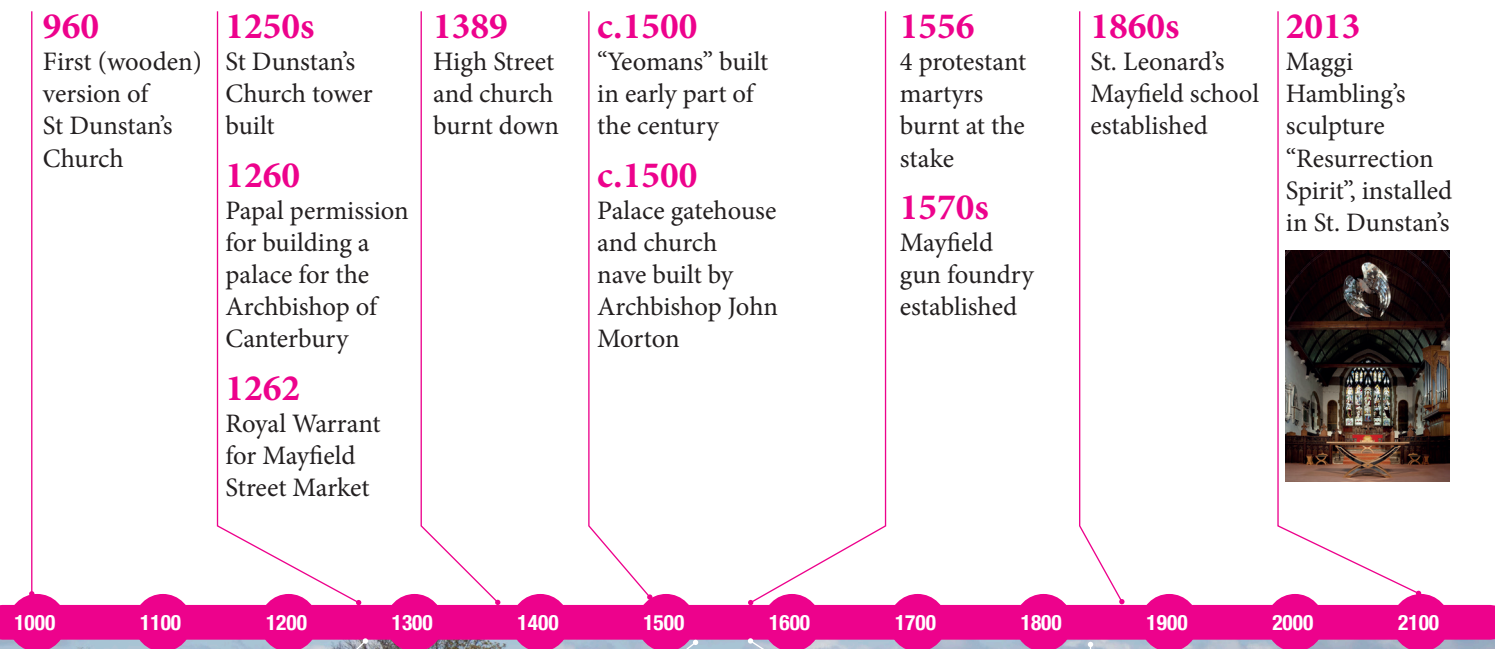


The name “Mayfield” appears before the village was established, getting its title from the “-feld”, a clearing in the wood caused by early iron workers. St Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury in the 900s, built a wooden church and a hospice here. In 1260 Archbishop Boniface of Savoy gained papal permission to build a manor in his “forest” at Mayfield, having built the first stone church, the Tower of which remains today.

Mayfield Palace has attracted many royal visitors over the centuries as can be seen from the timeline below. The Mayfield estate was transferred from the Archbishops of Canterbury after the reformation to the Gresham family who established the gun foundry.



## Royal visitors

1272-1307  
reign of Edward I  
who visited Mayfield  
Palace 3 times

1510  
Henry  
VIII visits  
Mayfield

1573  
visit of  
Elizabeth I

1833 1834  
visit of Princess  
Victoria



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Today Mayfield is a thriving rural village with charming mix of shops and houses in the High Street. The buildings shown can be viewed from the outside, but are not open to the public, apart from the Middle House pub. However, the cafés and the shops, with their distinctive ranges, will be delighted to welcome you.



**1 YEOMANS.** Early 15th century Wealden hall house of four bays with an eastern bay added in 16th century.

**2 MAYFIELD SCHOOL** is on the site of the archbishop's Manor or "Palace". Royal visitors included Edward I, Henry VII, Henry VIII and Princess Victoria.



**3 THE MAYFIELD CANNON** made by Sir Thomas Gresham in the 1570s. Much larger guns were made at Mayfield Furnace 1 mile north, which was one of Europe's major arms producers.



**4 STONE HOUSE** (St Josephs). Grade 2\* Built by the Stone family in 1730s. The windows are framed with Gothic "basket" arches



**5 ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH** dates from the 1250s. Look out for the Jacobean monument to Thomas Aynscombe and his family on your right inside the entrance



**6 CROSSWAYS**, early 1800s on the site of the original market cross. In front is the stone trough to refresh the horses.



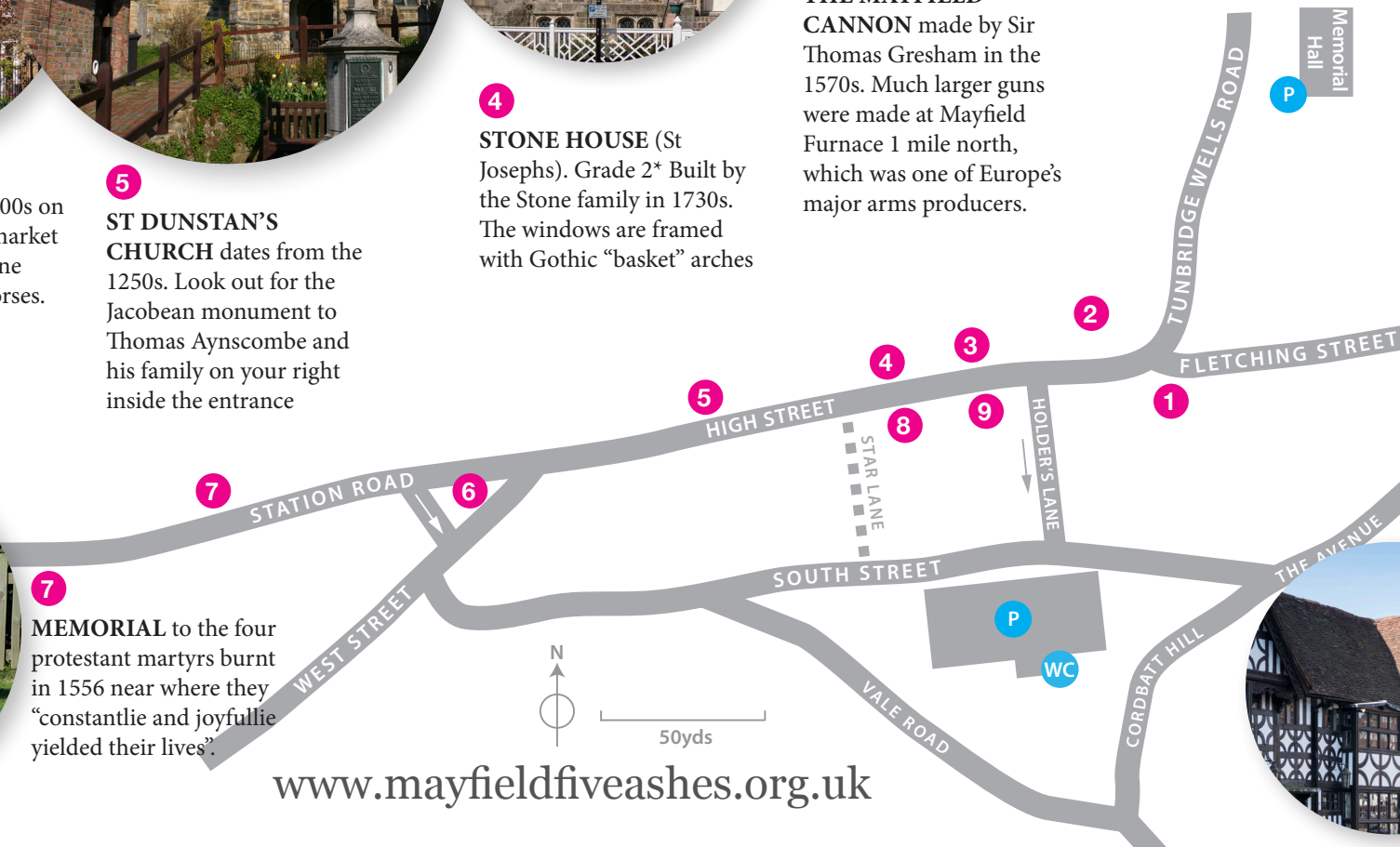
**9 WALNUT TREE HOUSE** Grade 2\* 1400s. Exposed close-studded timber framing, jettied.



**8 MIDDLE HOUSE.** Grade 1 listed. Probably built by John Aynscombe in the last few years of the 1500s.



**7 MEMORIAL** to the four protestant martyrs burnt in 1556 near where they "constantlie and joyfullie yielded their lives".



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