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Chapter 1 - A village called Asham

The village of Horton is one of the seven towns of Otmoor, and Studley, with its Priory, only became attached to it later. Both were originally in the Bullingdon Hundred that included Stanton St John, Stowood, Beckley and villages to the west plus an unconnected area of Merton, Ambrosden and Piddington. Islip, Noke, Oddington and Charlton were in the Ploughley Hundred. Hundreds were the main administrative areas until the 19th century and have since been replaced by District Councils. The village of Horton cum Studley was once partly in Oxfordshire and partly in Buckinghamshire until 1882.



Figure 1 - Bullingdon Hundred
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An earlier small settlement known as Ash or Asham existed at one time in the Buckinghamshire part but this has entirely disappeared. Horton and Studley were originally in Beckley Parish. Following the 1881 census the acreages were recorded with Beckley 3,620 acres, Horton cum Studley 1,287 acres and Studley (Bucks), 952 acres. (Kelly's Dir. Oxon. 1920). In 1882 Studley (Bucks) was transferred to Oxfordshire. This included part of Whitecross Green woods and the hamlet of Whitecross Green. An 1851 map shows the village as Horton with Studley. The boundaries were revised in 1932 when 2,194 acres of Beckley were transferred to Fencott and Murcott.

The county border prior to 1861 ((The Hamlet of Studley Bucks, formerly in Bucks was transferred to Oxfordshire but by Act 7 & 8 Vic. Cap 61) was the stream that went from near Studley Farm House down onto Otmoor. The stream still exists mainly as a ditch crossed by a bridge when approached from Mill Lane towards Gardener's Barn.

There are signs of Roman occupation on top of the hill near the old county boundary where fragments of Roman tiles can be found while a Roman lamp with five coins from the third century have been found by visitors with metal detectors about 100 yards from Gardener's Barn house. The lamp and coins are believed to be with the British Museum. The Otmoor area had a number of Roman settlements with the Temple at Woodeaton and significant buildings in the Noke/Islip area, Roman artefacts have also been found in the area of Studley Wood.

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Figure 2 - Roman coins and brooches found in the area of Ash in September 2000. The coins are mostly from Constantinus (wearing helmet) and two are earlier

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Figure 3 - Detail of one of the silver coins. A Dinaris from the reign of Faucina

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Figure 4 – Lead and stone weight possibly used for weaving. Iron age or later found in the Asham area

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Figure 5 - Stone weight possibly used with a stick to make fire from Asham Area and a Bronze gilded artefact possibly Saxon

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Figure 6 - Rolled lead weight or lead for glazing window sand fragments of 16th century pottery

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Roman pottery was made near Noke and there were probably other settlements yet to be discovered. A Roman road crossed Otmoor from the south to the town of Alchester near Bicester. There was occupation in the area before the Roman occupation and flint tools (now in the county museum) and a stone, that may have been used in fire making, was found in a Horton cum Studley garden in 2000. Iron Age pottery has also been found in the Asham area.



Figure 7 - Fragment of a Roman almost 30mm thick found at the site of the Horton windmill. This is the type of tile used in substantial buildings and was thrown up by badgers from their set

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There were also Saxon settlements with a village at Woodperry near the house, and Asham may also have originally been a Saxon settlement. The name of Beckley is Saxon for lea of Becca or beck.

At the time of the Norman Conquest, Horton and Asham were probably small settlements surrounded by forest to the south, east and north and Otmoor to the west. It is probable that in Roman times, Otmoor was much drier as they built their road from Dorchester to Alchester across the moor. It has been suggested that the water level rose after an earthquake in 1666. This seems a little unlikely as there is no sign of any occupation of the area and the villages and lanes were established before that date. The name Otmoor is supposed to be derived from Otta's Moor but no documentary evidence of this can be found.

It is probable that Otmoor was a wet area before the Norman Conquest otherwise it is unlikely to have been given the pre-conquest name of Otta's Moor. In the Roman period up to AD 410 bronze and iron metal work would have been carried out and pottery made locally. Maybe Tile Close, named on the 1641 map – Fig. 14, may have been the area where tiles were made. Burned clay and pottery can be seen in the field. From the Roman tiles found it is likely that there were substantial Roman period buildings on the high ground while subsistence farming took place on the fertile area of Horton.

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Figure 8 - Early 1st century pottery and ditch near Tippen's Copse excavated by the Otmoor Archeological & Historical Society in 2002



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Figure 9 - Fragments of mediaeval tiles found near the site of Ash Hall in the area of Little Marchams that may have been the site of the Mill House. The upper fragments were found about 100 yards from the lower, and from the location of other debris there were other buildings in the area.

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**Figure 10 - Contemporary bronze copy of a bulla or Papal seal
c.1187 - probably used as a brooch or religious symbol**

This item made of bronze, was found in Waterleys field Horton cum Studley in October 2002 by Mr Bob Wakelin. It is probably a copy of a bulla, a lead seal that was affixed to an official document signed by the Pope. If it had been a lead seal, there would have been a hole drilled from top to bottom with a cord threaded through that was fixed to the document. This item looks as though it had been adapted as a brooch. The inscription reads "*Gre Gorius PP VIII*" for Pope Gregory VIII and will be dated circa 1187 as Gregory VIII was only Pope for a few months in that year. A large number of bullae have been found elsewhere in the country and it is likely that many are not official issues, and this one made of bronze was likely to have been a contemporary copy.

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Ash or Asham Hall was built before the Norman conquest, as we know that it was held by Azor (see below) and was somewhere on the hill above Gardener's Barn, to the east or south of a Tippin's Copse that still exists today. The field also near to Warren Farm, is called Hall Close on the 1641 map. Pottery, tiles and other artefacts can still be found on the hillside ranging from the Iron Age and Roman period on until the 18th century. There is considerable debris of stone and tiles round two possible sites of the Hall both in what is shown as Hall Close.

A geophysical survey carried out in August 2002 did not find any evidence of a hall on top of the hill near Tippet's Copse where it was thought that the site of the Hall might have been. However evidence of a ditch about 150 feet long was detected. A trench was dug across the ditch at the end of September 2002 and it was found to be early Roman. As first century pottery was found at the bottom that had then been in filled by iron slag, burned clay and charcoal, indicating that there was iron smelting carried out in the area in the first century AD (See Fig. 8). The surface area contained much Roman and medieval material much being medieval roof tiles. An adjacent field or close is called Tile Close and may be where the tiles were made.

The search for the site of the Hall (if there ever was a hall), now favours a site further down the hill where it was known that there were visible foundations until the area was ploughed in the 1970s.

Asham can never have been a big village and the 'Hall' probably consisted of a main room reaching to the roof with a hole for the smoke from the fire to escape. There may have been one or two other rooms. The house was probably made of timber with wattle and daub in filling although stone could also have been used as there are the remains of a small quarry nearby and there are signs of stone at the probable site as well as brick fragments. Like the Priory, the façade could have been stone with the rest of brick.

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Before the Norman Conquest Ash had been held by Azor, son of Titi, Queen Edith's man (VCH Bucks) who had also held Ifley and other areas. Volume One of the History of the Croke Family, by Sir Alexander Croke, DCL and FAS and printed in 1823, states: *'The village was a part of the parish of Beccaulle (Beckley) which was bequeathed by King Alfred, in the year 901 to his relation Osferth. In 1005 Ailmer, Earl of Cornwall founded an Abbey of Benedictine monks to which he gave certain lands, which he exchanged with his kinsman Godwin for five mansions at Stodelege, now perhaps Studley. (Kennet's Parochial Antiquities, page 39, from Ælfredi Vita MSS, p. 194 that quotes a note in the will of King Alfred, Oxford.'*

After the Norman conquest, with Beckley, Ash became part of the honor of St Valery (or Valori) with the head or seat at Beckley and contained what is now Studley, Ambrosden, Arncott and other manors. William on his marriage, bestowed the barony of Oxford or de Oyley, that later became St Valery to Robert de Oyley. The honor then passed to Robert's brother Roger de Iveri. The Register of Oseney Abbey stated: *"Memorandum quod Robertus de Oleio, et Rogerus de Iverio, fraters jurati, et per fiden et sacramentum confederait, verunt ad conquestum Angliae, cum Rege Willielmo Bastard. Iste Rex dedit dicto Roberto duas Baronias, quae modo vacantur Doylivorum, et S, Waleria."* An addition in Volume 2 of Sir Alexander Croke's History, he states that from the Domesday Book, the honor of St Valeri (i.e. Beckley) belonged to a Saxon named Aelveva in the time of Edward the Confessor and not Wigot of Wallingford.

At the time of the Domesday book, the village of Studley or Ash was in 1086, held by Roger d'Ivry. Roger d'Ivry held 2 hides of land at 'Lesa (Ash) and Picot held of him, with 2 serfs on the demesne and 4 villeins and 2 bordars. (Beckley itself had 6 serfs on the demesne, 11 villeins and 6 bordars (a smallholder) making the combined village of about 100 persons) (a vellein is a Norman term for a tenant of manorial land.) Ash therefore had four farms and six smallholdings and probably covered the area

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marked in the 1641 map as Asham Mead, Asham Marsh and Asham Field as well as lands around Hall Close. The Domesday Book records a wood at Beckley and one at Ash for 200 swine. The latter may be Priors Wood (part of Whitecross Green) at Studley. At one time the woodland in the area of Studley Wood Golf Club was more extensive and formed part of Henry II's hunting park.

In about 1155, King Henry II bestowed the barony upon Reginald de St Valori or St Walery. The Norman family originally came from St Valorie in Normandy. Ranulph de St Valory attended Duke William on his expedition to England in 1066. In 1272 the honor consisted of the manors of Beckley, Ambrosden, Blackthorn, Henley, and Willarstone. Reginald died in about 1166 and left a son Bernard and a daughter Matilda. Bernard de St Valory was the founder of the monastery of Studley. Bernard. A member of the family Duke Robert de Valory son of Bernard was present at the siege of Nice in 1096.

Bernard was out of the country when his father died and the King issued a precept to the sheriffs of the counties in which lands were situated to secure his rights and property till his return. For livery of his lands, he paid to the King five marks and a half, in which he included, half a mark for Beckley, and one mark for Horton. In 1171, Bernard fell out with the King and his lands were seized. Later peace was made on condition that Bernard should give the King back the manor of Wolvercote and the nunnery at Godstow that he had gained when he married as his second wife, Avoris, daughter of John de St John, Lord of Stanton.

At the Norman Conquest and until 1884, most of Ash or Asham was in Buckinghamshire as a part of the Hundred of Ashendon. There is no evidence that it was ever included in the parish of Boarstall, although the map in the Victoria County History for Buckinghamshire (VCH) suggests, that it may have been at one time.

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Asham is not mentioned in the Domesday Book for Buckinghamshire (or does not have a single mention in the VCH) for that county. It may be that as Asham was on the Oxford side of Bernwood Forest and only easily accessible from the Oxford direction, it was not considered a part of Buckinghamshire by the lords of Boarstall or Brill, especially as Asham had been granted to other lords of the manor.

Boarstall in turn had previously been in the Parish of Brill. Only Brill is mentioned in the Domesday Book as the Manor of Brunhalle. Boarstall is mentioned after 1213, probably within the serjeanty of Bernwood Forest, known as Burchestala. When Boarstall Tower and manor were built in about 1312 by John Handlo it was called Burcstall or Borgstall and later Borstall. It was not known as Boarstall until the 16th century. Boarstall Tower was not fortified until much later but that is another story. Bernwood Forest was granted to 'Neil' by Edward the Confessor, and this included Boarstall. Part of the forest that is now part of Whitecross Green Woods was granted to Oriel College in 1586 and the Victoria County History for Buckinghamshire suggests that Old and New Arngrove fields along with Stonehouse fields were enclosed before 1577. There were also farms at Pauncehall (Paunsale or Pancell), a part of the Forest of Bernwood. The name is now retained as 'Panshill'.

The Asham smallholders would probably have lived in single-roomed houses made of local material. To the south can be found debris of two other buildings where medieval tiles were found plus coins from Edward V (1483), Henry V (1413 – 1422), Charles I (1625 – 1649) and the Commonwealth period (1649 - 1660). The finds have been augmented with finds of medieval buckles, and other objects. There were other buildings in the area of Warren Farm that may be the oldest inhabited area in the village. There are also signs of medieval buildings in the area of Horse Shoe Pond to the north of Gardner's Barn. The pond was filled in during the 1970s. An Elizabeth I shilling was found in the area of West Hill Farm.

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Ash was also called Esses in the 13th century and in 1390 called Nashe. It is suggested that the position of Pinfold Green shown on the 1841 map was the position of Ash pound.



Figure 11 –19 century map showing possible locations of the buildings in Ash area prior to the 17th century showing the location of Ash Hall. The lane from the hall leads down to what is now the end of Mill Lane carrying on to Asham Marsh.

Marlake now a part of Murcott, (or Moorcot) was a part of Ash and Studley. Merelake was formerly part of the preceptory of St John of Jerusalem at Sandford. It is possible that the Hospitaller's estate at Marlake in Ash was part of lands granted to the Templars between 1190 and 1212 by the Ash and De Bosco

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families. The Templars had probably left the lands before 1279; for the Hundred Rolls do not record that they have any holdings in Beckley parish.

In the seventeenth year of Edward II, [1323] Roger, son of Nicholas at Nash (Asham), enfeoffed John Freeland of one messuage, one virgate of land, in Horton, formerly belonging to Walter at [the] Hall. In 1341, John Freeland enfeoffed Margery de Berchesdone, Prioress of Studley, with two tofts, 20 acres of ploughed land and three of meadow in Becklegh (Beckley) and Horton, formerly belonging to Walter at Hall, to find a chaplain to pray for his soul. This gives a clue that Asham Hall was in existence in 1323.

The Croke family described Marlake as a separate manor. In the 13th century we see fields being divided, The Terrier (a written description of landed property by acreages and boundaries) records that Horton fields to the southwest and to the northeast had been divided into smaller fields Westfield, Morefield, Eastfield (later known as Ash Field). In 1292 two enclosures were called Newland and Northcroft and two open fields at Ash (Esses), Essemfield (later Ashamfield) and Holdburyfield, later to become Great and Little Oberry. There were also several crofts and enclosures. At Marlake, in the manor of Ash, there was common land at Whitecross Green and assards (land cultivated out of felled woodland) from Otmoor and Bernwood (Fattingsacre, Blackred, Middlefurlong, Betneeshall, Six Acres) and two strips called East and West Stoneyfield later to become the Mill Field in Studley.

According to The Victoria County History of Oxfordshire (VCH.) there are some 13th century references to the lord's mill referring to the mill at Beckley and also another mill at Horton. The vicar had a 'Mill House' in the vicarage grounds of the 17th century Studley Mill, which John Croke acquired with the priory estates in 1539. This 'Mill House' is not shown on the 1641 map and presumably was demolished. This may have been a house in

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‘Ash’ and may have been the house below the windmill where medieval tiles have been found and Tudor period pottery. Marlake was also an early settlement (now Murcott) and the name survives as Marlake Lane and Marlake House (once a public house) and Nash End on the OS map.

Between 1190 and 1200 three brothers, John, William and Walter of Ash held the manor of the St Valery’s and another part was held by their kinsman William de Bosco whose lands in Ash were assessed at 4 *carucates* in 1220 (*carucate* – originally a Danelaw area of plough land assessed for taxation between 160 and 180 acres but by 1086 it had come to mean a unit of taxation.) In 1242-3 John of Ash held the manor of Richard of Cornwall of the fee of Beckley. In 1278-9 Nicholas of Ash held 10 *virgates* there of Edmund of Cornwall by military service. (*Virgate* usually a quarter of a hide, about 30 acres of arable land scattered among the common fields of the manor but could vary, sometimes known as a *yardland*.) It can be assessed that Ash covered an area of 300 acres and this will have covered the area that includes Studley.

It was during this period that the only surviving house in the village from the 13th century (other than the Priory) was built. The Old Weir is the oldest house in Horton cum Studley and probably in Oxfordshire with cruck construction dated to about 1250. Side purlins and wind brace can be seen in the bedrooms with the cruck blades visible downstairs.

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Figure 12 - Internal view of The Old Weir

The Prioress of Studley Priory, William Lock and Peter of Ash were tenants at Ash for 6 of the 10 virgates. In 1300 Nicholas of Ash's lands were described as three parts of a knight's fee belonging to the honor of St Valery.

Neil of Ash was said to hold Ash with Marlake in 1316. Roger, son of Nicholas of Ash, is mentioned in 1323 and the manor passed to Roger's son John, who in 1361 '*enfeoffed*' (passed over the land) to John Appleby, Lord of Boarstall and his wife Margaret, granddaughter of Sir John de Hadlow. In the seventeenth year of Edward II, [1314] Roger, son of Nicholas at Nash (Asham), enfeoffed John Freeland of one messuage, one virgate of land, in Horton, formerly belonging to Walter at [the] Hall. In 1341, John Freeland enfeoffed Margery de Berchesdone, Prioress of Studley, with two tofts, 20 acres of ploughed land and three of meadow in Becklegh (Beckley) and Horton, formerly belonging to Walter at Hall, to find a chaplain to pray for his soul.

In 1379, Richard II gave the manor of Asham (or Esses or Ashe or Nashe) in the Parish of Beckley to Agnes de Halle, Prioress of Studley Priory. It was formerly the property of John de

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Esses and Eleanor, his wife, son of Roger of Nashe by whom it was granted by John de Appulbye and Margaret his wife in 1361. John de Appulbye was the lord of Boarstall. In the next year Margaret wife of Sir Gilbert Chastelyn, and afterwards John Appleby released their rights in Ashe by a deed dated at Godstowe.

Asham was probably demolished soon after that date. Sir Alexander Croke sates in 1823 that there are no remains of the town of Ashe, which stood upon the spot called Pinfold Green where was the pound of the manor.

We know the last seven lords of the manor from about 1300: Nicholas, Roger 1314, Neil 1316, Roger, Nicholas 1323, Walter and John, died 1379.

Asham Hall had disappeared by 1641. The Hall was no longer the seat of the landlord after the lands had passed to the priory in 1389 and some of the stone and brick could have been used to extend the Priory buildings. Remains of foundations could be seen until the 1970s when the land was ploughed and they were destroyed. The original hand-made bricks in the domestic area of Studley Priory have yellow streaks the same as found on brick fragments from the area of 'Ash'. There is some doubt about exactly when the Hall and other buildings were finally demolished as 17th century tiles and pottery can be found on the site. The Hall was probably the first to go with other buildings in use until the early 17th century. It is possible that the building material from the remainder of the village was used for the construction of Warren Farm and other houses in the area. Warren farmhouse was built in 1641 and is shewn on the 1641 map. The final demolition of Asham Hall may have just preceded the map.

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The first records refers to a village of Beccaule bequeathed by King Alfred in 901, to his relation Osferth. This may have been Beckley. In 1005, Ailmer, Earl of Cornwall, founded an Abbey of Benedictine monks to whom he gave certain lands, which he exchanged with his kinsman Godwin for five mansions at Stodlege, maybe referring to Studley. Horton had a number of owners from the time of the Norman Conquest. The first being Roger de Ivery or Ivry in about 1077.

In 1066 Walter of St. Valery, from the Somme estuary, also had accompanied the William the Conqueror to England. By 1138 Walter's grandson Reynold of St. Valery, held lands jointly with John de St. John of Stanton St. John. By 1155-6 he had possession of the Ivry lands, including Beckley and Horton.

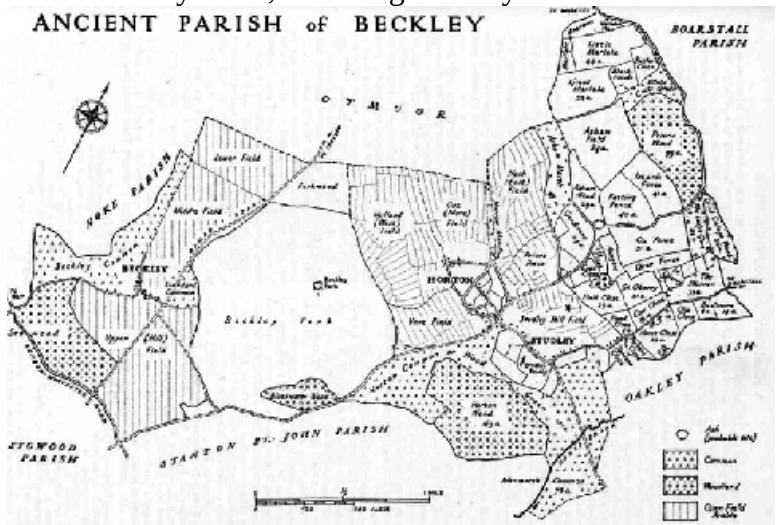


Figure 13 - The map of the parish as printed in the VCH taken from the 1641 map and later OS maps

The barony passed to John de St. John and Roger St. Valery, either jointly or in turn, but it is likely that it came to them

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with an Ivry heiress or heiresses. Roger (II) d'Ivry had a sister, Adeline, but little is known of her history. The Genealogy of the Croke family in its history of Studley Priory say that she was daughter of Hugh de Grentmaisnel who had held the lands of Islip and Oddington plus a seat at Fencott and had inherited the lands from her father. She died in 1111. Reynold of St. Valery supported Empress Maud against King Stephen in the civil wars, and in 1158 went on crusade. He died probably in 1166-7 and was succeeded by his eldest son Bernard, who in 1166-7 paid a fine for livery of Beckley and Horton. He seems to have died shortly after 1191, and was succeeded by his second son Thomas, who paid a relief in 1191-2. Not long afterwards, Beckley and Horton, along with his other lands, were seized by the king, and in 1196-7 they appear among the escheats, no doubt as a consequence of Thomas's support of Philip Augustus in Normandy. Between 1198 and 1215 Thomas changed sides at least three times, alternately regaining and forfeiting his English lands. He finally made his peace with King John in 1215 and died early in 1219 leaving as his heiress his only daughter Annora.

In 1210 or 1211 Annora had married Robert de Dreux, eldest son of Count Robert II of Dreux, and brother of Peter de Dreux later Duke of Brittany. Robert consistently supported Philip Augustus against King John, but made his peace with Henry III in 1217. He became Count of Dreux in 1218 and in February 1219 was awarded the lands that Thomas of St. Valery had held in England. By the end of 1226, as he had again chosen to side with France, Henry III seized all his English lands.

In 1207 in the 9th year of John, Thomas de Sait Valori granted a rent of 3/- in Beckley and at about the same time granted a carriage load of dead wood for firing weekly, to be taken out of Studley Wood, by view of his forester. In 1227 Henry III granted all Robert de Dreux's English lands to his brother, Richard of Cornwall. The grant was confirmed by charter to 1231. Under Richard of Cornwall, Beckley, as a part of

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the honor of St. Valery, was the most important of the five demesne manors of the honor in Oxfordshire - the others being Willaston, Blackthorn with Ambrosden, Asthall, and Yarnton; the honor was sometimes called 'of St. Valery of Beckley'; or simply 'of Beckley'. Richard's tenure at Beckley suffered one brief interruption after his capture by the Montfortians at Lewes in 1264, but he recovered his lands in 1265 after the Battle of Evesham. Richard died in 1272 and was succeeded by his eldest surviving son, Edmund, who held the manor of St Valery, including Beckley and Horton for 28 years.

Edmund died in 1300, leaving no children, and his cousin, King Edward I, inherited his lands. Beckley and Horton were among the lands which Edward I granted for life to Roger Bigod, Earl of Norfolk. In 1302, on Roger's death in 1306 they reverted to the Crown.

According to Sir Alexander Croke in 1823, the extent of the manor of Beckley and the hamlet of Horton was recorded in 1300 in Studley Chartulary (location not recorded) giving the number of messuages, number of acres of ploughed lands, meadow and wood, the names, rents and services of every freeholder, bondman, cottager and every other possession right, and franchise belonging to the manor. The value of the whole was estimated as £44 3s 7¼d a year of which 6s 6d was held by the Prioress of Studley in free alms. The document also stated:

First: That neither the Prioress of Studley, nor the Lord of the manor of Ashe, nor any other person inhabiting, or having any lands, within the towns of Studley, Ashe or Merlacke (Mercott), is said or declared to be a freeholder of the manor of Beckley, or suitor to the court there, or to owe any manner or suit or service to the Lord of the manor.

Secondly: That no part of the manor of Beckley extendeth into any other county than Oxfordshire. [This is interesting as Asham or Ashe was geographically in Buckinghamshire until 1884 but may explain why there is no mention of Asham in the Buckinghamshire VCH]

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Thirdly: That no mention is made of the great parcel of land known as Otmoor, which Moor at this day would fain find to be a parcel of the manor of Beckley And specially for that it is so great and notable for the quality of the ground, so beneficial a common and so profitable for fowling and fishing to all the inhabitants of six or seven townships, bordering round about it, who always together, videlicet [namely], every of the said townships, as well one as another, have ever used, and enjoyed the said as well as another, have ever used, and enjoyed the said common, for all their flocks of sheep, herds of beasts, and all manner of cattle, at all times, and have taken and enjoyed the profits of the fowling and fishing at their pleasure, at all times. No one of the said townships claiming any preheminance, or greater right, or interest than the rest.' [This is the first mention of the Otmoor villages being called Otmoor towns].

At this time Otmoor had been acquired by the honor of St Valory and ruled from the court of St Valory at Beckley.

In 1308 Edward II gave Beckley to Hugh Despenser the elder, who later in the same year, leased the manor for life to his follower Sir John de Hadlow, who had been keeper of the manor and park in 1307. When the honor of St. Valery was conferred upon Piers Gaveston in 1309, Beckley was excluded.

The alliance with Edward II's favourite brought trouble to Hadlow, when the marchers ravaged the Despenser lands in 1321, his manors in Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire were looted. Sir John held onto Beckley and in 1337, Edward III conceded that he should hold the manor for life.

Although Boarstall was Sir John's principal residence, there is evidence that he lived at Beckley, where his granddaughter was christened. The manor does not appear in the inquisition taken after Sir John's death in 1346 and the lands passed to the Black Prince, perhaps because as *caput* of the honor of St. Valery it was considered to belong rightly to the prince's duchy of Cornwall. In 1356 the prince granted Beckley to Sir John Chandos as part of his reward for his good service in France. Chandos was to hold

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the manor. However, only for the life of Juliana, Countess of Huntingdon and Beckley Park remained in the prince's hands. Juliana died in 1367 and in 1371 Beckley was granted to Sir Nicholas Bond, a squire of the prince's chamber but by 1374 it was back in the possession of the Crown. William Montague, Earl of Salisbury, secured an exemplification of his father's grant in 1378, he did not obtain possession and in 1382 Richard II gave Beckley to Queen Anne as a part of her dowry. In 1346 Richard le Forester had been appointed by the Black Prince to keep Beckley Park and held his office for nearly 40 years. He lived nearby at Stanton St. John.

In 1394, after the death of his wife, Queen Anne (Anne of Bohemia), Richard II granted both the manor and the park to Sir John Golafre, a knight of his household whose family held a number of manors in Oxfordshire and Berkshire. After his death in 1396, Beckley was granted to Philip de la Vache, another of the king's knights. Philip served as Chamberlain to the Queen under Henry IV, who confirmed him in possession of Beckley. Philip was dead by 1408. Henry V's grant of Beckley to his wife Queen Catharine as a dowry, was confirmed by Parliament and she was recorded as in possession of the manor in 1428.

For the rest of the 15th century the manor remained in the hands of the Crown, though numerous administrative appointments, some of them sinecures, were made there: the Stewardship of Beckley, for instance, was one of many offices held by the Duke of Suffolk. Beckley Park, however, changed hands frequently between the death of Queen Catharine (Catherine de Valois, wife of the late Henry V) in 1437 and 1550, when it was reunited with the manor.

In 1438 another John Golafre and Sir Edmund Hampden were appointed joint Keepers of Beckley Park. The former died in 1442, and in 1445 Hampden was confirmed as sole keeper for life and seems subsequently to have lived at Beckley. Sir Edmund, one of the famous Buckinghamshire families, was a Lancastrian. He was consequently attainted on the accession of Edward IV in

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1461, and Beckley Park passed into the keeping of a Yorkist. Ten years later Sir Edmund was slain at the battle of Tewkesbury. His successor at Beckley was John Stokes of Bignell, Bicester, who kept the park until his death in 1476. From 1465 onwards William Stavely of Broughton Stavely (Bucks) was associated with him as joint keeper. In 1484 Thomas Fowler, a trusted follower of Richard III, was made Parker of Beckley, but his tenure of office did not survive the change of dynasty in the following year.

In 1486 he was replaced by Ralph Verney, the Lancastrian grandson of the prominent Yorkist of the same name. Henry VIII renewed Ralph's grant in 1513 and included in it his son John, of whom nothing seems to be known. Ralph died in 1525 and John must have predeceased him, for in 1526 Beckley Park was to be let. In 1530 Sir John Wellesbourne of Fulwell (Oxon), squire of the body to Henry VIII, received a lease for 21 years. In July 1547 the Protector Somerset acquired Beckley Park in augmentation of his honor of Ewelme, but later granted its reversion to Sir John Williams. In March 1550 Beckley manor was granted to the Princess Elizabeth, daughter of Anne Boleyn, in accordance with Henry VIII's will but in April Sir Walter Mildmay, a surveyor of the Court of Augmentations, obtained a grant of it, and conveyed it to Sir John Williams, later Lord Williams of Thame, who reunited park and manor. (The Croke family Genealogy states that it passed to Sir Henry Norris who became the Earl of Abingdon.)

Lord Williams died in 1559, and passed Beckley and Horton to his daughter Margeret (sic) and her husband Sir Henry Norreys, who became Lord Norreys of Rycote in 1572. In 1580 Beckley was held for Lord Norreys by Christopher Edmonds and Richard Huddleston, for an unknown term of years, but in 1598 Lord Norreys and his wife passed the manor to Sir Anthony Powlett and others for certain uses, perhaps connected with its settlement upon their grandson and heir Francis, son of Sir William Norreys.

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Horton had been held with Beckley by Edmonds and Huddleston, but in 1589 it was separately conveyed to Lord Burghley and others as security for a loan made to Lord Norreys. Francis succeeded to his grandfather's title and estates in 1601. In 1602 he conveyed Beckley and Horton to his uncle, Sir Edward Norreys, but regained possession on the latter's death in the following year. In 1621 Francis was created Viscount Thame and Earl of Berkshire, but in 1624 he ended his notably violent career by committing suicide. Beckley next passed to Francis's daughter, Elizabeth, Baroness Norreys, and her husband Edward Wray, a Groom of the Bedchamber to James I.

On Elizabeth's death in 1645 her title and the lands descended to Baroness Norreys' daughter Bridget, whose first husband, Edward Sackville, died a prisoner of the parliamentary forces. Her second husband was Montague Bertie, Earl of Lindsey, a prominent royalist, and on her death in 1657 her estates passed to her son James Bertie, Lord Norreys who was created Earl of Abingdon in 1682. Beckley and Horton remained part of his lands and remained in the hands of successive Earls and successors until 1919 when it was sold in lots by the Rt. Hon. The Viscount Bertie of Thame, PC, GCB, GCMG, GCVO.

The early 19th century maps of Horton cum Studley show that Horton was mostly owned by the Earl of Abingdon and the Croke family owned Studley.

By the late 16th century there were four open fields at Horton. By 1609, the entire manor of Ash with the exception of the Mill Field was enclosed in compact farms. Rents of enclosed farms in the fields totalled £54 18s 3d of which part was for strips in the Nash and Horton. By contrast, rents of the enclosed farms totalled £330. The yearly sum of £140 was paid for Marlake and Asham Fields and Oxvent and £45 for Middle Marlake.

The rent for Warren Farm was 300 couple of conies (rabbits) valued at £40.

There appeared to have been disputes over the land between the Norreys' and Croke over the area towards what is

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now Whitecross Green Woods. Both claimed the right to enclose Asham Marsh, Pinfold Green Long Acre, Short Acre and Arnegrove. After legal wrangling Croke won by verdict of Aylesbury court in 1557-8. There were other disputes at the time especially over waste ground known as the Stonehurst of 400 acres used as common by Horton, Studley, Stanton St John, Worminghall, Boarstall and Oakley.

The grazing rights on Otmoor were controlled by the lords of Beckley and in 1582, a servant of Master Croke, was charged with keeping sheep dogs on Otmoor contrary to court orders.

There were many rules for the use of Otmoor, laid down between 1580 and 1656. The moor court chose two men each from Beckley, Horton, Fencott, Charlton, Oddington and Noke to regulate the rights of the common. This appears to have gone with occupancy of a house. The court laid down the number of sheep and geese that could be grazed and laid down heavy penalties for keeping diseased horses and pigs.

Fines for breaches of the orders were normally shared between the lord of the manor of Beckley and the Hayward (official of the manor responsible for the hedges) and moor men. Forfeits went to the lords of Beckley, as in 1657, when John Coxhead's cattle and 60 sheep which he had on the moor were declared forfeited after he had '*murthered himself*'. John Coxhead farmed at what is now Old Arngrove Farm

The writings of the Duke of Württemberg after a visit to England from a letter written at Antwerp dated 4th October 1589 about hunting in England and says something of what was probably the Otmoor area at that time:

'We reached the English seaport of Dover without any accident and thus it happened. The huntsmen, who had been ordered for the occasion and who live in splendid separate lodges in these parks, made some capital sport for his Highness. In the first inclosure his Highness shot off the leg of a fallow deer, and the dogs soon after caught the animal. In the second, they chased a stag for a long time backwards and forwards with particularly

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good hounds, over an extensive and delightful plain; at length his Highness shot him in front with an English cross-bow, and this deer the dogs finally worried and caught. In the third, the greyhounds chased a deer, but much too soon, for they caught it directly, even before it could get out into the open plain. These three stags were brought to Windsor and presented to his Highness

On the road from Oxford we passed through a villainous, boggy, and wild country, and several times missed our way, because the country thereabouts is very little inhabited, and is nearly a waste; and there is one spot in particular where the mud is so deep, that in my opinion it would scarcely be possible to pass with a coach in winter or in rainy weather. . . . As regards cold weather and thunderstorms, we ought to remark that the winter sets in with snow in December, and lasts till February, but the snow does not lie long, for the climate is warm. Many witches are found there, who frequently do much mischief by means of hail and tempests.

JACOB RATHGEB Friderich,

Herzog zu Württemberg's, Badenfahrt

Otmoor Farming

In the 13th century Horton was the most prosperous part of the parish. In 1279 after the lands had come into the lands of Richard of Cornwall, Horton had *11 villein virgaters, 11 cottagers and 1 free tenant*. Horton land was more productive than Beckley or Studley. A tax list of 1327 shows that of the 13 Beckley contributors, only 4 paid as much as 3s to 4s, and in Studley out of 11, only 1 passed the 3s level with his 6s contribution. At Horton 14 out of 23 contributors paid between 3s and 6s 6d. The 1377 poll tax figures show the same trend. They give an adult population of 78 to Beckley, 96 to Horton and 53 to Studley; Horton being the biggest hamlet.

By 1582 Beckley had 35 taxpayers and Horton 47. In 1676 there were 336 churchgoers at Horton and only 16 in Beckley. In 1676 many of the churchgoers worked at the Priory. The first census report of 1801 gave a Beckley Parish (including

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Horton and Studley) number as 691 and reached 825 by 1821, after which there was a steady decline to 513 in 1901.

There were wealthy families other than the Croke family in the 16th century, Thomas Biggs was assessed on £10 of goods in 1559 and in 1563 he was left lands in Woodstock and Hansborough by the widow of John Coventre, gentleman who appears to have come to Horton from London in the service of Sir John Croke.

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Figure 14 – Left-hand side of the 1641 map by George Sargeant, showing Horton and Nash. This map has north to the bottom. There is no mention of Studley; the map is titled ‘Nash Field’

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Figure 15 – Right-hand side of the same map.

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Thomas Biggs died in 1611. Among other families mentioned were Vicars, Brown, Badger and Chillingworth, living at Horton.

West Hill farm at Horton was probably built in the 17th century. The barn boasts the date of 1647 on a beam with the initials 'IC'. The 1665 Heath Tax mentions '*widdow Collins*' and the farm may have been built by her husband James? (Capital J at the time was usually written 'I'.)

Most of the names of the people living in the village at the time can be read including the head of the households and who worked the strip farming.

The Survey Book of 1786 shows that James and Thomas Ledwell held 47 and 43 acres respectively in Horton manor. From the early Middle Ages much of the land between Beckley and Horton was an enclosed park where the lords of St Valery and later Kings of England hunted. The earliest record of it occurs in 1175-6 it was being enclosed between 1192 and 1197 with a stone wall, the remains of which can still be seen east of Beckley and in 1229 Richard of Cornwall stocked it with deer and then constructed a deer's leap. Lower Park Farm was the location of the hunting lodge (now called Beckley Park). Some of the ancient wood survives (not necessarily a part of the hunting park), Studley Wood (once Horton Wood), Upper Wood (formerly Lady's Gore) and Whitecross Green (once Prior's Wood). The village of Horton houses were scattered and many of them had no road outlet. On the hill above, where Studley Priory was built in 1176, several new houses appeared at the same time. There is evidence that there were houses in the lower part of Horton cum Studley, in the area to the north of Church Lane. An early map shows a circle of houses round the green. The village ponds still remain in the field.

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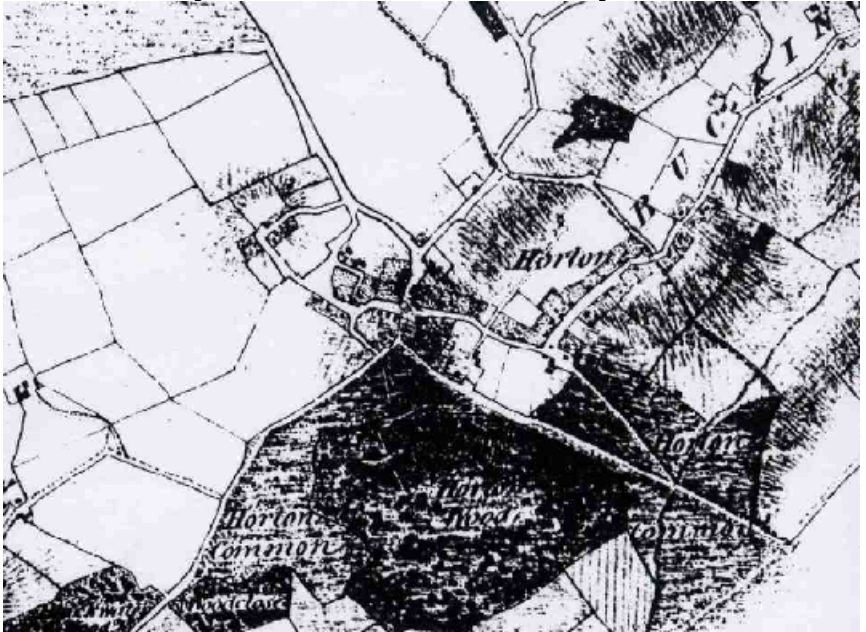


Figure 16 - Horton cum Studley 1811 showing old county boundary with Bucks being just beyond Studley Farmhouse. Also note the Priory 'by pass' and a lane and buildings opposite today's playing fields and village hall.

Other Industries

We know that there was a brickworks off what is now Oakley Road. The bricks made of local clay all have an uneven texture with yellow colouring. This brickworks was probably originally in use from the building of Studley Priory until the start of the 20th century. There may have been a tile-producing kiln in Asham as there was an ancient enclosure called Tile Close. There are tile fragments to be found in many places in the village dating back to Roman times.

There is also to be found fragments of clinker from iron work in the same area, especially in the area of Warren Farm. Horton also had its own wheelwright where Dufryn House is now situated in Church Lane and later in Mill (Millss or Steel) Lane Mr Beckley

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had a small factory in the mid 20th century manufacturing parts for
Morris Cars at Cowley.

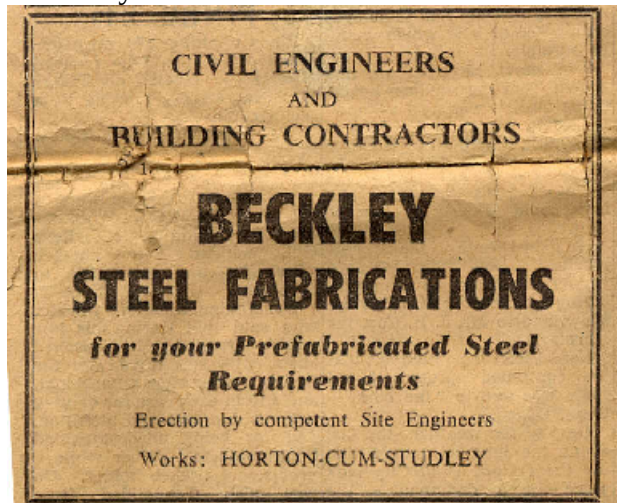


Figure 17 - Advertisement c. 1950

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Chapter 3 - Enclosure Act and draining of the Moor.

The draining of the Moor and enclosures seems to have come from the surveyor of the Abingdon estates in 1728, when it was his chief proposal for improving the value of the manor. Some small enclosures had already been made, but he said that they were so ill used that they were chiefly overrun with bushes. No action followed, but in 1787 Sir Alexander Croke put forward a scheme for drainage and enclosure. Arthur Young also thought it 'a scandal to the national policy' that Otmoor, within five miles of Oxford and the Thames, should remain unenclosed; and considered that its *'good loam would form valuable farms, if drained, for tillage or pasturage'* certainly for the latter opposition, however, from the Earl of Abingdon, who was supported by the representatives of 340 families of the Otmoor villages, defeated the plans to secure a parliamentary bill.

The next proposal to enclose came to Parliament from George, Duke of Marlborough, and others, in 1801, but this time Croke and John Mackarness claimed that their interests as landowners had been disregarded, and the bill failed in committee.

On 12 July 1815 an enclosure bill, including a major drainage scheme, was at last passed.

The final award was not completed until 15th April 1829, though in the lawsuits which followed, the proprietors claimed to have enjoyed fourteen years' peaceful possession of their new lands before 1830.

Beckley parish interests received the following allotments: Beckley township, 303 acres; Horton hamlet, 262 acres; Studley hamlet, 200 acres; the Earl of Abingdon, for the lord paramount's right of soil, 107 acres; Sir Alexander Croke for tithes, 102 acres; and the Revd Theophilus Cooke for tithes, 63 acres. The commissioner was empowered to split up the communal awards among individuals if those entitled to the major part in any village desired it. But the Beckley parish awards were not apportioned until the general enclosure of the parish. Beckley's allotment

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went almost entirely to Abingdon and Cooke, Horton's to Abingdon except for a small amount to Cooke, and Studley's to Sir Alexander Croke.

The open fields of Beckley parish were enclosed by Act of Parliament in 1827 though the award was not completed until January 1831. The Earl of Abingdon, as lord of the manor of Beckley with Horton, Sir Alexander Croke, as lord of Studley and lay impropriator of most of the tithes in the parish, George Leigh Cooke, rector of Cubbington, as the impropriator of Beckley rectory, and his nephew, Theophilus Leigh Cooke, as perpetual curate of Beckley, shared the award between them and bought in almost all the land which was sold to defray the expenses of the award. The only other freehold allotments, four in number, were all small. Ralph Butler of the New Inn bought 8 acres under the sales. There followed many exchanges among the three main beneficiaries to consolidate their holdings, in the course of which, Sir Alexander Croke acquired Horton Wood from the Earl of Abingdon.

The copy of the Act is held at the Centre for Oxfordshire Studies in Cowley, *'For enclosing the lands in the Parish of Beckley 28 May 1827'*.

The Act designates the public roads and footpaths in the Parish as follows:

Horton and Oxford Road

One other Public Carriage Road and Highway of width 33 feet from the King's Arms, Bicester Road to SE corner of Chapel Close, to Beckley. (Chapel Close must be what is now Church Lane, although the church was not built until 1868. This indicates that there was once a chapel on the site.)

The Bicester Road

One other Public Carriage Road and Highway of width 33 feet leaving the said Horton and Oxford Road at the south east corner of Chapel Close and proceeding in a westerly direction nearly in its present track by the pound to a cottage in the occupation of John White on Lower Green, thence in a northerly direction over

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the said Green into the Little Marsh and then continuing in a northern direction over the same to the commencement of a road set out under the Otmoor enclosure.

(This describes what is now Ragnall's Lane. The pound used to be at the start of what is now Ragnall's Lane next to Ragnall's House. John White probably lived in what is now Ragnall's House. Note: there is no mention of Ragnall in any old document or archives and the origin remains a mystery. Ragnall is a Lancashire surname but there are no records, yet found, containing the surname in Oxfordshire)



Figure 18 - Ragnall's House as a cottage c. 1930

The Brill Road

One other Public Carriage Road and Highway of width 33 feet leading out of the last described road and commencing at the west end of Upper Green near the premises of Abraham Hillesden and proceeding in its present track until it enters the township of Studley in Buckinghamshire. (This is now known as Brill Road. Abraham Hillesden probably lived in the thatched cottage once

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known as Corner Cottage at the junction with Oakley Road and Horton Hill.)

The Thame Road

One other Public Carriage Road and Highway of a width of 33 feet leading out of the last described road at the commencement thereof and proceeding in a south east direction over the Upper Green and Horton and Carbridge Commons to the parish of Boarstall at Poor Folks Pasture Oak.

The Lower Green Road

One other Private Carriage and Occupation Road and Public Highway of a width of 30 feet leading out of the Bicester Public Road and proceeding along the west side of Horton Lower Farm into Holland's Field. (This is the road from Church Lane to West Hill Farm.)

Mills Lane Road

One other Private Carriage and Occupation Road and Public Highway of a width of 30 feet leading out of Bicester Public Road at the cottage in the occupation of William Haynes and proceeding along Mills Lane to a house and ancient enclosure belonging to the Earl of Abingdon with occupancy of Edward Crick.

(This is now Mill Lane, it was probably named after Thomas Mills who lived in the Lane and had land in the village (see 1641 map). William Haynes probably lived in the Thatched Cottage that was once the village shop.)

The Stanton Wood Road

One other Private Carriage and Occupation Road and Public Highway of a width of 20 feet leading out of Horton and Oxford Public Road and proceeding along Horton Common to the gate in the Parish of Stanton St John. (This could be the public footpath that goes from opposite the entrance to Beckley Park past the gas sub-station)

Other minor roads and footpaths

Lower Beckley Park Road to Beckley Park

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The Stanton Footway 4 feet wide from the Beckley
Oxford Road

Horton Noke Footway

Horton Beckley Footway

Horton Islip Footway

The above are not described as they led across then unenclosed land. However footpaths remain to Beckley, Noke etc.

Horton to Bicester Footway 4 feet wide leading out of Horton at the homestead of Samuel and Mary Blake and proceeding in a north westerly direction into and across the Bicester Public Road over the Nash Field until it enters Studley in Buckinghamshire at the stile in Otmoor Furlong near Cuckoo Pen. (Probably the footpath from West Hill Farm across Ragnall's Lane and across other fields to the BBOWT field and on to Whitecross Green.)

The Brill Footway 4 feet wide leading out of the village of Horton between two small old enclosures belonging to the Earl of Abingdon in the occupation of Thomas Budd and proceeding in or near its present track over the Mill Field and past the windmill until it enters Studley in Buckinghamshire. (This is the path from Horton Hill across the Mill Field to Warren Farm.)

The Oakley Footway 4 feet out of the Thame Public Road and proceeding in or near the present track across Horton and Carbridge Commons to a stile in the boundary fence in the parish of Boarstall.

Studley and Stanton Footway ... out of the Thame Public Road at the bridge or tunnel over the same and proceeding in a south westerly direction over Carbridge Common into the Stanton St John Public Road opposite to a gate there in the parish of Oakley.

Horton and Stanton Footway ... Horton and Oxford Public road two yards west of the Bridge over the public drain and proceeding in a south direction to a stile in the boundary fence of the parish of Stanton St John.

Horton Common Drain one public drain width of seven feet commencing at the pond on Horton Common and proceeding in a

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north westerly direction over Vent Field and Holland Field into the drain on the south side of Otmoor.

And I do hearby award that the grass and herbage arising on the said roads which are not within or leading over any attachment or allotment shall ever belong to and be the sole right of the proprietors of the lands and grounds within the said parish of Beckley next adjoining the said roads respectively on either side thereof as far as the crown of the road.

Each page is signed by Thomas Barford and relevant pages include the landowners signature.

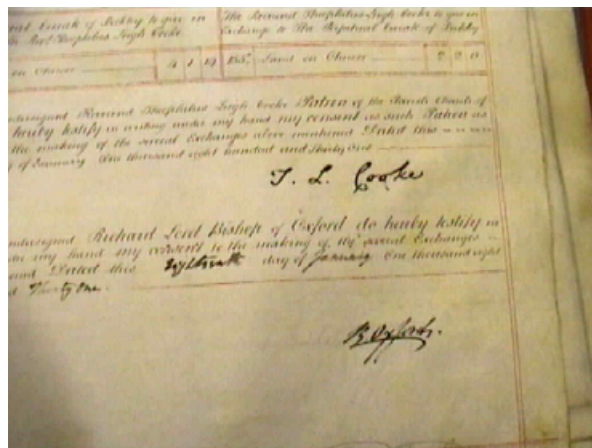


Figure 19 - Part of the Enclosure Act with the signature of the Rev Cook and the Bishop of Oxford

As well as the big landowners, The Earl of Abingdon and the Croke family, the Act also mentions grants to Elizabeth Bulford, widow, and Samuel Jacobs in 1770 and 1774.

In the meantime, the Otmoor enclosure had been having other consequences.

Small-Holders and cottagers had been able to make £20 a year out of keeping geese on the coarse aquatic grass of the moor, and that the fowling and fishing had provided valuable food. Enclosure deprived them of these sources of income, while the mitigation of

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the chronic disease called the moor evil, possibly foot and mouth disease, of which the improving landlords had complained, was perhaps more advantageous to the large farmer than to the small one. Furthermore, the hopes of the 'improvers' were not realised. It seems that the floodwater which they had considered the moor's chief bane may have given it what fertility it possessed. Instead of the land becoming worth some 30s or 40s an acre, as Arthur Young had predicted, it was considered dear, some ten years after enclosure, at 5s an acre. Also the vast amount of hedging, ditching, and major drainage operations involved made it one of the costliest of parliamentary enclosures, and only the large landowners could afford to take up their allotments. General discontent came to a head in 1830, when much valuable land was flooded because the commissioner had cut a new channel for the River Ray at a higher level.

Twenty-nine farmers who had suffered considerable loss united to cut the new dykes to allow the river to return to its ancient course. They were sued by the rectors of Oddington and Beckley; indicted for felony at Oxford Assizes, and acquitted. Wholesale uprooting of fences and mass perambulations of the moor followed this verdict.

The summoning of troops, the arrest of 44 men, the attempt to convey them to Oxford castle through the midst of St. Giles Fair and their rescue by the mob, were fully described in the local newspapers. Some of the rioters were later sentenced at the assizes to imprisonment and fines, but recommended to mercy. An Oxford wine merchant, who was later successfully sued for libel by Sir Alexander Croke, opened subscriptions in aid of the Otmoor villagers.

A pamphlet war ensued and associations, called Otmoor Associations, were formed to fight for the rights of Otmoor commoners. As late as 1833 two men were indicted for malicious destruction of a bridge built by order of the trustees of the Otmoor drainage scheme.

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Chapter 4 - The Priory

Studley Priory was built either in 1184 according to Kennet or in 1176 according to Bishop Tanner, as the Church of St Mary for holy women of the Benedictine order in the reign of King Henry II, by Bernard de Valoni, a friend of Prince Richard (Coeur de Lion). The priory dedicated to the Virgin Mary, with half a hide of land at Horton, and was supported by lands in Crawcombe in Somerset and Corsley in Wiltshire plus local lands in Ash and Marlake (now Murcott). It is possible that the priory had been in existence before 1176 as its Charter implies that the convent was already in existence.

The habit of the Benedictine Nuns was a black robe, with a scapulary [hood] of the same, and, under that robe, a tunic of white, or undyed wool. When they went to the choir, they had over all a black cowl. Like that of the monks.

The Priory was granted various lands and other income over the years. Sir Alexander Croke, in his two volumes of “The Genealogical History of the Croke Family – Originally Named Le Blount” researched a number of documents appertaining to the early history of the Priory, although the sources are not always given. Most referred to the lands held by the Prioress.

Soon after the foundation, Matilda, daughter of Alan the Hunter (Vectoris) upon taking the veil [presumably she became a nun] gave the convent 12 acres of ploughed land upon Shulfhull in Horton. This was confirmed by Thomas de St Walery (Valori). [This maybe what later became the Great Millfield]

1199 about. Albritha, daughter of David de Romenel and Thomas the son of Bernard gave the church of Ilmere in Buckinghamshire to the nuns of Studley, in the reign of King John (1199 – 1216). This gift was confirmed by Peter Le Blois, Bishop of Lincoln and afterwards by Hugh his successor.

Hugh son of William of Elsefield gave a Virgate of land at Elsefield beside a hundred white loaves of bread which is called Oxford Blanpeyn. Ralph his steward was to deliver annually at Studley upon the feast of the Assumption of Saint Mary. A house

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at Stratford was given by William de Stratford but no date was given.

Early 13th Century: Robert de Senekesworthe, granted the Priory, the Church at Senekeworth (a lost village between Botley and Witham) with lands, tithes and dues plus one acre of land called Northsuture and pasture for three beasts in his demesne. The abbots of Oseney and Nutley and the Prior of St Frideswide witnessed the document.

Later Sir William of Senekesworth (son of Robert) granted to his daughter Dionysia half a virgate of land, with a messuage, croft and meadow and two acres of arable land lying on one side at Schoolles against Packstok, and on the other side adjoining the road called Eynsham Waye and a marsh called Davidsmore.

Dionysia may have given this land to the Priory according to Sir Alexander Croke as Sir William Lord of Senekeworth gave the nuns pasturage for four cows and one bull, in all his lands except the islands and he discharged a virgate of land of which he held at Senekeworth from all claims of hidage, scutage, chirichseth [a quantity of corn paid to the church on St Martin's day] and of the custody of Windsor and all other demands except a rent of six pence to Robert de Boteley. [This may mean that the document was kept at Windsor]. Croke gives much more detail but difficult to understand and appears not to be relevant to Studley Priory.

1218: A composition was made by Richard, Bishop of Sarum, that the nuns should have a third of the tithes of corn of Seckworth; all other benefits to that chapel in the lands, tithes and dues of Mercham [Marston?], Cheleworth, and Boteley, to belong to the vicar of the chapel.

1221: Ralph Harang granted a rent of 10/- to be paid by Richard le Wose of Forest-hill for a pittance for the nuns. Also in that year Philip, the miller of Oxford, gave 21 pence of rent, paid by Peter, the son of Thorald, for the house which belonged to Humedon, the taylor.

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By a charter Elias, the son of William of Tetyndon gave the tithes of his demesnes in that parish. The gift was confirmed by Robert, Bishop of Lincoln between 1235 and 1253.

1226: Robert Earl of Dreux, Lord of St Valori, and Alanor his wife daughter and heir of Thomas St Valori, granted the advowson of the church of Beckley to the nuns of Studley. Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, assigned certain tithes to the Nuns in 1230.

1226: Nicholas de Anna was presented to the Rectory of Ambroseden by Richard Earl of Cornwall under a dispensation from the Papal Legate to hold it with the Church of Beckley, to which he had been presented by the Prioress and Convent of Studley, in 1226. He was succeeded by Robert de Anna.

1229 – 1237 Henry III granted the nuns one horse of burden travelling every day, once a day, to bring them dead wood for firing from his wood at Panshale. [Whitecross Green Woods at Panshill]

1230: In about 1230, Richard, King of the Romans, and Earl of Cornwall granted the nuns 12 feet of land in breadth all round the priory in his demesne wood of Horton. His son Edmund, Earl of Cornwall granted them one and a half acres of his waste at Horton to enlarge their enclosure by a charter dated 1st October 1296 (27th year of Edward I).

1234, 'The nuns having recovered seizing of the presentation of the Church of Beckley against the King, and the Master of the Temple, Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, at the petitions of the King, and Richard Earl of Pictou and Cornwall, at the instance of the Nuns, with the consent of the Dean and Chapter, confirmed the right of advowson to them, and assigned to them a pension of ten marks from the said Church in certain portions after specified, together with the small tithes. These portions were, the tithes of corn of five hides of plowed land of the fee of the Lord of Saint Valori in Horton, with the tithe of hay thereunto belonging. The third part of the tithes of corn of two hides of the demesnes of Robert de Bosco and John, son of Alexander, in the Town of Esses (Asham),

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the tithes of hay. The tithes of corn of one currucate of land cleared and cultivated by the nuns in the town of Esses, provided that they should clear any more land they should pay tithes for the same to the Church of Beckley, and they presented Nicholas de Anna, Clerk, to the rectory, who was instituted by the Bishop, and took an oath not to molest the nuns in the said assignment of tithes. This transaction took place in 1234. (Originally from the Studley Chartulary, believed to be in the Bodleian Library but quoted from *The History of Studley Priory*- Sir Alexander Croke 1823.)

1241: Ralph Halegod for his own soul and that of his wives Matilda and Agnes, his father and mother, gave all his lands in St Mary's parish which was held of the church of the Holy Cross in Holiwel, *for the clothing of the nuns of Studley* which was agreed by Juliana, the Prioress. A rent of 32 pence to be paid.

1241: An agreement was entered into between John Abbot of Oseney and Juliana, the Prioress of Studley, concerning an earthen wall and the gutter of a sollar [piece of land] in St Mary's parish.

1245 about: The manor and advowson of Craucumbe in Somerset and the manor in Long Compton in Warwickshire were donated to the Priory by Godfrey de Craucumbe. [Craucumbe is about ten miles from Taunton.] This was by a charter without date for the salvation of his soul and those of Alice and Joanna his wives, to clothe the nuns. The manor at that time became Craucumbe Studley. The advowson was valued at six marks in 1290. Later in the sixth year of Henry VIII [1515], the Prioress paid for repairs to Craucombe church.

1253: *Laurence de Brok sued the Prioress for 1 virgate of land in Ludeswell.*

1258: *The Prioress paid a fine for lands in Gatheley.*

1260: An agreement was made between Walter the goldsmith and Elizabeth, Prioress of Studley for rent of 10/- from the house of Henry Gareford. About the same time, Henry de Anna, formerly rector of St Mildred's in Oxford, gave two houses, a sollar

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[although the Chambers dictionary gives solar or sollar as a piece of ground it is more likely to mean something different in this case, possibly a sun room] with cellars under it in that parish and another house in St Peters. He granted a rent of 12 pence each to be paid annually to the fifty nuns of Studley. Also Robert, son of Oein, gave four shops in Cobler's street.



Figure 20 - Seal of Elizabeth, Prioress

13th century: Lawrence, son of Harding with the consent of his wife Agatha gave all his land in Cattestret, before Smithsgate.

1261: Clementia, the daughter of Robert Oweyn of Oxford, *in her virginity and own liege power* granted a messuage near the house of the University, a mark of rent from the school of John Walens; four acres of meadow behind Osney; all her right in the land held by Roger de Orliens, tailor, the right of his wife Catherine, her sister and all the rest of the lands and tenements of her father.

1276: William Pylle of Oxford granted a house called the school between the gable of his own house and Lawrence Kepeharm's. It was afterwards called Studley School and brought half a mark of rent.

1279: In Long Compton it was found that on inquisition held in the seventh year of Edward I, [1279] that the nuns of Studley had a carucate of land which had been granted by Geoffrey de Craucombe. The land had nine tenants. In the thirteenth year of Edward I, [1285] Hugh de Plessetis and Ralph Pipard who had

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held the other half of the manor of Long Compton, claimed to have in common with the Prioress of Studley a court leet, assize of bread and beer, gallows, weyfs and to be exempted from suit to the hundred or county court but it was found that the Prioress exercised these liberties in severalty.

1274: The nuns recovered seisen of the Church of Beckley against the King, and the Master of the Temple. Reginald de St Walery have the Church of Beckley to the Knights Templas of the Preceptory of Sandford before 1274. His deed is in the Chartulary of Sandford held in the Bodleian Library in Oxford.

1280: The Prioress was sued respecting lands in Weylone, Somersetshire.

1292: This income was subject to controversy in 1292 there was a suit between Philip de Heddeshonere, Rector of Beckley and Clementia, Prioress respecting the tithes of corn and hay which was claimed by the Prioress. Arbitration by Oliver, Bishop of Lincoln judged in favour of the Prioress.

1338: There was controversy between Sir Edmund de Lodelo, Rector of Beckley and the Prior and convent of St Frideswide concerning tithes of wood called Godestowe Wood. The Bishop of Lincoln decided that the wood was within the forest of Bernwood and therefore within the Parish of Oakley and in favour of the Priory. (Presumably the Priory had ownership.)

1344: In the 18th year of Edward III, John Frelonde and William Attewode of Studley, gave one messuage, nine oxgangs of ploughed land, ten acres of meadow, six acres of wood and 16/- of rent in East Claydon and Botel Claydon to maintain a chaplain to celebrate a mass of the Virgin Mary every day in the conventual church of Studley.

1345: In Michaelmas term, there was a trial between the King versus the Margery, Prioress of Studley, for the taxation of three hides of land annexed to the nunnery, in which the Prioress pleaded, that the foundation that the lands in the parish of Beckley were annexed to it [The Priory]. The jury returned that she should pay taxation on the temporals. Later the nuns recovered the

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advowson of Beckley when Margery petitioned Edward, the Black Prince. King Edward III confirmed his son's decision in letters patent dated 9th November 1351.

1363: Edward III. Upon an inquisition at Brill, on the state of Bernwood Forest before William of Wycombe, Keeper of the King's Forests on this side of the Trent, it was found that Studley should pay 13s 4d; the villages of Ashende and Merlake [Asham and Murcott] 6s 8d to John Apulby for agisting their cattle there.

1364: The Prioress of Studley, in an inquisition, had a hedge too high about her close of Westmoor, that the King's deer could not enter. The Prioress had a wood called Lynhale within the Forest of Shottore. [Shotmoor]

1383: From an inquisition it appears that the tithes of the King's Park at Beckley [Beckley Park] belonged to the nuns at Studley.

1388: The Prioress and Convent conveyed a tenement at Oxford called Sheld Hall, to the Warden of New College, for an annual pension of twenty shillings. Gutch's History of Oxford.

1389: The King granted a licence to John Reedwaoood, William Beckensfield and John Cok, to settle upon the nunnery 12 tofts, 2 cottages, 2 carrucates of land, 10 acres of meadow, and 6 of wood, in Ash in Buckinghamshire. [It does not state whether this refers to the local Ash or Asham or another Ash in Buckinghamshire.]

1389: Richard II gave the manor of Asham (or Esses or Ashe or Nashe) in the Parish of Beckley to Agnes at Halle, Prioress of Studley Priory. It was formerly the property of John de Esses and Eleanor, his wife, son of Roger of Nashe by whom it was granted by John de Appulbye and Margaret his wife in 1361. John de Appulbye was the lord of Boarstall.

14th century: The nuns had a house called Sheld Hall, near New College [built 1379] which was purchased for them by William of Wyckham for an annual rent.

Dates not known. Thomas son of Henry of Oxford, gave a rent of 8/- from two shops; Celeyana daughter of William Wakeman, a rent of 20/- with the power of distress; Ada, the son of Golde of

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Oxford 4/- rent; Henry Punchard remitted his right in a house in the Goldsmith's Street and Lawrence Leg granted one mark of rent from his house in Great Street, all in the parish of All Saints Church. Peter, the son of John of Oxford, gave some land in St Martin's Parish; Galfredus de Hengtestry (Hinsey) Burgess of Oxford, gave a stall [stallum] in Butcher's Row and Thomas de Henextesey, Burgess of Oxford, remitted all his rights in 5/- rent from a house in Butcher Row.

1410: The nuns repaired Perry Hall in Oxford, the society being incorporated with those of St Mildred.

1459: On 7th June, the Prioress presented William Tybarde, the first President of Magdalen College to the church at Craucombe Studley.

The valuation of the income in 1539 was £102.6.7d. The Ash lands as shown on the 1641 map as part of the Priory estate show lands opposite the Priory to the north where the windmill once stood. Marlake is retained in a local field name in Murcott and was once the name of the area now called Murcott but also spelt Moorcot in the past.

1509: The Chancellor of Oxford commanded J Walker, receiver of Studley Priory, to repair the highway between Lincoln College and Depe Hall. [Depe Hall was near University College]

1530: St Mildred's Hall belonged to Studley, and was deserted by scholars.

Marshall, in his *Oxfordshire Byways*, gave a very good description of the country in the old days:

'In their seclusion the Benedictine sisters saw the herds of cattle feeding in the green pastures, and in the winter flood-time they watched the wild duck winging its way. On May-day year by year they welcomed the men of Charlton who came across the moor to the Priory, carrying with them the image of the Virgin, the patron saint of the convent and their church. The herdsmen of the district paid them a tithe of their beasts and their cartulary contains a description of that land of Otmoor which was held in common by the dwellers in the seven towns. It is so great and

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notable a quantity of ground, so beneficial a common, so profitable for fowling and fishing to all the inhabitants of six or seven townships, bordering round it . . . who have ever used and enjoyed the right of common for all their flocks of sheep, herds of beasts and all manner of cattle at all time, and have taken and enjoyed the fishing and fowling at their pleasure at all times, none of the said townships claiming any pre-eminence or greater right than the rest.'

At the time of the Black Death in 1356 it was reported that there were about 50 nuns at the Priory. This is considered an exaggeration and it is thought that the number was more like 12. The visitations of 1440, 1445 and 1530 gives details of the nuns: The visitation by Lord William Alnewyke, Bishop of Lincoln lists the nuns and gives an insight into the way of life. The nuns listed were:

Dame Elinora Copcote, Prioress

Margareta Niernute, Sub-Prioress

Agnes Devyle, Tercia prioressa

Agnes Devyle said that nuns might visit friends for no more than 3 to 4 days, when they were to wear silken veils and robes, with veils down to the eyebrow. She said that the last prioress for 58 years never rendered an account. Thomas Halle was the steward. The Priory was in the Archdeaconry of Oxford and Deanery of Cuddesdon.

The visitation of 26 April 1520 says that the Prioress was Katherine Cobot (1515-1529) with Isabel Copcote sub-prioressa; Alice Smyth, sacrisa; Alice Wychill, precentrix; Margaret Welsh, refrector aria; Alice Copcot; Alice Edmund; Agnes Banyard; Johana Williams; Joanna Dormer. Johanna Willams became prioress in 1529.

The visitation of 20 September 1530 to the Prioratis de Studdeleg by Ricardum Hill lists the nuns:

Alice Whyghyll (Whitehill) Prioress but about to hand over to Alice Richardson

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Margaret Walshe, Alice Copcote, Alice Yemens, Felice Asshley, Lettice Wyncot, Margaret Hampden, Helen Smythe, Joan Hede. It is interesting to note the number of Copcots who joined the Priory.

Cardinal Wolsey is believed to have obtained the permission of one of the Prioresses of Studley Priory to cut down timber for his new college at Oxford that was to be called Cardinal College (now Christ's Church) and thus decimated Studley woods.

The Priory was dissolved amongst the lesser monasteries, which had less than £200 a year, by the act of 27th year of Henry VIII [1536]. The last Prioress was Johanna Williams and there were 15 nuns whose revenue amounted to £102 6s 7¼d. When Joanna Williams surrendered the Priory a pension of £16 6s 8d was assigned to her in 1553. Other pensions were Katherine Copcote £2 6s 8d, Alice Yeomans £1 13s 4d, Elizabeth Boulde £1 13s 4d and to Susan Denton, Margaret Wigball £1 6s 8d each (source quoted by Sir Alexander Croke - Willis Mitred Abbeys vol ii p 186) What happened to the other nuns is not recorded.

The full valuations "upon a survey made by the Act of Parliament of the 26th year of Henry VIII granting the first fruits to the King," The Valuation of the Priory of Studley, upon the Survey made by the Act of Parliament of the 26th year of Henry VIII. granting they first fruits and tenths to the King.

STODELEY PRIORIE IN COMITATU OXON.

DAME JOHANNA WILLYAMS, PRIORISSE THERE.

The true Valure of Issus, Revenus and Profyhts of all Possessions Spirituall' and Temp'alx. And of all other Proffyhts belongyng to the seid Priorie.

In Spiritualibus.

£ s. d. £. s. d.

In primis, the parsonage of Beckeley,
the glebe of the same, and all prediall tythes
in the towne of Beckley, the parke excepted,
set to ferme to Richard Reve, for 10
quarters rye 40s. and 14 quarters barley 41.

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valued at	6	0	0
Item of the same parsonage. in the hands of the seid Priorisse, all oblacions in the seid cburche, all tythes in Horton, Studeley, and Marlake, which be communibus, annis as folowyth, viz. in offrings upon Ester daie,	0	7	0½
Item openings in the churche uppon the 8 other offring daies .	0	18	0½
Item 15 tyth lammes .	0	11	0
Item 1 todd and dimidium tyth woll	0	16	10
Tyth for Beckley parke	1	13	4
Tythe in Marlake .	0	13	4
In the town of Oxon, viz. in parochia Sancti Martini	1	0	0
In parochia Omnium Sanctorum	3	5	4
In parochia Sancti Petri	1	3	0.
In parochia Sancti Mildred	0	1	0
In parochia Sancti Ebbe .	0	8	0
16 15 11			

Annual Deduccions out of the forseyd

Spiritualties.

In primis Episcopo Lincoln, pro indempnitate Ecclesiae de Beckeley	0	10	0
Item decano et capitulo ejusdem ecclesiee Lincoln. pro x consil' indepn	0	3	4
Item Abbati de Osney pro porcione decimarum	1	2	0
Item Arcbidiacono Oxoniensi pro			

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sinodalibus et procu rationibus . 0 10 7 $\frac{3}{4}$

Item solutio vicario perpetuo ecclesiae

de Beckeley . 8 0 0

Summa deducionum spiritualium 14 5 11 $\frac{3}{4}$

Et remanet 6 9 11 $\frac{1}{4}$

In Temporalibus.

In primis for the manor of Craucombe in Comitatu

Somerset, given to the Monasterie ad vestiendas

Moniales 201. 8s. 1 ld. 1lb. pepperis, perquisits of

Courts *10s* 20 18 11.

1 lb. of pepper.

Item the manor of Corseley in Com. Wilts gyvy n to the

seid Monasterie to find 2 priests singyng for Godfrey

Craucombe, and to find 2 tapres brennyng at altar masses

40s. and to find a lamp 20s. brennyng continually before the

sacrament and to the kychen for the fraternity 41. is in

value

by the yere of rent of assize *23l. 12s. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.* 2 lbs. pepper,

Item the perquisits of the courts 10s. 23 2 0 $\frac{1}{2}$

Stodeley, Horton, with divers forren townes in the counties of

Bucks, Oxon, Warwick, videlicet,

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
In Long Compton	7	2	6			
In Staunton	0	11	0			
In Wroxton	0	13	,4			
In Sakeworth	2	0	0			
In Ardeley	0	5	0			
In Wynchindon	0	10	0			
In Steplebarton	0	5	0			

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In Kymbell	0	6	8
In Steple Aston	1	3	4
In Ilmer de pencione			
Rectorie	0	6	8
In Wotton	0	6	0
In Wyghtly	1	0	0
In Ilmer de libero			
redditu	0	2	0
In Begebroke	1	6	8
In Botilclaydon.	2	0	0
In Chesterton	1	6	8
In Overhayford	0	10	0
In Wyndylby	0	9	0
In Westcott. Fairford	0	4	0
In Tackeley	0	18	0 .
De porcione in Tydynton	0	8	0

In Okeley	0	14	4
In Wormehall and			
Chomley	0	16	8
In Belgrave .	0	10	0
In Beckley .	0	11	8
In Forstell	2	0	0
Horton and Studley	3	14	2 ½
In Ellesfeld,	0	15	4
In Lamparte	0	12	0

31	9	0½
76	14	0

Summa Temporalium

Dominicalia.

Pasture.

In primis 13 small close aboute the monasterie conteyning by estimucion 74 acres, 'and a close in Marlake, conteyning 40 acres in pasture ground every acre at 12

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rent . 6 13 0

Arable.

Item in arable ground 180 acres every acre at 4d. to

rent 3 0 0

Molendina.

In molendinis 0 6 8

Summa omnium dominicalium 9 0 8

Summa spiritualium, ternporalium,
et dominicalium 108 16 5

Summa temporalium 85 10 8

spritalium 6 15 11

Deducciones Temporales.

In primis to Mr. James Hadley Stuard of the
forseyd manor of Craucomb 1 0 0

Item to the recever there 0 8 0

Item seniscallo manerii de Corseley ballivo

Waltero Hungerford Militi 1 0 0

Item receptors ibidem pro feodo suo 1 6 8

Item receptors redditus ville Oxon. 0 13 4

Item receptors reddiitus in comitatibus
Bucks, Oxon, and Warwick 1 6 8

Item in feodo Magistri John Par,
senescalli monasterii predicts 1 0 0

In feodo Richardi Crispe auditoris ibidem 1 0 0

Item solutio Magistro Sancti Johannis

Jerusalem in Anglia pro
parcella terre wocata Hoggeshaw
in Claydon 0 1 8

Item domino Regi ad manus vicecomitis

Bucks 6s. et ad victim

franci (pleqii, sc.) tentum apud Halton infra
Honorem Walingford 6s 0 12 0

Item domino de Corse de redditu resolutio 0 11 6

Ecclesiae de Cracomb 0 1 9

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Collegio de Brace de redditu resolutio

per annum	0	2	0
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Ballivis ville Oxon per annum	0	2	8
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Item domino Regi solutio ad curiam

Swanimot forestae de Barnewood

Shoteover pro denariis vocatis Leff Silver	0	10	0
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Summa deduccionum temporalium	9	16	3
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Summa deduccionum spiritualium ut in

primo folio	10	5	11¾
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Summa omnium allocationum tam

spiritualium quam temporalium	20	2	2¾
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Summa	102	6	7
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Reprisiones .	20	2	2¾
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Et remanet .	82	4	4¼
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Decima pars inde	8	4	5¼
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Per me Richardum Crispe auditorem ibidem

To this may be added the sums received from Colleges in Oxford.

Collegium Regine. Item Monasterio de

Studeley in Qom. Oxon. pro' guieto

redditu imperpetuum	0	3	0
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Collegium Animarum Omnium

Fidelium Defunc. Item solutio pro

quodam annuo redditu imperpetuum

Priorissiae de Stodeley	1	6	8
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Collegium Lincoln. Item Priorissae et

Conventui de Stodeley et

eorum successoribus pro quieto redditu

per annum in perpetuum	0	1	0
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Novum Collegium. Redditus resolutus

Prioritze de Stodley pro domo in tenuta

Willelmi Weste 8s. et parcella gardini

Collegii per annum	1	8	0
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(This 20s. was the pension paid for Sheld Hall.)

Monasterium de Osney; an annual

pension to the Prioress and

Convent of Studley per annum'

1 2 0

Sir Alexander Croke writes: “Soon after this valuation, was passed the act for the suppression of the lesser monasteries, of revenues not exceeding two hundred pounds a year, 27 Hen. VIII. ch. 28. There was a clause which empowered the King, by his letters patent, to continue such religious houses as he was not disposed to have suppressed, and by his letters patent of the 17th of August 1536, he confirmed five abbies, and sixteen nunneries, which had been reported by the commissioners as more regular than the others. In the list of the monasteries which were so confirmed, and upon the certificates of the commissioners were assigned and appointed to stand by the King’s commandment, is “ the Priory of Studley nuns,” and John Wylliams was appointed to the same, whether as the intended grantee, or in what other capacity, does not appear. In the general suppression, two years afterwards, those reserved monasteries were abolished likewise.

The surrender of the Priory to the King by the Lady Johanna Willyams, styling herself Prioress of the House or Priory of nuns of Studley, of the order of Saint Benedict, and the, Convent of, the same place, is dated in the Chapter House, the 19th of November, in the 81st year of Henry VII I. 1589. Sealed and delivered in the presence of George Holland, Notary Public, by the King’s authority. See an etching of the Conventual Seal, from the original deed of surrender in the Augmentation Office.

Pensions for life were assigned to the Prioress and seven nuns from the Court of Augmentations, thus entered in the pension book, f. 107.”

The late Pryorye of Studley in the Countye of Oxon.

Pencions assigned by the Commyssyoners at the dissolution of the same unto the late Pryoresse and Systers they to be payde unto

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them yerely duryng theyr lyves at the ffeast of the Annunciation of owre Ladye and Seynt Michaelle the Archangell by evyn portions. The ffirst payment to begin at the feast of the annunciation of owre Ladye in the xxxist yere of owre sovereyn Lord King Henry the VIII. That is to say,

Furst, to Johanna Williams, late Pryoresse, there . . .	16	5	8
Item, to Alyce Richardson, late Subpryorisse ther . . .	2	18	4
Item, to Margaret Walshe	2	0	0
Item, to Alice Yomens	1	13	4
Item, to Elisabeth Bolde	1	6	8
Item, to Margaret Wythyll	1	6	8
Item, to Susan Demon	1	6	8
Item, to Frydeswyde Copcote	1	6	8
Summa	28	0	0

	Johannem Williams
Per Nos. ~	R . Gwent
	Johannem Carleton
	Williemus Cavendysssh,

The History of Studley Priory by Sir Alexander Croke has a paragraph from a 16th century document. "It appears that by dispositions taken in the 19 year of Elizabeth [1577] that the Prioress of Studley had common without stint, for all manner of cattle in the very extensive track of country called the Quarters. Some tradition of this right still continues in two proverbial sayings remembered by old people that "if the grass grew upon Stanton Church Studley might come and eat if off, and another that Studley could reach and fetch from Stanton a Picket of Hay" which was said to have been Winslow ten miles off. It is extremely likely probable that marsh was allotted to Studley, in compensation for those extensive common rights. It appears by

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those despositions that Menmarsh was part of the Quarters, and in an ancient terrier of the bounds of the parish of Beckley, it is stated that the rivulet upon the common, there styled Danebrooke, divided the parish of Beckley from Brill or Boarstall, so that Menmarsh was in Brill or Boarstall parish and the county of Buckinghamshire. So the perambulation of the forest of Bernwood for the purpose of disafforesting so much of it was in Oxfordshire, in the 28th year of Edward I [1306] in stating the boundaries between the Buckinghamshire and the Oxfordshire parts. Danebrock is described as the division on that side."

Following the dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII the Priory was bought by Master John Croke who made his way in the royal service to become Master in Chancery under Edward VI. Master Croke bought land and built his manor house at Chilton, near Thame, adding Studley Priory to his land purchases in 1539 at a cost of £1,187 7s 11d. The purchase of Studley Priory had all the hallmarks of a good investment to rival that of the famous 'Little Jack Horner' of nursery rhyme fame, the lead from the church roof making a considerable contribution towards the purchase price, by selling off all the remote lands. The purchase on 26th February 1539 by letters patent from the King. The estate included "the house and site of the Monastery, with the Church, the Manor of Studley in the county of Oxford and Buckinghamshire, the Manor of Crawcombe Studley in Somerset, the manor of Long Compton in Warwickshire, six pounds rent in Crawcombe Bere in Somerset, the Rectory and Church in Beckley, the Rectory and Church of Hilmere or Ilmere in Buckinghamshire, the Chapel of Senekweorth in Berkshire, the advowson of the Church of Crawcombe Studley, the advowson of the Vicarage of Beckley, the advowson of the Vicarage of Ilmere; all their possessions in Steple Barton, Astwykes, Worton, Wightill, Wightley, Benbroke, Bekbroke, Takley, Forstyll [Forest Hill], Ellesford, Ellesfield, Overhayford, Tetndon, Tyvyton Bekeley Park, and Saunton in Oxfordshire and in Horton, Marlake, Okeley, Wornehall, Thomley Wychyndon, Kymbell,

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Hilmere, Ilmere, East Claydon, Botel Claydon, Wighthill and Wightley in Buckinghamshire; and in Belgrave in Leicestershire, in Westcot Fairford in Gloucestershire, and in Senekeworth and Sakworth in Berkshire; Lamport in Northamptonshire; Long Compton in Warwickshire, and in Crawcombe Studley and Prioresses Wood and all lands in Wroxton, Ardeley, Chesterton, and Wendelbury in Oxfordshire. The whole to be held by the King in capite, by the service of the twentieth part of a knights fee and rendering six pounds fourteen shillings and two pence annually.

Master John Croke retained only the Studley Priory house and the manor of Studley, the appropriation of Beckley and other rights in that parish. The manor of Crawcombe Studley was transferred to the Kingmill family. His son Sir John Croke sold the Beckley property to William Shillingford in 1568 but kept all rights and tithes in Studley, Horton, Ashe, Merlake and Otmoor, except the tithes of beasts upon Otmoor belonging to the towns of Beckley, Noke and Oddington.

The birth of John Croke is not recorded but he was son of Richard and Alicia Croke alias Le Blount. The first record of his life is in 1522 as one of the six Clerks in the High Court of the Chancery. He married Prudentai and their first child was born in 1530.

Prudentia was sister of Sir Ambrose Cave who was Chancellor to the Duchy of Lancaster and a Privy Councillor to Queen Elizabeth I. John also had a house in London, in Fleet Street called the Charyate with two messuages of garden adjoining. The will of John Croke gives an indication of the people living and working at the Priory.

I bequeath to each of my servants a black livery at seven and eight shillings a yard, the men to have coats and the women gowns.

To Thomas Springe 40/-; Henry the Brewer 40/-; Frances 40/-; Byrdesey 20/-

Thomas the Carter 20/-; John Chapman 20/-; Alynaor Adys 40/-; Sibill 40/-

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Amye 40/-; Johan Lovell 20/-; Allice 20/-; Johan Maygott 10/-;
John Coventree £3 6s 8d; Sir Rauffe 40/-; Mighell 20/-.

Jack 20 sheep and Robyn 20 sheep and keepings for them in
Adingrove [Arngrove?]

Roger the boy in the kitchen, Alexander and Norrice 20/-. Ann
Hunt £10 and my cousin Anne Mason £3 6s 8d and her sister
Wise 40/- and Prudence Mason £5 which my wife willien unto
her. Mistress Conysby 20/- and Prudence Edwards £111 6s 8d to
her marriage. Ann Lee a tablet of Gold with a pomander under it.
Ann Hunt an annuity of 26s 8d by the year and other bequests.
Ann appears to have been the housekeepet at the Fleet Street
house. Oswald the Butler was given 20/- a year for life. He also
left other bequests including for the poor people of Beckley,
Studley, and Horton 40/- and to the poor people of the other
towns including Boarstall, Ockley, Brill, Ludgarsall, Dorton,
Wotton, Asshendon, Pollicott, Cherdesley, Crendon and others.
During the many changes to the structure of the Priory by the
Croke family, fragments of the original Saxon architecture and
extremely large Gothic windows have been excavated showing
the original Saxon origins.

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Figure 21 - Fragments of tiles copied by Sir Alexander Croke in c1823. Compare with Figure 8 or fragments from Asham Hall.

The estate survey of 1641 with minor boundary changes is the Priory estate transferred to Master John Croke was succeeded by his son, a second John. The latter was appointed the first High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire and at the same time received his knighthood. The very fine tomb in Chilton church in Buckinghamshire commemorates Sir John and his wife; a line of small figures along the front of the tomb indicates by their costumes the honours acquired by his children during their lifetimes.

There are also monuments to other Croke families as well as Sir John Croke, who died in 1608. His tomb is much ornamented in the style which then prevailed, and as his effigies in armour. Sir John was father of Sir George Croke, the celebrated lawyer, famous for his zealous opposition to the tax of ship-money, in the reign of Charles I: he was a native of Chilton, and lies buried in the church there, without any memorial. At the west end of the

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church is a large marble monument for the family of Carter: on the south side of the entrance into the chancel was a stone desk and pulpit; the desk remains, with the steps, which led to the pulpit. It is not known how much time Sir John spent at Studley Priory as he also had accommodation in London as well as Chilton.

Studley Priory was deeded by the above named to his eldest son, a third John, in 1584.

This John Croke followed the legal profession and ultimately held important appointments, being Recorder of London and Speaker in the last Parliament of Queen Elizabeth, he was appointed to the King's Bench and knighted under James 1. Sir John Croke carried out the alterations to the Priory building to form his manor house though he moved to the family manor at Chilton on the death of his father. The second son of the first Sir John Croke, Henry, who became Clerk to the Pope in the reign of Charles I, married an heiress Bridget Hawtry and built his manor house at Chequers in the Chilterns, now the country residence of the Prime Minister. Sir George was the third son of Sir John Croke and Elizabeth Unton and was born in c 1560. He attended Lord William's school in Thame and at the age of 15 in 1575 entered Christ Church College, Oxford. He then moved to the Inner Temple and was admitted as a member on 7th February 1574. In 1597, he was elected as Member of Parliament for Berealston in Devon. He was made King's Sergeant and knighted by King James I on 29th June 1623. His elder brother Sir John Croke was speaker of the House of Commons.

In 1621 he purchased Studley Priory from his nephew, Sir John Croke of Chilton and besides land given in Chilton in exchange he also paid £1800 in money for it. There were receipts held by Sir Alexander Croke in 1823 for the sum of £2420 paid in 1600, to his brother Sir John Croke. Sir George's legal arguments survived him by many years and even today are quoted by lawyers. One of the most famous cases in which he participated was that of the 'Ship Money' trial; Charles I in one of his

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endeavours to raise money without the sanction of Parliament extended the tax paid by the coastal counties for the provision of naval vessels to inland counties. As a result of his refusal to pay the tax John Hampden was tried and sentenced to imprisonment. Sir George's arguments caused both Houses of Parliament to vote against the judgement and secured Hampden's release. In 1339, Sir George added the chapel and provided a stipend of £20 a year for a clergyman to preach there, he also built and endowed the nearby almshouses. This adding of the chapel saved travelling two miles to Beckley. The deed was dated 23rd of May in the 15th year of Charles I [1639] and was endowed with a rent of £60 a year from Sir George's estate in Erdington. Sir George had one son, Thomas, of whom little is known except that he was baptised on 25th September 1618 and studied law and entered the Inner Temple in 1619. A contemporary quote by a Mr A Wood says he was "*a sot, or a fool, or both*". He had died before Sir George's will was written in about 1655.

The Croke family tree, as far as Studley Priory is concerned at this time, starts with:

Richard Croke alias Blount = Alicia

who had one surviving son John Croke alias Le Blount who died in 1554 = Prudentia Cave.

They had one son Sir John Croke, first High Sheriff of Bucks b 1530 d 1608= Elizabeth Unton b 1538 d 1611.

They bore 8 children. The eldest was Sir John Croke b 1553 d 1619 = Catherine Blount who in turn had a son, another Sir John Croke who sold the Priory to his uncle, Sir George Croke b c1560 d 1641, third son of Sir John and Elizabeth Unton.

By Sir George's will Studley Priory passed to his brother William for his lifetime with entail to William's son, Alexander. Possibly due to confusion of records during the Civil War years the death of William is not recorded, there is therefore no certainty that he occupied the manor. Sir George's coat of arms, dated 1622, is carved in stone, over the porch of the Priory impaled with Bennet, that of his wife. The same arms in painted glass were also

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installed in the drawing room, two bedrooms and the chapel. After his death in 1641, his wife continued to live at their house at Waterstock.

Alexander built the stable block to the north of the chapel using materials recovered by demolishing the east range of Priory buildings. This block is shown on the 1641 map so must have been built very soon after Sir George's death. It appears to be a large building but has since been demolished. The site was in the woods on the left of the entrance to the road. In Sir George's will, he left £200 for better furnishings. Amongst other items named in his will were many books some in Latin and French and a complete suit of armour for a horseman and two armours for a footman.

Alexander Croke married twice and at his death in 1673, left Studley Priory to his grandson by his first marriage, John Croke. To his son, William, by his second marriage he left that part of his property in Buckinghamshire.

It was during Alexander's time at the Priory that the civil war raged in the area and it is believed that King Charles I used the Priory as a base to observe a skirmish with the Parliamentary forces under the Earl of Essex at Boarstall. There is no mention of this event in the *Genealogical History of the Croke Family* by Sir Alexander Croke, 1823.

John Croke left three children, John, James and Charlotte. John being incapable of managing the estate as he was deformed and had an impediment of speech and weak of his intellects, passed his interest to James in 1726, in return for an annuity of £100 per year, and on James's death made similar arrangements with Charlotte and her husband, William Ledwell who managed the estate until Charlotte died in 1763 aged 76.

Charlotte was buried in the chapel at Studley. On Charlotte's death Studley Priory was reunited with the other part of the property under the ownership of Alexander Croke, a cousin and descendent of the first Alexander by his second marriage.

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The son of Alexander, another Alexander, inherited the estate in 1796. He was trained in the legal profession and after a conflict with the Earl of Abingdon over the provisions of the enclosure of Otmoor, spent the years from 1800 to 1815 as a judge in the Admiralty court in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

On his retirement from this post he received a knighthood. Sir Alexander made some adjustments to the Elizabethan levels of the house and added an extension of three storeys with one room on each floor on the east side of the Priory. Benefiting by the enclosure of Otmoor the estate increased to some two thousand acres and Sir Alexander left this estate in trust to his widow and ten surviving children. By 1877, there being no issue from any of Sir Alexander's children, the two survivors arranged for the trust to be broken and the estate was sold. Sir Alexander Croke spent some years in Nova Scotia, where many of his children were born. They called the house in Nova Scotia *Studley Minor*.

The last years of the Croke occupancy is summarised:

Alexander Croke d 1673 = Sarah Beke d 1667

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William Croke b 26 Feb 1627, d 1702 = Susanna Fettiplace

|
Alexander Croke MA, Rector of Hartwell b 1657, d 1726 = Jane Evans

|
Alexander Croke of Marsh Gibbon b 1704, d 1757 = Elizabeth Barker d 1786

|
Alexander Croke of Horton cum Studley b 1728, d 1796 = Ann Armistead (1st Wife) d 1768

|
Sir Alexander Croke b 1758 = Alice Blake

|
Adelaide d 1877 (eldest son Alexander d 14 Dec 1818 aged 20)

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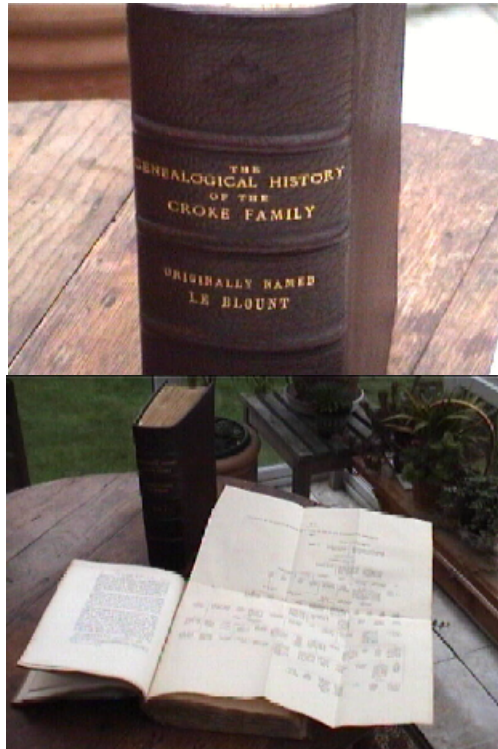


Figure 22 - Sir Alexander Croke's History of the family in two volumes printed in 1823.

Sir Alexander Croke describes the last days of son Alexander in 1818. He was at Harrow School when he first became ill, having first been accepted for the Inner Temple to study law on 27th April 1816. He had been riding fast after dinner on 4th June 1816 and hurt his stomach from which he never recovered. He could only eat a very small amount, and drink in sips. On Sunday 14th December 1818, he was unable to get up. Mr Jenkins [The rector] came and administered the sacrament. Lady Croke, daughter Adelaide, Mrs Marshall the housekeeper and Mrs Jones, one of the nurses received it with him. His family kissed him at about 11

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o'clock. He died at twenty past one on Monday morning, the 14th December; 1818. He was buried at Beckley on 21 December. Mr George Cooke performed the service.

In 1877 John Henderson bought the estate (see page 95.) His heir Captain Ronald Henderson, served as Member of Parliament for the Mid-Oxon Division; his alterations included raising the roof of the stable block to provide extra bedrooms in 1924 and extensive improvements of the water supply and drainage.

During the Second World War Studley Priory was used first as a BBC hostel for evacuated London staff and later came under military requisition. In 1947 the house was let to a tenant, Mr Raymond Bawtree, who commenced to run it as a country club; the estate was sold and broken up in 1954 and on the termination of the lease the house and gardens were purchased by Maj. E. E. Parke who established the present hotel.

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Figure 23 - Press cutting c. 1950 with Mr Bawtree proprietor of Studley Priory Country Club.

The hotel is now run by Mr Jeremy Parke, son of Major E E Parke and in 2002, the licence of what was once the King's Arms was taken over by Studley Priory as "The Lodge".

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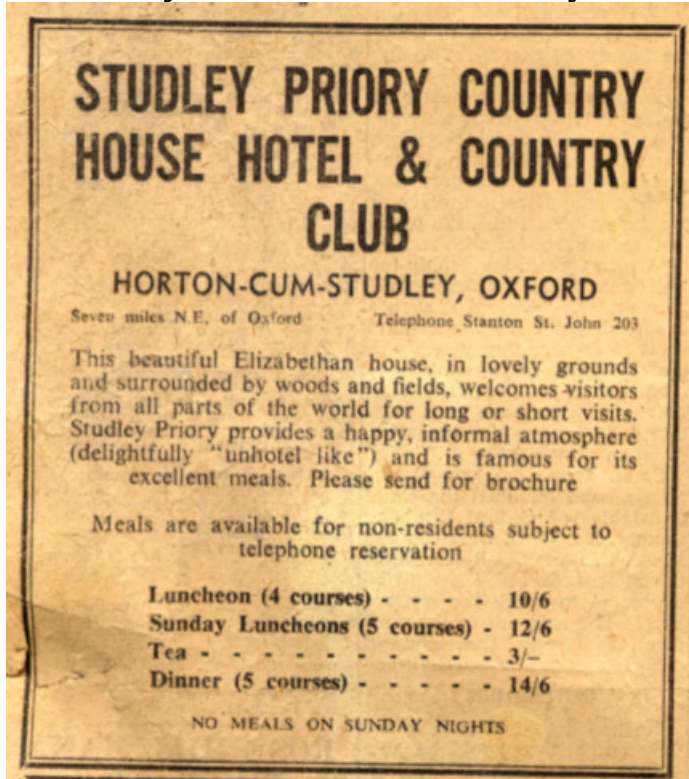


Figure 24 - Advertisement c. 1950

From the history of the owners we now turn to the buildings. When John Croke purchased Studley Priory in 1539 the description of the buildings in the deed of transfer was '*ecclisiam cum campanile et domus* (church with bell tower and house)'. Fortunately the monastic orders, having established a design dictated by their rules, built to one pattern with minor variations to allow for local topography. The level lawns surrounded on three sides by a low bank on the east side of the existing buildings contain the foundations of those demolished. The church at the north end together with domestic buildings on the remaining three sides would enclose the cloister garth (a piece of enclosed ground) with the cloisters on the interior walls of the

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west, north and east sides. Entrance to the cloister garth would be obtained by a passageway through the south range of the buildings, admittance to outsiders being prevented by a locked gate. Access to the domestic buildings surrounding the cloister garth would be from the cloisters. The kitchen and storerooms to the south would form part of the outer court that would be used by the lay servants of the Priory.

Of the surviving buildings, the west range of the Priory buildings was raised to two stories prior to 1450, the construction being that of a trussed rafter roof. Re-roofing of the kitchen appears to date from about 1500.

The land grant to found the Priory establishes the church as being in existence in about 1184, remnants of the worked stone which include pillar capitals provides two dates to the buildings, late Norman and 13th century, which may be ascribed respectively to the church and cloisters.



Figure 25 - Studley Priory 1999

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The lay appropriator was required by law to demolish monastic buildings purchased from the Crown, presumably to prevent the return of church inhabitants, though up and down the country the observance of the law varied from one extreme to the other. At Studley Priory it was thought sufficient to demolish the church and no doubt the proceeds from the sale of the lead roof gave an adequate return for this work.

Standing on the circular lawn to the west of the house, the buildings give the impression of having been constructed at one period though, although there are five building dates.

The porch is an Elizabethan addition to the earlier building, on the left one half of a pair of windows has been eliminated, on the right a three-light window has been reduced to two lights. Above the entrance are the Croke coat of arms impaled with those of the wives of the first three generations: Cave, Unton, Blount and Bennett above that is the family motto '*virtutis amore*'. The date of 1587 is related to the first three, the Croke-Bennett arms are a later insertion with the date 1622, the three coats of arms having been moved to make space for the insertion. The Greek orders present a mixture of styles that frequently occurred in England before the Inigo Jones period.

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Chapter 5 - The 17th and 18th Century

At the Reformation, the reigning prioress Johanna Williams, who was related to Sir John Williams of Thame (later Lord Williams), in November 1539, signed the deed of surrender to the king and left the Priory with those of her nuns who still remained. In February 1540, according to Dunkin, Henry VIII granted to '*John Croke and his heirs the site of the Priory of Studley, the rectory and advowson of Beckley as fully as the Prioress had them at the time of the Dissolution*'. John Croke paid £1,187.7.11d for the estate. John's son John became High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire and speaker in Queen Elizabeth's Parliament.

The earliest map in existence is dated 1641 (Fig 10) and shows the village with nine cottages on the Oxford Road (Horton Hill) below the Priory and four above. It also shows the Almshouses built in 1639 while opposite the almshouses was a large building in front of the Priory that may have been servants quarters. There are a further seven cottages on Brill Road and three in *The Lane* (Mill Lane or Mill Lane). There are about four cottages over the border in Brill Road into Buckinghamshire.

The windmill is shown at the north end of the path that extends from Oxford Road to Warren Farm as it joins *Shyre Way* that roughly aligns to the track to Gardener's Barn. By this time Ash Hall has gone but the field where it stood is called *Hall Close*.

The map is entitled *Nash Field* with Horton shown as the area around the King's Arms (later Otmoor Lodge Hotel and now Studley Lodge). The area now Church Lane is not shown on the map and is replaced by the title '*A Plot and true Description of the Mannour of Studley in the County of Oxon and Bucks.*'

The Mill is shown as owned by Robert Saunders. In 1765 William Ledwell had leased the mill for three lives to another Sanders, and a William Sanders held it in 1786. Robert was probably his son.

The Almshouses are shown. In 1636 Sir George Croke built the almshouses and drew up a set of regulations as to the behaviour of the inmates, who, selected by the owner of the

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Studley Priory, were to come from Chilton, Waterstock and Beckley. Each inhabitant was to have two shillings a week and every two years '*a livery gown of broadcloth ready made for them, of colour London russet*'. They could not swear or stay too long in an ale-house on pain of being expelled, and public prayers were to be held in the almshouse rooms or in Studley Chapel. He also built what is now Asham Cottage and Yew Trees on Blacksmiths Lane, and Studley Farm House and the present Warren Farm building in about 1641 as well as other cottages.

In 1641, Whitecross Green Woods was split into three and called *The Lady's Gore, Oriell Colledge Wood and Pryors Wood*. Otmoor is spelt *Oatmore*. The names of all the cottagers and their land is given. The village of Nash, Ash or Asham is recorded in the field names Asham Marsh (now the BBOWT owned pasture), Asham Field and Asham Mead.

Another prominent name was John Coxhead who farmed at Whitecross Green but also had strips in the Mill Field. It was he who made a survey of the manor in 1639 and was probably the bailiff. By the time of the 19th century censuses Whitecross Green was farmed by the Cox family. This may have been the same family who had dropped the 'head'. John Coxhead appeared to have committed suicide in 1657, when John Coxhead's cattle and 60 sheep which he had on the moor were declared forfeited after he had '*murthered himself*'.

The *Warren* is another field name on the map, now Warren Farm. There were also a number of farm buildings. The names are difficult to read but one crofter may have been *Bryre? Radford* and another *John Coxhead*. The field surrounding Gardner's Barn was called *Gardiners*.

The area to the east of Mills Lane (Mill Lane and up the hill) was divided into Windmill Field and Little Mill Field. The top of the hill surrounding the windmill and the pasture at the end of the lane was divided into strips for local crofters to grow their produce. The names given on the strips include *Gom, Parker, Payne* and *Fellis*. There were three cottages down The Lane

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(Millss Lane), one in the area of the present green barn and two on the other (east) side of the lane. The field (Millfield) surrounding the windmill includes an enclosure called Claret Well Furlong. The pond and small copse was marked and still is there today.

Also shown as having strips on the Mill Field were Richard Gom whose house was just below the path from the Oxford Road (Horton Hill) to the Mill Field. His family lived in the same house until 1952. Next to him lived George Payne.

Other names going up the hill were Richard Parker, Almshouses, Katherine Towne, Thomas Jelly and William Neighbour living on the Oxford Road (Horton Hill). On Brill Road were the Thomson family at Corner Cottage (Cobweb Cottage), the next house (Elm Tree Farm) Clarkes?, William White, Ed Hitchcock, William Winchester (Rose Cottage), Thomas Nicholls, William Surman and another Parker property at what is now the Old Weir.

Mr Parker had relatively extensive properties and was probably the second richest man in the village after the Croke family. Further along the Brill Road lived the Potter, Southwell, Yomans? and Symons? families. The Southwell family may have occupied Manor Cottage as the field behind was called Southwell Close. Next to the cottage is marked 'Pound' and then the cottages of the Yomans and Symons families. The farmhouse, now Evelyn Caple's nursery was possibly occupied by John Nichol's family as he farmed strips opposite. However, as the house was located in Potter's Close, the Potter family may have occupied it at some stage, or the house or site was used for making pottery.

There were also families called John Mills and Thomas Tellis taken from the field names but it is not possible to see their names on the cottages. They may have lived down the Bicester Road (Church Lane) off the map.

There were three houses down The Lane (Millss or Mill Lane) one occupied by William Manchester? where the green

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barn is situated. One of the others may have been John Mills after whom Millss Lane may have been named. There was one cottage behind the present village shop and two cottages on the right in what is now the field owned by the Badger family. There were also two cottages in the area of the Studley Lodge Hotel. As the map is the Croke estate map, the occupants of these cottages are probably not names as they were probably not part of the estate but belonged to what was to become the Earl of Abingdon's estate.

According to the 1641 map, Oakley Road did not exist and the lower part of Horton is also not shewn, as it was not part of the estate. In Studley, Bucks, Marlake Estate was held by John Dickerson and John Coxhead and the Warren estate (now Warren Farm) of 218 acres was held by Richard Dolbey, leased from the Croke family.

The 1665 Hearth Tax return for Studley shows the houses that were big enough to have *hearthe*. They were the Priory 13 hearths, Henry Parker 3 hearths (Richard Parker's son? Who lived in the house next to the almshouses (west side)), William Surman 1 hearth (Brill Rd), William Hitchcock 1 chimney (Brill Rd)), William Neighbour 2 hearths (East of Asham Cottage), William Kinge (a newcomer) 2 hearths and Richard Coxhead at Whitecross Green 3 hearths.

The Hearth Tax return for Horton was separate and named four households: Edward Viccars 1 hearth, Widdow Goodman 1 hearth, Widdow Collins 2 hearths, and Christopher Boswell 3 hearths. The Viccars were given as 'subsidy men' in the 17th century. In 1641 Thomas Vicars (father of Edward?) held 14 acres. One of the houses would have been the old Ventfield Farm (opposite the Church) while other houses included a cottage where Dufryn House is now and cottages further down, what is now, Church Lane.

The next map we have that gives us an insight into the village was an estate map of 1786 that shows considerable changes in the area of the old closures. Several fields had been

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divided into two. Great Marlake had been divided into four and Asham Field divided into six. The average field size was now about 15 acres. It also indicates that the Great and Little Millfields had been separated by hedges as had Goosey (the former Goosehurst furlong). Today in one field off Ragnall's Lane the strips can still be seen disappearing into the hedge, indicating the new hedging at this time. In theory Studley was owned by the Croke family and Horton by the Earl of Abingdon. In fact there were strips belonging to the Earl of Abingdon in Studley and vice versa.

Marlake house is not marked in the 1786 map and the land had been divided into four farms. Three are farming from Whitecross Green, Hewett 88 acres, Coates 54 acres and Clark 123 acres including Asham field. The fourth, was held by Moses Blake with most of John Coxhead's estate plus part of the Warren estate with a farmhouse at the west end of the Warren. William Tipping held Warren Farm with 180 acres all of which was held by Richard Dolbey in 1641.

James Meers held 33 acres including a homestead at the southern end of Lady's Gore (top part of Whitecross Green Wood) and three closes between the Warren and Studley village.

John Falkener held the tenancy of 130 acres from probably what is now Studley Farm House. The land included the Mill Field, Nash Field and Holland Field.

One other tenant Richard Budd, who lived in what is now The Old Weir, leased 9 acres from Alexander Croke who had leased it from the Earl of Abingdon.

Thomas Hearne's account of his walk to Studley, March 31st, Saturday, 1716. From

his Diaries, in The Bodleian ,Library.

This morning, a little before five o'clock, I walked over to Stodely, five miles from Oxford, on purpose to see that place, having never been there before. I was mightily pleased with the manor house, tho' I was not in it, by reason I did not

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care to give any trouble to the inhabitants; but I was to the chapel. Richard and Edward buried in the chapel, were brothers to James Crooks, Esq. now Lord of the manor, who lives with his sister Charlotte Crooks. The said two here buried were the eldest and youngest brothers. The father is also buried here, but nothing is yet put up to his memory. He died about two years since. This is a very small chapel: they bury at Beckley. The chapel adjoins to the manor house.

The greatest part of the manor house of Studley is of a modern erection, (being built by Judge Crooks, who also built the almshouse,) but the other parts are very ancient, particularly those on the east end, and the kitchen too, as they tell me, tho' I was not in the kitchen. But I am told the present Mr. Crooks, and his sister too, would have willingly shewed me the whole house, if I had desired it, or let them but known of my being there. This gentleman and his sister are both young, and live together, neither of them being married. Their mother also lives with them, mostly above stairs, being in a melancholly, drooping condition, occasioned, as I am told, by her husband Captain Crooke, who died about two years since, and used to go much astray. She has been a handsome woman, and used formerly to be much at the old Earl of Abingdon's, both at Rycaut and Wightham, and it was at the Earl's house that the said Captain Crooke courted her.

The almshouse at Stodely is a pretty place enough. It is for four men and four women. They have 2s a week, each, and which is paid them constantly every Sunday in the chapell at Stodely, besides gowns, and firing, and rooms, and some other advantages. And one of them too hath 20s. as an addition for reading of prayers every day, morning and evening.

From Studley I went to Borstall, a mile and half farther, on purpose to look at a distance upon the great house there, which is famous for its being a garrison in the late rebellion against K. Charles I. I say at a distance, because I did not care to ask to go in, the present family of the Aubreys that live there being great enemys to the hereditary succession, for the sake of which I am a

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sufferer. It is an old house, and is moated round, and every way fit for a strong garrison. At the north end is a tower, or fort, much like to a small castle. The chapel & church of Borstall is at the east side of the house. But I could not go into it, the clarke living at a great distance from it, and the keys (as I was told) being kept at the great house. I observed in the churchyard a gravestone to the memory of one Edw. Mayne, who died May 28th, 1702, in the 90th year of his age. I was mightily pleased to see this house, tho' only at a distance.

Having done at Borstall, I returned homewards, and stopping at the royal oak, at Stowe-wood (on this side Beckley,) [now the house next to the shop] Master Haynes, the tenant of the house told me that his mother was living (somewhere about Woodbury Farm I think,) being about 102 years of age.

The said Woodbury Farm [Woodperry] is above a quarter of a mile from Stowe-wood, and Haynes gives several reasons to show that it was formerly a town. He says many foundations of buildings appear continually, and that in a plain below the farm house, many human bones have been dug up at different times, and that this was the churchyard, and that therefore the church stood there.

The said Haynes moreover told me, that at Bayard.'s watering-place, beyond the smith's shop against Staunton, [Stanton St John] two entire corps were dug. up, having stones fixed over them a few years since. He says he either digged them up himself, or at least was at the digging of them up, and that they were carefully buried again. He supposes them to be two of the Scotchmen, that were drove along the road in the rebellion, and many of them knocked on the head like dogs.

Notes by Sir Alexander Croke in 1823: (That there was a church and town at Woodperry appears from an inquisition in the time of Edw. III published amongst the records, by order of Parliament. Where it stands thus Wodepirie. Ecclesia Pan ejusdem, &c. &c. A. C.

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Hearne, in his Diary, vol. 137, p. 100, in the year 1732, says, that Woodbury house was built by Mr. Morse, a batchelor of 74 years of age, that he was worth 300,000l. and was purchasing estates. I have heard that he was a banker in Child's house.)

In 1786 the manor of Horton consisted of about 1,140 acres. The manor included four common fields; Vent Field, Holland Field, Cut Field and Hash Field. There were also about 150 acres of small enclosures concentrated around Horton village. The largest holding was that of John Faulkener with 95 acres and 9 other tenants with over 30 acres.

The main crops grown were *wheat*, *maslin* (rye mixed with wheat), *rye*, *barley*, *pease* (peas) and *oats*. The open fields were cultivated on a rotation of two crops and a fallow. Sir Alexander Croke incorporated in his leases a stipulation that their farms divided into four parts with a four crop rotation of roots, summer corn, grass seeds and winter corn.

On 18th April 1856, Mallam Auctioneers sold 150 oak trees and 124 saplings from Whitecross Green and Studley Woods. Although they have been partly re-grown only to be cut down again in World War I and since re-grown again. However no ancient trees remain.



Figure 26 - William III Farthing of 1701 found Mill Lane 2002

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The main building of the hamlet of Horton on the lower ground in the 18th century was West Hill Farm. In 1786 the village had two greens, Budd's Green and Goose Green. At the west end, opposite West Hill Farm, there were two farms held by two farmers, John Faulkener and James Ledwell. There was another substantial house on the corner of Oxford Road and Horton Road (now Church Lane and Straight Mile).

The 1811 map shows what appears to be a small farm down the Oxford Road on the left just before the woods just into the parish of Stanton St John. Remains of the tiled floor can still be seen in the field.

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Chapter 6 - The 19th Century

The main source of information about the village in the 19th century was the census records. They started in 1841 when all the names, ages and occupation was recorded. It was not until 1851 that the place of birth was added. From the records we are able to see when the windmill was closed and demolished.

There was a windmill at Nash/Studley from the 13th century. But it is difficult to say exactly when the windmill went out of action. It is shown on the 1811 map. At the 1841 census the following household is recorded:

David Andrew	35	Baker and Miller	no
Martha Andrew	30		no
Ann Andrew	12		no
Martha Andrew	10		no
Edward Andrew	8		no
Elizabeth Andrew	6		yes
Sarah Andrew	4		yes
Mary Andrew	2		yes
John Eales	15	Bakers App	no
William Leech	15	Bakers App	yes
Ann Ray	15	Bakers App	no

The 'no' means not born in Oxfordshire.

Elizabeth was born c. 1835 in the village while her older brother Edward was born outside the county indicating that they moved to the village about 1834. The family is not recorded on the 1851 census but the miller is then William Cox. By 1861 census John Coates is the baker but no mention of being a miller. As David Andrew gave up after a few years indicates that the business was not flourishing. William Cox gave it a go but gave up by 1861. It is speculation that the windmill was demolished about 1855. It is not shown on the 1878 map. From the census the miller and baker lived near the Almshouses in 1841.

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Figure 27 - Early 19th century map of the lower part of Horton, map showing ownership of the land

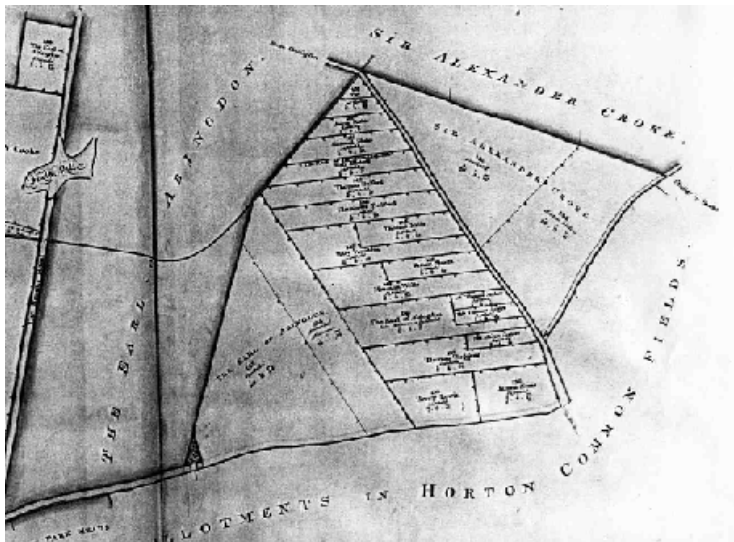


Figure 28 - Allotments at the end of Ragnall's Lane c. 1811, where Otmoor Farm now stands.

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Other information from the 1841 census records shows that the village was virtually self contained with the following professions:

Ann Cox aged 45 School Mistress

Mary Morrice aged 25 Lace Maker

William Auger aged 45 Mason

John Neighbour butcher (this is the only butcher that had a
Business in the village until Mr Finn in 2001)

William Allan aged 30 and George Piesley aged 25 wheelwrights
Joseph Hillsden aged 45 smith.

Caroline Hillsden grocer (probably in Mill Lane)

John Carter aged 25 sawyer was next door to the grocer

Arabella Stanton aged 25 publican

George Carter aged 40 bailiff living close to the King's Arms.

John Simmons aged 25 & Richard Mery were shoemakers.

Thomas Eadle aged 40 thatcher.

The farmers in Horton were:

Edward Franklin aged 63

Thomas Steel aged 50,

John Coates aged 65,

George Robbins aged 60,

John Irons aged 40,

Thomas Budd aged 45,

Benjamin Coles aged 40

Henry Buckland aged 40.

The gamekeeper was John Saunders aged 55.

In the almshouses were:

Richard Allan	85	Almsman	yes
William Tyrrell	63	Almsman	yes
Francis Auger	70	Almsman	yes
Ann Luckill	90	Almswoman	yes
Jane Walker	80	Almswoman	no
Ann Biddle	70	Almswoman	yes

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All were born in the village except Jane Walker. In the Priory that April were Mary Croke aged 40 of Independent means and John Croke aged 20.

In Studley Bucks:

Elizabeth Hall aged 25 was the farmer at Warren Farm Elizabeth Meere? Aged 63 was probably the farmer at Gardener's Barn. William Payne aged 30 was the farmer at Whitecross Green.

By 1851

The 1861 Census shows 102 homesteads with 420 people in the Village of Horton cum Studley and Studley Bucks with Whitecross Green. Studley Bucks was the area of the village on the Brill Road beyond the turning where the lane goes off to Gardener's Barn.

There were seven farms in Horton cum Studley: Robert Coates farming 200 acres with 2 labourers and 2 boys and this was probably West Hill Farm. Next to the farm was another 40 acres farmed by Mary Coates and she employed one labourer.

Benjamin Coles farmed 272 acres employing 5 labourers and a boy and this was probably Ventfield Farm later Church Farm in the farmhouse opposite the church.

Thomas Budd farmed 140 acres and employed 4 labourers and a boy probably Lower Farm in Mill's Lane.

Mr Alexander Kirby farmed 204 acres employing 4 labourers and a boy, at Moors Farm. The farmhouse, from the order of the census may have been the half-timbered house next to the almshouses. Thomas Steel farmed 86 acres employing one labourer and one boy, probably at Manor Farm.

Finally Thomas Bulford farmed 146 acres employing 4 labourers and 2 boys probably at Studley Farm.

George Peisley was the wheelwright in what is now Church Lane on the site of what is now Duffryn House. One Blacksmith was Aaron Baker whose business appears to have been run from near the church, possibly in the lane opposite the Church that leads to Mr Ogden's studio. Another Blacksmith was

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Joseph Hillsdon who worked with his son William in the house next but one to the almshouses at what is now Asham Cottage

Henry Buckland, the gamekeeper who looked after the Earl of Abingdon's estates, lived in next to West Hill farm with his son Henry as under gamekeeper. The gamekeeper for the Priory estate was Mr Auger who lodged with Ann Edle who ran her Grocery and Draper business, probably in Mills's Lane (Mill Lane). There was also another gamekeeper at the top end of the village Mr George Merry. Mr Auger's family were later to take over the grocery business. Mr Auger also had a relation, William Auger who was a stone mason. His son John Auger was also a mason living at another cottage.

There was also a thatcher in the village. Mr John Budd lived on the Brill Road. Other people included Richard Green, the Post Messenger, Ann Cox a schoolmistress living in one of the almshouses and James Hicks the Schoolmaster with his wife Anne another schoolmistress. George Green the carpenter lived on the Brill Road and his wife was a milliner and dressmaker. There was also John Coate, the Baker and William Webb, proprietor of horses for hire. Both businesses appear to have been on Horton Hill.

In the 1851 census the head of the family was Dame Alice Croke aged 70 with her daughter Adelaide aged 50. By 1861, John Croke aged 49 had inherited the house and he lived with his wife Selina and sisters Adelaide aged 60 and Anne aged 50, Their living in staff consisted of Francis Auger his wife Betsy and daughters Emma, Hannah and Ellen. They also had other staff living in the village. The Priory was sold when Adelaide died leaving no local male heir. They also had a house in Surrey. The King's Arms was run by James Burrows aged 48 with his wife Phillis aged 49. Their eldest son Thomas worked as a college servant, presumably in Oxford. There was one other business, that of Edwin Hine who was a dealer in marine stores who had his sister-in-law, Phoebe Merry as his housekeeper.

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Studley Bucks had four farms in 1861. Edward Hall farmed 86 acres and employed 20 labourers and six boys. This seems an excessive number of people employed, but being April 1861, it could have been ploughing and sowing time and he had temporarily taken on extra work. His farm was probably Gardener's Barn farm.

James Cox farmed at Whitecross Green with 200 acres employing 4 labourers and 3 boys. Warren Farm was farmed by John Mears with 42 acres employing one labourer and a boy.

One occupation of interest was Mr Cox who was an engine driver.

The Priory chapel, before 1869 was the only place of worship then in existence and used by the people of both Horton and Studley, described by Dunkin. He says that it was a plain oblong building fitted with pews, open seats and a gallery. The pulpit and reading desk were in the north-east corner and it contained a monument to a Mrs. Charlotte Ledwell who died in 1763 and her daughter Mary who had died in 1748. There was a bell turret and a clock.

The house remained in the hands of direct descendants of John Croke for 335 years. A private chapel was consecrated in 1639 and a North Wing was added in 1666; with these exceptions little change has been made to the exterior of the house since the days of Queen Elizabeth I. The present owners, the Parke family, purchased the house in 1961 and converted it to hotel use after it had been a country club for a few years. An illustrated booklet is available dealing with the history in greater detail.

The property, according to the 1811 map owned by Sir Alexander Croke included the area currently bounded by Mill Lane, Oxford Road, Brill Road across to the Lane to Gardener's Barn, plus fields on the right at the bottom of Ragnall's Lane. A larger part of the village was owned at that time by the Earl of Abingdon. Horton was then a part of Beckley parish and Studley a hamlet in Buckinghamshire that included Whitecross Green.

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Sale of the estate.

The Croke family sold the estate in 1877 at an auction at 2 o'clock, on Tuesday 19th June 1877, at The Auction Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, near the Bank of England, London, conducted by Mr John Wittaker Ellis of the firm Farebrother, Ellis, Clark & Co.

The state included Warren Farm and Whitecross Green farms and other properties and land. The property was bought by the Hendersons who came from Scotland, in 1877. The Hendersons also had a house in Marylebone, London.

The details of the land, rents and outgoings have been extracted from the sale catalogue page 5.

In the Paddocks are four sets of Buildings, comprising open Cow Sheds, enclosed Milking Sheds, Ranges of Piggeries, Stabling for Five Horses, and other useful Buildings.

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STUDLEY part of the HAMLET OF HORTON-CUM-STUDLEY in the COUNTY OF
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One of the most attractive Demeines in the County, within easy distance of the great UNIVERSITY
of OXFORD, affording great social and educational advantages. Several favorite Parks of Footpaths
hunt the Country. Some of the best of Shooting may be enjoyed, the extensive Woods, which have been
highly preserved, forming capital Covers for Game.

THE MANSION

Was erected in 1587, on the foundations of the ancient Priory. It is one of the most interesting
specimens of the style of architecture during the reign of Queen Elizabeth, preserving in its Domestic
Arrangements, in the laying out of the Gardens, &c., the habits and customs of that period; while it
presents the peculiar features incident to the conversion of the Buildings of Monastic Orders to the
purposes of Secular Dwellings, the former ecclesiastical character being partly retained by the erection
and maintenance of the Chapel, &c.

The Estate has remained in the same Family since 1539.

By a very small outlay in judicious restoration and additions, one of the most perfect specimens of a
Residence of the Elizabethan age may be secured at the same time combining the comforts and
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**THE HOUSE IS SEATED ON THE CROWN OF THE HILL,
COMMANDING MOST INTERESTING & DISTANT VIEWS,
SURROUNDED BY A CHARMING PARK,**

Which is tastefully Timbered, ornamented with Clumps of Firs, Evergreens, and Belts of Plantations,
Within Five Minutes' walk of the Chapel, and Letter Box near the Entrance Gates.

**Figure 29 - The Priory was sold to Mr Henderson whose family
owned the priory until 1955**

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EXTENSIVE WOODS, FARMS & LANDS,

DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

MANSION, PARK, WOODS, PLANTATIONS, &c.

No, on Plan. Quantity.	Description.	Cultivation.			
91	Part Riding Hill, The Park Pasture		25	1	25
92	Plantation .	Wood	0	3	8
97	Mansion, Garden and Grounds		5	0	12
98	Wood	Wood	0	3	14
99	Little Park	Pasture	4	2	26
105	The Park	Ditto	9	2	38
107	Wood	Wood	0	1	15
108	Part of Riding Hill	Pasture	4	0	27
109	Wood	Wood	0	26	110
Wood		Ditto	0	1	26
79	Priory Ground South and Plantations	Pasture and Wood			
			18	0	21
94	Cow Close, including Buildings, &c	Pasture	0	2	30
96	New Orchard	Ditto	1	2	39
98	Part of Butcher's or Southwell's Close	Ditto	4	1	5
104	Buildings and Yard		0	1	10
106	Hudson's Close	Pasture	6	3	15
113	Wood nest Priory Ground South	Wood	0	1	9
114	Lake Ground	Arable	17	1	10
116	Stanton Wood Ground	Ditto	24	3	9
117	Lane	Pasture, &c.	1	3	33
118	New Pond Corner	Arable	9	1	20
125	Triangular Piece	Ditto	6	3	0
part 131	Part Allotment Land	Ditto	14	0	29
34	White Cross Green, Lower Wood	Wood	99	2	27
and Middle Wood					
37	Plantation	Ditto	1	0	1
52	Gardiner's Coppice	Ditto	1	3	20
59	Hall Close Coppice or Tippens Copse	Ditto	5	0	25
64	Upper Wood	Ditto	23	0	21
69	Ditto .	Ditto	0	1	8
86	Lane Coppice	Ditto	4	2	23
91	Sermans or Scomans Coppice	Ditto	2	0	16
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99	Part of Butcher's or Southwell's Close Ditto	0	1	38
119	Studley New Wood and			
	Woodside Close, Ditto	173	2	23
132	Wood	Ditto	0	0
	Total ACRES	470	0	0

WARREN FARM,

With FARM HOUSE,

Comprising SEVEN BED ROOMS, HALL, BREAKFAST Room, DRAWING ROOM, Passage, KITCHEN, Cheese Room and Dairy. And the following OUTBUILDINGS,-.

Barn, Chaff House, Colt House, Two enclosed Yards with open Sheds, Poultry House, Cattle Shed, Nag Stables, Six Piggeries, Stable for Nine Horses and Loft over; Barn, Inner Yard with Newly-built Cattle Shed and Granary over, Cow Shed, Poultry House; Outer Yard with Three open Cart Sheds.

GARDEN.

Detached on the Lands are Buildings known as Ken Barn, with Yard and Cattle Sheds.

And the following LANDS, viz.

No,	Description.	Cultivation.
	Quantities	Plan.

A.	H.	P				
41	Banky Ground or Uzzards Fence	Arable	41	3	24	
46	Fatting Fence North	Ditto	23	0	26	
48	Rowbotham	Pasture	21	1	23	
49	Fatting Fence South	Arable	19	0	12	
51	Great Ox Fence West	Pasture	15	2	16	
62	Middle ditto	Ditto	12	2	29	
63	Little Ox Fence	Ditto	9	0	37	
65	Pond	Water	0	0	28	
66	Ox Fence or Great Ox Fence South	Pasture	11	1	8	
67	Ox Fence or Great Ox Fence North	Ditto	11	2	12	
68	Middle Ox Fence East	Ditto	14	2	3	
70	Pasture	Pasture	1	2	25	
71	Homestead		0	3	11	
72	Pasture	Pasture	0	3	11	

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73 The Warren and Oberry Field	Arable	41	0	10
76 Pasture.	Pasture	0	1	20
71 Great Badmore .	Arable	14	3	6
78 Long Gravel Or Great Oberry	Ditto	22	0	31
79 Furze Field or Cow Close	Pasture	19	0	20
& Gorse Covert				
81 Badmore or Old Close and Middle or				
Little Badmore	Ditto	20	0	6
84 Pond	Water	0	0	13
Total Acres		301	2	21

STUDLEY FARM,

With NEWLY-ERECTED BRICK AND SLATED DWELLING HOUSE,

Containing on the FIRST Floor and Half-landing,-Five Bed Rooms. GROUND FLOOR,- Entrance Hall, DINING ROOM, finished with Marble Chimney Piece; DRAWING Roost, Breakfast Room, Beer Cellar, and Two Pantries. Adjoining is the

OLD FARM DWELLING,

Containing Two Bed Rooms, Kitchen, Scullery, Dairy, Cheese House, Bakery and Brew House, with Oven and Two Boilers;

FARM YARD

With Coach House, Stable with Two Loose Boxes and Granary, Piggeries, Poultry House and Fattening Pen at back, Cow Shed, Two extensive Barns, Cart Stabling for Nine Horses with Hay Loft over, Cow Shed, Bull House and Stabling for Four Horses adjoining, Granary; in the adjoining Yard is a Shed for Twenty-four Cows.

GARDEN PARTLY WALLED AND ORCHARD

Detached and centrally placed on the Farm, No. 57 on Plan, is a Range of Cattle Sheds, Wagon Shed, Barn, Stable

And the following LANDS, viz.

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No. on Quantity, Plan.	Description.	Cultivation.		
3	Otmoor Furlong North	Pasture	23	1 6
5	Ditto South	Ditto	31	1 36
35	Lower Marsh, or Asham Marsh North	Ditto	17	3 5
47	Upper Marsh, or Asharn Marsh South	Arable	27	3 31
50	Pasture	Pasture	0	0 27
53	Little Gardiners	Ditto	16	0 25
54	Great Meadow, or Becks Close and Hangers	Ditto	22	3 12
54	Little Mill Field, or Little Windmill Field and Badger's} Piece	Ditto	22	1 8
55	Wood	Wood	0	1 32
56	Great Gardiners	Pasture	22	2 7
56	Claret Well Hill and Goosey Closes	Ditto	19	1 15
57	Homestead, &c., known as Gardiner's Barn		0	2 17
57	Road		0	1 7
58	Little Meadow, or Marchams	Pasture	14	0 19
58	Mill Field, or Great Windmill Field and Knob	Arable	30	2 18
60	Seed Hill, or Hall Close West	Pasture	7	3 4
60	Pasture	Ditto	1	1 5
61	Road		0	0 14
62	Farmstead		1	1 31
82	Millfield and Copse Ground, or Millfield and Hall Close East	Arable	34	1 31
95	Road		0	0 8
96	Buildings		0	1 30
128	Park Piece, Wood Piece, Lower ditto, & Ditto Brook Ground		41	0 34
129	Washbrook Ground	Ditto	13	1 5
130	Turner's Wood ditto	Ditto	14	2 18
TOTAL ACRES			347	0 22

LANDS IN OTMOOR.

171	Enclosure	Pasture	18	2 39
172	Ditto	Ditto	21	2 0
176	Ditto	Ditto	16	3 17
177	Ditto	Ditto	20	2 1

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Total Acres 77 2 17

SUMMARY OF LANDS IN HAND:

Area.	Annual Value.		
MANSION, PARK, AND PLANTATION	470 0 0	880	0
LANDS ADJOINING THE MANSION, &c			
WOODS AND COPPICE			
WARREN'S FARM	301 2 21 510	12	0
STUDLEY DITTO	347 0 22 558	0	0
LANDS IN OTMOOR	77 2 17	97	0
0			
Carried to General Summary	1196 1 20	£2045	12
0			

FARM AT WHITECROSS GREEN,
With FARM DWELLING and convenient
OUTBUILDINGS, GARDEN,
 And the following LANDS, viz.

No. on Description.	Cultivation.		
Quantity.			
Plan.			
1 Pasture	Pasture	0	1 16
2 Garden		0	0 9
3 Stream	Water	0	0 29
4 Pasture	Pasture	3	0 18
5 Pond	Water	0	0 29
6 Great Marlake Meadow Pasture		17	0 9
8 North Marlake Ditto		18	1 22
9 Home Close and Little			
Bushey Close Ditto		10	0 31
16 Bushey Close . Ditto		4	2 14
21 Pasture		1	2 13
22 Buildings and Yard		0	3 0
23 Ditto		1	1 26
24 Homestead		0	1 6
25 White Cross Green North Pasture		9	2 2
27 Garden		0	0 39
31 Road, or Asham Lane		3	2 33
(part included in Thos. Cox's Holding)			

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[Asham Lane goes from Ragnall's Lane (or Otmoor Lane) to Whitecross Green]

32	White Cross Green South	Arable	9	2	34
33	Little Asham	Pasture	13	0	36
36	Banky Ground South,				
or Great	Asham	Arable	16	3	36
38	Banky Ground North,				
or Great	Asham	Ditto	17	1	32
39	Middle Asham Field	Ditto	13	0	6
40	Asham Field North	Ditto	10	0	38
42	Wood Lane	Pasture	6	2	33
43	Lower Rowbotham	Ditto	10	2	8
44	South Asham Field	Arable	10	2	28
45	The Pightle	Ditto	2	3	7
163	Enclosure	Pasture	1	2	35
165	Ditto	Ditto	22	0	2
166	Ditto	Ditto	29	3	20
167	Ditto	Ditto	7	2	23
168	Ditto	Ditto	12	2	1
169	Ditto	Ditto	4	0	9
170	Ditto	Ditto	14	2	30
TOTAL ACRES			275	2	14

Let to WILLIAM Cox, as Yearly Tenant, at a Rental of £260. 5s. 2d. per Annum.'

FARM AT WHITECROSS GREEN,

With FARM DWELLING, convenient OUTBUILDINGS, GARDEN,

And the following LANDS, viz.

7	Buildings and Yard		0	0	22
11	Great Marlake	Pasture	27	2	17
12	Little Marlake Mead	Ditto	9	1	17
13	Pond	Water	0	0	21
14	Summer Ground North	Arable	12	1	23
15	Black Rood	Pasture	10	2	8
17	Pasture	Ditto	2	0	35
19	Pond.	Water	0	0	22
20	Homestead, &c		0	3	36
28	Short Leys	Arable	11	1	7
29	Great Marlake Mead	Pasture	19	2	32

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30	Summer Ground South	Ditto	11	0	11
173	Old Enclosure	Ditto	22	0	9
174	Ditto	Arable	18	1	13
175	Mortar-Pit Ground	Arable	19	2	30
TOTAL ACRES			165	2	23

Let to Thomas Cox, as yearly rental of £176.14s.6d. per Annum.

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FARM ON THE BOARSTALL ROAD,

With FARM DWELLING and OUTBUILDINGS, viz.-Barn,

Cow House, Stable, Cart Shed,

With GARDEN and LAND as follows,

No.	Description.	Cultivation.
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Quantity.

on plan.

83	Little Hall Close	Arable	10	2	27
85a	Spinney Orchard	Pasture	0	1	9
87	Dairy Ground, or Banky Ground	Ditto	10	2	35
88	Pasture	Ditto	0	3	14
89	House and Garden		0	1	15
90	Horse Close	Pasture	9	2	6
92	Potter's Close	Arable	7	3	29
94	Little Close	Pasture	0	2	11
97	Parker's Close	Ditto	4	0	19
TOTAL Acres			45	0	15

Let to JOHN MEARS, as Yearly Tenant, at a Rental of £ 68.

128. per Annum, including Interest on Drainage.

LANDS IN OTMOOR.

134	Land beyond Horton Bridge	Pasture	3	3	17
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Let to HENRY BLAKE, as Yearly Tenant, at a Rental of

£13. 10s. per Annum.

102	Land beyond Horton Bridge	Pasture	0	2	1
110	Ditto	Ditto	8	2	23
111	Ditto	Ditto	12	1	14
133	Ditto	Ditto	12	1	38

Let to JOHN HONOUR, as Yearly Tenant, at a Rental of

£ 32. 16s. 6d. per Annum.

155	Flit Grounds	Pasture	21	1	24
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170	Land beyond Horton Bridge	Ditto.	18	1	28
	TOTAL ACRES		39	3	12

Let to HENRY COATES, as Yearly Tenant, at a Rental of
£44. 8s. per Annum.

103	Flit Grounds	Pasture	9	0	27
104	Ditto	Ditto	11	1	22
109	Ditto	Ditto	19	0	30
	TOTAL ACRES		39	2	39

Let to BENJAMIN Hatwell as Yearly Tenant, at a Rental of
£44. per Annum.

112	Land beyond Horton Bridge	Pasture	19	0	37
135	Ditto	Ditto	17	1	25
164	Ditto	Ditto	21	1	1
	TOTAL Acres		57	3	23

Let to JOHN SAVIN, as Yearly Tenant, at a Rental of
£55 15s. per Annum.

154	Flit Grounds	Pasture	15	3	17
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Let to ROBERT HAMMANS, as Yearly Tenant, at a Rental
of £19. 46. 6d. per Annum.

“KING’S ARMS” INN,

STONE BUILT AND SLATED,

Comprising Six Bed Rooms, Club Room, Larder, Kitchen,

Bar and Tap Room, Beer Cellar, Wash House.

And the following OUTBUILDINGS

A Brick Built and Tiled Range of Buildings containing

Slaughter House, Stabling for Ten Horses, Coach House,

Loft and Sleeping Boom over; a Brick Built and Slated Barn,

Poultry Houses, Range of Piggeries, Stabling for Four

Horses, and. Open Cow Sheds;

GARDEN AND LAND.

No. on Description. Cultivation.

Quantity.

Plan.			A.	R.	P.
87	Priory Ground North	Pasture	9	1	17
88	“King’s Arms,” &c .		1	0	37
	TOTAL ACRES		10	2	14

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Let to Messrs. SHILLINGFORD as Yearly Tenants, at a Rental of £80. per Annum.

ALLOTMENTS.

		A.	R.	P.
Part 131	Allotments Arable	30	0	0

Let to various tenants and Rents amounting to £ 69. 7s. 1d. per Annum, or thereabouts.

The Landlord pays all Rates and Taxes on the Allotments.

COTTAGES AND SMALL HOLDINGS.

No. on Plan.	Description.	Name of Tenant.	Area	Annual Rent Or Value
			A. R. P.	£ s d
49	Cottage and Garden in Mill Lane	In hand	0 0 34	3 0 0
89	Cottage, Barn, Kennel, George Robins Orchard, and Garden		1 0 20	7 10 7
90	Cottage and Garden		0 0 25	3 12 7
88a	Two Cottages and Gardens		0 0 38	3 13 8
	William Saunders		3 5 0	
	In hand			
	Jane Peisley			2 12 0
8.8b	Four Cottages and Gardens			
	Thomas Stanton		0 3 14	3 13 8
	Richard Brinkler			4 18 7
	In hand			4 0 0
95	Double Tenement and Garden	Mary Crick		6 15 5
	William Cox			
	Cottage and Garden, temporarily held by Late John Crick			6 16 6
	John Crick's Widow, at the nominal rent of 1s. per week			
	Ditto			
	John Cox			3 13 8
	Dwelling House and Shop,			

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Stable Gig House, and small					
Farm Yard, Garden and Orchard					
George Augur	1	1	25	8	8 0
Timber Yard with Carpenter's In hand					
				3	0 0
Cart Shed Saw Pit, Shed for Stacking Boards and Cart House					
Cottage and Garden	Francis Augur			3	3 11
100	Pasture Ditto	1	0	28	
101 Dwelling House Barn Stable,					
Absalom Kirtland Wood House, Piggery, Garden					
and Pasture Field					
				10	10 0
Cottage, Garden, and Piggery Thos. Hicks				3	12 7
Cottage, Outhouse, and Garden Chas. Hicks				3	15 10
Wheelwright's Shop and Hovel In hand				2	0 0
Cottage and Garden					
John Masters	3	1	1	2	12 0
Cottage, Shed, and Garden		James Jones		4	15 4
Room, formerly Shop		In hand		1	0 0
Cottage and Garden . Elizabeth Haines				3	15 10
61	Cottage, Stable, Barn,				
	Henry Carter	0	3	13	22 0 0
Garden, and Close					
128a	Brick Kiln and Drying Shed and Grounds				
103	Plantation round Pond	In hand			
		0	0	12	0 10 0
103a Blacksmith's Shop and					
Absalom Kirtland		0	0	3	
Shoeing Shed Rent included above					
945	Double Tenement and Gardens				
	William Hillsdon	0	1	0	3 5 0
	John Brain				3 0 8
94a	Cottage, Shed, and good Garden		Teresa Messer		
		0	2	24	6 6 9
93 Cottage and Garden on.					
	Benjamin Sheen	0	0	28	3 2 1 0
the Boarstall Road					
85	Double Tenement and Gardens				
	Charles Merry	0	1	9	3 0 8
	Albert Blake				3 5 0

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85b	Garden edged with Plantation In hand	0	0	25	2 0 0
75	Cottage Garden, Wood House,				
James Pym		1	0	17	6 0 3
Piggery, and Orchard					
74	Double Tenement and Garden				
In hand		0	0	39	6 0 0
18	Cottage and Garden				
William Payne		0	0	22	3 3 11
35a	Garden in Asham Lane				
		0	0	25	
26	Cottage and Garden				
John How		0	1	5	3 5 0
104a	Cottage, Piggery, and Garden				
John Hicks		0	0	37	3 12 7
	TOTALS Area.	14	3	35	£168

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The Landlord pays Rates and Taxes on the Cottages in
HORTON-CUM-STUDLEY, OXFORD.

The Tenants pay Rates and Taxes on the Cottages in
-STUDLEY to Bucks.

The Tenant of the Brick Field is bound to supply the
Landlord with Clay Work, Bricks, Tiles, &c., at a
reduction
of 10 per cent. off the market price.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Quantity.	Rent or Value	Tenant A.	R.	P.	£.	s.	d.
MANSION AND LANDS in hand		1196	1	20	2045	12	0
FARM, WHITE CROSS GREEN							
William Cox		275	2	14	260	5	8
DITTO Thomas Cox		165	2	23	176	14	6
FARM, BOARSTALL ROAD							
John Mears		45	0	15	69	12	0
LANDS IN OTMOOR							
Henry Blake		13	3	17	13	10	0
DITTO John Honour		33	3	36	32	15	6

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DITTO Henry Coates	39 3 12	44 8 0
DITTO Benjamin Hatwell	39 2 39	44 0 0
DITTO John Savin	57 3 23	55 15 0
DITTO Robert Hammans	15 3 17	19 4 6
“KINGS ARMS” INN, &c .		
Messrs. Shillingford	102 14 8	0 0 0
ALLOTMENTS Various	30 0 0	59 17 1
COT’T’AGES Various	14 3 35	168 17 10
TOTALS	1939 1 25	3070 12 1

THE SHOOTINGS have been most carefully preserved, and there is always a good Head of Game, including Partridges, Pheasants, Wild Duck, Snipe and Woodcock, and having regard to the facility of access to LONDON and OXFORD, it may be estimated as worth at least £300. per Annum.

OUTGOINGS.

Land Tax	Studley in Bucks	£72 1 4
Ditto Ditto in Oxon		£42 13 9

THE DRAINAGE RENT CHARGES.

The property is subject to the following Drainage Rent Charges:

Principal Sums to be

paid in respect of Amounts of Drainage Rent Charges. Annual Rent Charges.			Dates when Rent Charges cease.			
£	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
606	19	7	1887. June 24 th	79	8	8
773	3	8	1887. December 25 th	97	2	10
750	9	1	1888. June 24 th	90	14	8
626	16	!0	1888. December 25 th	73	3	2
456	2	5	1899. June 24 th	51	9	0
83	7	9	1895 December 25 th	6	17	2
152	13	1	1901. June 24 th	10	12	0
£ 3449	12	5		£409	7	6

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The Biddings shall be taken as made without regard to these Rent Charges, and the Purchaser shall be allowed by way of deduction. from his Purchase-money the above total sum of £3449. 12s 5d. being the principal sum which on the 15th December, 1877, the day appointed for the completion of the purchase.

In 1881 there were four old people in the almshouses, two men and two women, each being given five shillings a week and firing (wood or coal for the fire). They were: Harriett Frost age 73 Widow born Long Crendon, Jane Priestley age 73 Widow born Gloucestershire, John Hicks age 85 widower born Gosford Oxon, John Thornton age 41 born Clare, Oxford.

Attendance at church was compulsory and the men attended in their black velvet coats with brass buttons, and the women in black dresses and bonnets.

There was a clay ride between the Brill road and Oxford passing through Studley Wood, which one of the Henderson family remembered. She also recounts how an old lady used to come to stay the night with them riding a pack-horse seated behind her groom, with her luggage on a second pack-horse.

Bricks were made at Riding Hill in Oakley Road near Studley Wood where there is a very good seam of clay. The brickworks was used well into the 20th century. James Green being the brickmaker in 1891, and still in 1901, who lived on the Brill Road in what is now Horseshoe Cottage.

A walk down Church Lane (Green Road) from the King's Arms (The Lodge) in 1800 would have taken you past a field on your left, owned by Thomas Mills, and then Ventfield Farm and Cottages on the left. On the right was the wheelwright who in 1811 was Mr Blake and by 1900 was William Collett. There was then a lane leading to the right (now a gateway into the field by the ponds), past the same pond and round the field to come out by Ragnall's House. The outline of the track is still clearly visible in the field. Just past the pond were three buildings in the part of the

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field owned by the Earl of Abingdon. This track once went round a green with a number of houses that has disappeared by 1811. On the 1811 plan can be seen the cottage on the far side of this track and a barn to the right, that was only pulled down in about 1990.

The turning into Mills's Lane (Mill Lane) in 1811 was also different from today. The corner where No 10 Mill Lane is situated was a wide area in front of Lower Farm that included a pond. A filling station was later to be built on the corner, and this was demolished when the present Mill Lane houses were built. Opposite the farm, where No 1 and 2 Mill Lane is situated was a cottage where from the end of the 19th century the Auger family ran the village shop, with a smallholding in the area surrounding the cottage. The 1901 census describes Elizabeth Auger as a grocer and her son Ernest as a corn carrier.

Proceeding down Mills's lane there would have been a farm building on the left behind where No 3 Mill Lane is situated then another pond in the garden of now No 4 Mill Lane.

There were then farm buildings and enclosures on the right before finding two cottages on the left where the green barns are located. Carrying on down the lane and in the end field (Waterleys) was another cottage before reaching the Buckinghamshire border where there is now a small bridge over the stream (the border was changed in 1861 to the present position). The fields on the left were essentially the same as today. However the pasture on the right on the hill was included in the Mill Field. Only a small area of the bottom flat part of the grass slope was fenced. The windmill was at the top of the hill in the centre of the large field.

In 1811 the footpath from opposite the Priory towards Gardener's Barn was known as the Brill Footpath, and the windmill was shewn at the end of the field.

Parish Meetings

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The first Parish meeting was held on 4th December 1894 under the new Parish Council's Act. It was held in the School Room at Horton at 6 o'clock PM. Those present were:

Mr Chitty, Mr J Cox, Mr Jas Green, Mr O S Coles, Mr J Cooper, Mr G Auger, Mr T Warland, Mr Wakelin, Mr Sims, Mr A Gomm, Mr Jos Hicks, Mr Amos Jones, Mr John Stanton, Mr Watts and Rev Auchmuty. The minutes are short:

"1. Mr Benjamin Coles opened the proceedings by explaining the objects of the meeting, it's duties on this and it's probable duties on future occasions.

2. Mr Thos. Warland proposed and Mr Thos Wakelin seconded the election of the Rev Auchmuty, vicar, to the office of Chairman. The proposition was carried, and the vicar after thanking the meeting for their confidence assumed the Chair.

3. The Vicar was proposed and seconded for the office of District Councillor, but a feeling of being generally expressed that he could not at the same time hold the office of Chairman, Mr Auchmuty vacated the chair in favour of Mr John Cox who was elected to fill that position – The Vicar was then duly nominated District Councillor."

The minutes were signed by Forbes Auchmuty on 25th March 1895 at the next Parish Meeting.

The second Parish Meeting was even shorter. It was held in the school hall in what is now Mill Lane and present were:

Mr John Cox (Chairman), Mr James Green, Mr George Auger and Rev F Auchmuty.

Mr John Cox stood down as Chairman and Rev Auchmuty was elected Chairman.

The next meeting was on 25th March 1895. Present were Rev Auchmuty, G Auger, A Powell, Jas Green and J Bradbury.

"1. The minutes of the last two meetings were read and confirmed.

2. Mr James Green and Mr Thomas Cooper were duly appointed to the office of Overseers of the poor of the Parish for the

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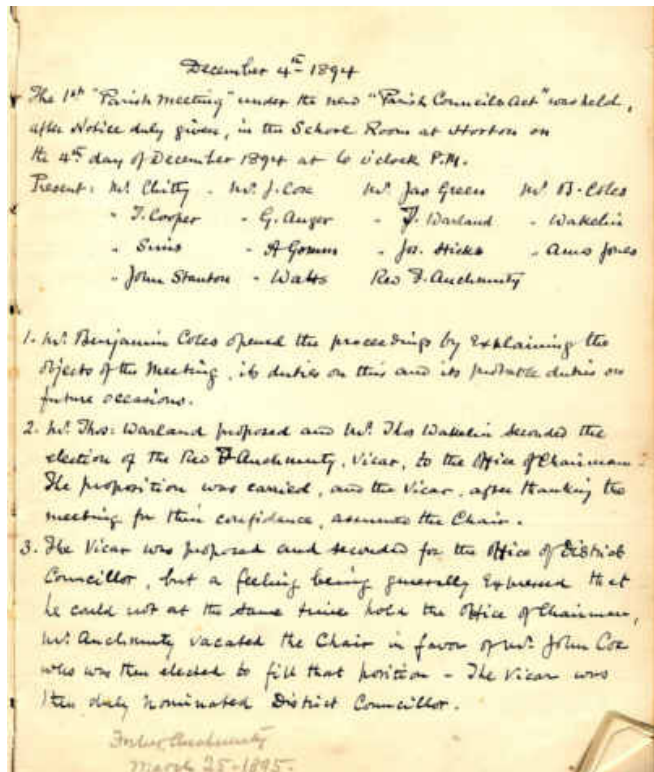


Figure 30 - Minutes of the first Parish Meeting December 4th 1894

ensuing year: the notification of their appointment to the Board of Guardians of the Headington Union being signed by the Chairman and by Messrs Alfred Powell and George Auger.

3. Mr James Green was re-elected Collector and it was agreed that he should receive the sum of £5 per annum to be paid by a Voluntary Rate.

4. Mr Alfred Powell was appointed Way Warden in the rooms? Of Mr A Stemner who had left the Parish.

5. The Parish property in Otmoor was let to Hon T L Bertie for the Annual Rent of ten shillings.

Signed Forbes Auchmuty, March 23 1896."

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The next meeting was 23 March 1896 in the School Room. The Rev Auchmuty is still chairman and present were Mr Thomas Cooper, Mr James Green, Mr Thomas Morris and Mr Thomas Warland

James Green and Alfred Powell were again elected as Overseer of the poor with Mr John Higgins and Arthur Cleaver as additional overseers in waiting.

James Green was re-elected as Collector but the rent to Hon T L Bertie had gone up to one pound ten shillings.

There were two meetings in 1897. The first on 26th March repeated the two previous meetings. The second on 20th July was well attended by Mr Turner Henderson, Mr Alfred Powell, Mr Thomas Cooper, Mr John Higgins, Mr Thomas Green, Mr George Auger, Mr Thomas Wakelin, Mr Albert Gomm, Mr Thomas Warland, Mr Benjamin Hicks, Mr Benjamin Coles who had agreed to act as chairman as Rev Auchmuty had left the village. The main aim was to elect a new District Councillor and Mr Turner Henderson from Studley Priory, was duly elected. It says that the mark made by James Green was witnessed by George Auger and the mark made by John Higgins was made by Alfred Powell. The minutes do not say where the marks and signatures were made but possibly on the nomination pares for District Councillor.

There were three meetings in 1898. 16th March, 24th March and 26th April. The first was for the re-election of Mr Turner Henderson as District Councillor and on 24th March the Overseers of Poor became James Green and Thomas Cooper and the collector Mr James Green. The 26th April meeting was *“for the appointment of John Thompson of Woodperry House, Oxford, Esquire, JP as a trustee to Sir George Croke’s Charity. No objections to the commissioners were made.”*

The last meeting of the century was held on 13th April 1899. Those attending were: Benjamin Coles, Chairman, James Green, Alfred Powell, George Auger and Frederick Kirby. The items were the same as for previous years.

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Chapter 7 - 20th Century

The 20th century has brought more changes to the village since the time of the Croke family. The century started without many changes and before World War I the village appeared to prosper. There were three pubs, the King's Arms, The Green Man that became the old village hall and the short lived Plough and Harrow that was on the right a hundred yards down the straight mile. It not thought that the two latter pubs were open before then as there is only one publican listed in the 1891 census – the King's Arms. Many men from the village served in the Army between 1814 and 1918 and there is a memorial to them in St Barnabas Church. Not all of the people prospered. Early in the century Waterleys Cottage at the end of Mill Lane was occupied by Jim Higgs, prior to Levi Honour taking over the tenancy. Jim was an occasional agricultural labourer, and Mr Badger used to tell his daughter Dorothy (Bar) (now Bar Swindells) that he used Jim on occasions to round up sheep. When Mr Badger visited the cottage on one occasion, there was a black cooking pot on the open fire with something rumbling in the boiling water. When he looked in the pot, expecting to see a joint of meat, he saw a chair leg. Jim was too proud to admit that they were too poor to afford meat but wanted visitors to think that they had food to cook. The first Parish Meeting of the 20th century was held on 2nd April 1900. Present Benjamin Coles and James Green only that confirmed the appointments of Overseers of the Poor and confirmed the rent to Hon L Bertie as one pound ten shillings. The next meeting was on 6th March 1901 when W Kirby was elected as District Councillor. The Chairman, Mr Benjamin Coles was absent due to illness and Mr J Henderson took the Chair. At the 1902 Meeting Benjamin Coles had stood down due to ill health and the vicar Rev William Cooke was elected as Chairman. The Overseers of the Poor became Messrs Cleaver and Badger and Jas Green was re appointed as collector of the rates. His salary was increased to £10 per annum.

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Figure 31 - The Blacksmiths was at the junction of Brill and Oakley Roads

The first time that the Parish meeting discusses anything new was in 1905 when the following resolution was proposed and carried unanimously: *“That this Parish Meeting desires to record it’s disapproval of the greatly increasing County Expenditure & correspondingly high rates, from which this meeting fails to see what the County Districts reap any commensurate advantage & hope that the County Council will give strict attention to the need for retrenchment & economy in it’s expenditure. The Chairman*

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(Rev William Cooke) was instructed to forward this resolution to the County Council Member & also to the Chairman of the County Council."

There were a number of allotments for the use of residents in the 19th and into the 20th centuries. One was at the bottom of Ragnall's Lane in the area of Otmoor Farm with 17 strips. Another was between Church Lane and the Straight Mile accessible from the lane opposite the church and there were further allotments at Horton Common (now Corner Farm).

The subject of Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1907 caused a small stir in the village. A Parish Meeting was called on 16th November 1907 chaired by Rev William Cook. The meeting appointed a committee of seven: Rev William Cooke, Messrs Gomm, J Stanton, Wakelin, Robbins, E Auger, J Haynes. It was decided that the committee should interview the Landlords and see on what terms Horton Common and Mills Ground could be obtained by the Parishioners as allotments. There is a letter held by the Parish Council dated February 18th 1908 from Turner Henderson explaining the view of his mother Mrs Henderson. The letter states:

"She wishes me to inform you that as the matter appears to be one that concerns the welfare of the Cottagers, genuinely intending to work more lands that they have at present, she has decided not to make the question of the rent for the allotments a money questions at all, but to let the whole of the arable land at this Common (about 40 acres) as allotments at a nominal rent of 25/- per acre per annum i.e 12/6 per allotment of ½ acre. The terms to be as follows-

The land to be let as allotments of half an acre each allotment and to be numbered . Rent to be 12/6d each allotment.

II Not more than five acres of this land to be let to any one tenant at this rate unless it should be that the allotments are not taken up.

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III Preference will be given to villagers who are tenants upon this estate and inhabitants of this Parish before inhabitants of another Parish.

IV Each allotment tenant to pay his own rates as occupier.

V Each allotment tenant to keep his piece of ditch clean and his drains open.

VI Each tenant to leave a six months agreement to this effect.

VII The rent to be paid half yearly upon Michaelmas and Ladyday, and failure to pay upon Michaelmas & Lady to be taken as notice to give up the allotment.

VIII The reduced rent of 25/- per acre to commence at Michaelmas 1908 and this offer to be held good for five years until Michaelmas 1913."

The Parish Meeting of Saturday 29th February 1908 endorsed these proposals:

The following applications were received for allotments:

Charles Merry 5 Acres, Jonas Honour 4 ½ acres, William Busby 1 ½ acres, Walter Green 1 acre, William Robbins ½ acre, Levi Jones 2 acres, Ellis Parker 5 acres, William Walker 4 acres, Amos Green 5 acres, Herbert Jones 1 acre, Robert Kirtland ? 1 acre, Percival Walker 5 acres, John Stanton 5 acres, George Robbins 1 acre, James Brooks 5 acres, James Honour 1 acre, Tom Stanton 5 acres, James Haynes 1 acre, William Stanton 2 acres. Below the hill Thomas Wakelin 1 acre. The committee were instructed to try and obtain Mills Ground at 15/0 an acre & to supply straight to Sir Francis Bertie himself.

In 1909 The Charity Commission announced that the Trustees of the Sir George Croke's Charity at Studley had appointed Robert Ronald Henderson of Studley Priory, Oxford a Captain in his Majesty's Army and Herbert John Parsons, of Elsfield Manor Oxford, Esquire as to fill the vacancies of trustees.

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February 18th 1805

To
Rev. W. Cook
Chairman. Allotment Committee.

My dear Cook

With regard to the question of the letting of more land for allotments at Horton Comm. I have carefully explained to Mr. Henderson the request of the Committee for allotments for more land, as expressed in the Elbrook house at the meeting; and Mr. Henderson desires me to say that her decision, which has been carefully considered, is as follows.

She wishes me to inform you that as the whole matter appears to be one that concerns the welfare of the Cottagers, primarily intending to work more land than they have at present, she has decided not to make the question of the rent for the allotments a money question at all, but to let the whole of the arable land at the Comm. (about 40^{ac}) as allotments at the nominal rent of 25/- per acre per annum. i.e. 12/6^d per allotment of $\frac{1}{2}$ an acre.

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2 ¹² Res. W. Cook (Continued) 16

The Terms are to be as follows —

- I The Land to be let in allotments of half an acre each allotment, and to be numbered. Rent to be 12/6 each allotment.
- II Not more than five acres of this land to be let to any one Tenant at this rate. Unless it should be that all the allotments are not taken up.
- III. Preference will be given to cottagers who are Tenants upon this estate, and inhabitants of this Parish before inhabitants of another parish.
- IV Each allotment Tenant to pay his own rates as occupier.
- V Each allotment Tenant to keep his piece of ditch clean and his drains open.
- VI Each Tenant to have a six months agreement to this effect.
- VII The Rent to be paid half yearly upon Michaelmas & Lady day, and failure to pay upon Michaelmas & Lady to be taken as notice to give up the allotment.
- VIII The reduced rents of 25/ per acre to commence at Michaelmas 1908 and the offer to hold forth for five years till Michaelmas 1913.

believe me
yours very truly
Turner Henderson

Figure 32 - Letter from Turner Henderson about the allotments 1908

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The meeting of 14th March 1910 appointed Mr Green as manager of the school. At the same meeting an item states, "The proposed Basic or standard for fair and equal County rate for the administrative County of Oxford was considered & no objection was raised. It was as follows:

<i>Name of Parish</i>	<i>Rateable Value on</i>	<i>ditto on Buildings</i>	<i>Total</i>	
<i>Assessable</i>	<i>Agricultural Land</i>			<i>Value</i>
<i>Horton cum Studley</i>	<i>£823</i>	<i>£599</i>	<i>£1422</i>	<i>£1010</i>
<i>Studley</i>	<i>£422</i>	<i>£228</i>	<i>£650</i>	<i>£439</i>

Presumably Studley is the area of the village on the Brill Road beyond Studley farm that was once Studley Buckinghamshire.

At the same meeting the following Overseers of the Poor were elected as Horton: Mr Henry Badger, Mr Ernest Auger. Studley Mr Frederick James Kirby and Mrs Emma Walker.

The Parish Meetings considered the same subjects up to 10th March 1919 when the subject of extra housing, sewage and water to the village was raised.

The Chairman was then Rev J Kinchin Smith but only says that 21 persons were present. They discussed the erection of 6 new cottages in Horton and 4 in Studley proposed by Mr Coles.

To ask for the increase in cubic area of certain cottages. Proposed by Mr A Jones.

To ask for the attention of R W's Sanitary Officer to the deficiency of the present water supply and to urge the council take over this supply for the whole Parish. Proposed by Mr Cawley.

To ask for the attention of the R W Sanitary Officer to the very defective drainage of existing cottages. Proposed by Mr Coles, seconded by Mr Kirtland.

The Parish Meeting of 23rd June 1919 was called again to discuss water supplies. *Mr Mallam reported that Lord Bertie having given the water supply to the cottages in the ??? of the Parish, the RDC had in hand* (writing impossible to decipher) it then talks about another meeting. [In fact Lord Bertie had piped the water

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from Beckley, to a tap opposite the church where villagers could fill their utensils.

The meeting attracted a lot of attention and was attended by about 25 people:

Mrs Henderson, Miss Henderson, Captain Henderson, Mr T Henderson, Rev and Mrs Kinchin Smith, Mr & Mrs Hawes, Mr & Mrs Kirk, Mr & Mrs Badger, Mr E Auger, Mr F Coles, Mr Lawley, Mr Haynes, Mr O W Stanton, Mr Hirns, Mr A Merry, Mr A Panaman?, Mr O Jones, Mr L Robbins, Mr G Jones jun, Mr W Green, Mr F Hicks, Mrs Budd, Mr Walker, Mr Jos Hicks. This is the first time that women had attended a Parish Meeting.

There was yet another meeting on 7th July 1919 to re-allocate allotments:

A Merry 1 acre, P Jones 1 acre, O Jones 1 acre, S Jones 1 acre, G Jones 1 acre, A Panaman 1 acre and small holdings to J Stanton 15 acres (5 arable, 10 grass), W Biscoe 20 acres (part arable, part grass), F Coles 5 acres (grass). The minutes are confusing as they then go on to say "*The existing allotments were declined by the above and* " The rest is unreadable. The above allocations were probably to new land.

The subject of a War Memorial was discussed and it was agreed that it be erected on Horton Hill. (This the first reference to the road 'Horton Hill'.)

After 1818 the village declined and many buildings disappeared. The Rt Hon. The Viscount Bertie of Thame, PC, GCB, GCMG, GCVO descendant of the Earl of Abingdon, sold his part of the village in 1919. This consisted of land off Church Lane and to the south of Mill Lane and other properties that his family had obtained in Studley.

The sale was held on Wednesday 25th June 1919 at 2 O'clock at the Roebuck Hotel, Oxford.

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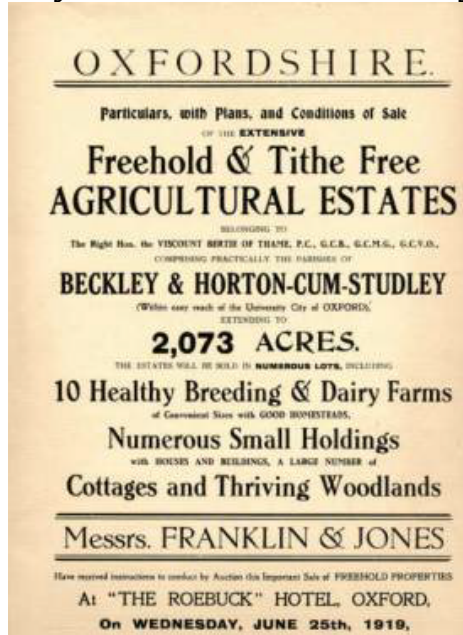


Figure 33 The of the Earl of Abingdon's estate on Wednesday 25th June 1919 at 2 O'clock at the Roebuck Hotel, Oxford

The sale included lands in Beckley and a total of 2,073 acres of land. Messrs Franklin and Jones conducted the sale. The sale gave an insight to how many properties had changed hands since the estate map of 1811 when the Croke family owned nearly all the village of Studley.

Most of the sales took place after the estate was sold to the Henderson family. Also shewn are right to water showing that not every house had a well. Much of the land was pasture with very little arable land and dairy cattle and pigs appeared to be the main farm animals with no mention of sheep.

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Summary of Lots.				
The Beckley Estate.				
Lot	Description	Tenant	Extent, A. R. P.	
1	The Manor Farm	Mr. John Kirtland	290	1 30
2	The Upper Park Farm	Mr. G. H. B. Walsin	121	0 21
3	Middle Park Farm	John Thomson, Esq.	225	1 34
4	The Lower Park Farm	Meas. Quarterly	319	2 4
5	Blackwater Wood		32	1 30
6	Horton Spinney		16	1 13
7	Stucknits's Shop, etc.	Mr. Bailey Walsin	22	1 30
8	Cottage and Garden, Accommodation Grass, Field etc.	Mr. T. Stinner	15	2 10
9	"Abingdon Arms," Beckley	Halls, Oxford, Brewery	20	2 8
10	Pair of Cottages and Gardens	Meas. Shipley and Kirtland		
11	Cottage and Garden	Mr. Francis Ange		
12	Pair of semi-detached Cottages	Meas. Quarterly and Payne		
13	The Standard Allotments	Various	1	4 8
14	Little Linc and Upper Linc Allotments		26	1 25
15	Pair of semi-detached Cottages	Meas. Lambour and Langston Payne, David		
16	Cottage and Garden	Mr. David Payne	1	2 1
17	Pair of semi-detached Cottages and Gardens	Meas. Giles and Lambour		
18	Cottage and Garden	Mrs. Higgs		
19	Pair of Cottages and Gardens	Mr. Burnett and Mrs. Newall		
20	Small Holding, with House and Steading	Mr. D. Charlett	13	1 7
21	Cottage and Garden and Orchard	Mr. J. Kirtland	1	1 20
22	Garden and Orchard, adjoining Lot 21	Mr. Joseph Allam		
23	Cottage and Garden, etc.	Mr. Joseph Allam		
24	Pair of semi-detached Cottages and Gardens	Meas. Shipley and Kirtland		

Figure 34 – Summary of Lots

The lots, at Horton cum Studley were:

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Lot 25 The Attractive Freehold Breeding and Dairy Holding known as **Vent Field Farm** with 233 acres 1r 16p consisting of:

Farm House and homestead	1 acres 1 rood 26 poles
Home Close pasture	5.2.19
Little Ground pasture	2.3.30
Allums Close	1.1.28
Pain Stone Ground	8.2.28

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Big Vent	21.2.17
Pain Stone field with cottage and buildings	9.0.16
Vent Field	23.1.34
Little Park Butts	6.3.27
Cow Ground	20.2.23
Common Ground	16.1.5
Big Park Butts	24.3.20
Horton Mead	21.2.15
Otmoor	67.2.38
Forman's Cottage and Garden	1.0.0

The comfortable house is situated close to the main road, and comprises of dining Room, drawing room, kitchen, pantry, cellar and 4 bedrooms. The house is built of brick with a tiled roof adjoining which is a good farm steading mainly built of stone and tile comprising of cow house etc. Excellent Cottage. The Lower Homestead comprises cottage, barn, open cart shed, and loose boxes. (This is the half-timbered farmhouse almost opposite the church in Church Lane. Home Close is now the name of the house on the land and part of the farm is now Ventfield Close.) The farm is in the occupation of Mr L H Allen and Mr J Hicks. The growing timber valued at £404. 12s 6d to be paid in addition to the sale price. The farm was not sold at the sale. (Note that once the farmhouse was no longer operating as a farm, the farm next to West Hill Farm became known as Ventfield Farm and the old Ventfield farm became known as Church Farm.)

Lot 26 **Lower Green Farm** with 159 acres 2 rod 10 poles to include:

102	Farmhouse and Homestead	3r 11p
83	Home Close pasture	5.2.33
80	The Closes pasture	8.1.24
109	Bandlely arable	9.1.15
112	Nash Field arable	10.1.6
114	ditto	4.3.6

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111	Part of Lane	pasture	1.1.6
100	Shed and yard		
99	Shell Field	pasture	7.2.15
98	Dunce Furlong		14.2.39
96	Greensward Ground		26.0.32
120	Cut Field		22.2.8
121	Little Ground		5.1.37
173	Otmoor		42.1.8

The farmhouse built of brick and tile comprises 2 living rooms, kitchen, dairy, cellar, 4 bedrooms and offices.

The Farm Steading comprises a brick and tiles cart horse stable and feeding pens, with loft over, nag stable and trap house, barn, piggeries, 4-bay wagon shed, cow house for 12, loose boxes and fowl house. In Greensward Ground there is a 4-bay cattle shed and a yard in Shell Field. There is excellent water supply from the Beckley Main system.



Figure 35 - Mr Thomas Hawes with a farm labourer. (Photo courtesy Mr H Hawes)

The Tenant Mr Thomas Hawes is under notice to quit at Michaelmas next. A right of way for timber carting for Lot 6. A

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right of way is reserved over Field 98 for Lots 25, 26, 27. Right of way is reserved over Lane 111 for Lots 28 and 42 and also for access to adjoining property owned by the trustees of the late John Henderson, Esq.

The farm was sold to Mr Thomas Hawes for £3,500 plus £182 16s 6d for growing timber.

Lot 27a **The Accommodation Grass Field known as Iron**

Closes 7 acres. Sold to Mr Auger for £260 plus £97 13s 6d for growing timber.

Lot 28 The **Manor Farm Horton** First Class Dairy and Breeding Holding of 196 acres 0 rood 30 pole, including:

126	Cuckoo Pen	pasture	1.1.5
127	ditto		19.2.10
128	Steele's Ground		17.2.10
123	Steele's Ground		14.2.30
116	Little Marsh		2.2.14
115	Little Marsh		9.0.5
129	Water Leys		39.3.34
113	Seed Field		19.1.21
130	Mills Close		10.1.3
111	Part of Lane		0.2.0
78	Franklin's		8.2.35
79	Franklin's Homestead		0.1.19
62	Part of field	owned by Mr James Kirby	0.1.34
16	Home Close		24.3.37
15	Carbage arable		3.2.3
19	Farm House and Homestead		0.2.30
131	Cottage and Garden		0.1.38
	ditto		0.0.27

The house, which is an attractive one, and in an excellent position is in a first class state of repair, improvements having been carried out at considerable expenditure. The accommodation consists of 2 sitting rooms, 2 kitchens, dairy, 6 bedrooms and offices. The Farm Steading nearby, mainly of brick and stone, comprises a 4

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piggeries, cart-house, stable, trap house, 6-bay wagon and cattle shed, and loose boxes, fowl house and calf house with good yards.

The Lower Homestead (79 Franklin's) comprises of large barn, stable, wagon shed, cattle Shed and piggery. No 131 on the plan comprises of cottage and garden which is excluded from the lot. The above has been in the occupation of the Badger family for a number of years. The present tenant Mr Henry Badger in under notice to quit expiring at Michaelmas next. The water tower is included in the sale. (Brill Road behind cottage opposite Studley Farm House.)

The farm was sold to Mr Henry Badger by Private Treaty before the sale.

Lot 29 **The Hundred Acres on Otmoor** 101 acres 0 rood 27 pole. Sold to Mr Thomas Hawes for £1,250. (This field was acquisitioned by the Air Ministry in about 1940 and is now MOD owned as a part of the Otmoor Range safety area but has been used by the Hawes farm to graze cattle)

Lot 30 **Adjoining Pasture Field** known as Otmoor 40 acres 0 rood 7 poles, tenant Mr Aubrey Collett. Sold to Mr Thomas Hawes for £700.

Lot 31 **A Brick and Stone Tiled Cottage** situated in Oakley Road occupied by Mr Jonas Honour with a large garden extending over $\frac{3}{4}$ acre with wood house, 2 piggeries and fowl house. Sold to Mr Honour for £330. (now Kiln Cottage.)

Lot 32 **A Pair of Brick, Stone and Tiled Cottages** situated in Oakley Road occupied by Messrs Jones and Kirtland. There are extensive gardens and a wood house and piggery to each cottage. NB The Smith's Shop is the property of the tenant. Sold to E J Rose £200. (Pair of cottages next to Salcey)

Lot 33 **A Brick Built Cottage** adjoining Lot 32 in occupation William Robbins. There is a wood hovel and piggery attached. Sold to E J Rose £100 (now Kimmeridge.)

Lot 35 **A Pair of Brick and Stucco Cottages** with extensive gardens in the occupation of Messrs Haynes and

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Robbins. There is a wood house and piggery with each cottage. Sold to My Haynes £120 (now the Old Weir.)

Lot 36 **Brick and Tiled Cottage** occupied by Mr George Budd. There is a good garden and wood house and piggery. Sold to Mr Haynes for £70 (next to the Old Weir (south).)

Lot 37 **A Pair of Semi-detached Brick and Tiled Cottages** in the occupation of Messrs Jones and Honour. Sold to Mr H J Haynes £120. (Now Danesbrook/Cobbles.)

Lot 38 **The Productive Orchard** in occupation of Mr Frank Coles. Sold to Mr E J Rose £90. (Now part of Aubrey House.)

Lot 39 **The Detached Brick and Tiled Cottage** with extensive garden in occupation of Mr Barnett Hicks. Sold to Mr Hicks £185. (Now Aubrey House.)

Lot 40 **The Accommodation Paddock known as Parson's Close** in the occupation of Mr Henry Badger. Not sold at the sale may have been included in the sale of Manor Farm to Mr Badger. (Now the site of Mr Colin Badger's House.)

Lot 41 **A Pair of Brick, Stone and Thatched Cottages** in the centre of the village of Horton with extensive gardens having a long frontage on Main Street. These cottages are vacant. Sold to E J Rose £135. (Now Whitecroft.)

Lot 42 **The Detached Stone, Brick and Thatched Cottages** with good garden and pigsty in the occupation of James Brooks. A right is reserved for this lot to obtain water from a well of the cottage forming a portion of Lot 26. A right of way is reserved over Pt 111 forming a portion of Lot 26 for this Lot. Sold F Coles £50. (Now Mr Chris Beckley's Workshop, Mill Lane.)

Lot 43 **Bailiff's House with Good Garden, Estate Timber Yard, Carpenter's Shop.** Bidding reached £220 but outcome not recorded. (The site of the Bungalow at West Hill Farm.)

Lot 44 **Pair of Brick and Tiled Cottages** with wood house and pigsty to each. In occupation of Messrs Jones and

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Hawes with good gardens adjoining. A right to fetch water from Lot 47 (The cottage at the T junction to West Hill Farm). Sold Thos. Hawes £120. (Now Ragnall's Cottages and the area where the village pound was situated and now part of Ragnall's House.)

Lot 45 **Stone Brick and Thatched Cottages** with wood house and piggery in occupation of Mr W G Stanton. Sold to Mr Stanton £75. (Ragnall's House.)

Lot 46 **The Detached Brick-built Cottage** with wood house and piggery in the occupation of Mr A Gomm. A right to fetch water from Lot 49 and right of way for this lot over Lot 26. The now demolished cottages on the footpath from Mill Lane to Ragnall's Lane)

Lot 47 **A Pair of Brick-built Cottages** in the occupation of Mr Percy Hawes and Jacob Hicks. There are excellent gardens and piggery to each. The main Beckley water supply is laid on. A right to obtain water is reserved to Lot 44. Sold £140. (The house at the T junction at the start of Ragnall's Lane.)

Lot 48 **A detached Brick and Stone-built Cottage** with outbuildings and piggery in occupation of Mr Henry Hicks. Sold £65. (Now Otmoor View, Church Lane that was lived in by Ben Coles until his death in about 1988.)

Lot 49 **The attractive Tenement Detached Brick-built Cottage** with good garden and paddock adjoining, extending to 1 ½ acres. There are two wood sheds. The above is in the occupation of Mr John Coles. (Now demolished but roughly where Attock House and other houses are now located.)

Lot 50 **Wheelwright's Premises with Cottage, Shops and Land** in the occupation of Mr William Collett. The cottage is a good one, and there are extensive Wheelwright's Shops, and an excellent paddock. NB The Blacksmith's Shop is the property of the tenant. The right to fetch water from Lot 49 is reserved for this lot. Sold Mr Collett £150. (Now demolished but where Duffryn House is now situated.)

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Lot 51 Immediately adjacent to the Main Oxford - Horton Road are **the Village Allotments** 10 acres 1 rood 2 poles. Sold £240. (The field opposite the Playing Fields.)

Lot 52 **Accommodation Pasture Field** adjoining the main Oxford Road. 7 acres 2 rood 22 poles in occupation of Mr Ernest Auger. Sold Mr Auger £250. (The field beyond Horton Farm.)

Lot 53 **Attractive Accommodation Holding** known as Arnott's Close (Field behind the church) with a small STEADING therein, comprising a barn, stable, cow house and calf pen in occupation of Messrs L H Alden and E Auges and extends to 4 acres 0 rood 26 poles. The growing timber has been valued at the sum of £65. 6s 6d and will be paid in addition to the purchase money. Sold to Mr Ernest Auger for £310.

1919 Sale Maps

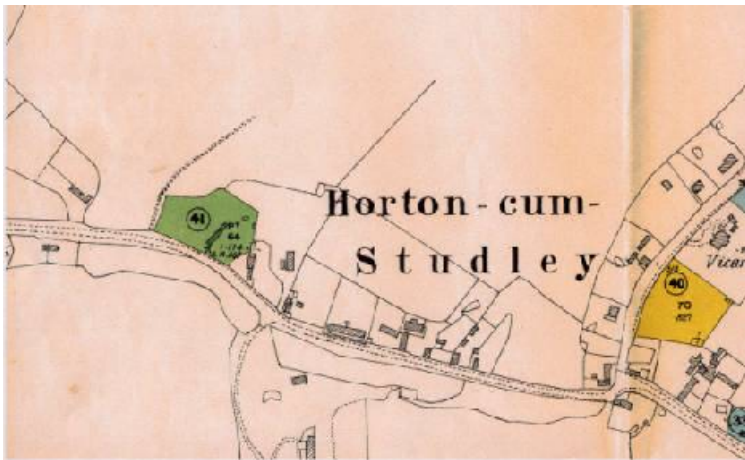


Figure 36 - Oxford Road – Blacksmiths Lane up to the junction with Brill and Oakley Roads. The Green Area is now Whitecroft. Note the old route of the footpath (just to the left of the green area) to the Mill Field later moved further up the hill

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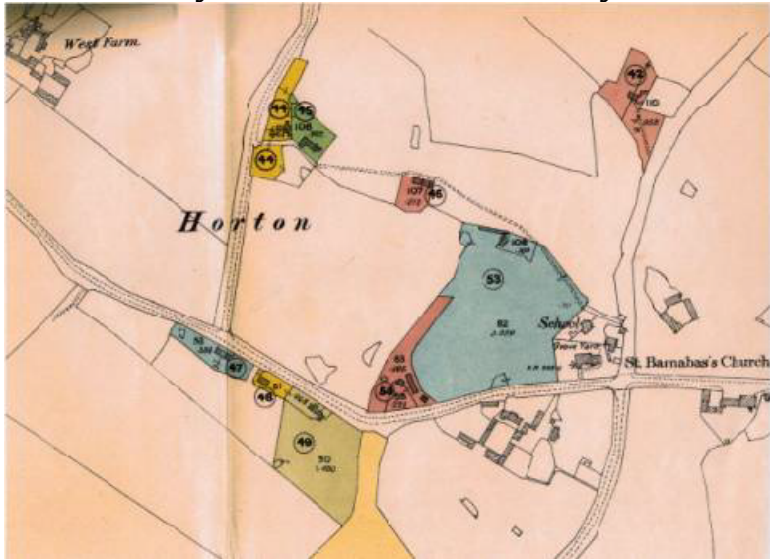


Figure 37 - The area of Church Lane and Mill Lane

The area of Church Lane and Mill Lane. The King's Arms (The Lodge) is below the word 'church'. The school has disappeared although the land, now overgrown can be seen behind the church. The Cottage at Lot 45 has since been demolished as has the Wheelwright's workshop Lot 50 and the Cottage Lot 49. The third SW barn of Lower Farm (above 'Barnabas's') was burned down in the 1920s. The village allotments were in the bottom field.

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Figure 38 - Map showing West Hill Farm and the Bailiff's cottage Lot 43. This was originally a thatched cottage and barn but has recently been extended as a two-story house.

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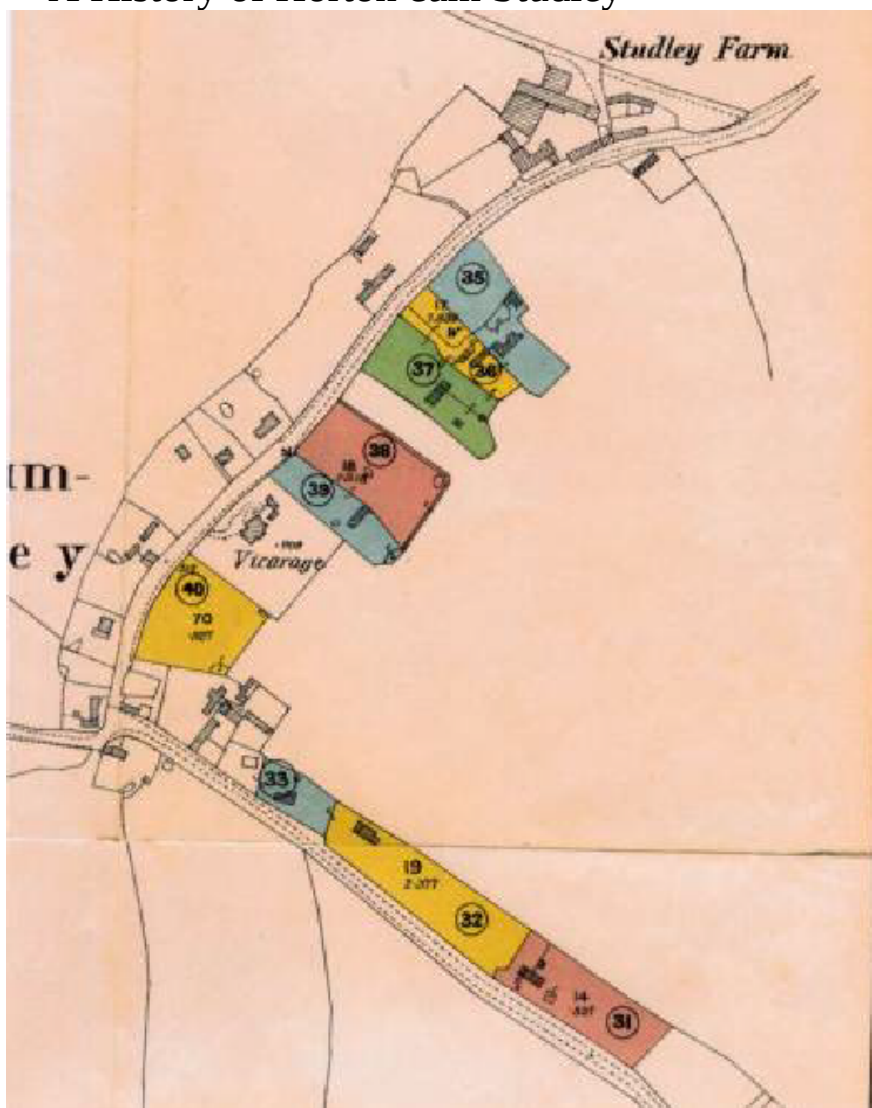


Figure 39 - Brill Road 1919

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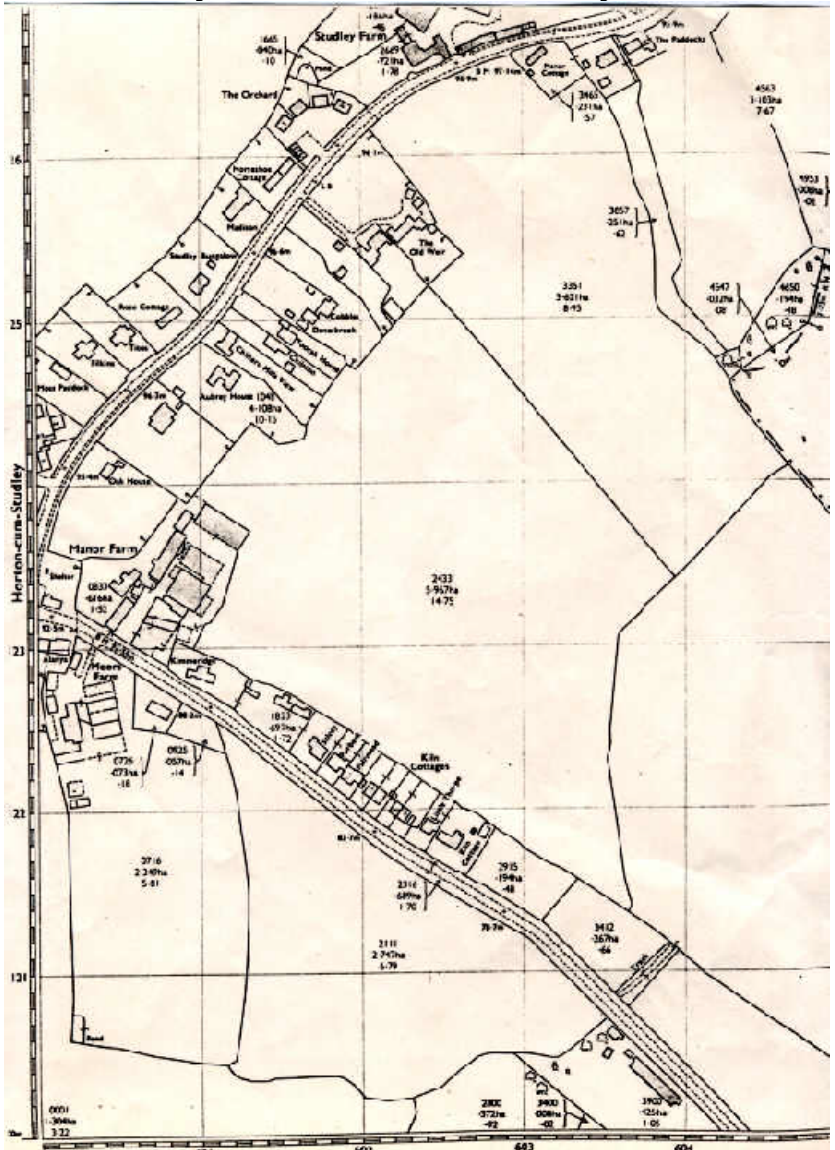


Figure 40 - 1980s map. There have been few changes since this map was printed except for further building. The cottage opposite Corner Cottage (then Moors Farm House) was demolished. As was Elm Cottage now Forge Close. Note the in filling of housing.

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The Parish Records has a letter dated 16th April 1921 from Headington Rural District Council, saying I am writing to ask that in view of the danger of dislocation of the local Transport Facilities, your parish meeting will be good enough to make arrangements if necessary for the transport of supplies to your village, among the owners of transport within the Village, and when this has been arranged please inform the Clerk of this Council at the above address signed Mark Weyland, Chairman of Headington RDC. This may be following a threat of strike action by drivers.

The Parish Meeting of 19th March 1923 agreed that the RDC should be requested to put the Otmoor Road, the footpath by Ragnell Cottages and the water pipes by the church in a proper state of repair, also that a public telephone be applied for.

In 1924 and 1925 the meeting yet again agreed to ask the HRDC to put the Ragnall footpath in a better state of repair.

The telephone finally came to the village in 1925. A letter from the District Manager of Post Office Telephones dated 19th November 1923 states

Post Office Telephones

Telephone Buildings

Minister Street

READING

19th November 1923

Sir,

Telephone facilities at Horton cum Studley

With reference to your letter of the 23rd March last on the subject named above, I am directed by the Postmaster General to express regret that, in view of the small amount of the prospective receipts from a Call Office he would not be justified in providing and maintaining such a service except under a guarantee for seven years.

If the necessary, wayleaves for the construction of the portion of new line between Beckley and Horton cum Studley were not

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withheld' when applied for by the Postmaster General, the annual expense involved in this extension would be £35. and the, liability of the Guarantors would be limited to this amount .

The Revenuer which would be credited to the guarantee Recount would consist of:

(1) The whole of the fees charged for calls made to Exchanges within a radius of 72 miles from the Horton cum Studley Post Office These fees are, at the present tariff, 2d. for calls to Exchanges within a radius of 5 miles, and 4d. for calls to Exchanges distant more than 5 miles but not more than 72 miles.

(2) The Call Office fee of 2d. and one-.half of the trunk fee paid in respect of each call originated at the Call Office and effected over the guaranteed line to an exchange more than 72 miles from the Horton cum Studley Exchanges Post Office.

Should a Call office be opened, it would be possible for a caller to dictate a message from the Call Office to ; a Telegraph Office for onward transmission as a telegram on payment of the telephone charges in addition to the usual telegraph charges. Only the telephone charges would, however, be credited to the Guarantee Account in respect of such a transaction. Telegrams would continue to be delivered as at present.

In the event of a revision of the charges, the amounts credited to the guarantee account would be revised accordingly.

If the revenue from the sources named did not amount to £85, in any one year, the deficiency would have to be paid by the guarantors at the end of the year. It is not anticipated the receipts would exceed, £25 a year at, the outset.

If you think that the guarantee will be forthcoming, the Postmaster General will be glad to cause a draft agreement to be sent to you. A leaflet showing the powers of local authorities to give a guarantee of this nature is enclosed.

The Call Office would be available during the usual hours of business at the Post Office. Service would be afforded by means of an open telephone installed in the public office, and as the circuit which it is proposed to extend to Horton cum Studley is

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unsuitable for use in connection with long trunk lines it would be necessary to restrict communication to the Midlands the South of England generally including London Birmingham, Northampton, Bedford and Salisbury, Bristol and Gloucester. If the Call Office did not prove remunerative at the end of the seven years' agreement it would be necessary to consider whether it should be closed or continued conditionally upon the renewal of the guarantee.

I am to add that this offer holds good for three months only.

I am, Sir, Your obedient Servant,

for District Manager.

P. H. Hawes, Esq.,

West Hill Farm, Horton cum Studley,
Oxford.

To summarise, the mains services were connected as follows:

11.30 am, 30th December 1925 Stanton St John Telephone Exchange opened at the following times 8 am to 8 pm Mondays to Fridays and 9 am to 10.30 am and 4 pm to 6 pm Sundays; with nine subscribers:

- 1 Telephone Kiosk Stanton St John
- 2 The Hon W W Holland-Hibbert, Grove House, Beckley
- 3 Mr Henderson Studley Priory
- 4 Mr Guy Thomson Woodperry House
- 5 The Kiosk Elsfield
- 6 Mr Weatherby Stanton House
- 7 Mr John Buchan Elsfield Manor
- 8 Mr Loxley Bayswater Road
- 9 Mr Feilding Beckley Park

1948 Mains water arrives

1950 Electricity connected

1969 Mains sewers installed

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There appear to have been no Parish Meetings after 1926 until 1932, when the meeting was convened under the Chairmanship of P H Hawes. The meeting was to agree the sale of one wood of 2 acres and 29 perches on Otmoor in the Parish of Fencott and Murcott. This wood is probably the wood next to Asham meadows currently owned by BBOWT (formerly BBONT). The next meeting was in April 1935 when the question of a better water supply was discussed, proposed by Mr J Henderson and seconded by Mr H G H Grant. We then jump to 1941 for the next meeting still with Mr Hawes as Chairman. This time they discussed surface water at the top of the hill near the blacksmiths. The supply of piped water to the village was also discussed.



Figure 41 - Village Stores c 1935

The next meeting was on 16th November 1944 to discuss post-war housing. Present were Messrs Saunders, J Badger, E Hawes, G Jones jun, H R Taylor, W J Beckley, Ada Auger, The vicar Rev Newman, 'Mesdames' Taylor, West, Newman, G Jones jun, G Jones sen, & T Jones. A secretary was to be elected but Mrs West, Mrs Taylor & Mrs G Jones refused. Mrs Newman was then

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proposed by Mr Saunders and seconded by Mrs G Jones. The subject housing was then debated and a site opposite the Wakelin's on Brill Road (opposite Forge Close) and opposite the Kings Arms and was suggested. Messrs Auger and Beckley said that the latter site was on very damp ground and that a site on higher ground would be better. A vote agreed to the site opposite the King's Arms (this is where the Council Houses were eventually built). Mrs West proposed a site on the Oakley Road and this was seconded by G Jones Jnr, as an alternative. The meeting then discussed a proper water supply and the meeting agreed to contact the PRDS (Ploughley Rural District Council) to expedite piped water. Electric light was next discussed with reference to a transformer below the church that went to camp. They also discussed a bus service and the cleaning of the wells that supplied water to the Wakelins and B Hicks.

There was another long meeting on 3rd April 1946 again housing and water supplies were discussed with the erection of standpipes in the village. There had been correspondence from the Wessex Electric Light Company saying that lighting for the village had been included in the post-war programme, subject to sufficient demand.

The meeting also proposed that a bus should run on a Saturday to Oxford and back in addition to the Wednesday bus.

In 1945 there was correspondence in the Parish Records, applications for housing from soldier wives waiting for their husbands to be de-mobilised including Mrs J E Lee, L West, Eva A Loones (nee Badger). On 22 August 1946, Mr Newman secretary of

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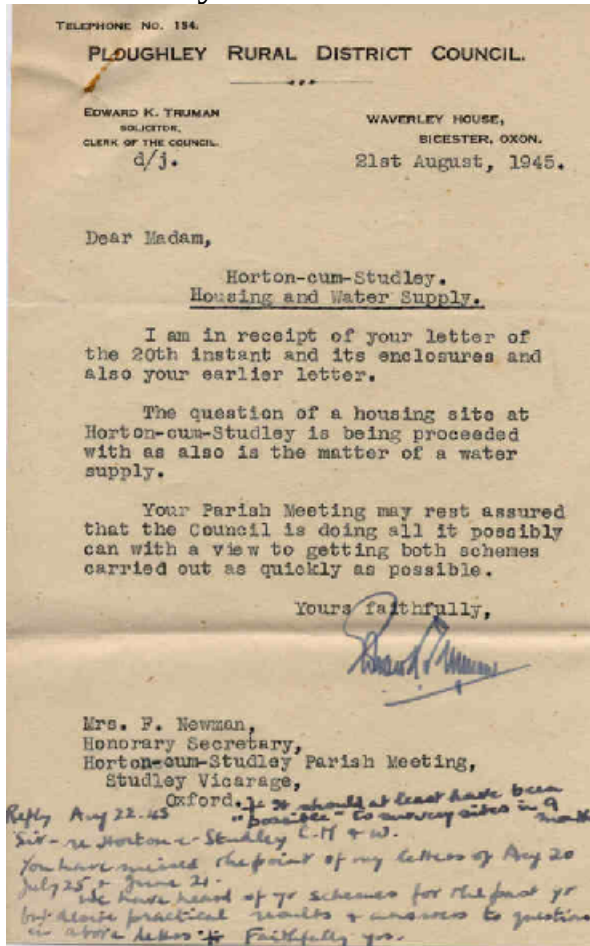


Figure 42 - Letter from Ploughley RDC reference housing and water

the Parish Meeting wrote to the local MP, Sir Giffard Fox on the subject of housing, water supply and the repair of current houses. Despite the housing shortage, old houses continued to be demolished until after the Henderson estate was sold in 1954 and 1955. After that date new houses were built and others extended as people became car owners and could commute to Oxford and further afield.

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Mr. Percy Hawes (son of Thomas) was father of Eric who was father of Richard Hawes, (who was 30 years chairman of Horton cum Studley Parish Council until 2002) of West Hill Farm, and who came from Yew Tree Farm, Launton, used to buy a wagon yearly from Perkins of Chilton, Cuiham's of Wheatley, and Corby's of Headington. Corby's are supposed to have made the last Oxfordshire wagon in 1918. A part of Hawes family still live at Launton and are parents to Mrs Caroline Badger wife of Colin Badger of Manor Farm.



Figure 43 - Percy and Emily Hawes on their wedding day (Photo courtesy of Mr H Hawes)

During World War II, Studley Priory was first used by the BBC as a hostel for evacuated staff, it was then requisitioned by the War Office for airmen from Worminghall Aerodrome. The villages accommodated between 30 and 40 evacuees from London and they were distributed round the village. The thatched

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cottage (Waterleys Cottage) at the end of Mill Lane was occupied by Levi Honour (not known to be a relation to the Honour family in the village today) and they took in evacuees. After the death of his wife, the cottage became very run down and uninhabitable, and after a short stay in a hostel, Levi moved to the Almshouses where he died. The cottage was then demolished.

Mains water only came to the village in the late 1940s. Before that some houses in the lower part of the village obtained water from a pipeline from Beckley and Manor Farm and some cottages were fed water from the Brill road water tower. The remainder of the houses used their own wells.

Lord Bertie laid the pipeline early in the 20th century from Beckley. The iron pipes were used with lead joints. The pipe ended with a tap near the Church. Although it was built for people from the Abingdon estate of Horton, it was used by people from 'up the hill' in Studley who came with their yokes and pails to collect water. This caused controversy at the time. The Studley people had to use wells.

There was a village pump outside the Almshouses and another well near the King's Arms. However the water had to be boiled before it was drinkable.

The Hendersons' at the Priory employed water diviner and well diggers from Headington to find water and some of the wells that were dug proved dry.

L B Couthard in her book '*The Other Side of the Bridge*' describes the village in about 1937 as follows: 'The village was a long, straggly one, starting on the border of Buckinghamshire. There was a gate across the road just past Arngrave Farm, which I had to open and shut every morning and evening so I carried a wooden prop to keep it open.

The houses were mostly thatched and half-timbered. They were painted red and white, the colours used on Henderson's Estate. The rents were very low and a number of people living in them still worked on the estate. Because of the low rents few repairs

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were done and some became so dilapidated that they had to be pulled down.

The Jones family was a well known one in the village, then there were Merrys and Hicks and Walkers. Mr. Robins was the estate carpenter and Mr. Taylor was the head gardener assisted by a man named Jones. There was a family of Gomms, a well known Otmoor name.

One farm was owned by the Badgers and they had some of their relations living at Murcott. At the lower end of the village Mr. Percy Hawes owned the farm. I think the Hawes came from Launton as it is a more common name there.

In the almshouses lived two old men, twins, named Jacob and Esau Hicks. There was another old man called Kirtland who many years before had been a blacksmith at Fencott. At the end lived an old widow called Mrs. Wakelin. she always waved to me as I went by. I taught her grandchildren and she was very fond of the eldest one, Arthur. He was like her too. Because Arthur talked a lot about his gran, the other children called the old lady Grannie Wakelin too.'

There are no records of Parish Meetings between 1944 and 9th August 1950 when Rev E F Bolus chaired the first meeting of the Parish Council. However the 9th August minutes states that the minutes of the previous meeting on August 3rd were approved. Those attending were Mr C H Edington, and Mr P Grant. The items discussed were the fact that Parish and District councils must be consulted before public footpaths are closed. Another item was the danger to the some twenty children from the new council houses opposite the King's Arms '*who have only the road and it is highly dangerous*'. The meeting also suggested that a piece of spare ground adjoining the houses be made into a playing field with the addition of a gate. This Parish Council was held at the vicarage at 9pm.

18th September 1950 - This next meeting was on to discuss a letter from the RDC on the subject of the proposed playing field. The meeting also appointed Lloyds Bank at Headington as bankers

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and the following were authorised to sign cheques: E J Bolus, A G West, R J Bawtree, M N Grant, C H Edington and D C Badger. D E Badger, Clerk, signed the minutes. As an after note it was agreed to put a notice in the Post Office so that anyone interested in having an allotment could let the Clerk have his name. Mr Edington raised the question of warning signs, which were badly needed for the Forge Corner and the top of Horton Hill. The subject of the playing field was again raised at the Parish Meeting on 24th October 1950. A letter was to be sent to the RDC to complain [of inactivity]. A complaint was also to be sent, as the sewage system of the new council houses was not working properly. Finally at this meeting The Chairman Rev Bolus agreed that members should walk the footpaths and that maps should be purchased. A receipt for £8 would be served on the RDC.

21st November 1950 - The walk took place before this meeting at the vicarage. The vicar was in the chair, and attended by Mr G K Henderson, Mr P H Hawes, Mr C H Edington, Mr R J Bawtree and Mr A G West. The Rights of Way had been inspected by Mr Bawtree, Mr West and the Vicar. The following were the main points:

1. Track from Otmoor Lane to White Cross Green. This was quite clear of obstruction, the Otmoor Lane end had two gateposts, but no gate, there were two broken hurdles, surrounded by a strand of barb wire which could be unfastened if the sides dismounted, the track itself was rideable.

2. The track leading from near Faulkeners house towards Beckley, by 3 fields in this Parish, path in good condition. Handrails were wanted for the small bridges, the continuation of the path to 'Lower Park Farm' is obliterated.

3. Path leading from the bridge on the straight mile. Stile in order, one field in the Parish.

4. Path leading from the hill, below the W I Hall as the council was first newly formed, it would be a great help if the R D Council could state the amount the Parish Council would require in 1951-52 [sic].

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The same meeting was informed by Captain Henderson that the Almshouses were having electric lighting, also redecorating & improving would be carried out.

On 27 June 1951 the Parish Council had paid out £5 – 16 10 in cheques and had £2-3-2 in the bank.

27th March 1951 at the vicarage - The RDC had been asked to erect another six houses in the village one reserved for the school teacher and one for the roadman. Under the heading of health, the attention of the RDC was also drawn to the windowless state of the house known as Waterleys Cottage (end of mill lane in the end field) occupied by Levi Honour being in the opinion of the Council, unfit for human habitation. A demolition was later obtained and served on the owner Mr J Badger. [This cottage was demolished and Mr Honour moved to an almshouse. The cottage was then burned down.]

24th April 1951 - Mr Bawtree proposed that carbon papers be used to make copies of all Parish Council correspondence. In June that year it was proposed that the land opposite the Post Office (now the village green) be obtained as a children's playground.

Another meeting in 1951 asks the Council to write to Capt Henderson to lop a tree near Lower Farm (now the farm buildings behind the shop at the Mill Lane, Church Lane junction) that was causing the Double Decker bus to swing into the middle of the road.

During 1951 there was concern about Civil Defence and this subject was discussed by the Parish Council. An officer of the CD Corps briefed the Parish Council on 19th November. He explained that the CD Corps was divided into 6 sections 1. HQ, 2 Wardens, 3 Welfare, 4 Ambulance, 5 Pioneers, 6 Rescue.

In January 1952 we again see complaints about the roads and the children playing on the road outside the new council houses. The traffic problems appeared to have been caused by traffic to and from Arncott Camp. Also it was quoted “ *Mr Edington felt that the local traffic was considerable; he also stated that no gravel*

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was put down on the previous Saturday; in consequence the bus passengers had to get out of the bus and walk up the hill. He did not know why the roadman had not been there to put gravel down

... “. The same meeting named the persons that had put down their names for the new Council Houses:

Mr R Grant, Mr George Jones, Mr & Mrs Falkner, Mr & Mrs Gregory, Mr & Mrs Less and other families.

10th of March 1952 - The meeting discussed the children's playing field and five and a half pages are taken up in the minutes for the discussion. When it was pointed out that sewage was buried in the area and that the area was very wet, the enthusiasm of the Council appeared to wane.

13th October 1952 - The Parish Council meeting. The minutes go on for eleven pages. Present were, Captain Henderson (Chairman), Mr Bawtree (Studley Priory Country Club), Mr Edginton, Mr Robbins and Mr West.

Discussed were the subsidence of the bridge on the Oxford Road (Straight Mile), Council Houses including not using the site below the new Council Houses [presumably where the shop now stands] because of the proximity of the sewage system and the playground as approval had been given by the District Council for the use of the land where the village green is now. There then follows a long discussion about effluent in the area. Mr West then proposed that the whole field be obtained so that a football and cricket pitch [this was probably the field that extended from the road, through the houses that are now The Green to the present playing field. Mr Bawtree suggested that the provision of a playground and playing field should be linked to the Coronation. A seat at the bus stop had previously been suggested to commemorate the Coronation. The next item was to extend the powers of the Post Office so that Money Orders could be cashed, as currently they were only cashable at Beckley Post Office. Mr L Beckley said that he was prepared to take on the extra work provided that the Parish Council write to Head Postmaster at St Aldates. Next came the problem of subsidence in the Oakley road

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near the Brick Kiln. The council then approved a salary for the Clerk of £5 per annum.

Finally Mr West raised the question of the line of Elm Trees on the Horton – Boarstall boundary. The trees he felt prevented a clean view along the road and the old gatepost prevented cars from passing at the bend. After the discussion the clerk was asked to write to Captain Hill [Arngrove] and ask if something could be done about the matter.

The minutes of the next meeting on 18th May 1953 at the WI Hall also went on for nearly eleven pages when the Post Office was again discussed. The Post Master had asked for an estimate of the number of who use Money Orders. Two more Council Houses were to be built probably on the strip of land between Jack Jones cottage and Honours farm. The matter of the Elm Trees was also discussed and as there was some dispute as to whether the boundary trees were owned by Captain Hill or Captain Henderson and the Clerk was directed to look up the Ordnance Survey map in this connection. It was also agreed to write to the District Council asking for the gatepost on the Brill road to be removed. The problem of Double Decker buses hitting the tree in the lower lane [the corner of Mill Lane and Church lane] and the police had said that it was only dangerous to Double Decker buses. Two accidents had been caused by high-sided vehicles driving in the middle of the road to avoid the branches. The Playground was again discussed and an estimate from Mr Crawford of Murcott for the erection of a see-saw and a double swing on a bed of concrete plus a chain link fence would cost about £60. It was suggested that money be used from the Coronation funds. It was then pointed out that two of the fund trustees had died. There was then much discussion about another parish meeting to discuss the subject of the playground and maybe to come to a decision. Finally, potholes in Horton Hill and the notice board were discussed.

8th June 1954 - The meeting announces that the two new Council Houses are to be built on the Oakley Road, that the Coronation

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fund was about £5 and that the site opposite the Post Office was not suitable as a playground. The late Mr P Hawes had held the cricket club account that amounted to £3. 13s. 6d. It was agreed '*that there should be something set up to commemorate the Coronation.*'. It was agreed that a flag pole be erected in the churchyard using the balance of the Coronation fund. It was also agreed that the present debts of the Youth Club up to a limit of £20 be paid from the 'Wings for Victory' fund.

Monday 29th June 1954 - Things had not moved on very much by this next meeting. There were problems of blocked ditches but it was not known exactly where and the members were asked to have a look before the next meeting. It was established that the Elm trees belonged to Captain Hill at New Arngrove and the subject of the tree on the corner that caused buses to pull out was again raised.

The subject of the village notice board was also discussed and it was suggested that it be placed in the churchyard facing the Post Office. It was pointed out that there may be a charge for rent [of the land on which it is erected] as much as £2. The Clerk was directed to write to the RDC and if rent was to be charged then to the Ecclesiastical authorities via the vicar. In December the same subjects are on the agenda. Road ditches and culverts, the branches of the tree that diverted the buses and the notice board. Complaints had been received about bus overcrowding; especially on the early return bus from Oxford.

The bus service was again discussed in January 1955 with the overcrowding on the 4.0pm bus from Oxford to Horton on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The bus service had been improved and Mr Shurrock of the bus company had proposed a twice-weekly bus service to Bicester. The next meeting in June discussed whether the public should be admitted to Parish Council meetings. Having consulted '*Constitution and Powers of Parish Councils*' it was noted that the public were entitled to be present. The biggest event of the century was probably the sale of the Studley Priory Estate. Captain J K Henderson and family had

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moved to Warren Farm and had turned the Priory into a Country Club, but this apparently did not pay the bills, so in 1954 and 1955 the complete estate was sold. Half the estate was sold in 1954 and a catalogue was produced for a sale in September 1954. This included the King's Arms Public House and Lower Farm at Whitecross Green.

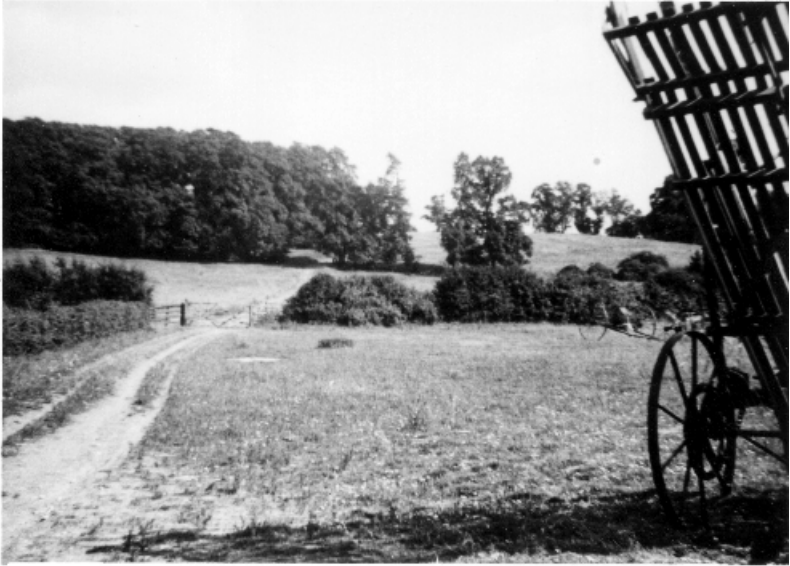


Figure 44 - Tippen's Copse c 1940 (note the elm trees)

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Figure 45 - Gardener's Barn 1940s

SUMMARY OF ESTATE AS LOTTED Sale of Studley Priory Estate 1954

<i>Lot</i>				
<i>Annual</i>				
<i>No.</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Acreage</i>	<i>Tenant</i>	
<i>Rent</i>	<i>Remarks</i>			<i>£ s d.</i>
1	Studley Priory and Grounds Lease for 14 years from 1.3.47.	15 4 72	R. F. Bawtree	500 0 0
2	"Old Orchard," Parkland Possession on completion	25.0 37	In hand	
3	"Kings Arms" Public House and land Lease for 21 years from 29.9.51	11.345	Hall's Oxford Brewery Ltd.	100 0 0
4	Studley Farm and Cottage Apportioned rent. Tenancy includes Lot 27	166.254	C. H. Edgington	184 8 0
5	Gardner's Barn Farm	95.123	E. R. Mattingley	112 6 0
6	Warren Farm and Three Cottages Possession 29 th September 1955, except one Cottage	248.676	In hand -	
7	Lower Farm, Whitecross Green	165.713	D. Brownhill	171 5 0
8	Whitecross Green Farm Apportioned rent. Tenancy includes Lots 10 and 15	83.792	A. J. Crawford	118 0 0

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9 Pasture Field, Whitecross Green Apportioned rent. Tenancy includes part of Lot 12	9.650	W. A. Aldridge	15 0 0
10 Land, part of Whitecross Green Farm Apportioned rent. Tenancy includes Lots 8 and 15	60.293	A. J. Crawford	58 0 0
11 Cottage and Garden, Whitecross Green	.210	F. Gibbard	3 0 0
12 Pasture Land, adjoining Gardner's Barn Farm Apportioned rent. Tenancy includes Lot 9	52.420	W. A. Aldridge	37 9 6
	4.384	In hand	-
13 Pasture Land adjoining Lot 12	38.210	E. N. Hawes	69 0 0
14 Pasture Land, Otmoor	52.962	E. N. Hawes	24 10 0
15 Pasture Land, Otmoor, part of Whitccross Green Farm Apportioned rent. Tenancy in cludes Lots 8 and 10	42.057	A. J. Crawford	20 10 0
16 Pasture Land, Otmoor 32 Secretary of State for Air Requisitioned	39.686	31.835	8 0 1 Ditto
11 19 0			
17 Pasture Land, Otmoor	72.992	C. H. Edgington	36 0 0
18 Pasture Land, Otmoor	55.116	C. R. Cooper	68 18 0
19 Whitecross Green Wood, Oriel Wood and Upper Wood Possession on completion	158.161	In hand -	
20 Lower Warren Farm Apportioned rent. Tenancy includes Lot 34.	49.307	C. F. Crawford	91 15 0
21 Cottage and Garden, Brill Road	1.144	Mrs. Parker	25 0 0
22 Arable Field, Brill Road Possession on completion	15.389	In hand	
23 Lane Copse and Sermin's Copse Possession on completion	6.727	In hand	
24 Tippen's Copse . Possession on completion	5.157	In hand	
25 Two Cottages, Brill Road	.562	W. Blake/ Miss B Hicks	7 4 0
26 Cottage Site, Brill Road Possession on completion	.293	In hand	
27 Paddocks, Brill Road, Apportioned rent.	9.977	C. H. Edgington	10 0 0

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Part of Studley Farm Part of Studley Farm (Lot 4)

28 Moors Farm Possession 29 th September, 1955	64.428	In hand	
29 Moors Farm House, Studley Possession 29 th September, 1955	.972	Service occupation	-
30 Studley Wood Possession on completion	177.216	In hand	-
31 Accommodation Land	73.435 .236	H. J. Honour In hand	52 4 3
32 Pasture Field	18.194	H. J. Honour	31 16 10
33 Two Pasture Fields	27.084	H. J. Honour	20 0 0
34 Pasture Field	24.597	C. F. Crawford	24 100
35 Brick and Tiled Cottage, Studley	.293	T. Anstiss	15 0 0
36 Paddock, Studley Possession on completion	.558	In hand	-
37 Paddock, Studley	.476	W. S. Robbins	1 0 0
38 Cottage, Studley	320	R. F. Bawtree	15 12 0
In lease of Studley Priory			
39 Detached Cottage, Paddock and Possession 29 th September, 1955, Orchard, Studley	2.727	In hand	-
40 Detached Cottage, Studley	.206	F. Wearing	28 00
41 Estate Yard, Studley Possession on completion	.220	In hand	-
42 Detached Cottage, Studley	.308	W. Busby	9 16 0
43 Semi-detached Cottage, Studley	.165	R. F. Bawtree	19 12 0
In lease of Studley Priory			
44 Detached Cottage, Studley	.245	G. Mills	15 0 0
45 The Smithy, Studley	.012	G. Mills	7 14 0
46 Youth Club, Studley	.250		
47 Cottage and Land, Studley	.536	A. G. West	15 0 0
48 Yard and Buildings, Studley Possession 29 th September, 1955	.250	In hand	-

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49 Land at Studley	.326	G. E. Robbins	3 0 0
50 Detached Cottage, Studley	.177	T. J. Jones	9 16 0
51 Detached Cottage, Studley	.353	V. A. Jones	6 16 0
52 Detached Cottage and Land, Studley .	1.048	Mrs. Davies	28 0 0
53 Detached Cottage, Studley	.456	A. Merry	9 0 0
54 Detached Cottage, Studley	.280	Mrs. E. Robbins	3 18 0
55 Pair of Cottages, Studley	.687	H. J. Honour	17 12 0
H. Jones			12 8 0
Total 1913.999 Acres			£2047 7

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The second auction was held on 23rd July 1955:

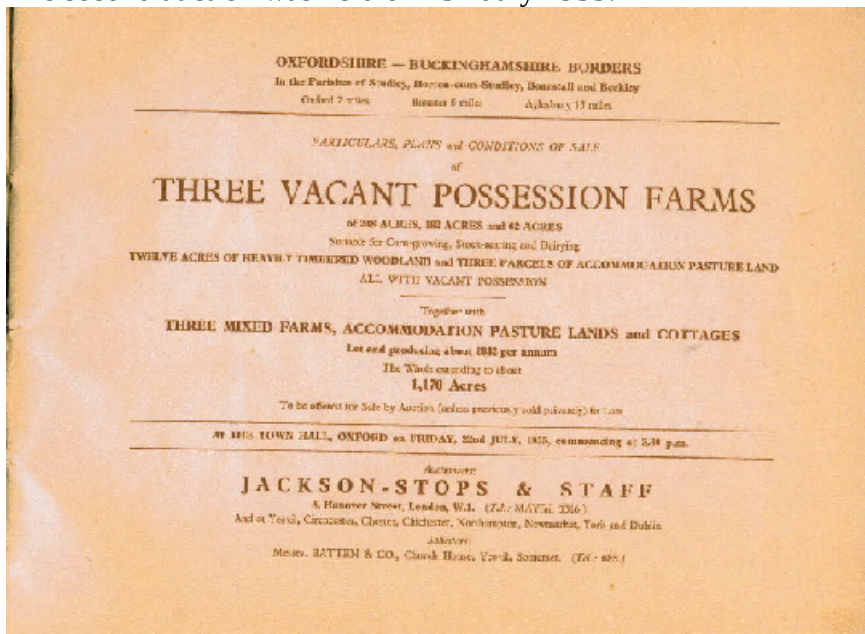


Figure 46

The auction was held on 22 July at 2.30 pm in Oxford Town Hall by Jackson, Stops and Staff. The Priory itself had already been sold to Mr E E Parke but other lots included:

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Lot 1: **Warren farm** with 248 Acres 1 Rood and 27 Poles with farm buildings and two cottages. One in the village and on the farm, cottage tenant Mr W Pagan. The farm sold for £28,000 with Lots 2 and 4 including, Lot 2: Studley Farm (tenant C H Edgington) with 162 Acres, 0 Roods and 31 Poles and Lot 4: Gardener's Barn Farm (tenant Mr E R Mattingley) with 95 Acres, 0 Roods and 19 Poles.



Figure 47 - Warren Farm 1955. The farmhouse was built in 1641 but may have medieval origins.

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Figure 48 - The same building in 2000

Lot 3 was **Tippen's Copse** that was not sold at the time. The Copse was 5 Acres 0 Roods and 25 Poles and contained 299 Elms, and 10 Oak trees.

Lot 4 **Gardener's Barn Farm** with 96 Acres 0 Roods 10 poles (Tenant Mr E R Mattingley rent £112 6s 0d.)

Lot 5 **Moors Farm** with 62 Acres 3 Roods and 22 Poles and sold for £4,250.

Lot 6 **Moors Farm House** (later Corner Cottage, now Cobwebs) with 1 Rood and 6 Poles. This was sold for £950.

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Figure 49 - Moors Farm House, later Corner Cottage and now Cobweb Cottage.

Lot 7 Two Valuable **Grass Paddocks** of 10 Acres 1 Rood and 3 Poles fronting Brill Road. This was sold to Mr West for £950.

Lot 8 **Lower Warren Farm** (beyond Warren Farm towards Boarstall and partly in that parish) with 75 Acres 3 Roods 24 Poles. This was withdrawn from sale when the bidding reached about £2,000.

Lot 9 **Lane Copse and Sermin's Copse**, 6 Acres 2 Roods and 36 Poles (7.727 acres). Lane Copse fronted onto the Brill Road while Sermin's Copse is further back to the east.

Lot 10 **Pair of Cottages** on the Brill Road. One tenant was Mr W Blake at £7 4s per annum and the other Miss B Hicks with a rent of £5 per annum.

Lot 11 **Arable Field** of 15 Acres on Brill Road – not sold.
Sold before the sale

Lot 12 **The Warren**, Brill Road with 1 Acre (tenant Mrs Parker rent £25 per annum.)

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Lot 13 Two Areas of **Pasture Land** 66 Acres 1 Rood 32 Poles (tenant W A Aldridge rent £52 9s 6d.)

Lot 14 **Whitecross Green Farm** 186 Acres 0 Roods and 22 Poles (tenant A J Crawford rent £196 10s.)

Lot 15 Five Enclosures of **Pasture Land** 91 Acres 0 Roods 27 Poles either side of lane from Whitecross Green to Horton (tenant E N Hawes rent £94 per annum) excluding part owned by Studley Almshouse Charity. Withdrawn at £2,000.

Lot 16 A Block of **Pasture Land** on Otmoor of 17 Acres 2 Roods and 3 Poles requisitioned by Secretary of State for Air and let back at £44 2s per annum and timber valuation £211. Withdrawn from sale.

Lot 17 A Further Block of **Pasture Land** 72 Acres 3 Roods 38 Poles on Otmoor close to the village of Murcott. Sold to Charles Edgerton Private Sale.

At the time of sale, the income from rent was £652 16s 6d with a total of 1,170.352 acres.

The name of the lane now known as Mill Lane and before that Millss Lane, was called Steel Lane at the auction on 28 February 1973 at the Randolph Hotel Oxford when the land on which the ten houses on the land are built was sold. The land is described as being owned in parts by Leslie John Beckley, Lizzie Ada Auger (the old village shop), Henry Coates, Henry Badger, Frances Salwey Beckley and John Badger.

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Figure 50 - The Auger's grocers shop, Mill Lane c. 1938. (Photo by courtesy of Bob Wakelin)



Figure 51 - Elizabeth Auger c1880

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Figure 52 - Lizzie, Eva and Hannah Auger c1909



Figure 53 - Ethel Auger aged 12

Before that sale of the land, the area opposite the shop and post office was used by the Beckley Steel Fabrications Company. The company made anything from iron and steel, including car parts for the Morris factory and work on trucks. Sometimes up to 18 trucks were parked in the lane waiting to be worked on and the factory employed up to 35 men.

Mr Leslie Beckley, had worked at the Morris Cowley works for 'Billie Morris' before setting up on his own. Leslie's father

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Wilfred had been chauffeur for the Hendersons' at the Priory and Leslie had learned about the motorcars from his father.

When the shop closed, the Post Office was opened part time in the old village hall. Mrs Frances Beckley who lived opposite the Priory where her husband had been the coachman and chauffeur opened a single storey shop and filling station where No 10 Mill Lane now stands. His son Leslie Beckley later built the present shop building. Asham Cottage was also used as a shop and Post Office before the shop was opened in Mill Lane.

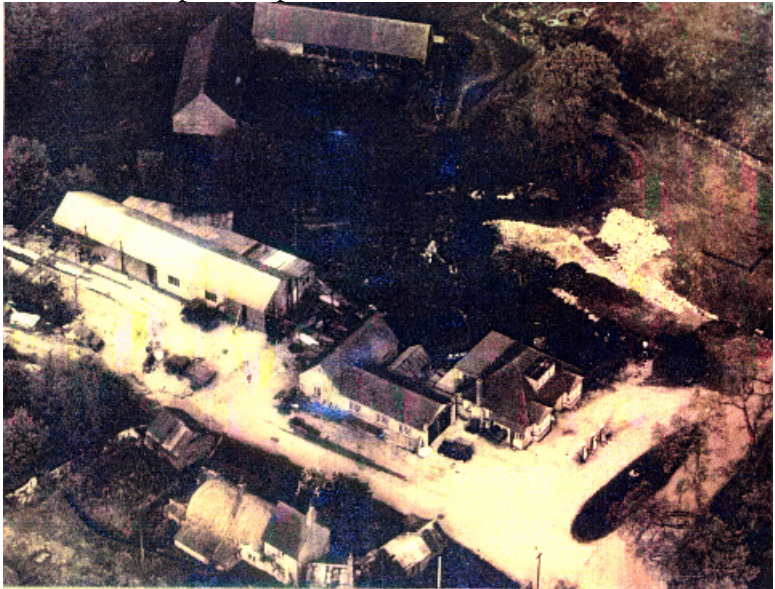


Figure 54 - Old Mill Lane c 1950. Beckley Steel Fabrications behind Mr Beckley's filling station. The shop is below centre and the road to Oxford is off to the bottom right. The tree that caused the double decker bus problems is bottom right.

A Parish Council meeting was held on 11th July 1955 to hear an account of the outline plans by Mr Creswell for the development of land owned by the company in the village. He pointed out that they could either build houses on various suitable sites in the village. Houses that would be designed to fit into the landscape or they could sell the sites separately *'and let people erect any*

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house they liked regardless of the appearance of the village. The latter would probably be more profitable for the company.'

Plans were shown to the Council. After Mr Creswell had left, a resolution was passed by three votes to one that a letter should be sent to Mr Creswell, expressing the Council's approval in principle of his plans. By 25th July 1955 meeting the notice board was ready except for fitting of the glass and painting. The colour it was decided should be green. The overhanging tree was yet again discussed but it was decided to suspend a decision until the sale of the property was completed. On 29th August 1955, it was announced that the two new council houses in Oakley Road were under construction. At the same meeting it was agreed to fill in the pond at Blacksmith's Corner using rubbish from Horton Hill to fill in the pond. It was also decided to ask the RDC to remove the bend on Horton Hill and to lay down a footpath. Mr Cresswell was anxious to have the councils views on the elm trees between Asham Cottage and Blacksmith's corner. It was agreed that any dangerous trees should be removed. The same meeting The Chairman Mr L A Thompson had written to Mr Bowring Chairman of the Board of Beckley School asking if Horton could have a representative on the Board.

3rd October 1955 – The new aluminium village signboard was to cost £5. 10s 0d, notice board is ready for erection

14 November 1955 – RDC meeting in December will decide if the village sign can be erected. Widening Horton Hill and filling in of Blacksmith's pond. New notice board in location. Rabbit clearance. Dissatisfaction of roadman's unsatisfactory work.

9th January 1956 – Village sign still nor resolved. Filling in of village pond – notice to be put on the new notice board. Dangerous potholes. Replacement roadman.

16 January 1956 special meeting to discuss the bus service.

12 March 1956 – bus questionnaires received from 26 people. Village sign agreed. Fitting of glass into notice board.

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Provision of telephone kiosk. The matter of the Nissen Hut [The Youth Club Nissen hut was where Forge Close is now located]

9th April 1956 – Introduction of a speed limit. Village pond fill in to make a pull-in for the bus. Provision of bus shelter, Blacksmith's shop where there any deeds?

28th May 1956 – 'Drive Slowly' notice discussed. Blacksmith's pond – left until the opinion of the village received. Blacksmith's Shop owned by Ashdale Land & Property Ltd (Mr Cresswell)

11th June 1956 – Ditches and culverts, Youth Club Nissen hut to be removed. Erection of traffic control signs. Wings for Victory money – use it for a bus shelter at the top of the village.

10th September 1956 – Delays in finishing the Council Houses. Youth Club, proposal for a telephone kiosk at Blacksmith's corner, Ordering of a 30ft flagpole. Development map [from Mr Creswell?]. Gravel path up the hill.

2nd October 1956 at 8pm in the WI Hall an extraordinary meeting to discuss the map for building in Horton cum Studley under the Oxford Green Belt Plan. The council was told that the final meeting on the Green Belt was to be held in Oxford on Friday 5th October and Miss Neate, from the Town and Country Planning came to give assistance.

'Mr Best asserted that:

- 1. In the eyes of all old parishioners the village proper ended at Lower Warren Farm and not at Studley farm.*
- 2. Some of the finest building land well drained and high was between Studley and Lower Warren Farms.*
- 3. The red outline had included almost exclusively building sites belonging to one party, namely Ashdale Land & Property Company and that they had been allowed to build on agricultural land and that people could not buy sites from the Company because of the architectural instructions on building.*

Mrs Green stated that in her opinion anyone should be free to build anywhere.

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Mr Ellis and Mr Bawtree both thought that the red line gave sufficient scope in building and that the Green Belt Plan in restructuring of the villages was a good one.

Mr Best proposed that the red line be extended to the west side of the village....

Monday 8th October 1956 – Gravel on Horton Hill and no bricks to be stacked on the footpath. Youth Club hut – sale of the hut. Putting the development on the notice board. Letter to be sent to the Planning Authority saying that only houses that are in accordance with the character of the village should be accepted. Waste of water from burst water pipe outside the Austin's house. Complaint as to the position of the notice board. It should be by the telephone kiosk by the Post Office.

Monday 26th November 1956 8.30 pm in the Women's Institute. Mr Thomason in the chair present Mr Bartree, Mr Ellis, Mr West. Apologies from Mr Green. The Parish Council had been told by Alderman Wise of the PRDC that the housing would never be settled till there was a stronger Parish Council. The Parish Council in turn blamed the RDC. Mr G Jones, Mr Faulkener and Mr Townsend handed in their names saying that they had been waiting 14 years, six years and two years respectively. [Presumably for Council Houses]. Mrs Green resigned as Clerk due to ill health Mr Jack Badger was then elected as Clerk. The hut was again discussed in detail. *'Mr Bawtree produced copies of the bank statements relating to Horton cum Studley Men's Club. He drew attention to two sums of £80 and £65.0 respectively paid to Mr Burt relating to the purchase of the hut and of the paving stones. There was also an item of 10 gns architects fee. It was decided to make another attempt to trace the missing cash books and receipts and the Clerk was to try in writing to the Mr H Bowler? C/O Personnel Officer at Pressed Steel....'*

Monday 7th January 1957 – Telegraph Pole at Blacksmiths Corner to be re-positioned. Youth Club hut selling contents by public auction. Mr Thompson agreed to take the stuff into an

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Oxford auction house for 15/-. Tender to go in the press for the hut as soon as possible. More Council Houses. Blocked drains. Common land and Blacksmith's pond.

Monday 18th February 1957 – telegraph pole and Blacksmith's pond. Water supply. Ditches and Youth Club hut – the contents sold for £10.19s.6d. Three tenders had been received for the hut ranging from £20 to £30. Council Houses more delays. Footpath – map available in Studley Priory. The flagpole had arrived and Ben Coles had agreed to make the concrete base. Danger of old wells on the roadside verge.



**Figure 55 - Mr Thomson's business was next to the King's Arms.
(By courtesy of Bob Wakelin)**

Monday 25th March 1957 – Hut still there but should be gone by the end of the week. Flagpole still not up. Concrete covers for the wells. Upkeep of footpaths. Mr Hawes applies to have footpath No. 3 though West Hill Farm land closed

Monday 8th April 1957 Parish Meeting – Outline of the past year by Mr Thompson the chairman. The balance from the hut was £32.9s.8d. It was agreed to send this amount to Mr

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Bolus. Other items: Victory Fund trustees. Flag pole to be up by Easter. Ditches on Otmoor Lane by Mr Dobson's farm need attention.

A new volume of the Parish Minutes started with the meeting of 20th May 1957. The following was discussed: Housing sending another letter to PRDC. Wells still no covers. [bus] shelters likely to be agreed by PRDC for Blacksmith's corner. Agreed to contact the Garrison Commander to get a permanent restriction on the speed of army vehicles.

25th November 1957 – Housing no change, shelters no action as yet. Poor state of roads. Again well covers.

13th January 1958 – Latter received from PRDC offering to build old peoples bungalows on Asdale land. Well covers in place. Flooding on Straight Mile, the ditch had been blocked when timber was extracted from Studley Wood. Gully outside the King's Arms was flooding due to water coming down Horton Hill.

24th February 1958 – means testing for old people to live in proposed homes. Dangerous trees along the roadside in the Priory grounds; it was decided to inspect them. Wooden [bus] shelter to cost £53.10s.0d against £76 for a brick shelter. Monday 24th March 1958, present Major Miles, Mr Saunders, Mr West and Mr Thompson in the chair. Discussed were ditches. Mr Cresswell had telephoned to say that when he went to check the ditch between the Priory Fence and Blacksmith's corner there did not appear to be any ditch. The council agreed but said that there had always been a ditch there... The Clerk was directed to write again to Mr Cresswell about it. The Clerk reported that nine trees were marked for felling on advice of Major Miles, Mr West et al. seven were in the Priory grounds.

31st December 1958 in the Women's Institute – wells have been covered; no change on housing. Site of the Youth Club hut to be offered as a site for the old peoples bungalows. Ditches on the Straight Mile problems. The shelter was discussed in detail and new site outside the King's Arms or on the council owned

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land opposite the King's Arms. The Victory Bank book showed a balance of £63 odd [sic] and where was the balance to come from.

27th April 1958 – suggestion that the balance of the football and cricket club accounts are used to pay the balance of the shelter cost. This idea appears to have been rejected. More complaints about sewage overflow from the Council Houses. The telephone kiosk should have a separate line to the one at the garage for privacy reasons and that one had to wait for the garage private use to end.



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Figure 56 - 1950s press cuttings and advertisement for the village stores

Monday 1st June 1958 – The RDC had emptied the Council House sewage tank. Ditches discuss again. Flag needed to go onto flagpole. How to raise money to pay for the shelter.

21st July 1958 – more about ditches. Telephone kiosk; the Clerk reported that the telephone authorities had said that a representative would call but no call had been received. Footpath to Warren Farm.

25th August 1958 – more discussion on sewage and it was agreed that with more houses being built that main sewage system should be installed. Mr Badger should ask the roadman not to put hedge clippings in the ditches. Mr Beckley now had a separate number for the garage.

24th November 1958 – sewage was the main item but a mains system was low on the District Council's priority list. More on ditches. More talk on the shelter.

2nd February 1959 – Full Meeting of the Parish Council – Discussion on ditches and waste water. Flooding at the end of Straight Mile. Col Thomson had not been able to purchase the woods due to delays at the office of the Official Receivers of the bankrupt estate. Nothing could be done until after the sale.

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Monday 2nd March 1959 – Two lengths of pipe had been put in the Warren Lane, one opposite Evelyn's Farm and one near Studley Farm corner. More on sewage and ditches.

Monday 6th April 1959 – Mr L Beckley reported that the footpath across to the church past Len Gomm's cottage was frequently under water. Mr Hawes agreed to clean out the ditch from Ragnall Pond to his farm. Shelter delayed due to non arrival of elm boards. Charity Commission was proposing to take over responsibility for the almshouses. Blacksmith's Corner ditch delays.

Monday 4th May 1959 – more about ditches; a new flag had been purchased, why had the village never been entered in the 'Best Village' competition. Almshouses, two new trustees were appointed; several of the almshouses were standing empty. 5/- a week was paid to each of the occupants. Levi Honour was not eligible. Mr Shirley was coming back in a month to look over the shelters and creosote them and put the guttering up.

6th July 1959 – The shelter money was made up of:

Collected from villagers: £9.7.3

Collected at priory £1.10.0

Donation from Mr Creswell £3.10.0

Donation from Mr Gaden 10/-

Extra from Mr Thomson 3/6

£15.0.9d

Balance withdrawn from PO Bank £16.18.0

Extra money held by Mr Wearing 4/3

Cash held £32.3.0

The bill was £33.16.3 leaving £1.13.3d outstanding

The question of a replacement to the late Mr Saunders as a councillor and the meeting felt that Major Miles was the most suitable candidate. A pair of bungalows are to be built by the District Council on the area between the Council Houses and the Post Office. Mr Thompson announced his resignation from the council due to pressure of work

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10th August 1959 – Due to the resignation of Mr Thompson there was no chairman so Mr J Badger, the Clerk, took the chair. Major Miles and Mr Wearing proposed and seconded that Mr J Badger becomes Chairman and being no other nominations, Mr Badger took the chair. Items discussed included : increasing the number of Parish Councillors from five to seven. Replacing Mr Thompson Mr Mattingly and Mr Jocelyn's names were put forward but as Mr Mattingly won the vote as he had been a long term resident in the village. *'The chairman raised the question namely that one member of the council should be investigated by two other members before any action was taken'*. It is not very clear as to whom this refers to, but it could be that Mr Thompson resigned not through pressure of work, but because of unknown accusations. The next items were: dangerous hedge above Studley Farm gate and lorry drivers tipping gravel on Horton Hill.

12th October 1959 - Mr J Badger in the chair. Items included the Studley Farm gate hedge that needs cutting back, the outstanding balance of £1.17.3d for the bus shelter, the almshouses and the future of Mr Walker, a form relating to thatched houses was filled in and sent to PRDC, footpath discussions, litter bins in the bus shelter and having the notice board moved to be fixed to the end of the bus shelter.

18th January 1960 at 7pm in the Women's Institute (Old Village Hall) - PRDC had confirmed that the Chairman had a vote like every other member not just a casting vote. Litter bins, the council would provide 5 gallon drums to be delivered to Major Miles who would paint them black. Other items included a bus to take people to and from work in Oxford the provision of lavatory and baths in the almshouses at a total cost of about £300, £100 to be paid by the Association and the remainder over a 20 year period at 10/- weekly rent. There was a yearly income of £90 with £25 needed for repairs. The matter was to be kept confidential until *'things were sufficiently settled'*. The notice board had been successfully moved by Mr Hicks. Next was

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discussion about the poor state of the Straight Mile after the Ventfield farm ditchers had been at work.

Tuesday 19th April 1960. Almshouses. Report by Major Miles he reported that £1000 would come from a government grant leaving only £100 from rent at about £80 per year. Other items included danger signs on the road at Blacksmith's Corner; effluent from Mr Stearns and Mr Cooper's houses, surface of the road between the village and the White House; litter bins now in situ.

2nd May 1960. The meeting discussed: Go Slow signs, the effluent from Mr Stearns and Mr Cooper's houses; surface of the road between the village and The White House. A Parish Meeting immediately followed the council meeting. An account was given of the year activities. The deficit on the bus shelter costs had been made up with a house-to-house collection and by individual subscriptions and a whip round of members of the council. The village entry to the 'Best Kept Village' competition to be delayed until building work had been finished. There were problems of cars parking on the verge and footpath by the Priory gate. Mr Gresswell to become a trustee of the almshouses in place of Captain Henderson. Major Miles reported on the almshouses: *'It had taken from May to November, with legal assistance to extract the accounts etc from Captain Henderson and when they were finally to hand they were found to be very incomplete and there was no money left at all. The new Trustees had joined the "National Association of Almshouses"; this had displayed great interest in the almshouses here & had said that a 1639 building must certainly be preserved.'* *Tax refunds had not been reclaimed in a great many years. The present trustees had back claimed for six years which was the maximum back claim allowed and the Charity Commissioners are trying to get a refund further back still. ...'* The last sentence and the next two pages have been deleted for the minutes. . The report concludes with the trustees plan to pay £200 to an architect to draw up plans for improvements to the almshouses. Occupants will have to be

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charged 10/- a week rent to pay for the balance of the improvements.

Monday 29th August 1960 – Discussions were on the almshouses. There had been a delay as the architect Mr Rayson had not produced the plans. Maj Miles announced that he was leaving the village and that he had handed over the trusteeship to Mr Humphreys, at present resident at the Priory. Two more Council Houses required; more complaints about the drains and effluent; complaints about the breaking of the arch at the entry to the Nissen Hut site. Mr Badger agreed to speak to Mr Whyte about it; roads and danger signs; shared line between telephone kiosk and shop; bad state of the Priory hedge.

Monday 5th December 1960, attendance Mr Badger (Chairman), Mr Mattingley, Mr Wearing. Mr Hicks was at the meeting of Beckley School Committee and was unable to attend. Matters discussed: almshouses, no developments; Council bungalows under construction; still no road sign at Blacksmith's corner; problems over ditches: Mr Hicks and Mr Alden had inspected all the ditches without consulting the Council. This was incorrect procedure and as Mr Hicks was not present it was not possible to report on the outcome. The Post Office had informed that the Kiosk in sharing a line with the Post Office was normal procedure and it was not economic to have separate lines. Mr A W Humphries was co-opted to replace Major Miles. The Clerk also reminded the Council that she would be leaving the village and said that Mrs Humphries might take it on.

Monday 20th February 1961 – The Council discussed drains and roads. The almshouses improvements were now to cost £4000, £100 from the Pilgrim Trust, £100 from PRDC who would also be prepared to loan another £1000. The subject traffic turning down Church Lane when they meant to go up the main road up the hill. A sign was discussed indicating the route of the main road. The Clerk's replacement was discussed. Mr Humphries pointed out that his wife would help when necessary while Mr Wearing said that his wife was already giving up her

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time as secretary to the WI. Mrs Humphries was duly elected. Beckley School: Mr Hicks said that as children from the village were now going to Sandhills School there was no point in him remaining on the Beckley school Committee, but that he should be the village representative on the Sandhills school Committee. As this move was only temporary until alterations to Beckley school had taken place, then it was agreed that Mr Hicks should remain on the Beckley committee.

Mr Mattingly reported that rubbish was being dumped behind the top bus shelter [in the pond at Blacksmith's Corner] the Council agreed to a notice prohibiting the dumping of rubbish. The Council also wanted to remind Mr Alden of his promise to pipe [drain] the pond site so that shrubs might be grown. Finally, money for the almshouses had been obtained.

Tuesday 16th May 1961 in the WI Hall. A Meeting of the new Parish Council. Those present were Mr Hicks, Mr Humphries, Mr Stearns, Mr Wearing and Mr Weir. Mr Humphries was elected chairman. Discussed was the leaking roof in the bus shelter, Mr Gayden saying that he was ploughing up the footpath through his field; proposed development of the village; ownership of the pond behind the Smithy as it could be a possible site for new village hall. Mr Alden [the roadman?] had been asked to cut down the cow parsley on the dangerous corners of the village.

Friday 16th June 1961 – Discussed: railings at the corner opposite the garage [opposite where is now No 10 Mill Lane], children still going to Sandhills school. Pond at Blacksmith's corner partly drained. An architect had inspected the WI Hall and reported that it was not worth repairing. A joint committee was proposed with the WI to see what could be done. More sewage problems; proposed a letter to Miss Hessey for her work as Clerk to the Council.

11 November 1961 in the WI Hall. Problems with the bus shelters further repair work needed; dangerous trees at Blacksmith's corner; dangerous corner opposite the garage

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[corner Mill Lane, Church Lane and Horton Hill]; letter to Mrs Henderson about the WI Hall and the possibilities of having the lease in the name of the Parish Council, thus being able to obtain grants for the repair of the hall.

1961 saw the building of what is now the village shop by Mr L Beckley and was opened as a shop and Post Office in the same year.

19th January 1962 – Present Mr Humphries (chair), Mr Hicks, Mr Wearing and Mr Weir. Discussed: Corner by the garage, County Surveyor had seen the site and had agreed to changes to the signs plus a white line in the middle of road at the corner. Also Oxford City council be asked to put a sign to the village at the Headington roundabout. The council also agreed that the blacksmith should be approached to make a “Horton-cum-Studley” sign. The question of a new hall was discussed. The Clerk was to receive a salary of £5 per annum.

17th March 1962 - Mr Humphries (chair, lived at Asham Cottage) Mr Stearns, Mr Wearing, Mr Weir (lived at Christmas Cottage). Discussed signposts. The blacksmith said that a sign from him would be too expensive, but suggested that ironworks in Chipping Norton. Mr Stewart had left the village and it was necessary to appoint a new representative on Sandhills school committee. Calling a village meeting to discuss the new village hall.

Friday 30th March 1962, Parish Meeting WI Hall – Discussed: road widening of the corner below the King’s Arms; sign posts; Sandhills school; mains sewage not yet; closure of Oxford to Prince Risborough train service; village name signs; general untidy state of the village and road verges; formation of a Horton-cum-Studley society, there was clearly some concern about development. Finally discussed was a new village hall. An estimate was given as £3,500 for a brick built hall to £2000 or less for a wooden one.

Monday 16th April 1962 – Discussed were: City surveyor said it was not possible to have a HCS sign at Headington

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roundabout; hedge cutting; verge cutting; display of a footpath plan at the village shop; Mr Stearns to get an estimate for a new parish notice board. Mr Humphries read a letter from the Charity Commissioners regarding a new scheme for the almshouses. The minutes do not say what the letter said but that the running of the almshouses should be at the discretion of the Trustees '*and not limited to two days and asked if the 15/- included the old 5/- payment to inmates.*' It was agreed to support the formation of a Horton cum Studley society and that an open parish meeting be held on

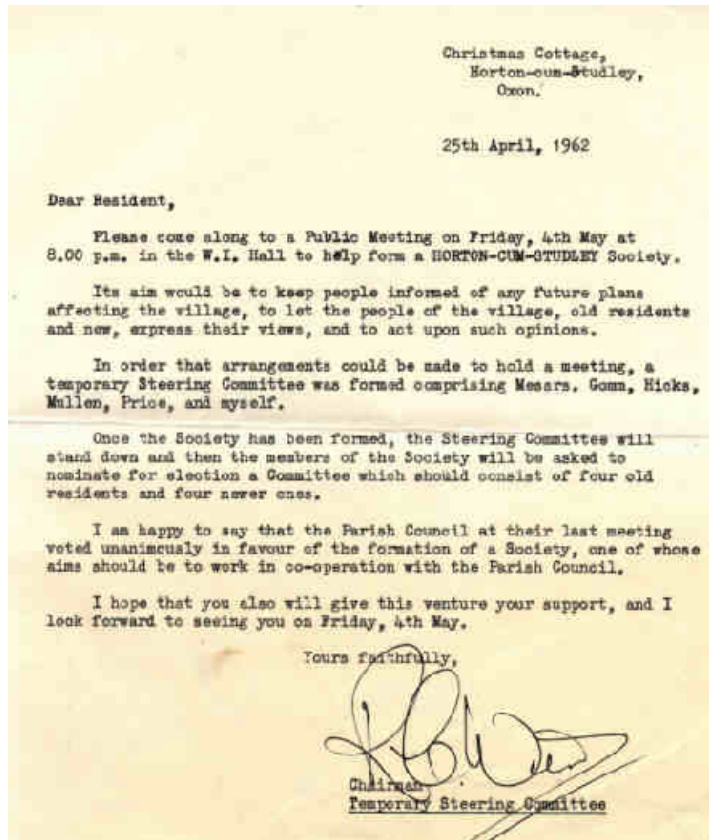


Figure 57 - Letter to villagers 1962 concerning the future of the village

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Friday 4th May at 8pm. This meeting was not included in the meetings of the parish council. However a press cutting gives a report on the meeting.

It was clear that the villagers were unhappy the way that the village was developing. A number of old houses had been demolished after the sale of the Priory estate and been replaced by modern houses out of keeping with the rest of the village.

Council houses and old peoples homes had been built opposite the King's Arms and 12 to 17 separate other developments were planned. In reply to Mr Mullen from Mr J Badger said that it was uncalled for "*for a newcomer to the village to tell us what to do*".

24th May 1962 in the WI Hall. This meeting discussed, again ditches, widening of the corner below the King's Arms, Only Oxfordshire CC can agree to an increase in the number of councillors, therefore no further action; that the village meeting, held on 4th May, to form a Horton-cum-Studley society had voted against the idea by 48 votes to 36.

31st August 1962 – Matters discussed included: Proposed road widening by the King's Arms; the blacksmith's shop proposed extension; reconditioning of the almshouses; Mr Stearns and Mr Hicks were thanked for re-erecting the notice board by the shop; the bus shelter had been repaired; the proposed plans for developing the site of the old blacksmith's house were considered and not seen as suitable; a cheque was signed for 10/-, fee to the Oxfordshire Association of Parish Councils and 25/- for the hire of the WI Hall to the Women's Institute.

Monday 12th November 1962 – present Mr Hicks, Mr Stearns, Mr Wearing, Mr Weir. The following matters were discussed: Mr Cresswell was present and said reference to the road widening that 200 feet shall be taken off the corner and that some of the trees should be cut down.

He said that he would do this if it were the wish of the Parish Council. The Council agreed that the first priority was to cut the hedge first before any trees are cut down and that they would write to Mr Alden (OCC) accordingly.

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The next item was the blacksmith's shop; plans were produced for the extension. The council felt that these were too much of a permanent nature and the first step was to find out the exact ownership of the land.

Enquiries had been made and the land either belonged to the Parish Council or the Lord of the Manor. Mr Stearns reported that the Parish Hall committee had not completed their report. Finally Blacksmith's Corner site was discussed with Mr Creswell. Although the number [of houses] had been reduced from four to two the Council unanimously agreed that the houses shown were unsuitable for this particular site. Mr Creswell agreed to produce a new plan showing houses of a more traditional nature.

1st January 1963 at 7pm in the WI Hall – The following matters were discussed: The corner by the garage, Mr Alden from the County Council had written to say that they would be unwilling to provide a fence unless it was erected on a line catering for correct vision improvement. The Council said that they would not agree to this... ; Blacksmith's site. A new elevation for the houses on the site was considered. They were agreed as long as the houses were set back further than the old cottages if possible [these are the houses between Asham Cottage and Cobweb Cottage.]

18th March 1963 – Ownership of the land [at Blacksmith's Corner] at the pond site, a site plan required from Mr Creswell for the next meeting; Mrs Woodham invited to become next Parish Clerk, Mr Dobson to take over from Mr Humphries on the Council; more discussion as to whether the twice weekly bus service was adequate; entry forms had been received for the 'Best Kept Village' competition; Parish Councils residential conference at St Edmund Hall 20-21st April; sewage disposal for the proposed new houses; almshouses drainage; write to the RDC about main drainage.

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HORTON-CUM-STUDLEY BID TO 'PROTECT' VILLAGE

Stanton St. John lead followed

A proposal that Horton-cum-Studley should form a society similar to that started recently to protect the neighbouring village of Stanton St. John led to lively exchanges between residents at the annual Parish meeting in the W.I. Hall on Friday.

At one stage Mr. G. W. Humphreys, the chairman of the Parish Council, suggested that it was time to move on to other business, and that further discussion on the subject should take place at a special meeting, but one resident spoke up to declare that this was just the time for discussion.

After some discussion the meeting agreed to hold a special meeting when the formation of a development society could be discussed. The date of the meeting is to be fixed later.

Future development

Mr. J. Mullen raised the matter when he said: "I am speaking as a representative of a fairly large group of residents here and we wish to propose that a special parish meeting be called to examine the question of forming a society—a Horton-cum-Studley Society—on similar lines to the Stanton St. John society founded a short while ago by Mr. Greenwell."

"I think it is important to realise," he went on, "that quite a considerable amount of development is going on and future unknown development can be carried on in which residents of this village have no voice whatsoever."

Mr. Mullen said that "by a small amount of diligent homework" he had discovered that there were plans for from 12 to 17 separate building projects in the village.

"There's nothing whatsoever you can do about it and if any of you did know anything about it and you found out about it in detail I suggest it was a lucky guess," he said.

"It is a situation which ought to be changed."

A society would give residents a "functioning active organisation which they feel they can rely on to do as much as possible to safeguard this village against, shall I say, extreme development, to be tactful."

"Uncalled for"

Mr. J. Badger, a local farmer, said he had lived in the village all his life and he thought it was "uncalled for" for a newcomer to "try to tell us what to do."

Mr. Humphreys said that if residents at a meeting thought that a society should be formed he was quite sure that the Parish Council would in fact welcome it.

He said that Mr. Mullen was incorrect in stating that the village had "no voice" on matters relating to proposed development in the parish. The parish council did in fact keep a check

At the moment one could "see no end to the development going on here."

Mr. John Harris, a farmer, declared that it was no business of anyone else if a man wanted to build on his land.

Hall problem

The meeting decided to investigate the possibility of building a village hall.

The present building used by the W.I. is the only one in the parish available for meetings and for parish functions.

A steering committee is to be set up to investigate the possibilities.

The chairman read a letter from the owner of the W.I. Hall, Capt. J. Henderson, stating that the lease of the building to the W.I. expired in 1938.

The W.I. would not be turned out in favour of anyone else. But the condition of the building did not justify the granting of a further lease.

Mr. G. Harding called for the Parish Council to take a more active interest in what he called the "general untidy state of the village," and the meeting agreed to draw the attention of the divisional surveyor to the state of the verges.

The chairman reported that pot-holes in the roads were expected to be filled in during the year.

NO FOOTBRIDGE FOR BY-PASS

SLADE PARK DECISION

The City Council has decided not to build a footbridge over the Eastern By-pass to connect the eastern and western parts of Slade Park.

This reverses the Council's original decision.

A report from the Highways Committee had never been convinced of the necessity for a footbridge, and had now been told that the Housing Committee had decided not to pursue the matter.

The decision had been reached because of the limited life of the huts on the eastern side, the Minister's anxiety that the Housing Committee should keep the closure of the Slade Park under constant review, and the fact that when the present use ceased, it was understood that the County Council would not consent to the continued use of the land on the eastern side for residential purposes.

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8th April 1963 Annual Parish Meeting in the WI Hall.

Discussed were sign posts; the garage corner, Sandhills School; a letter from the Clerk of Ploughley RDC stated that a survey for mains sewage would commence in the summer; Princess Risborough train service had ceased. The main discussion was on the new village hall project. Mr Stearns said that the committee had considered four possibilities:

- 1 Modernising the present village hall [WI Hall]
2. Providing a permanent building of brick or wood.
3. Providing a prefabricated building on land leased that would last 30/30 years.
4. Putting up a cedar wood building on site for 20/30 years.

Mr Stearns stated that a new building would cost the village £5 per week to pay for a new building and this would be very difficult to raise on current bookings. Mr Stearns said that the most economic way was to produce a cedar wood building. He knew of a five-year-old building that could be dismantled and which would cost about £400. The site suggested for the new hall, was the bottom cross roads. It was agreed that an extraordinary meeting of parishioners be held in the future to decide. Two houses were to be built at the Blacksmith's site; application to build 13 homes on ten acres on the Brill Road; Mr Guy Webster, architect, had been co-opted onto the council until 1964 elections.

Monday 8th April 1963. Present Mr Weir (Chair), Mr G Webster, Mr B Sterns [sic], Mr Wearing and Mr Hicks. Mrs Woodham agreed to become the Clerk on a temporary capacity. Mr Young had submitted his proposals to build 13 houses in ten acres on the Brill Road.

Friday 26th April 1963. Present Mr Weir (Chair), Mr Webster, Mr Stearns, Mr Hicks and Mr Wearing. Mrs Woodham appointed Parish Clerk; discussion with reservations about the 13 new houses planned for the Brill Road [to become Forge Close], concern of about road visibility with the entrance where Brill

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Road bends while an application from Mr J E Ogden to build one house on land belonging to Church Farm was approved. The widening of the bottom corner below the King's Arms was discussed. Mr Alden, the county surveyor had agreed to pipe and fill in the ditch round the corner if Mr Cresswell could remove the hedge and replace it with an oak rail fence. Mr Cresswell agreed to this. Next was sorting out Lloyds Bank signatures and other bank details. It was agreed that there was no urgency for a new village hall and the matter was pended. Finally it was agreed that a letter be sent to Mr J E Alden asking him to write to Mays Motors, Elstead, Surrey, requesting these contractors to direct their lorries on to an alternative route.

Monday 27th May 1963. Present Mr Weir (Chair), Mr Webster, Mr Wearing, Mr Stearns and Mr Hicks. Matters discussed: Ownership of the land where the extension to the Blacksmith's Shop was proposed over the pond. Letter to be sent to 'The Forge' saying that planning permission could not be given until the ownership could be confirmed. Thirteen new houses, planning permission refused by Oxfordshire County Council. Corner Farm. The Council was shown a plan for a proposed general purpose building that was approved plus plans for a Woolaway bungalow on the site and there were no objections. More discussions on the widening of the bottom corner and lorry traffic. Apparently lorries were ignoring the instructions to use another route. The next was public liability insurance for the Parish Council and a cheque for the £1 premium was signed. Finally there was a report on the investigations at the County Planning Office about recent building etc. that had taken place at Beckley Steel Fabrication [now Mill Lane] to ascertain if planning permission had been sought or granted.

Monday 23rd September 1963 in the WI Hall. – Discussed, ownership of the Blacksmith's Corner pond site; the PRDC had investigated and the land was awarded to the Lord of The Manor as a watering place for cattle; the Lord of the Manor was Captain John Henderson now of Bagenden House, Cirencester. Corner

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farm, proposed new Woolway bungalow, problems with sewage disposal. Bottom corner widening work delayed for piping and filling in of ditch. Lorries still coming through the village, council members to take the lorry numbers and report to Mays Motors. Beckley Steel Fabrication had not received planning permission for the recent additions. Other planning applications: Mr S B Stearns, addition of a study and porch at 'Whitecroft'; Miss J T Wakeman the building of two dwellings each with garage on the land of the old vicarage. Both applications were approved. Council budget £25.9.8d in the bank. Col Ashton of Asham Cottage complained of the smell from the discharge into the ditch outside the almshouses. Postman 'Barry' retirement - £21 collected from the village and a cheque handed to Postman Barry. Transfer of license at the King's Arms to Mr G W Scriven noted. Costs of snow clearance and arrangements were discussed for the coming winter. Concern about Woolaway bungalows. Three were now built and the council should keep a careful look at further planning permission. Also there was concern at the number of caravans in the village. Footpaths concern that farmer Audley White had bulldozed hedges on his farm at Otmoor [Whitecross Green] making three fields into one and thereby erasing a public carriageway. It was agreed that action should be taken to have this path reinstated.

25th October 1963, 7 pm in the WI Hall – Present Mr Weir (Chair), Mr Stearns, Mr Webster and Mr Hicks (from 8pm). Discussed, site on Brill Road [presumably the site for 13 houses] the architects were building two houses for their own occupation. Bottom corner the ditch will be filled in as soon as labour can be spared [by the County Council]. Mays lorries still using the route through the village; the clerk to write to the RDC requesting help. Sewage disposal - Mr Clayton the public health officer and Mr Welsh from the PRDC had walked the village and inspected the ditches. They were very sympathetic but said that mains sewage not likely for at least two years. Footpaths County Surveyors will taking up the question of the loss of footpaths to get them

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reinstated. Planning permission had been received from Mr Keflewski 'Faraway' Brill Road; the village boundary had been stated to be at the Old Weir and No 4 The Orchard and building beyond this point was purely for agricultural purposes. Beckley Steel Fabrications had recently erected tall wooden posts along it's boundary with the Village Stores which was very ugly and created a considerable eyesore at the entrance to the village; clerk to write to the RDC planning department asking them to take action.

9th November 1963 – Present Mr Weir, Mr Hicks and Mr Wearing. Discussions included: Still heavy lorries using the village route. Sewage; footpaths, the District Surveyor was having problems tracing farmer Dudley White. More discussion on the proliferation of caravans and the requirement for planning permission and illegal erections by Beckley Steel Fabrications. The Council had also received a letter from Strutt & Parker about the Brill Road bus shelter that had been erected on land not owned by the Parish Council. Mrs P Lofts had written to the council requesting a 30 mph speed limit and about reinstating the footpath from the Blacksmith's shop to the top of the hill. Finally there was further discussion about the twelve homes proposed to be built on the Brill road and concern about the drainage.

17th February 1964 – Present Mr Weir, Mr Webster, Mr Stearns, Mr Hicks and Mr Wearing. Discussed more about lorries, no further action; footpaths the council had done as much as it could to reinstate paths; Brill Road bus shelter ownership of land still not resolved; Clerk had written to County Surveyor about a 30 mph speed limit and concern about speeding commercial vehicles. The council studied the plans for the twelve house and agreed that twelve was too many for the site and it should be six to eight houses. Mrs Woodham resigned as Clerk and Mr Leonard Perry was suggested as her replacement. Other subjects discussed were the house for Mr Wilson on Brill Road; care of old people and finally the Clerk reported that she had requested £10 Parish Rate for the year ending 31 March 1965.

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11th March 1964 - 7pm in the WI Hall. The chairman (Mr Weir) reported that the land on Brill Road where the bus shelter is situated had been subject of an enquiry by Captain Henderson to find out what land he owned in the village. The next item was the 30mph speed limit and vehicle travelling at excessive speed followed by an announcement that Mr Perry had agreed to become the Parish Clerk. A new water main was being installed in Oakley Road. Mr West of Moor's Farmhouse [now Cobweb Cottage] had applied for planning permission to extend the kitchen and Mr John Richardson had applied to build a new dwelling on the Brill Road. Other items were Civil Defence publicity, almshouses sewage disposal and finally the agenda for the next Parish Meeting was agreed.

20th March 1964 – Annual Parish Meeting, 8pm in the WI Hall. Chairman reported that main drainage within two years. It was agreed to have an open meeting to discuss a new Village Hall and other amenities. Bottom corner site had been improved; eight planning applications received that would add more strain on the overworked sewage system. The Chairman agreed to take steps to have a 30 mph speed limit. The Chairman had attended a meeting to discuss ways of furthering good relations with American servicemen. It was decided that the bus stop on the Brill Road corner was in a dangerous position and improvements to the junctions should be considered. Finally fox hunting was bought up by Mr Mynheer who suggested that as a pet cat had been killed by the South Oxfordshire Hunt, steps should be taken to declare the village a 'black spot' from where the Hunt would be banned in the future. A vote was twelve for and twelve against but the Chairman said that the item had gone beyond the duties of the Parish Council.

28th May 1964. This was the first meeting for the new Clerk Mr Perry and from now on the minutes were typed and glued into the minutes book. Present were Mr J Badger, Mr E N Hawes, Mr A G Hicks, Mr L A Thompson, Mr R C Weir and the Parish Clerk.

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Lloyds Bank was elected as bankers. The bus shelters were actually erected as old peoples shelters and should be referred to as 'village shelters'. The matter of shelters was to be referred to the County Education authorities due to dangers to children waiting for buses. Oxford CC had written saying that the 30 mph speed limit on a Class III road could not be agreed due to prohibitive cost!

Other matters discussed were the Brill Road houses; water main in Oakley Road; Mr John Richardson's application to build a house outside the village limits and the doubts amongst councillors as to where the village limits were located; almshouses drainage; preparation of a definitive map showing public rights of way; planning application for a new house for Mr A P Gaydon at Studley Farm and for six to eight houses on a site adjacent to St Barnabas Church on land formerly owned by Mrs Lissie Ada Auger (deceased). The matter was deferred until mains sewage could be provided. Items under AOB included there was still concern about road safety at Blacksmith's Corner as a low wall had been built, a tree planted and incorrect pattern reflectors had been placed in the area.; puddles on Brill Road, cow parsley obscuring views along the Straight Mile; the ownership of the Brill Road land had still not been ascertained.

Wednesday 8th July 1964 – Parish Meeting Mr R C Weir in the chair and about 18 parishioners attended. The meeting was to prepare a report for the County Council in connection with the Survey of Rights of Way within the Parish. It was finally agreed, after discussion, that the footpaths as printed should be agreed; except that the Diversion Order as shown from 1959 namely that a footpath shown as crossing West Hill Farm be diverted through Otmoor Lane. The Parish Meeting was then dissolved and the Parish Council then carried on with a Council meeting. The Brill Road land belonged to Captain Henderson according to Ploughley RDC. Planning application for Mr F J Pettit should be opposed, as it was not village in-filling.

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Wednesday 7th October 1964 – Parish Council Meeting in the WI Hall. Present: Mr R C Weir (Chair), Mr J Badger, Mr E H Hawes, Mr A G Hicks, Mr L A Thompson. It was reported that permission had been given for the building of the 12 houses on the Brill Road but further information was required on sewage disposal. Sewage in general was discussed including drainage from the almshouses. Other matters discussed were; the lack of a map of the village showing the village boundary; ownership of land on Brill Road – no progress; there we no longer had any village allotments; Bucks Water Board considering laying an 8” mains water supply to the village. Planning applications were received from Dr Marshall for a loose box on his own property, Mr Vines – a dwelling house at ‘Faraway’ and a dwelling house at Oakley Road for Mr Honour. The latter being beyond the village limits was refused. Mr Dawson had complained about the steel structure erected by Mr Beckley and the council agreed to write to the council to find out if any planning permission had been received. Finally more discussion about the dangerous bend on the Brill Road [the narrow part that is still dangerous] and army vehicles in the village.

Tuesday 17th November 1964 – a special meeting to discuss the fact that Captain Henderson had, through his agents, informed the Chairman that he did not propose to extend the lease on the WI Hall. Also that he planned to dispose of the pond site [pond had been filled in] on the Brill Road and the village shelter thereon would have to be removed. The Council asked the Clerk to write to Captain Henderson’s agents to ask him to reconsider. The Council was also to ask Mr E E Church, a local solicitor, to see if he was willing to help.

Monday 25th January 1965 in the WI Hall at 7pm. Matters included the twelve dwellings on the Brill Road [to become Forge Close and would eventually have eleven houses and a flat above the garages]. PRDC had written a letter regarding the sewage [no details]. Letters also received on mains water [again no details]. The widening of the narrow bend on the Brill Road was

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discussed. Oxon CC had refused to erect a traffic sign. An application had been received to change the licence at the King's Arms and Mr John Richardson had applied for a licence to sell off-sales beers and wines in the village stores. Planning applications had been received from: Mr R C Weir and Mr W Woodham for an extension to his own properties, Mr W Jones and Mr H Kuflewski for a dwelling houses on the Brill Road, and from Ploughley RDC for a sewage disposal works on the Oakley Road; and finally from Wilsons (Horton) Ltd for a dwelling house on Church Lane. All were agreed. Mr Honour had appealed about the refusal of planning permission for his house on the Brill Road. A letter from Mrs Henderson to the Women's Institute was read out and it was accepted that the WI Hall would be lost when the lease expired. Three sites for a new meeting place were discussed: A site at the Studley Priory Hotel (the Chairman to discuss with Mr Cresswell), the barn by the King's Arms (the Chairman to discuss with Ind Coope Ltd), or a room for meetings at the King's Arms (Mr Thomson would discuss with Mr Pope). Finally the Clerk's salary was raised from £5 to £7.10s.0d per annum.

Tuesday 16th February 1965. Application for off-licence at the shop had been refused as the King's Arms had applied for an off-licence. WI Hall no progress except that Ind Coope Ltd were planning to demolish the barn to make a car park and to incorporate a dance hall and grill. Best Kept Village competition, entry should be suspended until building work and mains sewage had been completed. Mr Roger Jones had applied to build a bungalow at Corner Farm. Routes for the mains sewage had been received. Water possibly sewage was still seeping onto Horton Hill. Beckley school was being enlarged and that HCS children might be transferred back to Beckley from Sandhills School.

Wednesday 3rd March – Annual Parish Meeting. The meeting was appraised on road safety and the proposed speed limit, the 14 planning applications received in the last year, mains water and main drainage was being supplied and the Pond Site

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{Blacksmith's Corner} ownership complications. The lease on the WI Hall was to end in January 1966. Priory Close development had won a first prize in the Ministry of Housing regional competition. The village hall was then discussed. Captain Henderson was not prepared to sell the WI Hall and that the hall had a limited life and maintenance costs would be high. Mr Pope was willing to rent a room for meetings from 1 January 1966. It was agreed that a village amenities fund should be started immediately towards a village hall and playing field. There was to be a house to house collection for the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust appeal. There was concern over the felling of elm trees on the Brill Road. One had been accidentally felled by J H White (Builders) Ltd who were engaged in development of the site. Finally the bad condition of the local roads was raised.

Monday 22nd March 1965. The response to the village amenities fund had been disappointing. The sighting of the sewage works was discussed and the location [on Oakley Road] was accepted. The ditch on Horton Hill had been dug to reduce the sewage leaks. There was another complaint about tree felling and Mr P R Scott of Shanzu, Horton cum Studley had applied for permission to build a cedar conservatory.

Tuesday 18th May 1965. Still no progress on the Pond Site, sewage on Horton Hill as bad as ever, Winston Churchill Appeal had raised £1,200 in the Ploughley RDC area, details of the Local Government Commission on boundary changes had been received. Mr E Mattingly had applied to erect one dwelling house adjoining Corner House and this was agreed as in-filling and Mr L A Thompson wanted to erect a garage. [Mr L Thompson lived in the bungalow to the left of the King's Arms and had connections with Dines Haulage of Murton, and serviced their lorries at the site alongside the King's Arms.]

The land adjoining the church [the old school site off Mill Lane] was discussed. Mrs Cook was concerned that the future of the land should be safeguarded to prevent it becoming the subject of commercial speculation. [Possibly to be used by Beckley Steel

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Fabrications. It appears that Mrs Cook was the claimed owner] She suggested that it be passed to local trustees at a token rental and it might ultimately be the site for the village hall. Mr Hawes mentioned the problem of access. The Chairman said that there was a stipulation that the land should not be used during church services. Advice was needed on legal implications. Finally the poor state of the road between Woodperry House and Beckley Turn needed action [and it still does in 2002].

Monday 13th September 1965 – Pond Site, still no progress. Mr Church [solicitor] had left the village but had promised to return the papers on the pond site and the WI Hall. There were still problems with sewage on Horton Hill, and a water leak at Dormer House. The Clerk reported on negotiations with Mrs Cook [old school site off Mill Lane] who had offered to lease the site to the village. The Clerk was to write declining the offer. Plans were in hand for the improvement of the road on Woodperry Hill. Mr Gaydon [farmer at Whitecross Green] had ploughed up the footpath and the County Surveyor had written to him asking him to reinstate the path. [Probably the path from Mill Lane across to Gardener's Barn]. The parish had been asked to find someone to become Civil Defence officer. The county were prepared to meet half the costs of footpath signs. Two new houses at Blacksmith's Corner [Priory Close] had absorbed into their front garden the original road verge and that this would provide difficulties in the future if road widening [or footpaths] were needed. Planning permissions included an extension to Wayside Cottage (Mr J A Price).

Wednesday 9th February 1966 in the WI Hall. [presumably the lease had expired on the hall, but there is no mention of this]. Mr Church had still not returned the documents on the pond site or the WI Hall. Horton Hill sewage situation had improved. It had come to light that the old school site belonged to the Bishop [and not Mrs Cook] and was to be sold to the highest bidder. The road between Woodperry Hill and the Crematorium was in a very bad state of repair. Mr J Mullen had agreed to become Civil Defence

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Officer. The shelters were in a bad state of repair. A letter from Oxford CC had been received on the effect of the village being cut off by snow. The Chairman [Mr Bob Weir] reported on a conversation with Mr Shepherd of Hill Top Cottage. Captain Henderson had told him that he was prepared to sell him the W I Hall and that Mr Shepherd was planning to incorporate the land in a building development for seven buildings. It was understood that the WI could rent the hall for another year. Mr Thompson, seconded by Mr Badger that the parish should buy the hall at a fair market price. There had been a further complaint about Beckley Steel Fabrications metal structures and posts erected between the works and the village store. Mr Mynheer informed the council that there was evidence that the pond site belonged to the parish and that it should be converted into a children's playground. There were complaints that lorries visiting Beckley Steel Fabrications were parking in Church Lane and damaging the verges.

Wednesday 9th March 1966 Parish Meeting. About 40 parishioners attended. The Chairman gave his report and the Village Hall situation was discussed. Colonel Ashton would negotiate with Captain Henderson, and that an offer be made based on the District Valuer's valuation. It was agreed to reinstate the Village Hall committee under the chairmanship of Mr Bryan Stearns. The finance was discussed and Mr Wood pointed out that half the proceeds from the Horse Show were for village amenities. Col Aston should be co-opted onto the committee with Mrs Woodham as WI representative, Mr Ogden (architect), Mrs West and Mr Wood also agreed to serve. Further discussion on the state of the road, the pond site ownership was still in dispute and Forge Close was under construction.

Thursday 9th June 1966 – Special meeting to discuss the purchase of the WI Hall. It was valued at £1,500 and that grants should be applied for.

Monday 20th June 1966 – Parish Council. Mr Church had still not returned the papers. A letter had been received from the

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County Council with reference to Beckley Steel Fabrications. This related to past use of the site now being used by the steel company and to the matter of the posts that had been removed. Other details were not recorded. Captain Henderson had agreed to an extension of the time [to raise the money] but was not prepared to wait for months.

Friday 2nd September 1966 – Still no papers from Mr Church but he had agreed to send them following a phone call from Mr Weir. The shelters would cost £30 to repair. Planning applications were received from Mr Bailey for a new house and garage next to Home Close [Church Lane] and a bungalow and smallholding from Mr Hawes. The latter was turned down as it was outside the confines of the village and on Green Belt land. The Horse Show had paid £159 into the Parish Council, account. The pond site is to be registered on a Registration of Common Land form with a piece of land at Ragnall's Green [the old village pound site?].

Thursday 17th November 1966 in the WI Hall. Present Mr R C Weir, Mr J Badger, Mr E N Hawes, Mr A G Hicks, Mr L A Thompson. Discussed was the bad state of repair of the Priory entrance a new house for Mr Honour and Mr Perry was resigning as Parish Clerk. An offer of £1500 had been made for the WI Hall. The council discussed the almost permanent parking of a car by Mr Whitlock outside the Priory entrance that was a danger to pedestrians. The Clerk to write a letter to Mr Whitlock. Colonel Hamilton [presumably at the Arncott Barracks] had agreed to cooperate in stopping army vehicles using narrow village roads. Mrs Henderson had told the Chairman that the pond site unquestionably belonged to her husband. This was still doubted by the council.

Monday 16th January 1967 – Parish Council; £150 had been deposited in the bank at 5½%. There was discussion on a planning application from Studley Priory to build houses. A press report had said 12-15 houses but Mr Parke was said to have talked in terms of 3-4 houses. A letter had been received from the RDC

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asking if the name Forge Close was acceptable for the new development on the Brill Road. A Parish Meeting should be called to to discuss finance of the purchase of the village hall.

Monday 6th February 1967 – Parish Meeting to discuss the proposed Village Meeting Room (previously referred to as the Village Hall). A 10% deposit was available from the Horse Show with the possibility of a £790 grant from the Department of Education and Science. In the meantime the council would apply for a loan of £1500 from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Monday 6th February 1967 – Annual Parish Meeting. 51 parishioners attended. Mr Weir was retiring as Chairman. Mr Stearns had been unable to accept the office Mr G F Solomon agreed to become Chairman and Mr Dawson offered to serve on the committee. The pond site had been registered under the Common Land Act and as a result Captain Henderson had claimed ownership. Other matters included footpath signs, play area for children, alternative name for Forge Close, mail box on Brill Road, a second telephone kiosk in the village, speed limits tidiness and verges. Safety at Forge Corner [was previously Blacksmith's Corner] was a matter for concern. £35 to be spent on repair of the shelters.

Tuesday 25th April 1967 – Parish Council. Mr R C Weir in the Chair, Mr J Badger, Mr E H Hawes, Mr A G Hicks, Mr L Thompson and Parish Clerk. Discussed : Children's play area that needs a donation of some land; provision of second telephone kiosk; ditches; safety at Forge Corner; closure of footpath some years ago over West Hill Farm was never recognised by the County Council. Planning applications included extension to Manor Cottage for Mr Badger, erection of a house for Mr H J Honour and extension of Attock house for Mr A H Crane. Consent had been received for the loan of £1,500 over 60 years for the Village Meeting Room. Agreement had been made with Captain Henderson over the pond site [no details].

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Wednesday 14th June 1967 – Parish Council Meeting in the WI Hall. Mr Weir was appointed Chairman. Mr Kirkpatrick had complained about the way the Council had dealt with the proposal for a children's play area. £204 had been received as a result of the village Horse Show and 4/- had been received from the SEB for way leave rental. There was a proposal for a 11,000 volt overhead line through the village. The Post Office had been temporarily closed [the Post Office incumbent was alleged to have robbed the till]. Lt Col C J Stocker had applied to build a bungalow as an annex at Little Millfield.

Wednesday 28th June 1967 – Special Parish Meeting to elect a management committee for the village hall. About 16 parishioners attended. The elected members were Mr W Kirkpatrick, Dr M L Waltho, Mr Corke and Mr West. The Clerk was to contact the Rev Benson with a view to obtaining a representative from the Parochial Church Council. The WI President Mrs J Ogden would be the WI representative.

Wednesday 2nd August 1967 – Special Parish Council meeting to discuss the Council's policy in relation to the refusal to grant planning permission for housing development in the grounds of Studley Priory from Major E E Parke. The house would be backing onto the road in front of the Priory and it was argued that it could be regarded as infilling. No decision appears to have been taken although Mr Hawes appeared to support the application.

Tuesday 26th September 1967 – Parish Council. Matters included clearing of the pond site, no progress; GPO had refused second telephone kiosk; Post Office facilities soon to be restored to the village store. Planning applications were received from Mr R Jones for the extension of the pig farm; L A W Construction for two houses on land adjacent to 'Faraway' Brill Road (council said that it should be restricted to one), and rear porch for Mr West. Village Hall, the first interest payment of £50.11s.9d was due in October. Sewage mains will take six months.

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Monday 22 January 1968 – Parish Council. Repair of shelters should wait until after the mains sewage system is complete; enlargement of then Parish Council had been rejected by the County Council; Priory housing plan rejected at appeal by the minister. New heating and lighting in the Village Hall now complete. [As the Parish Council now owned the hall, it was no longer referred to as the WI Hall.] The pond site was again discussed. Mr Skinner [who worked the forge] had spread his premises onto the land, a tree had been felled by the Electricity Board. Captain Henderson had suggested that the land be divided between the Lord of the Manor and common land. There had been complaints about noise from the radio from Mr Skinner. AOB included the fact that Job's Dairies milk deliveries were irregular causing much inconvenience. [Mr Skinner was quite a character and a drinker who got stopped from drink driving twice on the same night and was banned for driving for three years and had to use his bike]

Tuesday 19th March 1968 in the Village Hall – Parish Council. Mr R Huse of Church Farm had a planning application for two houses on farmland that was agreed. Much discussion on Village Hall finance and that the Clerk's salary should be increased to £15 per annum.

Wednesday 3rd April – Special Parish Meeting to discuss Commons Administration. (Mr C Williams, Assistant Solicitor Oxford County Council attended the meeting). About 60 parishioners attended. At a previous meeting the Chairman had used his casting vote and there was concern about the validation of an under age vote. The main subject was the Forge site and Mr Williams outlined the history of the site. The meeting agreed with Captain Henderson's offer to move the boundary so that the shelter could remain in situ.

Wednesday 15th May 1968 – Parish Council. Village children's playground. The Chairman reported that the lease of the land of the village inn expired in 2-3 years time. Mr Peter Cresswell [lived at Stanton St John] was prepared to consider

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using this land in the development plans. The Village Hall had been registered as a charity. The application to build two houses on Brill Road for LAW Construction had been rejected as the site was outside the village boundary. Dr Roger Clarke had offered the services of pupils from Bicester Grammar School to help clear footpaths. There was more discussion on the bad state of the roads.

29th July 1968 – Parish Council discussed playground, roads, rights of way Village Hall finance and resignation of the Parish Clerk Mr Perry.

Wednesday 13th November 1968 – Parish Council. Planning application from the trustees of the estate of Mrs Auger for the development of about four acres for residential development. Mr Hawes expressed an interest and withdrew from the meeting. The Clerk said that this application had already been before that planning committee and rejected. [this was later to become part of the Mill Lane development]. The grant of £781 had been received from the Department of Education and Science for the Village Hall. There was local feeling that the pond site situation should be resolved soon, especially after the death of Mrs Henderson.

Monday 3rd February 1969 – Parish Council. Discussed were road repairs that were being carried out; planning application from Mr Shepherd of 'Hill Top Cottage' for six flats, which was rejected; Village Hall finance and no candidate had volunteered for Parish Clerk.

Monday 3rd March 1969 – Annual Parish Meeting Mr L A Thomson (Chair), Mr A G Hicks, Mr E N Hawes; Mr J Badger and 22 parishioners. Questions were asked about the Children's playground and the old school site. There were complaints about the state of the village shelters. There had been no objection to the common land registration of the [pond site]. New footpath and village signs were being obtained. Water on Woodperry Hill was being dealt with by a ditch. 'Give Way' sign needed at the Brill Road, Oakley Road junction.

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Wednesday 26th March 1969 – Parish Council. Mr R C Weir announced his resignation as Chairman and hoped that Mr L A Thompson take over. £1000 had been paid off the loan on the Village Hall and the remainder would be paid at £50 per year. Planning applications from Mr H Shepherd to erect a three storey terrace houses on land at Hill Top Cottage. There were objections to this. Mr K L Bartlett of Cobbles, Brill Road applied to add a bedroom and study and Dr H Rang of 4 Ventfield Close also wanted another bedroom and study and finally Mr L J Beckley applied to erect a stable block. These were agreed.

Wednesday 4th June 1969 – Parish Council. Present Mr R C Weir (Chair), Mr J Badger, Mr E N Hawes, Mr A G Hicks, Mr L A Thomson and the Clerk. Mr E C Bailey had agreed to accept the position of Clerk. Public Liability Insurance had increased from £1 to £3 per annum. The Council had received 4/- from the SEB for way leave of the pond site. Messrs Feilding & Morrison had applied for permission to build three single dwellings adjacent to Ventfield Cottages. This was opposed. There was also an application from the Priory for alterations of the outbuildings to provide staff accommodation and from Roger J P Jones for the development of six farm workers cottages on Church Farm land to the west of Studley Wood and for the development of additional buildings within the pig unit and Corner farm, and a new pig unit for Church Farm. There applications would be passed to the Planning Committee with a petition against this.

Monday 28th July 1969 – Parish Council – County Council had given conditional planning permission for the three single family dwellings between Ventfield Farm and The Cottages, but the six farm workers cottages had been refused. New planning permission requested by Mr M B Gover of 2 Ventfield Cottages for an extension; Mr S B Stearns for the erection of a double garage for 'Whitecroft'; Mr and Mrs C M Cork for the erection of a dwelling at Kimmeridge, Oakley Road. There were no objections.

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Monday 6th October 1969 – Parish Council. There was one minutes silence in memory of Mr E N Hawes who had also represented the Council on the RDC. The Chairman gave a short resume of the Redcliffe-Maud commissions report on Local Government in England.

Monday 24th November 1969 – Parish Council. Mr R Hawes was coopted to replace Mr E N Hawes. White markings were requested for the road across Church Lane.

Monday 5th January 1970 – Mr Hicks had tendered his resignation. Also discussed: School bus; Elm Trees in the garden of Old Green Council Houses were recently felled.

Monday 16th February 1970 – Parish Council. Matters discussed were earth on the straight mile from Mr Huse farm Church Farm – opposite the church]. There was a feasibility study into a London-Oxford-Birmingham motorway and a consultative committee was to be formed. Telephone work to be carried out in the village. There was a planning application from Mr J Badger for an extension at Cottage on the Oakley Road and from the Priory to increase accommodation by altering the stable block.

Tuesday 24th March 1970 at 1930– Parish Council some minor matters of finance. This was followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 2000 with 49 parishioners attending. Discussed was the Horton Hill footpath, acquisition of a playing field, village name plate and footpath signs. After the Chairman's report the bus service was discussed with overcrowding on the school bus while the public service to Oxford was only used by a few people. No definite route had been decided for the motorway and the subject of a 30mph limit was again discussed. A request for a footpath along Brill Road was requested. Alderman Cooper, Chairman of the Education Committee addressed the meeting and questions were answered. The £120 increase in teacher salaries was to come from the County Contingency fund.

The increase in the income of villagers has changed the village in the last twenty years. No longer is the Oxford bus

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overcrowded as villagers own their own cars and since the selling of the Priory Estate most houses are privately owned by people who can afford to extend the houses and build on the land. In 1970, the bus is now under used. With mains sewage and water, the Parish Council minutes no longer reflects problems with sewage in the ditches.

Monday 27th April 1970 – Parish Council. There was concern about a number of abandoned cars on a site adjoining Kiln Cottage, Oakley Road. Footpaths were numbered and signed as necessary. Letters had been received from the County Council about various modifications to Beckley Steel Fabrications.

Thursday 21st May 1970 – Parish Council. Present Mr R C Weir (Chair), Mr J Badger, Mr R J Hawes, Mrs J Ogden, Mr O W Reid, Mr L A Thompson and the Clerk. All signed a declaration of acceptance for all elected councillors. Mr Badger proposed Mr Thompson as the new Chairman, this was agreed and Mr Weir stood down and left the meeting. Discussed were white lines on the road, footpaths and signs. A planning application had been received from Mr Alan C Mole for development of an 18 hole golf course at Whitecross Green Farm. There were no objections. The spoil on the straight mile had still not been removed.

Monday 29th June 1970 – Parish Council. Mr Badger pointed out that Mr West's bungalow had been built on a footpath. There would need to be a minor diversion. Lorry traffic was discussed and it was agreed that the village roads were not suitable for heavy traffic. Planning application for Mr J H White, to demolish of existing drainage and sewage treatment plant and the construction of one detached dwelling house. This was opposed. Mr R P Jones had applied to use land at Corner Farm to site a caravan. Under AOB, the school bus route was discussed. It currently turned at Pand Hill junction to pick up children from Mr West's bungalow then Forge Corner and then the King's Arms. The plan discussed not stopping at Forge Corner due to road safety. A footpath was highly desirable for Brill Road. Trees had died that were screening the sewage plant on the Oakley Road.

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Mr Badger pointed out that evergreens had not been planted, as they were dangerous to animals. Mrs Ogden said that Ploughley District Council was budgeting for play areas in villages. This was to be taken up with PRDC.

Wednesday 2nd September 1970 – Parish Council. No money available from OCC for footpaths along roads. Planning required for the lay-by outside Orchard Close that had appeared for car parking. Parking outside the Village Hall was discussed including increasing the parking space outside the Priory. It was decided that this was a Village Hall Committee problem.

Wednesday 14th October 1970 – Parish Council. The County Council had turned down application for a 30 mph speed limit. Various planning applications were discussed including a dwelling house in the grounds of Windflower House, Mr Lovegrove's application had been refused [no detail] and ploughing of footpaths. Another application for houses in the Green Belt on Oakley Road had been refused. Mr Reid reported that villagers had asked for a map showing the location of footpaths. Mr West had put wire across a footpath on this land and a bridge was needed over a small stream. No land suitable for a playing field had been found.

Wednesday 2nd December 1970 – Parish Council. Present Mr L A Thompson, Mr J Badger, Mr D W Reid, Mr R J Hawes and the Clerk. Also attending Mr Clerici OBE and Mr and Mrs Biddiscombe. Apologies from Mrs J Ogden who was indisposed. It would be a year before a definitive map could be produced showing footpaths. The District Surveyor had agreed to provide the material for a bridge for the footpath on Mr West's land. The stile alongside Colonel Sticker's bungalow (footpath No 7) needed repairs.

Mr Clerici asked the Council about lack of toilets at the Village Hall. It would cost £2012 and a grant would be applied for. There was much discussion on the finance. Lay-by needed for the school bus at Forge Corner. Mr P G Davey of Asham Cottage

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was granted permission for an extension. Bus shelters need tidying up and repaired.

Wednesday 20th January 1971 – Parish Council. A definitive map of footpaths had been received. A grant of £1006 had been applied for to extend the Village Hall. Further discussion on the pond site, it was noted that Mr L J Sharpe of 4 The Orchard had entered a Commons Registration for the site on 31st July 1970. There was discussion about a third London airport at Cublington; there was complete opposition to the plan. Trees to hide the sewage works were proposed and discussed. Also discussion on repair of shelters and minor planning permissions.

Tuesday 16th February 1971 – Special Public Meeting to discuss the Village Hall extension. The Horse Show had raised £386 for the Village Hall, planning permission had been granted, and much discussion on finance and loans. It was proposed by Mr Tollerton that a loan of £503 be applied for. This was agreed by 22 votes to nil.

Monday 8th March 1971 – Parish Council. Pond site was again discussed. Captain Henderson had moved to Taunton but was now in Africa and the ownership will be pursued when he returns sometime in April. The bus shelter repairs will cost £28. There was discussion about tree felling and who gave planning permission. The formation of a Tree Society to protect the trees was discussed, but not considered a Parish Council matter. Mrs Ogden had drawn a map showing footpaths. Mr Pope of the King's Arms had complained about the pub car park being used as a public car park.

Wednesday 7th April 1971 – Parish Council. The Council considered a few minor details before the Annual Parish Meeting at 2000 hours. Items discussed were: Progress on the Horton Hill footpath. Playing Field, the Chairman had written to PRDC suggesting the land they owned behind the old peoples bungalow could be used. The old school site was also discussed but as the Rev Benson was leaving and Rev de Vere arriving the matter was still pending. Mrs Gover suggested that the land alongside the

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King's Arms on Church Corner [now the village Green] should be suitable and should be purchased by compulsory purchase order. The pond site was discussed and the ownership would have to be determined by the Commons Commissioners at some date after 31st July 1972. There was discussion about a small hut that had been erected on the site. It was also said that the eyesore of Beckley's corner was worse than the pond site and that the dogs he kept were generally unfriendly. Consideration would be given to entering the Best Kept Village competition next year. There was still concern about the abandoned cars next to Kiln Cottage.

Wednesday 12th May 1971 – Parish Council. The Chairman had spoken to Captain Henderson about the Pond site who had said that he may offer the site to the village as a playground. A questionnaire had been completed from Sir George Schuster about amenities of village life in the age of increasing motor traffic. The Public Health inspector had inspected the ditch near Church Farm where there was effluent from the pig farm was discharged. Mrs Ogden reported that the odour was extremely bad and written and verbal complaints were of no avail. Mr Thompson agreed to talk to Mr B P Garrett [Health Inspector] about it and report at the next meeting. There was a letter from PRDC advising that there was no plans to use the land behind the old peoples homes owned by the council and that the village could rent it at a nominal rent.

Wednesday 9th June 1971 – Parish Council. Matters discussed: the odour from the Church Farm ditch; bus shelters; the rent to use the area behind the old peoples homes [sometimes called lower green] would be £1 per annum but members of the Playing Fields Committee had expressed views that the land next to the pub would be more suitable and should be compulsorily purchased.

Monday 12th July 1971 – Parish Council. Discussion about the play area behind the old peoples bungalows with reference to fencing, grass cutting and insurance. Other matters discussed were the rerouting of footpath No 3 through West Hill Farm;

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guard dogs and a letter from the Minister of State at the Home Office via Mr John Hay MP but no details given. There was a planning application from Mr J P Jones to build three farm workers bungalows at Corner Farm and there were no objections. The reorganisation of local government would place Horton cum Studley in the proposed area 33 as a part of Bullingdon R D C. There was to be another attempt to get a 30mph speed limit. The Council agreed to donate £10 to the playing fields committee as after hard work during the summer they deserved some encouragement.

Wednesday 8th December 1971 – Parish Council. Planning application for a playgroup for ten children at ‘Chilston’ for Mrs Pamela Money. Mr Brian W Hall was appealing against the decision to refuse his application to build a dwelling on Oakley Road outside the parish boundary in the Green Belt. A youth club was proposed . It was unanimously agreed not to enforce a compulsory purchase of the 4 acres of land adjacent to the pub. The shelters are still untidy.

Friday 18th February 1972 – Parish Council. Planning included an application from Mr Huse of Church Farm to erect pre-cast R C Portal framed piggery, and from Mr L J Beckley to demolish the existing cottage and to erect a three-bedroom bungalow and garage. The plans however were for a house and the Council agreed if it was a bungalow in keeping with the rest of the village. The original cottage had been unoccupied for four years. [late Miss Augers shop].

Mr Reid had received a complaint about Mr Beckley’s uncompleted building on Horton Hill.

After this date it is felt that details from Parish Meetings may well be seen infringing on residents privacy so after this meeting only key decisions are recorded.

24th October 1972 – Beckley Parish Council were leading the defence of Otmoor against a proposed reservoir. Planning permission had been applied for housing development at Beckley Steel Fabrications site that included demolition and removal of

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the existing buildings. [this was to become the ten house development now know as Mill Lane].

17th April 1972 – The new London to Birmingham motorway will come close to the village. Both the District and County Councillors came from the village. [Bob Weir of Christmas Cottage was County Councillor]

11th July 1973 – planning application for the development of Plot 43, the land next to the King's Arms for eight dwellings as the lease was about to expire. The development is to include a village green. There was also discussion about leasing the playing field from Mr Cresswell.

24th September 1973 – petition to stop the motorway being routed across Otmoor.

4th December 1973 – Field alongside the church to be sold at auction in February. Planning application required for Mr Beckley's experimental building frame and that work should be stopped until permission is received. [Green building down Mill Lane]

3rd June 1974 – The Parish Council offers Mr Peter Creswell £2000 for the 3¼ acres that is now the playing fields.

4th July 1974 Mr D Hurd MP, Mr R Weir, Chairman of the County Council and Mr W H P Davidson attended a Parish Public Meeting to discuss the M40 proposals along with about 60 parishioners. A preferred line would be published at the end of 1964. The main discussion was concerned as to whether the motorway was necessary.

January 1975 – New water main promised this year. Road corner at Studley Farmhouse improved.

April 1975 – Planning permission for the ten houses to replace Beckley Steel Fabrications had been agreed. The footpath is to be left in the same place. There were no traffic or drainage problems envisaged. [this was to become the Mill Lane development]

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Figure 58 - The filling station at the village shop 1974 with the Church and the bungalow on the site of No 10 Mill Lane

July 1975 a suggestion the children's playground could become allotments when it is transferred to the playing fields. Elm trees on the playing fields to be reluctantly cut down due to Dutch elm disease. The partly collapsed barn at the King's Arms was being re-built but work had stopped over concern about the appearance of the brickwork. Dutch Elm Tree disease was a major problem and 14 trees in the pub field and four trees on Oxford Corner had to be felled.

August 1975. Mr C J Attley had acquired the King's Arms and fields and had applied for the barn to be converted into dining rooms with five letting rooms above. Part of OX Plot 43 (Oxford Corner), construction of six houses. [To become Ventfield Close].

A special Parish Meeting was held on 8th October 1975 to discuss Dutch elm disease and their replacement. Mr Geoff

Tim Hallchurch

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Henman outlined the work on the playing field. A fete had been held raising £213 for the village.

October 1975 – Stoneshire Construction were building “The Green” houses.

November 1975 – Tree planting campaign. The roof of Mr Hawes barn and bungalow had collapsed and there was a planning application to convert the barn and to extend the bungalow.

March 1976 – Water main completed to the village. Building at the King’s Arms in progress to rebuild the barn. Dutch Elm Disease described as catastrophic. Temporary building projected at the playing fields.

May 1976 – Possibility of allotments on the Children’s Play area again discussed. Street lighting discussed.

June 1976 - Applications received for 3 ½ allotments. Regular complaints about pig farm smells. Mr Richard Hawes becomes Chairman of the Parish Council.



Figure 59 - Yew Tree Cottage, Lower Green 1975

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23rd August 1976 – Court Hearing concerning the smell from Church Farm pig farm with fine and court order followed by an appeal.

September 1976 - Group formed to look after farmers interests the wildlife on Otmoor. Another application for a 30mph speed limit. Footpath being constructed opposite the King's Arms.

November 1976 – More problems for the road at Woodperry Hill; Letter from Thames Water Authority their purchase of Studley Farm [and other land] with the intention of building a reservoir. A car being driven by Mrs Attlee [sic] of the King's Arms had severely damaged the bus shelter.

January 1977 – Fence planned to go round new Village Green. Scrub cleared from allotments area behind old peoples bungalows; Thames Water to use the Studley Farm land for sludge spreading; problems with ice on Horton Hill; Parish Meeting held to discuss Jubilee celebrations. Crown coins were suggested as a gift to children.

March 1977 – The naming of the new road; Mill Lane was preferred as found on early maps [it was actually Mills's Lane on the old maps] since it led to Mill Field. Later it was called School Lane and more recently had been known as Steel Lane.

August 1977 – Discussion about buying 3 ½ acres of the playing field from Mr Cresswell. £1500 per acre estimated cost. Jubilee Day celebrations had cost £133 but with an income of £152 from the Gymkhana [at old Arngrove Farm of Mr Wally Phipps] and pig roast by Mr T Wakelin. Mr Elkins becomes head of Beckley School. The celebrations were held at Manor Farm using Mr Badger's barn.

November 1977 – Fencing round the playing field completed. Footpath from Mill Lane to Ragnall's Lane blocked by Mr Beckley near the Old Thatch.

Mr Bailey of No 1 New Green objected to the name "New Green" and the Parish Council renamed it "The Green". Planning applications included extension and garage for Rose Cottage, Brill

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Road and new house in Church Lane; three for Mr Ogden, six for Mr Parry and one for Mr Huse; also planning for erection of a pavilion in the playing field.

January 1978 – Footpath to Ragnall's Lane still blocked. Chief Executive of CDC to be asked to take action. Playground equipment to be erected on playing fields. Extra 0.25 acres to be added to the playing fields for the pavilion.

March – September 1978 – Objections to the M40 across Otmoor and plus petition, and more about dying elm trees and tree planting. The notice board smashed again. Village Hall thatch needs replacing.

November 1978 – Licence of the King's Arms from Mr Attley to Mr B K Barnes. Strong objections to some of the houses in Church Lane but were overruled. A proposed gypsy site between Barton and Beckley was received with dismay. Protest group set up in Stanton St John. Horton cum Studley Parish Council elections to be held every four years. White House corner eyesore complaints. [Mr Barnes was later to pass the licence to Mr Hugh Curran, a former Oxford United and Scottish footballer]

March 1979 – Complaints were received about the Mill Lane to Gardener's Barn footpath being very muddy.

Thames Water obtained Studley Farm, Gardener's Barn Farm and Whitecross Green Farms before 1979 with the aim of building a reservoir. However this project was abandoned and on 3rd October 1979, these farms were sold in 17 lots at the Randolph Hotel in Oxford. Studley Farm House and buildings with Gardener's Barn realised £572,700 that included lots 1,2,3,4,10,11,&13 and Moorlands Farm lots 15,15 and 17 realised £46,500. Lots 8 & 9 realised £27,000 and a total of 503.867 acres in all. Whitecross Green farmhouse fetched £36,000. The land in Horton cum Studley, behind the present church realised £22,500 bought by a Mr Taylor.

The sale was conducted by Carter Jonas Chartered Surveyors. The sale realised a total of £571,700 with the land at £1129 per acre.

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Figure 60 - Gardener's Barn 1979 (Photo courtesy of Mr H Hawes)

Details of 1979 sale from the Catalogue.

SALE PLAN

LOT No.

COLOURING EDGING

STUDLEY FARM, STUDLEY

ACREAGE

SALE PLAN

1	Studley Farm House & Buildings	Coloured red	2.109
2	Part Studley Farm	Coloured blue	69.592
3	Land at Studley	Coloured green	44.771
4	GARDNERS BARN FARM	Coloured yellow	144.932

LAND AT HORTON-CUM-STUDLEY

5	Accommodation Land	Edged yellow	4.349
6	Accommodation Land	Edged blue	7.790
7	Potential Building Plot	Coloured grey	.300
8	Arable field	Edged green	9.965
9	Arable field	Edged red	7.640

WHITECROSS GREEN FARM, MURCOTT

SALE PLAN e

10	Land at Whitecross Green	Coloured blue	60.500
11	Arable Land	Coloured yellow	42.057

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12 Whitecross Green Farmhouse
13 Part Whitecross Green Farm

Coloured red	1.492
Coloured green	73.001

MOORLANDS FARM, MURCOTT

14 Accommodation Land
15 Part Moorlands Farm
16 Pasture Field
17 Pasture Field

Edged red	15.467
Edged green	8.697
Edged blue	2.399
Edged yellow	8.806

Total 503.867 Acres



Figure 61 Whitecross Green Farm 1979 (Photo courtesy of Mr H Hawes)

1979 was the first year of the Otmoor Challenge half marathon. In 1978 Col. Ted Shephard came to live in Horton-cum-Studley (Kimmeridge) at a time when he was took up his command of part of the RAOC Depot at Arncott. He soon became involved in village life and joined the Playing Field Committee. He suggested that in order to raise funds, a Half Marathon Run around Otmoor should be organised as a joint venture with the Army.

November 1979 – Proposal to include Whitecross Green and Panshill into Murcott Parish.

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April 1980 – Parish Meeting. more complaints about Woodperry Hill water; lorries ignoring three ton limit down Horton Hill. Councillor David Markham discussed proposed M40 route.
August 1980 – Tenants relinquishing their allotment plots due to poor soil. There were more complaints about local footpaths. Campaign to report overweight lorries using the village to be reported to the police.

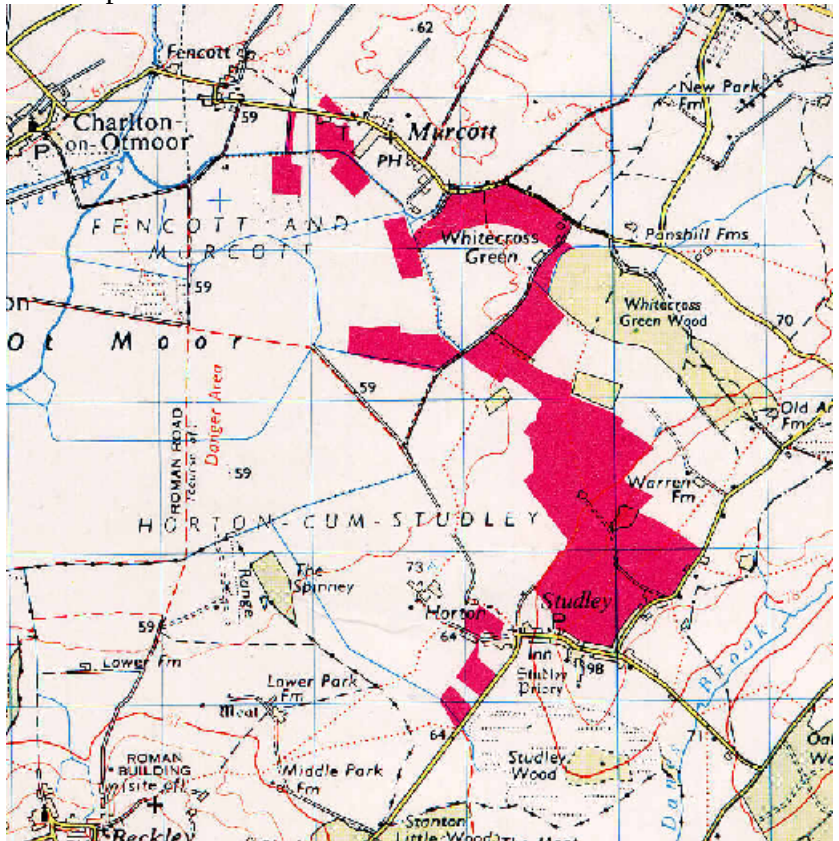


Figure 62 - 1979 Map of farms and land sold by Thames Water

1980 was the first year that the playing fields came into use and the first Otmoor Challenge Half Marathon.

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May 1981 _ Parish Meeting mostly about the M40 with County Councillor (D Markham) and District Councillor (R Brown) taking part. New route would take the M40 between Warren Farm and Old Arngrove Farm and between the two Panshill farmhouses. Plan to amalgamate Stanton St John and Beckley Schools with Beckley taking the over 9s. There were more complaints about the White House eyesore. [Mostly old cars for breaking]. Temporary planning permission for the playing field pavilion given and this did stipulate the need to include toilet facilities. Local policemen did cycle patrol. Priory hedge was overgrown and scratching cars on Horton Hill.

January 1982 – The new published M40 route crossed the straight mile past West Hill Farm and between Fencott and Murcott. More complaints about Woodperry Hill water and road surface.

March 1982 – problems with power cuts. Planning application received to site a mobile home at seven acres, straight mile by Mr T Lawrence. There was much feeling against this at that time due to the danger of fast traffic passing the entrance.

April 1982 – Public enquiry into M40 route announced and to start on 14th September. Mrs Betty Roberts was the new District Councillor and had offered her services. There had been vandalism of Pavilion and bus shelter at Forge Corner. Children caught and reprimanded. Vote of thanks to the farmers who had helped clear the snow during the last winter. Discussion on selling the Village Hall and building elsewhere because of the cost of upkeep. It had suffered severe frost damage.

August 1982 M40 eastern route [roughly as it is now] would be 1¼ miles longer than the route across Otmoor and would cost another £1.9million. The Parish Council expressed the appreciation of the parish for all the work done by Councillor David Markham in his work to get the route moved to the east. The local policeman was then PC Stock. The horse show would be held at Woodperry in 1982 in aid of Beckley and Horton church funds. Planning applications were received for a new dwelling from Mr Gomm at Corner Cottage, Mr Roden of Priory

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End and Mr J W Harrison for a bungalow in the garden of Sunnyside. None were agreed.

David Markham was then the Chairman of Oxfordshire County Council Public Transport Committee and a member of the Environmental Committee. He was also the representative for Oxfordshire on the Planning and Transportation Committee of the Association of County Councils. He lives in Oakley Road.

January 1983 – Strong opposition from the village to change the name of Holton Park School to Wheatley Park School. More requests for a 30mph speed limit. Mrs Velda Henman resigns as Parish Clerk as they are moving to Noke and Mrs Gwen Kilpatrick takes over the duties. Planning application from Mr Attley at the King's Arms for the building of seven motel type bedrooms at the rear of the hotel.

The OCC had asked the opinion of the Parish Council on the classification of Otmoor Lane under the Wildlife and Countryside Act. It was agreed that it should remain a bridleway. Complaints about the Filling Station forecourt surface between there and Mill Lane. A letter would be sent to the owner [of the filling station] Mrs Richardson.

September 1983 – The question of the Fuel Pumps forecourt was again raised. Neither Mr Hockridge from the shop, nor the County Council knew who owned the triangle of land between the filling station and Mill Lane. A planning application from Mr L Thomson, The Workshop, The Old Green for a haulage depot including service and repair of heavy goods vehicles was opposed although it had been in existence for many years.

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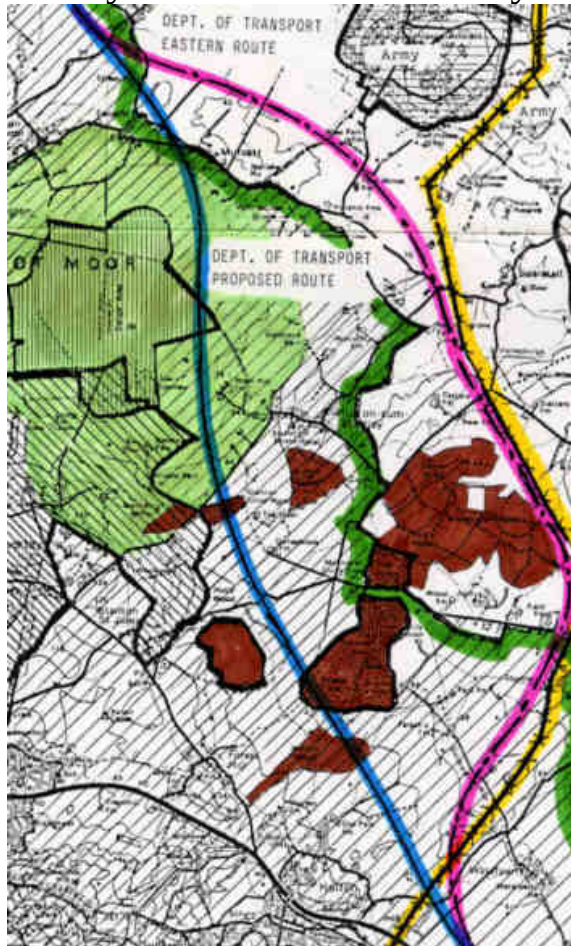


Figure 63 - Part of the 1980 Map showing the final two routes proposed for the M40

November 1983 – Complaints about emptying mini-skips on Corner Farm land also the depositing of foul smelling slurry on the field next to the church. Planning permission for extensions to Camborough, Church Lane (Mr A Parker); Hedgerley, Church Lane (Mr R N Robinson [father of Geoffrey Robinson MP and former minister]); Warren Farm Cottage (Mr K Mitchell) and Alanya, Oakley Road. (Mr W J Kirkpatrick).

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There was now a change in the village. The new house building had virtually come to an end and people were now extending their existing properties. Bucks Berks and Oxon Naturalist Trust (BBONT) purchasing Whitecross Green Wood. Drainage problems on the playing fields. New person leasing The Forge and welding cars.

April 1984 – Car park provided on playing field with the help of a bulldozer.

May 1984 – M40 enquiry finished and outcome to be announced at the end of the year. Front of the shop tarmaced [sic] by OCHA.

July 1984 – Planning application for the field next to the Church by Mr J Salter for housing development and a new Village Hall free to the village. Land next to Duffryn House, Church Lane being used as a dump. P C Stock would keep an eye out while the matter is reported to the Council. Planning applications for extra accommodation at the King's Arms refused.

November 1984 – Sub committee under Mr B Lyster to be formed to run the Otmoor Challenge. The first Chairman to be Mr Oleson.



Figure 64 - Farewell present to the Postman c.1986 presented by Richard Hawes, chairman HCS Parish Council.

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March 1985 – Mr Cooper agrees to move his effects from the land adjoining Duffryn House.

April 1985 – The M40 would be routed onto the eastern route avoiding Otmoor.

May 1985 – Land next to Duffryn House sold.

October 1985 – Path to playing field completed thanks to Mr R Hawes.

December 1985 – The Postman is retiring after 25 years [no name recorded]

April 1986 – More discussion on selling village hall and building a new one. The Parish Council decided that it would be too costly. Pond site still causing problems over untidiness. Stables erected at Corner Cottage without planning permission. Playing fields tractor had been vandalised.

1987 – Parish Council minutes produced on a word processor.

Land at Ragnall's Lane, the Council investigated the ownership of the land next to Ragnall's House and to ensure that the footpath was kept open. Yet another attempt to get a 30mph speed limit. There had been a spate of burglaries in the village including the Village Hall. Re-thatching the Village Hall will cost £4850.

Reviving of then tennis club discussed. Mr Miles takes over from Mrs Kilpatrick as Council Clerk. Questionnaires circulated on whether villagers wanted a gas supply. Idea to build a new village hall on the playing field dropped.

1988 – Post Office downgraded to Sub-Post Office. New Shopkeeper Mr Bernard Meek. There were more complaints of smell from the pig farm on the Straight Mile. The Otmoor Challenge Association had £4535 in hand to distribute. Traffic survey showed a total of 2376 passed the checkpoint over a 13-hour period. Final route of M40 not yet announced.

1989 – Waste skip service started and available every two months. Mrs Markham starts neighbourhood watch scheme.

The decline in the population of the village lasted until after World War II when electricity and water came to the village. The population had peaked to 384 in 1871 but had steadily declined as

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farm machinery took over from the farm labourer and people moved to Oxford and further afield to find work. After about 1955 the population then started to increase until it had doubled to 453 by 1991.

Farming has changed dramatically in the last 100 years. A hundred years ago the main farming occupation was dairy farming with pigs and poultry including geese. During and after World War II much more land was ploughed and arable farming became the main source of income. Since then sheep have partly replaced dairy cattle and the effects of European farm subsidies and quotas and other changes in farm practices has changed the face of the countryside. Many hedges have been removed and chemical spraying has resulted in more efficient monoculture. Ponds have been filled in and copses removed. Fifty years ago elm trees that were all destroyed by Dutch elm disease dominated the landscape.



Figure 65 - View from near Tippen's Copse of Gardener's Barn in the 1930s showing the domination of elm trees.

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Along with most of the rest of the country, wildlife has suffered. Frogs and Toads have disappeared from ponds and ditches due to chemical pollution although they are prospering in some garden ponds. A Common Bird Census carried out for the British Trust for Ornithology shows a loss of thirteen species of breeding birds in one part of the village in the fifteen years from 1985 to 2000. The village has prospered since 1950 but most of the population is now made up of people working as far away as London. The value of property has soared. A cottage sold in 1955 for under £1,000 would now sell for over £300,000 putting the price outside the range of the original occupants of the village, most who have moved into Oxford and other towns where rented accommodation and work is available. The village has now about eight families whose breadwinners are medical practitioners and about six connected with Oxford University or Oxford schools. However the largest contingent are people who have come to the village to retire. The village still has five working farms (including the teaching farm) although farming is now in decline. A century ago three-quarters of the villagers were agricultural labourers and their families, now there are less than twenty people depending on the land, excluding the teaching farm.

The main employers in the village are the Warren Farm teaching farm, Studley Priory Hotel, The Studley Lodge Hotel, Studley Wood Golf Club and the pottery at West Hill Farm. However most of the staff comes from outside the village, as there are no longer many non-professional workers available except for school leavers in their 'year out'. A century ago three quarters of the villagers were unskilled workers.

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Chapter 8 - The Church

Horton being a part of the parish of Beckley shared the vicar of Beckley for many years. Reynold of St. Valery gave Beckley church to the Templars at Cowley in about 1146, at the time of the second Crusade, for the salvation of the souls of himself and his relatives and all those who desired to strive with him to reach Jerusalem. The Templars never possessed, or were unable to keep the advowson, for in 1226 Robert, Count of Dreux, granted it to the Prioress and Convent of Studley. They, in their turn, after struggling to keep the advowson, had lost it by the end of the 13th century.

In 1230 after litigation, Studley's right to present to the church was upheld. But between 1258 and 1279 the nuns transferred this right to the Bishop of Lincoln, ostensibly because of the 'frailty of their sex' and because, being women, they felt unable to choose a suitable rector. The true reason was probably their inability to maintain their claims against the Earl of Cornwall, the overlord of Beckley manor and their patron. When Earl Richard died in 1272, he was declared to have held the advowson, and his son presented in 1291 and 1299.

In 1316 and 1318 John de Hadlow, the lessee of the manor, presented, but when in 1351 the Black Prince attempted to fill a vacancy with his chaplain, his right to do so was contested by the Prioress of Studley. The priory was found to be the rightful patron because Bishop Grosseteste's register showed that it had been so in 1230. In 1352 the question was finally settled, for the church was appropriated to the priory and a vicarage ordained. The rectory consisted of both land and tithes carucates of land and 8 cottages, according to the survey of 1279. Studley held the church until its dissolution in 1539, when the advowson and the impropriate rectory passed to John Croke. In 1568 his son and his wife Elizabeth sold the rectory to William Shillingford alias Izard, whose family lived in the parish and held the rectory for over a hundred years. William Izard's grandson John died in 1657; his great-grandson John Izard, a 'Spanish merchant', died in 1694 at

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about the time the rectory was sold. It was then called a manor and included view of frankpledge and other manorial rights. The earliest evidence shows that the question of ownership of the tithes was complicated, and it remained so until they were commuted for land in 1831. In the 13th century the rector only held part of them; the rest were divided between Oseney Abbey, Studley Priory, and St. Frideswide's Priory.

Robert d'Oilly is said (c.1270) to have given two parts of the demesne tithes in Beckley, Horton, Ash and half a hide in Studley to his church of St. George in Oxford castle, which he had founded with Roger d'Ivry. Henry I's confirmation charter indicates that the grant had been made at an earlier date and it is probable that these demesne tithes formed a part of the church's original endowment in 1074. In 1149 St. George's church, with Beckley and other possessions, was granted to Oseney Abbey. The latter met with difficulty on occasions over the collection of its Beckley tithes; in 1260, for example, the Earl of Cornwall's steward had to appoint a safe place for their custody, and obtain a promise from the rector of Beckley, Michael of Northampton, not to hinder their collection or make a claim upon them. Again in 1292 it was necessary for Oseney to make an agreement with the rector Philip of Hedsor, about which strips in the common fields owed tithes to Oseney, and to acknowledge the rector's right to the tithes of all assarted land. It is probable that the Oseney tithes about this time were commuted for a pension, for from 1291 until its dissolution the abbey received a pension from Beckley church. In 1291 it was £1 6s. 8d.; in 1535 £1 2s. In 1540 all Oseney tithes were granted by the king to John Croke with Studley manor and the rectory.

Studley's claim to tithes dates from 1230, when the Bishop of Lincoln granted the priory the tithes on 5 hides in Horton and 2 in Ash, to be collected by its own servants and applied to its own use. These must have been part of the tithes originally granted to Oseney, and it is not clear why they were lost. By the 14th century they may also have been commuted, for in 1341 Studley

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was receiving a pension of 13s. 4d. from the church. The remaining tithes in the parish belonged to the rector. At the time of the appropriation of the church the rectorial tithes went as a matter of course to Studley Priory, and were bought by John Croke on the priory's dissolution. In 1568 his son sold the tithes of Beckley, together with the rectory estate and the advowson, to William Izard (see above); the tithes of Horton and Studley he kept, and they remained in the Croke family until 1831.

When the enclosure award was made in 1831, all the tithes were commuted for land. The Cookes as lay rectors of Beckley received 92 acres for glebe and 87 for tithes; Christ Church 15 acres; and the vicar 19 acres. Sir Alexander Croke, who was called the lay rector of Horton and Studley, received 33 acres for glebe and 170 for tithes. By the Otmoor enclosure award of 1829 the Cookes had received 29 acres, Sir Alexander Croke 102 acres, and the vicar 63 acres for vicarial glebe.

When the vicarage was endowed in 1352, it was ordained that the vicar should receive 10 marks yearly, and that Studley Priory should build a suitable house for him, with hall, two bedrooms, kitchen, stable, fish-house, and brew-house; with a room for guests as well. The vicar was also to have a garden and a courtyard. Although the priory's financial position was not good, no complaints were made about its conduct towards Beckley during the episcopal visitations of 1520 and 1530. Indeed by 1526 it had raised the vicar's stipend to £8. His curate received £5 6s. 8d.

After the Reformation the living at Beckley, known as a perpetual curacy notwithstanding the prior ordination of a vicarage, was a decidedly poor one, as the vicar's stipend remained at £8 while the value of the rectory increased with rising prices.

The vicars were not university graduates, and probably supplemented their income by farming. There is mention of the vicar's hogs, turkeys, and a carthorse.

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It is presumed that the vicars were normally resident, but John Foxley, presented in 1564, is known to have been absent round about 1590 to 1595 owing to some 'error or misdemeanor'.

Relations between the vicar and the lay rector were not always amicable, perhaps partly on account of the disparity in their incomes. There was dissension, for instance, in 1642 when the vicar brought a suit against John Izard about the boundary between rectory and vicarage and a 'low squat building' once used by the vicar, but taken over at the end of the 16th century by the rector's son-in-law and raised two stories. A former vicar, Thomas Blades (presented in 1602), had threatened to pull it down.

During the 18th century the living became too poor to support a resident minister. Hearne, who went to a service at Beckley in 1714, noted the poverty of the incumbent, Mr. Eustace 'an honest gentleman' and 'well-beloved' with several children. As a consequence of non-residence, a minimum number of services were held, one on Sundays and communion three or four times a year, and the number of communicants was small, varying between ten and twenty.

During the 19th century the vicars were members of the Cooke family, who owned the rectory, lived at the Grove, and were important landowners in the parish, and benefactors of the churches at both Beckley and Horton. Theophilus Leigh Cooke (vicar 1802-46) was a Fellow of Magdalen College and held property in Norfolk and Essex; his nephew, George Theophilus Cooke was also a Fellow of Magdalen. Bishop Wilberforce called the former '*liberal and kind*' and the latter '*liberal and somewhat odd-of the High Church*'. Their influence may perhaps be discerned in the 19th century visitation returns, which give the impression that the church was better attended than it had been in the 18th century. There was a sermon Sunday morning and '*catechizing*' in the afternoon, and communion was given twice a month. In 1875 there were about eighty communicants in all. In 1953 the net annual value of the benefice was £473.

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Beckley's distance from Horton and Studley must have discouraged regular attendance of the inhabitants of these hamlets at their parish church, and they may have had a chapel of their own at an early date. There is record of a chaplain serving Horton in the 13th century, but no further evidence of the chapel's existence occurs until 1553. In 1636 Sir George Croke provided £20 a year for a clergyman to preach every Sunday, alternately at Studley and Horton. The George Sargeant 1641 map shows a church, in roughly the same position as the present church. It is half hidden above the 'N' of Horton.



Figure 66 - Top of the 1641 map showing the present crossroads with Horton Hill diagonally down the picture though the letter 'T'. The lane junction is just below the 'T'. What is possibly a church is at the top right above the letter 'N'.

In the 19th century, the field in which the church now stands was known as Chapel Close. The church must have been later demolished but according to the 1641 map it appears to have been a church with a tower.

By Dunkin's time however, in 1823, the villagers worshipped at the chapel attached to Studley Priory. According to Dunkin, during Henry II's reign (1154-1189), *a certain Wacheline Hareng built a chapel there, which he gave to Eynsham. It fell to ruin*

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some time in the fourteenth century, but there is still a field called Chapel Close.

The monuments in Beckley church commemorate some well-known local families, notably those of Croke, Bee, Cooke, Ledwell, and Faulkner. Owing to alterations in the floor levels, most of the 17th-century and early 18th-century inscriptions described in 1717 and again in 1823 have since disappeared.

Among the many Izard memorials was one to John Izard, Spanish merchant (d. 1694). There are now inscriptions to Robert Sutton, barber in the University of Oxford (d. 1742); John Thomson, B.D. (d. 1773/4) and Laetitia Thomson (d. 1746); Ann, daughter of John and Mary Faulkner of Studley (d. 1759); William Ledwell, of Woodperry (d. 1779); Mary, wife of Thomas Ledwell of Beckley Park (d. 1783), and to five children, presumably, who died between 1782 and 1804; Edward Bee and Mary, his wife; Ann, wife of the Revd Dr. Leigh; Cassandra Cooke (d. 1826), wife of the Revd Samuel Cooke and daughter of Ann and the Revd. Dr. Leigh, Master of Balliol; John Parker (d. 1805); Jenny Parker, relict of John and daughter of Alexander Croke (d. 1814); Alexander Croke, eldest son of Sir Alexander Croke (d. 1818); Le Blount Croke (d. 1827); Alexander Croke (d. 1833). The earliest Croke monument now left is a brass depicting Anne, wife of Charles Croke, kneeling at a prie-dieu. She died in 1619.

The church of St Barnabas at Horton was built in 1867 at a cost of about £1,000. The architect was William Butterfield (1814 – 1900). The church was built of coloured brick, and comprises nave, chancel, north aisle, south porch, and a turret containing two bells. The cost of the Church, plus the school and vicarage, built at the same time was paid for with funds obtained by The Rev George Theophilus Cooke BD, who died in 1893. There is a memorial window to Rev Cooke in the South windows of the church.

Of interest is a carved chair in the choir. This chair came from Studley Priory and was presented for the Bishop's use on the occasion of the dedication service. Charles I is supposed to have

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sat in it on his return from Boarstall Tower where he had been watching one of the skirmishes of the Civil War.



Figure 67 - St Barnabas Church January 2000

The organ was installed in 1916 paid for mostly by Miss Hilda Henderson, only daughter of Captain John Henderson. Amongst her other gifts were a brass altar crucifix, a jewelled gold chalice, which she designed herself and the First World War memorial on the south wall. The faces are portraits of the twelve men who fell.



Figure 68 - St Barnabas Church altar.

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The organ was originally installed in what is now Richard Vendome rebuilt the vestry between 1980-86 under the direction of Gordon Curtis and a team of parishioners. In 2000 a new window in the North-Isle was made by Nicholas Mynheer and depicts St Barnabas the 'Son of Encouragement'.



Figure 69 - The organ as replaced in 1986

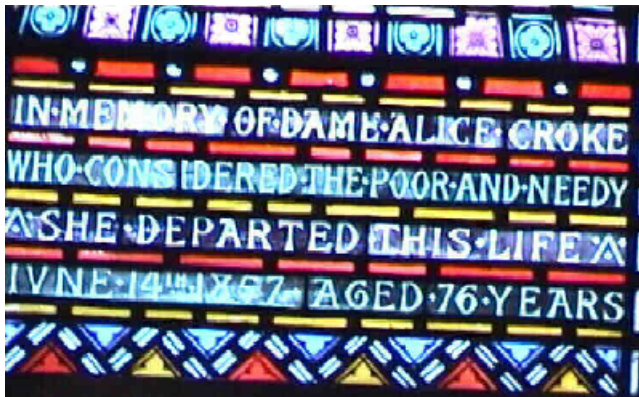


Figure 70 - Window to the north of the altar commemorating Dame Alice Croke who died on 14th June 1857

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Figure 71 - Windows in the south commemorating Rev George Cooke

Rev George Cooke also owned lands on Otmoor and was one of the landowners who contributed to the draining of Otmoor.

Non conformity

One *papist copyholder* was reported at Horton between 1717 and 1746, but otherwise there is no record of Roman Catholicism in the parish.

In 1676 there were two Nonconformist families, but by 1738 there was only one Anabaptist of 'low rank'. During the early 19th century various private homes were licensed as dissenting meeting-houses, e.g. John Busby's in 1832, and George Robins's in 1835. In 1878 a brick Methodist chapel with seating for 50 was erected at a cost of £125. This may have been at the home of Tom

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(Tommy) Green on the Brill Road (opposite where the post box is located). Tom was an agricultural labourer and worked at Manor Farm.

Formerly the crops were blessed and at Ascensiontide a club feast was held which lasted for three days. The celebrations included dinner at the King's Arms, cricket matches and a small fair that was held on the green then opposite the King's Arms. Horton also used to possess a handbell team composed of four or five members of the Jones and Gomm families. They also used to ring at the houses in the village at Christmas time. There was also a band of mummers (those who entertained with a mime show). In 1852 there were five or six basket-makers working at Studley, using the osiers from Otmoor, although none are mentioned as such in the 1851 census.

There is no definitive list of the vicars. But since the present church was built, the vicars have included the following, taken from the Church Registers:

Rev W Starey 1867 - c1884

Rev Forbes Auchmuty c1884 – c 1901

Rev Herbert A Mais took services from 1887 although

Rev

Auchmuty still lived in the Vicarage until about 1901.

Rev William Cook c1901

Rev Brine? (Name difficult to read) 1909

During World War I a number of priests took services including:

Rev C W Speiling took services from Nov 1914

Rev Clive Golding took services in 1915

Rev Harry Waller

Rev Phillip Dorpne

Rev J Kinchen-Smith 1915 (Always wore a bowler hat)

Rev R G Darley 1932

Rev Millen 1932 - 1936 also teacher at Magdalen College School

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Rev Newman 1936 – 1945 came from Sussex with invalid wife (polio). Known as the “*revving parson*” as he was always playing with cars and always had oily hands.

Rev Cole 1946 – 47 signs himself “officiating minister” implying that he was not priest in charge.

Rev Bolus 1947 – 1952 also Chairman of the Parish Council and Captain of the cricket team. Retired to Umtali, Rhodesia.

Rev Chapman 1953 – 1955

Rev Clifford Jarvis 1955 – 1958 (drove an old Rolls Royce)

Rev Hugh Benson 1959 – 1971

Rev Anthony de Vere 1971 - 1993

Rev William Brierley 1993

There is a memorial in the church to Katherine Agnes the 19-year-old daughter of Rev Auchmuty who died on 8th March 1895.

The vicarage was built between 1881 and 1891. There are no records in the censuses of a vicar living in the village before 1891, before that date the vicar came from Beckley to take the services. There was a resident priest or vicar before Norman times and a vicar who looked after the original chapel in the Priory until the dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII.

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Chapter 9 - Schools

Margaret Wheatland, wife of Stephen Wheatland, the rector of Stanton St. John, left £800 for charitable purposes by her will dated 1740. A Chancery decree of 1769 ordered that the interest from £200 should be paid under this bequest to provide education for ten poor children of Beckley parish. In 1819, £3. 9s. 4d. was paid to a schoolmaster in Beckley to educate 6 children in reading and writing and £3 to a schoolmaster in Horton to teach 4 children reading. There were also three endowed schools in the parish providing education for 70 to 120 children, some of who were paid for by public subscription. In 1833 Horton had two schools, one for 14 boys and 8 girls and the other for 6 boys and 15 girls. One of the schools may have been on the site of the later brick school behind St Barnabas Church.

In 1871 there was one church school at Beckley with an attendance of 87 and two schools at Horton: an endowed school (attendance 47) and a private venture school for five. In 1893 the Horton church school had an attendance of 59, and the Beckley school with an attendance of 86 was affiliated to the National Society, from which it received a grant of £40 for new buildings in 1895. In 1906 the numbers rose to 109 but dropped to 30 in 1924 after the senior children had been transferred to Stanton St. John. During World War II, the over 11 children from Horton cum Studley were taught at Studley Priory, presumably as transport was not available to take them to Stanton St John although it has also been suggested that these children were from an evacuated private school. Both the Beckley and Stanton schools survive today as Church Schools. There are also records of a night school that was started in Horton in 1854.

Horton School used to be behind the church off Mills's Lane (Mill Lane) but was demolished in 1961. The site still exists as wasteland and used to be accessible from the path from Mill Lane but a few years ago the wall was bricked up for some extraordinary reason and is no longer easily assessable. The land was probably paid for from the bequest of Margaret Wheatland

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and may not be a part of the church property, although it was built at the same time as the church using similar bricks.

We know some of the teachers' names from the censuses. Ellen Jane Friend (the surname is not very clear and may be different) was aged 33 in 1901 and came from Canterbury in Kent. There were also other teachers in the village in 1901, who may have been assistants. The 1901 census describes 25-year-old Emily Powell, daughter of William Powell of Moors Farm her as 'schoolteacher Art 68' and Kate, aged 19, the daughter of Thomas Cooper of West Hill Farm is described as an elementary school teacher. Other teachers were Miss McGovern followed by Miss Horne. Mrs Bar Swindells who was at the school from 1925 – 1931 remembers Miss McGovern as a brilliant teacher. There was 17 pupils at the school and there were two scholarships to Oxford Grammar Schools, Bar Badger (later Swindells) and Ronald Robbins. The Robbins then lived at Kimmeridge, Oakley Road. Gillian Johnson became Headmistress on 1st April 1937 aged 23. She later (as Lillian Couthard) wrote two books on Otmoor life including *'The Other Side of the Bridge'* which describes her appointment to Horton cum Studley School and life at the school until she left in 1951 when she became Headmistress at Charlton on Otmoor. She described the school as follows:

'The school had two rooms and was heated by coal fires. The bigger room had a good floor but the windows were rather small so it was not very light. The infant room was quite small and had a very high ceiling. Round each room there was wooden panelling which was painted dark brown. Soon after I went there the wood was taken down and cement was put up instead. That was painted brown, a bit lighter than the wood. The walls were of bricks, light coloured ones with patterns of diamond around the top made from blue bricks. The walls were the same pattern as the church and the buildings were designed by Butterworth, who also designed Keeble College, Oxford.'

She then describes her life as Headmistress:

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"MY FIRST DAY AS HEADMISTRESS

On Monday April 1st I commenced my duties at the school. There were 30 children under eleven. They were nicely dressed and very polite. There was one family of children who looked poorer than the rest and they were rather slow learning. The vicar came down the first morning and introduced me to the children. He was a funny looking man and wore a black cassock. He told me to be strict and to make them do as they were told.

The second day there one of the big boys thought he would try me out so he tried to upset the other children and when I told him off said, 'You'll have our dad arter you.' I told him I didn't mind if his mother and all the family came he would still have to do as he was told. After all I was only twenty three.

The next day his father stopped me and said if his boys did not behave I was to give them the stick. I had no trouble from them after and found the children very easy to manage and eager to learn.

MY ASSISTANT

The managers had been told to appoint an assistant to teach the infants and when I had been there a week the vicar came to show me the application forms that he had received. There was one staying with a friend at Great Horward in Buckinghamshire which he was keen to see.

The following afternoon he announced that he had interviewed the young lady and asked me to go to the vicarage on the Sunday evening to meet her. After the church service on the Sunday evening I met her for the first time. She was tall, slim and pretty and a year younger than me. She weighed about 7 stone. I was dark and plump and weighed 11 stone 7 lbs. She was very smart and cleverly made up. Her name was Enid Evans and her father was a headmaster in Wales.

After spending half an hour together we decided that we would get on well and it was agreed that she should commence on May 1st. The vicar found lodgings for her at Manor Farm where Mr. and Mrs. Badger and their family lived.

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On May 1st she came to school and at that time there were 32 children from five to eleven so I divided them into groups. she had the under sevens and I had the sevens to elevens. We found the children well behaved and polite but the reading was poor because the last head had all the children on her own.

The Evacuees

The week after we started school at Horton a lot of evacuees came to the village from Bethnal Green in London. They were accompanied by two elderly teachers, Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Carr. They were billeted at Studley Priory with the squire and his mother. It was on Sunday that they came and on the Monday we met in school to discuss teaching.

We were told that we must share the building, the local children to go in the morning and the evacuees in the afternoon one week and the next week to change periods. It was a very difficult time for all as the school stock was low. The new stock had not arrived and the amount when received would not be adequate as there were sixty evacuees.

For a short time the London children had to use scraps of paper and as there were not enough desks some had to sit at the teachers' tables. A short time after the London teachers received supplies from the L.C.C. After we had been teaching part time for two weeks our H.M.I. came to ask if there were any buildings that could be used so that all the children could attend full time.

Mrs. Henderson, the lady at the Priory, gave consent for the senior children to have a room at the Priory so the Horton cum Studley children, who had been attending Stanton St. John School since the age of eleven, were told to go there with the London children. Mr. Morgan, the L.C.C. master went to the Priory to teach there and Mrs. Carr brought the junior children to our school.

She was a jolly person and the children mixed well. Mrs. Carr told us many stories about the children that she had taught and as she was sixty she had had much experience. Her husband had been a teacher too.

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She told us that one day she had been waiting at the bus stop and one of the parents of the children, she had been teaching at the time came up with her little boy, who had his head stuck in a chamber pot and she was grumbling because she had to take him to the doctor to get it removed.

ALONE AGAIN

By Christmas 1939 as nothing had happened in London several children returned home and Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Carr retired from teaching. Enid and I were left in our little school with about thirty children.

A lady graduate came to take charge of the senior children and she taught them in the village hall opposite the Priory. I think some of the boys played her up.

The children still mixed together well. The evacuees became fond of their foster parents and the people were fond of the children. Some of the mothers who came down with their children under five settled in the village and remain there to this day. One was Mrs. Ward and another Mrs. Williams.

During the summer 1940 we had staggered holidays and every afternoon we went to school to keep the children occupied. We played games, told stories and dramatised them and they did some drawings and paintings on odd scraps of paper, sometimes using newspaper.

We took the children for many nature walks as there were some nice little spinneys around and plenty of wild flowers too. By the summer of 1941 more of the older children had returned home so the remaining senior children and the Horton children had to go to Stanton St. John again and the graduate returned to London. We had very little school stock and the children brought odd balls of wool to school to knit with and rolls of old wallpaper to paint on as well as newspaper. They also brought scraps of material to make dolls clothes.

Sometimes we had our local H.M.L. and sometimes one from London. I remember one man asked the children why he was bald.

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No one could tell him. He said it was because no grass grows in a busy street.

THE PRESENTATION

The people of Horton cum Studley were sorry that I was leaving and subscribed for a parting gift for me.

Miss Louie Gomm, the cleaner, had retired and her place was taken by Mrs. Williams, who had been evacuated from London and settled in the village. I had taught four of her daughters so she collected and bought me a gay garden chair with head rest and foot stool. Miss Gomm gave me a set of fruit spoons and on a card inside it said 'In token of a friendship true this little gift I give to you.

The last afternoon I felt very sad because the children were like a family and I had them at four and they remained in the school until they were eleven.'

After 1961, children were educated at Beckley School, with older children going to Halton Park School, later to become Wheatley Park School. There was a period in the 1960s when Beckley School was being extended, when children went to Sandhill's School. See chapter on 20th Century. As the village prospered at the end of the 20th century over half the children were educated at local private schools, such as the Dragon School, New College School, Magdalen, St Edwards and Cokethorpe for boys and Headington School for the girls plus schools further afield.

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Chapter 10 - Military Activities

During the Civil War Charles I occupied Oxford from 1642 to 1646. There being insufficient housing in Oxford for the Royal army, outlying garrisons were set up from which men could be drawn when the army took the field. One such garrison was at Boarstall Manor some two miles from Studley but with the withdrawal of the Royalist garrison the manor was occupied by a force from the Parliamentary army. The resulting disruption of food supplies to Oxford made it necessary for the Royalists to re-take the manor and it was to supervise this action that Charles I came to Studley Priory. The chair in which the king sat to dine was for many years a treasured possession of the Croke family and was given for the use of the Bishop of Oxford when consecrating the parish church of St. Barnabas in 1868.

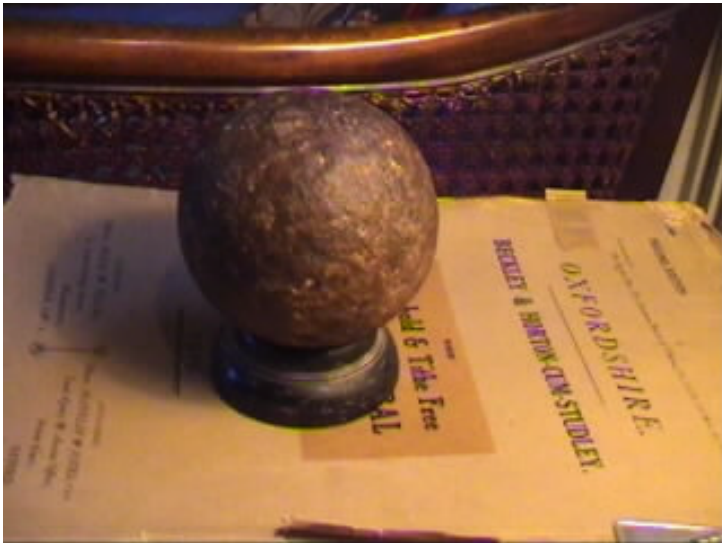


Figure 72 – Cannon ball found in the floor of The Old Weir probably from the Civil War

The earliest records of military activity in the village is from June 1643 when 500 of Prince Rupert's cavalry came to Horton to

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reconnoitre, anticipating the advance from the Earl of Essex, who a few days later came up from Thame and unsuccessfully attacked Islip. Royalist forces were active in the area after Essex's withdrawal, and their troops from Woodperry drove off the sheep on Horton common. The oldest house in Horton cum Studley, The Old Weir on the Brill Road, was hit by a cannon ball. During recent house improvements the cannon ball was found in the floor and a matching hole was found in the roof timbers (Figure 72). Although it cannot be proven that the ball was from the Civil War it seems very likely as the house is between Studley Priory and Boarstall Tower. Another cannon ball was found in 2002 by Mr Bob Wakelin in a field near Gardener's Barn half a mile the Old Weir.



Figure 73 - 2" Cannonball found near Gardener's Barn 2002

In about 1987, the skeletons of four or five people were found in the roots of a blown down dead elm tree. The skulls were damaged as though being cut by a sword. The person finding the skeletons re-covered them with earth and the skeletons are probably still there. These skeletons are possibly casualties from the skirmishes during the Civil War.

The Otmoor Riots

The flat area known as Otmoor formed a part of the 'wastes' of St. Valori and it may be due to its not coming within a particular

A History of Horton cum Studley manor that in the late 18th century nobody had title to the land. The use of the moor had been regulated by a moor court and the fishing, fowling and grazing had from time immemorial been held by the seven 'towns' of Otmoor. Sir Alexander Croke considered the lack of cultivation to be wasteful and after long litigation secured the enclosure of the moor by a private Act of Parliament in 1815.

£100 Reward
AND
PARDON.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to His Majesty's Government that the Laws have been violated by maliciously disposed Persons conspiring together, and riotously and tumultuously assembling by Night and cutting the Fences and destroying the Bridges on

OTMOOR,

whereby serious injury has been done to the Property, and the Peace of the Neighbourhood has been disturbed; Now, in order to discover and bring to justice the Offenders,

A REWARD OF
One Hundred Pounds

is hereby offered to any Person who shall give such information to any of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Oxford as shall lead to the conviction of any Person or Persons upon any Indictment that may be preferred against him or them for having actually committed any of the crimes of

Felony, Riot, or Conspiracy,

upon the Moor, or for having instigated or encouraged the commission of any of those Crimes either by Words, or by giving Money or Beer.

And, as a further encouragement, HIS MAJESTY'S

FREE PARDON

is hereby promised to any Person giving such information.

By order of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department.
Whitehall, March 2, 1833.

Figure 74 £100 reward offered for information on the Otmoor rioters

Local discontent came to a head in 1830 when a mob razed new fences and uprooted hedges, the magistrates called out the militia

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to quell the riot and there followed a 'pitched battle', in which 44 commoners were taken prisoner. These were taken to Oxford by farm wagons; crossing Oxford at the time of St. Gile's Fair the townsfolk reacted strongly in support of the rioters and by the time the wagons reached the gaol all 44 prisoners were missing.

World War I

Twelve men of the village were killed out of 69 who fought. This accounts for about half of the men of the village who were away. It has not been possible to trace the records of all the fallen at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission as not all next of kin addresses are given.

241498, Private **Donald Pettigrew**, 11th Bn., Royal Sussex Regiment died age 25 on Tuesday 25 September 1917.

Private Pettigrew was son of John and Alice Pettigrew, of Horton-cum-Studley. He died at Hooze Chateau. On 30 July, the Germans took the chateau, and on 9 August the 8th Division retook it.

George Stanton may have been Private 28789 1st Bn., Grenadier Guards who died on Friday 23 August 1918 at Vis-en-Artois, France.

285484 Private **George Newton Buswell** Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars died on Sunday 20 May 1917. He was son of Edward Herbert and Mary E. Buswell, of Horton-cum-Studley. He died at Templeux-le-Guerard, a village 26 kilometres east of Peronne. The village was taken early in April, 1917, lost on the 21st March, 1918, and retaken by the 15th Suffolks of the 74th (Yeomanry) Division on the following 18th September.

11939 Private **Arthur Cox**, 2nd Bn., Oxford. and Bucks Light Infantry died on Sunday 16 May 1915. Age 24. He was son of Jesse and Emily Cox, of The Nut Tree, Murcott, Islip, Oxon. He died near Le Touret Essars and Le Touret village. France.

8987 Private **William Hicks** MM, 1st Bn., Oxford. and Bucks Light Infantry, died on Sunday 18 June 1916 near Basra Iraq He died in the operations in Mesopotamia.

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Linda Byford the great niece of Jesse Jones, (her Grandfather's youngest brother) reports.

*Jesse was born in 1883. I knew that he was killed in the War and that he was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army, but that was all. After searching for hours on the Web I came across the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Website and discovered much more detail about the date of death, and where he died, what regiment he was in and his grave reference at Ypres where he was killed. I was absolutely thrilled to find out so much, but there was an even better discovery a few days later when I came across a website telling the story of two brothers who were killed on the same day at the same battle and were in the same battalion. As I read on with great interest and sadness about them, I came to a paragraph entitled :-**Extract from the Diary of Lieutenant-Colonel H.R. Davies 2nd Battalion, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.***

Entry for 11th November 1914 (The day Jesse Jones was killed)

"At about 10 a.m. we were turned out, as there had been a German attack on 1st Brigade, who were holding the ground a little to the north of the Ypres-Menin road. I was ordered to take the Regiment to Westhoek, and get into touch with the 1st Division, who were bringing up reinforcements on the right.

A certain number of shells were dropping about in different places, but by watching where they were being put, I was able to avoid them, and we reached Westhoek without loss. Here I got the companies into any cover that was available, and I could see the Northamptonshire (1st Division) advancing, on our right, into the southern part of the wood lying to the south of Westhoek. I also found here Colonel Lushington, commanding a Brigade of artillery, in a dug-out near a shrine just beyond the village.

He told me the Germans were in Nonne Bosschen Wood, and that his adjutant had collected some gunners, cooks, etc., armed them with rifles, and put them out facing the Germans in front of us.

A message now came from 5th Brigade that I was to clear the Nonne Bosschen Wood of the enemy, and that the Highland Light Infantry, who

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were in reserve at the western edge of Polygon Wood, would join in the attack on the trenches captured by the Germans, which extended southwards from the south-west corner of Polygon Wood.

Almost at the same time an order came from the G.O.C., 1st Brigade, that I was to bring the regiment round to the south-east corner of the wood south of Nonne Bosschen, to combine with 1st Division troops in an attack on the captured trenches. These contradictory orders could not both be obeyed, but it was obvious that the Germans must be cleared from Nonne Bosschen, as they were in dangerous proximity to some of our guns and to some French guns. I therefore decide to carry out the 5th Brigade orders, and to send a message to the 1st Brigade to say what I was doing.

I sent "A" and "B" Companies to clear Nonne Bosschen, advancing from the north-west to south-east. This they did most successfully, driving the Germans before them, and killing and capturing a good many. "C" and "D" Companies followed in support. When "A" and "B" Companies came out on the south-eastern edge of the wood they were joined by the Northamptonshire on the right, and by some Connaught Rangers and Sappers on the left. Led by Dillon, they charged the Germans out of the trenches, some of the enemy turning and running when the attack was thirty or forty yards off, and others surrendering. Most of those who ran were shot. The men with whom we had this fight were the Potsdam Guards. They were very fine, big men, but the time we came across them they did not seem to have very much fight in them, as they had been under our artillery fire for some time, and this, no doubt had shaken them considerably.

Our casualties altogether amounted to 27, of whom 5 were killed. Lieutenant C. S. Baines was wounded, and Colour-Sergeant J. Jones ("A" Company) was unfortunately killed, just at the moment when he had been promoted 2nd Lieutenant, though we did not know it at the time.

There was still another trench held by the Germans in front, and there is no doubt that this would also have to be taken; but unfortunately, the French artillery, not realising that our attack had progressed so quickly, began firing shrapnel into our front line, so that the attack could not get on. It took some time to inform the French artillery, and by then it was dark.

I now collected the whole regiment at two or three houses just east of

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the south edge of Nonne Bosschen Wood, and I found the 5th Brigade headquarters on the north edge of Polygon Wood. It was then proposed to try and retake the trenches which the Germans had captured, the idea being to make a flank attack on them from the south-west corner of Polygon Wood. As, however, it was absolutely pitch dark, it was decided to postpone that attack until 1 a.m., when the moon would be well up.

I returned to the Regiment and just as I arrived it came on to pour with rain and hail, but I managed to squeeze all the men into the houses for shelter, though many of us got thoroughly wet before we could get under cover. It cleared up later, and I was trying to snatch a little sleep when, about 11 p.m., the Staff Captain of the 1st Brigade came in, and I went with him to see General Fitzclarence, commanding that brigade, whose headquarters were in a house on the southern edge of the wood south of Nonne Bosschen. From him I learned that he also had orders to attack from the south-west corner of Polygon Wood, at 4 a.m., with the 2nd Grenadiers and Irish Guards (of the 4th Brigade), and the Munster Fusiliers. I then returned to the Regiment."

I was absolutely amazed to find Jesse Jones mentioned in the diary, I just couldn't believe it, and it was ironic that he was killed on the day he had been promoted to 2nd Lt. Definitely a Horton cum Studley Hero!

World War II

Many of the men of the village were called up to fight but only three died. This included David L Henderson, Ronald Robbins died while serving in the RAF while George William Hynt died while serving with 3 Parachute Regiment.

71204, **Major David Henderson** of the 7th Bn., Seaforth Highlanders who died on Friday 16 February 1945, Age 27. He was son of Capt. Robert Ronald Henderson, M.P., and Margaret Frances Henderson, of Studley Priory, Oxfordshire. He lies at Brookwood Cemetery.

1312700 Leading Aircraftman **Ronald George Robbins**, died, age 21, on Saturday 7 February 1942. He was son of George Edward and Ethel Robbins, of Horton-cum-Studley.

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4470319 Craftsman **George William Hunt** REME, was a craftsman serving with the Airborne Division 7th Bn., Parachute Regiment, A.A.C. He died on Tuesday 6 June 1944 . Age 21 at Ranville, France. He was son of John Hunt, and of Mary Hunt, of Churchill, Oxfordshire. He is buried at RANVILLE WAR CEMETERY, Calvados, France. Ranville was the first village to be liberated in France when the bridge over the Caen Canal was captured intact in the early hours of 6 June by troops of the 6th Airborne Division, who were landed nearby by parachute and glider.



Figure 75 - The Local Home Guard WW2. (Photo by courtesy of Bob Wakelin)

Otmoor was used as a bombing range and a tower was built down Ragnall's Lane to observe the fall of the bombs. Studley Priory was used to house BBC staff and later RAF personnel from Worminghall airfield. There was also a local Home Guard (see picture Fig 75) and an ARP section who used to park their vehicle in a gravel pit (now filled in) at the top of the Little Millfield to overlook the area.

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In the 1950s and 60s a member of the village became the Civil Defence officer, but thankfully he never had anything to do other than limited training. Military activities at the end of the 20th century are restricted to the Green Jackets TA soldiers and cadets walking though the village on map reading exercises and firing on Otmoor rifle range that was updated in 2001 with an electric target range. After World War II, retired officers used their military rank and there were a number of captains, majors and colonels in the village. In the 21st century no one is using military rank in the village.

Many villagers have served in the forces since 1945. National Servicemen continued to serve until 1962. A number of retired regular officers have settled in the village including Colonel Ted Shephard, who started the Otmoor Challenge and Lt Col John Wright, both RAOC. Major (A/Lt Col) Tim Hallchurch served from 1957-96 in the Regular Army and then TA Commanding the Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars.

Roll of Honour 1914-1918

Harry Auger	Harry Green	Jesse Jones 2 nd Lieut
Frederick G Ayres	William Green	Francis Kinchin Smith
John Beckley	Walter Green	Austin Kinchin Smith
William Blake	Thomas Green	Capt
John Blake	Albert Hayes Lieu	Frederck J Kirby
Arthur Briscoe	Walter Hayes	Frank Merry
Benjamin Briscoe	James Hayes	Albert Merry
Frederick H Brooks	Herbert William Hayes	Arthur Parker
Herbert Brooks	Ronald Henderson Capt	Alfred J Parraman
James W Brooks	Frederick J Hicks	Frederick Pim
Albert Budd	Aubrey Hicks	Ronald Pettigrew
Charles Bulbeck	William Hicks	Alfred Stanton
Charles Bulbeck jr	Harold Honour	George Stanton
Albert Busby	George Honour	Jack Stanton
George Newton	Aubrey Honour	William Stanton
Buswell	Thomas Jones	George Stanton
Stewart Buswell	Sydney Jones	Linus Robbins
William Cox	Oliver Jones	Alfred Truby
Arthur Cox	Horace Jones	John Warland
Reginald Cox	Fred Jones	Thomas Walker

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George Gibbard Albert Gomm Richard Gomm Robert Gomm	George Jones Percy Jones Verney Jones	William Webb Walter Watts Albert Watts William Watts
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Memorial to the fallen

1914-18

Albert Busby Fred Pym William Hicks MM Donald Pettigrew	Jesse Jones 2 nd Lieu Thomas Green Newton Buswell Herbert Haynes	Alfred Stanton George Stanton Arthur Cox Reginald Cox
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1939-45

Maj David Lionel Henderson Seaforth Highlanders Cfn George William Hunt REME, Att 7 th Parachute Regiment George William Hunt RAF
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Chapter 11 - Horton cum Studley a hundred years ago

(Based on information from the 1891 and 1901 census)
Coming from Oxford before 1900 one may have taken the road via Beckley, down Otmoor Lane across Otmoor to Ragnall's Lane. The Straight Mile (then known as Oxford Road) was not yet surfaced and was likely to have been impassable in winter although there was a ride from the Oxford end of the mile across to the Priory. One would have had to negotiate a series of gates to stop livestock straying from one field to another, as the track did not have hedges or fences on both sides. One would pass the track on the right leading to Tom Cooper's Farm (Lower Green Farm) (the track is now a rarely used footpath) and enter Horton via Lower Green Road with the first house being the house now on the site of Ragnall's House.



Figure 76 - Village outing to Cheddar Gorge c 1928 (Photo courtesy of Bob Wakelin)

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The footpath from Beckley via Beckley Park across the fields to Lower Green Road where there are now stables was well used at this time, both to visit the Abingdon Arms in Beckley, to shop in Beckley and of course to walk into Oxford.

There was then a left turn into a lane with the village pound on land now annexed into Ragnall's House garden. There was also a large pond on this site. This lane has now disappeared under fields but originally led up to the 'Green Barn' down Mill Lane at the point where the track bears to the right. By 1891 the lane went as far as the Gomms cottage and then turned right to Church Lane.

There is now a public footpath that was probably a short cut to the school and shop but does not follow the line of this lane.

Ragnall's House may have been occupied by John and Ann Higgins in 1881 and later by Opwood Stanton whose wife was the laundress at the Priory. She is said to have used the village pond for doing her washing. By 1901 Ragnall's House, then still a small thatched cottage was occupied by Thomas and Rhoda Wakelin and their children Elizabeth Rose, Thomas and Alice who were later to move up the hill to a cottage where Forge Close now stands.

One of the cottages, where Albert and Amy Gomm lived with their family is still visible with its small garden on the footpath between Mill Lane and Ragnall's Lane. The route to the cottage was from Church Lane past the ponds in the field following the old lane that partly surrounded the old Horton Green. Gomm was a stonemason and bricklayer and worked with his two sons Robert and Albert. The family was originally from Wheatley although there had been Gom or Gomm families in the village since the 17th century living in a cottage below the almshouses on the Oxford Road.

Mr Gomm, who currently lives in the almshouses, has no recollection of any relationship with the family that lived in the village since at least 1650.

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From the Gomm's cottage there was probably the remnants of a lane up to Mill Lane via Millss Close (see below). Turning right onto Millss Lane past a pond on the right one found the village shop that had moved from the top of the village a few years earlier. (Millss Lane was probably named after the Mills family who were in the village in the 17th and 18th centuries)

Elizabeth Auger nee Edle, born 1834, ran the shop with the help of her sister, while her husband George, born 1836, farmed the small field behind known as Arnott's Close. Elizabeth Edle had previously run the shop and inherited it from her father Thomas Edle who ran the shop in 1841 with his wife Ann. George Auger has originally been a lodger (in 1861) with the Edle family when he was a gamekeeper. Next to the shop were a number of outhouses with poultry and pigs the produce probably sold at the shop. Ernest was then a blacksmith and worked at the forge on top of the hill in 1891 but by 1901 was a corn carrier. They also had a son Percival who was a university college servant at Keeble College. When he came back to the village he was usually dressed in a smart suit and 'talked posh' and was not very popular amongst the locals. By 1901 the census only has Elizabeth and son Ernest living at the address.

The 1851 census also suggests that there was a shop in the lower part of Horton run by Anne Eals, assisted by her daughter E Eals next to a farm of 120 acres run by Edward Franklin. This may have been the Ventfield Farm on Otmoor Road (Church Lane) and the shop was in that area.

In the 1881 census there is a lane called Mills's Close, this almost certainly was the track leading to the two or possibly three cottages that were situated where the Mill Lane 'green barn' is located. Tom Jones and the second by the Hicks family occupied one cottage. In 1901 the Hicks family still lived in one of the cottages but the other was occupied by William Stanton, an agricultural labourer and his wife Susan both in their 60s. Ben Coles bought the cottages, probably when the Lord Abingdon's estate was sold in 1919 and lived in the Hick's cottage. There

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was possibly a third cottage. Ben 'Mearsy' Coles, who was a builder, knocked the cottages down in about 1930 and built a house in Church Lane that was occupied by his son, also Benjamin, until his death in about 1990.

At the end of the lane, Waterleys Cottage was occupied by William and Emma Green who in 1901 were aged 77 and 76. This cottage was later lived in by the Honour family. All that remains of this cottage is the odd piece of floor tile and pottery in the field. This cottage was probably 17th century and George II coins have been found at the site. There is also evidence that Mills's Lane was once known as Asham Lane or 'The Lane' and later in the early 20th century, Steel Lane and to complicate the issue it was also known as Otmoor Lane.

Opposite the shop was a short track, to Lower Farm buildings, then a part of Manor Farm. In about 1928 a barn from Lower Farm was burned down in mysterious circumstances, and all that remains are two barns, behind Mill Lane. The farmhouse had been demolished earlier and had been in the middle of the first field on the right and is shown on the 1641 map. In 1891 an entrance is shown on the map as opposite the King's Arms (The Lodge).

Behind the shop down a little lane, was the village school. The teacher was Sarah James from the Forest of Dean, who lived with John Higgins and his family in a cottage that was on the site of 'Bernwood', three houses up from the King's Arms. Sarah James was succeeded by Miss Titford who lived in the same house as Sarah James. In 1901 the teacher was Ellen Jane ? (the surname is obscured on the census form, but could be Friend) and she lived on her own on Lower Green Road (Church Lane). Ellen was aged 33 in 1901 and came from Canterbury in Kent. There was also a second teacher in the village in 1901, who may have been an assistant, 25 year old Emily Powell, daughter of William Powell of Moors Farm. The 1901 census describe her as schoolteacher Art 68. In 1901 there may have been a third teacher as Kate, aged

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19, the daughter of Thomas Cooper of West Hill Farm is described as an elementary school teacher.

Next we turn right down what is now Church Lane, called in 1891 and 1901, Lower Green Road, that led as far as West Hill Farm. The lane was also called Otmoor Lane. The lane off to the right that was known as Middle Green Lane led to the cottage that was lived in by the Gomm family (see above).

The first house on the left was Ventfield Farm occupied by John Harris, farmer. The head of the house was his sister-in-law Mary Binham Brooker a retired schoolmistress. There were various cottages connected with Ventfield Farm, occupied by Joseph Watson, carrier, William Blake, Henry Watson, agricultural labourers. Also living in the lane was Henry Steel, Timber and Wood Dealer. Later the village policeman lived in one of the cottages in the short lane opposite the church when the farmer was Roland Saunders who had moved from the Bristol area, in the early part of the 20th century.

One of the large fields enclosed in the late 18th century following the Enclosure Act was called the Vent Field, hence Ventfield Farm. Later a number of houses were built on what had been a part of the field and called Ventfield Close.

There was another cottage occupied by John and Eliza Cox. John was described as sexton and jobbing gardener. He looked after the churchyard and was the gravedigger. His cottage was probably on the site of the brick house later lived in by Ben Coles, father of Ben Coles who died about 1990.

The new church of St Barnabas was on the right and the next house on the right was that of William and Charlotte Collett a wheelwright and carpenter, who was originally from Murcott. Brother William was a Methodist minister and used to preach in the tiny chapel in Murcott. He sometimes attended St Barnabas church and regularly interrupted sermons by the Vicar with shouts of '*alleluia*' and '*praise the lord*'. The vicar in 1891 was Samuel Auchmuty and in 1901, 39 year old Herbert Inais who was born in

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Jamaica. Later in the 20th century Rev. Kinchen Smith, who always wore a bowler hat was the vicar.

Mr Leslie Beckley recalls hearing Mr Percy Hawes calling to William from his car, 'when will my bloody wagon be ready, I have a load of hay on the 100 acres I need to get in'. William's reply was 'I don't need any of that language round here – when the wagon will be ready depends on the will of the Lord'.

Opposite was the entrance to the allotments. One crossed a small stream into the large field that stretched as far as the present Straight Mile road.

Also living on Otmoor Lane or Lower Green Lane as it became, were Ann Murray, Pauper; William Watts, Domestic Servant and William Cox, Agricultural Labourer. Their homes were probably the two cottages on the left, as one turns right for Ragnall's Lane (now a house). In the early 20th century, Willie Walker brother of Tom, who farmed what is now Evelyn Caple's nursery, occupied these two cottages. The brother of Levi Honour and Mr Hicks occupied the cottage next door.

Going on to the '*Bottom of Village*' down Lower Green Road, we find the farm of Thomas Cooper and his wife Kate with son Richard and six daughters. By 1901 his daughter Kate, aged 19, was described as an elementary school teacher.

In 1881 the farm was divided into two, Thomas Cooper then farmed 146 acres and employed three men and a boy while Benjamin Coles farmed 320 acres employing five men, two boys and a woman. He was also local agent but lived on his own. By 1891, Thomas Copper appears to have taken over Ben Coles farm, probably when Cooper, as he does not appear in the 1891 census. There are a number of labourers cottages near the farms occupied by Jacob and Eliza Haynes, Thomas and Caroline Jones, William Robbins, Joseph and Matilda Hicks and John Brown, with a family of nine living in three rooms. It is probable that Jacob Haynes was occupying the Coles farmhouse as his house had over five rooms and he is described as a farm servant rather than an agricultural labourer.

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Moving back up to the village, the road known as the Straight Mile was not named as such but known as the Oxford Road. There was one cottage on the right as one leaves the village, occupied by Theresa Robbins and her son William. She was a butter and eggs saleswoman and her son an agricultural labourer. The house was later to become the Plough and Harrow public house for a short time.

The King's Arms was run in 1891 by Aldrid Jon Stemner and his wife Sarah. They had recently moved from the Marylebone area of London where two of the Henderson siblings were born and were almost certainly recruited by the Henderson family at the Priory and may have been paid by the Priory to run the pub. They had recently replaced John Shore from Oxted, Surrey, who was also a bricklayer and ran the pub with his wife Elizabeth from Hertford, and their daughter Sarah the barmaid. Their other daughter Lizzie was a milliner and her brother Joshua an apprentice bricklayer. By 1901 the publican was Arthur Cleaver aged 35 from Barton and his 31-year-old wife, Gertrude. They had two school age children.

Even back in 1881 the publican, James Burrows needed a second occupation to earn a living; he was a publican and timber dealer, his servant Edward Shepherd aged 18 was also the village carter. 50 year later in 1951, the King's Arms lease was taken over for 21 years by Hall's Oxford Brewery Ltd.

The field behind the pub that is now the green and the playing fields was part of the King's Arms, and was later to become the cricket field. The field beyond that down the mile was known as The Priory Ground as one passes the pond on the left.

The road from the cross-roads up to the Priory was then known as Oxford Road. The road has never been known as Horton Hill, which is a recent invention.

The old village hall may have been lived in by Frederick and Harriett Tims, who as a gardener probably worked at the Priory. The building later became the '*Green Man*' Public House for a

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short time before being taken over by the Women's Institute as the WI Hall.

The house now known as 'Hilltop' was built on the site of a coachman's cottage.

What is now 'Merrimakers' was the gamekeeper's cottage, previously it was known as 'Pettigrew's Place' before it was sold and modernised. John Pettigrew and his wife Alice came from Scotland and may have been from the landlord, Mr Henderson's, home area. George Saunders had been the gamekeeper ten years before. John Pettigrew was still the game keeper in 1901. He must have arrived just before 1891, as his eldest daughter aged 13 in 1901 was born in Broadmoor, Surrey. One of the village wells provided by the Priory Estate is located off the road in what is now the garden of 'Merrimakers'. People in the village remember steps up from the road to where a long-handled pump was installed for general use. The well is still there full of clean water.

The cottage next to the King's Arms was lived in by William and Emma Green with Amos and Jane Jones in the next cottage.

Studley Priory was owned by Jessie Henderson widow of John Henderson, Magistrate and Gentleman with her son Turner and daughter Hilda. They also employed a butler Thomas Brown and by 1901 Harry Coppard, Governess Sarah Cameron, Agnes West their cook (in 1901 Emily Sheppard) and four servants including Margaret Mills and Maria Brooks. In 1901 the 16 year old Arnold Jessop from Botley was the footman. The rest of the Coppard family also lived near the Priory including his wife Edith and three children.

The road above the Priory to the junction with Oakley Road was Blacksmith's Lane.

The almshouses were occupied as follows (1891):

1 - 2 rooms Harriett Frost age 73 widow born Long Crendon

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2 - 2 rooms Jane Priestley age 73 widow born

Gloucestershire

3 - 2 rooms John Hicks age 85 widow born Gosford, Oxon

5 - 2 rooms John Thornton age 41 born Clare, Oxford

6 - 4 rooms Thomas Warland age 47 with his wife Mary and three children.

The almshouses are not named in the 1901 census but living alone in the Main Street are:

Harriet Frost aged 83 widow born Portslade, Sussex (note she is described as born in Long Crendon in 1891)

David Messer Widower aged 84 agricultural labourer born Long Crendon.

John Thornton aged 57 agricultural labourer born Horton cum Studley.

It could be that that Harry Coppard and family lived in the fourth almshouse.

Above the almshouses was where the blacksmith lived probably in Yew Tree Cottage, and who worked in the forge at the junction with Oakley Road. He was William Humphrey aged 39 assisted by his brother John. They were from Weston on the Green. By 1901 the blacksmith was 31-year-old Ben Kirkland with his wife Rose and daughter May. His son also worked in the trade at a separate site down Oakley Road.

Next was the house of John and Mary Bradbury (Asham Cottage). This is the house that a few years before had been used by the Auger family as a shop. Their daughter Ellen was a housemaid, presumably at the Priory and their other daughter Ada Bradbury was a nurse. This house was later to become the coach-house for the Priory.

In 1901, John Bradbury is aged 74, is described as District Road Labourer from Mursley, Bucks. His wife is not mentioned. He appears to be in a cottage next to Asham Cottage (see below). In 1901, Asam Cottage was occupied by William Watts 38 year old Coachman (Domestic) from Wadhurst, Sussex. He lived with his

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wife Jane and children Walter, William, Florence, Albert and nephew Henry Oliver, Army Service Volunteer.

There were then two labourer's cottages.

John Higgins who farmed Moors Farm across the road into Oakley Road, lived in Moors Farm in 1891 (later Corner Cottage and now Cobweb Cottage.) In 1901 Moors Farm was run by 50 year old Alfred Powells with his wife Mary Ann. Their 25-year-old daughter Emily was a "School Teacher of Art 68".

At the end of the 19th century and the next tenant was John Dobson. He lived with his wife Ann, three children and the schoolmistress Sarah James was a boarder. He was later to be succeeded by 1901 by John Stanton and his wife Ada. A farmhouse has since been built on the site that is now owned by Mr Prosser.

Opposite was a cottage known as Smithy Cottage where Henry and Pamela Auger lived. He was probably the head blacksmith. The cottage is remembered as covered in Virginia Creeper.

There were a few buildings down Oakley Road. On the left was Manor Farm owned by John Badger who had recently left a farm at Murcott. He lived with his wife Annie, son Henry, daughters Bessie and Rosemary and son William who later emigrated to Australia. Henry was father of Jack whose son Colin still farms the land. The entrance appears to have then been in Brill Road as the 1991 census records them living in Brill Road. Kimmeridge was probably occupied by Benjamin Coles who was a 60-year-old farm bailiff who lived with his housekeeper Mary White from Ilfracombe, Devon. He was later to move to Mills's Lane.

There were a number of agricultural labourers cottages occupied by Matthew Pimm and his 79-year-old Grand Mother and pauper Mary Pimm, Thomas and Mary Blake and Joseph and Matilda Hicks.

Robert and Mary Ann Coates, a farmer, and their four children, occupied Kiln House in 1891 and by 1901 The Cox

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family. John Cox aged 30 was a Groom and Gardener with wife Eliza and four children.

Turning down Brill Road, on the right next to the smithy was the village pound, the first house on the right was the vicarage. The vicar was Samuel Auchmuty from Wiltshire with his wife Agnes and daughter Mary. Also in the house was Lewis Croft a lodger from Somerset and two servants Ellen and Rose Cox from Preston Bisset, Bucks.

By 1901 the vicar was 39 year old Herbert A Inais who had been born in the West Indies and lived with his wife Mary aged 43 and their servant Amelia Edwards aged 32. . There were a number of small cottages with two to four rooms along the road soon after the vicarage occupied by agricultural labourers.

Next to the vicarage and separated by Manor Farm orchard lived Charles and Jane Merrey (See Fig 77 and 81) and their eight children. They were agricultural labourers.

On the other side of the road was Elm Tree Cottage and then a smallholding called Elm Tree Farm with a four-roomed cottage occupied by George and Eliza Jones. Their son Verny and sister Silvia were to remain in the house until about 1930. Verny was also a part-time barber. Next on the left was the cottage of James and Emma Green. James was a brick maker born in Northleigh although the 1901 census says he was born in Oakley who worked at the brickworks down Oakley road opposite what is now called Kiln Cottage.

His son Will Green later carried on the work. By 1901 they had four children, Amos aged 15 who worked as a groom, Henry aged 13, William aged 7 and George aged 7.

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Figure 77 - The Merrey's Cottage

On the other side of the road beyond the vicarage lived Phillis Hicks in a four-roomed cottage, she was a charwoman (dead by 1901) and lived with her son Barnett aged 29 in 1901, agricultural labourer, daughter Ethel a housemaid and Mary Ann the school monitor.

Next was Ann Stanton in a three-roomed cottage. She was described as a pauper and imbecile.

Next to her were James (aged 47 in 1901, born in Muswell Hill, London) and Elizabeth Honour in a four-roomed cottage and then William and Sarah Hayes in a two-roomed cottage. Then came in a larger house with over five rooms, John Budd living on own means but who had died by 1901 when the head was his son George the Thatcher and his wife Emma daughter Ethel and son Albert. Their brother in law also was residing in the house at the 1901 census.

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Figure 78 - Mrs Rhoda Wakelin outside Elm Tree Cottage c.1928. The cottage was where Forge Close is now situated. (Photo by courtesy of Bob Wakelin)

Next a four-roomed cottage occupied by James and Jane Bristow (spelled Briscoe in the 1901 census). James was a 67-year-old carman on farm with his grandson Walter Green aged 21, a carter.

Another larger cottage housed the Rural Postman James Hayes and his wife Mary and nine children in 1891. He was the postman both in 1891 and 1901 aged 58 in 1901. By 1901 they had produced another two children, sons aged 7 and 8.

Michael and Ann Merrey and their seven children lived in a bigger cottage next to Richard and Sarah Brinkler and James and Sarah Jones. James was a shepherd. Their youngest son Verney was aged 11 months in 1901. There were a total of 18 members of the Jones family living in 1901.

Before reaching Home Farm or Studley Farm, one passed the cottage of James and Emma Green. James was a brick maker and worked at the brick-works down Oakley Road.

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Figure 79 - The Hick's cottage in 1949 and subject to a demolition order now the site of Aubrey House.

At the 1901 census James aged 44, was described as a Brick and Tile Manufacturer, and born in Oakley, Bucks. His son Amos, aged 15 is described as a greem, working on his "own account".

Home Farm or Studley Farm was occupied by George Chitty and his wife Emily and their young daughter Gladys. George was a farm bailiff. By 1901 the farm was occupied by Frederick J Kirby a 26 year old farmer born in Oakley with his sister 21 year old Ellen and brother Frank aged 18. They employed Anne Hicks aged 14, as a servant.

Mr Leslie Beckley recalls that John Brown who lived in the almshouses said that he used to drive 60 geese from the Home Farm onto Otmoor every day and was paid 1s a week. He used the route across the fields and not via the road. Mr Beckley also remembers John Brown breeding canaries in his latter years.

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Figure 80 - Studley Farm House 1955

John Brown is listed in the 1891 census as an Agricultural Labourer aged 39. There were then three cottages, one house now called the Old Weir possibly occupied by Joseph and Ellen Nixey, George and Eliza Jones, and Albert and Ellen Blake. Finally was Manor Cottage that still stands with its thatched roof, it was occupied by David and Sarah Brooks and Eliza's elderly father William Guntorp described as a pauper. Behind the cottage was a water tower and David's task was to pump up water from a spring

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or well. The water tower supplied water to most of the houses at



the top of the village.

Figure 81 - Some older inhabitants. Aubrey House on Brill Road was named after Aubrey Merry, whose cottage was on the site in 1960. The house is now owned by Baroness Greenfield and her husband Professor Peter Atkins.

Warren Farm housed five families. Ellis and Caroline Parker and seven children, Thomas and Sarah Guntorp and four

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children, David and Sarah Ann Brooks and son Edward, William and Eliza Busby and father-in-Law William Guntorp.

There was also a cottage down Warren Farm Lane occupied by William and Maria Stanton and four children. William was an under-gamekeeper. This cottage was later to be occupied by a Mr Pagan, father of Bill Pagan who works at Beckley Park. The cottage no longer exists.

One then went through a gate into Buckinghamshire and another gate before turning down Pans Hill. Left turn through Whitecross Green Woods took one to Gardener's Barn where Reuben Malin was the farmer with his wife Julia Mary and five children. Horace Malin is described as a five-year-old daughter in the 1891 census. This road is now a little used footpath.

Further on down the road to Murcott we turn left into the hamlet of Whitecross Green, Oxfordshire. In 1881 Whitecross Green was in Buckinghamshire and the county boundary crossed the Brill Road just beyond Home Farm (Studley Farm House). Dwellings beyond were listed as Studley Bucks. In 1851 there had been 19 houses in Buckinghamshire as part of the parish in Studley and Whitecross Green.

The Whitecross Green farmer was James Cox with his sister Ellen and younger brother Murray. Next door more of the Cox family were also described as farmers with William head of the family, his wife Emily and four children and domestic servant Martha Wharton from Little Milton. Another cottage housed Jesse Cox and his wife Emily and son Arthur. The houses at Whitecross Green do not appear to have been included in the 1901 census for the village and James Cox appears to have moved to a new tenancy at South Stoke as Farm Bailiff.

On 6th April 1891 Horton cum Studley was visited by a selection of travelling salesmen in caravans. On the Brill road were John Bland, 62-year-old Chair Bottomer, Henry Davis aged 26 a flag basket maker from Tetsworth. On lower Green Road, Susan Davis wife of Henry was also selling baskets. She was originally from Abingdon. There was also the Smith family of

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Tinkers; Jane Smith aged 30 from Bedford with daughter Comfort Smith son William and two-year-old daughter Jane, all from Nap Hill Surrey.

Staying on Oakley Road in a tent was Henry White, a 40-year-old hawker from Brighton, Sussex, with his wife Alice from Brentford, Middlesex.

In 1851 the population was 435 with 93 inhabited houses. By 1891 the population had reduced to 340. In 1891 there were 76 inhabited houses and five uninhabited; 47 had less than five rooms.

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Chapter 12 - Horton cum Studley Cricket Club re-formed 1947

(Documents by courtesy of J Wakelin)

The cricket club was formed on 24th June 1947 at a meeting held at the Vicarage under the chairmanship of Rev E J Bolus. The following officers were elected:

Chairman - Rev E J Bolus
President Captain Henderson
Vice President Mr R F Bawtree
Secretary F G Barber
Treasurer Mr Hawes
Captain Ben Wakelin
Vice Captain George Jones

The first match against Brill on 19 July was cancelled but they took to the field on 26 July against Oakley. In the first innings the home team scored 31 and Oakley 89 runs.

In the second innings the home team scored 13 incl 8 extras! All singles wickets taken by Brown. Oakley won by an innings.

MATCH BETWEEN Horton AND Oakley
First INNINGS. DATE July 26, 1917

Figure 82 - The First Scorecard

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Minutes of meeting held at Womens
Institute on 14th October 1948
Present: Rev E. J. Bethus Messrs.
A. Wakelin, G. Jones, R. Blake, J. Faulkner,
D. Hemer, W. Briscoe, B. Wakelin,
W. Wakelin, L. Ward, L. Hemer, W. Jones,
J. Barber, G. Stanton, R. Merry, C. Merry,
A. Hicks, J. Badger, A. Jones, M. Mills,
S. Jones, W. Pagon.
The following members were elected as
Officers for 1948 season:-
Chairman:- Rev. E. J. Bethus.
President:- Capt. J. Henderson.
Vice President:- Mr. R. J. Bawtree.
Secretary:- Mr. Bawtree. Barber
Treasurer:- Mr. Hemer.
Captain:- Mr. B. Wakelin.
Vice Capt:- Mr. B. Jones.
Committee:- W. Briscoe, A. Hicks,
L. Hemer, L. Stanton, C. Merry.

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Entertainment Committee:-

- Messrs. Barber, C. Curry, Rev. Johns,
Hicks & Badger.

After the casting vote by the chairman
it was decided that the club should
not enter into league matches for
1948.

Proposed by J. Badger & seconded &
carried that fees for 1948 should
be 5/- for over 15's and 2/6
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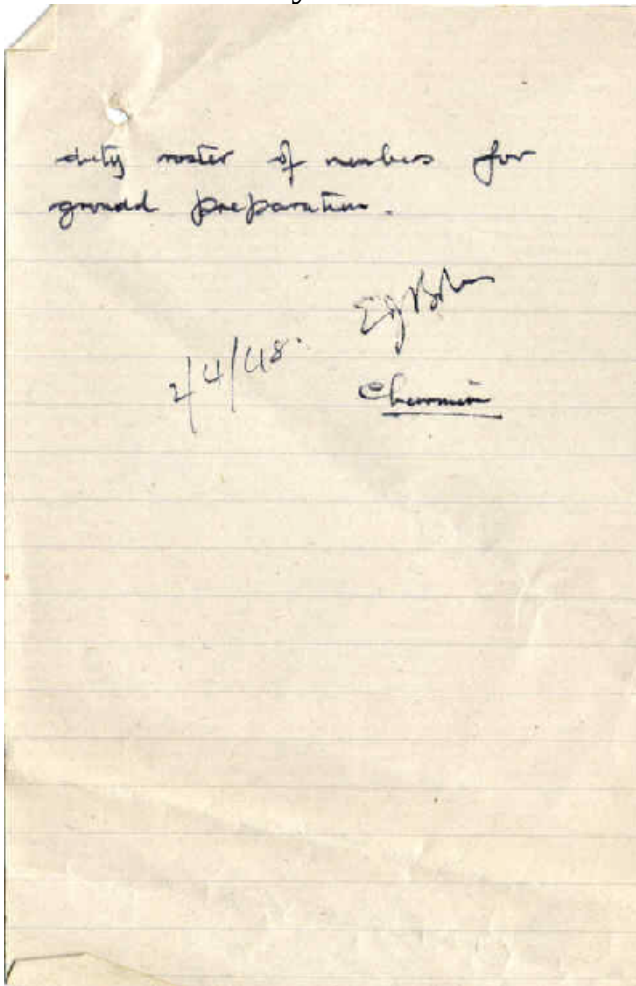


Figure 83 - Minutes of the 1948 AGM

The team was (in batting order):

J Pettigrew W Pagan

N West

B Wakelin

L Honour

G Jones

D Honour

F Faulkener

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G Stanton

R Williams

J Wakelin

The umpire was C Merry

Some other early team results:

1947

4 August - **Married v Singles**. Married 112 (C Merry 21, J Briscoe 36), Singles 73 (B Jones 2)

9 August v **Wheatley**. Horton 99 (B Wakelin 43), Wheatley 190 for 4 (L Hanks 74). Horton scored 41 in the second innings.

16 August v **Studley Priory**. Horton 149 (A Hicks 38, N West 24, R Merry 49), Studley Priory 131, (B Wakelin 44, G Jones 43)

30 August v **Ashendon**. Horton 63 (D Honour 10), Ashendon 123 (G Stanton took 3 wickets), second innings 31 August Horton 108, Ashendon 76.

7 September v **Holton**. Horton 24, Holton 77, second innings 45, Holton 31 for 3.

13 September v **Merton**. Horton 97, Merton 127 and 44 all out. Horton did not have a second innings and the match was a draw.

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Chapter 13

The Otmoor Challenge - The First Twenty Four Years

Adapted from the report for the Millennium Village Exhibition in the Church by Ted Ogden

Origins

In 1978 Col Ted Shephard came to live in Horton-cum-Studley (Kimmeridge) at a time when he was taking his command of part of the RAOC Depot at Arncott. He soon became involved in village life and joined the Playing Field Committee. He suggested that in order to raise funds a Half Marathon Run around Otmoor should be organised as a joint venture with the Army.

It was an ambitious undertaking and relied on cooperation from the Army not only to organise the event in a village where it is doubtful if anyone had seen such a happening let alone taken part, but also to bring in large numbers of fit young men to participate. The army was an excellent network for spreading the word and a generous supplier of equipment with the manpower to put it all together. Ted Shephard also saw it as an excellent opportunity for the army and the civilian population to come together in a combined enterprise to their mutual understanding and benefit.

Ted Ogden, who was working abroad, returned each year on leave. On one of his visits, probably 1981, He was asked to design a tracksuit badge to be given to all those who completed the Challenge. The symbolism chose itself as indeed did the colours. The chessboard of Otmoor from where Charles Dodgson took his inspiration for “Alice through the Looking Glass” and encircling it the Seven Towns of Otmoor. The towns are red against the yellow and green of the countryside. In 1990 the olive green stitching edge was changed to red, which altered the appearance dramatically, giving the event a fiery feel out of

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character with its normal cool green image. In 1989, there was a special 10th anniversary rectangular design.

Throughout these early years Basil Lyster (Titos) has been the village representative. He was not only Chairman of the Playing Field Committee but had had long experience in organising the Horton-cum-Studley Horse Show of which he had been Secretary since its inception in 1964. Started by the redoubtable Mrs West (Moss Paddock before it was so-called)! Col John Ashton (Asham Cottage) lent his presence as Chairman. Len Perry (Touchstone) supplied the commentary.

Jack Badger (Manor Farm), John Huse (Church Farm), Alan and Penny Pickford (Woodperry) and Mary Smallwood (Bletchington) amongst others gave their wide professional knowledge of horses. Wally Phipps (Old Arngrove Farm) supplied his front paddock as the venue and his wife, Marjorie, provided the splendid Judges' lunch. A real throwback to the 19th century. The majority of the detailed work and responsibility devolved upon Mrs West and Basil as Secretary. When in 1969 the Rev George West was tragically knocked down in the OXFAM car park and subsequently died, his widow left the village and Basil continued to shoulder the work alone. Some of the Challenge events included a Dog Show in addition to the accompanying Village Fête. John Ashton left the village in about 1966 and although he continued to take an interest in the event until his death in 1974.

The death of Wally Phipps in 1978 with the subsequent selling of the farm forced a change of venue. For two years Richard and Rachel Hawes (West Hill Farm) struggled to keep the show alive in different venues but it was not surprising that with the introduction of the Challenge, the Horse Show faded away after sixteen years.

Army Days

The army's initial ability to assist was curtailed after the first few years. The reduction on the size of the army, more commitments and problems over insurance forced the army to

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reduce it's assistance after the first year or two. However we made some good and lasting friends with the army during these early years. Of course their manpower and equipment made its organisation in the early days comparatively simple. Lorries appeared on the field and dumped tents with enough men to erect them and stakes and ropes with squads to fetch, carry and hammer. Chairs and tables appeared like magic on the Friday and Saturday saw the arrival of the WRAC clerks. The only responsibility of the village, apart from aiding and abetting in these endeavours and hospitality in the pub, was to man the Check Points and of course organise the Fête.

The Playing Field Committee, on whose behalf this event was organised had been sickening for some time and Basil as Chairman felt that he was no longer prepared to carry on single-handedly. In 1984 he reported to the Parish Council that he was unable to form a committee and the existing committee was wound up and a year later arose Phoenix like from the ashes with first Nigel Olsen (The Old Weir) and then Stan Evans (Ryvoan) in the Chair. In the meantime the Challenge had to be kept alive and the Otmoor Challenge Association was formed to continue to cooperate with the army and run the Fête. Basil was Chairman and Gordon Curtis (Purbeck) Treasurer. Mick Hales (Beckley) of the Cricket Club - the sole survivor of the Playing Field Committee - played his part and ran the Bar the first year but shortly afterwards emigrated to Australia. Ted Ogden had returned to this country and was fourth man.

Liaising with the army was no simple matter. Security being strict, it was a day's work to get into the Depot to see them. Every year the committee was told that this year things were tight and there would be no tents. The committee would scurry around to organise a basic minimum of canvas only to have the usual tents arrive without prior notice on the Friday. In 1985 it did rain - for weeks in April and May. The committee joined their army colleagues for a final inspection of the course on the Thursday, although it had not rained all week, whole sections

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were still under water. Oddington Weir was two feet under water. We took the hard decision to postpone the event until 6th July and it turned out a dry, sunny and warm day, although the runners did find the pockmarked mud to be too hard for comfort. It was because of this postponement that in future all participants are asked to give a telephone number on their entry forms.

In the autumn of 1985 the Depot at Arncott was computerised, reducing manpower and the Garrison Commander had to withdraw their support. During the armies years helping the event, SSAFA which had profited by hundreds of pounds over the six years but from then on Otmoor Challenge had to exist without the support of the army. By this time the village committee had been increased to five with the addition of Peter Popkin (Attock House) and Stan Evans (Ryvoan). The enlarged committee met to see if they could manage without the army. And many saw difficulties. In the end it was decided that it could be done and Ted Ogden was invited to become Event Organiser.

On Our Own

The first year after the reorganisation involved a good deal of work. The Constitution of the Otmoor Challenge Association was written and obtained the approval of the Parish Council under whose auspices the Association is organised. The paperwork was re-written and the mailing list computerised. The stake and tape system that would save endless hours of heavy work in years to come was invented and the cups, trophies and badges were organised. For a few years chairs were borrowed from the Collingwood Road U.R. Church. Shelter tents came from wherever they could be found and for a year or two the event managed with scaffolding frames with tarpaulins. Fortunately the sun shone in those days and the shelters were only required as sunshades.

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Figure 84 - Trophies 2001

A system of pre-entrance for runners was instigated, which gave a surer financial base to work from. Until this time most money came from sponsorship which was not received until later, and not always then.

The Fête was naturally a direct descendant of the Horse Show Fete. The W.I. supplied the refreshments and there were stalls for books and plants and white elephants. Ted Ogden had run the bottle stall for years at the Horse Show before going abroad and had continued at the Challenge when he returned.

The raffle was organised by Liz Turner (Beggars Roost) on behalf of the Church and grew into a large and successful enterprise raising over £400 in a good year. Books and records were, and still are, the province of Pat Sharpe (Bernwood) and her husband, Jim, who also at times ran the Plant Stall. The Bar was organised by the Cricket Club and when they took offence at something and retired hurt the Playing Field Committee (PFC) took over.

It was Peter's idea to encourage local organisations to run stalls for their own benefit. In return for relinquishing the money they raised into central funds they are given it back rounded up and with over 10% added when the sponsorship money is

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received. This made the whole event consistent in that everyone whether involved in the walk the Run or the Fête is given a framework within which to raise money for their own pet charities or organisations. The Fete now consists of some seventeen attractions produced by a dozen organisations and raises around £3,000. Stan and Peter have both long left the village and the work they did for the Fête has been taken over by the rest of the Committee.

Gordon Curtis' successor as Treasurer in 1990 was Richard Popplewell (Oak Hill). His time was mostly required in the months after the event. Julie Ogden (Home Close) has been unofficial secretary to the committee and organised all the Run pre-entries before the event as well as the Walk entries on the day. The Walk was relatively easy to organise. Once the letter and information sheets and sponsorship forms have been written, printed and despatched to, about four hundred people in March/April and the telephone manned in April/May to respond to the queries thus raised, the day itself is straightforward and rewarding and in the capable hands of Julie has run smoothly year after year. Every walker is logged out and back, sponsorship forms signed and badges issued. Lost property found and advice given with a friendly word for all. Even with an assistant for part of the day it is long from 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., especially in cold and/or wet or windy weather. In 1992 a Short Walk of five miles was introduced for those for whom thirteen miles was altogether too much of a challenge. This has proved a reasonable success allowing small children and the disabled to participate and has become a standard part of the event.

Despite this honourable opportunity to avoid a half marathon walk it is astonishing how many young children complete the full 13 miles. In 1998 the course was completed unaided by a four year old - and when he returned to the field he couldn't wait to be interviewed before rushing off to the Bouncy Castle.

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The Run is a competitive race including teams as well as individuals and therefore it is a little more complicated to organise, both the registration before the event and assessing the results afterwards.

As with the Walk, letters and information sheets and pre-entry forms are sent out in March and usually have over a hundred runners pre-entered. On the day every runner, whether pre-entered or not, has to be confirmed. This process is carried out by a team of nine ladies and takes over an hour before the 2 o'clock start. Most of the time is required for the teams who like to keep their options open until they're at the starting line! At the end of the race it is easy to log runners' numbers and times when they cross the line a few seconds apart but not so easy when there are six in four seconds. Even with dedicated concentration mistakes are bound to happen and mistakes make for unhappy runners. John Simms (Barn House) suggested separating the recording times from the numbers and the job is easy. The recording team consists of seven members. One calls out the time and two record it on separate sheets. In another place one calls out the numbers and two records them.

The seventh member is there to pursue any runner not wearing a decipherable number and unscramble the soggy scrap of card from his clenched fist. This task is not often required now that we try to insist that all runners put their numbers in the plastic bag provided before pinning it on their chest. It was not usually rain that did the damage or heavy sweating but drenching themselves with cold water as they passed each Check Point.

As each sheet of 60 is completed they are collected, stapled, a time sheet over a number sheet so that they can be read together. One complete sheet is displayed in the P.A. caravan for the runners and the second sheet is taken to the Secretary's caravan for the Results Service team to start working out the results.

It is relatively easy to devise a scheme of registration that enables the individual winners in each class to be identified. The

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fastest male and female and even the fastest veteran and super veteran are straightforward as long as they have been registered clearly, but teams are another matter. Teams consist of four or five members, the first four home to count.

Over the years Jill Meyjes (12 Forge Close) has devised a system that enables her, with a team of one or two, to know the prize winners within a minute or two of receiving the recording sheet containing the last member of the first team. She then labours on until the last member of the last team is home, allowing us to publish the full team placings before the prize giving.

In order to keep control of the event it is necessary to have Check Points around the course where walkers and their dogs can have a drink and a chat and have their map signed to show their sponsors that they have actually completed the course. The runners settle for a cup of water to be taken internally or externally.

Each Check Point is manned by a number of marshals and a member of the Red Cross with a CB radio link to the field. The number of marshals varies. One would suffice for most of the time but the more company the more pleasant the day. The earlier Check Points where the runners are still bunched ideally need twenty people for twenty minutes whereas the later ones can manage with four people for an hour. It has never been possible to achieve these ideal figures and we have to manage with too many at the slack times and too few during the hectic spells.

The organising of the Check Points was originally part of Basil's responsibilities. Amongst his recruits was Ernest Hemmings (Chilston) who was so enthusiastic that he volunteered to take over this aspect of the event and did so with great effect for about six years. When he eventually felt he could no longer continue he handed the job on to Bryan Stearns (Whitcroft) who also carried the burden for six years before passing it to John Wright (Otmoor Edge).

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Ted Shephard, for a year or two after his retirement was the local director of the Red Cross in Oxford and organised them to use the Otmoor Challenge as a training exercise. We had therefore for several years a large number of trained and semi trained attendants on the field and spread round the course, together with several ambulances and radios. For this a donation of about £75 has been given. That amount of coverage would cost at official rates, most of the profits on the event! We gradually reduced the numbers, particularly of ambulances, to something more appropriate and within our means. For the last 15 years the Red Cross effort has been organised by our good friends Kathleen and Dennis Cashman (Bicester).



Figure 85 - Red Cross Tent 2001

As well as the Red Cross radio link around the course, since 1983 the Bicester C.B. Radio Club has provided their radio facilities. “Badger” controls the network from his caravan on the field and Jerry Wright, Jim Hawkins and Keith Lester have a roving function around the course before the race and keep a close eye on the runners during the race. Should an accident happen communication with the Red Cross is instant and an ambulance despatched. Jerry also feeds back to the field details of the running order so that we can keep everyone aware of the leaders.

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Nick Meyjes (12 Forge Close) has always provided our commentaries and mixes race information with exhortations about the Fete and pleas for lost property in an entertaining stream.

Occasions and People

Apart from 1985 when the event had to be postponed until July, it has been possible to run the Challenge every year in June. In the early years it seemed to be hot without fail, but the nineties have seen mostly average or cool days. This may be better for the runners but not necessarily for everyone else. The only rain we had in the first few years was in 1984. A thunderstorm on a very hot day came as a relief but brought activities to a premature conclusion. It did not happen until 4 p.m. when most of the walkers and runners were back and the money safe.

The worst weather year undoubtedly was 1994. The preparations were well ahead that year with all the canvas up on Thursday. On Friday the brown tent was only half standing and the big white one was little better. A Market Stall had just been bought, to cope with the special demands of registering the runners and the steel frame were damaged and the canvas torn. Registration had to use a corner of the white tent and share the shelter with the whole Fête. Luckily the rain was not constant on the Saturday and the event survived by a thread. Numbers dropped that year from approximately 350 runners and walkers to about 200 of each, but costs were covered and a small profit was made.

Numbers have slowly returned to normal since those two bad years and in 1998 there were well over 300 walkers and just over 300 runners.

The Challenge has always had a good reputation amongst the runners of Southern England (and beyond on occasion) as an unorthodox event with its own charm. There have been difficulties with pranksters turning arrows around and cows eating them.

One year the leading runner was so far ahead that the second runner couldn't see him and misread the direction where

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the Walk and Run separate. The third and fourth runners didn't bother to look for themselves and blindly followed him along the wrong route. They swore that the arrows were wrong and Ted Ogden had to point out that they were not wrong for 322 other competitors and disqualified them. It all seems simple and straightforward now but at the time the atmosphere was fraught. For several years a Launch Party was held in February which was hoped was an opportunity for people who might otherwise never meet to get together in a convivial atmosphere to discuss the Challenge in all its aspects. We needed their goodwill and cooperation and in the early years this was not something we could assume. As it happened they were never interested in turning out on a February night and the only farmer who ever came, apart from Richard Hawes, was Harold Wrighton of Noke.

Despite the apparent lack of interest the goodwill gradually became warmer and the locked gates fewer and less resistant to entreaty. Field edges are mostly cut without asking these days.

It was also hoped the Launch would be an occasion also for entertaining the local Policeman but it never had much success with gaining their interest since Alan Stock's days. Until the last year or so we have therefore carried out our own policing, stopping the traffic for the massed start and using our own marshals. Nowadays we sometimes have our local Policeman showing his presence at about race time and a tremendous help his authority and uniform is in dealing with the occasional stropky motorist.

From the early days of the event Charles Wenden, the Bursar of All Souls, was an enthusiastic supporter of the Challenge. He organised the University runners under the heading of The Iffley Road Strollers and for years they dominated the event and won most of the awards. They set standards, which were appropriately challenging for all the other local Clubs. Charles himself ran until he was over 60 and when his knee gave trouble he still organised the teams and exhorted them from his

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mountain bike. He had played a part in organising the first four-minute mile and was a friend of Sir Roger Bannister. It was hoped to get Sir Roger to present the awards but unfortunately he had a regular lecturing appointment on the first Saturday in June. When Charles died in 1991 the Strollers gave a cup in his memory to be won by the fastest SuperVet - that is a runner over 50. We have already had the main event won by a Veteran, that is over 40, and in 1998, a runner who completed the course in about two and a quarter hours, was over 80.

For several years our local M.P., Tony Baldry was invited, to start the race. He could never spare the time to stay for the award ceremony but always did a good job around the Fête after sending the runners on their way.

There have been many remarkable walkers over the years including those who return year after year and those who are sponsored for hundreds of pounds. One blind lady has walked the full course for many years, usually supported by Basil's brother, Michael, and the course has been completed, with assistance, in a wheelchair - despite the stiles.

Outstanding amongst the runners for faithful support is Dave Wheeler who wrote in about 1991 with some helpful suggestions for improvements. He said he was looking forward to running his 9th Challenge and had so far clocked up three seconds, three thirds, one fourth and one seventh during the years when the Iffley Road Strollers were carrying all before them. Dave is now looking forward to his 17th Challenge and still hopes to win one day.

After Trevor Lafferty left the village in 1988 the computer work and printing tasks were generously taken over by Colin Mander (Upper Horton House). Nearly a quarter of the village becomes involved and helps on the day, probably between 80 and 100 in total, apart that is from those who walk and the few who have run. John Diamond (Moss Paddock) has always been a stalwart supporter in helping set out the less accessible corners of the course, these days in conjunction with Richard Hawes.

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Richard also cuts the grass and the road verges in the village, a time consuming job at a busy time for farmers.

Geoff Henman (Warren Farm and Manor Farm, Noke and now Beckley) has done good liaison work with the local farmers. But most impressive is the help received over many years from villagers who have grown to mature years during the time this event has been running. It is one thing to be prepared to marshal all day when you are in your sixties but to continue through your seventies and well beyond is above any normal contribution. In this respect Bill and Dilys Hemp (Duffryn House) and Peter and Jean Wright (Whitegate) and at the Pontings (Yellowhammer Cottage, Beckley) have for years regularly manned the Check Point outside their house, sometimes by themselves.

The Fête has many long serving contributors but perhaps outstanding amongst them is Basil's sister, Barbara Steel (5 Priory Close before she left the village). Barbara took over the White Elephant stall and made the herd her own and it is now one of the biggest money spinners.

Organisation

In the autumn the mail shot has to be prepared, entries into Race Diaries despatched and articles sent off. The loos and the P.A. system are quoted for and booked. The previous year's finances have to be prepared for the Parish Council and distribution of profits approved. In the spring the envelopes are stuffed and sent off, the kit inspected, repaired and painted, replacements ordered, posters printed and badges ordered. The course is inspected and discussed with the County footpath advisor, bridges repaired, potholes filled and fallen trees removed. Posters and signs are distributed around the countryside and contact made with helpers to make sure that the teams are complete. Village Halls and other hosts at Check Points are contacted, and pre-entries for the Run processed and information sent in answer to queries about the Run and Walk.

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Figure 86 - Julie Ogden at her post 2001

In the immediate week before the event the course is set out with signs and arrows, the field prepared and the grass given a final cut before the tents are erected. A team briefing is held to refresh memories of what happened last year and to instruct any new team members. On the Friday night Badger sleeps in his caravan on the field as night watchman and sets up his radio. The Red Cross arrive and are settled in. The chairs and tables are stored in the tents and the water bowser, thanks to Howard Webb (Hedgerley) positioned, and the loos tucked discreetly away and connected to the water supply.

On Saturday morning at 7 a.m. The Walkers Tent is set up - a small affair which only requires one man (usually Ted Ogden), and set up chairs and tables for the Run registration. Leslie Rhodes (formerly Alanya) is on duty at the gate at 8 a.m. to make sure that nobody abandons their car for the morning in an inconvenient place or drives up the causeway. Ted Shephard introduced us to the local T.A. Cadets who have for many years done a sterling job controlling the car parking from about 9 a.m., thus saving us much manpower. The Walk does not start until 9 o'clock to allow Check Points to be prepared but walkers who can't sleep are raring to go by 8.30 a.m.

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Figure 87 - Barbeque at the 2001 Fête

The first marshals leave the village by 8.30 a.m. to make sure that they are prepared for the first walkers by 9.15 a.m. The tape which has spent the previous day at ground level is raised to the top of the stakes. Signs are put out and the P.A. equipment arrives and is positioned and tested and I put some music on. Walkers stream in and out - about 200 in the first hour. Basil is out around the course, having dropped off the badges for the early walkers. He checks that nothing has gone wrong overnight and that Check Points are manned and everyone is happy.

John Diamond is doing sterling service humping chairs and tables about for the Fête and ensuring that the Refreshment Tent has water. By mid-morning the Fête is assembling and refreshments being served and it is time to assemble chairs, tables and paperwork for Runners Registration which starts officially at noon. The few who have been eager to register early may register. From then until two minutes to 2 p.m. the activity is hectic especially for the team secretaries. Ted Ogden walks down the causeway with the official Challenge Flag held high and see that all the runners are in position. Attention is drawn to any problems round the course, wish them luck and drop the flag at 2 p.m. precisely.

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Figure 88 - 2001 Start

While the runners there may even be time for the organisers to visit the BBQ or the Refreshment Tent for a little lunch. The Fête is in full swing and walkers are returning in increasing numbers. By 4.15 all but the stragglers are home. The results of the Run are all known except for the final team placings. The prizes are given out at about 4.40 when most of the runners have completed the course. In a good weather year it might be 5.30 before the Fête stops taking money but if it's chilly and wet everyone is packing up by 4.45.

If there is an R.D.A. ride on the Sunday much can be left in position but otherwise the same team that put it out before the event puts it back on Monday. On Sunday the results are phoned through to the Running Magazines, the money collected and counted and the paperwork sorted and put away. In recent years the results have also been posted on the Otmoor Internet site ([www,Otmoor.com](http://www.Otmoor.com)). All the big signs are collected and as many posters, arrows and other signs returned to store as we can manage. Only those across the fields are left until Monday. By teatime on Sunday there is no sign from the public roads that any event has taken place. We pride ourselves that no other event

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comes near this efficiency. There used to be a Walk on the Sunday for those who had been busy helping on the Saturday but the takers were never very many and soon dwindled to nothing. Over the years the numbers of sponsored runners has dropped from approximately 100 to 20 and walkers from 250 to 80 so the task is not as enormous as it was. Most of those remaining are serious money raisers with a few measuring sponsorship in the hundreds of pounds. In the early years about forty national charities benefited by about £2,000 - £3000 and the village and associated good causes by probably £1,200. The event reached a peak in the days of Army cooperation of about £4,000 to charities and £1,500 to the village. By 1988 the new peak was £6,000 and £3,000 with some 80 charities benefiting. With the falling off of sponsorship and the raising of entry fees a new pattern has appeared which is more like £4,500 to national charities and £5,500 to the village.

Over 21 years the event has raised £90,000 for national charities and the village, its organisations and local good causes are better off by over £60,000.

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Chapter 14

The Studley Singers by Ted Ogden

In the beginning

My moment of revelation came on a Saturday morning in early November as I stood high up on my ladder clearing out the gutters of the church roof. I heard a voice calling me: God is female I thought - but in fact the voice came from no more elevated source than Mrs. West who was standing on the church path. Mrs. West, the wife of a parson who had recently retired to Horton -cum-Studley and lived in the house which since their departure has been known as Moss Paddock, was a very unpretentious saintly lady of great powers of persuasion who devoted much of her time to progressing the interests of what was still known in 1964 as The Oxford Committee for Famine Relief. Would I get a group together to sing Carols in the village this Christmas; Why not? Delighted. For the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief of course. (Did we really not shorten that title until 1965;)

I put a notice in the shop asking those interested in singing carols to meet in the W.I. Hall on the following Wednesday evening. A surprising number came - about sixteen I believe although my memory is not too clear. The company included Mrs. Maggie Jones (cottage next to the shop), Mrs. Wearing (Yew Trees) and Mrs. Connie Corke (Kimmeridge), also Elizabeth Rang (3 Ventfield Close) and Len Money (Chilston). It certainly included two Biddiscombes, two Tuckleys and two Ogdens who together until Elsie Biddiscombe withdrew in 1984 formed nearly half and at times over half of the Studley Singers for the next 20 years.

Until the first rehearsal I was blinkered in my approach to carols. It had not crossed my mind that half of any volunteers would not be interested in part singing and some indeed belonged to the unison hit and run school. Over the next week or two I steadfastly (pigheadedly?) refused to remove my blinkers with the

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result that the numbers reduced but what we did we did in four parts. And it didn't sound too bad.

Music was a problem as we all had our own sources - and photocopiers weren't what they are now. Not much daunted me in those days so I started on the first part of the definitive Carols for Studley Singers or as it has been known ever since - The Grey Book. I copied music and words of twelve standard carols from various sources on to a large sheet of tracing paper, ran off sixteen dyeline prints on the office machine and chopped them into book sized pieces and that is why they have the dyeline grey look. Later editions were produced on photocopiers as required and these came in various shades from brown to whitish illustrating graphically the development of the photocopier through the ages. The music and the words are easier to read - but they're still known as Grey Books.

I put a notice in the shop again to the effect that we should be singing carols at various locations in the village on two nights in the week before Christmas which fell on a Thursday that year I believe. Anyone who felt like inviting us in could get full value in the comfort of their own home - and who knows perhaps we should get a mince pie and a glass of sherry. And if they invited some of their neighbours in to hear us we should be able to give even better value to the larger number. We covered the village outside in one evening and were invited into several houses on other evenings and several parties developed. We collected about £20 that first year and Mrs. West was duly grateful. In the dead time of the year in February those of us who met at all regularly agreed that we missed the heady pre-Christmas days. Most of us had been used to singing in some musical group or other. We were mostly fresh to the village and had not yet become involved with local choirs and it therefore seemed logical to continue meeting and singing for our own enjoyment. I suggested madrigals and discovered the mysteries of the County Music Library presided over by the august Miss Pilkington. From the start we were regarded with favour as the idea of a small

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Oxfordshire village group independent of Church or University bursting into life by the spontaneous combustion of a mutual love of part singing was the breath of life to Miss Pilkington. To me the breath of life was the idea of being able to borrow music from a well stocked warehouse without charge or indeed many rules that I could determine. Even in those days music seemed to me expensive to buy and many a nostalgic sigh was breathed at the price printed on the face of so much music that we were in fact able to borrow for nothing. As it was we were able to experiment (by my standards) and I admit that a number of pieces only lasted one rehearsal before another journey to the library in Park End Street was called for. We actually sang a fairly wide range of music, secular and religious, but it was almost all unaccompanied, and as we started with madrigals we always rehearsed sitting in an informal circle and in a relaxed, not to say casual, atmosphere. I sang as well as beating time and apart from that the only way I could be considered the Conductor was because I said what we would sing, where and approximately when we would start and roughly when we would finish. No, it wasn't as bad as that - in fact it was not long before we were asked to perform in front of audiences: I always reckoned that we sang for our own enjoyment and anyone who wanted to listen was welcome - particularly if they were prepared to pay for the privilege to a charity of their choice.

As soon as we started meeting regularly we had to face our first difficult decision - a name. "Choir" was too formal, "Singers" not yet too fashionable, "Horton-cum-Studley" much too long but Studley Singers had a pleasant if slightly sibilant alliteration. Anyway who cared, a choir by any other name would sing as sweet - or not as the case may.

It was during this year that Jill and Nick Meyjes came to the village - Nick to help Bidli and I on the bang line and Jill to bring to us all the immeasurable benefits of her fine musicianship. Els who had always carried the burden of accompaniment before we were capable of flying unaccompanied now had a fellow

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pianist to help out and the sopranos a reliable note pitcher and sight reader.

By the time we reached the carol season in 1965 we felt assured enough to arrange a Carol Service in Church as well as the trip round the village, the carol parties and a visit to the Radcliffe Infirmary. And so it was to be for quite a few years. As the village church had no choir we were able to contribute to all special occasions. The Carol Service was for me the highlight. The church was always packed and the atmosphere electric - and a grand time was had by all.

The 1965 Christmas saw the start of other traditions besides the Carol Service - the Priory on Christmas Eve with Yule Log burning on the hearth and general bonhomie reflecting in the decorations on the room-high tree. This was Major Parke's one acknowledgment of the village and its activities in the year as far as I remember - but it was a contribution that I have - 3 treasured ever since. Only one year has been missed, when young Jeremy decided to replace us with a Caribbean evening. I don't know how successful it was - but we were asked back again next year and have been ever since.

Also starting in 1965 was the traditional party invitation to the Phillips and our introduction to the joy of singing in a purpose designed sounding box. It always sounded to me downstairs that we sang better there than in other places -but whether those of the first floor agreed I know not. They were always polite about it but they wouldn't they - it being Christmas an' all. The thought crossed my mind that if we sang better because we could hear one another so clearly - every nuance and ergo every mistake could be heard just as clearly above. And we were not yet perfect pretty near but not quite.

During the next few years we sang in many places and before many audiences. On one summer evening we sang to the Birchs guest at their special wedding garden party in Islip. We sang in gardens and we sang in churches. In school halls and hospitals. We sang for our supper or the Organ Fund and after the

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first two years for the Save the Children Fund rather than Oxfam. At that time Oxfam was apparently less popular in the Oxford area than in the rest of the country - there was talk of gifts not being properly appreciated or resources used. We chose S.C.F. not because I was Chairman of the Oxford Branch - that came later as a result indirectly of our decision at that time, but for the association of Christmas and children. Our total contributions at Christmas I suppose must by this time have topped the £2,000 mark - not counting church services.



Figure 89 - Studley Singers at the 2002 Carols in the Millennium Hall

In 1966 Gordon Curtis came to live in Beckley. While up to this point we had been self-sufficient in Horton-cum-Studley we had never made it a conscious policy to exclude outsiders.

Swallowing hard we subdued any incipient xenophobia and welcomed this foreigner to our midst. I have always maintained that no coercion was used when Gordon eventually came to live at Purbeck - it was just his natural desire to do the decent thing. Indeed our broadminded acceptance of strangers is illustrated by the cosmopolitan nature of our list of past and present members. We have in our time had members from Islip, Beckley and Wheatley, from Australia and far Noke - no, there is

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nothing ingrown about us. It is just remarkable that for 25 years a small village of no more than 400 inhabitants has been able to support a singing group varying between 10 and 16 singers - and in all four parts. We have at times been fairly near to losing either the Tenors or the Altos - but never at the same time. Only once did we actually lose both Tenors, Allan and Len, to sickness when we had an important concert and over that I shall draw a veil of discreet silence.

We now have both a Noke and a Beckley Contingent and where would the Sopranos and Altos be without them I ask myself. And we have a Tenor who deserted from this village and now visits us for rehearsal from his fastness in the Chilterns. In 1968 the village church celebrated its centenary and as in those days it was still the village church and we were the village choir it was agreed that we should perform a Centenary Concert. We had a full programme of some 40 minutes duration and I asked a local Kidlington based string quartet to perform. They had to cry off, so other soloists were arranged - then they decided they could come after all with the result that we had a very full hour and a half programme. St. Barnabas Day is 14th June and it was a lovely summer evening. Miss Drewe was the only one to complain about the length of the programme, but it was probably only kindness and fortitude on the part of the remainder that prevented a chorus of dissatisfaction on the subject but apart from that it was a super concert and I believe we sang as well on that occasion as we ever have.

Gordon was of course a major happening to the Studley Singers. Not only could he read music and play the piano better than me but he obviously knew much more about the music and about being a choirmaster. Above all he could do these things and know these things without letting it show to the point of making me feel inadequate and always gave me the most loyal support. However there came a time not too long after our appearance tenorless at the Bicester Music Society's Annual Meeting, for which we had been invited to be the cabaret, when I realised that

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with my laid back approach to choir training and comparatively little musical education I had taken the Studley Singers as far as I could. If we were to progress it would have to be under the guidance of someone else with a sounder technical basis. I asked Gordon if he would be interested and he was.

The new hand on the tiller produced changes, not dramatic but noticeable. From now on we sat in rows and the conductor conducted - and didn't try to sing along at the same time. We gave a less amateurish performance but until we acquired our black covers thanks to Kate Richard; we still had those who could hold up the entire concert for a minute or more while they scrabbled for the next piece of music. And Gordon has never been able to improve the general time keeping for the start of rehearsals for longer than a week at a time any more than I could. But we have been introduced to a lot of wonderful music that was much too difficult for me to have tackled and ended up by liking it, whatever we thought at the first rehearsal. However inconvenient we have stuck to Friday night for rehearsal and an 8 o'clock (Horton time) start.

In the seventies the Morrows came to the village shop and entered our lives with a swing. Joan sang soprano and John was the sort of bass who reached the bottom note of the rest of us and kept on going down for a further half octave. It was a big voice altogether and he struggled manfully and on the whole successfully to keep it within the bounds of our small choir. John was also an enthusiast for hi-fi and recorded a number of rehearsals in Middleton Stoney and Islip churches in 1973 and 1974 from which he edited at least two full tapes.

In 1975 I temporarily left the village to work abroad and have a copy of one of those tapes kindly given to me as a parting present as one of my treasured possessions. My absence lasted on and off for eight years but I was always welcomed back when on leave and allowed to take part in whatever was going on. Part of what was going on was Gilbert and Sullivan - Trial by Jury - which we all enjoyed so much that it led to the cooperation

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with the Islip Players that later developed into the full stage versions of Pirates, Iolanthe and Pinafore. At first we cooperated with the Islip based Tuesday Singers and when they finally disbanded Maggie Dawber and Sue Hawes came to sing with us on a more permanent basis.

Successful small group singing is teamwork of the highest order. This demands keenness and willingness to make sacrifices and take responsibilities seriously. To achieve this degree of dedication without losing the enjoyment, the light heartedness, the sense of fun with which we started the enterprise, has required not only very special leadership from Gordon but an effort on the part of those being led to submit to the stringent self-discipline without allowing themselves to become pompous. (You will notice that I allow myself one small pomposity every twenty five years.)

Well over thirty people have been entitled to call themselves Studley Singers and I am grateful to everyone of them for being prepared to make this effort which has given me the ineffable pleasure of part singing with friends over such a long period of time.

Ted Ogden May 1990

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Chapter 15

Chairmen of Horton cum Studley Parish Meeting and Parish Council

1894 Rev Forbes Auchmucty
1897 Mr Benjamin Coles
1901 Rev William Cooke
1909 Rev J E B Brine
1914 Mr C Golding
1916 Rev J Kinchin Smith
1923 Mr P H Hawes
1950 Rev E J Bolus
1952 J K Henderson
1953 Lionel A Thompson
1960 John (Jack) Badger
1961 A Humphries
1964 Robert C Weir
1969 Lionel A Thompson
1976 Richard J Hawes
2002 David Prosser

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Chapter 16

Rules of the Almshouses

ORDERS AND CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR THOSE
THAT ARE TO BE ADMITTED INTO

*The Almshouse in Studley, in the Parish of Beckly, in the Countie
of Oxon.*

And hereafter to be observed

The 21st of September 1639

1. For their sexe. they shal be four Men. widdowers, or batchelors; and four Women. widdows. or maydes: the men to be above the age of threescore Years, unlesse they shal be lame and not able to worke, or blynde; then they may be admitted. beinge under that age. Women above the age of fiftie years. unlesse they have such impediments as aforesaid. The Election to be by Sir George Croke during his life; and after by Dame Mary Croke. as longe as shee shal live sole, and unmarried; and, after her decease, or marriage, which shall first happen, by Thomas Croke. Sonne and Heire apparent of the said Sir George Croke and by the heirs males of his body; and for default of such issue. two men and two women to be elected, from tyme to tyme by such persons as shall be owners of the Mansion House of Waterstocke; and the other two men and two women to be elected. from tyme to tyme by such persons as shal be owners of the Mansion House of Studley; and the persons elected to be out of the parishes of Chilton. Waterstocke, and Beckley, if anie such persons may be found fittinge there; if not. then out of any other parishes within sixe miles, as they shal think fit.

2. That the persons elected shall be poore indeede. and well reputed of for religion. and good conversation; noe cursers not common swearers. noe idle persons. noe drunkards. noe havinge committed fornication, or adultery; noe haunters of alehouses, noe gadders or wanderers abroad from house to house, noe tale bearers, noe busie bodies, but such as shall live without common scoldinge or brawling, and quietly and peaceable with their neighbours; and such as have been borne, or dwelled by the pace

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of ten yeares. at the least. in anie of the townes aforesaid. And if anie. by misinformation, be elected. shall afterwards marry, or fall to such misbehaviours, that then they shall be expelled. and removed for ever, and another placed in roome of the person amoved.

3 That such as be placed there, both men and women. shall alwaies dispose themselves to some worke. as they be able. and not to live idle: but if they be able. and in health, and not sicke. they use some labour to get somewhat towards their maintenance. that they may eate their owne breads. and give unto others; and they may be able to keepe themselves when they are sicke

4. That none shall lodge with them in their chambers or be permitted to lye in their chambers. uppon anie pretence whatsoever, but one of them to helpe another, beinge all under one rooffe. as in charitie they should; but may permit anie to help them, not lodginge there; and that nor of them doe lodge out of their chambers, nor wander or beg alms. uppon anie pretence whatsoever. uppon paine of expulsion.

5. That their allowance shall be every week two shillings to every of them, towards their maintenance. which shall be paid unto them weeklie, every Sunday, after eveninge Prayer; see as they be present alwaies uppon Sunday at public Divine Service. Morning and Evening. unlesse they be hindred by sickness, or inabilitie to body. to come; but if anie be absent, not hindred by such inability, they, for that week they shall be absent. shall lose half of their allowance for that weeke, and the same to bee given to the residue that shall be there.

6. That there shall be allowed to every of them once ever two yeares, at the feast of the Nativitie of our Lord. a livery-gowne of broad cloth. ready made for them. of couler. London-russet; and that yeare when they have noe gown. Two Shirts for every of the man and two smockes for every of the women, ready made, and to be provided out of the annual rente-charge appointed towards the maintenance of the said poore: and if any of them shall dye after their Livery-gown received. before the Feast of the Nativitie

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of Our Lord. then Nexte ensuinge; that then the same Livery-Gown shall be to the persons that shall succede them; and that there shall be allowed to every of them yearelie. Half a chaldron of Sea Coales, or two load of wood.

7. That if any of the men or women, placed in the house, do curse or sweare and that testified by any credible persons, or two witnesses, without oath, for the first offence, shall loose the halfe of the next weekes allowance, to be divided in bread amongst the residue of the poore there; for the second offence, shall forfeit the whole weeks allowance; and for the third offence, shall be expelled, and removed for ever from that place.

8. That if anie Man or Woman placed in this house. be drunke or silt in anie alehouse above halfe an houre. unlesse it be with some strange freinde that dwelleth out of the towne, and then remaine there above an houre that the same beinge testified by some forfeit the one halfe of that next weekes allowance, to be divided amongst the rest; and for the second offence. shall forfeit the next whole weekes allowance, to be divided as aforesaid: and for the third offence shall be utterlie expelled and amoved from the place there for ever.

9 That there bee allowed every years, out of the Annuities. appointed towards the mayntenance of the poore. Twenty Shillings to the Baily of the Mannor of Studley for the tyme beinge, or to some other, to see those moneyes disbursed to the poore, every Sunday, and these Orders performed, or to informe the neglecte of them to such as may have power to see them reformed.

Given under my Hand and Seal the 21st day of September. Anno Dom. 1639 L. S GEO CROKE

Signed and sealed and published in the presence of JOHN EDWARDS, JOHN CAMMOCKE, ROBERT DURHAM. JOHN NICKOLS, 1639

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Figure 90 - Sir George Croke - founder of the Almshouses in 1639

Orders added to the former orders to be observed by almspeople placed in the house for the poore at Studley, by 5th October 1639.

1. That from henceforth Publike Prayers shall be read in the almshouse, in their several chambers, by course, or in the chappell belonging to the Mansion-house of Studley, every morning, and evening, at tythese hours (that is to say,) between the first of April and the first of October, between the hours of sixe and eight in the morning, and between the hours of foure and leaven in the evening; and from the first of October untill the first of Aprill followinge, between the houres of leaven and teen in the morninge, and betweene the houres of three and sixe in the evening; and that the same prayers shal be the Confession of Sinns, and such other prayers now used in the Church of England.
2. That there shal be allowed to the curate or schoolemaster, if anie such shal be resident in Horton or Studley, that shall be procured to read prayers usuallie at the tymes aforesaid, four pounds per annum quarterly, or soe much as he shal be agreed

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with for the same: and if it shall be a layman that readeth prayers, forty shillings or fifty-three shillings and fourpence yearly, as they can be agreed with by ten shillings a quarter, or thirteen shillings and fourpence a quarter; the same paiments to be at the feasts of St. Thomas the Apostle, the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary, the Nativitie of St. John Baptist, and the feast of St. Michael, by eyuall portions.

3. That there shall be a little hand-bell, or other little bell, maintained there, which one of the poor men shall ring allwaies by turves, for callinge them together to prayers, and that such as shall reade prayers shall alwaies reade a chapter in the Old Testament, or Newe Testament, before prayers, and if any placed in the Almshouse come not by the end of readinge the chapter, and continue there duringe the tyme of prayers, it shall be a defaulte, if they have noe lawful excuse, as beinge at worke abroad, or sicknes, or inabilityie of body to disinable them to come, or some other reasonable excuse, which the partie that readeth prayers shall thinke to be allowable;, and they pay for such default two , pence, to bee bestowed in bread and divided amongst the rest.

GEO. CROKE.

There is a website listing Almshouses that states:

Horton-cum-Studley, Oxon OX33 1BA

Manager: Sir George Croke's Charity. If you think you would be eligible for this almshouse accommodation, and are interested in this scheme, please contact EAC.

Properties: 4 bungalows. Sizes 1 bed.

Special Interest: This almshouse charity caters for: persons of good character, unable to wholly maintain themselves, who have resided for more than 5 years within a six mile radius of the almshouses. Married or indiv

Services:

Accessibility: Access to site easy. Distances: bus stop 200 yards; shop 200 yards; post office 200 yards; town centre 6 mile(s); GP 4 mile(s); social centre 6 mile(s).

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Lifestyle: Nil

Pets: both cats & dogs accepted (not to be replaced)

Tenure: rental

Cost: from £36.00 per week incl. service charge at May 2001.

Note: roadside parking

Manager's Comments: Nil

Vacancies: None notified at present

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Chapter 17

1841 – 1851- 1861 – 1871 - 1881- 1891 – 1901 census

1841 Census Horton cum Studley

[The 1841 census was the first national census in England but did not include place of birth , only if born in the county (yes – no). This we know is not entirely accurate as the 1851 census gives places of birth and these can be cross checked. Only the trade or profession of the head of the house is given, except with servants and living in labourers. *Ind* means that the person had independent means.]

England and Wales Enumeration Schedule.

County of Oxford, Bullington Hundred, Parish of Beckley, Chapelry of Studley with Horton (part of) (the remaining part being in Bucks)

Description – All that parish of Horton and Studley upon including the place of Studley Bucks both places adjoining bounded on the north by Murcott East by Boarstall south by Stanton St John and west by Beckley (Studley consisting of only 17 houses)

The census is very difficult to read and many of the surname spelling are guesswork. Many ages are rounded off to the nearest five years, hence the apparent large number of twins or even triplets. Some of the abbreviations are not known but appear to refer to servants.

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Robert Mery	40	ag lab	yes
Martha Mery	85		yes
Robert Mery	14		yes
Martha Mery	12		yes
Job Mery	10		yes
Frederick Mery	8		yes
Rhuben Mery	6 months		yes

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William Stanton	40	ag lab	yes
Mary Stanton	35		yes
Jane Stanton	13		yes
John Stanton	10		yes
Richard Stanton	7		yes
David Stanton	4		yes
Harriett	2		yes

Thomas Bulford	60	joiner	yes
Mary Bulford	60		no
Ann Bulford	20		yes
James Bulford	15		yes
James Taylor	20	ag lab	yes
Matthew Woodbridge	25	ag lab	no

The Green (then the area of Church Lane)

James Cox	30	ag lab	yes
Martha Cox	35		yes
Mary Cox	7		yes
Elizabeth Cox	2		yes
Thomas Cox	7 months		yes

Jasper Robins	65	ag lab	yes
Elizabeth Robins	60		no
Sarah Robins	25		yes
Ann Robins	8		yes

George Robins	25	ag lab	no
Hannah Robins	20		yes
Emma Robins	3		yes
Harriett Robins	1		yes

John Merry	40	ag lab	yes
Elizabeth Merry	30		yes

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Ann Merry	8		yes
Ann Cox	45	School Mistress	no
Sarah Cox	15		no
William Cox	15		no
George Cox	15		no
John Cox	13		no
Henry Cox	11		no
Richard Haynes	30	ag lab	no
Elizabeth Haynes	25		yes
Helen Haynes	7		yes
Rhuben Haynes	4		yes
Jacob Haynes	1		yes
James Jones	40	ag lab	yes
Ann Jones	40		yes
James Jones	15		yes
Elizabeth Jones	14		yes
Thomas Jones	4		yes
Harriett Jones	1		yes
Jonathan Pain	60		no
Phillis Pain	35		no
George Saunders	20	ag lab	yes
Phoebe Saunders	14		yes
Thomas Saunders	10		yes
Mary Morrice	25	Lace Maker	yes
Emma Morrice	4		yes
William Auger	45	Mason	yes
Mary Auger	40		yes
Mary Auger	11		yes
Jane Auger	8		yes

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William Auger	3		yes
John Neighbour	70	Butcher	yes
Rachel Neighbour	65		yes
Robert Neighbour	25		yes
Harriett Clonville?	15		yes
Thomas Mourice	50	Ag Lab	yes
Mary Mourice	50		yes
Sarah Mourice	11		yes
John Frost	15		yes
William Allan	30	Wheelwright	yes
Sophia Allan	25		yes
Sarah Allen	4		yes
William Welch	15	Wheelwright app	no
(The wheelwright was on the right down Church Lane the first property on the right past the church)			
William Hicks	60	Ag Lab	yes
Susan Hicks	55		yes
Thomas Hicks	25		yes
Joseph Hicks	15		yes
Harry Hicks	9		yes
Betty Gee	75	Pauper	yes
Joseph Hillsden	45	Smith	yes
Lydia Hillsden	43		yes
William Hillsden	14		yes
Thomas Bulford	30	Joiner	yes
Mary Bulford	35		no
Mary Hicks	15		yes

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George Piesley	25	Wheelwright	yes
Rebecca Piesley	20		yes
Elias Piesley	3		yes
Richard Piesley	1		yes
Joseph Blake	60	Ag Lab	yes
Patricia Blake	60		yes
Sarah Budd	90	Pauper	yes
Thomas Blake	25	Ag Lab	yes
Mary Blake	25		yes
Joseph Blake	3		yes
Charles	1		yes
Horton & Studley			
John Auger	40	Mason	yes
Sarah Auger	40		yes
Thomas Auger	20		yes
William Auger	15		yes
Martha Auger	15		yes
Matilda Auger	9		yes
Nimrod Auger	5		yes
Ann Stanton	45	Ag Lab (crossed out)	yes
Emanuel Stanton	15		yes
Mary Ann Stanton	18		yes
Emily Stanton	11		yes
William Stanton	8		yes
Francis Auger	30	Ag Lab	yes
Becky Auger	30		yes
Emma Auger	9		yes
George Auger	5		yes
Hannah Auger	2		yes

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Elizabeth Wiggins	75	Pauper	yes
David Andrew	35	Baker & Miller	no
Martha Andrew	30		no
Ann Andrew	12		no
Martha Andrew	10		no
Edward Andrew	8		no
Elizabeth Andrew	6		yes
Sarah Andrew	4		yes
Mary Andrew	2		yes
John Eales	15	Bakers App	no
William Leech	15	Bakers App	yes
Ann Ray	15	Bakers App	no
William Whiting	45	Ag Lab	no
Elizabeth Whiting	50		yes
William Whiting	15		yes
Mary Whiting	12		yes
Samuel Whiting	9		yes
Almshouses			
Richard Allan	85	Almsman	yes
William Tyrrell	63	Almsman	yes
Francis Auger	70	Almsman	yes
Ann Luckill	90	Almswoman	yes
Jane Walker	80	Almswoman	no
Ann Biddle	70	Almswoman	yes
Horton & Studley			
Caroline Hillsden	15	Grocer	yes
Helen Hillsden	8		yes
John Carter	25	Sawyer	yes

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Mary Ann Carter	20		yes
Zipporah Carter	1		yes
Studley Priory			
Alexander Croke	80	Ind	no
Alice Croke	60		no
Adelaide Croke	40		no
Ann Croke	30		no
Ann Hall	64	T L	no
Elizabeth Hillsden	23	T L	yes
Mary Hillsden	25	TL	yes
Sarah Geal	20	TL	no
Thomas Horn	25	ML	no
James Burrows	25	MS	yes
(Publican in 1851 – King's Arms)			
Phillis Burrows	25		yes
Thomas Burrows	2		yes
Mary Burrows	3 months		yes
Richard Stanton	40	Ag Lab	yes
Ann Stanton	40		no
Thomas Stanton	15		no
Clementina Stanton	15		yes
Mary Stanton	10		yes
Ann Stanton	7		yes
William	4		yes
Elizabeth Stanton	2		yes
John Stanton	12		yes
Arabella Stanton	25	Publican	no
George Stanton	3		yes
George Carter	40	Bailiff	yes

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Hannah Carter	60		no
Zipporah	20		yes
Christopher Carter	20		yes
Jane Merry	33	Ag Lab	no
Anthony Knight	65		yes
Elizabeth Knight	60		yes
Martha Knight	20		yes
George Merey	25	Ag Lab	yes
Ann Merey	20		yes
George Merey	2		yes
Sophia Merey	3 months		yes
Edward Crick	60	Ag Lab	yes
Elizabeth Crick	63		yes
John Crick	30	Ag Lab	yes
Martha Crick	23		yes
Elizabeth Crick	8		yes
Robert Crick	6		yes
Thomas Crick	4		yes
Charles Crick	2		yes
Priory Ground			
William Maurice	25	Ag Lab	no
Ann Maurice	25		no
Sarah Maurice	2		yes
John Simmons	25	Shoe M	no
Martha Simmons	25		no
William Rose	30	Ag Lab	no

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Mary Rose	45		yes
Ruth Rose	15		yes
Elizabeth Rose	12		yes
Thomas Hicks	30	Ag Lab	yes
Sarah Hicks	35		yes
Horton & Studley			
Edward Franklin	63	Farmer	no
Mary Franklin	30		yes
Ann Franklin	20		yes
Elizabeth Franklin	17		yes
John Coates	8		yes
Thomas Maurice	17	Ag Lab	yes
George Buckland	13	Ag Lab	yes
Elizabeth Franklin	55	Ind	yes
Thomas Eadle	40	Thatcher	yes
Ann Eadle	40		no
Elizabeth Eadle	6		yes
Thomas Steel	50	Farmer	yes
Clemence Steel	50		yes
Henry Steel	13		yes
Elizabeth Steel	11		yes
Thomas Gibbons	25	Ag Lab	yes
Elizabeth Merry	35	? widow (crossed out)	yes
Rebeca Merry	13		yes
Richard Merry	12		yes
Liza Merry	9		yes
John Merry	7		yes
Elizabeth Merry	4		yes
George Merry	1		yes

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Isaac Hicks	60	Ag Lab	yes
Lydia Hicks	60		yes
John Hicks	40	Ag Lab	yes
Elizabeth Hicks	40		yes
Henry Brown	70	Pauper	no
James Mery	40	Ag Lab	yes
Mary Mery	25		yes
Joseph Mery	10		yes
Daniel Mery	5		yes
Richard Mery	2		yes
Simion Mery	4 months		yes
William Crick	35	Ag Lab	yes
Mary Crick	30		yes
Thomas Crick	10		yes
Sarah Crick	8		yes
William Crick	6		yes
Margaret Philp yes	70	Paup Widow (crossed out)	
Edward Green	35	Ag Lab	yes
Hannah Green	25		yes
William Green	15		yes
Mary Green	15		yes
Caroline Green	11		yes
James Green	10		yes
Thomas Green	3		yes
Rebecca Green	1		yes

(Studley Priory)

Mary Croke	40	Independent	no
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John Croke	20		no
Jonas Green	70	Ag Lab	yes
Elizabeth Green	55		no
Thomas Mills	65	Ind	yes
Elizabeth Mills	40		no
Edwin Mills	14		yes
Elizabeth Gom	70	Pau Widow (Crossed out)	
yes			
Thomas Piesley	35	Ag Lab	yes
Jane Piesley	30		no
Ann Piesley	13		yes
William Piesley	9		yes
Richard Piesley	7		yes
Martha Piesley	5		yes
Mary Piesley	2		yes
Harriett Piesley	4 months		yes
John Coates	65	Farmer	no
Ann Coates	60		yes
Sarah Coates	25		yes
Robert Coates	25	Rel? officer	yes
Henry Coates	20	Baker	yes
Ann Barinsell*	45	Ind	yes
Ann Barinsell	8		no
John Barinsell	6		no
Ann Budd? (unreadable)	9		no
William Boddington	20	M L	yes
•	spelling approximate		
George Robbins	60	Farmer	yes
Sarah Robins (sic)	50		yes

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George Robins	15		yes
John Hartland	25	Sawyer	yes
John Irons	40	Farmer	yes
Susanna King	50	F L	yes
Charlotte Tims	35	Field Work	no
William Tims	7		yes
Ann Tims	5		yes
Mary Tims	2		yes
Henry Buckland	40	Game Keeper	no
Mary Buckland	35		no
James Buckland	15		yes
Joseph Buckland	3		yes
Eliza Buckland	12		yes
Helen Buckland	9		yes
Catherine Buckland	5		yes
Mary Buckland	5		yes
James Robins	30	Ag Lab	yes
Mary Robins	20		yes
Phillis Robins	3		yes
Phoebe Robins	1		yes
Joseph Brown	35	Ag Lab	yes
Charlotte Brown	35		yes
Richard Brown	12		yes
Ann Brown	3		yes
Elizabeth Brown	3		yes
Joseph Brown	7 months		yes
Samuel King	60	Farmers Bailiff	yes
Hannah King	30		yes

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Thomas Budd	45	Farmer	yes
Sarah Budd	35		yes
Louisa Creek	20	D S	yes
William Phillips	20	Ag Lab	yes
John Saunders	55	Game Keeper	yes
Ann Saunders	55		yes
Benjamin Coles	40	Farmer	yes
Benjamin Coles	10		yes
Thomas Coles	8		yes
Elizabeth Shipley	20	D S	no
Joseph Parker	20	Ag Lab	no
Richard Mery	35	Shoe M	yes
Diana Mery	30		yes
Sarah Parser	2 months		yes
Thomas Mery	50	Ag Lab	yes
Elizabeth Mery	50		yes
James Mery	14		yes
Elizabeth Mery	11		yes
George Piesley	45	Wheelwright	yes
Elizabeth Piesley	45		yes
William Piesley	20		yes
Martha Piesley	10		yes
Robert Sturch	70	Ind	yes
Ann Collett	25		no
Robert Collett	5 months		yes

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Ann Mery	45	Wife of Ag Lab (crossed out)	
yes			
Whitecross Green			
William Payne	30	Ag Lab	no
Sophia Payne	30		no
James Payne	11		yes
John Payne	9		yes
Emma Payne	4		yes
James Preston?	65	Ag Lab	no
John Halwell	50	Farmer	no
Ann Halwell	40		no
William Halwell	20		no
Eliza Halwell	15		no
James Halwell	14		no
Benjamin Halwell	12		no
Thomas Halwell	8		no
Henry Halwell	6		no
Obithin? Halwell	2		yes
Julia Halwell	6 months		yes
The surname spelling is approximate.			
Henry Smith	25	Farmer	yes
Catherine Smith	unreadable		
William Smith	3		yes
Susan Smith	2		yes
Emma Smith	5 months		yes
John H*****	24		no?
Edward Edmund	77	Ag Lab	yes
Sarah House	15	unreadable servant?	
Unreadable			
William Collett	20	Ag Lab	yes
Mary Collett	20		yes

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John Collett	1		yes
The Warren (cottages in Warren Farm area)			
Charlotte Wharton?	55	Charwoman	yes
Eliza	10		yes
Mary	14		yes
Charlotte	8		yes
Martha	65	Pau widow (crossed out)	yes
William Hounslow	25	Gamekeeper	no
Elizabeth Hounslow	25		no
George	6		no
William	4		no
Jonathan	2		yes
Joseph Watson	30	Ag Lab	yes
Hannah	30		yes
William	8		yes
Ann	6		yes
John	5		yes
Richard	2		yes
Thomas Cox	70	Ind	no
Jane Cox	50		no
James Pym	30	Ag Lab	yes
Mary	30		yes
Caroline	1		yes
Warren Farm			
Elizabeth Hall	25	Farmer	no
Harriet	unreadable		yes
John Bulford	20		no
Mary	15		no

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Ann Hall	13	D S	yes
Edward Ayres	20	Ag Lab	no
William Walley	25	Ag Lab	yes

Elizabeth Meere?	63	Farmer	yes
John Meere	30		yes

William Houper?	40	Ag Lab	yes
Ann	40		no
Sarah	15		yes
Ann	14		yes
William	12		yes
James	9		yes
John	6		yes
Jane	3		yes

Richard Haynes	70	Ag Lab	yes
Ruth	40		yes
Michael	13		yes
Thomas	14		yes
George	12		yes
Elizabeth	8		yes
Mary	4		yes
Eliza	1		yes

Studley Bucks (Houses on the Brill road past the then county boundary the lane down to Gardener's Barn)

Prudence Budd	50	Seamstress	no
Mary Brintlowe?	45	Schoolmistress	no
John	14		no
Richard	12		no
Elizabeth	10		no

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Abraham Hillder	45	Ag Lab	no
Elizabeth	40		no
Joseph	13		no
Mary	12		no
Elizabeth	9		no
Joseph	13		no
Mary	12		no
Elizabeth	9		no
Frances	7		no
Ann	4		no
Martha	1		no

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The 1851 Census Horton cum Studley

The census was taken on or about 5 April 1851 by a Mr Henry Coates. The census is on 28 pages of paper about A3 size or double foolscap. The census was checked on 14th April by Rich. Wood Registrar.

It reads:

“County of Oxford and Bucks Hamlet of Horton and Studley Oxon and the hamlet of Studley Bucks.” (The hamlet of Studley Bucks is the area of Brill Road beyond Warren Farm over the border into Bucks)

Superintendent Registrar's District - *Headington ???*, Registrar's District *Saint Clement*. Number of Enumeration District 283

Description of Enumeration District -

“All that Hamlet called Horton and Studley also including the Hamlet of Studley Bucks consisting of White Cross Green in the said Hamlet of Studley consisting of about 19 houses - Horton and Studley takes all Houses situate in Oxfordshire of that Hamlet - Bounded by Mercot North, Boarstall East, south by Stanton Saint John and west by Beckley including the Alms Houses”.

Hamlet of Studley Bucks 15 occupied houses, 1 unoccupied. 38 Males, 37 females total 75

Horton cum Studley 78 Inhabited Houses including Almshouses 190 Males, 161 females total 357

2 Males and 1 female were visiting and 1 Male and 1 female that normally live in the village were absent.

The handwriting is difficult to read and there may be errors especially with surnames. The census taker did not make much effort to record all the names in the houses of some of the Ag Labs (Agricultural Labourers) and only recorded the siblings initials.

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The Census

Studley Bucks in the Parish of Beckley, Parish of Horton cum Studley

Horton - This is the area of the village below the King's Arms (Studley Lodge Hotel) including Church Road, Mill Lane (Millss Lane), Ragnalls Lane, the lane that once went from Mill Lane to Ragnall's Lane probably known as Middle Green Lane and the West

Hill Farm area.

1 (There were more farms than today. This farm may have been in what is now Church Lane opposite the church)

Thomas Steel	Head	M	62	Farmer of 44 Acres employing 2 labourers Noke Oxon
Clemence	Wife	M	60	Horton
Henry	Son	U	22	Beckley
Elizabeth	Dau	U	21	Horton
John Simmons	Visitor	M	35	Cordwainer Ludgershall, Bucks

2

Charlotte Sims	Head	W	46	Labourer's Widow Whitfield
Northants				
William	Son	U	16	Ag Lab Horton
Mary	Dau		12	Horton

3

George Priestly	Head	M	57	Wheelwright Horton
Elizabeth	Wife	M	59	Nk
Marborough				

4

William Priestly	Head	M	32	Wheelwright Horton
Ann	Wife	M	25	Oxford St Ebbs

5

Ann Saunders	Head	W	68	Game Keepers Widow Horton
William Robbins	Nephew	U	30	Ag Lab Horton

6 Possibly West Hill Farm

Thomas Budd	Head	M	58	Farmer 100 Acres employing 2 men 1 boy Horton
Sarah	Wife	M	52	Souldern
Sarah Gom	Visitor		9	Bucks Padbery
Eliz th Ferrin	Servant		16	House Servant Ardley
Joseph Basson	Servant	U	32	Farm Labourer Oxon
				Southleigh

7 Possibly a farm

	Head	M	59	Farmer 111 Acres employing 3 men 1 boy Horton
Eliz th	Wife	M	38	Bucks Brill
Benjamin	Son	U	20	Farmer's Son Horton
Thomas	Son	U	18	Farmer's Son Horton
George	Son		7	Scholar Horton

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John	Son		5	Scholar	Horton
Joseph Shisyurly?	Visitor	M	39	Blacksmith	Bucks Brill
Ellen	Visitor	M	35		NK

8					
Joseph Brown	Head	M	51	Ag Lab	Henley on Thames
Charlotte	Wife	M	47		Stanton St John
Elizabeth	Dau		13		Horton
Charlotte	Dau		5	Scholar	Horton
Dinah Brown	Dau		5	Scholar	Horton
John	Son		3months		Horton
Richard Maston	Son in Law		22	Ag Lab	Oxford
					St Ebbs

9					
William Hicks	Head	M	48*	Ag Lab	Oxon Gosford
Mary	Wife	M	60		Oxon Chiselhampton
* could be 68					

10					
Edmund Creek	Head	M	51	Greenwich out Pensioner	Oxon Souldern
Ann	Wife	M	54		Hampshire Portsea

11					
Sarah Robbins	Head	W	42	Labourer's Widow	Oxon Foresthill
George	Son	M	25	Ag Lab	Horton
Elizia	Sons Wife	22			Bucks Steeple Claydon
George	Gd Son		1		Horton
	Son		1 week		Horton

12 (This may have been Gardener's Barn)					
John Coates	Head	W	78	Farmer of 120 acres 4 men &	
1 boy	Studley, Bucks				
Sarah	Dau	U	37		Horton
Betsey Bannock	Gd Dau	U	17		Warcs Cubbington
William Blake	Servant	U	19	Farm Labourer	Bucks Boarstall

13					
Thomas Priestley	Head	M	45	Ag Lab	Horton
Jans?	Wife	M	43		Glos Gating
W	Son	U	19	Ag Lab	Horton
R	Son	U	14	Ag Lab	Horton
U	Dau	U	13		Horton
H	Dau		10	Scholar	Horton
E	Dau		8		Horton
E	Dau		6		Horton
J	Son		2		Horton
G	Son		9 Months		Horton

(This is how they were recorded with just the initial)

14					
Edwin Hinde	Head	M	23	Ag Lab	Horton
Eliza	Wife	M	20		Horton

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15

Joseph Parker Boarstall	Head	M	30	Ag Lab	Bucks
Sarah	Wife	M	24		Horton
J	Son		7		Bucks
Studley					
William	Son		6		Bucks
Studley					
G	Son		2		Bucks
Studley					
E	Son		2 months		Horton

16 (We know that there was a shop next to the Almshouses in the 19th Century and later in Millss Lane (Mill Lane) . This may have been the Millss Lane Shop.

Anne Eals	Head	W	51	Shop Keeper	Bucks Long Crendon
E	Dau	U	16	Assistant	Horton

17

Edward Franklin	Head	W	77	Farmer of 120 acres 2 men 1 Boy	Bucks Brill
Elizabeth Spindler	Dau	M	28	Farmer's Wife	Horton
In?	Gd Dau	1			Horton
John Franklin	Gd Son	U	19	Farmer's Son	Horton
Thomas Kirby	Servant	U	25	Farm Labourer	N K

18

Thomas Hicks	Head	M	44	Ag Lab	Wheatley
Mary	Wife	M	50		Murcott

19

William Rose?	Head	M	64	Ag Lab	Wheatley
Mary	Wife	M	50		Murcott

20

Charles Busby	Head	M	26	Ag Lab	Oxon	Murcott
Martha	Wife	M	23			Murcott
E	Dau		4			Murcott
A	Dau		1			Murcott

21

Ann Blake	Head	M	36	Blacksmiths Wife	Herts
Tring					
C	Dau	U	14	Servant (crossed out)	Herts
Tring					
A	Dau	U	10		Herts
Tring					

22 King's Arms, Studley

James Burrows	Head	M	37	Publican & Timber Dealer	
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Oxon Wheatley

Tim Hallchurch

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Phillis Milton	Wife	M	38		Gt
Thomas Milton	Son	U	12	Scholar	Gt
Mary	Dau		10	Scholar	Studley
Louisa	Dau		7	Scholar	Studley
James	Son		6		Studley
Harry	Son		3		Studley
Ellen	Dau		9 months		Studley
Edward Shepherd	Servant	U	18	Carter	Wheatley
Thomas Collett	Servant		17	House Servant	Panshill Bucks

Studley – This is the area above the King’s Arms (Lodge Hotel) including Oakley and Brill Road, Gardener’s Barn to the Bucks Border.

23					
Edward Pinson?	Head	M	31	Carpenter	Bucks
Brill					
Martha	Wife	M	30		Horton
Elizabeth Brill	Sister	U	28		Bucks
24					
Edward Crick	Head	M	71	Ag Lab	Bicester
John	Son	M	41	Ag Lab	Horton
Sarah	Gd Dau	U	18		Horton
25					
Anthony Bright Gibbon	Head	M	78	Ag Lab	Bucks Marsh
Elizabeth Bright	Wife	M	74		Horton
Martha	Dau	U	30		Horton
26					
George Robbins	Head	M	36	Ag Lab	Bucks Chetwade
Emma	Dau		12		Horton
H	Dau		11		Horton
M	Dau		9		Horton
M	Dau		6		Horton
C	Dau		4		Horton
E	Dau		2		Horton
27					
William Saunders	Head	M	34	Ag Lab	Horton
Eliza Cowley	Wife	M	35		Oxon
Elizabeth	Dau		9		Iffley
Phoebe	Sister	U	23		Horton
28					
James Green	Head	M	48	Ag Lab	Horton
Elizabeth	Wife	M	46		Horton
Richard	Son	U	14		Horton

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James	Son		10		Berks Cookham
Ann	Dau		6		Horton
E???	Dau		2		Horton
John Thurston?	Son in Law U		22	Ag Lab	Horton
29					
William Crick	Head	M	47	Ag Lab	Horton
Mary	Wife	M	46		Holeo???
Thos	Son	U	20	Ag Lab	Horton
William	Son		15		Horton
James	Son		9		Horton
Edward	Son		6		Horton
30					
George Merry	Head	M	36	Ag Lab	Horton
Ann	Wife	M	33		Horton
Sophia	Dau		16		Horton
Martha	Dau		7		Horton
Henery?	Son		4		Horton
31					
Martha Crick	Head	M	38	Lab Wife	Beckley
Robert	Son	U	15	Ag Lab	Beckley
Thos	Son		14		Beckley
Charles	Son		12		Horton
Mary	Dau		9		Horton
George	Son		6		Horton
Edward	Son		3		Horton
John	Son		1		Horton
32 Studley Priory					
Dame Alice Croke	Head	W	70	Landed Proprietor	
Horton					
Adelaide	Dau	U	50		Surrey Walworth
Ann V	Dau	U	43		Nova Scotia,
Halifax					
Canada British Subject					
Philip Bliss DCL	Visitor	M	63	Principal of St Mary's Hall,	
Oxford,					
Clergyman Chipping Sodbury Gloucestershire					
Sophia Bliss	Visitor	M	53		Oxon
Holton					
Mary Ann Green	Servant	U	23		Oxon Bicester
Sarah Kimber	Servant	U	26		Bicester
Sarah Butler	Servant	U	26		Suffolk Halesworth
Ann Hall	Servant	W	73		Northumberland Westgate
Amelia Temple	Servant	U	21		Bucks Marsh
Gibbon					
Thomas Horn	Servant	U	38		Oxon Wolvercott
William Whiting	Servant	U	25		Studley
Alfred R Horn	Visitor		10		
Wolvercott					

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33 Alms Houses

Joseph Blake	Head	W	74	Pauper	Horton
34					
William Turrell	Head	U	77	Pauper	Horton
35					
John Saunders	Head	W	86	Pauper	Bucks Chilton
36					
William Taylor	Head	W	56	Pauper	Bucks Chilton
37					
Martha Watson	Head	W	74	Pauper	Bucks Boarstall
38					
Ann Perkins	Head	W	66	Pauper	Bucks Chilton
39					
Ann Merry	Head	W	62	Pauper	Oxon Beckley
Phillis	Gd Dau		5	Scholar	Horton
40					
Ann Biddle	Head	W	83	Pauper	NK Studley
41					
William Whiting	Head	M	64	Ag Lab	Bucks Clayden
Elizabeth	Wife	M	63		Oxon
Arcott					
John	Son	U	29	Ag Lab	Horton
Samuel	Son	U	19	Ag Lab	Horton
42 (Possibly Manor Farm)					
Michael Connor	Head	W	31	Farmer of 140 acres employing 6 men Bucks Westcott	
William	Son	U	24	Farmer's Son	Bucks Westcott
Elizabeth	Housekeeper	U	36		Bucks Westcott
Elizabeth Cripper?	Servant	U	18	House Servant	Bucks Westcott
43					
Francis Auger	Head	M	41	Ag Lab	Horton
Betsey	Wife	M	44		Little Milton
Emma	Dau	U	18		Horton
Hannah	Dau		11		Horton
Ellen	Dau		8		Horton
44 (Possibly the second half timbered house next to the Almshouses)					
Joseph Hilleaton?	Head	W	62	Blacksmith	Horton
Mary	Dau	U	38		Horton
Elizabeth	Dau	U	35		Horton
William	Son	U	22	Blacksmith	Horton
Elizabeth	Gd Dau	U	13		Headington
45					
Samuel Stanton	Head	M	57	Ag Lab	Horton
Ann	Wife	M	58		Horton
Thomas	Son	U	29	Ag Lab	Horton
E	Son	U	26	Ag Lab	Horton
M A	Dau	U	21		Horton

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E	Dau	U	19		Horton
W	Son	U	17	Ag Lab	Horton
E Pyman	Gd Dau		3	Visitor	Horton
G Stanton	Gd Son		1		Bucks Studley

46					
William Morris	Head	M	39	Ag Lab	Horton
Ann	Wife	M	35		Bucks Studley
Sarah	Dau		12		Horton
Thomas	Son		7		Horton

47					
Elizabeth Merry	Head	W	43	Pauper	Horton
John	Son	U	16	Ag Lab	Horton
Elizabeth	Dau	U	13		Horton
George	Son		4		Horton

48					
Thomas Blake	Head	M	37	Ag Lab	Horton
Mary	Wife	M	35		Stanton St John
Joseph	Son		12		Horton
Charles	Son		8	Scholar	Horton
Albert	Son		4		Horton
Elizabeth	Dau		1		Horton

49					
Richard Hicks	Head	M	23	Ag Lab	Horton
Jane	Wife	M	23		Oxon Murcott
James	Son		6 months		Horton

50					
John Augas	Head	W	54	Stone Mason	Horton
Martha	Dau	U	27		Horton
Richard?	Son		15	Ag Lab	Horton
Ellis	Son		10		Horton

51					
Emma M Tibby?	Servant	U	21	House Servant	Bucks
Boarstall					
Edmund Green	Servant	U	23	Farm Labourer	Oxon Weston
on the Green					
Hannah Robbins	Servant	M	29	Laundress	Horton

52					
Thomas Hicks	Head	W	40	Ag Lab	Horton
Wm	Son		13		Horton
J	Son		11		Horspath
T	Dau		10		Horspath
J	Son		5		Horton
A	Son		4		Horton
J	Son		2		Horton
J	Son		2 months		Horton
Susannah	Mother	M	64	Lab Wife	
Piddington					

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Emma Parkes Dau in Law 8 Bicester

53

William Hicks	Head	M	64	Ag Lab	Horton
C	Son	U	39	Ag Lab	Horton
J	Son	U	28	Ag Lab	Horton
Joseph	Son	U	23	Ag Lab	Horton
H	Son	U	18	Ag Lab	Horton

54

George Piesley	Head	M	36	Wheelwright	Horton
Rebecca	Wife	M	34		
Tingewick					
Ellis	Son	U	13		Horton
Richard	Son		11		Horton
Elizabeth	Dau		5		Horton
John	Son		3		Horton
Caroline	Dau		1		Horton

55

James Massey	Head	M	33	Cattle Dealer	Arncott
Sarah	Wife	M	27		
Piddington					
Sarah	Dau		6		
Piddington					
A J	Son		4		Arncott
S S	Dau		2		Arncott
G E	Son		2months		Horton

56

Francis Morris	Head	W	61	Ag Lab	Horton
Mary Robbins	Dau	W	33	Pauper	Horton
Phoebe Robbins	Gd Dau		10		Horton
Harry Robbins	Gd Dau		8		Horton
Ann Robbins	Gd Dau		4		Horton

57

William Augas	Head	M	56	Mason	Horton
Mary	Wife	M	52		Horton
Willm	Son	U	13		Horton
Julia	Dau		7		Horton

58

Richard Haynes	Head	M	44	Ag Lab	Bucks Studley
Elizth	Wife	M	39		Horton
Reuben	Son	U	13		Horton
Jacob	Son		10		Horton
Amos	Son		8		Horton
Amelia	Dau		6		Horton
Rosa	Dau		1		Horton

59

James Jones	Head	M	50	Ag Lab	Horton
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Ann	Wife	M	50		Bucks ??
Thos	Son	U	16		Horton
George	Son		4		Horton

The houses below from 60 – 79 are probably Whitecross Green

60					
George Saunders	Head	M	31	Ag Lab	Horton
Priscilla	Wife	M	37		Charlton

61					
John Cox	Head	U	23	Ag Lab	Bucks Studley
Henry Cox	Brother	U	21	Ag Lab	Bucks Studley

62					
William Cox	Head	M	27	Miller & Baker	Bucks Studley
Ann	Wife	M	24		Horton
John	Son		9 months		Horton

63					
David Reads	Head	M	24	Schoolmaster	Bucks Drayton
Parslow					
Ann	Wife	M	21	Schoolmistress	Horton

64					
Jasper Robbins	Head	U	73	Pauper Ag Lab	Bucks Studley
John Haynes	Son in Law	M	31	Ag Lab	Bucks Studley
Sarah Haynes	Dau	M	34		Horton
James Haynes	Gd Son		2		Horton
Henry Haynes	Gd Son		1		Horton
Elizabeth Robbins	d Dau		9	Scholar	
Headington					

65					
John K?nobly	Head	M	29	Ag Lab	Horton
Harriet	Wife	M	31		Bucks Crendon
H T	Dau		8	Scholar	Horton
J	Son		5	Scholar	Horton
John	Son		1		Horton
James White	Lodger		12	Ag Lab	Horton

66					
John Spindler	Head	U	34	Farmer of 365 acres employing 16	
labs Gosford Hill					
Edwin	Brother	U	31		Gosford
Hill					
Ann	Sister	U	27		Gosford
Hill					
Mary	Sister	U	24		Gosford
Hill					
Robert	Brother	U	40	No occupation	Gosford
Hill					

67					
Robert Murray	Head	M	51	Ag Lab	Horton

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Martha	Wife	M	47		Bucks	Studley
Hardene?	Son	U	16	Ag Lab		Horton
Michael	Son		5			Horton
68						
James Jones	Head	U	31			Gosford
Hill						
Ann	Sister	U	27			Gosford
Hill						
Mary	Sister	U	24			Gosford
Hill						
Robert	Brother	U	40	No occupation		Gosford
Hill						
67						
Robert Murray	Head	M	51	Ag Lab		Horton
Martha	Wife	M	47		Bucks	Studley
Hardene?	Son	U	16	Ag Lab		Horton
Michael	Son		5			Horton
68						
James Jones Senr	Head	M	25	Ag Lab		Horton
Sarah	Wife	M	25		Bucks	Studley
Richd	Son		1			Horton
Eli	Son		5 months			Horton
Charles Avery?	Son in Law		9	Scholar		Horton
69						
William Henton	Head	M	52	Ag Lab		Horton
Mary	Wife	M	48			Beckley
John	Son	U	19	Ag Lab	Beckley	Horton
David		Son	U	15		Horton
Emma	Dau		9			Horton
George	Son		6			Horton
Ellen	Dau		3			Horton
70						
John Hicks	Head	M	56	Ag Lab		Gosford
Elizth	Wife	M	46			Horton
Joseph Murry	Nephew	U	20	Ag Lab		Horton
71						
Edwa Green	Head	M	56	Ag Lab		Horton
Hannah	Wife	M	46			Horton
William	Son	U	27	Ag Lab		Horton
Caroline	Dau	U	21			Horton
James	Son	U	19	Ag Lab		Horton
Thos	Son	U	15	Ag Lab		Horton
Rebecca	Dau		12	Scholar		Horton
72						
Mary Crook	Head	W	61	Pauper Lab Widow	Dublin	Ireland

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John	Son	U	33	Ag Lab	Horton
73					
Richard Howton	Head	M	54	Ag Lab	Horton
Ann	Wife	M	51		Bucks
Ludgershall					
Ann	Dau	U	17	in service	Horton
William		Son	U	14 Ag Lab	Horton
Elizth	Dau		12	Scholar	Horton
Hannah	Dau		8		Horton
74					
Isaac Hicks	Head	M	73	Pauper Ag Lab	
Wolvercote					
Lidia	Wife	M	70		Gosford
75					
John Marland	Head	M	36	Carpenter	Noke
Anabella	Wife	M	39		Long Crendon
John	Son		9	Scholar	Horton
Thomas	Son		7	Scholar	Horton
J A	Dau		4		Horton
Edmund	Son		1		Horton
James Stanton	Son in Law	U	16	Carpenter	Horton
Eliza	Dau in Law	U	15	at home	Horton
76					
Thomas Avery	Head	M	61	Hay Binder Ag Lab	Nk
E	Wife	M	62		Horton
James	Son	M	24	Hay Binder	Horton
P	Dau in Law	M	22		Bucks
Oakley					
77					
James Merry	Head	M	51	Ag Lab	Horton
M	Wife	M	39		Horton
D	Son	M	15	Ag Lab	Horton
R	Son		12		Horton
T	Son		10		Horton
J?	Son		7	Scholar	Horton
E	Dau		4		Horton
A	Dau		1		Horton
78					
Henry Buckland	Head	M	48	Game Keeper	Bucks
Kingshale					
Mary	Wife	M	49		Bucks
Monks Risborough					
Joseph	Son		12		Horton
Henry	Son		9		Horton
79					
Henry Coals	Head	M	31	Farmer of 45 acres employing 1 man 1 boy	Horton

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Mary	Wife	M	27		Beckley
Henry	Son		1		Horton
John Robert	Son		5 months		Horton
Sally Adams	Servant	U	16	House Servant	Hasely

Studley Bucks – This is the Brill Road area beyond the Bucks border.

1					
Mary Brinklow	Head	W	56	Schoolmistress	Horton
Elizabeth	Dau	U	19	Assistant	Horton
Lucy	Gd Dau		1		Bucks Studley
Hannah King	Lodger	U	65	Pauper	
Headington					
William Watson	Lodger	U	19	Ag Lab	Bucks Studley
James Justice	Lodger	U	19	Ag Lab	Beckley
2.					
Abraham Hilledon	Head	M	55	Ag Lab	Horton
Elizabeth	Wife	M	50		Horton
Wm	Son	U	31		Horton
Ann	Dau		13		Horton
Martha	Dau		11		Horton
3					
Prudence Budd	Head	W	63	Lab Widow	Foresthill
William	Son	U	37	Ag Lab	Bucks Studley
John	Son	U	33	Ag Lab	Bucks Studley
Joseph	Son	U	30	Ag Lab	Bucks Studley
4					
Thomas Haynes	Head	M	59	Ag Lab	Bucks Studley
Ruth Haynes	Wife	M	53		Bucks Studley
George	Son	U	23		Bucks Studley
Elizabeth	Dau	U	18		Bucks Studley
Mary	Dau		13		Bucks Studley
Eliza	Dau		11	Scholar	Bucks Studley
Jane	Gd Dau		9	Scholar	Woodstock
5					
William Haynes	Head	M	52	Ag Lab	Bucks Studley
Hannah	Wife	M	56		Great Tew
William	Son	U	20	Ag Lab	Horton
James	Son	U	18	Ag Lab	Bucks Studley
John	Son	U	16	Ag Lab	Bucks Studley
Jane	Dau		13	Scholar	Bucks Studley
6					
Elizabeth Me???p boy	Head	W	76	Farmer of 4 acres employing 1	Bucks
Bearstall					
John	Son	U	41	Farmer's Son	Studley

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Edward Hall labourers	Head	M	50	Farmer of 210 acres employing 8	Arncott
Mary Hall Towery	Wife	M	38	Farmer's Wife	???
Esther ? Allbutt	Niece	U	21		Oxon Henton
Edward Jones	Nephew		4		Bucks Bingsey
Mary Hall	Servant	U	16	House Servant	Arncott
8					
Henry Chapman	Head	U	27	Farmer's Son	Beckley
Caroline	Sister	U	22	Farmer's Assistant	Stow on the Wold
9					
James Pyman?	Head	M	42	Ag Lab	Bucks Studley
Mary	Wife	M	38		Boarstall
Caroline	Dau		14	Scholar	Bucks Studley
Sarah	Dau		9	Scholar	Bucks Studley
Elizabeth	Dau		6	Scholar	Bucks Studley
Willm	Son		1		Bucks Studley
10					
Richard Blake	Head	M	22	Ag Lab	Bucks Brill
Elizabeth	Wife	M	21		Oxon Adderbury
11					
Michael Haynes	Head	M	20	Ag Lab	Bucks Studley
Mary	Wife	M	25		Murcott
Elizabeth	Dau		4		Bucks Studley
12					
William Collet	Head	M	31	Ag Lab	Murcott
Mary Ann	Wife	M	31		Boarstall
George	Son		7	Scholar	Bucks Studley
John	Son		5	Scholar	Bucks Studley
Wm Clark	Son in Law		11		
Headington					
Wm Clark	Brother in Law		27	Ag Lab	Bucks Studley
13					
James Cook	Head	M	45	Farmer of 200 acres	
Employing 2 men 1 boy	Horton				
Martha	Wife	M	45		Stanton St John
Mary	Dau	U	17		Horton
Elizabeth	Dau	U	12		Horton
Thomas	Son		10		Horton
Willm	Son		6		Horton
Ann	Dau		3		Horton
George Phillips	Servant	U	20	Farm Servant	Charlton
William Honor	Servant	U	17	Farm Servant	Murcott

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John Halwell	Head	M	62	Farmer of 138 acres employing 2 men
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Murcott				
Ann	Wife	M	52	Murcott
Benjn	Son	U	21	Farmer's Son Murcott
John	Son	U	20	Farmer's Son Murcott
Thomas	Son	U	18	Farmer's Son Murcott
Henry	Son		16	Farmer's Son Murcott
Julia	Dau		10	Murcott

15				
William Payne	Head	M	46	Ag Lab Bucks Studley
Sophia	Wife	M	43	
Wendelbury				
Emma	Dau	U	14	Bucks Studley

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**Registration District Headington, Sub District of St Clements
Enumeration District 6
Enumerator Henry Coates**

The whole of the Hamlet of Horton-cum-Studley, including Horton Village, Studley Priory and the whole part of Studley Village in Oxfordshire.

The whole part of the Hamlet of Studley Bucks, including the part of Studley Village in that County, Warren Farm and the cottages beyond and the whole of White Cross Green.

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Lower Green

1 West Hill Farm

Robert Coates	Head	M	45	Farmer of 200 Acres emp 2 La , 2 boys	
				Horton	
Mary Coates	Wife	M	44		Brinklow Warcs
Henry Coates	Son	U	18	Farmers son	Horton
Annie Coates	Dau	U	16	Farmers Daughter	Horton
Catherine J Coates	Dau	U	10	Scholar	Horton
Mary B Coates	Dau	U	8	Scholar	Horton
Mary Anne Bromwich Vistor		U	18	Milliner and dressmaker	
				Milverton Warcs	
Hannnah Brooks	Serv	U	15	General Servant	Oakley Bucks

2

Henry Buckland	Head	M	60	Gamekeeper	Missenden Bucks
Mary Buckland	Wife	M	59		Hampden Bucks
Henry do	Son	U	19	Under Gamekeeper	Horton
Henry do	G Son	U	12	Scholar	Horton

3

Edmund Crick	Head	M	60	Greenwich pensioner	Souldern Oxon
Anne Crick	Wife	M	62		Portsmouth Hants

4

William Hicks	Head	M	58	Ag Lab	Gosford Oxon
Mary Hicks	Wife	M	70		Chislehampton Oxon

5

Joseph Brown	Head	M	60	Ag Lab	Henley on Thames
Charlotte do	Wife	M	59		Stanton St John
Diana do	Dau	U	15	Domestic Servant	Horton
John do	Son	U	10	Scholar	Horton

6

Mary Coates	Head	Wid	38	Farmer of 40 acres emp 1 Lab	Beckley
Many Anne do	Dau	U	8	Scholar	Horton

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Robert do	Son	U	4		Horton
Richard H do	Son	U	2		Horton
Rebecca Green	Serv	U	20	General Serv	Horton

7

Benjamin Coles	Head	M	68	Farming 272 acres emp 5 lab, 3 women, 1 boy	Horton
Elizabeth do	Wife	M	46		Brill Bucks
Benjamin do	Son	U	30	Farmers Son	Horton
Thomas do	Son	U	28	Farmers Son	Horton
George do	Son	U	17	Farmers Son	Horton
John do	Son	U	15	Farmers Son	Horton
Phoebe Walton	Serv	U	14	General Servant	Piddington

8 Farm at Lower Green

Thomas Budd	Head	M	65	Farmer of 140 acres emp 4 lab 1 boy	Horton
Sarah Budd	Wife	M	60		Souldern Oxon
Louisa Basson	visitor	M	39	Labourers Wife	Souldern
Mary do	Visitor	U	7	Scholar	Horton
Sarah A	Visitor	U	5	Scholar	Horton
Rhoda Cooper	Serv	U	14	General Serv	Mercott
William Neal	Serv	M	40	Milkman	Souldern

9

James Merry	Head	M	34	Ag Lab	Horton
Bicester Road (Now Ragnalls Lane or Otmoor Lane)					

10 Possibly now Ragnalls House

James Merry	Head	M	61	Ag Lab	Horton
Mary Merry	Wife	M	50		Horton
Simeon Merry	Son	U	20	Ag Lab	Horton
Walker do	Son	U	18	Ag Lab	Horton
Anne	Dau	U	12	Scholar	Horton
William	Son	U	7	Scholar	Horton

11

Elizabeth Merry	Head	Wid	72	Ag Lab Widow	Horton
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12

Jahn Parker	Head	Widr	74	Ag Lab	Boarstall Bucks
M L Road (now Mill Lane)					

13

Aaron Blake	Head	M	55	Blacksmith	Studley Bucks
Ann do	Wife	M	46	Tring Herts	
William do	Son	U	9	Scholar	Horton

14

George Peisley	Head	M	67	Wheelwright	Horton
Elizabeth do	Wife	M	68		Warnborough Bucks

Oxford Road (Now Horton Hill)

15

Thomas Stanton	Head	M	37	Ag Lab Ludgershall Bucks	Martha do
Wife	M	30		Horton	

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William T do	Son	U	3		Wooton Oxon
Elizabeth do	Dau	U	0		Slough Bucks

16

George Robbins	Head	M	35	Ag Lab	Horton
Kezia do	Wife	M	33		Steeple Clayton Bucks
George do	Son	U	11	Scholar	Horton
Jasper do	Son	U	10	Labourers son	Horton
Sarah A do	Dau	U	8	Scholar	Horton
John R do	Son	U	6	Scholar	Horton
Alica F C do	Dau	U	7m		Horton

17

Ann Edle	Head	Wid	61	Grocery and Draper	
					Long Crendon Bucks
Elizabeth do	Dau	U	26	Assistant do	Horton
George Auger	Lodger	U	24	Gamekeeper	Studley
In the Close (Possibly Ventfield Farm later Church Farm)					

18

Thomas Steel	Head	M	72	Farmer of 86 acres emp 1 Lab 1 Boy	Noke Oxon
Clemence do	Wife	M	70		Horton
Henry do	Son	U	32	Farmers son	Beckley
Elizabeth do	Dau	U	31	Farmers Daughter	Horton
Susan Knight	Visitor	Wid	64	Formerly Dom Serv	Woodeaton
Emma Simmons	Gd Dau	U	8	Scholar	Whitchurch Bucks

19

Edmund Pym	Head	M	41	Carpenter & Joiner	Horton
Martha do	Wife	M	40		Horton
Ellen do	Dau	U	14	Scholar	Horton
John do	Son	U	8	Scholar	Horton
Mark do	Son	U	6	Scholar	Horton
Henry do	Son	U	2		Horton

20

Joseph Basson	Head	M	41	Ag Lab	Southleigh Oxon
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21

William Green	Head	M	37	Ag Lab	Horton Emily
do	Wife	M	36		Merton
Caroline do	Dau	U	2		Horton

22

Thomas Mander	Head	M	62	Ag Lab	Horton
Ann A do	Wife	M	25		Bledlow Bucks
Matilda J do	Dau	U	4		Bledlow Bucks
Sarah A do	Dau	U			Horton

22

Susan Grace	Lodger	U	23	Domestic Serv	Merton
Jane do	Dau	U	4		Merton
Clara do	Dau	U	1m		Bicester

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23

Thomas Jones	Head	M	24	Ag Lab	Horton
Caroline do	Wife	M	21		Stanton St John
Harriet do	Dau	U	1m		Horton

24

John Budd	Head	M	42	Thatcher	Studley Bucks
Ann do	Wife	M	27		Horton
George do	Son	U	2		Horton
Thomas do	Son		9m		Horton
Joseph Thornton	Lodger	Widr	67	Ag Lab	Pyrton Oxon
John do	Lodder Son	U	11	Labrs Son	Pyrton Oxon

25

Richard Stanton	Head	M	64	Ag Lab	Horton
Ann di	Wife	M	61		Ludgershall Oxon
Ann do	Dau	U	27	Lads Dau	Horton
William do	Son	U	24	Ag Lab	Horton
William O do	Gd Son	U	5	Scholar	Horton

26

Edward Franklin	Head	Widr	87	Retired Farmer	Brill
Elizabeth Spindler	Dau	Wid	38	Housekeeper	Horton
Mary do	G Dau	U	11	Scholar	Horton
Edwin do	G Son	U	9	Scholar	Horton
John do	G Son	U	7	Scholar	Horton

27

George Robbins	Head	M	46	Ag Lab	Chilwood Bucks
Hannah do	Wife	M	39		Horton
Harriet do	Dau	U	21	Domestic Serv	Horton
Elizabeth do	Dau	U	12	Scholar	Horton
Rhoda do	Dau	U	9	Scholar	Horton
William do	Son		6	Scholar	Horton
James do	Son		4	Scholar	Horton

28

Jabez Buckland	Head	M	36	Ag Lab	Handing Bucks
Jane do	Wife	M	33		Beckley Oxon
George do	Son	U	11	Labr son	Ricott Oxon
Thomas do	Son		9	Labr son	Stanton St John
Mary do	Dau		8	Scholar	Stanton St John
Ephrain do	Son		6	Scholar	Horton
Lucy do	Dau		10m		Horton

29

James Green	Head	M	58	Ag Lab	Horton
Elizabeth do	Wife	M	55		Horton
Richard do	Son	U	24	Post Messenger	Horton
Annie do	Dau	U	16	Domestic Serv	Horton
Emma do	Dau	U	12	Scholar	Horton
John Stanton	Sin-in-Law	U	32	Ag Lab	Horton

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30

William Crick	Head	M	56	Ag Lab	Horton
Mary Crick	Wife	M	54		Oakham Oxon
Thomas Crick	Son	U	30	Ag Lab	Horton
Sarah do	Dau	U	28	Labr Dau	Horton

31

John Cox	Head	M	33	Ag Lab	Studley Bucks
Phoebe Cox	Wife	M	33		Horton
George do	Son	U	9	Ladrs Son	Stanton St John
Caroline do	Dau	U	6	Scholar	Stanton St John
Henry do	Son	U	3		Stanton St John
Mark do	Son		1		Stanton St John

32

John Crick	Head	M	52	Ag Lab	Horton
Martha do	Wife	M	49		Horton
Robert do	Son	U	26	Ag Lab	Beckley
Thomas do	Son	U	24	Ag Lab	Beckley
Mary do	Dau	U	19	Labr Dau	Horton
Edmund do	Son	U	13	Labr Son	Horton
John do	Son	U	11	Scholar	Horton
Emma do	Dau		8	Scholar	Horton
Henry do	Son		4	Scholar	Horton

33 Almshouse

Mary Pledst	Head	Wid	69	Almswoman(Charwoman)	
	Heythrup Oxon				

34 Almshouse

Ann Cox	Head	Wid	65	Schoolmistress	Heydon Wick Wilts
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35 Almshouse

Sarah Moulder	Head	Wid	80	Field Lab	Northleigh Oxon
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36

Mary Rose	Head	Wid	68	Field Lab	Murcott Oxon
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37

William Taylor	Head	Widr	79	Almoner Ag Lab	Chilton Bucks
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38

Jasper Robbins	Head	Widr	84	Almoner Ag Lab	Horton
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39

Edward Crick	Head	Widr	81	Almoner Ag Lab	Bicester
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40

Thomas Giles	Head	Widr	78	Almoner Ag Lan	not known
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41

William Whiting	Head	U	35	Gardener	Horton
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42

Alexander Kirby	Head	M	38	Farmer of 204 acres emp 4 Lab 1 Boy	Fritwell Oxon
					Clifton Oxon
Ann Kirby	Wife	M	39		
Ann Robins	Serv	U	15	Dairy Maid	Horton

43 House next to Almshouses now Yew Tree Cottage

Joseph Hillsdon	Head	Widr	72	Blacksmith	Horton
William do	Son	U	32	Blacksmith	Horton

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Mary do Dau U 47 Blacksmiths Dau Horton

Priory Ground

44 Now Asham Cottage

Thomas Hicks	Head	M	57	Ag Lab	Horton
Elizabeth do	Wife	M	52		Beckley
William do	Son	U	23	Ag Lab	Horton
Sarah do	Dau	U	20	Labr Dau	Horton
Thomas do	Son	U	16	Ag Lab	Horton
Alfred do	Son		14	Scholar	Horton
Isaac do	Son		13	Scholar	Horton
John Merry	Son in Law	U	25	Ag Lab	Horton
George Merry	Son in Law	U	21	Ag Lab	Horton

45

William Hicks	Head	Widr	85	Ag Lab	Horton
Charles do	Son	U	45	Ag Lab	Horton
John do	Son	U	38	Ag Lab	Horton
Joseph do	Son	U	33	Ag Lab	Horton
Henry do	Son	U	28	Ag Lab	Horton

46

John Bradbury	Head	M	36	Ag Lab	Mursley Bucks
Mary do	Wife	M	37		Horton
Susannah do	Dau	U	4		Horton
Ellen do	Dau		2		Horton

47

George Green	Head	M	24	Carpenter	Cuddington Bucks
Sarah A do	Wife	M	20	Milliner & Dressmaker	
Waddeston Bucks					
Henry do	Brother	U	8	Scholar Visitor	
Cuddington Bucks					
Richard Read	Apprentice	U	18	Carpenter	Winchinden Bucks

48

William Webb	Head	M	45	Prop of Horses for Hire	
Halford Bridge Warcs					
Jane do	Wife	M	35		Ealington Warcs
William do	Son		12	Boy with team	do
Rose H do	Dau		10	Scholar	Headington
Clara H do	Dau		7	Scholar	do
Anna M do	Dau		5	Scholar	Horton
Thirza do	Dau		3	Scholar	Horton
Selina do	Dau		8m		Horton

49

Richard Haynes	Head	M	51	Ag Lab	Horton
Elizabeth do	Wife	M	49		Horton
Jacob do	Son	U	21	Ag Lab	Horton
Amos do	Son	U	18	Ag Lab	Horton
Rosa do	Dau		11	Scholar	Horton
Elizabeth do	Dau		6	Scholar	Horton
Lucy do	Dau		2		Horton

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50

John Coates	Head	M	64	Baker	Horton
Mary do	Wife	M	55		Horton
Jane do	Dau	U	19	Barkers Dau	Horton
Thomas do	Son	U	16	Bakers Son	Horton

51 Probably Moors Farm

Thomas Bulford	Head	Widr	76	Farmer of 332 acres empl 10 Labrs and 5 boys	Horton
Ann Paulin	Serv	Wid		General Serv	Oakley Bucks
Elizabeth Haynes	Serv	U		General Serv	Studley Bucks

52

Robert Merry	Head	M	62	Ag Lab	Horton
Martha do	Wife	M	57		Studley Bucks
Michael do	Son	U	15	Ag Lab	Horton

53

James Jones	Head	M	36	Shepherd	Horton
Sarah do	Wife	M	36		Horton
Richard do	Son		11	Shepherds son	Horton
Levi do	Son		5	Scholar	Horton
George do	Son		5 m		Horton

54

Harriet Mobley	Head	Wid	40	Ag Lab Long Crendon Bucks	
James do	Son	U	14	Ag Lab	Horton
John do	Son		11	Ag Lab	Horton
William do	Son		9	Scholar	Horton
George do	Son		8	Scholar	Horton
Sarah do	Dau		5	Scholar	Horton
Jesse do	Son		3	Scholar	Horton
Spencer do	Son		8m		Horton

55

John Haynes	Head	M	41	Ag Lab	Studley Bucks
Sarah do	Wife	M	44		Horton
James do	Son		12	Scholar	Horton
Henry do	Son		11	Scholar	Horton

56

James Hicks	Head	M	47	Schoolmaster	
do	Weston on the Green				
Anna M do	Wife	M	48	Schoolmistress	
Jane do	Dau		12	Scholar	Windrush Glos
Sarah A do	Dau		10	Scholar	Hailey Oxon

57

James Jones	Head	M	60	Ag Lab	Studley Oxon
Ann do	Wife	M	61		Quainton? Bucks

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George	do	G Son	U	14	Out of work	Studley Oxon
58						
William Saunders		Head	M	43	Ag Lab & Greenwich Pensioner	Horton
Eliza	do	Wife	M	36		Cowley Oxon
59						
William Robbins		Head	M	41	Ag Lab	Horton
Mary	do	Wife	M	43		Horton
Rachel	do	Dau		5	Scholar	Horton
James	do	Son		7	Scholar	Horton
John Morris		Broth in Law Widr		38	Ag Lab	Horton
60	Probably	Warren Farm				
Thomas Bulford		Head	M	50	Farmer of 146 Acres empl 4 Labrs and 2 boys	Horton
Martha	do	Wife	M	32		Ambrosden
Fanny Frost		Serv	U	18	General Serv	Horton
61						
William Auger		Head	M	66	Mason	Horton
Mary	do	Wife	M	62		Horton
Stephen	do	G Son		6	Scholar	Horton
62						
William Morris		Head	M	49	Ag Lab	Horton
Anne	do	Wife	M	45		Studley Bucks
Sarah	do	Dau	U	22	Labrs Dau	Horton
Thomas	do	Son	U	17	Ag Lab	Horton
63						
Frederick Merry		Head	M	26	Ag Lab	Studley Oxon
Mary	do	Wife	M	36		Beckley
Sarah A	do	dau		7	Scholar	Beckley
Emily	do	Dau		4		Beckley
William F	do	Son		1		Studley Oxon
64						
William Blake		Head	M	47	Ag Lab	Horton
Margaret	do	Wife	M	44		Stanton St John
Joseph	do	Son	U	22	Ag Lab	Horton
Albert	do	Son	U	14	Labrs Son	Horton
Elizabeth	do	Dau		11	Scholar	Horton
William	do	Son		7	Scholar	Horton
Henry	do	Son		2		Horton
65						
William Watson		Head	M	29	Ag Lab	Studley Bucks
Anne	do	Wife	M	30		Brill Bucks
Sarah	do	Dau		12	Scholar	do
Elizabeth	do	Dau		5	Scholar	do
Mary A	do	Dau		5	Scholar	do

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Charlotte	do	Dau		3	Scholar	do
Thomas	do	Son		1		Horton

66

John Auger		Head	Widr	64	Mason	Horton
Matilda	do	Dau	U	28	Masons Dau	Horton
Ellen	do	Gd Dau	U	11m		Horton

67

Samuel Stanton		Head	M	56	Ag Lab	Horton
Ann	do	Wife	M	57		Horton
Thomas	do	Son	U	38	Ag Lab	Horton
Emmanuel	do	Son	U	36	Ag Lab	Horton
William	do	Son	U	25	Ag Lab	Horton
George	do	Son	U	11	Scholar	Horton

68 The Priory

John Croke		Head	M	49	Landed Proprietor	Nova Scotia
Selina	do	Wife	M	25		Brighton Sussex
Adelaide	do	Sister	U	60	Annuitant	Walworth Surrey
Anne	do	Sister	U	50	Annuitant	Nova Scotia
Francis Auger		Serv	M	52	General Serv	Horton
Betsy	do	Serv	M	57	House Serv	Studley Oxon
Emma	do	Serv	U	27	House Serv	do
Hannah	do	Serv	U	21	House Serv	do
Ellen	do	Serv	U	18	House Serv	do

69

George Merry		Head	M	46	Gamekeeper	Horton
Anne	do	Wife	M	43		Horton
Fanny	do	Dau	U	14	Gamekeepers Dau	Horton
Anthony	do	Son		7	Scholar	Horton
Elizabeth Knight		Moth in Law	Wid	85	Formerly dressmaker	Horton
George Merry		Son	U	22	Ag Lab	Horton

70

Willaim Stanton		Head	M	62	Ag Lab	Horton
Mary	do	Wife	M	56		Horton
George	do	Son	U	16	Labrs son	Horton
Ellen	do	Dau		13	Scholar	Horton

71

John Hicks		Lodger	Widr	56	Ag Lab	Horton
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72

John Franklin		Head	M	30	Ag Lab	Horton
Mary	do	Wife	M	30		Horton
Ann F	do	Dau		2		Horton
Ellen J	do	Dau		1		Horton

73 Kings Arms Inn

James Burrows		Head	M	48	Victualler	Wheatley Oxon
Phillis	do	Wife	M	49		Great Milton Oxon
Thomas	do	Son	U	22	College Servant	do

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Mary	do	Dau	U	20	Victuallers Dau	Horton
James	do	Son	U	15	Victuallers Son	Horton
Harry	do	Son	U	13	Scholar	Horton
Ellen	do	Dau		11	Scholar	Horton
Alfred	do	Son		5	Scholar	Horton

74

Richard Hicks		Head	M	41	Ag Lab	Horton
Jane	do	Wife	M	30	Labrs son	Ambrosden Bucks James
	do	Son		10		Horton
George	do	Son		7	Scholar	Horton
Joseph	do	Son		4		Horton
Mary A	do	Dau		2		Horton

75

George Saunders		Head	M	31	Ag Lab	Horton
Fanny	do	Wife	M	22		Tring Herts

76

Richard Brinkler		Head	M	31	Ag Lab	Studley Oxon
Sarah	do	Wife	M	28		Brill Bucks
Mary	do	Dau		6		Studley Oxon
Thomas	do	Son		2		Horton

77

Stephen Payne		Lodger	U	54	Ag Lab	Studley Bucks
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78

Thomas Hicks		Head	U	54	Ag Kab	Kidlington Oxon
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79

Joseph Merry		Head	M	30	Ag Lab	Horton
Ann	do	Wife	M	28		Horton
Joseph	do	Son		3		Horton
Daniel	do	Son		1		Horton

80

Edwin Hine		Head	Widr	60	Dealer in Marine Stores	Horton
Phoebe Merry		Sister in Law	M	29	Housekeeper	Oakley Bucks
James	do	Nephew		9	Scholar	do

81

Charlotte Tims		Head	Wid	60	Field Labourer	Whitfield Northants
William	do	Son	U	26	Ag Lab	Horton

82

Thomas Presley		Head	M	56	Ag Lab	Horton
Jane	do	Wife	M	53		Kingham Oxon
Harriet	do	Dau	U	20	Domestic Serv	Horton
John	do	Son		12	Labrs Son	Horton
George	do	Son		10	Labrs Son	Horton

A Barn

Thomas Tims		Widr		N/K About 65	Ag Lab	N/K
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Henry Kirby	Head	M	27	Ag Lab	Charlton Oxon
Anne do	Wife	M	24		Boarstall Bucks
Catherine J do	Dau		10m		Horton

Studley Bucks

1					
Thomas Haynes	Head	M	69	Ag Lab	Horton
Ruth do	Wife	M	63		Fencott Oxon
Thomas do	Son	U	33	Groom	Studley Bucks
Elizabeth do	Dau	U	28	Dressmaker	do
Alma E do	G Dau	U	6	Scholar	do
Emma do	G Dau		3	Scholar	do

2					
Michael Haynes	Head	M	35	Ag Lab	do
Mary do	Wife	M	35		Oxon Murcott
Hester do	Dau		7	Scholar	Studley Bucks
Ellen do	Dau		5	Scholar	do
Alice do	Dau		3	Scholar	do
Amelia do	Dau		1		do

3 Probably Warren Farm

Edward Hall	Head	M	60	Farmer of 86 acres empl	Chesterton
			20	Labrs and 6 Boys	Oxon
Emma do	Wife	M	44		Somerton Oxon
Edward do	Son	U	21	Farmers son	Beckley
Mary A A Pullin	Visitor	U	20	Farmers Dau	Deddington Oxon
Elizabeth Pimm	Serv	U	16	General Serv	Studley Bucks

4					
William Shipley	Head	M	39	Ag Lab	Brill Bucks
Elizabeth do	Wife	M	39		Boarstall Bucks
James do	Son	U	13	Labrs Son	Brill Bucks
Reuben do	Son		11	Labrs Son	do
Rachel do	Dau		5	Scholar	Studley Bucks

5					
Ann Cox	Head	M	33	Engine Drivers Wife	Horton
John do	Son	U	10	Ag Lab	Horton
William do	Son	U	9	Scholar	Horton
Thomas do	Son	U	7	Scholar	Horton
George H do	Son		5	Scholar	Horton
Sarah A do	Dau		4		Studley Bucks
James do	Son		1		do

6					
William Payne	Head	M	55	Ag Lab	Horton
Sophia do	Wife	M	53		Wendlebury Oxon
John do	Son	M	30	Ag Lab	Studley Bucks
Mary do	Dau in Law M		33		Langford Wilts
Mary do	G Dau		5		do
William do	G Son		3		do

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7

John Clark	Head	M	30	Ag Lab	Murcott
Mary do	Wife	M	26		Horton

8 Whitecross Green Area

James Cox	Head	M	56	Farmer of 200 acres emp 4 Labrs and 3 Boys	Studley Bucks Stanton St John
Matha do	Wife	M	55		
Thomas do	Son	U	19	Farmer of 150 acres emp 4 Labrs and 1 boy	Horton
William do	Son	U	17	Farmers son	Horton
Anne do	Dau	U	13	Farmers Dau	Horton
Mary A Honour	G Dau		6		Studley Bucks
Mary Wilkins	Serv	U	16	General Serv	Blackthorn Oxon

9

James Payne	Head	M	31	Ag Lab	Studley Bucks
Mary A do	Wife	M	40		Boarstall Bucks
William Collett	Son in Law	U	20	Ag Lab	Headington Oxon
George Collett	do	U	18	Ag Lab	Studley Bucks
Ellis do	do		9	Farmers Boy	do
Thurzu Payne	Dau		3		do

10

James Pimm	Head	M	53	Shepherd	Studley Bucks
Mary do	Wife	M	49		Boarstall Bucks
Emma do	Dau		14	Shepherds Dau	Studley Bucks
William do	Son		11	Shepherds son	do

11 Possibly Gardener's Barn Farm

John Mears	Head	M	52	Farmer with 42 arcres emp 1 lab and 1 boy	Studley Bucks Horton
Elizabeth Mears	Wife	M	45		
William Hilsdon	Visitor		4	Scholar Long Crendon	Bucks

12

William Haynes	Head	M	62	Ag Lab	Studley Bucks
Hannah do	Wife	M	66		Great Tew Oxon
William do	Son	U	30	Ag Lab	Horton
James do	Son	U	28	Ag Lab	Studley Bucks
John do	Son	U	26	Ag Lab	do
James Parker	Lodger	U	17	Ag Lab	do

13

Prudence Budd	Head	Wid	73	Housekeeper	Forest Hill Bucks
William do	Son	U	46	Ag Lab	Studley Bucks

14

Elizabeth Hillsdon	Head	M	61	Labourers wife	Horton
William do	Son	U	42	Ag Lab	Horton

15

John Brinkler	Head	M	34	Ag Lab	Horton
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Elizabeth	do	Wife	M	29	Merton Oxon
Edmund	do	Son		7	Horton
Ann	do	Dau		3	Studley Bucks

Studley Bucks was the part of the village along the Brill Road beyond Studley Farm House and the lane to Gardener's Barn. This includes Warren Farm and Whitecross Green farms.

Persons temporarily Absent

Abroad 1

In the Ratcliffe Infirmary undergoing operation 1

Persons not inhabitants temporarily present

Visiting friends	Males 2,	Females 4	Total 6	
Domestic servants and of employ		Females 3		Total 3
Do and other children		Females 3		Total 3
Pemporarily present		Males 1		Total 1
Total	Males 3	Females 10 to		Total 13

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	Numbers of Schedules	Inhabited	Uninhabited	Males	Females	Total
	86	77	2	186	160	346
Number of persons in Barns Sheds &				1		
Total	86	77	2	187	160	347
Studley Bucks	16	15		37	36	73
Grand Total	102	92	2	224	196	420
Schedules = houses						

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1871 Census

The Census of England and Wales 1871 Registrar's District:
Headington

Ennumeration District 6

Sub District St Clements

Ennumerator Benjamin Coles

Then whole of the Hamlet of Horton Cum Studley including Horton village and Studley Priory in Oxfordshire. The whole of the Hamlet of Studley Bucks (This Hamlet of Studley was formerly in Bucks but by Act 7 & 8 Vic. Cap 61 it was transferred to Oxon. – revised by E Ruddock 5th Sepr 1871)

Signed Benjamin Coles 7th April 1871

A new church with parochial school has lately been erected at Horton by the Minsiter in Beckley.

1 Lower Green Road (West Hill Farm roar)

Benjamin Cole	Senior Head	M	78 Farmer of 269 Acres	Empl 9
Labrs and 2 boys			Horton cum Studley	
Elizabeth Coles	Wife	M	54	Brill Bucks
Benjamin Coles	Son	U	40 Farmers son	Horton cum Studley
George do	Son	U	27 do	do
Adam Sloipperlie?	B in Law	Widr	64 Domestic Servant	Brill Bucks
Charles West	Visitor		12 Scholar	St Ebbs Oxford
Ann Moores	Servant	U	14 Domestic Servant	Brill Bucks

2

Thomas Budd	Head	M	81 Farmer of 200 Acres	Horton cum Studley
	Employing 3 Labourers and one boy			
Rhoda do	Wife	M	24 Farmers Wife	Murcott Oxon
John? Cooper	S In Law	Widr	62' Ag Lab	Fencott Oxon
Thomas do	Brother	U	19 Ag Lab	Murcott
Henry do	Uncle	U	52 Ag Lab	Fencott
Maria do	Niece	U	12 Scholar	Oxford
John Greening	Visitor	Widr	60 Farmer	Cowley Oxford

3

William Saunders	Head	M	51	Game Keeper Horton
Eliza do	Wife	M	45	Horton cum Studley
Thomas Wakelin	Gd Son		7	Scholar Horton cum Studley
Alice Kent	Cousin	U	33	Cowley Oxford

4

John Coles	Head	M	25 Shepherd	Horton cum Studley
Elizabeth Coles	Wife	M	22	do
Thomas Coles	Son		2	do
Alice Mary Coles	Dau		7 Months	do

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5

John Hicks	Head	M	66	Ag Lab	Gosford Oxon
Charlotte Hicks	Wife	M	65	Ag Lab	Stanton St John
John Brown	Step Son	U	19	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley Joseph Brown
Gd Son		3			Horton cum Studley

6

William Hicks	Head	M	68	Ag Lab	Gosford Oxon
Mary Hicks	Wife	M	79		Chiselhampton

7

Elijah Danbury	Head	M	26	Mason	Bladon Oxon
Sarah Danbury	Wife	M	27		Woodstock Oxon
Amy E J Danbury	Dau		2		do

8

Henry Buckland	Head	M	67	Market Carrier	Hitchendon ? Bucks
Mary Buckland	Wife	M	69		Gt Hampden do
Henry Buckland	Gd Son	U	21	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley

9

William Hillsdon	Head	M	42	Blacksmith	Horton cum Studley
Mary do	Sister	U	57	Housekeeper	do
Arthur do	Nephew		13	Scholar	Long Crendon Bucks

10

Robert Coates	Head	M	55	Farmer of 230 Acres	
				Emp 6 Labourers one boy	Horton
Mary do	Wife	M	54	Farmers wife	Winklow Warks
Harriet Waddule?	Servb	U	19	Domestic Serv	Caversfield

11

Thomas Risby	Head	M	67	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
Jane do	Wife	M	64		unreadable
John? do	Son	U	23	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
Emma do	Dau	U	25	Domestic Serv	Horton cum Studley

12

George Spacy?	Head	M	30	Shepherd	Chilton Bucks
Ruth do	Wife	M	28		Oakley Bucks
Stephen do	Son		3		Long Crendon
Mary do	Dau		1		Horton cum Studley
Un baptised	Son		1 month		Horton cum Studley

13

James Merrey	Head	M	70	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
Mary do	Wife	M	67		Horton cum Studley
Richard do	Son	U	31	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley

14

Jacob Haynes	Head	M	30	Ag.Lab	Horton cum Studley
Jane Haynes	Wife	M	29	Ag.Lab	Oxon, Murcott

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Ellen Amelia Haynes	Dau		8	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Burtha Anna Haynes	Dau		3	Scholar	Horton cum Studley

15

William Watson	Head	M	39	Shepherd	Bucks Studley
Ann Watson	Wife	M	40	Shepherd	Bucks Brill
Elizabeth Watson	Dau		15	Shepherd	Bucks Brill
Thomas Watson	Son		11	Ploughboy	Horton cum Studley
Joseph Watson	Son		9	Ploughboy	Horton cum Studley
Lucy Watson	Dau		7	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
John Watson	Son		5	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Henry Watson	Son		2	Infant	Horton cum Studley

16

George Bisly	Head	M	77	Wheelwright	Horton cum Studley
Elizabeth Bisley	Wife	M	79	Wheelwright	Oxon Warborough
Eliza Stanton	Grandaughter		9	Scholar	Horton cum Studley

17

Henry Steel	Head	U	42	Farmer of 53 acres employing 2 men Oxon Beckley	
Elizabeth Hillsdon	Sister	M	41	- Ditto -	Horton cum Studley
Clemance Hillsdon	Niece	U	1	- Ditto -	Horton cum Studley
Joseph Hillsdon	Nephew	U	3 months	- Ditto -	Horton cum Studley
Emma Simonons	Niece	U	18	- Ditto -	Bucks Witchurch

18

George Saunders	Head	M	51	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Fanny Saunders	Wife	M	32	Ag. Lab	?

19

William Stanton	Head	M	32	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Susan Stanton	Wife	M	34	Ag. Lab	Oxon Merton
Jane Stanton	Dau	M	14	Ag. Lab	Oxon Merton

20

George Robbins	Head	M	46	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Kezia Robbins	Wife	M	44	Ag. Lab	Bucks Steeple Claydon
Sarah Robbins	Dau	U	18	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
John Robbins	Son	U	16	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Alice Robbins	Dau	U	11	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
James Robbins	Son	U	7	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
William Rob ins	Son	U	3	Infant	Horton cum Studley

21

Charles Blake	Head	M	28	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
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22

Joseph Basson	Head	M	51	Ag. Lab	Oxon Southleigh
Louisa Basson	Wife	M	48	Dressmaker	Oxon Souldeton?
Mary Ella Basson	Dau	U	17	Dressmaker	Horton cum Studley

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23

George Merrey	Head	M	30	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Fanny Merrey	Wife	M	28	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Louisa Merrey	Dau	U	8	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Richard Merrey	Son	U	5	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
William John Merrey	Son	U	10months	Infant	Horton cum Studley

24

William Grant	Head	M	46	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Emma Green	Wife	M	40	Ag. Lab	Oxon Merton
Caroline Jane Grant	Dau	U	10	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Edward Green	Son	U	7	Scholar	Horton cum Studley

25

Mary Anne Whitton	Head	U	24	School mistress	Wilts near Swindon
Jessie S Whitton	Sister	U	18	Companion	

26

John Payne	Head	M	40	Ag. Lab	Wilts near Swindon Bucks Milton Common Green
Mary Payne	Wife	M	45	Ag. Lab	Wilts Langford
William Payne	Son	U	13	Plough boy	
John Payne	Son	U	7	Scholar	Wilts Landford Horton cum Studley
Ellen Payne	Dau	U	5	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Emma Payne	Dau	U	3	Scholar	Horton cum Studley

27

Richard Hicks	Head	M	52	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Jane Hicks	Wife	M	41	Ag. Lab	Oxon Ambroseden
James Hicks	Son	U	20	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
George Hicks	Son	U	17	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Joseph Hicks	Son	U	14	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Mary Anne Hicks	Dau	U	12	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Elizabeth Hicks	Dau	U	9	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Esau Hicks	Son	U	5	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Acob Hicks	Son	U	5	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Henry Hicks	Son	U	2	Infant	Horton cum Studley

28

Emmanuel Stanton	Head	U	46	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Ellen Pyman	Niece	U	21	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
John Pyman	Nephew	U	17	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Edith Pyman	Niece	U	4????????	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Edith Pyman	Niece	U	4	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley

29

Richard Brinkloe	Head	M	42	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Sarah Brinkloe	Wife	M	38	Ag. Lab	Bucks Brill
Thomas Brinkloe	Son	M	12	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Martha Brinkloe	Dau	U	8	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Ada Ann Brinkloe	Dau	U	5	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Rosa Maud Brinkloe	Dau	U	1	Infant	Horton cum Studley

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30

Thomas Stanton	Head	M	46	Ag. Lab	Bucks Luddershall
Martha Stanton	Wife	M	42	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
William Stanton	Son	U	13	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Elizabeth Stanton	Dau	U	11	Scholar	Bucks Slough
John Stanton	Son	U	5	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Anne Stanton	Dau	U	2	Infant	Horton cum Studley

31

Thomas Warland	Lodger	M	28	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
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32

Alan Elliott	Head	M	57	In keeper & farmer - 74 acres Employing 1 man, 1 boy & 2 women Bucks Monks Risborough	
Ann Elliott	Wife	M	53		Oxon Ascott under Wychwood
George Elliott	Son	U	20	Butcher	Broughton
Ann Holmes	Gd Dau	U	8	Scholar	Banbury

33

William Stanton	Head	M	72	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Mary Stanton	Wife	M	68	Ag. Lab	Beckley
George Stanton	Son	U	25	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Ellen Stanton	Dau	U	23	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley

34

Thomas Jones	Head	M	34	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Caroline ones	Wife	M	31	Ag. Lab	Stanton St John
Harriett Jones	Dau	U	10	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Annie Jones	Dau	U	8	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Isobel Jones	Dau	U	6	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Alice Jones	Dau	U	4	Infant	Horton cum Studley
Herbert Jones	Son	U	1	Infant	Horton cum Studley

35

George Merry	Head	M	56	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Alfred Nixey	Son in Law	M	28	Ag. Lab	Bucks Oakley
Fanny Nixey	Dau	M	24	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Anne Nixey	Gn. Dau	U	2	Infant	Bucks Oakley

36

George Robbins	Head	M	56	Ag. Lab	Bucks Chetwoode
Hannah Robbins	Wife	M	49	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
William Robbins	Son	U	16	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
James Robbins	Son	U	14	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Lucy Robbins	Dau	U	10	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Alice Robbins	Gn. Dau	U	9	Scholar	Horton cum Studley

37

Richard Stanton	Head	Widower	76	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Ann Stanton	Dau	U	37	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
William Stanton	Grd Son	U	15	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley

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Herbert Stanton	Grd Son	U	9	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Ellen Franklin	Grd Dau	U	11	Scholar	Horton cum Studley

38

James Green	Head	M	70	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Elizabeth Green	Wife	M	66	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Clara Gurdon	Grd Dau	U	13	Scholar	Cuddesdon

39

William Crick	Head	M	67	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Mary Crick	Wife	M	65	Ag. Lab	Newington
Thomas Crick	Son	U	40	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
George Crick	Grd. Son	U	8	Scholar	Horton cum Studley

40

William Cox	Head	M	46	Ag. Lab	Bucks Studley
Ann Cox	Wife	M	42	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
William Cox	Son	U	20	Ag. Lab	Buck Studley
Thomas Cox	Son	U	18	Ag. Lab	Bucks Boarstall
George Cox	Son	U	16	Ag. Lab	Bucks Studley
Sarah Cox	Dau	U	14	Scholar	Bucks Studley
James Cox	Son	U	12	Ag. Lab	Bucks Studley
Emma Cox	Dau	U	10	Scholar	Bucks Studley
Spencer Cox	Son	U	8	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Eliza Anne Cox	Dau	U	5	Scholar	Horton cum Studley

41

John Crick	Head	M	62	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Martha Crick	Wife	M	57	Ag. Lab	Beckley
George Crick	Son	U	26	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
John Crick	Son	U	21	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Emma Crick	Dau	U	18	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley

42

John Coke Esq	Head	M	59	Land Owner	North America - Nova Scotia
Selina Croke	Wife	M	35	Esquire's Wife	Sussex Brighton
Sarah Cruikshank	Visitor	W	57	Army Sergeant's Widow	Herts Bishops Stortford
Martha Wilder	Serv.	U	21	Ladie's maid & Servant	Berks Wallingford
Harriett Doadman	Serv.	U	25	Ladie's maid & Domestic Servant	Wilts Levenhampton
Caroline Auger	Serv.	M	48	Cook domestic Servant	Horton cum Studley
Elizabeth Kirby	Serv.	U	23	Housemaid & Domestic Servant	Gloucestershire Rodmarton
Francis Auger	Serv.	M	61	Bailiff Farm	Horton cum Studley

43

Rebecca Wood	----	W	73	Almswoman	Beckley
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Sarah Moulder	----	W	85	Almswoman	Finstock
Anne Jones	----	W	71	Almswoman	Bucks Quainton
Stephen Payne	----	W	66	Almsman	Studley
Thomas Hicks	----	W	65	Almsman	Oxon Gosford
James Saunders	----	W	82	Almsman	Bucks Childton
48					
Thomas Haynes	Head	M	43	Groom	Horton cum Studley
Anne Haynes	Wife	M	41	Groom	Cornwall Austall
Anne Curtis Haynes	Dau	U	4	Infant	Horton cum Studley
Harry Haynes	Son	U	9 mon	Infant	Horton cum Studley
Ruth Haynes	Mother	W	73		Arncott
49					
George Auger	Head	M	34	Gamekeeper	Horton cum Studley
Elizabeth Auger	Wife	M	36	Village Grocer	Horton
cum Studley					
Ada Auger	Dau	U	6	Infant	Horton cum Studley
Eva Auger	Dau	U	4	Infant	Horton cum Studley
Frank Auger	Son	U	1	Infant	Horton cum Studley
John How	Lodger	U	28	Gamekeeper	Suffock Bekstead
Sarah Burnham	Visitor	U	68		Bucks Long Crendon
50					
Ellen Auger	Dau	U	38	Housekeeper	Horton cum Studley
Alice Auger	Grd Dau	U	2	Infant	Horton cum Studley
Emma Elizabeth Hunter	Dau	M	38	Bailiff's wife	Horton cum Studley
Emily Hunter (birth)	Grd Dau	U	6	Infant	Wilts Charlton (Idiot from
Ellen Hunder	Grd Dau	U	4	Infant	Wilts Charlton
Edith Hunter	Grd Dau	U	3	Infant	Hants Ovington
51					
Absolom Kirtland	Head	M	59	Blacksmith	
Oxon Charlton on Ormoor					
Rebecca Kirtland	Wife	M	51	Blacksmith	
Oxon Stanlake					
John Kirtland	Son	M	27	Blacksmith	
Oxon Fencott					
Mary Ann Kirtland	Dau in law	M	31	Blacksmith	Bucks Boarstall
Frederic Kirtland	Nephew	U	17	Ag. Lab	Bucks Slough
52					
John Hicks	Head	M	48	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Phillis Hicks	Wife	M	33	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
53					
Thomas Hicks	Head	M	60	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Elizabeth Hicks	Wife	M	64	Ag. Lab	Beckley
Sarah Hicks	Dau	U	30	Ag. Lab	Horsepath (Imbecile)
Alfred Hicks	Son	U	22	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley

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54

Charles Hicks	Head	U	59	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Henry Hicks	Brother	U	38	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
John Bradbury	Bro in law	M	45	Ag. Lab	Bucks Mursby
Mary Bradbury	Sister/wife	M	47	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Susannah Bradbury	Niece	U	14	Domestic	Servant Horton cum Studley
Ellen Bradbury	Niece	U	12	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Emma Bradbury	Niece	U	8	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Ada Bradbury	Niece	U	4	Scholar	Horton cum Studley

55

James Anstiss????	Head	M	60	Carpenter	Bucks Brill
Henry Anstiss	Son	M	26	Carpenter	Bucks Brill
Mary Anne Anstiss	Dau in law	M	24	???????	Portland Terrace Cheltenham
Anne Lizzie Anstiss	Gnd Dau	U	7 months	Infant	Horton cum Studley

56

James Jones	Head	M	45	Shepherd	Horton cum Studley
Sarah Jones	Wife	M	45	Shepherd	Bucks Studley
Charles Merry	Step son	U	27	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Levi Ellis Jones	Son	U	15	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
George Jones	Son	U	Scholar	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
James Jones	Son		8	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Amos Jones	Son	U	6	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Ellen Jones	Dau	U	3	Scholar	Horton cum Studley

57

Richard Haynes	Head	M	64	Ag. Lab	Bucks Studley
Elizabeth Haynes	Wife	M	59	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Rosa Haynes	Dau	U	21	Domestic	Servant Horton cum Studley
Lucy Haynes	Dau	U	12	Scholar	Horton cum Studley

58

George Sims	Head	M	32	Brick Factor	Bucks Brill
Fanney Sims	Wife	M	27	Brick Factor	Bucks Brill
William Sims	Brother	U	38	Brick maker	Bucks Brill
Joseph Sims	Brother	U	32	Brick maker	Bucks Brill
Charles Bassett	Son	U	43	Labourer	Oxon Drayton

59

Sidney Hopkins	Head	M	38	Farmer of 360 acres	
Oxon Libford Gower					
Sarah Hopkins	Wife	M	34	Farmer's Wife	Warwick Brailes
Hati Hopkins	Dau	U	9	Infant	Oxon Libford Gower
Joseph Hopkins	Son	U	8	Scholar	Oxon North Aston
Sidney Hopkins	Son	U	6	Scholar	Oxon North Aston
John Hopkins	Son	U	2	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Ann West	Servant	U	28	Domestic	Oxon Hempton

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Robert Merrey	Head	M	74	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Martha Merrey	Wife	M	72	Ag. Lab	Bucks Studley
Michael Merrey	Son	U	25	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley

61

Sarah Haynes	Head	W	54	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
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60

Harriett Frost	Head	W	52	Ag. Lab	Bucks Long Crendon
William Frost	Son	U	19	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Jessee Frost	Son	U	13	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Spencer Frost	Son	U	10	Scholar	Horton cum Studley

63

John Budd	Head	M	50	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Ann Budd	Wife	M	39	Ag. Lab	Oxon Pyrton
George Budd	Son	U	12	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Thomas Budd	Son	U	10	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
William Budd	Son	U	8	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Bertha Therese Budd	Dau	U	2	Infant	Horton cum Studley
Joseph Thornton	Son in law	W	76	Ag. Lab	Oxon Pyrton
John Thornton	Br. In law	U	21	Ag. Lab	Oxon Pyrton

64

Amos Haynes	Head	M	28	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Eliza Anne Haynes	Wife	M	27	Ag. Lab	Oxon Thame
John Haynes	Son	U	1	Infant	Horton cum Studley

65

Aaron Blake	Head	M	67	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Ann Blake	Wife	M	56	Ag. Lab	Herts Tring
William Blake	Son	U	19	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley

66

William Auger	Head	M	76	Mason	Horton cum Studley
Mary Auger	Wife	M	71	Mason	Horton cum Studley

67

William Robbins	Head	M	49	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Mary Robbins	Wife	M	53	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Rachael Robbins	Dau	U	15	Domestic	Horton cum Studley
Ames Robbins	Grd Son	U	17	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley

68

Thomas Beckford	Head	M	60	Farmer of	Horton cum Studley
Martha Elizabeth Beckford	Wife	M	43	Farmer's wife	Ambroseden
Elizabeth Saunders	Servant	U	18	Domestic	Bucks Brill

69

Anne Morris	Head	W	55	Domestic	Bucks Studley
Sarah Morris	Dau	U	32	Domestic	Horton cum Studley

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Thomas Morris	Son	U	28	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
70					
Frederic Merry	Head	M	39	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Mary Merry	Wife	M	40	Ag. Lab	Beckley
Emily Merry	Dau	U	15	Ag. Lab	Beckley
William Merry	Son	U	10	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Clara Merry	Dau	U	8	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Frederic erry	Son	U	4	Infant	Horton cum Studley
71					
Thomas Blake	Head	M	58	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Mary Blake	W	M	56	Ag. Lab	Stanton St. John
Oseph Blake	Son	U	32	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Albert Blake	Son	U	22	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
William Blake	Son	U	17	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Henry Blake	Son	U	12	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
72					
John Stanton	Head	M	41	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Sarah Stanton	Wife	M	39	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
73					
Joseph Hicks	Head	M	46	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Matilda Hicks	Wife	M	39	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Ellen Auger	Step Dau	U	10	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Ellis Hicks	Son	U	7	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
William Hicks	Son	U	4	Infant	Horton cum Studley
Matilda Hicks	Dau	U	3	Infant	Horton cum Studley
Henry Hicks	Son	U	11 months	Infant	Horton cum Studley
73a					
John Croke	Lodger	U	54	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
74					
William Payne	Head	M	66	Ag. Lab	Bucks Studley
Sophia Payne	Wife	M	63	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Harry Payne	Grd Son	U	8	Scholar	Bucks Milton Cross Green
75					
Thomas Cox	Head	M	29	Farmer of 150 acres employing 4 labourers 1 boy and 1 girl	
					Horton cum Studley
Margaret Clarice Cox	Wife	M	28	Farmer's wife	
					Watlington
Ellen Martha Cox	Dau	U	4	Infant	Bucks Milton Cross Green
James Thomas Cox	Son	'U	2	Infant	Bucks Milton Cross Green
Elizabeth Harriett Cox	Dau	U	3 months	Infant	Bucks Milton Cross Green
Ann Neal	Servant	U	15	Domestic	Ickford
William Gibbard	Servant	U	24	General Servant	Oxon Fencott
Edmont Brinkloe	Servant	U	17	General Servant	Bucks Studley

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76

William Cox	Head	M	26	Farmer of 260 Acres Bucks Studley
Emily Mary Cox	Wife	M	23	Farmer's Wife Oxon Charlton on Otmoor
Ernest William Cox	Son	U	2	Infant Oxon Charlton on Otmoor
Frederic John Cox	Son	U	10 days	Infant Milton Cross Green Bucks
Rosa Munt	Servant	U	20	General Servant Oxon Murcott
Mary Ann Payne	Nurse	M	39	??? : ??? ? Bucks Boarstall

77

George Collett	Son	U	28	Ag. Lab White Cross Green
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78

John Merrey	Head	M	36	Ag. Lab Horton cum Studley
Fanny Merrey	Wife	M	33	Ag. Lab Horton cum Studley
Rose Ann Merrey	Dau	U	8	Scholar Horton cum Studley
John Merrey	Son	U	7	Scholar Bucks Boarstall
Joseph Merrey	Son	U	5	Scholar Bucks Studley Warren
Spencer Merrey	Son	U	9 months	Infant Bucks Studley

79

James Pymm	Head	M	63	Ag. Lab Bucks White Cross Green
Mary Pymm'	Wife	M	59	Ag. Lab Bucks Boarstall
Mathew Kilby Pymm	Grd Son	U	7	Scholar Bucks Studley

80

Stephen Danbury	Head	M	37	Ag. Lab Oxon Begbeook
Emily Danbury	Wife	M	36	Ag. Lab St. Peters Oxford
George Danbury	Son	U	17	Ag. Lab Oxon Bladon
Eliza Danbury	Dau	U	14	Ag. Lab Oxon Bladon
Stephen Danbury	Son	U	12	Ag. Lab Oxon Bladon
Mary Danbury	Dau	U	4	Infant Bucks Studley

81

John Leaver	Head	U	40	Farmer of 298 Acres Bucks Cumnor
Elizabeth Leaver	Sister	U	49	Housekeeper Berks Cumnor
Sarah Anne Merry	Servant	U	18	Domestic Horton cum Studley

82

John Merry	Head	M	61	Farmer of 40 Acres Horton cum Studley
Elizabeth Merry	Wife	M	55	Farmer's wife Oxon Great Tew

83

Hannah Haynes	Head	W	76	Farmer's wife Oxon Great Tew
William Haynes	Son	U	39	Ag. Lab Horton cum Studley

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James Haynes	Son	U	37	Ag. Lab	Bucks Studley
John Haynes	Son	U	35	Ag. Lab	Bucks Studley

84

Joseph Willett	Head	M	42	Ag. Lab	Oxon Dunstew
Sarah Ann Willett	Wife	M	43	Ag. Lab	Warwick Flicknoe
William Willett	Son	U	19	Ag. Lab	Oxon Deddingdon
Ann Willett	Dau	U	12	Scholar	Oxon Dunstew
Ellen Sarah Willett	Dau	U	10	Scholar	Oxon Dunstew
Eliza ary Willett	Dau	U	8	Scholar	Oxon Dunstew

85

Michael Haynes	Head	M	46	Ag. Lab	Bucks Studley
Mary Haynes	Wife	M	45	Ag. Lab	Oxon Murcott
Amelia Haynes	Dau	U	11	Scholar	Bucks Studley
William George Haynes					
	Son	U	8	Scholar	Bucks Studley
Arthur Allen Haynes	Son	U	6	Scholar	Bucks Studley
Eva Mary Haynes	Dau	U	4	Infant	Bucks Studley
Elizabeth Ann Haynes	Grd Dau	U	5	Infant	Bucks Witchurch

86

Prudence Budd	Head	W	83	Seamster	Oxon Forest Hill
William Budd	Son	U	56	Gardener	Bucks Studley

87

John Brinkloe	Head	M	43	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley
Elizabeth Brinkloe	Wife	M	39	Ag. Lab	Oxon Merton
Lydia Brinkloe	Dau	U	7	Scholar	Bucks Studley
Ellen Brinkloe	Dau	U	4	Infant	Horton cum Studley

88

Abraham Hillsdon	Head	M	75	Blacksmith	Horton cum Studley
Elizabeth Hillsden	Wife	M	72	Blacksmith	Horton cum Studley
William Hillsden	Son	U	52	Ag. Lab	Horton cum Studley

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Dwelling: **White Cross Green**

	Census Place:	Studley, Oxford, England			
	Source:	FHL Film 1341362	PRO Ref RG11	Piece 1496	Folio 106 Page 1
		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Thomas COX		M	39	M	Horton Cum Studley
	Rel:	Head			
	Occ:	Farmer (155 Acres)	Emp 1 Man 2 Boys		
Margaret C. COX		M	38	F	Watlington, Oxford,
	Rel:	Wife			
Ellen M. COX		U	14	F	White Cross Green,
		Buckingham			
	Rel:	Dau			
	Occ:	Farmers Daur			
James T. COX		U	12	M	White Cross Green,
					Buckingham, England
	Rel:	Son			

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Elizabeth H. COX	Occ: Scholar	U	10	F	White Cross Green,
	Buckingham, England				
	Rel: Dau				
Maud A. COX	Occ: Scholar	U	7	F	White Cross Green,
	Buckingham, England				
	Rel: Dau				
Cecil E. T. ((H.)) COX	Occ: Scholar	U	5	M	White Cross Green,
	Buckingham, England				
	Rel: Son				
Murray D. COX	Occ: Scholar	10 m	M		White Cross Green, Buckingham,
	Rel: Son				

Dwelling: **White Cross Green**

Census Place: Studley, Oxford, England

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William COX	Marr	Age 36	Sex M	Birthplace Horton Cum Studley,
	Rel: Head			
	Occ: Farmer (260 Acres) Emp 1 Man 1 Boy			
E.M. COX	M	32	F	Charlton On Otmoor, Oxford,
	Rel: Wife			
Ernest W. COX	U	12	M	White Cross Green,
	Rel: Son			
	Occ: Scholar			
Fredric J. COX	U	10	M	White Cross Gree,
	Rel: Son			
	Occ: Scholar			
Matthew J. COX		9	M	White Cross Green
	Rel: Son			
	Occ: Scholar			
Arthur Digby COX		21 d	M	White Cross Green, Buckingham,
	Rel: Son			
Annie J. BURGESS	U	18		F Marsh Gibbon, Buckingham,
	Rel: Serv			
	Occ: Gen Domestic Servant			
Arthur HOLIDAY	U	19	M	Carlsworth Northon
	Rel: Serv			
	Occ: General Servant (Dom Ind Serv)			

Dwelling: **White Cross Green**

Census Place: Studley, Oxford, England

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William PAYNE	Marr	Age 77	Sex M	Birthplace Studley, Buckingham
	Rel: Head			
	Occ: Ag Lab			
Sophia PAYNE	M	74	F	Wendlebury, Oxford
	Rel: Wife			

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Dwelling: **White Cross Green**

Census Place: Studley, Oxford, England

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Amos H. SCRUBY	U	25	M	Snitherfield, Warwick, England
Rel:	Head			
Occ:	Game Keeper			

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Census Place: Studley, Oxford, England

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James PYMM	M	74	M	White Cross Green,
	Buckingham, England			
Rel:	Head			
Occ:	Ag Lab			
Mary PYMM	M	69	F	Boarstall, Buckingham
Rel:	Wife			
Matthew K. PYMM	U	17	M	Studley, Buckingham, England
Rel:	Grandson			
Occ:	Ag Lab			

Dwelling: **Brill Road**

Census Place: Studley, Oxford, England

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Ellis PARKER	M	30	M	Horton Cum Studley, Oxford,
England				
Rel:	Head			
Occ:	Ag Lab			
Caroline A. PARKER	M	31	F	Horton Cum Studley, Oxford, England
Rel:	Wife			
Albert E. PARKER	1	M		Studley, Buckingham, England
Rel:	Son			

Dwelling: **Warren Farm**

Census Place: Studley, Oxford, England

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William COLLETT	U	20	M	Arncoth, Oxford, England
Rel:	Head			
Occ:	General Servant (Dom Ind Ser)			

Dwelling: **Warren Farm**

Census Place: Studley, Oxford, England

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Robert COATES	M	22	M	Murcott, Oxford
Rel:	Head			
Occ:	Ag Lab			
Mary COATES	M	28	F	Fencott, Oxford,
Rel:	Wife			
Henry COATES		10 m	M	Horton Cum Studley

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Rel: Son

Dwelling: **Warren Farm**

Census Place: Studley, Oxford, England

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	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Thomas STANTON	M	56	M	Luddershall, Buckingham, England
Rel:	Head			
Occ:	Ag Lab			
Martha STANTON	M	52	F	Horton Cum Studley, Oxford,
Rel:	Wife			
William STANTON	U	22	M	Wootton, Oxford, England
Rel:	Son			
Occ:	Ag Lab			
John STANTON	U	15	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Son			
Occ:	Ag Lab			
Annie STANTON		12	F	Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Dau			
Occ:	Scholar			
Harriett STANTON		8	F	Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Dau			
Occ:	Scholar			

Dwelling: **Warren Farm**

Census Place: Studley, Oxford, England

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	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Albert BLAKE	M	32	M	Horton Cum Studley, Oxford, England
Rel:	Head			
Occ:	Ag Lab			
Ellen BLAKE	M	32	F	Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Wife			
Occ:	Ag Lab			
William T. BLAKE		6	M	Studley, Buckingham
Rel:	Son			
Occ:	Scholar			

Dwelling: **Warren Farm**

Census Place: Studley, Oxford, England

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	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Arthur HILLSDON	M	24	M	Horton Cum Studley, England
Rel:	Head			
Occ:	Ag Lab			
Emma HILLSDON	M	28	F	Chalfont St Giles, Buckingham, Rel:
Rel:	Wife			
Occ:	Dress Maker			

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Charles MERREY	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
	M	37	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Head				
Occ: Ag Lab				
Jane E. MERREY	M	38	F	Tackley, Oxford,
Rel: Wife				
Occ: Ag Lab				
Alice MERREY	8	F		Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Dau				
Occ: Scholar				
Ellen MERREY	6	F		Studley, Buckingham, England
Rel: Dau				
Occ: Scholar				
Bertram MERREY	4	M		Studley, Buckingham, England
Rel: Son				
Aubrey MERREY	2	M		Studley, Buckingham, England
Rel: Son				

Dwelling: **Warren Farm**

Census Place: Studley, Oxford, England

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Elizabeth HILLSDON	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
	W	81	F	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Head				
William HILLSDON	U	61	M	Horton Cum Studley, Oxford,
Rel: Son				
Occ: Ag Lab				

Dwelling: **Warren Lane In Barn (off Brill Road - see map)**

Census Place: Studley, Oxford, England

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John HAYNES	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
	U	44	M	Studley, Buckingham
Rel: Head				
Occ: Ag Lab				

Building: **Warren Lane In Barn** UNINHABITED (2 HOUSES)

Census Place: Studley, Oxford, England

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Dwelling: **Brill Road (now Studley Farm House)**

Census Place: Horton Cum Studley, Oxford, England

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George FULTON	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
	U	33	M	Ayr, Scotland
Rel: Head				
Occ: Farm Bailiff				
Micheal MERREY	M	34	M	Horton Cum Studley, Oxford, England
Rel: Servant				
Occ: Gardeners Labourer (N D)				
Ann MERREY	M	38	F	Deddington, Oxford, England
Rel: Servant Wife				
Occ: Domestic Servant				

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Dwelling: **Brill Road**

Census Place: Horton Cum Studley, Oxford, England

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	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Henry CARTER	M	31	M	Launton, Oxford,
Rel: Head				
Occ: Brick Merchant				
Mary Eliza CARTER	M 32	F		Forest Hill, Oxford, England
Rel: Wife				
Ellen L. CARTER		6	F	London Hackney Rd
Shoreditch, London, Middlesex,				
Rel: Dau				
Occ: Scholar				
Edith CARTER		4	F	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Dau				
Murray CARTER		2	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Son				
Lydia CUMMINS	W	62	F	Kirtlington, Oxford, England
Rel: Mother In Law				

Dwelling: **Brill Road**

Census Place: Horton Cum Studley, Oxford, England

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	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
James HAYNES	M	32	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Head				
Occ: Rural B S T Letter Carrier (C S Man)				
Mary HAYNES	M	28	F	Forest Hill, Oxford, England
Rel: Wife				
Agnes M. HAYNES	5	F		Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Dau				
Occ: Scholar				
Henry J. HAYNES	3	M		Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Son				
Walter James HAYNES		2	M	Forest Hill, Oxford, England
Rel: Son				
Arthur R. HAYNES	1	M		Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Son				

Dwelling: **Brill Road**

Census Place: Horton Cum Studley, Oxford, England

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	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
John MEARS	M	73	M	Studley, Buckingham, England
Rel: Head				
Occ: No Occupation				
Elizabeth MEARS	M 65	F		Horton Cum Studley, Oxford
Rel: Wife				
Caroline AUGER	M	58	F	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Sister In Law				
Occ: Domestic Servant				

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Dwelling: **Brill Road**

Census Place: Horton Cum Studley, Oxford, England

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	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
John BUDD	W	64	M	Studley, Buckingham, England
Rel: Head				
Occ: Thatcher				
George BUDD	U	22	M	Horton Cum Studley, Oxford,
England				
Rel: Son				
Occ: Ag Lab				
Thomas BUDD	U	20	M	Horton Cum Studley, Oxford,
England				
Rel: Son				
Occ: Ag Lab				
Teresa BUDD		12	F	Horton Cum Studley, Oxford,
England				
Rel: Dau				
Occ: Scholar				
Florence BUDD		7	F	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Dau				
Occ: Scholar				
Walter BUDD		5	M	Horton Cum Studley, Oxford,
England				
Rel: Son				
Occ: Scholar				
John THORNTON	U 31	M		Clare, Oxford, England
Rel: Brother In Law				
Occ: Thatchers Labourer				

Building: **Brill Road** UNINHABITED (2 HOUSES)

Census Place: Horton Cum Studley, Oxford, England

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Dwelling: **Brill Road**

Census Place: Horton Cum Studley, Oxford, England

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	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
William HAYNES	M	47	M	Studley,
Buckingham				
Rel: Head				
Occ: Ag Lab				
Sarah HAYNES	M	44	F	Grendon
Underwood,				
Buckingham, England				
Rel: Wife				
Occ: Ag Lab				

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Aaron BLAKE	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
	M	76	M	Studley,
Buckingham	Rel:	Head		
Occ: Ag Lab				
Ann BLAKE	M	66	F	Tring, Hertford,
England				
Rel: Wife				
Occ: Ag Lab				

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Elizabeth HAYNES	W	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
		70	F		Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Head					
Occ: Ag Lab					
John HAYNES			11	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Grandson					
Occ: Scholar					

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Ann STANTON		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
		U	47	F	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Head					
Occ: Ag Lab					
William O. STANTON		U	23	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Son					
Occ: Ag Lab					
John H. STANTON	U	18	M		Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Nephew					
Occ: Ag Lab					

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James JONES		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
		M	55	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Head					
Occ: Shepherd					
Sarah JONES	M		55	F	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Wife					
James JONES	U		18	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Son					
Occ: Shepherd					
Amos JONES	U		17	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Son					
Occ: Ag Lab					

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	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Mary ROBBINS	W	63	F	Studley,
Buckingham,	Rel:	Head		
Occ: Ag Lab				

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	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Richard BRINKLER M	52	M		Studley, Buckingham, England
Rel: Head				
Occ: Ag Lab				
Sarah A. BRINKLER M	48	F		Brill, Buckingham, England
Rel: Wife				
Occ: Ag Lab				
Thomas BRINKLER U	23	M		Horton Cum Studley, Oxford
Rel: Son				
Occ: Ag Lab				
Elizabeth BRINKLER	U	18	F	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Dau				
Occ: Domestic Servant				
Rose M. BRINKLER	11	F		Horton Cum Studley, Oxford,
England				
Rel: Dau				
Occ: Scholar				

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	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
William (Rev.) STOREY	U	31	M	Highgate,
Middlesex, England				
Rel: Head				
Occ: Vicar Of Horton Cum Studley				
Eric A. KNIGHT	U	17	M	New Hampton,
Middlesex, England				
Rel: Boarder ((Visitor))				
Occ: Scholar				
Jane DYER	W	52	F	London Strand,
London, Middlesex, England				
Rel: Servant				
Occ: Housekeeper & Domestic Serv				
Charles J. MULFORD		14	M	Wantage, Berkshire
Rel: Servant				
Occ: Errand Boy				

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Dwelling: **Brill Road**

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		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Charles HICKS		U	71	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Head				
Occ:	Ag Lab				
Henry HICKS		U	48	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Brother				
Occ:	Ag Lab				

Dwelling: **Brill Road**

Census Place: Horton Cum Studley, Oxford, England

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		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Thomas HICKS		W	72	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Head				
Occ:	Ag Lab				
Sarah HICKS		U	40	F	Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Dau		Handicap: Imbecile		
Isaac HICKS		U	31	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Son				
Occ:	Ag Lab				

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Census Place: Horton Cum Studley, Oxford, England

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		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Absolom KIRTLAND		M	68	M	Charlton On Otmoor
Rel:	Head				
Occ:	Blacksmith				
Rebecca KIRTLAND	M	60	F		Standlake, Oxford, England
Rel:	Wife				

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Census Place: Horton Cum Studley, Oxford, England

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		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
John HICKS		M	59	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Head				
Occ:	Ag Lab				
Phillis HICKS		M	43	F	Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Wife				
Barnet HICKS			9	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Son				
Occ:	Scholar				
Ethel HICKS			5	F	Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Dau				
Occ:	Scholar				

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Mary A. HICKS	3	F	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Dau			

Dwelling: Oakley Road (now Manor Farm)

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		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Henry COATES		M	44	M	Murcott, Oxford
Rel:	Head				
Occ:	Farmer (213 Acres)	Emp 3 Men & 3 Boys			
Elizabeth COATES	M	41	F		Fencott, Oxford, England
Rel:	Wife				
West COATES		U	17	M	Murcott
Rel:	Son				
Occ:	Ag Lab (Farmers Son)				
Alice COATES		U	15	F	Murcott
Rel:	Dau				
Occ:	Domestic Serv (Farmers Daur)				

Dwelling: **Oakley Road** (*possibly now Kimmeridge*)

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		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Thomas BLAKE		M	68	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Head				
Occ:	Ag Lab				
Mary BLAKE		M	68	F	Stanton St John
Rel:	Wife				
Occ:	Ag Lab				
Henry BLAKE		U	22	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Son				
Occ:	Ag Lab				

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Census Place: Horton Cum Studley, Oxford, England

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			Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Joseph BLAKE	Rel: Occ:	Head Ag Lab	M	42	M	Horton Cum Studley
Elizabeth BLAKE			M	33	F	Rodmarton,
	Rel: Occ:	Wife Ag Lab				
Mary A. BLAKE	Rel: Occ:	Dau Scholar		7	F	Horton Cum Studley
Elizabeth BLAKE	Rel:	Dau		4	F	Horton Cum Studley
Henry Thos. BLAKE			2	M		Horton Cum Studley

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Rel: Son

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	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Joseph HICKS	M	52	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Head				
Occ: Ag Lab				
Matilda HICKS	M	48	F	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Wife				
Occ: Ag Lab				
William HICKS	U	15	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Son				
Occ: Ag Lab				
Matilda HICKS		13	F	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Dau				
Occ: Scholar				
Henry HICKS		11	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Son				
Occ: Scholar				
Emma HICKS		5	F	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Dau				
Occ: Scholar				

Dwelling: **Blacksmiths Lane** (*The part of the Main Street (Horton Hill)*

from the Priory to the junction with Oakley and Brill roads)

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	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
John BUSHNEL	M	25	M	Cassington, Oxford
Rel: Head				
Occ: Blacksmith				
Mary BUSHNEL	M	20	F	Belfast, Ireland
Rel: Wife				
William BUSHNEL	2	M		Belfast, Ireland
Rel: Son				
Mary A. BUSHNEL	1	F		Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Dau				

Dwelling: **Blacksmiths Lane**

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	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
George AUGER	M	44	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Head				
Occ: Grocer				
Elizabeth AUGER	M	46	F	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Wife				
Eva Emma AUGER	U	14	F	Horton Cum Studley

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	Rel: Dau				
Frank Edwd. AUGER		11	M		Horton Cum Studley
	Rel: Son				
	Occ: Scholar				
Ernest George AUGER			9	M	Horton Cum Studley
	Rel: Son				
	Occ: Scholar				
Edle.Tom AUGER		7	M		Horton Cum Studley
	Rel: Son				
	Occ: Scholar				
Percival Wm. AUGER			4	M	Horton Cum Studley
	Rel: Son				

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		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Thomas WARLAND M		37	M		Horton Cum Studley
	Rel: Head				
	Occ: Ag Lab				
Mary A. WARLAND M		27	F		Horton Cum Studley
	Rel: Wife				
	Occ: Ag Lab				
John WARLAND		7 m	M		Horton Cum Studley
	Rel: Son				
Peter KILGOUR		U	25	M	Perth, Scotland
	Rel: Lodger				
	Occ: Gardener (Dom Sert)				

Dwelling: **Blacksmiths Lane Alms Houses**

Census Place: Horton Cum Studley, Oxford, England

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		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Stephen PAYNE		W	77	M	Studley,
	Buckingham	Rel: Head			
	Occ: Ag Lab				

Dwelling: **Blacksmiths Lane Alms Houses**

Census Place: Horton Cum Studley, Oxford, England

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		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
James MERREY		W	81	M	Horton Cum Studley
	Rel: Head				
	Occ: Ag Lab				

Dwelling: **Blacksmiths Lane Alms Houses**

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	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
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John HICKS	W	76	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Head			
Occ:	Ag Lab			

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Dwelling: **Studley Priory**
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		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
John HENDERSON	M	53	M	Scotland	
	Rel: Head				
	Occ: Magistrate	Gentleman (A Landed Proprietor)			
Jessie HENDERSON	M	41	F	Scotland	
	Rel: Wife				
Ronald HENDERSON			6	M	London, London,
	Middlesex, England				
	Rel: Son				
Turner HENDERSON			4	M	London, London,
	Middlesex, England				

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	Rel:	Son				
Hilda HENDERSON			2	F		London, London, Middlesex,
	Rel:	Dau				
George CHESTER		M	66	M		Berkshire, England
	Rel:	Visitor				
	Occ:	Gentleman				
Mary CHESTER			M	63	F	London, Middlesex
	Rel:	Visitor				
Annie CONSTABLE		U	22	F		Arundel, Sussex, England
	Rel:	Visitor				
Annie BROOM			U	38	F	Bristol
	Rel:	Servant				
	Occ:	Cook Dom Servt				
Emile CHAFFINS			U	34	M	(For), Switzerland
	Rel:	Servant				
	Occ:	Butler Dom Servt				
James WHITE			U	29	M	Haynes, Bedford
	Rel:	Servant				
	Occ:	Coachman Dom Servt				
Eliza PAINTER			U	26	F	Sortar Shrewsbury
	Rel:	Servant				
	Occ:	Housemaid Dom Servt				
Georgiana REID			U	23	F	Scotland
	Rel:	Servant				
	Occ:	Laundrymaid Dom Servt				
Elizabeth STANTON		U	21	F		Horton Cum Studley
	Rel:	Servant				
	Occ:	Nurse Dom Servt				
Maria SALEABY			U	29	F	(For), Switzerland
	Rel:	Servant				
	Occ:	Nurse Dom Servt				

Dwelling: **Oxford Road** (Now the lower part of Horton Hill or Main Street from the Priory to junction with Mill Lane and Church Lane)

Census Place: Horton Cum Studley, Oxford, England (later known as Cox's Cottage)

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		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
William COX		M	56	M	Studley,
	Buckingham				
	Rel:	Head			
	Occ:	Ag Lab			
Ann COX		M	52	F	Studley, Buckingham, England
	Rel:	Wife			
	Occ:	Ag Lab			
William COX		U	29	M	Studley,
	Buckingham				
	Rel:	Son			
	Occ:	Ag Lab			
James COX		U	21	M	Studley,
	Buckingham				
	Rel:	Son			

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Spencer COX	Occ: Ag Lab	U	17	M	Horton Cum Studley
	Rel: Son				
	Occ: Ag Lab				
Sarah COX		U	23	F	Studley,
	Buckingham				
	Rel: Dau				
	Occ: Cook Domestic Servt				
Hannah COX			9	F	Horton Cum Studley
	Rel: Dau				
	Occ: Scholar				
Alice AUGER			12	F	Horton Cum Studley
	Rel: Boarder				
	Occ: Scholar				

Dwelling: **Oxford Road**

Census Place: Horton Cum Studley, Oxford, England

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		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
William ROBBINS	M	26	M		Horton Cum Studley
	Rel: Head				
	Occ: Ag Lab				
Emma ROBBINS		M	25	F	Saffron Waldon,
	Rel: Wife				
	Occ: Ag Lab				
Annie ROBBINS			10 m	F	Horton Cum Studley
	Rel: Dau				

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Dwelling: **Oxford Road**

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		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
James GREEN	M	79	M		Horton Cum Studley
	Rel: Head				
	Occ: Ag Lab				
Elizabeth GREEN		M	76	F	Horton Cum Studley
	Rel: Wife				
	Occ: Ag Lab				

Dwelling: **Oakley Road**

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		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Thomas MORRISS	U	37	M		Horton Cum Studley
	Rel: Head				
	Occ: Ag Lab				
Ann MORRISS		W	65	F	Studley,
	Buckingham				
	Rel: Mother				

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Occ: Ag Lab

Dwelling: **Oakley Road**

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		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
William STANTON	M	82	M		Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Head				
Occ:	Ag Lab				
Mary STANTON	M	77	F		Beckley, Oxford
Rel:	Wife				
Occ:	Ag Lab				

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		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
George (Snr.) ROBBINS	M	66	M		Chetewood, Buckingham
Rel:	Head				
Occ:	Ag Lab				
Hannah ROBBINS	M	59	F		Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Wife				
Occ:	Ag Lab				

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		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
George MERREY	M	66	M		Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Head				
Occ:	Ag Lab				
Ann MERREY	M	63	F		Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Wife				
Occ:	Ag Lab				

Dwelling: **Kings Arms**

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		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
John SHORE	M	48	M		Oxted, Surrey,
England					
Rel:	Head				
Occ:	Bricklayer (& Publican)				
Elizabeth SHORE	M	42	F		Hertford, Hertford
Rel:	Wife				
Sarah E. SHORE	U	18	F		Hertford, Hertford
Rel:	Dau				
Occ:	Barmaid				
Lizzie SHORE	U	16	F		Hertford, Hertford,

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	Rel:	Dau				
	Occ:	Milliner				
Joshua L. SHORE			U	14	M	Newington, Surrey
	Rel:	Son				
	Occ:	Bricklayer Apprentice				
Albert Ernest SHORE			9	M		Newington, Surrey, England
	Rel:	Son				
	Occ:	Scholar				
William J. SHORE				7	M	Newington, Surrey
Rel:	Son					
	Occ:	Scholar				
James H. SHORE				5	M	Newington, Surrey,
England						
	Rel:	Son				
	Occ:	Scholar				

Building: **Kings Arms** UNINHABITED (*Possibly the barn next to No 1*

The Green)

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		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
George (Junnr.) ROBBINS		M	55	M	Horton Cum Studley
	Rel:	Head			
	Occ:	Ag Lab			
Kezia ROBBINS		M	53	F	Steeple Claydon,
Buckingham					
	Rel:	Wife			
	Occ:	Ag Lab			
Sarah ROBBINS		U	28	F	Horton Cum Studley
	Rel:	Dau	Handicap: Deaf		
	Occ:	Ag Lab			
James ROBBINS		U	18	M	Horton Cum Studley
	Rel:	Son			
	Occ:	Ag Lab			
William ROBBINS		13	M		Horton Cum Studley
	Rel:	Son			
	Occ:	Ag Lab			

Dwelling: **Millss Lane** (*Now Mill Lane –included the village shop and school there were also cottages further along the lane off the track in the 19th century*)

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		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
John PAYNE		M	50	M	Studley,
Buckingham					
	Rel:	Head			

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Mary PAYNE	Occ: Ag Lab	M	55	F	Langford, Wiltshire
	Rel: Wife				
	Occ: Ag Lab				
Harry PAYNE		U	18	M	White Cross Green
	Rel: Son				
	Occ: Ag Lab				
John PAYNE		U	17	M	White Cross Green
	Rel: Son				
	Occ: Ag Lab				
James PAYNE			8	M	Horton Cum Studley
	Rel: Son				
	Occ: Scholar				

Dwelling: **Millss Lane**

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		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
William STANTON	M	43	M		Horton Cum Studley
	Rel: Head				
	Occ: Ag Lab				
Susan STANTON	M	45	F		Merton, Oxford, England
	Rel: Wife				
	Occ: Ag Lab				
Agnes Mary GRACE		6	F		Beckley, Oxford, England
	Rel: Grandau				
	Occ: Scholar				

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		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
William GREEN	M	57	M		Horton Cum Studley
	Rel: Head				
	Occ: Ag Lab				
Emma GREEN	M	54	F		Merton, Oxford,
	Rel: Wife				
	Occ: Ag Lab				
Caroline J. GREEN	U	20	F		Horton Cum Studley
	Rel: Dau				
	Occ: Ag Lab				
Edward GREEN		16	M		Horton Cum Studley
	Rel: Son	Handicap: Idiot			
	Occ: Ag Lab				

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Dwelling: **Millss Lane**

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Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
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Thomas HICKS	M	36	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Head				
Occ: Ag Lab				
Annie HICKS	M	31	F	Lyford,
Buckingham				
Rel: Wife				
Occ: Ag Lab				
Charles J. MOORE	12	M		Worminghall, Buckingham
Rel: Stepson				
Occ: Ag Lab				
George M. MOORE	10	M		Worminghall, Buckingham
Rel: Stepson				
Occ: Scholar				
Edgar J. MOORE		7	M	Worminghall, Buckingham,
Rel: Stepson				
Occ: Scholar				
Thomas W. HICKS	4	M		Worminghall, Buckingham,
Rel: Son				
Daisey E. HICKS		1	F	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Dau				

Dwelling: **Millss Close (a short lane that went off to the right to the two barns now still standing)**

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Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace	
Richard HICKS	M	62	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Head				
Occ: Ag Lab				
Jane HICKS	M	51	F	Ambrosden, Oxford
Rel: Wife				
Occ: Ag Lab				
James HICKS	U	29	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Son				
Occ: Ag Lab				
Joseph HICKS	U	25	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Son				
Occ: Ag Lab				
Elizabeth HICKS	U	20	F	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Dau				
Occ: Ag Lab				
Jacob HICKS	U	15	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Son				
Occ: Ag Lab				
Easau HICKS	U	15	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Son				
Occ: Ag Lab				
Henry HICKS		11	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Son				
Occ: Scholar				
William HICKS		7	M	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Son				

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Occ: Scholar

Dwelling: **Closes** (*probably the small lane opposite the church to*

Fieldfares and other cottages)

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		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Henry STEEL		U	52	M	Beckley, Oxford
Rel:	Head				
Occ:	Ag Lab				

Dwelling: **Closes**

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		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
George SAUNDERS	M	61	M		Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Head				
Occ:	Game Keeper				
Fanny SAUNDERS	M	42	F		Tring, Hertford, England
Rel:	Wife				

Dwelling: **Otmoor Road** (*the first part Church Lane*) *In 1881 the road to*

Oxford past Studley Wood Golf Club was not passable in winter. The main way to Oxford was down Ragnal's Lane and across Otmoor.]

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		Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Ann WATSON		W	51	F	Brill, Buckingham,
Rel:	Head				
Occ:	Charwoman				
Joseph WATSON	U	19	M		Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Son				
Occ:	Ag Lab				
John WATSON	U	14	M		Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Son				
Occ:	Ag Lab				
Henry WATSON		12	M		Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Son				
Occ:	Ag Lab				
Spencer FROST	U	19	M		Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Lodger				
Occ:	Ag Lab				
William JONAWAY	U	14	M		Headington, Oxford, England
Rel:	Lodger				
Occ:	Ag Lab				

Dwelling: **Otmoor Road**

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	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
William BLAKE	M	54	M	Arncott, Oxford
Rel: Head				
Occ: Ag Lab				
Mary Ann BLAKE	M 53	F		Murcott, Oxford, England
Rel: Wife				
Occ: Ag Lab				
Annie R. BLAKE	U 15	F		Murcott, Oxford
Rel: Dau				
Occ: Domestic Servant				

Dwelling: **Otmoor Road**

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	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
John BRADBURY	M 55	M		Mursley, Buckingham, England
Rel: Head				
Occ: Ag Lab				
Mary BRADBURY	M 56	F		Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Wife				

Dwelling: **Middle Green Rd (possibly the lane that no longer exists**

between Mill Lane and Ragnall's lane but exists as a footpath one of the remains of a cottage can still be seen with an old bed forming part of the hedge)

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	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
George JONES	M 20	M		Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Head				
Occ: Ag Lab				
Eliza JONES	M 19	F		Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Wife				
Occ: Ag Lab				
Levi JONES	6 m	M		Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Son				

Dwelling: **Middle Green Rd**

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	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Robert COATES	M 65	M		Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Head				
Occ: Farmer Emp 4 Men And 2 Boys (227 Acres)				
Mary COATES	M 64	F		Brinklow, Warwick,
Rel: Wife				
Henry COATES	U 38	M		Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Son				

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Cathrine J. COATES	Occ: Farmers Son U 30	F	Henley, Oxford, England
	Rel: Dau		
Mary B. COATES	Occ: Farmers Daur U 28	F	Henley, Oxford, England
	Rel: Dau		
Sarah Ann RYAN	Occ: Farmers Daur U 17	F	Oakley, Buckingham, England
	Rel: Serv		
Susan E. CHAUNDRY	Occ: General Servant Domestic U 23	F	Oxford, England
	Rel: Visitor		
	Occ: Dressmaker		

Dwelling: **Middle Green Rd**

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	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
William COLLETT M	24	M		Murcott, Oxford, England
Rel: Head				
Occ: Carpenter				
Emily L. COLLETT M	26	F		Wytham, Berkshire, England
Rel: Wife				

Dwelling: **Middle Green Rd**

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	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
John COLES M	35	M		Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Head				
Occ: Ag Lab				
Elizabeth COLES M	32	F		Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Wife				
Occ: Ag Lab				
Alice Mary COLES	10	F		Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Dau				
Occ: Scholar				
Frank Henry COLES	8	M		Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Son				
Occ: Scholar				
Aubry John COLES	7	M		Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Son				
Occ: Scholar				
Maud Agnes COLES	4	F		Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Dau				
Occ: Scholar				

Dwelling: **Middle Green Rd**

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			Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
John STANTON	M	52	M			Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Head					
Occ:	Ag Lab					
Sarah STANTON	M	48	F			Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Wife					
Occ:	Ag Lab					
Thomas CROOK	U	50	M			Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Brother In Law					
Occ:	Carpenter					

Building: **Middle Green Rd** UNINHABITED
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			Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
John H. HIGGINS	M	33	M			Stanton St John
Rel:	Head					
Occ:	Ag Lab					
Ann HIGGINS	M	29	F			Islip, Oxford,
Rel:	Wife					
Occ:	Ag Lab					
John H. HIGGINS	4	M				Stanton St John
Rel:	Son					
Occ:	Scholar					
Elizabeth A. HIGGINS		2	F			Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Dau					

England

Dwelling: **Lower Green Road (possibly the first the lane from Church Lane to West Hill farm)**

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			Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
John BROWN	M	28	M			Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Head					
Occ:	Ag Lab					
Emily L. BROWN	M	24	F			Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Wife					
Occ:	Ag Lab					
Charlott BROWN		6	F			Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Dau					
Occ:	Scholar					
George BROWN		5	M			Horton Cum Studley
Rel:	Son					
Occ:	Scholar					

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Sarah Ann BROWN	3	F	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Dau			
Elizabeth BROWN	2	F	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Dau			

Dwelling: **Bottom Of Village (Farm complex beyond Church Lane)**
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Frederic SIMS	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Rel: Head	M	25	M	Mill End, Hertford
Occ: Ag Lab				
Harriet SIMS	M	23	F	Beckley, Oxford
Rel: Wife				
Occ: Ag Lab				
Lille SIMS	4	F		Mill End, Hertford, England
Rel: Dau				
Alice SIMS		2	F	Scotchill, Hertford
Rel: Dau				
Ethel SIMS		3 m	F	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Dau				

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Thomas COOPER	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Rel: Head	M	28	M	Murcott, Oxford,
Occ: Farmer Emp 3 Men And 1 Boy (146 Acres)				
Mary E. COOPER	M	23	F	Bicester, Oxford
Rel: Wife				
Sarah SHIRLEY	U	17	F	Brill, Buckingham
Rel: Servant				
Occ: General Servant (Domestic)				
Harry GIBBERD	U	17	M	Murcott, Oxford
Rel: Servant				
Occ: Ag Lab				

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Thomas JONES	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Rel: Head	M	44	M	Horton Cum Studley
Occ: Ag Lab				
Caroline JONES	M	41	F	Stanton St John
Rel: Wife				
Occ: Ag Lab				
Alice JONES		13	F	Horton Cum Studley
Rel: Dau				

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Herbert JONES	Occ:	Ag Lab	11	M	Horton Cum Studley
	Rel:	Son			
	Occ:	Ag Lab			
Alfred JONES	Rel:	Son	9	M	Horton Cum Studley
	Occ:	Scholar			
	Rel:	Son			
Julia JONES	Rel:	Dau	7	F	Horton Cum Studley
	Occ:	Scholar			
	Rel:	Son			
Kate JONES	Rel:	Dau	5	F	Horton Cum Studley
	Occ:	Scholar			
	Rel:	Dau			
Leah JONES	Rel:	Dau	3	F	Horton Cum Studley
	Occ:	Scholar			
	Rel:	Dau			
Thomas JONES	Rel:	Son	1	M	Horton Cum Studley
	Occ:	Scholar			
	Rel:	Son			

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Benjamin COLES	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
	U	50	M	Horton Cum Studley
	Rel:	Head		
Mary HILLSDON	Occ:	Farmer & Local Agent	320 Acres Employing 5 Men 2 Boys 1	
	Occ:	Woman		
	Rel:	Servant		
Mary HILLSDON	Rel:	Servant		
	Occ:	Housekeeper Domestic Servt		
	Occ:	Housekeeper Domestic Servt		

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Eliza SAUNDERS	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
	W	57	F	Cowley, Oxford, England
	Rel:	Head		
Eliza SAUNDERS	Occ:	Nurse (S M S)		
	Occ:	Nurse (S M S)		
	Occ:	Nurse (S M S)		

Dwelling: **Bottom Of Village**

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John CROOK	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
	U	64	M	Studley,
	Rel:	Head		
Lizzie ROUND	Occ:	Ag Lab		
	Occ:	Ag Lab		
	Rel:	Daur		
Henry ROUND	Rel:	Daur		
	Occ:	Scholar		
	Occ:	Scholar		
Henry ROUND	Rel:	Son		
	Occ:	Scholar		
	Occ:	Scholar		

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	Rel:	Son			
Sarah M. ROUND			5 m	F	Iffley, Oxford, England
	Rel:	Daur			
Mary POPE			U	14	F Smethwick, Stafford
	Rel:	Step Daur			
	Occ:	Scholar			
Thomas T. POPE			U	12	M Smethwick, Stafford
	Rel:	Step Son			
	Occ:	Scholar			
Luke POPE			U	10	M Smethwick, Stafford
	Rel:	Step Son			
	Occ:	Scholar			
Sarah J. ALLEN			U	32	F Tipton, Stafford
	Rel:	Visitor			
	Occ:	Ladys Companion			
Caroline DAVIS			U	24	F Finmere, Oxford
	Rel:	Serv			
	Occ:	Cook Dom Serv			
Sarah A. PRICE			U	21	F Wolverhampton, Staffor
	Rel:	Serv			
	Occ:	House Maid Dom Serv			

1891 Census

Registration District Headington

Registration Sub-district Saint Clement

Enumerator Mr Benjamin Coles

Boundary – The whole of the Township of Horton cum Studley, Township and Chapelry in the Parish of Beckley including Horton Village and Studley Priory.

Boundary – The whole of the Chapelry or Hamlet of Studley in the Parish of Beckley. Including Studley Village, Warren Farm and Cottages beyond and White Cross Green, Gardener's Barn Farm.

Houses Horton cum Studley Oxon

Inhabited 61

Uninhabited 4

Tenements of less than five rooms 38

Persons Males 121, Females 131, Total 252 Traveling

Hawker 4 Males 5 Females Total 9

Studley Bucks (crossed out) Oxon

Inhabited 15

Uninhabited 1

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Tenements of less than five rooms 9

Persons Male 46, Female 33. Total 79

Total Persons Male 171, Female 169. Total 340

Parliamentary Division Mid Oxon (Part of)

The 1891 census had a column “Number of rooms occupied if less than five”.

There seems to some confusion as to which county “Studley” was in. The census says Bucks then crosses it out and puts in Oxon. It was, and still is in Bucks. The census also puts Whitecross Green in Bucks, although in the 1881 Census has it in Oxfordshire. The c1991 Map shows the county boundary to the south of the present boundary and puts Whitecross Green in Bucks.

The 1891 Census

M = Married, U = Unmarried, W = Widow or Widower, Ag

Lab = Agricultural Labourer

Lower Green Road (This appears to cover what is now Church Lane and Ragnalls Lane)

1

Jacob Haynes	Head	M	51	Farm Servant	Horton cum Studley
Eliza Haynes	Wife	M	41	Noke	
Oliver Haynes	Son	U	19	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
Rose Ann Hayes	Dau	U	14	Domestic Servant	Fencott
Esther Haynes	Dau		5	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Ada Haynes	Dau		4	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Eva Haynes	Dau		2		Horton cum Studley
George Haynes	Son		1		Horton cum Studley
Alma Bessie Haynes	Dau		2 months		Horton cum Studley
Ann Coggins	Wife's Mother	W	71		Oddington

2

Thomas Jones	Head	M	54	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
Caroline Jones	Wife	M	51		Stanton St John
Alice J Jones	Dau	U	24		Horton cum Studley
Herbert Jones	Son	U	21	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
Alfred Jones	Son	U	19	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
Leah Jones	Dau	U	13	No Occupation	Horton cum Studley
Thomas Jones	Son		11	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
Jessie Jones	Son		8	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Frederick A Jones	Gd Son		5	Scholar	Horton cum Studley

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3 (probably West Hill Farm. Cooper's farm was described as "Bottom of Village" in 1881

census)

Thomas Cooper	Head	M	40	Farmer	Murcott
Kate Cooper	Dau		9	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Louisa Cooper	Dau		7	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Ada Cooper	Dau		5	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
John Cooper	Father	W	82	No Occupation	Fencott
Alice Wyatt	Serv	U	16	Domestic Servant	Stoke
Talmage					

4

William Robbins	Head	M	36	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
Emma Robbins	Wife	M	35		Saffron Walden
Essex					
Anne Robbins	Dau	U	10	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
George E Robbins	Son		7	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Katie Robbins	Dau		5	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Limus Robbins	Son		2		Horton cum Studley

5

3 Occupied Rooms

John Brown	Head	M	39	Farm Labourer	Horton cum Studley
Emma J Brown	Wife	M	36		Beckley
Charlett Brown	Dau	U	16	No occupation	Horton cum Studley
Elizabeth Brown	Dau	U	12	No occupation	Horton cum Studley
Mary A Brown	Dau	U	8	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Amelia Brown	Dau	U	6	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Richard Brown	Son	U	5	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Laurie Brown	Dau	U	11 months		Horton cum Studley
Elthea Brown	Dau	U	6 weeks		Horton cum Studley

6

2 Occupied Rooms

Joseph Hicks	Head	M	34	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
Matilda Hicks	Wife	M	24		Charlton on Othmoor
Annie Hicks	Dau	U	4	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Joseph Hicks	Son	U	1		Horton cum Studley

7 – 4 Occupied Rooms

John Cox	Head	M	40	Sexton & Jobbing Gardener	
Horton cum Studley					
Eliza Cox	Wife	M	21		Tingewick Bucks
Arthur J Rose	Son	U	16	Farm Labourer	Horton cum Studley
Elsie J Rose	Dau	U	13	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
George Wm Cox	Son	U	8	Scholar	Westby
Herefordshire					
Edith Cox	Dau	U	5	Scholar	Horton cum Studley

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4 Occupied Rooms

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John Coles	Head	M	45	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
Elizabeth Coles	Wife	M	40		Horton cum Studley
Frank Henry Coles	Son	U	18	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
Agnes Coles	Dau	U	14		Horton cum Studley

9 4 Occupied Rooms

William Collett	Head	M	34	Wheelwright & Carpenter	
Murcott					
Charlotte Collett	Wife	M	38		London Middlesex
William Collett	Son		2		Horton cum Studley

The Collett family lived in Middle Green Road in the 1881 census. However people remember "Father" Collett the Methodist preacher and wheelwright living on the right beyond the church in Otnoor Road (Church Lane) now the site of Dufryn House.

Middle Green Road - probably the small lane that now leads to the Studio and Fieldfares off Church Lane.

10

Mary Binham Brooker	Head	W	38	Formerly a Schoolmistress	
Henly on Thames					
Anne Harris	Sister Visitor	m	46	Farmer's Wife	Horton cum Studley
Joseph Harris	Brother in Law		63	Farmer	Sibford Ferris Oxon
Eleanor Bordley	Niece Visitor		11	Scholar	Great Husely Oxon
Sarah Lambourne	Servant	U	36	Domestic Servant	Beckly Oxon

11 4 Occupied Rooms

Joseph Watson	Head	M	30	Carrier	Horton cum Studley
Sarah Watson	Wife	M	46		Adstock Warcs
Annie M Watson	Dau		8	Scholar	Piddington
Mary Eth Watson	Dau		6	Scholar	Horton cum Studley

12 4 Occupied Rooms

William Blake	Head	M	64	Farm Labourer	Arncott
Maryann Blake	Wife	M	63		Murcott

13

Ann Watson	Head	W	61	Charwoman	Brill
Henry Watson	Son	U	22	Farm Labourer	Horton cum Studley
Elizabeth Mears	Lodger	W	75	Pauper	Horton cum Studley

14 4 Occupied Rooms This is the cottage now demolished but still visible on the footpath between Mill Lane and Ragnall's Lane.

Albert Edw Gomm	Head	M	35	Stone Mason & Bricklayer	
Wheatley					
Amy Gomm	Wife	M	33		Stanton St John
Robert E Gomm	Son	U	10	Scholar	Wheatley
Albert H Gomm	Son	U	8	Scholar	Wheatley
Richard Gomm	Son	U	3		Horton cum Studley
Emily L Gomm	Dau	U	7 weeks		Horton cum Studley
Robert Gomm	Father	W	89	Stone Mason	Wheatley
George Gomm	Brother	U	54	Stone Mason	Wheatley

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15
Henry Steel Head U 62 Wood Dealer Beckley

Oxford Road

16
Kezia Robbins Head W 62 Butter & Eggs Saleswoman
Steeple
Claydon Bucks
William Robbins Son U 23 Ag Lab Horton cum Studley

Mill Lane Road

17
George Auger Head M 57 Ag Lab Horton cum Studley
Elizabeth Auger Wife M 55 Grocer Horton cum Studley
Ernest Auger Son U 19 Blacksmith Horton cum
Studley
Percival W Auger Son U 14 College Servant Horton cum
Studley

The village shop was in what is now called Mill Lane where number 1 & 2 are now situated.

There shop also had a number of outhouses. George Auger also farmed about 4 acres behind the shop. The school was behind the shop in the wasteland behind the church. The Auger's lived in Blacksmith's Lane in 1881 (next to the Almshouses). It appears that the shop moved between 1881 and 1891.

18 3 Occupied Rooms
William Stanton Head M 54 Ag Lab Horton cum Studley
Susan Stanton Wife M 54 Merton

Oxford Road

19 2 Occupied Rooms
William Green Head M 69 Ag Lab Horton cum Studley
Emma Green Wife M 68 Merton

20 2 Rooms Occupied
Amos Jones Head M 26 Ag Lab Horton cum Studley
Jane Maria Jones Wife M 26 Noke
Oxon
Thomas A Jones Son 4 Noke
Frederick W Jones Son 3 Horton cum Studley
Jones Son 0 weeks Horton cum Studley

21 4 Rooms Occupied
Jane Hicks Head W 61 No occupation Ambrosden
Oxon
James Hicks Son U 41 Ag Lab Horton cum Studley

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Jacob Hicks	Son	U	24	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
Esau Hicks	Son	U	24	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
Henry Hicks	Son	U	21	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
William Hicks	Son	U	18	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley

The track leading from the King's Arms led to Lower Farm. All that remains are two barns part of Manor farm. The farmhouse was destroyed by fire in about 1910. The overgrown and disused track still remains.

22 Brill Road – King's Arms

Aldrid Jon Stemner	Head	M	40	Licenced Victular	Williton Summerset
Sarah Stenner		Wife	M	41	Northampton
Alfred E J Stenner	Son	U	14	Scholar	Marylebone
Middlesex					
Charles C Stenner	Son	U	10	Scholar	Marylebone
Lily F H Stenner		Dau	U	11	Scholar
Marylebone					
Maude L V Stenner	Dau	U	5	Scholar	Harrington Worcs

In this census Brill Road appears to be from the King's Arms up the hill as well as the current Brill Road. The 1881 census calls the hill Oxford Road as far as the Priory and then

Blacksmith's Lane to the Brill Road.

Brill Road

23

Frederick Tims	Head	M	35	Gardener	Mill End Herts
Harriett Tims	Wife	M	34		Beckley
Lillie Tims	Dau	U	15	Servant	Mill End Herts
Alice Tims	Dau	U	13	Servant	Mill End Herts
Ethel Tims	Dau	U	11	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Frederick L Tims	Dau	U	8	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
George Wm Tims	Son	U	6	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Wallis Tims		Son	U	1	Horton cum Studley

24 4 Occupied Rooms

Thomas Morris	Head	U	47	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
Ann Morris	Mother	W	75	Pauper	Studley Bucks

25 4 Occupied Rooms

Frederick Rowberry	Head	M	31	Domestic Servant	Catheridge
Worcester					
Isabella Rowberry	Wife	M	27		Hereford
Wilfred Rowberry	Son	U	11 months		Saint Mary's
Worcester					
Isabella L Thaw	Step Dau	U	7	Scholar	Horton cum Studley

26 4 Occupied Rooms

John Stanton	Head	M	62	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
Sarah Stanton	Wife	M	57		Horton cum Studley

27 2 Occupied Rooms

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Thomas Wakelin	Head	U	27	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
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Lower Green Road

28	2 Occupied Rooms				
Ann Murray	Head	W	70	Pauper	Horton cum Studley

Brill Road (This may mean Oxford Road – The hill up to the Priory)

29	4 Occupied Rooms				
William Watts	Head	M	30	Domestic Servant	Wardhurst Sussex
Jane Watts	Wife	M	31		Charmouth Dorset
Walter Watts	Son		8 months		Horton cum Studley
Henry Oliver	Nephew		11	Scholar	Charmouth Dorset

30	4 Occupied Rooms				
Ann Cox	Head	W	63		Horton cum Studley
William Cox	Son	U	39	Ag Lab	Studley Bucks
James Cox	Son	U	31	Ag Lab	Studley Bucks

31					
John Pettigrew	Head	M	30	Gamekeeper	Scotland
Alice Pettigrew	Wife	M	26		Cookham Sussex
Christina L Pettigrew	Dau		4		Broadmoor Surrey

Note that the Henderson family, who owned most of the village, came from Scotland and probably bought their Gamekeeper with them.

32	Studley Priory				
Jessie Henderson	Head	M	50	Living on their own means	
Scotland					
Turner Henderson	Son	U	14		Marylebone London
Hilda Henderson		Dau	U	12	Marylebone London
Sarah Cameron		Governess	42	Governess	Glossall
					Hertfordshire
Thomas Wm Brown	Butler	U	33	Butler	Wootton Rivers
					Wilts
Mary Agnes West	Cook	U	31	Cook	Oakley
					Gloucestershire
Sarah Hins		Servant	U	29	Housemaid
Ruscombe Bucks					
Sarah Ann Wicks		Servant	U	19	Housemaid
					I
					Iffley Oxon
Ada Neal White	Servant	U	17	Kitchenmaid	Hurst Berks
Elizabeth Hawker	Servant	U	30	Laundry Maid	Tickhampton
Glos					

33	Almshouse – 2 Occupied Rooms				
Harriett Frost	Head	W	73	Long Crendon Bucks	

34	Almshouse – 2 Occupied Rooms				
Jane Priestley	Head	W	85	Glos	

35	Almshouse – 2 Occupied Rooms				
John Hicks	Head	W	86	Ag Lab	Gosford Oxon

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36 Almshouse – 2 Occupied Rooms

John Thornton	Head	U	41	Ag Lab	Clare Oxon
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37 Almshouse – 4 Occupied Rooms

Thomas Warland	Head	M	47	Farm Labourer	Horton cum Studley
Mary Warland	Wife	M	36		Horton cum Studley
John Warland	Son	Dau	U	7 Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Ada Warland	Dau	U	6	Scholar	Horton cum Studley

38

John H Higgins	Head	M	43	Farmer	Stanton St John
Ann Higgins	Wife	M	39		Islip Oxon
John H Higgins	Son	U	14	Farmer's Son	Horton cum Studley
Elizabeth Higgins	Dau	U	12	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Selina H Higgins	Dau	U	8	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Sarah James	Boarder	U	24	School Mistress	Forest of Dean

39

John Bradbury	Head	M	60	Ag Lab	Mursley Bucks
Mary Bradbury	Wife	M	66	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
Ellen Bradbury	Dau	U	29	Housemaid	Horton cum Studley
Ada Bradbury	Dau	U	23	Nurse	Horton cum Studley
Charles Hicks	Brother in Law	M	79	Pauper	Horton cum Studley

40

William Humphrey	Head	M	39	Blacksmith	Weston on the Green
John Humphreys	Brother	U	46	Blacksmith	Weston on the Green
Beatrice Bosley	Visitor	U	13	Laundress	South Weston Oxon

41 – 4 Rooms Occupied

John Stanton	Head	M	25	Ag Lab	Studley Bucks
Ada Stanton	Wife	M	24	Ag Lab	Boarstall Bucks
Thomas Stanton	Son		4		Boarstall Bucks
Anne Stanton	Dau		2		Horton cum Studley

42 Vicarage Brill Road

Samuel Auchmuty	Head	M	49	Vicar of Horton cum Studley	Blunsdon Wilts
Agnes J Auchmuty	Wife	M	55		Paddington London
Mary L Auchmuty	Dau	U	21		Oddington Glos
Penelope E Gay-Roberts	Visitor	U	10	Nuneaton Warcs	
Lewis Richard Croft	Boarder	U	62		Somerset
Ellen Cox	Servant	U	33	Cook Domestic Servant,	
Preston Bisset					Bucks

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Rose Cox	Servant	U	20	Housemaid Domestic Servant
Preston Bisset Bucks				
43	4 Occupied Rooms			
Phillis Hicks	Head	W	53	Charwoman Horton cum Studley
Barnet Hicks	Son	U	19	Ag Lab Horton cum Studley
Ethel Hicks	Dau	U	15	Housemaid Horton cum Studley
Mary Ann Hicks	Dau	U	13	School Monitor Horton cum Studley
44	3 Occupied Rooms			
Ann Stanton cum Studley	Head	U	57	Pauper Imbecile Horton
45	4 Occupied Rooms			
James Honour	Head	M	37	Ag Lab Muswell Hill
Elizabeth Honour	Wife	M	30	Horton cum Studley
James Honour	Son		4	Horton cum Studley
Ann Honour	Dau		1	Horton cum Studley
46	2 Occupied Rooms			
William Hayes	Head	M	62	Ag Lab Horton cum Studley
Sarah Hayes	Wife	M	57	Crendon under Wod Bucks
James Hayes	Brother	U	60	Ag Lab Studley Bucks
47				
John Budd	Head	W	74	Living on own means Horton cum Studley
George Budd	Son	U	39	Thatcher Horton cum Studley
Walter Richd Budd	Son	U	15	Ag Lab Horton cum Studley
Florence Budd	Dau	U	17	Horton cum Studley
48	4 Occupied Rooms			
James Bristow	Head	M	57	Ag Lab Brill Bucks
Jane Bristow	Wife	M	59	Ag Lab Oakley Bucks
Walter Bristow	Son	U	11	Ag Lab Brill Bucks
Ann Bristow	Dau	U	12	Ag Lab Brill Bucks
49				
James Haynes	Head	M	42	Rural Postman Horton cum Studley
Mary Hayes	Wife	M	38	Stanton St John
Walter J Hayes	Son	U	12	Ag Lab Stanton St John
Arthur Richard Hayes	Son	U	11	Ag Lab Horton cum Studley
Sarah Bessie Hayes	Dau	9	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Edith Emma Hayes	Dau	7	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Hilda Lane Hayes	Dau	5	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Kate Anne Hayes	Dau	3		Horton cum Studley
Ruth Rose Hayes	Dau	2		Horton cum Studley
Louisa Amy Hayes	Dau	11 months		Horton cum Studley

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Michael Merry	Head	M	44	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
Ann Merry	Wife	M	48		Deddington
51					
Richard Brinkler	Head	M	62	Farm Labourer	Horton cum Studley
Sarah Brinkler	Wife	M	58		Brill Bucks
52 – 3 Occupied Rooms					
James Jones	Head	M	65	Shepherd	Horton cum Studley
Sarah Jones	Wife	M	65		Horton cum Studley
52a Same House					
James Jones	Head	M	27	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
Sarah Ann Jones	Wife	M	26		Oakley, Bucks
53					
James Green	Head	M	33	Brickmaker	Northleigh Oxon
Emma Green	Wife	M	33		Deddington Oxon
Amos Green	Son	U	5		Horton cum Studley
Henry Green	Son		3		Horton cum Studley
54 (probably Studley Farm House)					
George Chitty	Head	M	30	Farm Bailiff	Yateley Hants
Emily Chitty	Wife	M	30		
Warwickshire					
Gladys L Chitty	Dau		3 weeks		Horton cum Studley
(Gladys was actually included below 56 at bottom of the page and was probably added later)					
Oakley Road					
55					
Benjamin Coles	Head	M	60	Farm Bailiff	Horton cum Studley
Mary Ann White	Servant	W	53	Housekeeper	Iffculm [Ilfracombe?]
Devon					
56 – 3 Occupied Rooms					
Harry Auger	Head	M	31	Blacksmith	Forest Hill
Pamela Auger	Wife	M	35		St Giles, Oxford
Gertrude Auger	Dau		5	Scholar	Forest Hill
Harry Auger	Son		3		Horton cum Studley
Lydia Auger	Dau		3 months		Horton cum Studley
Emily Maule	Sister	U	22		Stanton St John
(presumably Pamela's sister)					
57 – 2 Occupied rooms					
Matthew K Pimm	Head	U	27	Ag Lab	Studley Bucks
Mary Pimm	G Mother	W	79	Pauper	Boarstall Bucks
58 – 4 Occupied rooms					
Thomas Blake	Head	M	77	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
Mary Blake	Wife	M	74		Stanton St John
59 – 2 Occupied rooms					
Joseph Blake	Head	W	52	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley

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Elizabeth Blake	Dau	U	14		Horton cum Studley
Henry Thomas Blake	Son	U	12	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley

60 –4 Occupied rooms

Joseph Hicks	Head	M	67	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
Matilda Hicks	Wife	M	61	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
Henry Hicks	Son	U	21	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley

61

Robert Coates	Head	M	31	Farmer	Murcott
Mary Ann Coates	Wife	M	38		Fencott
Henry Coates	Son		10	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
John Albert Coates	Son		8	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Herbert Jas Coates	Son		6	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Robert Coates		Son		18 months	Horton cum Studley
Raymond Kirkland	Nephew	U	16	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley

62 Oakley Road Uninhabited

Caravans passing through Horton cum Studley on April 6th

63 Brill Road

John Bland		W	62	Chair Bottomer	Not Known
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64

Henry Davis	Head	M	26	Flag? Basket Maker	
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Tetsworth

Lower Green Road

65

Susan Davis	Wife	M	22	Flag? Basket Maker	
Abingdon					
Jane Smith	Head	M	30	Travelling Tinkers	Bedford
Comfort Smith	Dau		9		Bedford
William Smith	Son		4		Bedford
Jane Smith	Dau		2		Nap Hill

Surrey

66 Oakley Road in tent

Henry White	Head	M	40	Hawker	Brighton
Sussex					
Alice White	Wife	M	38		Brentford Middlesex

Studley - ~~Bucks~~ (Crossed out) Oxon Rural Sanitary District – Headington Parliamentary

Division Mid Oxon Ecclesiastical Parish – Saint Barnabus

1

Gardener's Barn Farm

Reuben Malin	Head	M	35	Farmer	Boarstall
Julia Mary Malin	Wife	M	33		Boarstall
Edwin W Malin	Son		6		

Waterperry

Oxon

Horace E Malin	Dau (sic)	5			
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Waterperry

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Richard Malin	Son		4		
Waterperry					
Edward Malin	Son		2		
Waterperry					
Reginald Malin	Son		7 months		Studley
Bucks					
Mary Smith	Servant	U	19	Domestic Servant	Brill
Bucks					
Brill Road					
2	4 Occupied Rooms				
George Jones	Head	M	32	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
Eliza Jones	Wife	M	29	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
George Jones	Son		9	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Herbert Jones	Son		7	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Annie Jones	Dau		5	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
Hilda Jones	Dau		2		Horton cum Studley
3	4 Occupied rooms				
Charles Merrey	Head	M	47	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
Jane Merrey	Wife	M	40	Ag Lab	
Woodstock					
Alice Merrey	Dau	U	18	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
Bertram Merrey	Son		14	Ag Lab	Studley Bucks
Aubrey Merrey	Son		12	Ag Lab	White Cross Green
Beatrice Merrey	Dau		9	Scholar	Studley Bucks
Albert Merrey	Son		7	Scholar	Studley Bucks
Eva Merrey	Dau		4		Studley Bucks
Jesse Merrey	Son		2		Studley Bucks
4	4 Occupied rooms				
Thomas Stanton	Head	M	67	General Labourer	Luddershall
Bucks					
Levi Jones	G Son		11	Scholar	Horton cum Studley
5	4 Occupied rooms				
Joseph Nixey	Head	M	37	Ag Lab	Oakley
Bucks					
Ellen Nixey	Wife	M	26	Ag Lab	Shabbingdon Bucks
John Taylor	Step son		6	Scholar	Shabbingdon Bucks
Rosemary Nixey	Dau		2		Shabbingdon Bucks
6					
Albert Blake	Head	M	41	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
Ellen Blake	Wife	M	42	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
William Thos Blake	Son	U	16	Ag Lab	Studley Bucks
Maud G Blake		Dau		3	Studley Bucks
7					
Warren Farm					
Ellis Parker	Head	M	40	Farm Servant	Horton cum
Studley					

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Caroline Parker	Wife	M	40		Horton cum Studley
Albert Parker	Son		11	Scholar	Studley Bucks
Fanney Parker	Dau		9	Scholar	Studley Bucks
Arthur Parker	Son		7	Scholar	Studley Bucks
Alfred Parker	Son		5	Scholar	Studley Bucks
Elizabeth Parker	Son		3		Studley Bucks
George Parker	Son		2		Studley Bucks
Anne Parker	Dau		11 months		Studley Bucks

8 4 Occupied rooms

Thomas Guntorp	Head	M	35	Ag Lab	Oakley Bucks
Sarah Ann Guntorp	Wife	M	27		Charlton on Otmoor
Walter George Guntorp	Son		8	Scholar	Charlton on Otmoor
Charlie Guntorp	Son		6	Scholar	White Cross Green
Louisa Guntorp	Dau		3		White Cross Green
Ernest Albert Guntorp	Son		1		Studley Bucks

9 3 Occupied rooms

David Brooks	Head	M	30	Ag Lab	Oakley Bucks
Sarah Ann Brooks	Wife	M	27	Ag Lab	Oakley Bucks
Edward Joseph Brooks	Son		2		Oakley Bucks

10 3 Occupied rooms

William Busby		Head	M	30	Ag Lab
Murcott					
Eliza Busby	Wife	M	37	Ag Lab	Little London Bucks
William Guntorp	Father in Law	W	70	Pauper	Boarstall

11 3 Occupied rooms

William O Stanton	Head	M	35	under Gamekeeper	Horton cum Studley
Maria Stanton	Wife	M	29		St Ebb's Oxford
Albert George Stanton	Son	M	5		Studley Bucks
Ida Ruth Stanton	Dau		4		Horton cum Studley
Heather Rose Stanton	Dau		3		Studley Bucks
Lizzie Leah Stanton	Dau		1		Studley Bucks

Whitecross Green

12

James Thomas Cox	Head	U	22	Farmer	White Cross Green
Ellen Martha Cox	Sister	U	24	Housekeeper	White Cross Green
Murray Dean Cox	Brother	U	10	Scholar	White Cross Green

13

William Cox	Head	M	45	Farmer	Horton cum Studley
Emily Mary Cox	Wife	M	42		Charlton on Otmoor
Ernest Wm Cox	Son	U	22	Farmer's Son	Charlton on Otmoor
Frederick J Cox	Son	U	20	Farmer's Son	White Cross Green
Matthew Jas Cox	Son	U	18	Farmer's Son	White Cross

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Arthur Digby Cox	Son		10	Scholar	Green
Martha Wharton	Servant	U	15	Domestic	White Cross Green Little Milton Oxon

14	4 Occupied rooms				
Jesse Cox	Head	M	24	Ag Lab	Boarstall Bucks
Emily Cox	Wife	M	20	Ag Lab	Fencott
Arthur Cox		Son		2 months	Fencott

Brill Road

15					
John Badger	Head	M	52	Farmer	Murcott
Annie Badger	Wife	M	42	Farmer's Wife	Merton Oxon
Henry Badger	Son	U	16	Farmer's Son	Murcott
Bessie Ann Badger	Dau	U	13	Farmer's Daughter	Murcott
Rosemary Badger	Dau	U	10	Farmer's Daughter	Murcott
William Thos Badger	Son		3		Murcott

1 Uninhabited house

End of Parish of Studley

1901 Census Horton cum Studley

Registration District *Headington* Registration Sub-district *Saint Clement* Boundary – The whole of the Township of Horton cum Studley, Township and Chapelry in the Parish of Beckley including Horton Village and Studley Priory. Boundary – The whole of the Chapelry or Hamlet of Studley in the Parish of Beckley. Including Studley Village, Warren Farm and Cottages beyond and White Cross Green, Gardener's Barn Farm. Road.

Street or Name of house

Houses

Name & Surname of each Person

Relation to head of family

Condition as to Marriage

Age last birthday M F

Profession or occupation

Worker or Own Account

Where born

1	Studley Priory		1		
Harry Coppard	Servant	M	33	Butler (Domestic)	Worker Brighton Sussex
Margaret Mills	Servant	S	26	Laundry Maid	Headington
Maria Brooks	Servant	S	20	Housemaid Domestic	Standslake Oxon
Emily Sheppard	Servant	S	35	Cook (Domestic)	Haddenham Bucks
Arnold Jessop	Servant	S	16	Footman	Botley Berks

2 Studley Vicarage 1

Tim Hallchurch

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Herbert A Inais	Head	M	39	Clergyman of the Church of	
England	Jamaica WI				
Mary E Inais	Wife	M	43	Unreadable	
Amelia Edwards	Servant	S	32	General Servant	Charlton on Otmoor
3	Studley Farm(Studley Farmhouse)				1
Frederick J Kirby	Head	S	26	Farmer	Employer Oakley
					Bucks
Ellen E Kirby	Sister	S	21		Boarstall
BucksFrank Kirby	Brother	S	18	Farmer	Worker Oakley
					Bucks
Anne Hicks	Servant	S	14	General Servant	Horton cum
					Studley
4	Brill Road				
James Green	Head	M	44	Brick & Tile manufacturer	
				Employer	Oakley Bucks
Emma Green	Wife	M	43		
Amos Green	Son	S	15	Groom Own account	Horton cum
					Studley
Henry Green	Son	S	13	School	Horton cum Studley
William Green	Son	S	7	School	Horton cum Studley
George T Green	Son	S	5	School	Horton cum Studley
5	Brill Road 1				
Michael Merrey	Head	M	55	Agricultural Labourer	Worker
Horton cum Studley					
Ann Merrey	Wife		M	58	Horton cum Studley
6	Brill Road				
James Haynes	Head	M	58	Postman	Horton cum Studley
Mary Haynes	Wife	M	48		Horton cum Studley
Kate A L Haynes	Dau	S	13	School	Horton cum Studley
Ruth Rose Haynes	Dau	S	14	School	Horton cum Studley
Louisa Amy Haynes	Dau	S	10	School	Horton cum Studley
Herbert W Haynes	Son	S	8	School	Horton cum Studley
James Haynes	Son	S	7	School	Horton cum Studley
7	Brill Road 1				
James Briscoe	Head	M	67	Carman on Farm	Worker
Horton cum Studley					
Jane Briscoe	Wife	M	69		Worker Brill Bucks
Walter Green	Grandson	S	21	Carter on Farm	Worker Brill
					Bucks
8	Brill Road 1				
George Budd	Head	M	42	Thatcher on Building	Worker
Horton cum Studley					
Emma Budd	Wife	M	40	Worker	Studley Bucks
Ethel Budd	Dau	S	6	School	Horton cum Studley
Albert Budd	Son	S	3		Horton cum Studley
William Coe	Bro in law	S	49	General Labourer	Worker
					Horton cum Studley

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9	Brill Road 1					
William Haynes	Head	M	72	Ag Lab Worker	Horton cum Studley	
Sarah Haynes	Wife	M	67		Crendon Bucks	
10	Brill Road 1					
James Honour	Head	M	47	Road Labourer	Worker	
					Murswell Hill Bucks	
Elizabeth Honour	Wife	M	40		Horton cum Studley	
Annie Honour	Dau	S	11	School	Horton cum Studley	
George Honour	Son	S	9	School	Horton cum Studley	
Kate Honour	Dau	S	3		Horton cum Studley	
Aubrey Honour	Son	S	1		Horton cum Studley	
11	Brill Road 1					
Barnett Hicks	Head	S	29	Ag Lab Worker	Horton cum Studley	
12	Brill Road 1					
James Jones Senior	Head	M	75	Shepherd on Farm	Worker	
					Horton cum Studley	
Sarah Jones	Wife	M	75		Horton cum Studley	
3	Same house					
James Jones Junior	Head	M	38	Ag Lab Worker	Horton cum Studley	
Sarah Jones	Wife	M	37		Oakley Bucks	
Margaret Jones	Dau	S	9	School	Horton cum Studley	
Lydia Jones	Dau	S	6	School	Horton cum Studley	
Sydney Jones	Son	S	3		Horton cum Studley	
Verney Henry Jones	Son	S	11mths		Horton cum Studley	
14	Brill Road 1					
George Jones	Head	M	40	Carter on Farm	Worker	Horton cum
Studley						
Eliza Jones	Wife	M	38			Horton cum Studley
George Jones	Son	S	18	Cater on Farm	Worker	
						Horton cum Studley
Herbert Jones	Son	S	15	Ploughboy on Farm	Worker	
						Horton cum Studley
Annie Jones	Daughter	S	14	Worker		Horton cum Studley
Hilda Jones	Dau	S	11	School		Horton cum Studley
Harriet Jones	Dau	S	8	School		Horton cum Studley
Thomas Jones	Son	S	5	School		Horton cum Studley
Ethel Jones	Dau	S	3			Horton cum Studley
Percy Jones	Son	S	1			Horton cum Studley
15	Brill Road 1					
Charles Merrey	Head	M	57	Ag Lab Worker		Horton cum Studley
Jane E Merrey	Wife	M	50			Horton cum Studley
Alice Merrey	Dau	S	28			Horton cum Studley
Aubrey Merrey	Son	S	22	Ag Lab Worker		Horton cum Studley
Albert Merrey	Son	S	17	Ag Lab Worker		Horton cum Studley
Eva Merrey	Dau	S	14			Studley
Jesse Merrey	Son	S	12	School		Studley
Ernest H Merrey	Son	S	9	School		Horton cum Studley

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Margaret H Merrey Dau S 5 School Horton cum Studley

16 Brill Road 1

John Stanton Head M 35 Worker on Farm Worker
Horton cum Studley

Ada Stanton Wife M 34 Boarstall Bucks
Thomas Stanton Son S 14 Worker on Farm Boarstall Bucks
Annie Stanton Dau S 13 School Horton cum Studley
Katie Stanton Dau S 9 School Horton cum Studley

17 (Opposite Priory) 1

Robert Kirtland Head M 31 Blacksmith Own account Fencott Oxon
Rose Kirtland Wife M 32 Kidlington Oxon
May Kirtland Dau S 5 School Horton cum Studley

18 Oakley Road 1

John Cox Head M 30 Groom & Gardener Worker Horton cum Studley
Eliza Cox Wife M 31 Tingewick Bucks
Edith Cox Dau S 15 Worker Horton cum Studley
Reginald G Cox Son S 9 School Horton cum Studley
Mabel Cox Dau S 8 School Horton cum Studley
Katherine Cox Dau S 5 School Horton cum Studley

19 (Moors Farm?) 1

Alfred Powells Head M 50 Farmer Employer Charlton on Otmoor
Mary Ann Powell Wife M 46 Murcott Oxon
Emily M Powell Dau S 25 School Teacher (Art 68)
Alfred J Powell Son S 14 School Charlton on Otmoor
Frederick J Powell Son S 11 School Blackthorn Oxon

20 1

William Robbins Head M 46 Ag Lab Worker Horton cum Studley
Pamela Robbins Wife M 45 St Giles Oxford
Tinus (sic) Robbins Son S 12 School Horton cum Studley
Harry Auger Step son S 12 School Horton cum Studley
Lydia Auger Step Dau S 10 School Horton cum Studley

21 1

Mary Blake Head Wid 84 Stanton St John
Joseph Son Widower 50? Ag Lab Worker Horton cum Studley
Henry Thomas Blake Gd Son S 22 ? on farm Worker Horton cum Studley

22 1

Frank H Coles Head M 28 Ag Lab Worker Horton cum Studley
Lizzie Coles Wife M 33 Stoke Lyne Oxon
Mary Dale Step Dau S 12 School Stoke Lyne Oxon

23 Village Road 1

John Bradbury Head M 74 District Road Labourer
Mursley Bucks

24 (Main Street) 1

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William Watts	Head	M	38?	Coachman (Domestic)	Wadhurst Sussex
Jane Watts Wife	M	39			Charmouth Dorset
Walter E Watts	Son	S	10	School	Horton cum Studley
William A Watts	Son	S	8	School	Horton cum Studley
Florence J Watts	Dau	S	6	School	Horton cum Studley
Albert Ernest Watts	Son	S	6	School	Horton cum Studley
Henry Charles Oliver	Nephew	S	23	Army Service Volunteer	Charmouth, Dorset
25	1				
Edith Coppard	Wife	M	32		London Middlesex
Eric Coppard	Son	S	4		Portslade Sussex
Arthur Coppard	Son	S	3		Brixton Surrey
Evelyn Coppard	S	S	11 m		Portslade Sussex
26	1				
John Thornton	Head	S	57	Ag Lab Worker	Horton cum Studley
27	1				
David Messer	Head	Widower	84	Ag Lab	Long Crendon,
Bucks					
28	1				
Harriett Frost	Head	Wid	83		Long Crendon,
Bucks					
29	1				
John Pettigrew	Head	M	39	Game Keeper Worker	Scotland
Alice E Pettigrew	Wife	M	35		Coatham Sussex
Christina S Pettigrew	Dau	S	13	School	Broadmoor Surrey
Donald Pettigrew	Son	S	8	School	Horton cum Studley
Jessie G Pettigrew	Dau	S	1		Horton cum Studley
30	1				
Amos Jones	Head	M	37	Carter for brickmaker Worker	Horton cum Studley
Jane Marie Jones	Wife	M	36		Noke
Oxon					
Thomas A Jones	Son	S	14	Stable Boy (Domestic) Worker	
Noke Oxon					
Frederick W Jones	Son	S	12	School	Horton cum Studley
Horace Eli Jones	Son	S	10	School	Horton cum Studley
Oliver Percy Jones	Son	S	4		Horton cum Studley
Frances E Jones	Dau	S	1		Horton cum Studley
31	1				
Ann Stanton	Head	S	66		Horton cum Studley
32	1				
John E Stanton	Head	M	72	Ag Lab Worker	Horton cum Studley
Sarah H Stanton	Wife	M	67		Horton cum Studley
33	1				

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Thomas Warland	Head	M	57	Ag Lab Worker	Horton cum Studley
Mary Warland	Wife	M	46		Horton cum Studley
John Warland	Son	S	20	Groom Worker	Horton cum Studley
Sarah Brinkler	M in Law	Wid	68		Brill Bucks

35	1				
William H Millward	Head	M	55	Gardener	Domestic Worker
Abbotts ??? Bucks					
Mary Millward	Wife	M	45		Aston Birmingham
36	1				
Thomas Morris	Head	S	57	Ag Lab Worker	Horton cum Studley
Ann Morris	Mother	Wid	85		Studley Warren Oxon
Sarah Lambourne	Servant	S	45	Domestic servant	Worker Beckley Oxon

37	1				
George Templar	Head	Widower	??	General Labourer	Worker Arncott Oxon

38	1				
Arthur Cleaver	Head	M	35	Publican	Own Account Barton Oxon
Gertrude Cleaver	Wife	M	31		Stonesfield Oxon
Grace E Cleaver	Dau	S	9	School	Coombe Oxon
Gerald W Cleaver	Son	S	4	School	Horton cum Studley

39	Mills's Lane (<i>Mill Lane</i>)		1		
Elizabeth Auger	Head	Wid	66	Grocer	Own Account Horton cum Studley
Ernest G Auger	Son	S	29	Corn Carrier	Own Account Horton cum Studley

40	1				
William Stanton	Head	M	64	Ag Lab Worker	Horton cum Studley
Susan Stanton	Wife	M	64		Merton Oxon
Agnus Grace	G Dau	S	26		Horton cum Studley

41	1				
William Green	Head	M	77	Ag Lab	Horton cum Studley
Emma Green	Wife	M	76		Merton Oxon

42	1				
Jane Hicks	Head	Wid	72		Arncott Oxon
James Hicks	Son	Son	51	Carman on Farm	Worker Horton cum Studley
Easaw? Hicks	Son	S	35	Carman on Farm	Worker Horton cum Studley
William Hicks	Son	S	29	Ag Lab	Employed at home Horton cum Studley

43	Lower Green Road		1(<i>West Hill Farm area</i>)		
Joseph Hicks	Head	M	44	Farm Bailiff	Worker Horton cum Studley
Matilda Hicks	Wife	M	34		Charlton on Otmoor
Frederick Hicks	Son	S	7	School	Horton cum Studley

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Aubrey C Hicks	Son	S	4	School	Horton cum Studley
Mabel Ethel Hicks	Dau	S	2		Horton cum Studley

44

Ellen Jane Friend?	Head	S	33	Elementary School Teacher	Kent Canterbury
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45

Mary B Brooker	Head	Wid	48	Housekeeper	Henley on Thames Oxon
Joseph W Hicks	Visitor	S	11	School	Horton cum Studley
Elizabeth L Walker	Servant	S	18	General Servant (Domestic)	Cassington Oxon

46

William Collett account	Head	M	44	Wheelwright Carpenter Own	Murcott Oxon
Charlotte Collette	Wife	M	43		London W
William Collett	Son	S	12	School	Horton cum Studley
William G Steggall	Bro in Law	M	35	Brass Worker	Worker London W

47

John Coles	Head	M	54	Ag Lab	Worker Horton cum Studley
Elizabeth Coles	Wife	M	52		Horton cum Studley
Hilda Dunbar	Grd Dau	S	8	School	Bayswater London

48

Henry Hicks	Head	S	31	Carter on farm	Worker Horton cum Studley
Jacob Hicks	Brother	S	35	Cowman on farm	Worker Horton cum Studley

49 1

Isaac Hicks	Head	M	53	Farm Labourer	Worker Horton cum Studley
Emma Hicks	Wife	M	56		Horton cum Studley

50

John Brown	Head	M	49	Farm Labourer	Worker Horton cum Studley
Emily S Brown	Wife	M	45		Beckley Oxon
Richard Brown	Son	S	15	Plough Boy on Farm	Worker Horton cum Studley
Louisa Brown	Dau	S	13	School	Horton cum Studley
Emily Polly Brown	Dau	S	10	School	Horton cum Studley
Elthiale R Brown	Gd Dau	S	10	School	London

51

Thomas Jones	Head	M	64	District Road Labourer	Worker Otmoor Road Horton cum Studley
Caroline Jones	Wife	M	61		Stanton St John

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Herbert Jones	Son	S	31	Farm Labourer	Worker Horton cum Studley
Thomas Jones	Son	S	26?	Bricklayer's	Labourer Worker Horton cum Studley
52					
William Blake	Head	M	74	Farm Labourer	Worker Arncott Oxon
Mary Ann Blake	Wife	M	73		Murcott Oxon
53					
Thomas Wakelin (now Ragnalls House)	Head	M	38	Ag Lab Worker	Horton cum Studley
Rhoda Wakelin	Wife	M	32		Islip Oxon
Elizabeth R Wakelin	Dau	S	6	School	Horton cum Studley
Thomas Wakelin	Son	S	4	School	Horton cum Studley
Alice Wakelin	Dau	S	2		Horton cum Studley
54	1				
Albert E Gomm	Head	M	46	Stone Mason Worker	Wheatley Oxon
Mary Gomm	Wife	M	44		Stanton St John
Robert E Gomm	Son	S	21	Mason Labourer Worker	Wheatley Oxon
Albert H Gomm	Son	S	16	Mason Labourer Worker	Wheatley Oxon
Richard Gomm	Son	S	13	School	Horton cum Studley
Emily L Gomm	Dau	S	10	School	Horton cum Studley
Amy Alfreda Gomm	Dau	S	3		Horton cum Studley
55	North End of Village	1(Whitecross Green)			
Henry Sniby?	Head	M	46	Shepherd/Milkman on farmWorker	Charlton on Otmoor
Mary Ann Sniby ¹	Wife	M	38		Bicester Oxon
Ann Matilda Sniby	Dau	S	10	School	Stanton St John
56	1				
Thomas Cooper	Head	M	52	Farmer Employer	Murcott Oxon
Mary E Cooper	Wife	M	43		Bicester Oxon
Kate Cooper	Dau	S	19	Elementary School Teacher	
Horton cum Studley					
Ada Cooper	Dau	S	16	Dairy Maid Employed at home	
Horton cum Studley					
Norman? Cooper	Son	S	12	School	Horton cum Studley
57	1				
Benjamin Coles Studley	Head	S	70	Estate Bailiff Worker	Horton cum
Caroline Watts Oxon	Servant	S	61	Housekeeper Domestic	Shutford West
58	1				
John Ayres	Head	M	63	Cattleman on FarmWorker	Boarstall Bucks
Sarah Ayres	Wife	M	53	Dairy Worker on Farm	Frinkford?

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Frederick Ayres

Son

S

14 Ploughboy on Farm Worker

Oxon

Brill

Bucks

Some entries on the census have been difficult to read as some entries have been scored by thick pencil obscuring the writing. These are marked ?.

1. The S and T are very similar in the writing on the census. This name could also be 'Triby'.

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Chapter 18

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This book covers the history of the village from the Stone Age to the end of the 20th century.

Horton cum Studley has been called by various names. Before the 17th century it was Asham, Studley and Hortun, Asham disappeared and it became Hortun and Studley, Bucks, then Horton with Studley and finally Horton cum Studley. Studley was spelt Stodeley during the 16th and 17th century.

The village saw action in the Civil War in the 17th century and was bombed in the Second World War. At the beginning of the 20th century about of 85% the villagers worked on the land, but by the end of the 20th century this had been reduced to less than 5%.

The Domesday book gives us a rough population as about 90-120 and may have been over 500 in the Middle Ages. On studying George Sergeant's 1641 map there appears to be about 40 homesteads in Studley. This includes the priory and almshouses. Assuming four persons per house with rooms in eight almshouses, the population will have been nearly 200.

As the map was drawn up for the Studley Priory estate it does not show Horton except the present Mill Lane and a substantial house in what is now Church Lane, probably the half timbered Ventfield Farm house that is opposite the present church. The name Ventfield is named after the large enclosure and has been transferred to a second farm next to West Hill farm.

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Horton had at least two farms, Ventfield and Lower Farm now West Hill. There are remains or records of a further 10-15 houses and the population would have been between 50-70. The total population would have been between 150 and 200 not far from the 1901 total. This includes Whitecross Green that was then part of the parish.

The population fell to just over 200 in 1901. However, the population has increased since then:

The population from the censuses was 351 (1851), 384 (1871), 252 (1891), 213 (1901), 453 (1991), 443 (1993), 437 (1996), 431 (2001); also the number of households has increased 78 (1851), 88 + 2 uninhabited (1871), 61 + 4 uninhabited (1891), 58 (1901) 171 (1993), 172 (1996), 175 (2001). The 1901 census appears to have excluded Whitecross Green.

The focal point has been the Priory that lasted from 1176 until the disillusion of the monasteries in the reign of Henry VIII and then owned for over 300 years by the Croke family. The research for the village History could go on forever and there is bound to be further information still not located. There may well be another edition in about 10 years.

Councillor, Major Timothy T Hallchurch MBE has lived in the village since 1984 and has previously written a book on his own family history and published 'Voyage of the Atalanta to South Australia Colony 1866', the diary of an ancestor who sailed from Plymouth in January 1866.

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