

Wolvercote Local History Society

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AGRICULTURE

Lott Meadow Enclosure Decree 1697/98 Photocopy of
Record Office Dash. XVI/i/a/24

Twenty years of Wolvercote Community Orchard 1993-2014
Ed Tim Metcalfe

1875 Auctioneer's poster for 6 acres of arable land

ST PETER'S CHURCH

Chamberlain, Fred, *Recollections of Wolvercote as it was in 1910* (1962) 20pp typescript. Reminiscences of Fred and his father William, Clerk of the Parish Council. Character sketches of H.O. King (p 1), Revd Edward Sydenham (p. 5), Abel Warmington the Sexton (p 7) Joseph Castle (p 19). Rawson Charity (p 9)

Scarr, J.R. (transcriber), *The Parish Registers of St Peter's Wolvercote 1596-1840* (1979) 155 pp typescript. List of clergy who officiated (p 87 and 131-134) includes Newman and Denison. Index of surnames (pp138-155)

Revd M.J.Ottaway, *Envelope 1*

1929 Letter from Revd F.W.Langton to Revd Rebbick reminiscing about clergy in Oxford
undated UMCA sale advertisement

undated Letter from A.H.Stanton to Revd Rebbick on curates and clergy. "J.H.Newman was 'off. Min.' in August & Sept 1830 in all three registers and also in Burial Jan '31. He was at a 'loose end', deprived of pupils in Oriel."

1928 Newspaper cutting death of wife of Revd S.Edwardes, and 1939 of the Langtons.

1949 Details of services at Wolvercote Church left by Revd P.E.Rebbick on leaving.

1947 Newspaper photo from *The Times* 'Walking on the river'

undated Good Friday 8.00 pm service announcement

1933 Good Friday services

1931 Invitation to opening of the new maternity department at the Radcliffe Infirmary

1931 Newspaper cutting listing Miss Middleton's will: "£1000 to the vicar and churchwardens of Wolvercote, the income to be applied at Christmas in each year for coals and clothing for the poor of Wolvercote (including Cutteslowe) without distinction of creed, to be called the "Henry and Martha Middleton Charity".

Undated genealogy of the Middletons

1930 Revival programme led by Mr Ted Rogers

1930 Good Friday services

1929 Petition to the PCC about the removal of the piano from the Church Room

1929 Printed programme for Holy Week

1928 Notice of CEMS meeting

1928 Concert programme

1928 Rogation procession, lists the 6 banners that are still held by the church.

1906 Photocopy of Revd B.H.B.Attlee's sketch map of Wolvercote

1821 Photocopy of T.Gregory's sketch map of Wolvercote

1929 Newspaper cuttings about churchyard extension, plus other papers relating

Revd M.J.Ottaway, *Envelope 2*

1859 Receipt re temporary place for services while church being re-built

1854 Letter re ownership of school site

1931 CEMS order form

1905-06 Diocesan Report of Church of England Temperance Society

1906 Announcement of CEMS meeting in Town Hall

1908 Letter from Merton Bursar denying liability for Vicarage gate

1907 Two letters from Revd F.W.Langton (Vicar 1889-95) to Revd B.H.B.Attlee (Vicar 1901-09) re previous vicars.

1908 Letter from Revd H.A.Redpath (Vicar 1880-83) about a photograph

1972 / 1912 Newspaper cutting re funeral of fliers Hotchkiss & Bettington

1964 Newspaper cutting 'When coal came to Oxford by barge'

1965 Newspaper cutting 'Watery weekends at Wolvercote'

1958/1908 Newspaper cutting re Show

1910 Form of service to commemorate late King Edward VII

1976 Newspaper cutting 'The day the Wolvercote vicar was thumped'

Revd M.J.Ottaway, *Envelope 3*

Undated sample baptism cards

Undated Legend of St ffrediswyde at St Margaret's Holy Well

1928 Newspaper cutting about Easter Services and the churchyard extension

1929 Letter from Revd B.H.B.Attlee to Revd P.E.Rebbick. "As Warden Brodrick once said 'Mr Attlee your writing resembles the track of an inebriated spider ...'."

1927 Photocopy of newspaper cutting about St Peter's 'perpetual debt' to St Peter-in-the-East

1964 Newspaper cutting 'When coal came to Oxford by barge'

1906 Resignation note of James Stone, Clerk of Wolvercote Church

1909 Letter from Revd F.Bennett to Revd B.H.B.Attlee about whether children used to be allowed to leave before the sermon at Mattins

1909 Constitution and Rules of the Oxford Diocesan Conference

undated Manuscript description of the Rogation Day procession 'revived at Wolvercote as it has been elsewhere.

The evening was unfortunately very cold but some five hundred people took part in the service. The Revd W.D.Sergent gave an address on the Goose Green from a wagonette kindly provided by Mr Butler. The procession passed over the railway bridge through the lower village saying the special litany suggested by the Bishop. The vicar preached from the wagonette near the Toll Bridge. And the procession returned over Port Meadow to the third station on the Woodstock Road where a lesson was read. Then to the church for final prayers and blessing."

1887 Table of fees

1860 Wages

1909 Day of Intercession for foreign missions

1909 Seating plan for parochial tea
 1907 SPG appeal
 1905-09 Summary of accounts
 1904 Account for repairs to church, principally £36 for repair of organ loft
 1909 Thank you letter from The Queen's Hospital for Children, Bethnal Green, for hampers of flowers ("The hampers were returned to you this morning.")
 1900 Notice from the Diocesan Registry of Revd B.H.B. Attlee's institution.
 1922 Memorial service for Florence Hedges
undated Prayers for Private Use by the Late Canon Bellairs
 1909 Page from Parish Magazine
 1907 Ancient Order of Foresters' Friendly Society (includes a list of members)
 1910 Form of service in commemoration of His Late Majesty King Edward VII
 1922 Organ Restoration Fund cards (signed by Birkenhead, Bonar Law, Marie Corelli, and Leverhulme.

Teresa Lisemore, Isobel May, Virginia Royds, Alma Woods, *St Peter's Church – Survey of monuments 1983-84* (1984) 61 pages including plans of churchyard and updated plan 2010 showing gravestones moved to make way for new Parish Room. Includes a 6-page index of names.

Miscellaneous papers relating to St Peter's Church, including publicity for stewardship campaigns.

Parish magazine cuttings 1875-1877
 May 1875 "The testimonial subscribed for in the parish, has been presented to Mr Bellairs. It consisted of a small service for Private Communion, and a large and handsome Bible. Nothing could be more appropriate than this present for one who is just going to be called to the priesthood, ..."

1886-95 (the backs of the pages are numbered in sequence 1-113 and cover the period when F.W.Langton was Vicar)
 Sept 1890 On Thursday October 16th, Evensong will be sung, and a sermon will be preached in accordance with the regulations of Catherine Rawson's Charity. Mrs Catherine

Rawson fixed October 16th as the day on which the annual service should be held, because it was the anniversary of her baptism.

Dec 1891 A meeting will be held in the Schoolroom on Tuesday next, Jan 5th, at seven o'clock at which I shall be glad to see all members of our congregation and those who are interested in the welfare of the Church. An opportunity has occurred of obtaining what seems to be a suitable Organ for the Church. An Organ has often been wished for, and I believe would be a great improvement to our Services, and I hope would be for the greater glory of God. To make way for a larger instrument, the organ in S Margaret's Church is to be removed, and we can purchase it for a very reasonable sum.

A later magazine contained the subscription list: 76 contributions ranging from Mr H.O.King's £3 to quite a few of 1/-.

[The amount actually contributed was £32 5s, and the cost of the Organ and the expenses connected with it came to £31 8s, leaving a balance in hand of 17s.]

May 1893 "The Church has lately been brightened by new lamps in the North Aisle. Lamps for the Nave, and other improvements, it is hoped will follow; there would be no doubt about it, if the Collections could be kept up to at least £1 a week." [Elsewhere the accounts for the year show the seven new lamps at £2 5s 6d].

Dec 1893 "It is probably owing to the dryness of the summer that our Church walls are giving way in several places. In the north aisle below one of the windows there is an extensive settlement which has cracked the wall and damaged the window ..."

[Bishops Denison and Hamilton of Salisbury, Blomfield of Colchester, Richardson of Zanzibar]

August 1895 (109) Churchyard extension fund headed by Mr J Castle £5 5s 0d, followed by Duke of Marlborough and Canon Bellairs (each £5) and finishing with 'The Police Constable' 6d and Mrs Petty 3d

Sept 1895 (111) "It is with sincere regret that the Vicar [F.W.Langton] has to announce that within the next two months he must leave Wolvecote to take charge of the Parish of Ponteland [Northumberland], in succession to Bishop Richardson."

1905-06

March 1905 Organ fund £175

Oct 1906 "Miss S.Rowland is retiring from the Post Office, which she has managed for so many years so well. ... Mr Chamberlain is taking over the business."

1932-33 Revd P.E.Rebbeck

1932 Jan: Middleton estate brought £86 18s 4d to St Peter's

April: re the United Missionary Sale – "There is very little in Oxford to draw Churchpeople together, and create a wider sense of fellowship."

Dec: "And if we buy books and encourage others to buy them, we shall be helping employment in Wolvercote by providing work for the paper mill."

1933 Sept: "Two vases of shaded green Cornish pottery have been given to the church for altar flowers."

1933 Nov: "My dear People, This is just the right moment. I am convinced of that. We must go ahead with our plan of building a new Vestry. Full steam ahead. All hands on deck. Both feet on the gas." "I know that my great failing is that I don't like asking people for money; people often tell me I don't ask for enough ... We have been having some very mangy collections lately."

Manilla folder tied with red tape:

Family history research including, Hicks, Middleton, Saxton, Hall, Hedges, Swann, Hicks, etc.

Also, *Copy of a list of inscriptions in St Peter's Church, Wolvercote, many of which are now wholly or partly illegible, compiled by Mr William Plowman, September 1882.*

... and various lists analyzing the registers by 'Occupation', 'Early deaths', and 'Accidents'.

Wolvercote War Memorial
 Chart by Mike Ledger showing details for each person
 named on the memorial. Compiled 2008.

Miscellaneous

Consecration of Woolvercot Church 31 May 1860 *Oxford
 Journal* 9 June 1860

Scrap book 1949-83 Revd Michael Ottaway
 Includes 1960 centenary service, Lawrence Dale's 1962 map
 cover for the parish magazine, 1956 parish mission, 1957 re-
 casting of bells, and various festivals.

Letter from Revd Edward Sydenham to Miss Emma
 Robinson (5 April 1927) about reference for a post as
 Assistant Matron at the Radcliffe Infirmary. Letter of
 acknowledgement from Revd Mark Butchers 18 Nov 2013.

Waywarden scheme: warden's card and larger card for
 placing in window to ask for help.

29 May 2015 Advertisement in *The Church Times* for a Vicar
 of Wolvercote with Wytham.

19 Nov 2015 Service of Institution, Induction, and
 Installation of the Revd Charles Draper

2015 St Peter's Church Guide (24 pages with photos)

Added 2015 from Mrs Helga Lane

*28 October 2015 Letter from Helga Lane explaining how she came
 by the items listed below.*

21 Aug 1893 Letter from the Vicar of Wytham to Revd F W
 Langton asking him to 'take my week day duty'. Also 'It is ,
 of course, just possible that you will not care to mix yourself
 up with either myself or parish in consequence of the recent
 vile report. A report as false as anything could well be.'

15 May 1894 Letter from the Duke of Marlborough to Revd
 F W Langton asking whether a proposed sale of work could

be postponed from 7 July until August when ‘... I could practically promise that either Lady Blandford or my sisters would be most willing to come over and either open or in some way support your sale of work.’

Letter 26 July 1895 Letter from F W Langton from the Warden of Merton College accepting the living of Ponteland in Northumberland, saying ho sorry he will be to leave Wolvercote ‘... where I should be quite content to remain all my life’.

24 March 1896 Letter from Mr Osborn King to Revd F W Langton in Ponteland with local news, including comments on the new vicar: ‘Mr Sargent’s services are so similar to yours ... he has maintained the forward movement in every way (excepting in the spelling of Wolvercote which he has fallen on).’

1890s photograph of Wolvercote Vicarage

1890s photograph of south exterior of St Peter’s Church

1890s photograph of interior of St Peter’s Church

Two 1890s photographs of large groups with extremely large St George’s flag (?beating the bounds)

2015 Reports on church life

EDUCATION

St Edward’s School 1863-1988 24 pp

Wolvercote School – a short history Bronwen Ward (1982) plus miscellaneous papers including information about Old Church House

2015 additions from Helga Lane and now on loan to Wolvercote School:

Five 1890s class photographs and one of staff

Miscellaneous estimates and receipts from Chas. C. Robinson (Carpenter, Builder, Undertaker, and House Decorator – Lower Wolvercote) relating to work he undertook on classroom extensions to Wolvercote School in 1891-92.

FLYING & DISASTERS

Royal Flying Corps 1912-1918 in Oxfordshire by Peter Wright. (1985) 32 pp. Contains photos of Port Meadow as an airfield.

Centenary Event marking 10 Sept 1912 Bettington & Hotchkiss crash.

Oxford Journal Illustrated 17 & 18 Sept 1912. Details of the Wolvercote aeroplane disaster.

Frank Goodden RFC by Peter Wright. (1987) Copy of article about early flying at Wolvercote

Newspaper article relating to canal boat fire deaths in 1996.

2016 appeal leaflet for WW1 Aerodrome memorial

1912 post card of funeral cortege for flyers

TRANSPORT

Newspaper articles relating to improvement of the bridge over the railway in 1964

A34 viaduct improvement 2004.

Canal Bridge 236 rights of way. Letter 1980

1920s poster advertising bus fares

Road bridge building in 1930s.

Proposals for permanent moorings by Wolvercote allotments. 1987

Level crossing. Papers contain a reference to a piece of broad gauge rail.

Bus timetable 1986

10 July 2015 Announcement about work on Cutteslowe and Wolvercote roundabouts

23 July 2015 announcement about Bicester-Oxford rail project

2016 City 6 bus timetable

2016 Photo Mount Edgcumbe Cathedrals Express

c1900 photograph of re-building the bridge by the Trout Inn

2016 letter from Network Rail about track enhancement

2016 Flyer announcing extension of Cotswold Line to Oxford

VILLAGE HALL

Article by Theresa Lisemore on history of the hall

1930 broadsheet proposing village hall

c1934 manuscript notes by W.Muscott on early proposals for village hall

1987 June: Programme for 'Wolvercote Midsummer Party' (contributed by Ann Spokes Symonds in Nov 2014)

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLUB

Letter 1957 by Father Carter about formation of club

Newspapers articles

BAPTIST CHURCH

History of Wolvercote Baptist Church by Revd J.E.Morgan-Wynne (1985)

CUTTESLOWE

John Lambourn's memories (2007) 3 pp + maps

Prehistoric: *The Wolvercote Channel Handaxe Assemblage* (1986) An extract of 10 pages

GODSTOW

History (undated) 7 pp

A watching brief at Godstow article in 1994 Oxford Archaeological Unit newsletter

The Buildings of Godstow Nunnery by David Ganz
Oxoniensia (1972)

A description of Godstow and the Thames (1987) written by the lock keeper

The Godstow Ring (*photo*) in the British Museum (G40/dc14/sC). Early 15th century. Inscription inside:
Most in mynd and yn myn heart
Lothest from you fertto departt

HOUSES

1 Osborne Close title

Collection of 1976 letters forming part of children's project to date houses by writing to owners:

14 Wolvercote Green Letter from K Venney

Old Church House

Bedford House

17 Wolvercote Green letter from John Wain

77 Godstow Road

27 Wolvercote Green

39 Wolvercote Green letter from Ray Venney

53 Meadow Prospect

The Close, Church Lane

also Ulfgar Road, St Peter's Road, Pixie Place, and Churchill Place

Church Farm House sale prospectus 1952

Church Farm House sale prospectus 1947

Mill Road

Wolvercote Lakes 1912 sale details

Listed buildings extracts from undated document from the Department of the Environment

Inventory of historical monuments in the City of Oxford (1939)

'The building of the new vicarage for St Peter's, Wolvercote 1961-64' by Professor Elizabeth Mckellar. Includes information about building of houses in Mere Road and nearby (2016)

PEOPLE

Rowland family

Lord Moore (2009) obituary from *The Times*

Dr Nina Cartwright

Census return 1891

Howell family

Collett family

Gregory family

Miss Doering aka Paraffin Liz or The Horse Woman

Henry Osborn King

Ron Bateman

1841 Census

1851 Census

1871 Census

'Blue Ridge Rockets' photo of Martin Smith (34 Rosamund Road) and other musicians taken in Rosamund Road, perhaps in 1980s (*given October 2014*)

Correspondence relating to Bishop Philip Strong and his parents Warrington and Posie, who lived in Wolvercote c1940-1955

COMMON LAND

Sheriff's Races 1980 programme
 Celebrating 80 years of the Wolvercote Commoners'
 Committee 1929-2009 36 pp
 Port Meadow by Alison McDonald (1984) leaflet from
 Oxford Civic Society
 Goose Green Pre-mix concrete application 1958
 Letter from John Patten MP concerning common land 1992
 Spring 2014 newsletter from Save Port Meadow Campaign
 relating to new student flats
 1982 Photos of the Port Meadow round-up

WILLS

Allen, William, builder St Thomas, Oxford 1855 Will
 Badger, William, 'coardwinder' 1737 Will
 Ball, John, yeoman 1711 Will & inventory
 John, victualler, 1841 Will
 Sarah, widow, 1833 will
 William, miller, Wytham 1827 Adminsitration bond
 Beckford, Hugh, fisherman, Godstow 1711 Will
 John, yeoman. St John's, Oxford, 1692 Will
 Booden, Thomas, labourer 1714 Will
 Brittain, John, the elder, yeoman 1704 Will
 Cheriton, Mathew, gentleman, 1642 Will
 Church, Thomas bachelor 1797 Administration bond
 Coldry John, husbandman 1679 Will & inventory
 Collins, Anne widow 1589 Will
 Nicholas, yeoman 1630 Inventory
 Richard, husbandman 1587 Will & inventory
 Richard, yeoman 1662 admin bond & inventory
 Richard, gentleman 1681 admin bond
 Crutch, Edward, yeoman 1751 will
 John, labourer 1787 will
 Day, Thomas, labourer, c1627 Will & inventory
 Dewe, Peter, labourer, 1724 admin bond & inventory
 Drewett, Henry, 1800 admin bond
 Dubber, Annis, widow, 1636 Will & inventory
 Richard, husbandman, 1626 Will & inventory
 Richard, husbandman, 1705 admin bond
 Faichen, Ann, widow, 1809 will
 Stephen, yeoman, 1818 admin bond

William, gentleman, 1790 will
 Forest, Margaret, widow, 1584 Will
 Freeman, William, cordwinder, 1786 Will
 Gallaway, Elizabeth, widow, 1674 Inventory
 Giles, Gyles, John, blacksmith 1644 Inventory
 Phillipa, widow, 1669 Will & inventory
 Goodyear, Richard, husbandman, 1614 Will & inventory
 Gregory, Thomas, gent., Henley, 1717 Inventory
 Hall, Joseph, yeoman, 1712, Will
 Marlin, widow, 1683 Will & inventory
 Mary, widow, 1714 Will & inventory
 Richard, the elder, yeoman, 1681 Will & inventory
 Richard, yeoman, 1704 Will
 Halle, Thomas, labourer, 1633 Inventory
 Hamilton, John, the elder, cordwainer, 1805 Will
 Hanks, Nathanell, 1685 Will
 Hitches, Henry, husbandman, 1581 Will & inventory
 Richard, 1624 Inventory
 Hopkins, Dorothy, widow, 1631 Will & inventory
 Hopkyns, John, 1566 Admin
 Margaret, widow, 1611 Will (incomplete) & inventory
 Thomas, husbandman, 1625 Inventory & account
 Thomas, 1661 & 1672 Will
 Horne, Stephen, yeoman, 1643 Will
 Howell, John, the elder Will
 John, gentleman, 1779 Admin
 Jackman, John, 1644 Account
 Jervis, Thomas, labourer, 1588 Will
 Kent, Stephen, labourer, 1688 Will & inventory
 Thomas, yeoman, 1728 Will
 Low, Mathew, carpenter, 1689 Admin & inventory
 Matthews, Thomas, the elder, farrier, 1748 Will
 Mullyneux, Richard, 1588 Will
 Oglesby, George, labourer, 1753 Will
 Osborn, Andrew, baker, 1744 Will
 Osbourne, Michael, Cutteslowe, 1723 Admin & inv.
 Polly, Richard, 1637 Admin & inv
 Prickett, Richard, labourer, 1627 Inventory
 Prykett, William, Will
 William, the younger, 1587 Will
 Prince, Edmund, yeoman, 1643 Admin & inv

Quelch, John, senior, victualler, 1727 Will
 Seal, Thomas, millwright, 1787 Will
 Sellwood, John, 1790 Will
 Sheers, Anthony, weaver, 1729 Will & inv
 Sherly, John, carpenter, 1710 Will & inv
 Smith, Smyth, Elizabeth, widow, 1683 Will
 George, yeoman, 1705, Will
 George, yeoman, 1725, Will
 Jane, widow, 1828 Will
 Joseph, millwright, 1816 Will
 Thomas, yeoman, Water Eaton 1756 Will
 Springall, Robert, wheelwright, 1711 Admin & inv
 Styles, John, labourer, 1697. Admin & inv
 Thrush, Dinah, 1742 Admin
 Webb[e], John, yeoman, 1681 Will
 Weller, Ethelbert, yeoman, 1714, Will & inv
 Wellar, John, yeoman, 1707 Will & inv
 Wren, Martha, widow, 1841 Will
 Yorke, George, yeoman, 1662. Admin & account & inv
 Young, John, husbandman, 1630 Will & inv

MAPS

Osborne Close 1/500
 Home Close 1/2500
 Copy of 1834 enclosure map
 Wolvercote Paper Mill 1/2500
 Cutteslowe field names
 1935 deeds relating to land that is now Meadow Prospect

GENERAL

Kathy Worton Scrapbook (2004) Cuttings from the *Oxford Times* 1976-1990

Ration books from Second World War

Wolvercote Mill summary of deeds

Allotment Association Rules

Wolvercote Women's Institute 1918-28 by V. Royds (1989)
 20 pp [damage from glue needs attention]

Ghost stories unattributed

Rawson Charity

Webb's brickworks newspaper article, undated

The Trout Inn undated early 20th century prospectus. 24 pp. photos

Paper mill demolition newspaper article March 2004

Community Orchard website

St Peter's and Wolvercote History compiled by Martin Parmentier for the 1976 exhibition

Toll Bridge History and legal opinions on upkeep (1873/74)

Rawson Charity and Poor's Plot Papers c 1991 relating to access across the railway

Gregory Sketchbooks copies of line drawings made c 1820-1830 now in Oxfordshire History Centre. A few are of St Peter's.

Dec 1894 Copies of three letters from Mr Osborn King relating to Parish Council elections

Postcards, etc, including Godstow Road, Elmthorpe Road

c.1910 print of watercolour of Godstow Bridge by Sir William Russell Flint (1880-1969)

1987 *Wolvercote Warbler* and various papers relating to Wolvercote's independence 29-30 August

2016 Leaflet from Neighbourhood Forum

2016 Reports from political parties

2016 Wolvercote & Wytham Artweeks leaflet

2016 Midsummer Festival Programme

Wolvercote Parish Magazine

1942

April: Arthur Collett reported missing in Malaya

May: Vicar Revd P E Rebbeck notes death of former vicar Bernard Attlee. "The late Mr H O King often told me that in Mr Attlee's day they talked of enlarging the church. ... The population of the parish is now three times what it was in his day, and I am afraid we cannot honestly say that there is any need to enlarge the church. But we shall have to do something after the war to provide better accommodation for the swollen Sunday School."

Also June & July.

1944

April: number on electoral roll 361

June: launch of a church hall fund

Sept:

Nov: references to the black out of the church windows. 16 October was 300th as anniversary of the baptism of Katharine Rawson.

1945

Feb: P E Rebbeck's Lent resolution.

April. May. June. Dec.

1946 June. July. Aug. Nov. Dec

1947 Aug. Consecration of North Aisle altar. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.

1948 June

1950 Jan. Feb. March. April. May. June. July PCC vote on churchyard memorials – none to be of marble or of polished or painted stone. Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.

1951 Jan. Feb Mar 'death of Miss Hylde Bellairs' Apr. May. June July 'A quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260) rung on 8 May on eve of the Festival of Britain'. Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. (cost 2 ½ d circ 550). [No 1952-53]

1954 July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec

1955 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sept Dec

1956 Jan 'Though the parish church of St Peter, Wolvercote, has a few fragments of 13th century glass which came from Merton College ...' Feb Mar Apr '359 names on electoral roll' May Jun Jul 'Appeal for £2500 for renovation of bells & organ' Aug Sep 'The launching of Mr Macmillan's Premium Bonds' Oct Nov Dec

1957 Jan Feb Ap. *Etc*

1958

1959 May RIP Lawrence Dale Oct *Rawson Charity 250 anniv*

1960

1961

1962 Feb *Lord Fisher's ring*

1963 Fb *Church roof treated for woodworm*

1964

1965

1966 May *bound copies of 1861 magazine lost* June *Sexton's shed*

1967 Feb *Ann Spokes* March *400 on electoral roll*

1968 Feb *Tower repairs* March *421 roll* Oct *Nave altar*

1969 March *new lighting* Aug *Moon landing* Nov 80 @ Sunday School

1970 June *Introd synodical govt . Ref to White Beams planted in 1952, one then infected*

1971 *400 communicants at Dec 1970 Christmas* Oct *Series III*

1972 Apr *Bishop's Easter letter raises environmental issues*

1973

1974 May *H W Bellairs* June *Memorial Fund* July *dedication of new central altar*

1975

Ambit, etc

1976

First issue free to every house in the parish (3000 copies), thereafter 5p 12pp

August Dedication of Piper window

Nov Controversy re Commoners Committee

Dec Playgroup's tenth birthday

1977

Jan 14 pp

Feb

July Mrs Tollett 'Victorian and Edwardian Wolvercote'
August II (including mention of the Mill bell that rang at
5 am, 12, 1, and 6.00)

Nov Church roof redone at cost of £7701

1978

Jan Wolvercote Green Canal Bridge preserved from
demolition

April Ruth Fasnacht on the Gregory manuscript

July Bert Wilkins and the fish candlesticks

August Richard Cobb on the service at Godstow Nunnery

1979

Nov Fred Chamberlain, now living in Cornwall, celebrates
his 80th birthday

1980

March: Billy Graham's mission to Oxford

June: Bert Wilkins' gift of lamp for tower at St Peter's

Aug: *Ambit* circulation 700

Nov: article on Thomas Combe by Margaret Fleming

Report on Sheriff's Races by Roger Green

1981

Aug: Sheriff's Races

1982

Aug: Shiplake Ditch by Alison McDonald

1983

Feb: The Middleton Charity

March: Bert Wilkins provided 'some neatly fitting metal
covers for the gullies round the church'

May: Loft-Simpson on the organ refurbishment and a
suggestion that it should be reviewed in 2010

June: the over-50-year-link with the New Guinea Mission –
Beating the bounds

July: Michael Ottaway's reference to the stone slab under
the altar 'bearing five crosses which may have been the

pre-Reformation altar'. Other references to links with the Oxford Movement.

Dec: retirement Michael Ottaway

1984

June: Virginia Royds on the church memorial survey

1985

Oct: Paraffin Annie

1988

August: Medley Boat Station

November: Horses on the Common

1989

April: Ann Spokes on David Walter

1990

Feb: editorial marking the 15th year of *Ambit*

May: church thefts

July: departure Revd Gordon Murray

Nov: College Pool

1991

1992

January: St Peter's tower 40th anniversary (but note additional inf from Ray Venney Feb. – "Bells have been rung in Wolvercote prior to 1707: in that year five bells were recast from an existing peel.")

Feb: re-building of St Peter's churchyard wall

March 1992: St Peter's re-wired

Aug: name changes – Pixey Mead, Airman's Bridge, College Pool

Oct: sixtieth anniversary of Wolvercote Village Hall – a brief history

Special issue for St Peter's Fabric fund – details of repairs to the tower, & brief church history

1993

June: St Peter's sundials

1994

Feb: Trout tickling in Wolvercote

June: the orchard project

July: the Braaks & pike

Aug: Rev Arthur Adcock & Second World War memories of
Wolvercote

Sept: history of Wolvercote Baptist church

Dec: memories of Revd Dr Attlee

1995

May: Royal Flying Corps & Port Meadow

June: roof repairs at St Peter's. And new boiler.

July: Peter Stone's reminiscences. The iron fence at 171
Godstow Road.

Sept: discovery of Civil War gorget

1996

Jan: St Peter's churchyard

May: retirement of John Gillett, newsagent

Gap in production

Dec:

1997

Jan: new sewer system

Feb: A34 & porous asphalt to reduce noise

Aug/Sept: Wolvercote Young Peoples' Club name change
after 58 years

Dec: obituary for the paper mill

1998

Feb/March: death of Ron Bateman. Pond project dropped.

April/May: new lock gates at Godstow Lock

Aug/Sept: Port Meadow & reference to Victorian pleasure
walks

Oct/Nov: introduction of green recycling boxes

Nov/Dec: tree planting on Goose Green in memory of Ron
Bateman

1999

Jan/Feb: threat of Australian Swamp Stonecrop on Port Meadow

May/June: footpath dispute near Airman's Bridge
End of publication

Orbit

2001

April: Port Meadow closed by Foot & Mouth disease

Dec: Sun dials on St Peter's. Wolvercote Green

End of publication

Wolvercote News

2004

May: destruction of paper mill chimney

2005

Jan: Gerald Collett's reminiscences

April: Gerald Collett on Godstow Road

Nov: obituary Betty Couling

2006

March: Ray Venney obituary

2007

March: The Hurst

End of publication

The Flying Goose

NORTHERN GATEWAY

2014 March: Questionnaire relating to Area Action Plan, and background notes from Wolvercote Neighbourhood Forum

2015 February: details of consultation event

MILL SITE

2015 February: Consultation letter from University of Oxford Asset & Space Management, and questionnaire

early 1980s: brochure advertising paper made and the mill
and used for food labels – reproduces contemporary labels