's

house at the front. It is a fine three storey

Georgian House with a hip roof and

pediment. This site was once used and

occupied by the Pridmore family and was

used as a tannery. It was situated here for

easy access to the waters of the river Cole.

Lower High Street had a lot of fine

houses, only a few remain.

31. Cole End Bridge is a fine sandstone

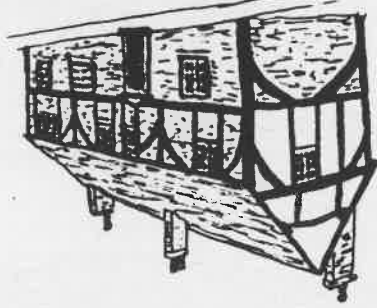
structure. During medieval times this was

where Coleshill was situated.

be seen on the side of the house, which juts slightly in front of its neighbour. All of these buildings deserve scrutiny. On the opposite side of the High Street can be seen the original parish pump to serve this part of the town.

Many of the houses in lower High Street down to the river Cole were the oldest houses of the town. As the town prospered the town moved up the hill and the houses became larger and grander. Not many original houses remain because they were demolished in the 1950's and 60's.

29. Number 37 is reputed to be the oldest



house in Coleshill.

This is a large late 15th century house and has fine spur trusses, which are easily visible. Opposite is The Arches, a late Georgian house and Laburnum House an earlier elegant building.

