

Solomon's Bridge Cosgrove



Canal Bridge. No.65 (formally listed as canal bridge 'Solomon's Bridge')
Grade II * Listed

C.1800. Dressed limestone. Gothic style.

Single span bridge with wide slightly pointed arch and curved feet. The arch has blank cusped panels and key block, semi-octagonal buttresses. Either side of the arch have quatrefoil frieze to base and ogee half-cupolas and are flanked by ogee headed niches. Panelled parapets with circular piers either end. In 1800 the two halves of the Grand Union Junction Canal met here.

Grand Union Canal construction began at Brentford in Middlesex and Braunston, Northamptonshire. It was said that a certain Colonel Solomon's, 'Lord of the Manor' agreed to the cutting of the canal on condition that he was allowed to erect the necessary bridge. However the Lord of the Manor at this time was George Biggin Esq., whose residence, Cosgrove Priory, is in sight of the bridge. The proximity may explain the bridge's unusually ornamental appearance.