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## BOOKS, etc

*Victoria County History: Wolvercote*

Ann Spokes Symonds, *The changing faces of Wolvercote with Wytham and Godstow* (1997) *Two copies*

Ann Spokes Symonds, *The changing faces of Wolvercote with Wytham and Godstow 2/e* (2011)

Roger Green, *The Old Plough Inn, Wovercote and other Oxford Poems* (n.d.)

*And a second copy*

H.Carter, *Wolvercote Mill* (1957)

H.Carter, *Wolvercote Mill* (1974) *second edition*. [From Doris & Eric Neale]

## AGRICULTURE

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

John Rowland and the Wolvercote Enclosure Award 1834 (Notes from Dr Alison McDonald 16 Oct 2018)

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Twenty years of Wolvercote Community Orchard 1993-2014

Ed Tim Metcalfe

Wolvercote Community Orchard brochure (March 2019)

1875 Auctioneer's poster for 6 acres of arable land

Romano-British pottery near 90 Linkside Avenue

Text of talk by Ann Spokes Symonds for Wolvercote Festival June 2014

*Grasslands of the Upper Thames*: extract from historical account by Dr Alison McDonald

*Farms in Wolvercote 1943*: handwritten list of 6 farms and their owners/managers in Wolvercote and 4 in Wytham

*Farms in Wytham*: handwritten notes (*from Ann Spokes Symonds*)

Ridge & furrow near Pear Tree

## ST PETER'S CHURCH

### 3.1 Registers

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)

### 3.2 Ottawa Collection

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.

### *3.3 Grave stones*

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.  
 a digital copy is available on the St Peter's Church website (Heritage)

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.

### *3.4 Fabric*

26 Sept 2014 Launch organ appeal

Photo labelled of inauguration of Piper window

1987 proposal for building on Old School Room

John Bushnell: sculptor of Sir David Walter bust

### *3.5 Partnership*

*Ecumenical Parish of Wolvercote with Summertown*: agenda for first ecumenical meeting 1987

Dec 2003 the Ecumenical Parish

Report 20221-22

### *3.6 Services*

#### *3.7 Stewardship*

*St Peter's Church:* letter launching Parish Fund October 1989 (£13,205 pledged by that date)

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

#### *3.8 Vicars*

*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 how 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).'

21 April 2005 Photo of Licensing Revd Mark Butchers.

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

**16 Sept 2021** Service of Institution, Induction, and Installation of the Revd Kate Tuckett

### *3.9 Miscellaneous*

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)

Letter from Will Carter, Cambridge, re his lettering for the Piper Window. 10 Nov 1976

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

Photo of War Memorial in *Oxford Journal Illustrated* 29 Oct 1919  
[The memorial was listed as a Grade II monument in October 2017]

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.

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

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 (also 2021-22)

2017 Feb 25 Inaugural Recital of the new organ (with description of organ)

Annual Parish Meeting 1971, 1972, 1975

New organ appeal

c 2014 named bell ringers

June 2007 History of the bells

1956 A brief history – booklet

Covid and the church. 21 March 2020

§ St Peter's Bellringers leaflet 2023

## 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) for work he undertook on classroom extensions 1891-92.

Letter 22 June 1977 from *Dame Janet Vaughan*\* to Ann Spokes Symonds re strike at school. [\*Haematologist and Principal of Somerville College 1945-67. Lived at Fairlawn End.]

Article on school's early history by Ann Spokes Symonds

Notes for a talk by Ann Spokes Symonds for WLHS (48 attended)

Undated school photo (some named)

1950s outing to Burnham Beeches (some named)

28 April 2016 *Oxford Times* article about opening new classrooms

'Independent school's 130-year-old project for quad is finally unveiled'  
*Oxford Times* 16 June 2016

'An archaeological evaluation at Wovercote Primary School' by John Moore Heritage Services September 2013

### FLYING & DISASTERS

Royal Flying Corps 1912-1918 in Oxfordshire by Peter Wright. (1985) 32 pp. Contains photos of Port Meadow as an airfield.  
*and a second copy from Doris & Eric Neale*

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

Port Meadow aerodrome memorial May 2018

Various papers relating to Airmen's Memorial (unveiled 23 May 2018)

1911 balloon ascent at Wolvercote

'Planes over Port Meadow' *Current Archaeology* Feb 2021

Airfield activity sheet

### TRANSPORT

#### 6.1 Buses

1920s poster advertising bus fares

Bus timetable 1986

2016 City 6 bus timetable

*Wolvercote minibus proposal*: letter from Oxford Bus Company July 1986 with route and timetable

*In Touch* news sheet Feb 1987, refers to gate and bollards by The Plough on Wolvercote Green, and popularity of the Nipper bus service

Nipper Bus Timetable: from 15 Oct 1990

No 6 bus timetable July 2001 & Jan 2022

### *6.2 Canal*

Canal Bridge 236 rights of way. Letter 1980

Proposals for permanent moorings by Wolvercote allotments. 1987

'*A strange name*' article by Ann Spokes Symonds about the name 'Ball's Bridge' or perhaps more correctly 'Siding bridge'

'The history of our canal' article by Ann Spokes Symonds

Duke's Cut *Jnl of the Railway & Canal History Soc* 1964

### *6.3 Roads*

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

A34 viaduct improvement 2004.

Road bridge building in 1930s.

10 July 2015 Announcement about work on Cutteslowe and Wolvercote roundabouts

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

Toll Bridge not Airmen's Bridge

1981 *Oxford Times* Toll Bridge repairs

14 Feb 2020 Letter re A34 Wytham/Godstow Rd bridge refurbishment

### 6.4 Railway

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

23 July 2015 announcement about Bicester-Oxford rail project

2016 Photo Mount Edgcumbe Cathedrals Express

2016 letter from Network Rail about track enhancement

2016 Flyer announcing extension of Cotswold Line to Oxford

2017 ticket machine instructions at Parkway station

Network Rail – letter about work on the line 2017

Photo: 'Cathedrals Express' 28 June 2018

Letter about railway work May 2018

Photograph of steam locomotive "Duchess of Sutherland" at Wolvercote  
24 Aug 2019

§ Map of route of Oxford Worcester & Wolverhampton Railway

§ Records relating to OWW Railway Number on Plan/Description of  
Property/Owners or Reputed Owners/Lessees or Reputed Lessees/Occupiers

c1989 a railway round Oxford

East-West Rail Consultation summary March-June 2021

### 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'

Village Hall Annual Report Oct 2016 & 2017; Minutes AGM 2019 & 2020

Invitation to 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary tea (unveiling of stained glass window)

March 1930 & call for donations

1989 *Hallo Wolvercote*

2021 postponed AGM

### NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

9 Oct 2019 Agenda and Report, and Minutes 10 October 2018

Draft Spatial Policies

Local Referendum leaflet 6 May 2021

AGM Nov 2022 minutes

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLUB

Letter 1957 by Father Carter about formation of club

Wolvercote Young People's Club brochure (Summer 2019)

Wolvercote Young People's Club Newsletters Dec 2018 & June 2019

Article in *Oxford Times* 13 Jan 1989

Article in *Oxford Mail* 18 April 2011

Article in *Oxford Mail* 5 June 2002

### 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

Walls

Cotteslowe Park by Ann Spokes Symonds

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> century. Inscription inside:  
Most in mynd and yn myn heart  
Lothest from you fertto depart

*Godstow Nunnery* by Laurence Binyon. A play for women in one act. 1930

Godstow information board *Oxford Times* 28 July 2016

'Medieval tiles from Godstow Abbey' illustrated print out from Ashmolean website 18 June 2015

Bod MS Top Oxon C.334 1636 survey of Nunnery Property

1996 Peter Stone on otters and tickling trout

Godstow Weir replacement 2022

Thames navigation *Jnl Rlwy & Canal Hist Soc* 1963

§ Background to 2016 Godstow Abbey information board

## 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)

10 Dec 1976 Letter from Director of Housing Office gives dates for building in Ulfgar Rd, St Peter's Rd, Pixie Place, and Churchill Place.

Manor Farm House: cover of sale prospectus 1969 and three maps of the farm

Undated sale details for Manor Farm

2010 Lakeside house

## PEOPLE

Rowland family

Contemporary oil portrait of John Rowland

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 [also interviews with people who remembered her:

Henry Osborn King

Ron Bateman

Rhymes Family: photos of the Smithy and Football Team 1908

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

Correspondence relating to Bishop Philip **Strong** and his parents

Warrington and Posie, who lived in Wolvercote c1940-1955

**Mrs Sanders** (First Turn and 29 Wolvercote Green) – unsorted letters to a girl from Wales who she took in during the 1926 General Strike and with whom she subsequently kept up a correspondence during the 1930s-60s. Photos of First Turn and The Plough.

Baroness **Faithfull** of Wolvercote: notes on her life by Ann Spokes Symonds

Wolvercote 1911-55: recollections by Ted **Saxton**, Blacksmith, collected by Margaret Cobb: a 1987 corrected draft of her 1990 publication

**Lord Moore** of Wolvercote: c 1998 letters to Ann Spokes Symonds with memories of his 1930s childhood in Wolvercote

Margaret Cobb: article about **Richard Cobb** in *Oxford Mail* 9 May 1997

Miss E **Lambourne**: memories of Wolvercote, c 1892, printed in *Over 60s News* Summer 1962.

Daniel **Harding** (*Oxfordshire Limited Edition* Feb 2011)

Harry **Drewett**, 12-year-old life saver

**Penny Godwin, John Wain, Don Plowman, Revd Gordon Murray, Gerald Collett** *Radio Oxford interviews 1986*

Dr John-Paul **Ghobrial**

**Vivian Ridler** (& John Wain & Elizabeth Jennings)

*Manilla folder tied with red tape:*

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

2006 Ray Venney funeral service

Thomas Hopkins 1602-61 *by Jasmine Howse*

Joseph Hall 1676-1712

Ted Massey

1996 Richard Cobb obituary in *The Times*

John Owen / *Senex* of the *Oxford Times*

**COMMON LAND**

### *15.1 Wolvercote Commoners' Committee*

Celebrating 80 years of the Wolvercote Commoners' Committee 1929-2009 36 pp

Commoner's Committee AGM Agenda 24 April 2019 and Minutes 18 April 2018

Wolvercote Commoner's Newsletters Sept 2019 onwards

Wolvercote Commoners' Committee Leaflet. Summer 2019

Letter 2001 re Nicholl's Lane a.k.a. Joe White's Lane

Letter 2005 re allegations in *Wolvercote News Sheet* critical of Commoners Committee and supportive of the Upper Wolvercote Association

Letter 2005 listing the siting of noticeboards in Wolvercote

Cutting from *Oxford Times* May 1979 marking 60 years of the committee

1999 letter about Millennium celebrations

Commoners' Committee: Feb 2010

Minutes of first meeting March 1929

1991 proposal for a Parish Council

### *15.2 Port Meadow & Wolvercote Common*

Sheriff's Races 1980 programme

'Port Meadow' by Alison McDonald (1984) leaflet from Oxford Civic Society

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

Walking your dog on Port Meadow and Wolvercote

Envelope of papers re Port Meadow, including 1989 proposed cycle track from Medley to Godstow, 1989 clearing of thistles, 1992 proposed Local Bill to take over the Meadow.

*Port Meadow campaign 1984*: leaflet from WCC seeking financial support for legal representation at the Public Inquiry concerning Medley Boat Station extension on common land

*Port Meadow Races*: article from the *Oxford Times* 13 June 1997

*Port Meadow*: Alastair Lack, *Landscape of dreams* (2009)

*Port Meadow*: naturalist writes in *Oxford Times* 1 Nov 2012

Round up *Oxford Mail* 11 Sept 2012

Millennium Project 13 August 1998 letter from Oxford City Council

Sheriff Hunt and Port Meadow

Aug 1972 Instructions for drive & report

Sept 1973 'The Oxford Freeman' various reports incl ragwort

1973 Directory of Freemen

?1973 Sheriff's guest list

1966 Sheriff's Christmas card

'Building homes on the floodplain' David Radford (2018)

### *15.13 Allotments, Orchard, etc*

*Godstow Allotments, Community Orchard, Wolvercote Meadows*: 2006 Oxford Preservation Trust 'Annual Progress'. Includes map.

Wolvercote Tree Group leaflet  
Community Market leaflet

### *15.14 Lakes*

*Wolvercote Lakes*: notes by Ann Spokes Symonds on the takeover and clearance by Oxford Preservation Trust

*Wolvercote Lakes*: article from *Oxford Times* 4 June 2015

Jan 2000 OPT letter to Viv Kirk & species list

### **15.5 Wolvercote Green & Goose Green**

Goose Green Pre-mix concrete application 1958

A.W. McDonald, *College Pool Wolvercote Green* (1991) 12 pp

*Wolvercote Green*: 1960s colour photo

Sept 1990 *Oxford Times* article on College Pool

1991 letters re Canal basin

### **CLIMATE**

Extinction Rebellion leaflet 2019

*Flood 1947*: draft of ASS article for *Wolvercote Papers 3*.

*Climate*: 1947 flood photo

*Climate*: flood article from *News Chronicle* 13 March 1947

'Normans to blame for flood surge' *Oxford Times* 21 April 2018 – re  
changing course of River Thames

27 Feb 2020 Extinction Rebellion leaflet

### **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 Administration bond

Beckford, Hugh, fisherman, Godstow 1711 Will

    John, yeoman. St John's, Oxford, 1692 Will

    John, paper maker, 1726 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

Combe, Thomas, 1834 Will

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  
 Hankes, Nathanel, 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  
 Map: 'The Oxford Grassland & its Neighbourhood' from Alison  
     McDonald, *The historical ecology of some unimproved alluvial  
     grassland in the Upper Thames Valley* (2007)  
 Map: Green Belt and the Northern Gateway 2009  
 Map: some features labelled by hand, e.g. Hook Hedge, Fox Bridge,  
     Triggs Lane  
 1761 John Rocque  
 1774 Andrews (interesting for showing course of waterways no longer  
 existing)  
 1823 Bryant



1833 Ordnance Survey

1876 Ordnance Survey

1879 Ordnance Survey

1911 Ordnance Survey

(?1970s) Wolvercote extract from Cold War Russian map

Bod MS DD.Par.Wolvercote a.1 Map of the old enclosures and new allotments 1834 480 x430 mm. By Henry Dixon 6 chains to an inch

*Bundle of 3:*

OS 1:1250 Wolvercote Common 1956/1971. 510 x 420 mm

OS 1:1250 Northern bypass 1967/1971 510 x 420 mm

OS 1:1250 Pixey Mead & A34 1959/1971 510 x 420 mm

*Bundle of 2:*

OS 1:2500 Wolvercot 1913/1949 760 x 1020 mm *Shows houses in St Peter's Road, west end of Blandford Ave, east end of Sunderland Ave, and Linkside but not Lakeside*

OS 1:2500 Wolvercote 1937. 760 x 1020 mm. *Shows houses in Rosamund Rd but not Home Close*

## GENERAL

### *19.1 Midsummer parties/Festival*

2016 Wolvercote & Wytham Artweeks leaflet

2019 Artweeks Trail in Wolvercote & Wytham 4-12 May

2016 & 2017 & 2018 & 2019 Midsummer Festival Programme

*Midsummer Party 1987:* programme

*Midsummer Party 1996:* Poem 'An alphabet of Wolvercote changes' with contemporary references, e.g. cycle track on Woodstock Road, First Turn Stores opening on Sundays, re-cycling in Mill Road, etc.

*Wolvercote Showcase 2000:* letter of thanks from Joan Wheare, Maureen Matthews, Kate White & Michelle Dennigan.

*Midsummer party:* 1996 tenth anniversary

1995 Flower Festival programme

2021 Festival Treasure Hunt

2022 Festival programme *and* Treasure Hunt

### *19.2 Legends*

Ghost stories unattributed

*Legend of death of King Mephric, killed by wolves at Wolvercote:*  
manuscript note from *Walks in Oxford* (1817) p337

### **19.3 Pastimes**

*Thames Punt Party 1890:* extract from Parish Magazine

*Entertainments, pastimes and sports in Victorian Wolvercote:* article by Ann Spokes Symonds

*Aunt Sally:* notes from websites 2015

North Oxford Golf Club centenary 1907-2007

### **19.4 Womens Institute**

Wolvercote Women's Institute 1918-28 by V. Royds (1989) 20 pp *also a second copy with updates to 2018*

*Wolvercote WI:* 650-word history written by Ann Spokes Symonds (undated)

Aug 2001 Labelled photo

### **19.5 Miscellaneous**

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

Ration books from Second World War

Allotment Association Rules

Rawson Charity

Webb's brickworks newspaper article, undated

The Trout Inn undated early 20<sup>th</sup> century prospectus. 24 pp. photos

"Wolvercote Residents' Meeting" Minutes 20 August 2000

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 & 2017 Reports from political parties

1943 Photo Evacuee Children

Draft Neighbourhood Plan 2018-33 *33 pp*

Neighbourhood Plan leaflet Oct 2018

Oxford Local Plan leaflet

Song: 'Wolvercote Horticultural Society' by Jill Elliott

Oxford City Council dog fouling letter March 2018

Margaret Cobb, *Wolvercote Recollections* (1990) period 1910-1955 based on Fred Chamberlain & Ted Saxton.

Revd Edward Sydenham – model railway & Roman coins (p. 5), H.O.King (8), Rawson's Charity (8), Shops (9 & 24), Brickyard (10), School (10 & 29), Whit Monday Fair (12), Children's games (13), Mrs Tollett (18), Geese (22), Mill (23), Canal (29), Railway (30)

*Group photo 2 July 2000: unlabelled*

*Going metric: information card from the Metrication Board c 1960*

*Photograph*: 45 numbered children 1941 or 42. All named in Ann Spokes Symonds, *Changing Faces of Wolvercote* (1997) page 54.  
1941 Christmas party in Village Hall (some named)

c1920s charabanc outing from White Hart (some named)

1924 outing to Wembley (some named)

Wytham mouth organ band 1933

Wytham church choir c 1930 (some named)

*Wolvercote Cemetery*: details of some burials *also 1999 cemetery plan*

Ann Spokes Symonds, *Edwardian Wolvercote*(2010) 12 pp.

Margaret Sparks, *The Parish of Wytham* (1965) [From Doris and Eric Neale]

Covid survey for Wolvercote & Cutteslowe 9 Jan 2022

Ukraine Friendship Centre May 2022

§ "Stop the stadium" campaign

§ 1881 census transcript, lists addresses and occupations (incl various roles at paper mill, as well as corwainer, stone mason, boat builder, farrier, etc)

### *19.6 Rawson Trust*

Middleton Charity 1931

Correspondence re sale of Poors Plot

## **WOLVERCOTE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

### *20.1 WLHS Newsletter*

Newsletters 1987-90, 1999-2003, 2007-22, 2015-19

Oct 1988 draft constitution

1987 membership list

Feb 1987 Letter to the *Oxford Times*

### *20.2 Minutes*

Incomplete set of committee and AGM minutes  
Minutes of first meeting 1986

### *20.3 Wolvercote Papers 1-3*

*Wolvercote Papers 2*: distribution record for the 1000 copies printed

## PARISH MAGAZINES

### *Wolvercote Parish Magazine*

#### *1875-77*

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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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."

### **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 300<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 80<sup>th</sup>  
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 15<sup>th</sup> year of *Ambit*

May: church thefts

July: departure Revd Gordon Murray

Nov: College Pool

**1991****1992**

January: St Peter's tower 40<sup>th</sup> 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***OXFORD NORTH (NORTHERN GATEWAY)**

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

2015 February: details of consultation event

Oxford North prospectus Oct 2018

Hill Canalside consultation feedback (Jury's Inn 27 Nov 2021)

Neighbourhood Forum on Canalside planning application June 2022

Consultation Nov-Dec 2022

§ Land southeast of Canalside consultation Nov 2023

**MILL SITE***23.1 Paper Mill*

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

Wolvercote Mill summary of deeds

Paper mill demolition newspaper article March 2004

*Oxford Mail* cutting re closure 19 Nov 1997

Two photographs of mill machinery ?c1900

*The Wolvercote Story* c 1970 12pp. [From Doris & Eric Neale]

'Decision day for mill site left derelict for almost 20 years' *Oxfordshire Guardian* 2 Dec 2015

Rag tower photo

### [23.2 Housing](#)

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

Cala Homes letter Feb 2018

Wolvercote Mill Houses (a) The Development (b) Headington House (c) Hinksey Town House (d) Brochure (34 pages)

### [PHOTO ARCHIVE](#)

*WLHS Picture Archive*: undated report from Mike Ledger