



27. RAISED FRONT DOORS AND STEPS ON HIGH STREET HOUSES TO PREVENT FLOODING.

HIGH STREET NORTH SIDE

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Premises occupying the space between High Street and Back Lane (now Church Road) were, during the 19th century, the property of the Rose family. The first member of this family known to have owned property in Wheatley was William Rose who, in 1751 bought a cottage, house, tenement, garden and backside. In his Will he is described as "Baconman and Grocer". His grandson, another William, inherited the property which by then included a stable, cart hovel, pigsty and shop. By 1821 the owner was George Rose (1798-1879) who was a butcher and farmer owning in 1845 two rented houses as well as his home, shop and buildings. His nephews carried on the business. Their premises were known as the Three Elms and the cattle used to be pastured on the Green, opposite before being slaughtered. The slaughterhouse is first mentioned in 1809- In 1911 the premises and business passed to Ernest Alden, who continued to slaughter there until 1938. Edward West, the next owner, moved the business but let the premises off as flats. Subsequent owners pulled down the outbuildings and altered the house; some of the land was used to widen the

THREE ELMS (now 2 Church Road)

	Owner	Occupier
1907	Rose Brothers	Rose Brothers
1917	Rose Brothers	John White
1926	Ernest Alden	John White
1930	Ernest Alden	Ernest Alden and John White

No. 5 (now SUNNYBANK) First Cottage

	Owner	Occupier
1907	Joseph Frampton	Joseph Frampton (see No. 11)
1937	Joseph Allen	W. D. Morris
1947	G. C. Ray	W.D. Morris

Second Cottage

1907	Joseph Frampton	Rose Hannah Pym (for some years a beer house)
1937	J. Allen	Rose Hannah Pym
1947	G. C. Ray	G. C. Ray

from 1947 Sunnybank has been one house, owned first by Mr. Ray and later by Miss Prest.
Builders Yard

No. 11 CHARNWOOD For a long time divided into two shops, one of which was used by the Mitchell family, of Mitcheldene. By 1900 it was in the hands of the Dungey family: two brothers kept a general shop which is remembered as "always open, up to midnight. You could get anything, chicken feed, paraffin, groceries, cream cakes on a Wednesday ...". One brother went to Australia and when his brother joined up in the 1914-18 war the shop was kept on under a manageress.

The other shop belonged to Joseph Frampton (1825-1909). He was a vestryman, farmer, quarryman and cooper, whose property included the quarry pits near the parish pit (where bull-baiting took place). He sold wooden buckets here, among other goods, but lived at the other end of the street. He was the last person to wear one of the smocks for which Wheatley was famous. The alley between High Street and the Sun Inn is still known as

Owner	Occupier
Harris & Son (New property)	
Mrs. S. A. Watts	A. R. Bossom
A. R. Bossom	A. R. Bossom

Frampton's Alley.

	Owner	Occupier
1907		Mrs. Dungey
1917-1926	Hall & Co. (Brewers)	Dungey Brothers
1930-1947	Hall & Co.	Bernard Dungey
1956	Ind Coope	G. F. Tandy
1966	Ind Coope	J. S. Mackenzie
1967	Ind Coope	G. J. Newsom
32 1978	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Thomas

THE OLD PARSONAGE

In the list of Communicants of 1612/1613 the house adjoining that of John Cobbett

Owner-Occupier

1937-1947 Charles Harris (Store, garage and premises) 1966 Cowley Carriers Ltd. (Builders Depot and Premises)

Charles Harris, a member of a long-established local family, was a builder. He was 93 when he died.

21 SARENGA

This is a stone-built house facing east and standing well back from the road.

(i.e. The George) on the west was occupied by William Styles and his family. According to the 1851 Census John Mortimer, turnpike labourer, was living here alone and Mr. Elton, who became incumbent in 1849, wrote of it: "A dilapidated parsonage existed in the street, wholly unfit for use". The new vicarage was the large house now Morland House. William Tombs's Map shows Mrs. and the Misses Gale as residents in 1900: the Gales had been large local farmers. Mary Harding was living here in 1921.

	Owner
1930-1937	Mrs. Janet Manooch
1938	Mr. H. Brazil
1966	H. Scully

THE GEORGE (formerly The Old Inn House)

This was the George Inn. It has been much altered, being divided into three small dwellings in the nineteenth century, but the present owner has recently discovered old fireplaces and Tudor wall paintings.

Mr. Bossom used to drive people about. In 'Wheatley Records' extracts are given from a deposition about the Will of Thomas House of the George, who died in 1577; several neighbours describe his last days. The Will shows that the Cobbets inherited the George. In 1612/13 it was occupied by John Cobbet and his wife Joan and Richard Price and his wife. Richard Price died in 1639. In 1721 William Meadows, Constable, and in 1723 Widow Meadows, paid the rates and in 1729 and 1730 Richard Price. Thomas Rodgers paid a reduced rate in 1737-

Occupier
Mrs. Janet Manooch
Mr. H. Brazil

The rates in 1765 were less than half those paid for the King and Queen and the White Hart and

by 1784 Richard Price had mortgaged the property. In that year Bartholomew Price inherited it and advertised it for sale without success, as he was still part-owner when it was sold to Eustace May in 1788. Later owners include Thomas Gray, of Wheatley, and Nathan Macklin, of Oxford. Although it seems to have been increasingly unsuccessful it is mentioned in 1766, when races were held on Wheatley Common the runners had to be entered at the George on 19th May.

From 1789-96 the landlord was Benjamin Huggins, carpenter but the George does not appear in the Victuallers' Recognizances of 1822 and by 1835 Huggins and his wife were receiving Poor Relief.

Three separate dwellings

West End

	Owner	Occupier
1926	Mrs. S. A. Keen	Richard Allen
1929-1937	Mrs. S. A. Keen	Mrs. Agnes Clements
1947	Mrs. S. A. Watts (Exors.)	Mrs. Agnes Clements
1956	Mrs. S. A. Watts	L. H. C. Reeve
1966	C. Watts	C. Watts

In Mr. Reeve's time it was known as Dobronil View, from the Polish word for pleasant.

In Mr. Watts' time: Day- lesford.

Central Section

1926-1929

1930	Mrs. S.	A.	Keen	John Slaymaker
1937-1947	Mrs. S.	A.	Watts	John Slaymaker
1956	Mrs. S.	A.	Watts	Mr. & Mrs. G. Eborn

East End: (Bakehouse)

1926-1929

1930	Mrs. S.	A.	Keen	Frank Watts
	Mrs. S.	A.	Keen	Mr. & Mrs. Gwen Hall
1948-1950	Mrs. S.	A.	Watts	Mrs. Alice Illott
1956	Mrs. S.	A.	Watts	Mr. Handsford
	(Exors.))		
1959	Mrs. S.	A.	Watts	Mrs. Eborn
	(Exors.))		

In 1966 the whole house became the property of N. R. S. Young passing in 1979 to

Mr. & Mrs. G. Young, the present owners.

MITCHELDENE

In 1811 Bishop Moss bequeathed £1,500 for an endowed school for the children of Cuddesdon and Wheatley and this was set up in this house; the premises were conveyed by a deed of 1818 and they were designed to cater for 55 girls and 95 boys. The large building still standing in the garden was built as the boys' schoolroom and in the interim between the demolition of the old Chapelry and the consecration of the present Church it was consecrated and used for services. One of the early Masters was Valentine Guy and he was succeeded by his nephew William Saunders whose testimony is a case in the Court of Arches when accusations against the Wheatley curate were investigated can be read in 'Wheatley Records', with the tribute to him by the 82-year-old Thomas Juggins: 'I never heard anything against his 33

Character, and he attends Church regularly, and plays the Organ, and takes care of his scholars'. When the Rev. Edward Elton became vicar in 1849 he found the school 'a dilapidated building' and set to work to persuade the trustees to rebuild. The new school on the present site was opened in 1858. Mitcheldene was bought by William Mitchell, a grocer and baker. His sons, William and James, inherited it in 1891. William carried on the grocery business but was also known as a farrier and water-diviner. His sister Susan (Welford) had a son William Jesse Welford who inherited the house and ran a business as undertaker, decorator and wheelwright. His son William was a carpenter and also ran a milk business. The present owner is Mrs. White, married sister of William. It has thus been in the same family for 121 years. There is a pump in the house dated 1796.

From 1937 the house was divided into two and Miss Melinda Bartlett and her sister lived in No. 35 while the owners, Mrs. Welford and later Mrs. White, lived in No. 33- Since Miss Bartlett's death, at the age of 90, Mrs. White has occupied both parts of the house.

33 and 35

	Owner	Occupier
1907	William Mitchell, Snr.	William Mitchell
	"House, garden and storehouse"	
1918	James White	James White
1926	Mrs. Ellen Welford	Mrs. Ellen Welford
	"House, garden and storehouse"	
1926	Elizabeth Stanley	Thomas White
	"House and premises"	
1930	Thomas White	Thomas White

Two houses and Butcher's Shop.

37 THE CREST

In 1797 Thomas Guy, mason, insured the house, with two adjoining cottages, against fire for a premium of £200. The Royal Exchange Fire Mark, No. 158744 is outside above the front door. Inside is a facsimile of the entry 34 in the company's books.

In 1951 a Romanesque seal matrix was found in the garden by the tenant, Mr. W. H. Ryder. It was inscribed Sigil Ailgnoti with the device of a squirrel eating a nut, a punning allusion to the name (Allnut). The letter punches used are identical with those employed for Henry I's first coinage. There was an Aeglnoth at Oxford Mint during the reigns of William I and William II so it seems reasonable to assume that this was his seal. The matrix is now in the Ashmolean Museum, the gift of Major Allnutt (who also gave the famous picture by Rubens to King's College, Cambridge).

In 1845 Thomas Guy was still the owner and John Case- more corn merchant (1802-1891) occupied it. The rateable value was £7.3.4. He gave wooden pump handles to local people to prevent waste of water. From 1891 Julia Case- more, niece of John, was the owner. Ellen Gunn, of All Souls Cottage, lived here as her maid for 26 years, sleeping in the attic and washing in cold water that sometimes froze. They were devoted to each other and are buried in the same grave. Julia Casemore lived to be 89, Ellen Gunn was 94- From 1921 the occupier was J. J. Read, chimney sweep, who later acquired it. His widow sold it to the present owner, Mrs. J. May in 1967.

At one time the doctor had his surgery at the back of the house and kept his gig in the barn on Church Road now used as a garage. There was a well outside the back door, now filled in.

Occupier	John Casemore	Miss Casemore
Joseph Jesse Read, chimney sweep		
Rose Joseph Jesse Read J. J. -Read	Mrs. F. Read	Mrs. J. May

	Owner	39 (CLARKE'S GREENGROCERY AND FLORIST)
1845	Thomas Guy	
1907	George Rose	
1929		This small shop and dwelling was by 1900 kept by John Clayton (1847-1932). He was already described as a baker in 1886 but when he was married in the previous year he was a butler living in Holton and his wife was Ann, the daughter of John Cooper, master baker, already listed in the Dutton Allen Directory of 1863 as running his business in Wheatley. John Clayton was succeeded by William Hyde, who ran the bakery for more than thirty years until it was taken over as a grocery by Mr. Hawes. The present occupier is a greengrocer and florist and, true to Wheatley tradition, his family also runs the fish-and-chip shop in Station Road. The owner has for many years been Mrs. Smith.
1930	Hugh Casemore	
1956	J. J. -Read	
1966	Mrs. F. Read	
1967	Mrs. J. - May	

No. 41

	Owner	Occupier
1926-1937	Lionel Munro Hawkins	John Gould
1947	Mrs. Aiderman	John Gould
1956	E. Surman	W. A. Ryder

41 and 43 FERNLEIGH 1 and 2

1966

Dr. & Mrs. P. Bah

No. 43

	Owner	Occupier
1926-1929		
1930	Lionel Munro Hawkins	William Henry Gale
1937	Lionel Munro Hawkins	Joseph Horwood
1947	Mrs. Aiderman	Joseph Horwood
1956	E. Surman	E. Surman
1966	Mr. & Mrs. B. Goody	

47 IVYDALE

was owned by Mary Ring, later Mrs. Slaymaker, of the Holton farming family, who gave it its present name. From that time it was occupied for nearly 70 years by members of the Munt family. This family appears in a Subsidy Roll of 1327 as "de Mount" and "Isaccke Munt" was a communicant in 1612/1613: two Isacc Munts appear in the 1921 Register of Electors, with 29 other members of the family. The last member to live in this house was Leslie, a long-serving postman.

KING AND QUEEN

In 1756 Charles Wakelin, landlord of the King and Queen, was one of a number of Oxfordshire licensees who banded 35

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In 1900 two houses on this site had been burnt down. In 1907 it is shown as a new house in the Rate Book. George Lincoln English (1868-1945), later described as a barber, was the owner-occupier from 1907 to his death.

Owner-Occupier

1946	Mrs. Bradbury (nee Elsie English), ironmonger
1966	Mr. & Mrs. Scott-Dow, ironmongers

This double fronted shop was in 1900 a draper's kept by Mrs. Life, wife of Richard Life, of Newholme. By 1926 Dora Pope (who earlier lived in Chequers Cottage) owned it and ran it as a grocery business. After her Mr. C. R. Walde owned it and expanded the business to include photographic supplies and, for twenty years, a cafe. He also ran a taxi service at the rear. Of recent years it has become a woolshop and haberdashery, retaining the photographic business and also selling patent medicines and toiletry.

TELFURB

Frederick Fowler (1861-1951) was living in the High Street in 1891 and had a business in this house as a baker and grocer by 1900. By 1926 the owner was J. M. Hughes and the business was being carried on by Mr. Gostick. By 1956 the owner-occupiers were A. Terry and Mr. Blythe. The present owners extensively altered it for its function as a television shop.

55 RINGLAND COTTAGE

This 18th century cottage was divided into two, one part being a sweetshop kept by Richard Summers (1831-1905), a war pensioner who lost a leg. One of his granddaughters, now living in Forest Hill, spent most of her life in Bell Lane. By 1907 it

together in a scheme for the discovery, punishment and future prevention (as much as possible) of all murder, robbery, theft and all manner of invasion of property within the County of Oxon. A copy of the scheme was displayed in the licensed houses and a letter advertising it was signed by the licensees and published in Jackson's Oxford Journal, from whom a copy could be purchased for one shilling.

The scheme was devised following the brutal murder of an elderly publican and his wife by thieves at Hopcroft's Halt on the Oxford to Banbury road. At one time within living memory the Wheatley Feast was held in the yard here (or at the White Hart) in September or October. A hand-wound roundabout and organ was brought by Mr. Butterworth. A Mr. Solaway used to set up his stall with bread and sausages and his call was "One and bread a penny". One year someone tied a rope to his stall and attached it to the roundabout so that his wares were scattered and he never came to Wheatley Feast again. Mrs. Cripps, of the Windmill, used to be an attraction to the children with her frock with a hundred pockets for a lucky dip. The licensees from 1869-1891 were Mrs. Elizabeth Fenn and her second husband Mr. Stanley. Mr. Bott, who was brought up by them, remembered that she used to rule the customers very firmly. She would take care of the old men's money so that they did not spend it all on drink and would issue them a little to go shopping in St. Clements. Mr. Bott was not allowed to attend Sunday School, because he came from a public house.

The following licensees are known:

1754	C. Wakelin	
1758	D. Beasley	
1770	James Parker (from the Three Cups, Oxford)	
1785	Mary Parker	
1779-1812	John Allsopp, plumber and glazier	
1846	John Tombs, victualler and tailor	
1869-1875	Mrs. Elizabeth Fenn (nee Bott)	
1876-1891	Charles Stanley (1834-1893)	1899 Charles Heath (in 1883 gardener and groom at the Vicarage)
1936-1956	John Bernard Perkins (son-in-law of Charles Heath)	
36 1966	G. Higgins	

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Tudor Cottage stood here. Photographs show that it was an attractive thatched house with the side wall on the street. According to William Tombs's Map it was the home of George Stay ton, carrier. By 1920 it belonged to Charles Stanley, at one time licensee of the White Hart. It was then occupied by Joshua Busby and remained the home of his family, though Mr. Miall became the owner. In the late 1950s it was demolished and replaced by the present shop with flat above, at first a bookmaker's but for the past ten years a dress shop and now a travel agency.

OXFORD HOUSE

Old photographs show that the shop was "Established 1866". Before 1903 Mr. Joseph Shepherd, a carrier, lived here: he later moved to Ambrose Farm. It was a clothes shop in his time.

From some time before 1929 it was owned by G. Miall and occupied as a shop by Silas Pickford. From 1933 the Bax family owned it and ran a general shop here. In 1966 Mrs. E. J. Bax was still the owner but the occupier was Mrs. E. M. Titchener.

69-77

These houses stand on land which belonged to the Munt family. Mr. Thomas Munt put up the present 75 and 77- He employed a local builder and the brick was obtained from Littleworth, the timber from Avery's and the stone was local. Thomas Munt owned cottages where the present numbers 69, 71, 75 now stand. Early in the century Hubert Munt owned No. 77 and Edgar Munt occupied it; ownership passed to Thomas Munt from 1934. Thomas occupied No. 75 until it was pulled down. The Munt brothers used to cut bundles of faggots and supplied the Oxford Colleges.

THE WHITE HART

In 1630 a message, in Wheatley, called the Taverne and

grounds belonging to the White Hart was granted by Pichard Powell of Forest Hill to John Robinson the younger. In 1677, Jane Robinson inherited the property from her father. In 1763, it was sold by auction.

During the following years many important auctions took place there and the Turnpike Trustees used it regularly for their meetings. In 1790, they reported a profit of

£330. The post office was in the White Hart until 1788 when it was transferred to the Crown Inn. In 1845, it

was the property of Herdsfield and the licensee was James Robbins, whose notebooks give such a vivid picture of the

life of a busy craftsman more than a hundred years ago.

By 1907 it was owned by Morrells Brewery and the licensee, William Spearing, was a job-master who let out "landaus, wagonettes, brakes, etc. at moderate rates".

In 1927, Arthur Bates repaired cycles and sold secondhand furniture in the present clubroom.

	Licencees
1783-1787	William Hall
1791-1792	Benjamin Stockford
1796-1812	Lydia Stockford
1821	George Cook
1846-1853	James Robbins
1863	John Sutton
1869	Edward Woods
1876	George Woods
1877	Edward Woods
1887	William Lovell
1899	Arthur Bathard, butcher
1907	William Spearing (owners - Morrells Trustees)
1926	George Stayton
1930-1933	George Stayton and William Sparkes (owners - Morrells Trustees)
1933	William Sparkes
1933- 1934	A. G. Large
1934- 1937	Charles Frederick Ferrett
1937-1947	F. J. Highfield
1947-1956	Arthur Vale (owner/occupier)
1966	R. F. Clark
1967	A. A. Wheatley

There was a well in the garden, now filled in. Several clay pipes, a blunderbuss bullet and other objects have been found here. For long occupied by Charles Sheldon (1885-1915), coal merchant, later it was occupied by the Congregational Minister and known as The Manse.

TURNER'S SHOP

This first appears in the Rate Book as "Buildings and Premises" in 1937- By 1947 it is shown as in the possession of Mr. W. Turner and later of the present owner, Mr. E. Turner. On the site formerly stood stables for Mr. Sheldon next door and his coal business. He was an early owner of a traction engine.

THE MERRY BELLS

Originally it had a resident careaccommodation for travellers. Joseph Gould and later Mr. The legend "Good Beds and on the doors of the stable at yard (now a car park).

remember fetching cans of
here during bad winters

Miller gave the money it should be administered by the Congrega- as she disapproved of the Parish Church.

It was opened in 1888 here was

some The caretaker in 1899 was
Shorter held the office of "Sounding" can
still be read the Church Road end of
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It has served many purposes. In 1890 the
Vicar of Wheatley's Report on Subscriptions
to Schools, Charities, etc. included the
following: "Excellent
free dinners were Some soup from the
provided at the Merry early in the for this
Bells during the depth and
of the winter, when
many parents were out
of work, and it was a pleasure to see the effect
produced upon the School Children ... The

Merry Bells has never been put to better use!"

In 1970 it was acquired by the Trustees and now serves as a Village Hall. The majority of village organisations meet here and there is a room where pensioners meet regularly for morning coffee.

During the Second World War it was used for evacuee children and the New Club had its headquarters here until moving to the premises of the Old Red Lion at the west end of the street.

Caretakers

1917 John Baldwin

1926 William Berry

1930 Percy Bint

97 THE STORES

By 1876 it was kept by Joshua Harris (1843-1917). He sold millinery, grocery, ironmongery and medicines. He would pull teeth for 6d. He lent money to General Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, and was a leading light of the Congregational Church. Because of his nonconformity, the Fane family would not use the shop, although it was recognised that the quality of the goods was superior. The business remained in his family until 1967, when Mr. J. C. Kelly took it over and called it James's Supermarket. At this time the entrance was altered. It is now a private house, and Mr. Battershell, the owner, uses the large room once filled with ladies' hats and other garments for training the Wheatley and District Music Society.

99 THE OLD FORGE HOUSE

Already in 1900 this was owned by the Sheldon family, long-established blacksmiths. The forge was at the top of the garden, on Back Lane now Church Road. Wilfrid Sheldon (1885-1972), the last smith, was a great supporter of the Parish Church, choirboy and bell-ringer and for 41 years churchwarden. He was also a moving spirit of the Village Produce Association. He lived here until he moved to Church Road and Mrs. E. Coleman, his tenant in 1956, had acquired it by 1966. In the early 1900s Mrs. Sheldon sold tin pots and pans and fishing tackle here.

101 ALL SOULS COTTAGE

All Souls College owned it in 1907 but it was already 38 occupied by George Gunn, gardener to Dr. Barns. His son, also George, was the owner by 1926. The last member of the family to live in Wheatley, Miss Ellen Gunn, lived here until her death in 1974- Another of Mr. Gunn's five children, Amy (Mrs. Beasley), is still living at the age of 95-

103 SUNNYSIDE or SHEPPEY COTTAGE

In 1900 the owner was "Cabbage" Goodin, gardener. By 1926 the owner was Dorothy

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Rose Holness (Mrs. Jeffs, who lives in Crown Road) and the occupier George Slaymaker, whose wife had been Miss Mary Ring, of Ringland Cottage. Since then it has had a number of owners, including Mr. J. N. Hughes, and Mr. Michael Roberts.

105 NEWHOLME

Richard Henry Life (1860-1938) was living here in 1900 and probably earlier as he was in High Street according to the 1891 Electoral Register. He was the school attendance officer and relieving officer. His widow and daughters kept the house until Mr. Coleman from the Post office, retired here in 1966. One of the daughters used to make pillow lace. There is a tradition that Miss Christian, the mistress of the Infants' School lived here. Perhaps she was a lodger. Mrs. Hall-Dare discovered, in a downstairs room, a chimney, in which was a pair of shoes. The County Museum at Woodstock dated these 1720. They were most likely placed in the chimney for good luck.

107 THE POST OFFICE

Until 1926 this was a private house, the home of Mr. Avery, son of the founder of the timber yard and father of the present Misses Avery. He built the Orchard, Holloway Road, for his family and Mr. and Mrs. Slatter bought the house, moving the Post Office business from the bottom of Ladder Hill.

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In 1900 this house was occupied by the Carrier, Johnson. He wore a smock and had curls. By 1926 the owner was

Walter Davis and the occupier William Huxter, a carrier, who is still remembered for his regular journeys to Oxford. He became owner in 1929 and his daughter, Mrs. Hinton and her husband have lived here since his death.

113 Former CHEQUERS INN

In 1630 the messuage situated on the corner of Bennett's Lane (now Friday Lane) and High Street, called the Chequers, including a bakehouse was sold by William Bennett, tailor, to Mary Gadbarie. Throughout the 18th century the Harford family owned it, William Harford being entered as licensee in 1779- He was Overseer of the Poor in 1791 and died in 1804 leaving the inn to his

wife Martha, who had already become licensee in 1802.

On her death in 1809 it was sold to Mark and James Morrell, brewers.

Licensees

1809-1822	James Harper	
1846-1852	James Davis	
1852-1853	William Saul	
1861-1869	Edward Woods (who	moved to the White Hart)
1869	David Ring	
1877	Edward Davis	
1883-1887	Samuel Williams	
1891-1898	Richard Davis (son	of lames, above)
1899	Charles Bizzell	

Richard Davis married Pleasant Grainger, a Wheatley servant, and they had five children: Euphemia, who died in infancy, Kate, Henry, Fred and Pleasant. Wilfrid Sheldon (1885-1972) remembered the Friendly Society Club Feast taking place here in Whit week. The members went to Church in procession behind their banner and after the service had a "sumptuous supper".

CHEQUERS COTTAGE

In 1907 Morrells owned it and Edward Dover occupied it. Mrs. Dora Pope lived here before moving to the shop at No. 47.

LAND ADJOINING THE CHEQUERS

In the 1920s Mrs. S. A. Keen (nee Sally Gomm, later Mrs. Watts), sold sweets and groceries here, a business continued under various owners until the 1960s.

A messuage here was sold in 1847 to Edward Robbins and when James Robbins sold it in 1864 it was described as "a freehold stone, brick and tiled house with front shop, bakehouse, 7-bushel oven ...". It had been occupied by Thomas Guy. In 1861 Morrells obtained a piece of land between the Chequers and land owned by All Souls College. This was leased to Thomas Porter and his wife Sophia. Thomas Porter was lessee of the Turnpike Tolls.

COLLEGE FARM

It was bought by All Souls College in 1904: the College already owned land surrounding the house. Thomas James Robbins, son of James Robbins, was living here in 1891, 1901 and 1911 and it was in the attic that James Robbins's notebooks were found by the recent owner.

The room which appears to have been the farmhouse kitchen has a fine open fireplace, with inglenook seats at each end, recently uncovered, and the old beams are exposed. At the time of the Wheatley Flood (1910), Thomas James Robbins, having taken his wife upstairs went out and knocked down a wall to the east, thus allowing the flood water to escape. He escaped being buried by his 2-ton hay stack which was swept away by the stream. Mr. Robbins was succeeded as occupier by William Tombs, one of the pioneers of local government in the village. He helped his grandson to work out the 'William Tombs Map', showing the residents at the turn of the century.

HIGH STREET SOUTH SIDE

This is a small stone built time known as Tankards, front door has a open grate.

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH AND SCHOOL

In 1790 the Rev. James Hinton secured a licence from Eishop Smallwell to open a Nonconformist place of worship in Wheatley at the eastern end of the High Street. This was established under the wing of the New Road Independent Church from 1797 to 1837 and for the next four years under the George Street Chapel. The Hinton family owned a house in the village and worked diligently but, in the words of the Minute Book: "In consequence of the degraded condition of the people, whose sabbaths were often employed in bull and badger-baiting, their deeply-rooted prejudice and interference of parochial authority, these efforts appeared to produce little effect".

In 1839 a permanent congregation was properly formed and a sabbath school opened. In 1841 the Church was incorporated with the Congregational Union of England and Wales. In 1842 the site of the former tannery was acquired and "a neat chapel with seating for 250 persons without galleries" was built. In the 1845 Rate Book the rateable value is given as £1.13-4.

In 1878 there were extensive improvements to the exterior of the church and the organ was bought from Thame Congregational Church in 1884: this was rebuilt in 1934- Land for the new schoolroom was given by Mr. Iliffe-Pike and his sister and the foundation stone was laid in 1898. Electric light was installed in 1930.

100 CROMWELL HOUSE

There is a very large room upstairs said to have been used by the tanner for drying skins and later by a tailor, Fitzpatrick. The panelling is said to have come from Holton Park where Cromwell's daughter was married - hence the name of the house. The railings along the street and the gate are early 19th century. A document in possession of Mr. Evans, head of the Primary School, states that the last man known to keep fighting cocks 40 lived here.

Charles Sheldon, blacksmith, who lived here in 1900 and died in 1910, aged 81, was the son of Thomas Sheldon, also a blacksmith, who was born in 1776. Thomas Brazzell (1846-1926), blacksmith, took over from Charles Sheldon before 1907- His son, Walter Joseph, was here until his death in 1951, when his daughter, Mrs. Pratt, and her husband acquired the house. Mrs. Pratt lived here until her death in 1978. Mrs. Walter Brazzell did cane work all her life.

Occupier

Charles Sheldon Thomas Brazzell Thomas Brazzell Walter Brazzell Mrs. Pratt

98 KINGS COTTAGE

Owner

Joseph Sturgess

Joseph Sturgess (Exors.)

Miss E. Sturgess Lt. Col. Toye 94 ROBERTS HOUSE

There was a tannery on the site and it was bought by William Avery (b.1849) who founded the sawmill (sited by the station to take advantage of railway communications). He converted Roberts House into a three-storey dwelling and also

Owner

1900

1907

1912-1926

1926-1951

1951-1978

William Cullum

Thomas Brazzell

Walter Brazzell Mrs.

Pratt

only one in Wheatley. After

had his office here. After the death of his widow, their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. William Roberts, bought it, but it later passed to Bullingdon R.D.C. and was used during the Second World War for housing evacuees; there was an air-raid shelter in the garden, believed to be the

house facing east, at The old garden one wall facing and the remains of the

brick chimney

an

Occupier

William Trinder

Mrs. Trinder

Mrs. E. Trinder

Lt. Col. Toye

1907

1910

1937-1956

1966

Built by the present owners in 1965-6. The plot, purchased from Mr. and Mrs. J. Ayling was part of the garden of The Robins; it had been used as Chapman's builder's yard and undertaker's premises. There was a stable in the yard.

some time	in private hands it	reverted to the	local
authority	and has been converted	into three flats.	Older
residents	remember that the pump	water was delicious.	

1893-1935	Owner	Occupier	
1935-1937	William Avery & Sons	William Avery &	Sons
	Mrs. G. M. Roberts	W. G. Roberts	
	(Millie Avery)		
1956	Bullingdon R.D.C.	Ground Flat	
	Evacuation Committee	Miss Davis	
		First Flat	
		Mr. W. Warner	
		Second Flat	
		Mr. F. Davis	
1966	G. Ayling (The Robins)	G. Ayling	
1978	Flat 1 Ronald and Florence Seymour		
	Flat 2 John and Barbara Simpson		
	Flat 3 Roger and Carol	Hales	

92 GRADARA

90 THE ROBINS

The deeds go back to 1696 when Richard Brock (husbandman) bequeathed his "tenement, outhouses, orchard, garden and backside" to his daughter Joan Brock. In 1752 it was sold to Richard Williams, fellmonger, for £38. In 1775 he advertised for two parchment-makers in Jacx- son's Oxford Journal and in 1787 John Turner, who had worked for the Williams family, absconded, leaving a quantity of frames unfinished. It remained in the Williams family until, in 1819, Noah Crook (1763-1826), parchment maker, fellmonger and tanner, bought it for £60. His wife, Mary Crook, sold the orchard and two cottages in 1829 and the rest of the property in 1836. Robert Chapman (1820-1869), plumber, glazier and painter, worked here in the large yard followed by his son, John Chapman (1848-1942), and grandson Hurrell George (1888— 1969) who were also undertakers. During the early part of this century the outbuildings were used for selling builders' materials.

In 1916, Hurrell Chapman married Miss Margaret Lester Austin, an Assistant Teacher at Wheatley School. Their daughter, Mrs. Trafford, lives in London Road.

Occupier
John Chapman Hurrell Chapman
John Chapman Hurrell Chapman Mr. A. Wheeler

88 GREYSTONES

From 1917 the Rev. H. owned it and later his their time there was a where Mrs. Adcock kept

Later Owners

1937-1946 F. L. Johnson
1947-1956 Lt. Col. W. E. Marriott
1956-1966 J. V. Lewis 86 MOTT HOUSE

1904	Owner John Chapman	When William Biggs bought it in 1773 for £75 it was "newly erected". He bequeathed it to his niece, Elizabeth Juggins, and it remained in the Juggins family until 1882 when James Mott who, like his father John (born in Wheatley 1802), was a shoemaker, bought it. In 1887 Mrs. Harriet Mott was running the business. Their descendants owned it until 1958 when it was bought by R. W. Cox, signalman, who had occupied it since 1927. Before him it was the home of Hurrell Chapman. Mr. Cox died in 1972 and his sons sold it in 1973.
1942	Mrs. Chapman	
1946-1956	Mr. A. Wheeler	

A. Adcock son, (retired clergyman)
H. A. very large Halford Adcock. In garden
hunters. and grounds

	Owner	Occupier
1900	Richard Mott, shoemaker	
1930	Mrs. E. King R.	Robert Wilfred Cox
1937-1972	Wilfred Cox	R. Wilfred Cox, worked on railway A dentist from Garsington, Mr. Protelli, rented a room for weekly surgery Mr. & Mrs. Maple Mr. & Mrs.
1973	Maple	
1974	Dr. & Mrs. Robinson	

84 FAIRVIEW in 1921

The deeds show that when Thos. Lambert (carpenter) sold it to Miss Ann Green in 1886 it was "lately erected on the site of a cottage formerly occupied by Thos. Becketts, afterwards by John Fowler and now by Henry Edward Buckland".

Ann Green married Thos. White, groom and gardener, in the same year. Ann White died in 1921 and her husband proved her will. He died intestate in 1933 and not until 1951 did Bertha Ann Baston, their daughter and only surviving relative, obtain Letters of Administration. She then sold it to Miss P. Dimeale, who sold it to Mrs. Bourdillon in 1956. She sold it to Mr. & Mrs. Thompson Evans in 1961, and they sold it to Mrs. Anderson. The next owner was Lady Frances Hamilton Cooke, 1965; -and Dr. M. F. Woods, 1967. It was bought for £200 in 1886 and in 1967 Dr. Woods paid £5,400.

	Owner	Occupier Thomas
1900-1933	Thomas White, carrier	White
1934-1947		Mr. Pidwell
1956	Mrs. Bourdillon	Mrs. Bourdillon
1966	Lady Cooke	Lady Cooke
1967	M. F. Woods	M. F. Woods

VALE BROOK HOUSE

The house has an extension
42 upper walls being of weather

on its southern side, the
boarding. The lower part

of stone is currently having a window inserted. 'Staggy' Munt, one of the occupants, grew fruit and vegetables which he took to Oxford in his horse and cart to sell. Two Munts made faggots at the western end of the property. The site now bought by J. A. Pye Ltd. in 1967, and the stone wall which bounded the garden and orchard on the northern side was pulled down and six shops erected with garages behind. A high brick wall was built to enclose the house and a small garden. One of the new shops is a butcher's, owned by Mr. Crick, son-in-law of Thomas White of 82, and son of Reuben Crick, blacksmith, who lived at 54-

	Owner	Occupier
1932	Mrs. Barton	E. Munt
1934-1937	Mrs. Barton	A. J. Hatton
1947	E. J. Bax	T. H. Roper
1956	J. A. Hall	J. A. Hall
1967	J. A. Pye Ltd.	

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This ancient house is remembered as Mr. White's Butcher's Shop. He slaughtered beasts here up to 1939. In 1979 the owners uncovered a very fine open fireplace, with an old beam, in the front room; there are also old wooden beams in the ceiling. There is a barn of considerable size in the garden. The butchery business was carried on in an extension to the west of the house; the bricked-up shop window can still be seen.

	Owner	Occupier
1900	Thos. Smith Wagonette Proprietor	
1929		Thos. White
1937	Mrs. Baston	Thos. White
1956-1966	R. D. White	R. D. White

64 CHILLINGWORTH HOUSE

This was originally the Bell Inn. The deeds go back to 1612 when it was sold by Richard Pollins, yeoman, to Thomas Mead, of Newington. As it adjoins the site of the

chapel-of-ease the name may refer to the founding of one of the bells. The construction of the first four cottages in Bell Lane seems to confirm that they once formed part of the outbuildings of the inn. One of them still has the large chimneybreast of a bakehouse and local tradition explains the brick fronts by saying that the original fronts collapsed. In 1831 Elizabeth Davis sold it with a large area of farming land. She married Edward Hatton. The name preserves the memory of John Chillingworth, a farmer whose family occupied large areas of land in the middle and later 19th century. In 1845 William Chillingworth was assessed on 59 acres. It has had many owners and was still an inn in 1853 when Isaac Elderfield was licensee. By 1901 it was occupied by Arthur Bathard who was licensee of the White Hart in 1899. He kept a small shop and sold pig meat as well as groceries, keeping his pigs at the top of the long garden. Mr. Bathard bought it from John Chillingworth and owned it until 1934. A later owner was Mr. Cartwright who had married Gloria Bax, daughter of the owner of Oxford House. In 1966 it was taken over by Ormerod and Co. as a betting shop.

John Chillingworth

Arthur Bathard house and garden

Percy Trinder

Mr. A. E. Wheeler house, garage and premises

	Owner	Occupier
1900	W. Cartwright	Arthur Bathard, storekeeper
1907-1926	Mrs. Cartwright wa Ormerod & Co. Ltd. and premises	Arthur Bathard, pork butcher Arthur Bathard
1937-12/X/33		
From 23/XII/34	This small lean-to shop has served many purposes. In 1900 Mr. Messenger, general labourer, used the property. Mr. Stamp owned it and before 1937 kept a shoe shop here where one was invited to sign the pledge. Then Mr. Emm used it as a chemist's shop. By 1947 Mrs. Stamp was the owner and Mr. S. J. Bax occupier. By 1956 Mr. Bax's daughter, Mrs. Titchener, used it for an office and it was then unoccupied for a time until Stephen Putt, cobbler, moved from the newsagent's premises. It was for a time a greengrocer's and it was until recently an antiques	
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1966		W. Cartwright Gloria Bax - Licensed Betting Shop
1966		
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58 and 60 RELLEW AND ANSARA

They owe their names to the fact that the first owner was Miss Sarah Ann Weller. Rellew was owned and occupied by the Stamp family for twenty years. Mr. Stamp also owned Ansara (and the properties on either side) which was occupied by Frederick Shepherd and later by Mr. Ladbrook who was porter/signalman at Wheatley Station. He and his fellow railway-workers took great pride in the appearance of the

shop.	Owner	Occupier
1900	Mr. Messenger, general labourer, also Yards	
1937	Reginald Stamp See also 1931 entry for Hairdressers	L. S. Emm
1947	Mrs. A. Stamp	Mr. E. J. Bax shop and premises
1956	Mrs. V. M. Titchener She was Veronica Bax and m. Densil Titchener	Office
1966	No occupier, shop and premises	
1970s	Stevie Putt, shoe repairs - occupier	
1978	Antiques shop	
	station; the signal levers were so polished that no-one was allowed to touch them except with a duster.	
	Owner	Occupier
Rellew 1900	Space shown as Yard	
1926,1930	Reginald Stamp	Reginald Stamp
1937		
1947	Mrs. A. Stamp House, buildings and premises	Mrs. A. Stamp

1956	Owner Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Clements	Occupier Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Clements
1966	R. J. Scibilia	R. J. Scibilia

Ansara		
1900	Space shown as Yard	
1926	Reginald Stamp	Frederick Shepherd
1926	Reginald Stamp	Edward Shepherd
1930	Reginald Stamp	Frederick Shepherd
1947	Mrs. A. Stamp	Mr. Ladbroke
1956-1966	Miss D. Tombs	F. W. Ladbroke worked on railway, m. Verna Bax
1978	Mrs. Mary Crossfield	Mrs. Mary Crossfield

56 (HAIRDRESSER'S)

This property was owned by Mr. Stamp who lived at No. 58, and in 1930 and 1931 Mr. Emm used the shop, selling chemist's goods. By 1937 L. Hughes sold second-hand furniture and antiques. After a period as a store it was adapted for its present use as a hairdresser's, with living quarters above.

	Owner	
1930	Reginald Stamp	
1937		Occupier
1947	Mrs. A. Stamp	Leonard S. Emm
1966	R. J. Scibilia	Leonard Hughes S. Samuels
1967	Mrs. Commons	

Mrs. Commons

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William Tombs's map shows the occupier as Mr. Wilms- hurst, station master. Some members of the Munt family lived here and as children they were frightened by stories of ghosts in the old graveyard adjoining. At the 44 back of the building Mr. Hollyfield, wheelwright, made coffins. The Cullum family were builders and also made Oxfordshire wagons.

	Owner	Occupier
1937-1947	F. W. Cullum (builder)	Mr. Jackson

1956	Mrs. Marks	Reuben Crick blacksmith
1966	Reuben Crick	Reuben Crick

The present owners are extensively renovating it.

THE OLD BURIAL GROUND

This was the site of the earliest place of worship, a chapel-of-ease to Cuddesdon. It is first mentioned in the 15th century but in the reign of Edward VI an inventory was taken of church possessions and a comparison with the lists for such nearby villages as Holton, Garsington and Horspath shows that Wheatley was worse off both as regards quantity and quality. (The one cope was made of fustian.) There is a note: there was never taken Inventory afor of thys chappell. In 1785 Thomas Simms, of Denton, who was born in Wheatley and made a fortune in Gibraltar, left the residue of his estate to build a new chapel here, but this had a short life, being condemned by Bishop Wilberforce as 'of a hopeless conventicle pattern'. The Bishop encouraged the Rev. Edward Elton, first Vicar of Wheatley, to raise the money to build a new church. The present site in Church Road was chosen for this. In December 1855, Mr. Elton put up on the door of the old church a Petition for taking it down and on 10th June, 1857 he recorded in his diary 'Great day for Wheatley. Church consecrated two Bishops present and large company'. Eleven years later a tower was added and five of the old bells, one dated 1793 and four dated 1794, were rehung and are still in use. The ground was newly laid out and planted with shrubs in 1890.

After the First World War the memorial cross was erected here in honour of 36 local men and later the names of 9 who fell in the Second World War were added. The cross

began to decay and in 1974 the late Colonel Ashton managed to find an unused stone cross, formerly the property of Magdalen College, and had it erected; for a short time the two crosses stood together. The names from the demolished cross were built into the wall of the church porch. In 1969 the care of the burial ground passed from the Parochial Church Council to the Parish Council, who maintain it as a garden.

52 AVA COTTAGE

In 1900 Anthony Stanley was living here; he was a stonemason as his father and grandfather and many other members of the family had been.

	Owner	Occupier
1900		Anthony Stanley
1937	Executors of Mrs. S. A. Watts	Samuel Radford
1956	A. J. R. Samuels	Mr. Bradley
1966	A. J. R. Samuels	Mr. Bradley

50 SAMUELS

Miss Flood (d. 1979, aged 90) remembered pict'

charming cottages on this site.

The present redbrick shop was built about 1900 for Mr. Stanley, but was not always a butcher's. In 1912 it was an unemployment office and in 1920 the licensee of the Railway Tavern rented it as a wet fish shop. In 1936 Walter Samuels established his butchery business, buying the premises in 1956. It remains in the Samuels family, who have established a wide reputation.

Occupier

E. Stanley, butcher
E. Stanley
A. J. R. Samuels
A. J. R. Samuels

NEWSAGENT'S (Old Post Office) Station Road, have served many purposes. In 1847 the sub-postmaster was William Lovelock who was also grocer, draper and

	Owner	registrar of births, deaths and marriages. By 1876 he had been succeeded as sub-postmaster by his wife and Mr. Tubb was registrar.
1900		
1907-1937	E. Stanley	
1947	E. Stanley	
1956-1966	A. J. R. Samuels	According to Harrods Directory "letters arrive at 6.9 a.m. and 3.20 p.m.; are dispatched at 9.10 a.m. and 7.36 p.m." John Russell was the next postmaster and on

These premises occupying the

corner of High Street and

his death in 1889 his widow took over. Of her, Dr. Winifred Leyshon (b. 1890) writes: "Like other ladies of her time she modelled her general appearance and deportment on Queen Victoria. She sold children's books which we bought for about 3d each. I was often privileged to be invited into her sitting room, into which one stepped straight from the shop, and regaled with slices of cold sausage and bread-and- butter ...". By 1926 Reginald Stamp was the owner and Mrs. Iles and her sister, Miss Radford, kept the Newsagents, while Barclays Bank used the part of the building fronting High Street; the main shop was then thatched, with an extension on the pavement now demolished. By 1934 Mrs. Iles owned the property and it was let as four shops, one a cobbler's and one a butcher's, while the newsagent was taken over by Mr. Arkell from 1937- During the 1960s the butcher, bank and cobbler moved and eventually the premises were redivided into the present newsagent's and architect's office.

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This is a small one-storey cottage with attic and gabled dormer windows. There is a date stone over the door

AS
1776

	Owner	Occupier
1937-1947	F. & L. Allen	R. F. Taylor
1956	F. & L. Allen	G. Hempstead
1966	P. L. Reeve	P. L. Reeve

44 SANDPIPER (formerly RAILWAY TAVERN)

In 1898 the licensee was called Shepherd. 1907-1936 Hall 45

& Co. were the owners; from 1907, Alfred Phelps (who came from London) occupier. Mr. H. G. Quelch, occupier in 1937, was owner/occupier from 1936 and was succeeded by D. J. Wright and then A. C. Jennings.

Behind The Railway Tavern and Delft Cottage there were three cottages. These were owned by Hall & Co. and one was occupied by Thos. Tombs and another by Joseph Shepherd, but there were demolished about 1937-

40 DELFT (formerly two cottages, The Cot and Linden Lea)

Linden Lea was occupied by Caroline East, the local nurse and midwife, until 1927- Mr. Bargus bought the two cottages, with Thatch Cottage next door, from Frederick Fowler's daughters and it now belongs to Mr. Bargus's daughter, Mrs. Kirchoff and her husband.

Occupier	Owner	Occupier
The Cot		
1907	Frederick Fowler	Joseph Vernon
1926	Frederick Fowler	John Payne
1937-1947	Frederick Fowler	George Payne
1956	Mr. Bargus	
1966	Mr. & Mrs. Kirchoff	Mr. & Mrs. Kirchoff
Linden Lea		
1907-1926	Frederick Fowler	Caroline East
1927	Frederick Fowler	William Davis
1937-1947	Frederick Fowler	W. Clements
1956	Mr. Bargus	
1966	Mr. & Mrs. Kirchoff	

38 THATCH COTTAGE

The previous owner, Frederick Fowler (1861-195D ran the grocery and bakery at the shoo now called Telfurb. When he acquired Thatch Cottage and the house to the east (now Delft) with a large plot of ground, the only deed was a slip of paper stating that the properties represented a debt for £50. A window light, now removed but in the owner's possession, was inscribed Ed Harker, Sept. 46 1744, and below John Butler 1799.

The Manor of Wheatley was originally part of the estate of Abingdon Abbey. In the 14th century the de Louche family held it from the Abbey, followed in the following century by the de Camoys, Lewknors and Barentiles. In 1526 the overlordship passed to Wolsey's College in Oxford. By 1575 it had passed to the Archdale family which was, until the arrival of the present owners, the last family to live in its own property. Abraham Archdale's niece, Anne Powell, was mother of Milton's first wife, so, although there is no proof of the tradition that Cromwell slept in the house,

Year	Owner	Owner
1900		John Fowler
1907	Frederick Fowler	John Fowler
1921-1951	Frederick Fowler	Frederick Fowler
From 1951	Mr. & Mrs. E. W.	Bargus

ROSE VILLA

This two-storey house stands facing east, in a large plot, owned an acre of pasture.

Elizabeth Allen
Mrs. G. Allen (owner/occupier)
Miss L. Allen

behind Thatch Cottage,
In 1927 Mrs. Allen also

1900 1927-1956 THE MANOR HOUSE

1966 there is a strong probability that Milton visited it. The manorial rights mostly ceased to be exercised during the 16th century and the house and lands were let by successive owners who included Sir Whalley-Smythe-Gardiner. He received large allotments of land by the Enclosure Award of 1813- A rent book of the early 19th century survives, showing that among tenants of his various Wheatley properties were members of such well-known Wheatley families as Juggins, Melony, Sheldon, Shepherd, Rose and Haines of the Crown. The Parish Rate Book of 1845 shows that the tenants of the Manor House included George Lee and William Chillingworth i the latter naid slightly higher wages than other local farmers to avoid trouble from Joseph Arch's Agricultural Workers Union.

From 1826 to 1842 Richard Way, a considerable farmer, was tenant, and his family lived in the house. Two patch-work quilts, exquisitely worked by his daughter while living there, survive in the possession of her great-nieces. Another daughter, Mary Anne, married Richard Rose.

In 1851 the house was bought by the Bishop of Oxford, who intended to use it for a Teacher Training College: the relevant deed was signed by Matthew Arnold as proxy for the Marquis of Lansdowne. This project came to nothing, the college being sited at Culham, and the house, in a ruinous condition, was acquired by J. W. Henley, M.P., of Waterperry, who divided it into four cottages. In 1872 the navvies employed to change the gauge of the railway were lodged in the attic. In 1885 the sons of Richard Rose bought it but they continued to let the house and built Rock House for themselves. Many stories survive of the four families living in the Manor and some residents today, including Mr. Harding, were brought up there. Mrs. Bunce (nee Tombs), now living in Holton, remembers watching the Wheatley flood from an upper window.

In 1925 the Rose family died out and the Manor House was sold to Mrs. Milne, an intrepid traveller, who intended to restore the building to its original state but this work was not carried out until the present owner, Mrs. Hassall bought it from her in 1939.

Many artefacts have been found in the grounds including clay pipes, a Civil War canon-ball, small dolls and other fairings, coins, tradesmen's tokens and jetons.

There are four cottages, known as Breach Cottages, in the Manor Grounds. Occupants of these have included members of the old Wheatley families Munt, Tombs, Funge and Barlow.

Manor House

Owned by the Rose Brothers until 1905, then by Mrs. Milne to 1939, and then by Mrs. Hassall.

Occupier

North-east end

1900-1907 George Tuby (railwayman)
1917 Archibald Harding

Middle Section

1900-1907 Mrs. Edwards
1917 Charles Shorter

Caleb Harris (milkman, later in Breach Cottages)
Richard Merritt

James Tombs
Mrs. J. Tombs

William Munt (milkman)

William Goodlake (market-gardener) 20 VALMAHAR

In 1938 this was newly-built for Mr. William Goodlake, who had lived in part of the Manor House. His wife (nee Ada Munt) lived to be 91. The house is now owned

South-east corner

1900 by their grand-daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dallimore.

1907 This stands in front of No. 12 and has been extensively modernised.
1917-1926 Like No. 12 it has been owned and occupied by members of long-
1927 established local families. There is a large stone-built barn at the rear.

West end

1900-1907 Owner
1917-1939 Mrs. Phelps
(wife of owner of Railway Tavern) Mrs. Phelps

T. B. Bolton

W. H. Goodlake

W. H. Goodlake

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1917-1926

Occupier
Frederick Dorrell

1937

Joseph Cox

1947

Joseph Cox

1956

1966

H. Johnson

This was a simple stone built cottage standing back from the road on the edge of the Old Green, extensively modernised recently. but has been from a large family of masons. Richard Stanley came

	Owner	Occupier
1917	Richard Stanley	Thos. Ray
1926	Richard Stanley	Sidney Sherwood
1930	Richard Stanley	C. R. Beachey
1937	Richard Stanley	James Davis, road sweeper James Davis
1947	Mrs. A. A. Watts (Exors.)	James Davis
1956-1966	W. H. Goodlake	

6 OLD TIMBERS

About 1900 Jock East, roadman, lived here. His daughter

Jilly, was a teacher at the occupied by Richard Gomm. school, but in 1901 it was By 1937 it was owned by his married daughter, Mrs. (1956) was daughter of Herbert Munt and passed to Daisy Tame. Mrs. Matthews Hyde of Baker
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	Owner	Occupier
1917	Rose Brothers	Richard Gomm
1929	Herbert Munt	Richard Gomm
1937	Herbert Munt	Mrs. Beachey
1947	Mrs. Daisy Tame	Mrs. Beachey
1956-1966	Mr. & Mrs. Matthews	Mr. & Mrs. Matthews
1967	S. Holbrook	S. Holbrook

4 FAIRHOLME

This was one of a number of properties owned by the

Rose Brothers, whose butchery business was across the road. In 1901 the property included the cottage and garden on the south, now called Old Timbers, occupied by R. Gomm, and up to 1938 also included 'the pastureland adjoining called Little Green, fronting High Street and 48 Littleworth Road', 1 acre 32 perches in extent. The

present owners have made some alterations without changing the external appearance.

	Owner	Occupier
1901	Mr. J. Rose	Captain Saw (retired)
1907	Mr. J. Rose	Captain Saw
1917	Mr. J. Rose	Miss Hinksman, (retired missionary)
1925	Annie Rose	
1926	Herbert Munt	Ernest Tame
1940	Mrs. Daisy Tame	Ernest Tame
1956	H. H. Barker	H. H. Barker
1966	A. R. Heckman	A. R. Heckman
1968	Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Drake	Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Drake

2 BARTON COTTAGE

This old stone cottage, facing east, was occupied in 1900 by George Stacey, retired policeman. From 1926 John Putt who worked for the G.P.O. lived here, becoming the owner in 1947- His daughter, Mrs. Curtis, sold it in 1962: she still lives in the village.

The house has suffered badly from large vehicles which do not succeed in negotiating the narrow corner.

	Owner	Occupier
1900	George Stacey, retired policeman Yashti Wellbourne	
1926		John Putt
To Oct 4 1930		
1930	Mrs. A. Hedges	John Putt
1934-1947	H. S. Pether	John Putt
1947-1956	John Putt	John Putt
1960s	Mrs. Edith Curtis John Putt's daughter	
1962-1966	D. G. Jones	
1978	House : and garage Donald and Carol Jones	Donald and Carol Jones