

NEWPORT PAGNELL METHODIST CHURCH
1815 -2015

Riding to the North
John Wesley
rested a while at the Swan
and took refreshment.
At the dining table
Mayhap he told
how his heart was 'strangely warmed'
And so could theirs be too.

Over the years, by word of mouth,
the gospel spread,
the congregation grew,
Met in house groups,
For fellowship, bible study, prayer,
And when a preacher came,
Gathered on Bury Field to hear him speak,
And sing new songs.

John Rowe and brother George
stayed to minister the Word,
And felt the need
To build a Chapel in the town.
Two business men,
John Curtis and George Rose
Put up the money,
four hundred and fifty pounds!
To buy **this** piece of land.
Then, brick by brick;
foundations, walls, windows, roof;
standing four square.
balcony, pulpit, pews,
Small vestry built outside.

1815, the year of Waterloo,
The uncertainty of life
in those long years of war,
Yet in the certainty of faith
On May the 26th the door was opened,
for all the congregation.
Surely they shouted
'Alleluia, Praise the Lord'?

We stand where they stood,
Let us shout as they did.
Tell them, in our time,
We hold fast the Word,
Shout, Alleluia, Praise the Lord !
Alleluia, Praise the Lord !