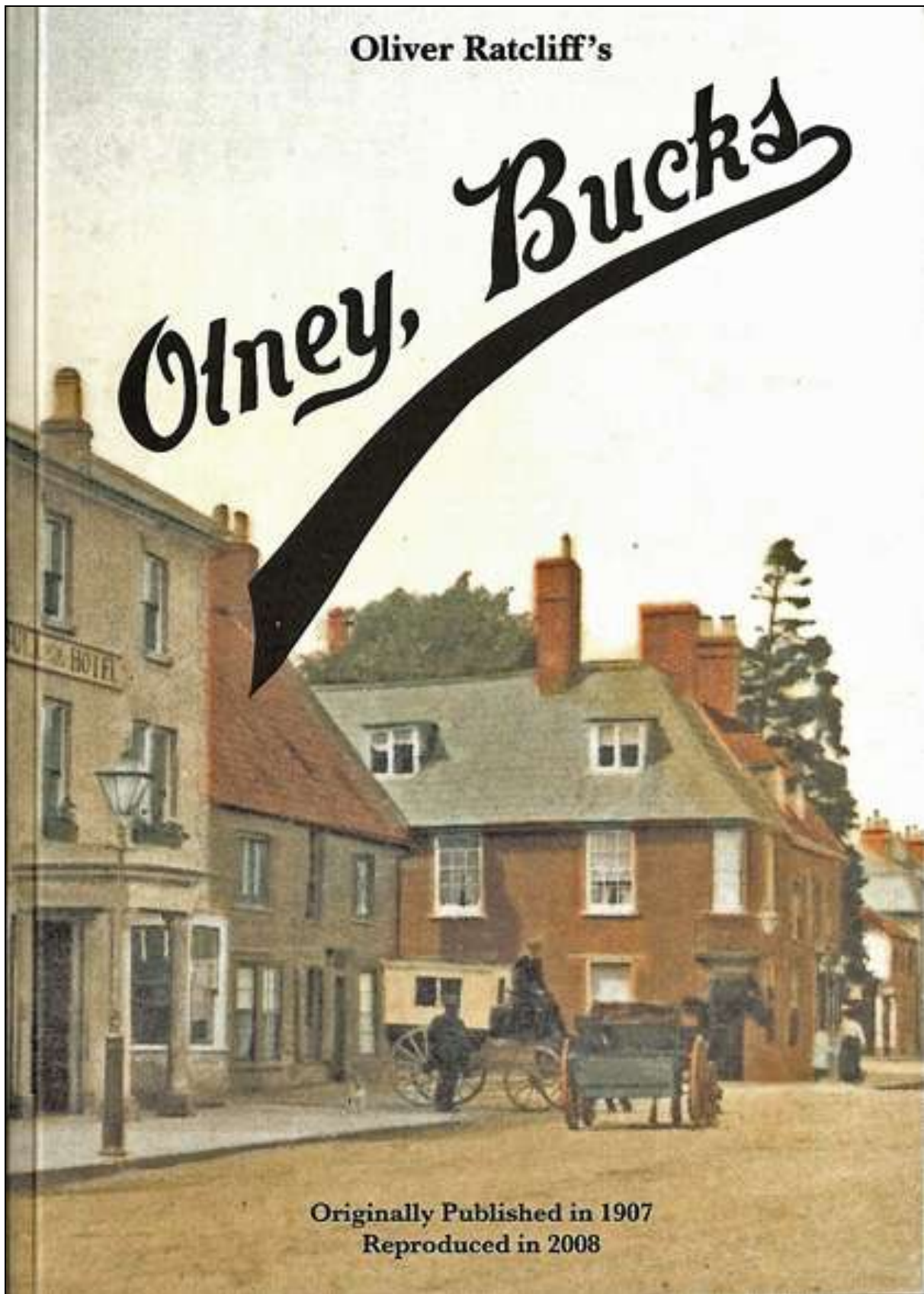


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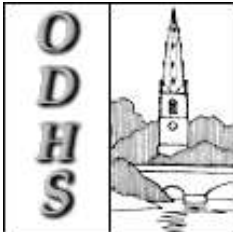
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ODHS PREFACE - 2008

This publication by the Olney and District Historical Society is a reproduction of Oliver Ratcliff's book 'Olney, Bucks', often colloquially known as his '1907 Almanack'. It is published to commemorate its centenary in 2007 and provides readers with an insight into many aspects of life in Olney one hundred years ago. In particular, the social conditions prevailing in Olney during the late Victorian and Edwardian periods can be readily appreciated from the wide range of topics covered by Ratcliff. Although the authenticity of the detail in Ratcliff's 1907 publication cannot be guaranteed, it is considered to provide a realistic view of life in Olney at that time.

The section entitled 'My Look Round Olney', the major part of the book, illustrates the extensive range of products and services that could be acquired from the town's traders. This range is even more impressive when considering the town's population was only around 2,700 at that time and the majority of its inhabitants were employed in the poorly paid shoe, lace and agricultural industries.

Ratcliff's descriptions of Olney's churches, clubs and associations, together with the local devil-lore, jokes, and cartoons, reveal the local activities, pastimes and humour of the period.

Relatively little is known about Oliver Ratcliff himself. The 1891 Census lists him as born in Ashby-de-la-Zouche, a printer and stationer aged 31 years, apparently a bachelor living with his parents 'over the shop' at 13 High Street South. As stated in his foreword, he produced an earlier Olney Almanack in 1887.

Regarding the mechanics of this publication, the text of Ratcliff's original 1907 book has been faithfully reproduced, as have the advertisements. However, the text size has been enlarged to improve legibility and the advertisements, photographs and illustrations have been scaled and processed to suit the A5 book size. Captions have been added to the advertisements, where the location of the premises is known, to indicate the current status of that address. Additional photographs of Olney taken around the 1900's have been included to replace Ratcliff's not so relevant ones.

In summary, Ratcliff's 1907 book provides a useful reference for Olney's modern (say, late eighteenth and early nineteenth century) history, as evidenced by the number of subsequent local authors who have referenced, if not 'borrowed', its content. This reproduction is intended to extend this reference to a wider twenty-first century audience.

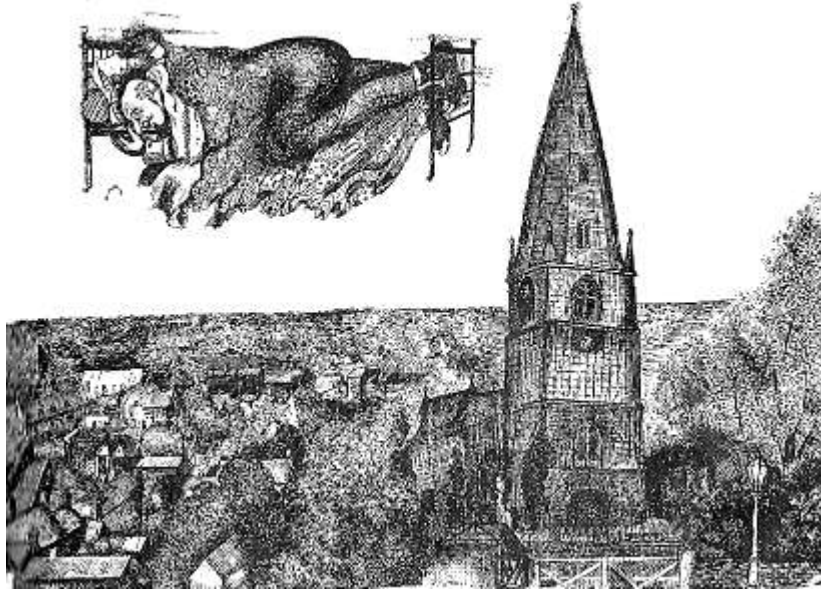


**Oliver Ratcliff's business premises at 13 High Street South
(to the left of 'Hallelujah' lamp post)**

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My Look Round Olney



ONE of our oldest proverbs reads ‘Time changes all things’, and how could it be possible to verify this stereotyped phrase more vividly than by comparing what I wrote fifteen years ago in ‘Olney, Past and Present’, with today. In that book it says: ‘Coming from Emberton you will find the bridges of ‘wearisome but needful length’ that span the river branches. The first thing that strikes one who knew the town twenty years ago is the sense of silence that hangs over the Tanyard. It is a regrettable fact that the tannery is no more. Before there was any likelihood of Olney devoting so much of its energy to the manufacture of boots and shoes the place possessed a flourishing tannery, which not only employed a fairly large number of men but was noted the kingdom throughout for the excellence of its leather.

Why the industry has been allowed to lapse is, as Lord Dundreary would say, “One of those things no fellah can understand”. There is and always will be, a ready market for leather of real worth. Had the quality of the leather been allowed to suffer deterioration with yearly output, and trade accordingly fallen off in proportion, then the closing of the yard might have been understood, but trade was good to the end, and consequently with the natural advantages possessed by the

town for the business we are entitled to hope that somewhere, not in the too distant future, we shall see a revival of the industry’.

Little did I think as I penned the above lines such a change would come over these old neglected business premises that had been wantonly destroyed. The advent of such a body of business men at the Olney Tanyard is a great acquisition to a small town like ours. In *my look round Olney* I therefore have pleasure in recording the growth of this enterprising firm for the edification of my readers.

W. E. & J. Pebody

CHROME

TANNERS

Olney & Northampton

SPECIALITIES:

Black and Brown Ouse Calf,

Willow Calf and Veals.

The tannery in Bridge St - now a housing estate

**W. E. & J. Pebody Ltd,
Cowper Tannery,
Olney**

THIS highly enterprising and progressive firm are manufacturers of the most popular leathers on the market at the present time, and have made a

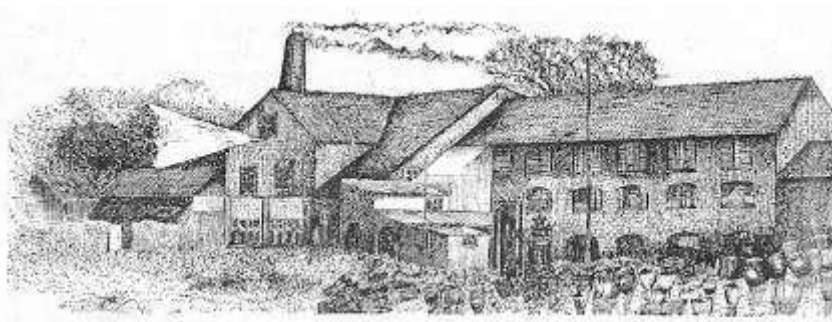
name for themselves in the numerous centres of the boot industry by reason of the admittedly high quality of their productions. The business, which is now a large and important one, was founded in the year 1878 by Mr W E Pebody at the Lower Mounts, Northampton, in the premises now occupied by the firm. Quick to appreciate the nature of the changes in the process of leather manufacture, the production of Chrome Leather was commenced on a small scale in 1900 and so much success was met with that three years later they decided to confine practically the whole of their business to the manufacture of the Chrome Leathers which were then becoming increasingly popular.



The late Jos Palmer

In 1896 Mr Joseph Pebody who had been for many years engaged in the industry in both the producing and selling departments joined his brother, and they continued trading as Messrs W E & J Pebody until recently when the business was converted into a Co. and 'Ltd' has of course been

added to the former name and style of the firm. The association of the brothers in partnership brought an early development of the business. It soon out-grew the accommodation offered in the Northampton premises, and the opportunity offering itself, they purchased the tannery premises formerly belonging the late Mr Joseph Palmer, who for many years successfully carried on the oak bark tanning business.



North View of Messrs W E & J Pebody's Tannery

The works had, however, been disused for many years and were, as they stood, ill adapted for manufacturing by the new process. Messrs Pebody at once set themselves to the work of reconstruction. New pits and commodious workshops in which the latest and most improved machinery was installed soon made their appearance and following the installation of a 50 horse-power steam engine and boiler, operations were commenced and have since been successfully continued there. The facilities offered by the new premises proved of such a character that it was decided to remove the manufacturing part of the business hitherto carried on at Northampton to Olney, the adoption of this course enabling the firm to utilise the spacious buildings in Northampton for warehouse purposes, sale rooms, and offices. The Northampton premises are, by the way, the registered offices of the company.



W E Pebody



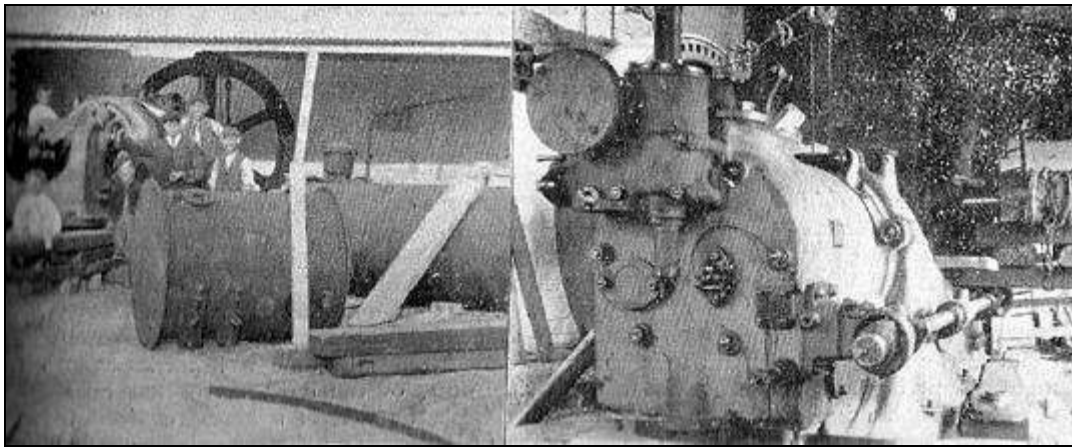
Jos Pebody

In the meantime, as we have indicated above, Messrs Pebody had determined to move with the times and devote themselves entirely to the production of chrome leathers. This was at the period in question a bold move, for chrome tanning was still in an experimental stage. That they were justi-

fied in taking it the results soon proved. Not a little of the success achieved has been due to the fact that not only are the principals themselves experienced but they have had the good fortune to secure the service of capable heads for every department. In 1903, for instance, they entered into an arrangement which secured them the services of Mr Henry Hatton, who has had practically life-long association with the industry, in which probably few are better known. His efforts have been ably seconded by Mr William J Shaw and Mr James Williams, both well-known experts.

Whilst on the personnel of the firm it may be mentioned that Mr J E Mustill is the Secretary of the Company, which is represented in Northampton by Mr Percy L Pebody, the firm being represented outside the County town by Mr John Pebody, who has acted in this capacity for over twelve years. We should also add that Mr W E Pebody is Chairman and Managing Director of the Company and Mr Joseph Pebody Director and Sales Manager, whilst the more responsible employees have also an interest in the business.

This association of principals, experts, and employees has proved an unqualified success for it has resulted not only in the firm establishment of a commercial undertaking of considerable magnitude, but has also given the Company a reputation which the present character of their production is likely to not only maintain but increase. Their output has continuously grown for their Willow Calf and Box, and their Brown and Black Ouse have by sheer merit made themselves highly popular with boot producers in all centres of the industry.



The Erection of the 140 hp Engine

The names of those appearing on the above illustration are, reading from left to right, John Chapman, engine driver, Gil Ratcliff (top), Jack Ratcliff, Henry Jones, fitter; Ted Minney and Jack Robinson.

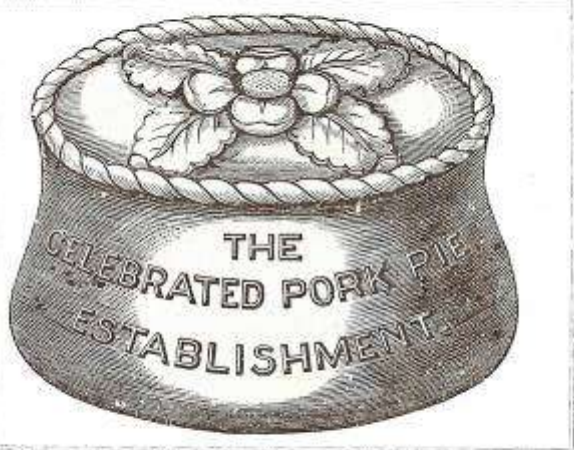
The Company, in order to cope with the ever increasing demand, have just put down a 140 hp Tangye gas engine (with producer gas plant) to drive the machinery, which is about to receive some notable additions, for Messrs Pebody have always seen the necessity of keeping their plant and machinery quite up to date. At the present we understand that they have sufficient orders on hand to keep the works running at their full capacity for some time to come. This is highly satisfactory,

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Arthur J. Osborn,
FAMILY BUTCHER,



20, High Street South.

*The Noted House for Home Made Pork Pies
and Sausages.*

Now Michael Graham, estate agent

for the employment created by this prosperous firm is no doubt looked upon with pleasure by the inhabitants of Olney (and particularly the shopkeepers) since the weekly wages bill of the firm is necessarily a large one.

**Mr Arthur Osborn -
Family Butcher,
High Street South,
Olney**

IN spite of strenuous efforts made by interested bodies, both verbally and through the public press, to bring about an alteration, meat remains the staple article of diet among all classes, except those without the means to obtain it.

Vegetarianism makes no headway in this country, and the masses have an unconquerable aversion to partake frequently of fish, looking upon it as a luxury or change, rather than as an essential for their daily sustenance. Whether national prejudice is right in this matter we need not trouble here to determine, but we must certainly confess to sharing it largely, especially when we have the opportunity of obtaining our butcher's meat at such an establishment as Mr Arthur Osborn's.

The shop will at once commend itself to the notice of new residents and visitors to the town by its bright and well-kept appearance and the scrupulous neatness and cleanliness of its surroundings; whilst to the *habitués* of Olney it has become well known as an establishment supplying meat of the finest quality. Many of the most celebrated breeders of the neighbourhood are relied upon to furnish the large number of animals required to serve the extensive connection dealing with Mr Arthur Osborn.

The slaughter-house attached to the shop is a model of good order and cleanliness and is provided with all appliances for dispatching the animals with the least possible amount of suffering, and also for manipulating the meat in a satisfactory manner. For the prompt service of his patrons, Mr Arthur Osborn keeps a number of carts and horses, besides cycle messengers, his vehicles making their daily round being familiar objects in the streets and on the roads round about Olney. Home cured hams and bacon, pork pies, kidney, sweetbreads, pickled ox-tongues, pork, corned beef and other special delicacies are generally obtainable in the perfection of condition.

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**Mr Jesse Walder -
Pastry Cook, Confectioner, &c
High Street, Olney**

THAT both science and art are brought to bear on the preparation and embellishment of the many luxurious comestibles that we are accustomed to see gracing the board on various festive occasions, is due to the skill, good taste, and high training of such masters of the culinary profession as Mr J Walder and his clever wife who have evidently graduated in the best schools. Ever since ultra-refinement in gastronomy came to be considered as one of the most distinctive proofs of good breeding, we have been too prone to grant the palm for all matters pertaining to the table to our volatile and vivacious neighbours across the Channel, and it seems to be held as a sort of fashionable creed that a French *chef de cuisine* is the one thing needful to ensure the success of an establishment devoted to the production of epicurean delicacies and dainties. *Chacun à son goût!* For our own part, we are sufficiently patriotic to believe that we can dine or sup sumptuously and well on viands furnished by our noted purveyors. It has been clearly demonstrated to us ocularly and otherwise, that Mr Walder's establishment is capable of 'furnishing forth a feast', fit for the highest in the land; and, in point of fact, it can number among its patrons people from all over great Britain; its reputation is such as to warrant us in terming it one of the best shops of its kind in Olney. Neatly decorated and ornamented in good taste, Mr Walder's premises consist of double-fronted plate glass windows and are situated in the centre of the High Street, and afford easy access to all the interesting objects connected with the Haunts of Cowper, et cetera. Here may be seen nicely arranged in the windows, a display of all those appetising *morceaux* which are wont to make our mouths water even to look at, whilst within are still further good things, spread out in tempting array on the counters and sideboards. Capital accommodation is afforded for pertaining of light refreshments, ices, creams, delicious looking pastry and cakes are daily made on the premises; wedding cakes are especially constructed, in a most artistic manner, to order, and Mr Walder undertakes the entire catering and furnishing for *déjeûners*, luncheons, dinners, or suppers, the edibles for which may be dressed at the customer's own private house, as his services are always available for this duty.

WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANT
W. TAYLOR
OLNEY BUCKS.

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Tea Dealer and Provision Merchant,

PATENT MEDICINES.


HUNTLEY & PALMER'S BISCUITS,
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OLNEY, BUCKS.

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We need scarcely add our testimony to that of the general public, whom Mr Walder has had the pleasure of supplying since he took over an old neglected business which he has worked up in such a marvellous manner, the result that the reputation of the establishment has become *par excellence*.

**Mr Lewis Thompson -
Grocer, Provision,
Wine and Spirit
Merchant, Olney**

*“The Customers were suited to their
mind”* *Cowper*

HAPPY customers! Happy John
Gilpin, of whom the line was written,
to so please his patrons. But if our

Olney readers will accompany us in a look around Mr Lewis Thompson’s shop, store rooms, and last but not least, his enormous wine cellars, which are filled with all kinds of goods to tempt the appetite, we think that they also will say they can be “suited to their mind”, and as it is but reasonable to look at both sides of a question, let us examine the exterior and interior of the premises.

The premises occupy a fine position in High Street and practically face the Market Place, thus affording an admirable frontage with its large plate-glass windows encasing a most attractive show of various sorts of comestibles. Careful attention is paid to the window display, which is always clean and bright and of a nature calculated to tempt the casual customer, the quality of the goods when bought often turning such into a permanent one. Nor does the interior belie the outwardly promising appearance. There is ample room in the spacious shop for display stock, and the space is fully utilised, the selection, manipulation, and the price of the goods bespeaking able management on the principal’s part.

There is, no doubt, that, in what large manufacturing centres are pleased to term ‘country towns’, the character and quality of the food, especially eggs, butter, cheese, bacon, &c, is of a vastly superior nature, and the stock we see at Mr Lewis Thompson’s amply demonstrates this. One of the special features is tea; what with the reduction of duty, and the competitive spirit abroad that gives us a multifarious choice of good blends and growths, tea drinkers have fallen upon happy times, and Mr Lewis Thompson’s customers can obtain all the benefits of legislation, commerce, and nature showered

MRS. OWEN DRAGE
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28 Bridge St, now a private residence

upon them. The teas sold here are new season's growths from India, China, and Ceylon, and may well lay claim to the title of unrivalled. Coffees of the best plantations, their aroma pervading the premises, cocoa, sugars, dried fruits, Italian warehouse goods, biscuits, tinned and bottled goods of the finest brands are stocked; the provision department embracing best English and American, and Irish hams and bacon; home and foreign cheese, fresh dairy butter, eggs &c, &c. Mr Lewis Thompson also deals very extensively in wines and spirits also ales and stouts. He is agent for the well known Northampton firm Messrs Phipps & Co, also for Messrs Hipwell & Co's celebrated ales and stouts, and Messrs Whitbread's brewings. The business is a very old established one in Olney. A considerable trade in sweet manufacturing is carried on, and at Mr Thompson's branch shop lower down the street is a very large stock of glass, china and earthenware.

Mr W Litchfield -

House Decorator,

High Street South, Olney

MR W Litchfield's premises are conveniently accessible and there is always on hand here a varied assortment of paper hangings, cornices, mouldings, and other necessaries of the trade. We may draw particular attention to the stock of lincrusta decorative material shown here, this being, in our opinion, the very best substance for wall decoration that has been introduced. The embossed surface of lincrusta admirably adapts it for treatment at the painter's hands, and when used in an artistic manner, the fabric well deserves the title bestowed upon it - King of wall decorations. Mr Litchfield is particularly successful in carrying out this class of work, as we can testify. The richness of the material and his skilled manipulation of the fabric places it far and above the highest class of wall-papers, and renders it especially suitable for decorating large apartments, halls, etc. Every description of interior and exterior work is undertaken. His charges are extremely low, and being a very expeditious craftsman his accounts are more often pleasing to his clients than otherwise.

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**Mr Cattell -
Monumental and
General Mason,
Weston Road, Olney**

ONE of the most pleasing characteristics of the English-speaking race is the veneration and respect in which they hold the memory of their departed relatives and friends. Owing to this feature the Monumental Mason finds ample scope for the display of his talent, which in many instances, is of no mean order. As an example, we may single out Mr R Cattell. He has had years of experience in the trade and has carried out a large number of contracts in his time both of the plainest and most elaborate nature. In stone, granite or in marble, he is equally happy, and the memorial tablets, etc, designed by him are remarkable for their good taste and appropriateness to the purpose for which they are intended. Monumental carving of every kind is done, and inscriptions written in imperishable letters, or merely cut in the stone. Estimates and designs are provided, and the scale of charges is based according to the wishes and means of those to whose order the work is executed. He is a practical man and well able to direct those whom he employs, consequently he can ensure his patrons that all work entrusted to him will be thoroughly carried out as was fully verified by the report written by the Rev. Fulmer, in the *Bucks Standard*, of May 6th, 1905, where he received high praise for the restoration of Clifton Reynes Church.

**Mr F Dawes -
Builder &c.,
Olney**

THE number of new buildings erected in Olney during recent years indicates great activity in the building trade of the town, the skilful manner in which the work has, in the main, been performed, and the way in which modern improvements have been introduced being highly creditable to local builders. A business that has exhibited special activity during recent years is that belonging to Mr Fred Dawes. It was established many years ago, and is, as we have said, a progressive one, Mr Dawes being a practical and experienced man. Specimens of his work may be seen in the private house of Mr R Hipwell known as Over's View, and many other smaller residences throughout the town which bear the stamp of masterly workmanship and good material.

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*Parties, Dances, &c. on best
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A LARGE TENT FOR HIRE.

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**Mr F Murton - Tobacconist
The Post Office,
Olney**

*“Some sigh for this and that;
My wishes don't go far
The world may wag at will
So I have my cigar.” Hood*

EVEN though the delightful writer quoted above must admittedly have used a little poetic license in expressing his love for the ever-solacing *weed*, it cannot be denied that there is a good deal of solid truth in his rapture. A real good cigar - or, for the matter of that, really good tobacco - is a perfect luxury, and there is of necessity in Olney a large number of persons who regard a place where such can be obtained of as much importance as any other establishment that ministers to our wants and necessities. In one of the best shops in the Market Place, not far from Freeman's corner, Mr Murton has, since his residence in Olney, traded as a tobacconist in addition to his postal duties, supplying a proportionate share of the inhabitants of Olney and district with tobacco goods fully the equal of those that inspired Hood to write the eulogistic lines heading this notice. Conveniently situated, attractive in itself, and well stocked, the establishment possesses all the characteristics of a well-to-do concern. Fresh consignments of tobacco are being continually received, and the experience which Mr Murton has had enables him to keep it in a first-class condition, so that it is always palatable and enjoyable. The tobaccos on hand here include the productions of nearly all the leading firms whereby the particular tastes of all smokers may be satisfied. Mr Murton is always to be found personally attending to customers' wants, and patrons will find him equally at home discussing the merits of the productions of foreign lands, or the topics of every-day interest in Olney.

**Mr Brooks - Baker
and Confectioner,
High Street South,
Olney**

THE health giving air of Olney is extraordinarily conducive to good appetites, and consequently there is a special demand made on that indispensable of tradesmen - the baker.

The district is gradually becoming favoured by being the residence of good families who in their turn attract others; therefore, there is plenty of scope for those who practise higher branches of the trade than mere bread-making, though this is sufficiently important, and we purpose here to bring before our readers one of the principal bakers and

H. WESLEY,



COACH BUILDER,

WHEELWRIGHT,

JOINER, ETC.,

Midland Road, Olney, Bucks.

ESTIMATES FREE.

W. HODDLE,

THE OLNEY BOOT STORES

— 29, High St. South, Olney. —



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SHOWING LATEST STYLES IN BLACK AND
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"Bee Hive" and other Noted Brands. Best Value in the Trade

Now a book shop

confectioners that Olney possesses, in the person of Mr Brooks. The business now conducted by the above named tradesman has enjoyed an existence of several generations and was started lower down the street.

The original proprietor was Mr Roberts and on his retirement, the business was taken over by Mr Brooks, who has proved a worthy successor. It has been thoroughly remodelled and brought up to the highest pitch of perfection, and the excellence of all the ingredients and materials used, and perfect skill in their manipulation - the two latter combined, producing a quality of bread and confectionery that cannot be surpassed. Fancy bread and biscuit baking is the chief business of the concern, and many families are supplied with an article that has gained a wide reputation for wholesomeness and purity. Although his wedding and birthday cakes are held in much esteem, he succeeds admirably well in many other cakes, especially that known as Madeira cake, which to produce in perfection, requires much skill in its compounding and care in baking. The Bake-house is adjacent to the shop and house, and all operations are carried out under the supervision of Mr Brooks. The results of his labours speaking for the skill he possesses and the care he practises. Mr Brook's establishment is known as the Cowper and Newton Tea Rooms and they are becoming well known throughout the county as their patrons after once paying a visit do not fail to give them their deserving both for the good attention received and the moderate charges.

**Mr H Luddington -
Fishmonger,
Weston Rd, Olney**

THE fishmongery trade in Olney cannot boast of a very old-established business, but the one in review can certainly claim the premier place in this particular trade.

Commenced in the year 1880 it was carried on until a few years ago by Mr Thomas Lyman, who gave place to his son, from whom it passed to his son-in-law Mr H Luddington, who gained his experience in the fish trade in London. The shop is small but regular customers may rely upon a supply of fresh, dry, and shell fish in season. Mr Luddington is always obliging and seeks regular customers not only in Olney but Weston, Emberton, and Clifton, where his clients can have daily supplies upon intimation.

Telegrams—GUDGIN, OLNEY. Telephone—No. 6 OLNEY.

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Flour and Corn
Merchants, . . .

Cowper Roller Mills,
OLNEY, BUCKS.

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ETC.

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The 'Sun' Inn, Olney

MISS WATSON,

*Purveyor : of : Milk, : Butter, : Eggs.
and Poultry,*

AT THE LOWEST MARKET PRICE.

Customers Regularly Supplied. A Trial Order Solicited.

37 Weston Rd, now a private residence


**Mr W Ratcliff - Saddler
& Harness Manufacturer,
High Street South,
Olney**

SITUATED in the midst of an agricultural and hunting district, an old established business like the above mentioned has a good chance of success when ably and properly conducted. That this has been the case with Mr Ratcliff's establishment is evident from the fact that it has stood the test of time, not only without failure, but always steadily maintaining a high character for good work. The shop occupies one of the best positions in the town and is in full view of the High Street and Market Place, and being fitted with two plate-glass windows, generally presents an attractive display of the goods manufactured here.

We are not aware that Mr Ratcliff makes a speciality of any article, aiming rather, we imagine, at the attainment of excellence in all the goods he makes and sells. On the occasion of our visit, we were invited to inspect a good stock of riding and driving equipments of all kinds. Harness of every description, saddles for ladies or gentlemen, whips, spurs, bits in great variety, horse clothing, brushes, and all kinds of stable requisites were on hand, their appearance showing that both elegance and durability had been aimed at in their construction.

Repairs are done on the premises by competent workmen under Mr Ratcliff's personal supervision, the best materials and workmanship employed, and the most satisfactory results consequently obtained. The hunting requisites made here are noted for their superiority, and are in favour among a very influential circle of hunting-men. A good business is also done in making and repairing portmanteaux, leggings, etc., turning out sound and well-finished articles in every respect.

Excellent harness blacking, embrocations, and other matters that are indispensable in the stable or the coach house are on hand, all being of proved value. The whole stock is extensive and varied, and in the large workshop at the rear, orders of every description can be, and are, constantly executed.

IT IS A DUTY. 

Your Personal Appearance

MUST RECEIVE DUE REGARD AND ATTENTION


TO ATTAIN THIS OBJECT

YOU SHOULD BUY AT

J. Garner's


Drapery, Millinery, and Gentlemen's Outfitting
Warehouse,

21, MARKET PLACE, OLNEY.



WE MAKE A POINT OF CATERING FOR THE
GENERAL PUBLIC TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT
IT HAS BECOME A SAYING IN THE DISTRICT:


THE house for the **PEOPLE**

IS  **J. GARNER'S.**

☐ NEW GOODS continually arriving IN ALL DEPARTMENTS.
☐ IMMENSE STOCK. UNEQUALLED VALUE.

**Now a gift shop, handbag shop, clothes shop
and Rose Court complex**

W. ANDREWS,
BOOT : AND : SHOE : REPAIRER
20, Weston Road, Olney.



REPAIRS OF ALL KINDS Neatly, Cheaply and Expeditionly Executed.
A Trial Order Respectfully Solicited.

Now a private residence

**Mr W Hoddle -
The Boot Stores,
Olney**

THIS is a well-known establishment in High Street South, which has been carried on for many years by Mr William Hoddle. The shop he occupies stands on the site of the old house made famous in the annals of Olney in being the residence of the by-gone but immortalized Teedon, the schoolmaster, whose diary is so entertaining to the admirers of Cowper the 'King of Letter Writers'. Mr Hoddle is well known in our town not only as a disciple of St Crispin, but also as a figure of the old world - a town crier. He has a compact shop which is well stocked with boots and shoes to suit all customers.

**Messrs J W & E Sowman -
Ironmongers,
Olney**

IN the year 1888 Mr J W Sowman and Mr E Sowman, two brothers, purchased the old ironmongery business formerly carried on by Mr Joseph Palmer and afterwards for many years by the late Mr Thomas Cooper. It was more of a shop, at the time they took it, for antiquarians or those in search for antiques than anything else, and the business had been conducted in such a manner as to cause it gradually to dwindle away. The shop doors at that time were always locked during meal times and customers had the choice of waiting until the proprietor was ready to attend to their wants or to purchase elsewhere. Such was the curious business-like style then. What it is now my readers will glean from the following remarks.

The original shop is now much modernised and occupied by Mr Moss the Olney tailor. It was a poor old-world place devoid of any convenience for carrying on a go-a-head business. Messrs Sowman are two who will make trade, and as they started so they have continued. The business under their direction has gone up by leaps and bounds, and finding the old shop inadequate to carry on their growing business they erected their imposing new shop, with warehouses, store-rooms, and well appointed workshops. In short, from time to time improvements have been made, which have resulted in the formation of one of the best and most conveniently appointed business premises within a radius of many miles.

G. WRIGHT,



Bill: Poster,
— AND —
Umbrella Repairer

Umbrellas Re-Covered
In Silk, Alpaca, Persian Cloth, and Zenella.

Umbrellas Re-Seamed.

DEALER
IN
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STORES.
Furniture
Bought
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38, Weston Rd., Olney, Bucks.

All Orders promptly attended to. Estimates given for Posting in the District.

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JOHN E. PATER & CO.

Coal, Coke, Cake, .
and Salt Merchants

Olney, Bucks.

—

Steam Plough and Thrashing Machine
Owners.

Telephone: 10 Olney.

The shop is well built on three storeys. The ground floor is utilised as a retail shop and well fitted for showing customers samples of their various requirements in all branches of ironmongery, fancy goods, hardware, cutlery, electro-plated wares including tea and coffee services, cruets, etc, of all sorts, copper and brass goods, sporting guns and games of all sorts, gramophones, and everything appertaining to an up-to-date store. We notice that there is also a very useful lift for sending stoves and heavy goods to the first and second floors, also spacious offices well arranged for light and comfort.

On the first floor the visitor's attention is attracted by the fine selection of ranges and cooking stoves, mantel pieces with pretty designs in tiled grates, hearths, and accessories such as kerbs, fire brasses, etc, assortment of baths, lamps, gas fittings, gas stoves, and an endless variety of brackets, gasoliers, fancy shades which have pleasing effects; also furniture, bedsteads, etc. The second floor is devoted to storing the vast number of every day wants that are called for in the wholesale and retail trades. Fine views can be obtained of the surrounding country from the windows here.

We now descend and find ourselves in the shop again; from thence we inspect the new workshops fitted with the most modern appliances for making work a pleasure with gas engine, lathe, grinder, etc; also the cycle repairing shop which is roomy and light. We passed through the large galvanised iron stores where we noticed all kinds of implements, mills, etc, and then to the seed and furniture warehouse. Lace pillows and all things necessary for making the far-famed Buckinghamshire lace are stored to be sent to all parts of the world as required, viz, thread, pins, pillows, horses, bobbins, bobbin winders etc.

The firm has a separate bicycle and motor shop and stores at the other extremity of the town. They are agricultural machinists, seedsmen, gas and hot water fitters, tin smiths, copper smiths, motor car and cycle repairers and each department of their business receives that practical personal superintendence without which success cannot be obtained. We notice the firm delivers its goods by its own vehicles for a radius of fifteen to twenty miles by road, which customers find a great convenience.

The * New * Hall,
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Fully Licensed
FOR
Theatricals, Concerts
Public Meetings,
AND
Private Parties

Well Lighted and Ventilated, with separate Ante-Rooms and Lavatories
for Ladies and Gentlemen.

For Terms apply to the Proprietor: **Lewis Thompson, Olney, Bucks.**

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FISHMONGER,
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A Good Supply of Fresh Fish Daily.
Any kind of Fish Fried to Order.

FISH AND CHIPS ON SATURDAYS FROM 4 TO 10 P.M.

Families waited upon regularly in Weston, Emberton and Clifton.

Now a computer business

**The 'Bull' Hotel,
Proprietress -
Mrs S York**

AN important house a 100 years ago as a famous hostelry and coaching house, it is not less valued in the present day as the head quarters of the CTC. The

'Bull' Hotel is under the excellent management of Mrs York, whose extensive experience has prepared her for the success which has attended her proprietorship. The hotel is a commanding building of three storeys, having a fine portico supported by pillars at its entrance. It is situated quite in the centre of the town, close to the Post Office and Telephone Office, and occupies a prominent position on the west side of the Market Place.

An omnibus from the hotel meets all the trains at the station which is about a mile distant, and thus affords a great convenience to persons staying at the house. The bar is conveniently arranged as is also the commercial room. The billiard-room is a favourite resort of both the hotel guests and the better class residents of the town. With regard to the *cuisine*, we may state that its resources are constantly being tested to their fullest extent by the onslaught of motorists, cyclists and others, but it has never been found wanting; hot and cold dinners are provided every day, Sunday included. A first-class stock of wines and spirits of the best vintages and brands are to be found in the hotel cellars, while the ales, stout, mineral waters, etc. provided are good in every respect. The wayfarer, exhausted with his day's travel, will, however, turn with the greatest satisfaction to the spotlessly clean and comfortable bedrooms, where he can take his rest, undisturbed by the din and rattle of the traffic.

An important adjunct to the business of the hotel is the spacious room at the rear, which is used by the Freemasons and for private parties. An interesting memento of the past history of the hotel is the following advertisement which appears in the *Northampton Mercury*, Monday 13th, 1769:-

This is to acquaint all Noblemen, Gentlemen, and others,

'THAT Thomas Rogers, of Sherington, in the County of Bucks, will have a WAGGON set out from the Bull Inn Olney, on Thursday the 23rd of March Instant, at One o'Clock, (and to be continued Weekly)

which will be at the Windmill Inn in St John's Street, London, every Saturday Morning at Three o'Clock; will return from thence the same Day at Twelve o'Clock and be at Newport Pagnell and Sherington on Monday Evening:- His Old STAGE-WAGGON sets out every Monday from Olney, and returns on Saturday Morning, as usual'.

PASTRYCOOK, CONFECTIONER,
AND FANCY BAKER.

NEWTON TEA ROOMS.

W. J. Brooks,
9 & 11, HIGH STREET, OLNEY.

SPECIALITIES UP-TO-DATE.—
Wedding, Christening, and Birthday Cakes Made to Order.
*Afternoon Tea Fancies, Fancy Dessert Biscuits,
Gâteaux, and other Fancy Cakes always in stock.
Biscuits a Speciality.*

An : Invalids : Necessity—My : Wholemeal : Bread.
CATERER FOR BALLS, BALL SUPPERS, WEDDING
RECEPTIONS, ETC.

Estimates Given. A trial order respectfully solicited.

Recently Woolwich & Barclays Bank respectively

**Mrs Hooton,
Sweet Shop,
High Street South, Olney**

SWEETS and toffy seem to be an indispensable commodity in Olney, and the shop of Mrs Hooton has a fair share of the custom of the townsfolk to judge by the numerous people who patronise it. Every kind of these toothsome little comestibles is to be had, and a remarkable weight given for the money. All kinds of sweets - from the old fashioned peppermint to the up-to-date chocolate - are on sale, and little knick-knacks in the way of sweets suitable for gifts to the youngsters who delight in getting fancy packets of 'suckers'.

**Mr G W Parrott -
Baker, Confectioner,
Corn Dealer, &c.,
Bridge Street, Olney**

THE present is undoubtedly an age of progress. All the arts and manufactures in the country have made, and are still making great strides towards perfection, and bread is not behind other articles of food in the improvements introduced into the manner of the ingredients used, or the superior manner of their manipulation, either as dough or in the oven. If we could compare the bread made, say, some fifty years ago, with what is now produced by Mr Parrott, we should be surprised at the superiority of the latter, which was thoroughly proved at the competition in connection with the Bakers' Exhibition at Lewisham, in 1901, when a gold medal was awarded our well known townsman for the excellence both in quality and purity of his exhibit. Besides the ordinary kinds made, he devotes much of his attention to certain specialities in which he excels. These are home made bread, whole wheat meal bread, and babies' rusks - the last especially being recommended as being easy of digestion, and highly nutritious in their nature. Apart from the ordinary baking business, a good trade is carried on in sweetmeats, mineral waters and a general trade in pills, powders, glycerine, etc.

**Mr W Johnson -
Dairyman, Poulterer, and
Fruiterer,
High Street, Olney**

DAIRY produce, poultry, and fruit! The very words have an appetising sound, and, as for the goods themselves, they represent at once the most essential and delicious items that

go to make up our daily bill of fare. Dairies are neither few nor far between in Olney considering the size of the place, but Mr Johnson has every reason to congratulate himself on the position he holds in the town as regards such commodities as milk, eggs, poultry, rabbits, etc. It is an undoubted convenience to residents to have them near at hand. For this reason, as well as for the high quality of all articles he sells, Mr Johnson has a considerable share of local patronage throughout the town and neighbourhood.

Wm. Ratcliff,

**SADDLER & HARNESS
MANUFACTURER, . . .**

**HIGH STREET South,
OLNEY.**



Branch Establishments:

YARDLEY HASTINGS—attends every Wednesday.
TURVEY—attends every Friday.



SADDLES, BRIDLES, WHIPS, BITS AND
SPURS. ✦ CARRIAGE, GIG AND CART
HARNESS. ✦ HORSE CLOTHING, BRUSHES
AND SPONGES. ✦ WATERPROOF LOIN
CLOTHS AND CARRIAGE APRONS.

*Carriage Rugs, Portmanteaux, Travelling Bags, etc., Repaired
and Renovated.*

PORTMANTEAUX AND TRAVELLING BAGS

Good Selection always in Stock.

21 High St South, now part of a rug shop

**Messrs S Cowley & Co,
Wholesale Boot and Shoe
Manufacturers, Olney**

MR COWLEY, proprietor of the well-known Boot and Shoe Factory on the Northampton Road, carried on for so many years by Mr G A Drage, is one of

the most representative leaders of the trade in Olney. His business is a manufacturing wholesale house trade business, and it is safe to say that in all the departments and branches of the trade, there is not a single detail that can escape his eye. He supervises every part of the business, and is ever on the move looking after the progress of the work, and attending to the wants of his numerous clients. He himself being a thoroughly practical man, is able to cut his own patterns, and can make, if necessary, all classes of boots by hand or machine. He started in a small way in the face of strong opposition, and against the advice proffered by some of the knowing ones, and his indomitable courage has carried him through to the position he now holds in the shoe trade.

The genuine quality of his goods has been his advertisement and a customer once gained is retained without being worried by commercial travellers with samples. Mr Cowley is one of the very few manufacturers who do not employ traveller representatives. We understand his trade is chiefly men's, youths' and boys' boots, both in strong and light wear, and so quietly is his business carried on that he would not be known but for the fact of his numerous employees. We understand his output has reached to 2000 pairs of boots per week, and double this quantity could be sold quite easily if only they could be produced under his supervision. No doubt the fact is owing to the foresight of keeping pace with the modern times, as we understand he has made some very fine specimens of gents shooting boots, which have been absolutely water tight, and light to handle, in fact his quality is second to none, and his workmanship as good as can be produced, although at a very moderate price. We are also informed that his two sons, Horace and Harry, who are now taking an active part in the business, will shortly be partners of same, although we believe the intention is to keep the style of business as it has always been, S Cowley & Co.

The 'CASTLE' Inn, OLNEY,
BUCKS.

Proprietor - **C. R. BUGGINS.**

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR MOTORISTS, HORSES, TRAPS,
AND CYCLISTS.

RETAIL DEPARTMENT.

The Northampton Brewery Co.'s Sparkling Ales and Stout

ALES: Per Gallon, 10d., 1s., 1s. 2d., 1s. 4d., 1s. 8d., 2s.
STOUTS: Per Gallon, Single 1s. 2d., Double 1s. 4d., Extra 1s. 6d.
BITTER ALES: Per Gallon, Family 1s. 2d., India 1s. 4d., East India 1s. 6d.
BOTTLED ALES AND STOUT: Per Dozen, Pints 2s. 6d., $\frac{1}{2}$ -Pints 1s. 9d.
STINGO: Per Dozen, $\frac{1}{2}$ -Pints 2s. 6d. **WINES & SPIRITS**

Coates' Celebrated Mineral Waters.

Premises extended to include the blacksmith's forge

MISS PARROTT, 28, Bridge Street

- ☞ CERTIFICATED TEACHER OF THE PIANOFORTE receives pupils daily.
- ☞ Open to receive Evening Engagements and Children's Parties.
- ☞ Terms on Application.

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MRS. HOOTON,
THE NOTED SWEET SHOP,
HIGH STREET SOUTH, OLNEY.

Cadbury's, Rowntree's, and other Chocolates, and Sweets of every description. Lucky Bags, &c., &c.

Premises recently renovated, currently vacant

Mr W E Moss - Ladies' and Gents' Tailor, Market Place, Olney THERE exists a very wide difference between the various grades of the tailoring trade. In its lower branches it is simply a commercial speculation, in the carrying out of which the manufacturer neither sees, knows, nor cares anything of the ultimate possessor of the goods he makes, but simply bases his calculations on the opportunity of supplying articles at a remunerative rate. On the other hand, in its higher developments tailoring becomes essentially a fine art, and in the skilful operator's hands, results are achieved that surprise even those for whom they are accomplished.

It is my agreeable duty in this article to treat of a professor of the sartorial art, who, though not located in the metropolis is capable of holding his own and producing garments fully equal to those turned out by any of the London houses. I refer to Mr W E Moss who it will be remembered, came to Olney to manage the tailoring department of the old established business carried on by the Whitlocks. On their retirement Mr Moss, after due consideration, and on the advice of a number of friends, decided to embark on a business career at 14, Market Place. These premises soon proved too small for his rapidly increasing connection and necessitated a removal to a more commodious establishment at 31, Market Place, where the business is carried on at present. Mr Moss is a thoroughly practical man, having learned his trade in the best schools, where his natural aptitude enabled him to master the most difficult branches of his profession. His varied and expert knowledge render him equal to any eventuality that might arise in dealing with a wide and exacting connection.

This practical knowledge has proved a great advantage both to himself and to his clients, and enable him to personally supervise and direct every detail of his business. Customers who have invariably found their idiosyncrasies carried out to the letter, have come instinctively to repose the utmost confidence in all that he undertakes. The list of specialities for which he is noted include liveries, hunting coats, and riding breeches. In the latter he has had a long experience in the Pytchley country and has gained a big reputation as a breeches cutter. All branches of ladies' tailoring, Ulsters, habits, costumes, etc, will be found executed in the latest styles introduced by the leaders of fashion.

The "Bull" TELEGRAMS—
YORK, OLNEY.

Family & Commercial **Hotel,**

OLNEY, BUCKS.,

Proprietress - - - MRS. S. YORK.

**Good Billiard Table. Loose Boxes
for Hunters.**

**POSTING IN ALL BRANCHES
AT MODERATE CHARGES. . .**

HOTEL OMNIBUS MEETS ALL TRAINS

MIDLAND RAILWAY PARCEL RECEIVING OFFICE.

No accommodation has been available for decades

**Mr W Andrews -
Boot & Shoe Repairer,
Weston Road, Olney**

BOOTS and shoes have always required patching up at intervals and those who are anxious to get these little items attended to on the shortest notice

will find Mr Andrews always ready to oblige them.

**Mr C R Buggins,
The Castle Inn, Olney**

THE Castle Inn is one of the oldest inns of Olney and is supposed to stand upon the site of the old castle of Olney

which stood in feudal times, be that as it may it is a well known hostelry at the present day, and under the management of Mr C R Buggins, the proprietor, and his ever obliging wife, has become one of the best managed houses in the town. Mr Buggins having been in the neighbourhood for many years was well-known and highly respected before he entered the Licensed Victualler's trade, and consequently he has a good round of customers who patronise him in his retail trade which he carries on throughout the neighbourhood in ales and stout, bottled or otherwise, mineral waters, wines and spirits. The "Castle" is most conveniently situated for those who drive, motor, cycle, or walk into the town from the Northampton direction as it is the first Inn they can put up at and leave their horses, etc. From the Wellingborough and Bedford direction it is the first on the right-hand side on entering Olney.


**Mr W Clarabut -
General Draper, Milliner,
Tailor and Outfitter,
Olney**

THE shop of Mr Clarabut is situated in the heart of the town, on the west side of the Market Place, and near the principal hotel, and the fine show windows are a daily source of great

attraction for lady passengers up and down the town. His stock is large, far larger than we can spare space to detail, and includes a fine assortment of dress materials in all the latest patterns and fabrics, costumes, mantles, etc, of superior quality; hosiery, in merino, cashmere, etc. Dress materials form an important department, including English and French goods, and many novelties that are constantly being introduced by manufacturers. Gloves, too, are largely represented in kid, tan, suède, silk, Lisle-thread, etc; while the

W. JOHNSON,

Dairyman . .

 *Fruiterer and*

Poulterer, . .

HIGH ST., OLNEY.

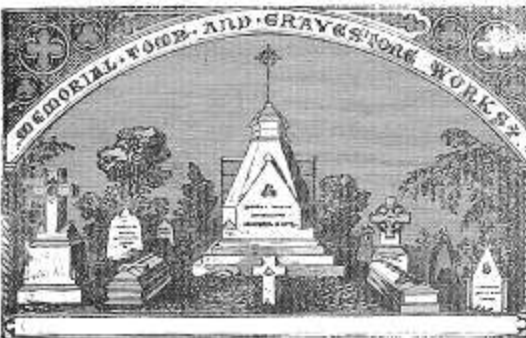
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TWICE DAILY.

Fresh and Dry Fruits, Vegetables, Poultry of all Descriptions,
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Bath Stone from 3/6 per cube upwards

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WESTON ROAD, OLNEY.

Head Stones Worked, Lettered and fixed, complete from
£2 : 10 : 0 upwards.

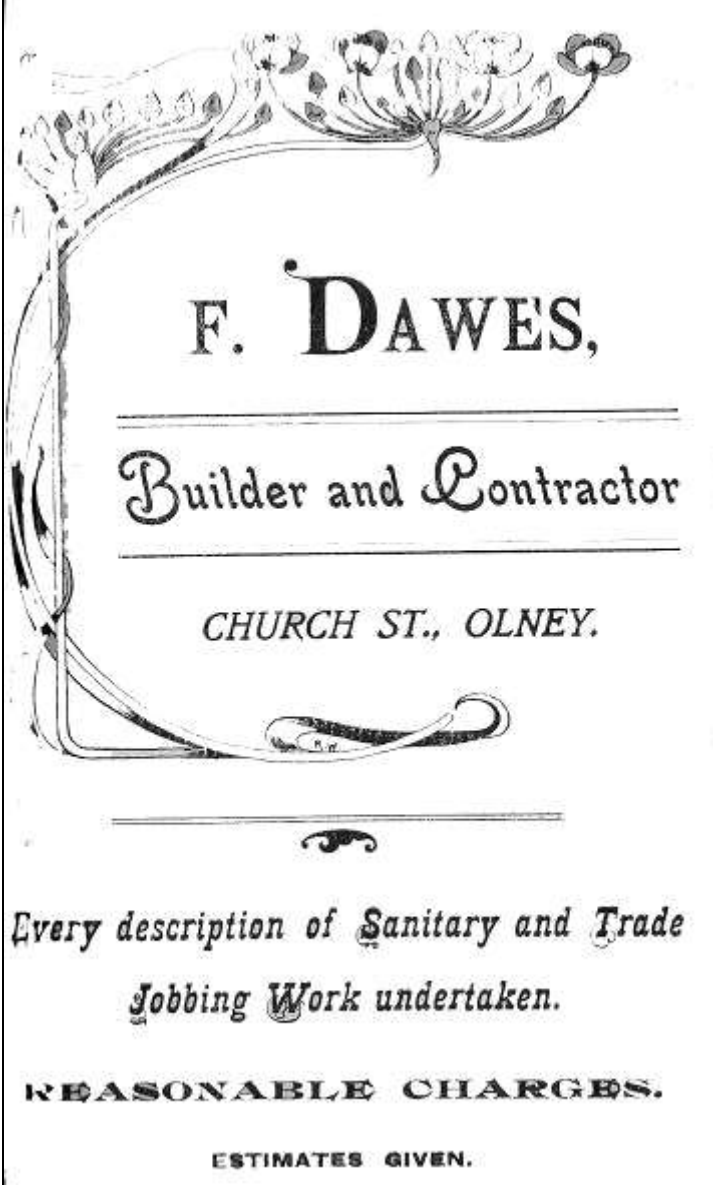
Premises now part of the riverside housing estate

selection of laces, frillings, sunshades, and umbrellas must not be omitted. The stock of ladies' and children's corsets, under-clothing and baby linen is very complete and of the best possible character. Millinery of charming design is always to be had; indeed, this department is one to which ladies' attention may be directed with special advantage, as Mr Clarabut takes every precaution to keep it up to the highest standard of excellence. Experienced assistants are in charge of the various departments. Skilled milliners and dressmakers are constantly engaged, and all the work turned out is guaranteed both as regards make and material. As is usual in such establishments, mourning is taken especial pains with, and the prompt manner in which orders are executed receives favourable comments on all hands, it having proved no small factor in naming this house one of the best patronised and favoured of its kind in Olney.

Some few years ago through the ever-increasing nature of such an establishment Mr Clarabut found it necessary to purchase the adjoining premises, this he modernised and subsequently transferred the tailoring portion of his business. To this was amalgamated the business of Mr Whitlock, and here an extensive trade in Ladies' and



Gents' Tailoring is carried on, and the excellence of Clarabut's Ladies' Tailor-made Costumes, and Gents' Riding Breeches and well-fitting suits have become a noted feature of Olney. This shop is a compact and well fitted one, containing a comprehensive stock of ready-made clothing for men and boys, of various materials, stylish cut, and of excellent workmanship. Parents who study economy will find this a very advantageous house at which to obtain clothing for their young folk, and they will have the satisfaction of seeing them stylishly as well as cheaply clothed. There is a capital choice of materials for selection in the bespoke department, in which the distinguishing features are promptness in execution of the work, the best material, fashionable cut, and experienced workmanship. Silk and felt hats in all styles, ties, gloves, hosiery, pants, vests, collars, cuffs,



F. DAWES,

Builder and Contractor

CHURCH ST., OLNEY.

*Every description of Sanitary and Trade
Jobbing Work undertaken.*

REASONABLE CHARGES.

ESTIMATES GIVEN.

6 Church St, now a private residence

W. SHOULER) *Grocer, . . .*

Weston Rd., Olney.) *Provision and*
General Store

Licensed Dealer in Tobacco and Cigars. Haberdashery
and Miscellaneous Goods.

*Dressmaking in all its branches; Plain and Fancy Needlework at
Moderate Prices.*

10 Weston Rd, now a dress hire shop

handkerchiefs, and in fact a complete outfitting stock of the best quality, is always available here and Mr Clarabut fully enjoys the confidence of the general public of Olney.

**Mr G Wright -
Bill Poster, Umbrella
Repairer, &c,
38 Weston Road, Olney**

AS will be seen by Mr Wright's advertisement on page 110, he has several irons in the fire and his sign-board denotes that he is the proprietor of an 'umbrella hospital'. Not only is

he the bill poster for Olney and district, but he carries on a fair trade in old furniture and umbrella repairing, marine stores, and market gardening. His stores are a veritable 'curiosity shop' and it would probably be more difficult to say what things he has not than what he has in them.

**Messrs Ellis & Everard Ltd,
Builders' Merchants,
Olney**

THE supply of building materials is naturally of much importance in a neighbourhood where building operations are carried on, and

through the agency of a merchant much time is saved in having all kinds of materials ready at hand instead of having to wait till the required goods arrive from a place some distance off. On the score of quality Messrs Ellis & Everard, Ltd's stock will satisfy any demands likely to be made upon it, their yard and stores being filled with a large collection of all manner of requisites necessary for the use of builders.

To compile a full list of all the goods in which they deal would be to undertake a very formidable task, but the following are among the principal items: stone lime, lias lime, Portland cement, fire goods, slates, glazed socket pipes, blue, red, and white bricks, chimney pots, paving and roofing tiles. Other building materials are also kept, and those who may be looked upon as practical men will easily understand that there is nothing wanting from the combined stock that a builders' material merchant of any importance could naturally keep. Not only do Messrs Ellis & Everard deal in the above but also largely in coal, coke, salt, artificial manures and soot. Their agent here being Mr William Lett an old and respected townsman.

J. W. and E. Sowman
TELEPHONE: 13 OLNEY.

Wholesale and Retail
IRONMONGERS,

Showrooms & Stores, The largest and best in
The district.

Branch Shop:
DARTMOUTH RD.,
OLNEY.
Motor and Cycle Show
Rooms:
22 HIGH ST. SOUTH,
OLNEY.

MARKET PLACE,
OLNEY, BUCKS.

Motor, Cycle, and Agricultural Implement Agents.
OFFICIAL REPAIRERS TO THE C.T.C.

House Furnishers. GENERAL REPAIRS
OF ALL KINDS.
SEED, O.L., COLOUR AND SPORT MERCHANTS. SHOE GRINDERY
MERCHANTS.

Electric and Hot Water Engineers,
GENERAL FURNISHING BUILDERS' IRONMONGERS
GAS, TIN, AND COPPER SMITHS.

33 & 34 Market Place, now a saddlery & tack shop
2 Dartmouth Rd, now a private residence
22 High St South, now a kitchenware shop

**Mr W Shouler,
Grocer, &c
Weston Rd, Olney**

THE shop occupied by Mr Shouler once was, in the time of the late Mr Peter West, one of, if not the best grocer's shop in Olney. Since that time it has seen several changes; it has now become a general stores and is a great convenience to the immediate neighbourhood thus thoroughly deserving its local support. Something of everything is practically kept in stock. Besides the above business Mrs Shouler and her daughters undertake dressmaking and needlework, receiving a fair amount of patronage which no doubt is due to their good workmanship and moderate charges.

**Mr W Watson,
Plumber, Painter, &c
Weston Rd, Olney**

THE business premises of Mr W Watson are prominently situated in Weston Road at the junction of Lime Street. It is a recent venture, but judging from the many orders he is carrying out, behoves a prosperous future. Mr Watson is a townsman of long standing but has only recently embarked in the business career. He was an apprentice of the late Mr Raban and thus fully understands all things appertaining to painting, plumbing, etc.

**Messrs A Gudgin & Co,
Cowper Roller Mills,
Olney, Bucks**

THIS Mill can boast of being the oldest recorded business premises connected with Olney. It was so important at the time of William the Conqueror that it was recorded in the Domesday Book which was compiled during the years 1081-1086, and there described as 'a mill, yielding annually forty shillings and two hundred eels'. If rented at that time to such an extent it must have been even more important then than now and that is saying a good deal for every one for miles round knows or has some idea of the large and up-to-date Cowper Roller Mills of Olney. This mill was at one time worked in conjunction with the old Clifton one which stood at the foot of Clifton Hill.


Telegrams—"REVITT, OLNEY.

W. T. Revitt,

BUILDING CONTRACTOR,

HIGH-CLASS JOINERY
MANUFACTURER.

Olney.



Soliciting your valued commands,
Yours faithfully,
W. T. REVITT.

- ☐ Estimates given for all kinds of Buildings, Alterations, etc.
- ☐ Wood Work, Brick Work.
- ☐ Drainage & Sanitary Work, etc.
- ☐ Painting and Decorating.

SPECIALITIES:

- ☐ High-Class Artistic Conservatories, Plant Houses, Greenhouses, Porches, Verandahs, etc.
- ☐ Shop and Office Fitting.

Outside Sun Blinds of all Descriptions.

Premises now part of a housing estate

ELLIS & EVERARD, Ltd.

Contractors to His Majesty's Government.

Bardon Hill and Markfield Granite Quarries,

Builders' Merchants

Dealers in **COALS, COKE, SALT, LIME, &c.**
Manufacturers and Dealers in **ARTIFICIAL MANURE
AND SOOT.**

District Agent—FRANCIS LEE, Bedford.
Local Agent—WILLIAM LETT, Olney.

Premises at railway station, now a housing estate

The following advertisement in reference to the two mills appears in the *Northampton Mercury* for October 21 and 28, 1771:- ‘To be Sold, at Clifton-Mill, near Olney, in the County of Bucks, Two Pair of French Mill-Stones, with Iron-Work and Brailes; a Shaft, Cog-Wheel, and Heads; Wallows, Counter and Geer Wheel; and Heads; Trow, Flats, and Hopper, and one ditto; Water-Wheel and Shaft, and Cog ditto; Wallows, Counter, Geer-Wheel, Axle, and Heads; and Flour-Mill, three Hoppers, Spouts, and Four-Tackle, all in good Repair. Enquire of John Barnard, at Olney-Mill’.



Olney Mill & Church



Bridge over mill-stream

To those unacquainted with milling or who have not seen the interior of the Cowper Roller Mills, I will endeavour to explain the workings of this well-appointed structure. It is a well known spectacle to all who indulge in rural walks across the fields, and they will notice it is a building of five storeys. The whole is so entirely filled with machinery that it looks impossible to move about with any degree of safety. It has, during the last twelve months, been entirely remodelled and improved; machinery added and every inch of space utilised in the most marvellous manner that the present day skill can suggest. The motive power comprises two water wheels, one estimated at twelve horse-power, the other, when a good supply of water is available, will drive from forty to fifty horse-power. Coupled with this is a forty-five horse-power suction gas-engine by Grice, Engineers, of Birmingham, which is powerful enough to work the whole mill.

The ground floor of the mill is used for sacking and packing ready for the steam lorry to carry the large consignments to the numerous customers within a radius of thirty miles. The first floor is devoted to the meal rolls and reduction plant which are placed in a bay, whilst the

Wine, Spirit, and Beer Merchant

WHOLESALE & RETAIL

GROGGER,

AND

Provision Dealer

84, HIGH STREET, OLNEY.

LEWIS THOMPSON


Large Stock of Choice Old
WINES & SPIRITS.

AGENT FOR
PHIPPS', HIPWELL'S AND WHITBREAD'S
Ales & Stouts.

LARGE STOCK OF
GLASS, CHINA & EARTHENWARE
AT
84, HIGH STREET, OLNEY.

9 High St, until recently Woolwich Bank
84 High St, now Wilsons hardware store

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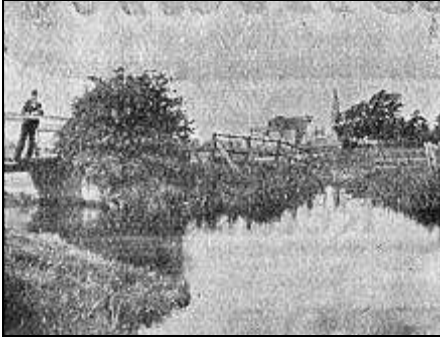
 that you can get everything you want printed done at Ratcliff's—even from a birth card to a death card.....

Note-paper, Envelopes, Inks, Pens, Pencils.
Magazines and Books, should be obtained at

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all other things from advertisers in this Book.

13 High St South, now commercial offices



To Clifton in front of mill

extensive and up-to-date wheat cleaning plant, erected by Simon Ltd, of Manchester, is at the north end of this floor. The second floor is taken up with purifiers, hanging sieves, etc. The third floor contains the various centrifugals for dressing the different products from the rolls. The garners which occupy the fourth floor are very extensive, which goes

without saying in a mill of such capacity, the largest holding 700 sacks of corn. The whole of the mill and outbuildings are lighted by a two and a half horse power dynamo by Christy, Bros, of Chelmsford.

**Mr W Taylor, Grocer
and Provision Dealer,
High Street South
Olney**

MR W Taylor's establishment is one of long standing and the quality of his grocery and provisions is well known. The shop is a fair sized one and well arranged, and the stock includes, not

only choice blends of tea, and fresh ground aromatic coffee, but choice butters, best brands of bacon, specially selected cheeses, high-class provisions, wines, spirits, glass ware, &c. The goods are obtained from the best sources, and the greatest care and discrimination are exercised in selecting them, so that none may be brought into stock except such as are of reliable character.

**Mrs Carter, Shop-
keeper, Bridge Street,
Olney**

MRS Carter's shop is a very old one having been for many years the one occupied by the late Mr John Morgan, tailor and breeches maker. Mrs Carter

caters principally for the sweet-loving fraternity and apparently has a fair share of their patronage.

J. W. & E. Sowman

THE FAR
FAMED . . . Establishment

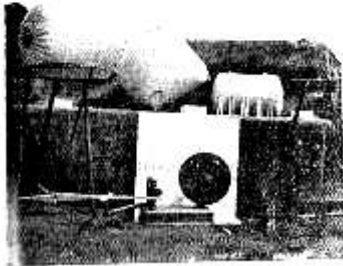
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BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

. LACE .



Pillows
Square & Bolster
Shape.
— Bobbins. —
Bobbin Winders.
Horses.
Pins. Thread.
Parchments.
— Beads. —

OLNEY, BUCKS, ENGLAND.

33 Market Pl, now a saddlery & tack shop

F. J. JOHNSON, GENERAL
STORES,
Dartmouth Road, Olney.

ALL KINDS OF CHOCOLATES AND OTHER SWEETS.
BANANAS IN SEASON. TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES.

Call Here! Call Here!
FOR SWEETS.

NO SUNDAY TRADING DONE.

22 Dartmouth Rd, now a private residence

**Mr J Garner, Draper,
Milliner, Gents' Outfitting,
Floorcloth, and Carpet
Warehouse, Olney**

*“Time was, when clothing sumptuous
or for use
Save their own painted skins,
our sires had none”.*

WE live in an age far removed from the time above mentioned - a time when a piece of cloth and a tomahawk constituted the wardrobe of a hardy British chief, and a paint brush his sole toilet requisite, and the river Ouse his mirror. Centuries have rolled on, and each has seen something added in the shape of wearing apparel, or some great alteration made in its style. The shop windows in Olney demonstrate to what extent this development has been carried and those of Mr Garner are a thorough exemplification of our remarks and a never-ending attraction. They are dressed with samples of all kinds of goods belonging to this comprehensive business, viz. drapery, millinery, outfitting, linoleums, carpets, etc, in great variety.



Mr Jos Garner



**Miniature of
Lady Austen**

This old established business has been rendered famous by its association with Cowper which dates from July 1781, when one day as the Poet was looking out of his window at the house which is now the Cowper Museum he saw two ladies enter this shop, one of whom he recognised as Mrs Jones, wife of the curate of Clifton Reynes. Being struck with the appearance of the stranger he enquired her name, and learned that she was Lady Austen, Mrs Jones's sister. An introduction followed and, shortly after, at Lady Austen's suggestion, Cowper composed 'The Task'.

In 1791 we get another peep with Cowper's eyes at this shop, and hereby hangs one of the interesting passages in Cowper's correspondence. The shop at that time belonged to a Mr Palmer. Writing to Lady Hesketh, on the 26th June, 1791, Cowper says: "I have hardly left myself room to tell you a story which yet I must tell but as briefly as possible.

TELEPHONE—No. 2 OLNEY.

ESTABLISHED 1857

W. CARABUT

DRAPER

TAILOR, HATTER, SHIRTMAKER
LADIES' & GENTS' OUTFITTER

INSURANCE AGENT FUNERAL DIRECTOR

540 MARKET SQUARE
OLNEY.

BREECHES
TWEEDS &
LADIES'
GARMENTS

*Household Linens, Flannels and
Blankets, Longcloths & Calicoes*

THE HOUSE
FOR

Carpets and Linoleums.

DRESS MATERIALS DRESSMAKING
in Great Variety in the Best Style.

Ladies' Coats, Millinery, and Baby Linen.

HOSIERY, GLOVES and CORSETS
IN ALL THE BEST MAKES.

BOYS' & MEN'S READY MADE CLOTHING,
HATS AND CAPS, SHIRTS, &c.

High-Class Tailoring for Ladies and Gents.
VERY BEST MATERIALS AND WORKMANSHIP.

Now Allens of Olney (and Janeys)

G. H. Lineham

GROCCER,

∴ HIGH ST., OLNEY. ∴

Noted House for ICES throughout the Summer Tobacco.

99 High St, now a convenience store

While I reposed myself yesterday evening in the shop of Mr Palmer, lying at my length on the counter, a man came in who wanted a hat for his boy, and having bought one at two shillings said he must have a handkerchief for himself, a silk one, to wear about his neck on Sundays. After much bargaining he suited himself with one at last for four shillings and sixpence. I liked the man's look, and having just one shilling in my purse I held it up to him, saying: "Here, honest friend, here's something towards paying for your purchase". He took the shilling and looked at me steadfastly for a long time saying nothing. At last his surprise burst forth in the words - "I never saw such a gentleman in my life. If I had known you had been so stout (generous) I would have had a better". Mr Andrews (probably Mr Palmer's partner) told him that the cutting off made no difference to him, and he might have a better if he pleased. So he took one at the price of five shillings and went away, all astonishment at my great bounty. I have learned since that he is a very worthy, industrious fellow and has a mother between seventy and eighty who walks every Sunday eight miles to hearing (chapel), as they call it, and back again. This is another instance that my skill in physiognomy never deceives me".

This story is creditable not only to Cowper and the customer but also to the draper. Like the draper in Cowper's day, Mr J Garner does everything to oblige and in this branch gives great satisfaction for the prompt and efficient way in which he furnishes and carries



The largest fronted shop in Olney – Mr Jos Garner's

out funerals. A moderate scale of charges has been arranged, and all the good features introduced under the name of 'funeral reform' are combined with the respect and decorum befitting the occasion.

JOHN ODELL,
Agricultural and . . .
Furnishing Ironmonger

Agent for
Agricultural
Implements of
all kinds.

NEWPORT PAGNELL.
SEEDSMAN AND HOP MERCHANT
Dealer in Oils, Paints, Bar Iron, Steel, & Sacks,
COPPER, IRON, AND TIN PLATE WORKER, BELL-HANGER,
LOCKSMITH, &c.



SPRATT'S
Dog Biscuits and
Poultry Food.

THORLEY'S FOOD FOR CATTLE.

*JOHN ODELL or his representative solicits Olney every
Saturday and alternate Thursday.*

Now a restaurant

F. J. JOHNSON,
WINDOW ∴ CLEANER,
Dartmouth Road, Olney.

☞ PROMPT ATTENTION GIVEN TO ORDERS FOR WINDOW CLEANING.
☞ QUARTERLY OR YEARLY CONTRACTS TAKEN FOR CLEANING AND ODD WORK.
☞ SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

22 Dartmouth Rd, now a private residence

**Mr A Dix,
Bespoke Boot Maker,
Midland Rd., Olney**

A THOROUGH up-to-date shoe shop is that of Mr Dix in the Midland Road, for some years it was worked by Mr James Ruff, and upon his retirement from the shoe trade it was taken over by the present proprietor who evidently has a good share of the towns-people's custom in bespoke and ready made wear. A special feature of Mr Dix's is his repairs which are carried out with the greatest care possible, and for which he has every equipment in the way of modern appliances to carry out the same in the neatest style. His shop is replete with all the ordinary accessories of such a trade, viz. polishes, blacking, rubber tips and heels, socks, slippers, laces, etc.

**Mr J W Brown,
Fishmonger, &c,
Midland Rd., Olney**

THIS shop is like the whole of Midland Road - modern. Mr Brown goes in for an accommodating combination of trades. His principal feature is fishmongery, for which he seems to have a growing patronage, especially for fried fish on Wednesdays and Saturdays. For fresh fish he has a good round of customers and his willingness to oblige cannot fail to give him more trade. The shop is well stocked with a general assortment of grocery, provisions, sweets, etc, whilst there is always a good supply of offals, etc for poultry fanciers.

**Mr W S Revitt,
Building Contractor,
Newton St., Olney**

MR W S REVITT commenced business in May, 1903 as Horticultural Builder in a small workshop in the High Street. In 1904 owing to increase of business he found it necessary to build the present commodious premises. Mr Revitt is holder of certificates under the City and Guilds of London Institute and has practical experience in most branches. The constructional parts of buildings, drainage, sanitary work and decorating were added to the business at the request of several friends, and having a thoroughly efficient staff at his command he is prepared to execute any of the above works in the most satisfactory and up-to-date manner. He will be pleased to furnish estimates and give advice for anything in the way of modern dwellings, public works, and all contracts appertaining to the same (see advertisement p 128).

Agent for Aertex Cellular Clothing.

Tailor and Breeches
Maker.

SPECIALITIES:
LADIES' TAILORING
DRESSMAKING
HATTRIMMERIES.

W. E. Moss

FIT AND
STYLE
GUARANTEED.

Market Place,
OLNEY.

Agent for Aertex Cellular Clothing.

32 Market Pl, now Willen Hospice charity shop

C. F. HARRISON,

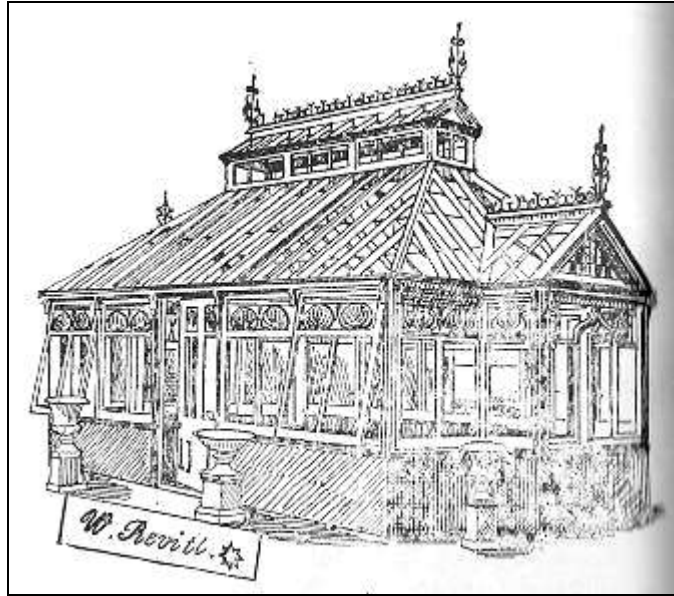
 General & Fancy Draper
Hosier, Dressmaker, &c.

17, MIDLAND ROAD.
OLNEY.

Dressmaking
NEW GOODS IN ALL DEPARTMENTS.

Now a private residence

High-class joinery, conservatories, and greenhouses still constitute his specialities, while your repairs will not be despised. The following are a few of the works executed by Mr Revitt in conservatories, greenhouse, etc for the town and neighbourhood. Mr T Bigg, Olney; Mr J W Mann, Olney; Mr A Allen, Olney; Mr J Chadwick, C E, Bletchley; Mr J C Sutton,



A specimen of Mr Revitt's conservatory work

Bradwell; and others. Specimens of his workmanship may be seen in the alterations, decorations, etc carried out in the following places in the town; Cowper Museum, front renovated and decorated; Cowper Memorial Church, renovated and decorated; Messrs Eastman's Ltd, new shop front and fixtures; Mr W E Moss, new shop front and fixtures; Mr T H Murton, shop window fittings; other works, all of which show the high quality of the work executed by him.

**Mr C W Eaton,
Grocer and Provision
Merchant,
Midland Rd, Olney**

HISTORY does not go far enough back to make the Midland Road businesses historical, but Mr Eaton is an older townsman than his shop. For many years he was a trusted employee of

Mr Lewis Thompson, and during his long stay with Mr Thompson he made many friends. When the business he now holds came into the market he was fortunate enough to obtain it, and by its external and internal appearances he has vastly increased the trade connected with the shop. The interior contains everything that a grocer, provision, and Italian warehouseman is looked upon to keep, besides which there is a goodly array of glass and china. Mr Eaton, like his fellow tradesmen, has his usual days for soliciting orders for custom around the town and neighbourhood.

Our
Marvellous Blend

OF
. TEA .

AT ONE & NINEPENCE
IS PERFECTION.

EVERY POUND OF THIS DELICIOUS
BLEND WILL MAKE
160 CUPS
OF REALLY SUPERB TEA AND ONLY
COSTS 1/9.

Will you **BUY** and **TRY** and **PROVE**
what we say?

C. W. EATON, GROCER & PROVISION
MERCHANT,
Midland Rd., OLNEY.

22 Midland Rd, now a private residence

A. DIX,
BESPOKE BOOT DEPOT,

13, Midland Road, Olney.

*All Orders have Strict personal attention. ♥ Bespoke Work a
Speciality. ♥ All kinds of Uppers Cut to Order.*

POLISHES, BLACKING, RUBBER TIPS & HEELS, SOCKS
SLIPPERS, LACES, &c. Speciality: REPAIRS.

NUMEROUS TESTIMONIALS. TERMS: CASH.

13 Midland Rd, now a carpet shop

**Mr C F Harrison,
Draper, &c,
Midland Rd, Olney**

MIDLAND Road cannot be without its drapers' shop any more than other shops, and the one we wish to draw attention to is that of Mr Harrison.

Unpretentious in appearance there is evidently a nice little trade carried on, and it goes without saying that both Mr Harrison and his family do everything in their power to oblige their regular and casual customers. Like drapers' shops in general there is to be found here all the little fancies besides the heavier materials used in the household wear at most reasonable prices.

**Mr J Ruffhead,
Shoemaker,
High Street,
Olney**

MR John Ruffhead's shop is a well known one in Olney as a retail shoemakers. Starting many years ago in High Street South where he built up a good connection, he ultimately

removed to his present premises which are better qualified to show off his stock-in-trade. His double-fronted shop gives him ample scope for displaying some of his better class footwear, viz, dress shoes for all occasions and his speciality in the way of real hand-made boots and shoes. In this respect Mr Ruffhead is fully qualified to turn out the best class of work possible as he uses the best of leathers and is one of the very few men now in the town who can really make a boot throughout. Repairs he also undertakes with great dispatch. There are all kinds of odds and ends usually found in a well appointed boot stores at Mr Ruffhead's, such as laces, socks, dubbings, polishes, blackings, Blakey's, etc.

**Mr G H Lineham,
Grocer, &c.,
High Street, Olney**

MR Lineham is a well-known personage in and about Olney in the warmer months of the year, for then he is always to be found where ever you

may be with his ice cream cart and refrigerator. In this particular line he makes a feature in giving the very best quality and quantity for the small charges he makes. His shop in the High Street is more of

a general stores where nearly everything can be obtained in the way of grocery, provisions, fruit and sundry articles used in the everyday domestic life.

High School for Young
Ladies,
WEST STREET, OLNEY, BUCKS.
DAY SCHOOL AND BOARDING SCHOOL.

THE COURSE OF STUDIES comprises all the branches of a solid and complete education. Pupils are prepared for the Oxford and Cambridge Local Examinations and also for Music Examinations. The Sisters give advanced lessons in French, Drawing, Painting, Needlework, Embroidery, Lace Making, etc., by their specialists in each branch.

For Prospectus apply to—THE SISTER SUPERIOR,
St. Joseph's Convent, OLNEY.

Now a retirement home for nuns

Mr F J Johnson, Window Cleaner, Dartmouth Rd, Olney

MR Johnson in the spare time between his postal duties devotes his attention principally to window cleaning. This is a great boon to many as it is rather a difficult and awkward job for members of some households to undertake. Not so with Mr Johnson. He neither minds how large nor how high the windows are situated so long as he has the privilege to clean them. His utmost aim is to do his work well and to keep his charges low. He also carries on a grocery and sweet shop. The latter seems the favourite rendezvous for the north end of the town.

**Mr A Timperley, Grocer,
Provision, Wine and
Spirit Merchant, Olney**

THIS is an old family trade establishment which has always maintained a good reputation for the quality of all articles offered for sale.

For many years it was carried on successfully by the late Mr Eyles, who upon his retirement from the business world, handed it over to Mr Timperley, who had been his principal representative for several years, and who has maintained the high character of the house. The provisions, grocery, in fact everything, bear the stamp of a house that has a good connection. Mr Timperley is the agent for Messrs Gilbey's wines and spirits besides which a large stock is always on hand of spirits, and British and foreign wines. A good selection of the better-class china and glass is stocked, really this is the original business premises for such wares in Olney.

**Mr W Johnson,
Family Butcher,
Lavendon**

ANOTHER familiar butcher's cart in and around Olney is that of Mr Johnson, of Lavendon, who solicits orders on Thursdays, and delivers on


Fridays and Saturdays. Those who have not favoured him with an order and who wish for a change cannot do better than give him a trial. Years gone by he used to kill with Mr Arthur Osborn, and that alone is a splendid recommendation. He kills the primest quality and will cut to an ounce to oblige his customers, and that is a lot as butchers generally err on the side of weight to their own advantage. Mr Johnson can supply meat, which has been hung, in excellent condition, undoubtedly through his lofty and spacious slaughter-house which is one of the largest for miles around. This also testifies to the good arrangements of his premises. A post card addressed to him will command attention, and periodical calls can thus easily be arranged.

**Mr John King,
Tobacconist and Toy
Shop, High Street, Olney**

MR John King can claim to have *the* toyshop of the town pure and simple. It is a compact business place and is literally packed with toys of all sorts,

J. W. Ruffhead,

HAND SEWN

 **Boot and . .**

Shoe Maker

62, HIGH ST., OLNEY.

Repairs Neatly & Promptly Executed

ALL ORDERS RECEIVE CAREFUL ATTENTION.

Now a kitchen design business

sweets, tobaccos, cigarettes, papers, etc etc. The business was commenced by Mr King's mother several years ago in a very small way in one of the old cottages that were demolished in front of the Cowper Memorial Church, from there she removed to the house adjoining the 'Duke William' inn where her business increased. After staying there some time she moved to her well-appointed shop and thus took the premier position of toy and fancy shops in the town. In addition to the above Mr King is agent for Messrs Yarde's seeds, plants, trees, etc., the well-known seedsmen and florists of Northampton, for whom he receives a share of the public patronage.

Messrs J. Pater & Co. MESSRS J Pater & Co. have
Coal, Coke, Cake and Salt carried on business here for many
Merchants, Olney years. They enjoy a large circle of
patronage and their carts may be
seen for miles around delivering the various commodities they are
noted for, viz, coal, coke, salt, and cake of various kinds. Not
only do they transact business in the above, but also cater largely
for the agricultural trade in letting out on hire several *very*
powerful engines for ploughing, and the different processes of
breaking up the land, thrashing machines, etc. Messrs. Pater are
as anxious to oblige their small customers with their hundredweight of
coal as their larger ones, and do everything in their power to give
satisfaction both as regards the lowest market price and goods of
undoubted quality.

Mr S W Ennals, THIS much modernised shop is quite a
'The Drapery', transformation scene from the old-
High Street, Olney world appearance it gave prior to
Mr Ennals's advent in Olney. It is
the shop carried on for so many years by the late Mr Thomas Bass,
a very old fashioned draper, who only stocked heavy ware and
clothing. In place of the small panes there are two good plate glass
windows, and the shop being extensive, lends to the opportunity of
making a good display.

H. MINNEY, . . .


HIGH STREET,

OLNEY, BUCKS,

CYCLE FACTOR, HAIRDRESSER

AND TOBACCONIST,

Dealer in all kinds of Fishing Tackle.



A Large Assortment of Walking Sticks and Cycle Accessories in Stock.

HORSES, PAIRS OR SINGLES, AND COVERED IN OR OPEN CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE AT MODERATE CHARGES. ESTIMATES FREE.

Cycles for Hire and Sale, for Cash or Easy Payment System.

98 High St, until recently a lingerie shop

One of the distinctive features of 'The Drapery' is the window dressing - the arrangement of the various articles, and the judicious grouping of colours investing the windows with a charm, that intuitively attracts the pedestrian to an examination of the goods displayed. Mr Ennals has a good selection of china with the Arms of Olney, which we are pleased to call attention to, as the Coat of Arms thereon is quite correct, and as there are so many incorrect, this makes a special feature to connoisseurs in 'Arm Ware'. The price for this china is 6½d for each of the twenty-five various patterns. Mr Ennals, like his colleagues in the town, caters for funerals.

**Miss F G Paggett,
Milliner,
Soho House, Olney**

AS an instance of what can be accomplished by energy and determination, one may cite the success which has attended

Miss Paggett in the establishment of her business, which has now been in existence some few years, and has secured a wide reputation as a desirable centre for supplying millinery, etc. Some very pretty models of hats and bonnets are noticeable, reflecting great credit on the nimble fingers of those who worked out the dainty designs at Soho House. Hats and bonnets for ladies and children of all ages can be quickly made to order, shapes of all conceivable curves and twists being in stock as foundations upon which to work. Miss Paggett enjoys the support of some of the best families in and around Olney, for it has been her study to come well to the front with new fashions.

**Mr C Osborn, Butcher,
Olney**

THE business premises of Mr Charles Osborn have been connected with the butchery trade beyond the memory of any of the oldest inhabitants. At one time it was the principal and best patronised meat purveyor's shop of the town, but since that time it has changed hands until it almost dwindled away. Since Mr Charles Osborn came into possession it has gradually worked up.

A. W. HARRIS,

(ESTABLISHED 1767).

Saddler and Harness
.. Maker, ..

77, HIGH ST., OLNEY,

and STOKE GOLDINGTON.



*All kinds of light and heavy Harness
made to order.*

Now a private residence

**Mr. F. Jones,
The Cock Inn,
Olney**

*‘Deep in the abyss of Silver End’
Cowper*

IF William Cowper were to take upon himself the mortal coil, and be transplanted near the ‘Cock’ Inn, a place in its old guise he would well remember, he would not recognise his whereabouts, as he would find everything altered, even his own domicile. The greatest alteration, however, has taken place in the ‘Cock’ Inn. This has been entirely rebuilt according to modern ideas and requirements and is thus the most modernised inn in the town, under the capable proprietorship of Mr. F. Jones, who is always ready to welcome his regular patrons and is most anxious to make the acquaintance of new customers, who may rest assured of the best attention. My readers cannot do better than study his advertisement on page 96.

**Mr H Field, Butcher,
Olney**

THESE premises used to be the well-known ironmongery shop of the late Mr. Isaac Barber but now converted into a butcher’s shop for Mr H Field, where he carries on a family trade in and around the town.

**Mr W T Knight,
Boot and Shoe Maker,
High St, Olney**

OLNEY has always had its shoe makers in the proper sense of the word, and in bygone days there were more in the town eligible to the title than there are now, although we have a large number of factory hands; these only taking a portion of the work and are incapable of making a boot throughout. Not so with Mr W T Knight, who may be looked upon as the pioneer of high-class footwear in Olney. We think we are right in stating that he is the only one in his trade in the town who has gained a certificate of the City and Guilds of London Institute, and he was the recipient of three prizes at the Wolverton Arts and Crafts Exhibition in 1896. Every description of boots and shoes is made to order, as will be noticed by his advertisement on page 160.

T. W. Griggs

WHEELWRIGHT, SPRING
CART AND VAN BUILDER,
19, Market Place, Olney.

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- ☞ All kinds of Carts and Traps made to order. Repairs Neatly Executed.
☞ Traps, &c., Painted, Lined, and Varnished any style or colour on the most reasonable terms.
☞ Estimates Given. Accounts rendered quarterly.

MRS. GRIGGS,

*Fancy Draper, Milliner, Hosier,
and Glover,*

19, MARKET PLACE, OLNEY.

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- ☞ Millinery, Feathers, Flowers, Lace Goods, Ribbons, Corsets, Hosiery, Gloves, Aprons, Pinafores, Ties, Underclothing, Umbrellas, Haberdashery, Toys, Fancy Goods.
☞ Every Article Marked in Plain Figures.
☞ TRADE MOTTO—Sterling Value, Small Profits, For Cash.

Now an antiques shop & a dental practice

**Mr W Freeman,
Market Place, Olney**

THE business premises of Mr Walter Freeman are rather extensive and from which some of the best woodwork in the town has been turned out in the past. Mr Freeman is also a well-known undertaker in the town.

**Mr H. Paggett,
Motor & Cycle Works,
High Street, Olney**

IN the 'good old days' so much talked and written about, Olney was a famous coaching place, and it is at present no less a favourite resort with 'wheelmen' who make their way to 'the town of Cowper' on bike or motor of every make and kind, from places far and near. As these travellers ride through the long High Street of the town they must note with satisfaction Mr H Paggett's shop, No. 5, for at this practical looking establishment every casualty that may arise to a machine may be made good, and any missing tool or accessory that may be lost or destroyed be replaced. Mr Paggett in his extensive workshop undertakes all kinds of repairs arising in business and domestic machinery.

**Miss Freeman,
Upholsterer,
Market Place, Olney**

KNOWN as the 'Bank' the shop of Miss Freeman is a good representative one of an upholsterers. She has a good stock connected with that trade, also glass and china ware in great variety.

**Mr H Minney
Cycle Factor, Hair-
dresser, and Tobacconist,
High Street, Olney**

MR H Minney's advertisement on page 146 cannot but be interest-reading to all who intend visiting Olney as well as the townspeople, as it shows a great diversity of business. He announces himself as a 'cycle factor'. To what length that assertion may be carried one may judge from his large show window devoted to that portion of his calling, which is well stocked with cycles and all accessories.

F. W. MORGAN

Plumber, Glazier,
Grainer, Sign Writer, .
and General House . . .
Decorator.

27, HIGH ST.,

OLNEY.

Pattern Books *OF ALL THE LATEST*
DESIGNS IN PAPER
HANGINGS, ANAGLYPTA, LINCRUSTA WALTON,
INGRAIN & CAMEOID ON APPLICATION.

ESTIMATES GIVEN.

Now a private residence



Hairdresser! Well in these prosaic times the hairdresser is no less indispensable to our comfort than to our health, consequently representatives of this business claim mention at our hands in an equal degree with other callings and professions. His hairdressing department is well appointed and scrupulously clean and is mostly under the management of his eldest son. He also undertakes setting and stropping razors for customers at reasonable charges and dispatch. Fishing tackle he supplies largely, and being an enthusiastic fisherman is sure to have the best outfits for customers' requirements for every particular sort of fishing for which he caters. Mr Minney also lets out horses, pairs or singles, covered or open conveyances for hire at remarkably moderate charges, also bicycles for the hour, day, week, etc.

Messrs Hipwell & Co, THE trade marks of many business firms
The Brewery, are about as meaningless as the heraldic
Olney, Bucks signs which many persons of obscure descent adopt by means of a nominal payment to the College of Arms. The trade mark of Messrs Hipwell, however, is pregnant with meaning. The reputation of 'Olney' Ales and Stouts extends, not only throughout the neighbourhood, but throughout the adjacent Midland Counties. This is the result of a combination of circumstances, the good water of Olney, for instance, being peculiarly suitable for the production of a bright sparkling ale; but the methods of brewing in vogue here are of course the chief reason that has rendered Messrs. Hipwell's ales and stouts popular wherever introduced.



The Olney Brewery is capable of turning out a considerable quantity of pure and wholesome ales and stouts, etc. The premises are substantially built of brick with stone facings, situated at the top of the entry leading by the Baptist Chapel. The plant is thoroughly complete, and the arrangements for machine, hopping, cooling, refrigerating, fining and racking off are perfect, the whole of the processes working systematically throughout, from the commencement of the brewing to the final storage of the liquors in various sized casks and bottles. The greatest care is taken to ensure each brew being of that standard of excellence for which the firm is noted, the quality of the ales being kept up with the slightest possible degree of variation.

Purveyors of
High-Class .
Meat. . .
Fresh .
Daily.

 **EASTMANS** 

Our
Motto:
. Quality &
Cheapness.

ADDRESS:
**MARKET SQUARE
OLNEY.**

16 Market Pl, now a wood furniture shop

The brewery gives employment to a number of men, several horses and drays also being necessitated by the extent of the business. The place when seen in full working order has a smart and business-like appearance, and the cleanliness of each department, utensil, and vessel employed, is especially noticeable. There are numerous tied houses connected with the brewery, and, in addition to this, a large family trade is done - this being a branch which the proprietors are desirous of cultivating and enlarging, especially the bottle department which has recently been added is managed by Mr R Hipwell.

**Mr John Soul,
Baker, Olney**

SOUL and baker are practically synonymous in respect to Olney. In the old parish records in reference to the old workhouse accounts there is to be found the baker's bills paid to Soul the baker at the commencement of the last century. How long prior to that period the Souls were connected with this particular trade cannot be traced. Be it as it may Mr J Soul can claim a very long record in Olney in the baking and meal trade.

**Mr C W Spencer,
Agricultural Engineer,
72 High St., Olney**

A BUSINESS which devotes itself more especially to the agricultural trade is that of Mr Charles Spencer. He is a very efficient craftsman and his premises are capable of any emergency breakdown of traction engines, thrashing machines, and every conceivable motor or machine used in agricultural business, or domestic transaction. He is fully equipped with appliances to grind and set all cutting implements such as mowers and the various tools used in the trades of Olney, and is always pleased to give his personal attention and supervision to all work entrusted to him.

**Mr R E Raban,
Baker & Confectioner,
Market Place, Olney**

THE baker trade in Olney has been represented by particular families as long as any one calling. The one in review - that of Mr R Raban - is noticeably of long standing being handed down from father

The Noted Cheese Shop,



Leicester, Cheddar,
and Gorgonzola, . .
THE FINEST IN
THE DISTRICT.

A. Timperley,

*Family Grocer, Tea Blender, Coffee
Roaster, and Importer of High-
Class Provisions.*

AGENT FOR W. & A. GILBEY'S WINES & SPIRITS.



There is nothing more refreshing

THAN A CUP OF GOOD COFFEE. TO OBTAIN
THE BEST RESULTS THE COFFEE MUST BE
FRESHLY ROASTED AND FRESHLY GROUND.
ALL OUR COFFEES ARE

Roasted on the Premises. 

1 Market Pl, now a flower shop

to son for generations, for about a century. Mr R Raban has, since he became possessed of the baking business of his father, commenced to launch out more into the various branches of the trade and has added sweets of all kinds, also taken up the agency for Lipton's celebrated teas, for prices of which refer to his advertisement on page 170.

**Mr F D Whitmee, Baker,
etc,
Midland Rd, Olney**

THE baking trade of Mr Whitmee has been connected with the town longer than a good many of the present generation imagine, for many think that he dates his real business connection with Olney from the time that his present premises were built in Midland Road. Not so, for Mr Whitmee's father was an Olney tradesman many years ago but owing to a good opening at Turvey he went to reside there and retained his reliable customers at Olney whom he supplied with bread, cakes and flour throughout the week in the regular routine of his deliveries. After Mr Whitmee senior's death his widow came to reside in our town, and she with the assistance of her son, Mr F D Whitmee, commenced the present business in Midland Road, which is now carried on by Mr Whitmee. He is a well-known tradesman of the town and is also a native of our "Town of Cowper".

**Mr John Mantel,
Hairdresser, Olney**

FOR upwards of thirty years Mr John Mantel has carried on his hair cutting and shaving business in the town. He has moved his place of business several times but has evidently settled down now at a permanent address. His shop is well situated on the east side of the High Street near the Cowper Memorial Church, and is fairly conspicuous. He does not devote his whole time to the barbering trade, for he undertakes taxidermy work as well. He is also the assistant overseer of the parish as all connected with the town are well aware.

• **F. D. Whitmee,** •

Baker & Confectioner,

**Cowper Bakery, Midland Road,
OLNEY.**



Christening, Birthday & Bride Cakes

ICED AND PIPED TO ORDER.

MADERIA, GENOA, SEED, SULTANA, FRUIT AND SPONGE CAKES
BUNS, SCONES AND PASTRY.

HOVIS BREAD A SPECIALITY.

TRY OUR SUPERIOR FLOUR FOR PASTRY AND
PUDDINGS.

PARTIES AND SCHOOL TREATS

SUPPLIED ON LIBERAL TERMS.

2 Midland Rd, now a domestic garage

**Mr W Swain,
Baker, Olney**

MR Swain, baker, does not make any window display in connection with his business. He simply relies on the quality of the bread turned out as his advertisement. He is one who neither believes in window show nor printed matter. His family have been connected with the town as long as any records can verify, but whether his ancestors were bakers prior to his father is doubtful. At any rate the only bakers in the town in 1812 were Thos Dumviles, Jo Todd, John Soule, Wm Pool, and Thos Davidson.

**Mr A Harris,
Saddler, &c.**

THE name of Harris has been connected with the saddlery trade of Olney for many generations back. Mr Harris states upon his stationery that the business has been established since 1767, this we suppose is from the time he can clearly trace the business from his documentary evidence, but by what can be gleaned from ancient records of Olney the family must have been connected with the trade prior to that date. Mr Harris, like every go-ahead tradesman keeps pace with the times and avails himself of every up-to-date idea for the benefit of his circle of customers both in Olney and Stoke Goldington, where he attends every week.

**Mr John Odell,
Ironmonger and
Seedsman, Newport
Pagnell**

FAMILIAR business men in Olney are Mr John Odell, the well-known ironmonger of Newport Pagnell, and his son Mr Percy, the latter making the third generation of the family who have regularly visited the town on business matters. Year in, year out, they solicit orders, and their willingness to oblige can never fail to give satisfaction to their numerous clients.

Apart from the ironmongery Mr Odell has for many years been a large seller of agricultural seeds - supplying many of our local farmers with their requirements. During the last few years he has devoted his attention to garden seeds and requisites, and has gained a phenomenal success, or rather record, to use the present day expression. During the past year it has been no uncommon sight to see in and around Olney a

ESTABLISHED 1864.

Wm. Thos. Knight,

Boot and Shoe
HIGH-CLASS .
Maker,

14, HIGH ST., OLNEY.

Every Description to Order. Repairs Neatly Executed.

CERTIFICATED BY THE CITY AND GUILDS OF LONDON INSTITUTE.
AWARDED THREE PRIZES AT WOLVERTON ARTS AND CRAFTS
EXHIBITION, 1896.

Now Nationwide Building Society

J. KING,
HIGH STREET, OLNEY

The Old Established Shop for

Sweets, Toys, Tobaccos,
and Smoker's Requisites.

AGENT FOR YARDE & Co.'s SEEDS.

2 High St, now Natwest Bank

painted board, in various gardens where there was an exceptionally good crop, inscribed 'Grown from seeds supplied by John Odell'.

Mr Percy Odell takes the management of the flower and vegetable seed department, and by his energetic and business-like ways, has positively gained favour with all allotment holders and those interested in gardening in North Bucks. His customers have been successful at shows in the neighbourhood during the past season to the following extent: 42 prizes at the Newport Pagnell Horticultural Show, 15 at Wolverton, 17 at Stantonbury, and 18 at the Club Show, Newport Pagnell. This success must be extremely gratifying both to seller and buyer and thoroughly entitles the display of the notice 'grown from seed supplied by John Odell'.

**Mr F W Morgan,
Plumber and House
Decorator,
High Street, Olney**

THE now important business under the proprietorship of Mr F W Morgan to which this notice refers, was commenced some years ago by Mr Charles Morgan, his uncle, and carried on during the latter's time in 'Tory Row'. Mr Fred Morgan who graduated in the trade under his relative and having become possessed of the business at once launched out and increased his connection. He was fortunate to secure many customers of the business which had been carried on by the Raban family, also their premises, which he thoroughly converted into a modern and convenient business place. By his advertisement it will be seen he lets nothing escape his attention in up-to-date samples and specimen books for the convenience of those who require his services.

**Eastmans Ltd,
Butchers,
Market Place, Olney**

THERE is no getting away from the fact that one of the smartest and cleanest butcher's shops is that of Eastman's situated in the Market Place. One of its great advantages is the plate glass window which excludes all dust and any injurious matter arising from the traffic. The quality of the excellent beef and mutton needs no comment.

General and Fancy Draper

HOUSEHOLD LINENS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, GLOVES,
HOSIERY, DRESSES, CORSETS, UMBRELLAS,
UNDERCLOTHING, &c., &c.

OUR MOTTO:

“We Lead,
Others
Follow.”



S. W. Ennals
The
Drapery
Olney.

Funerals Completely Furnished
Hand Hearse and Bier for Hire.

Olney Arms China Ware, 25 Varieties, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ^{D.}

(WILLOW BRAND).

**Mr A Field - Grocer,
High Street, Olney**

MR A Field's business dates from the retirement of Mr Thomas Tandy Coles from the grocery trade, when several of the latter's employees had to seek fresh appointments. Mr Field, who had had the management of Mr Cole's shop for many years and having advanced somewhat in years, not wishing to leave the town, started on his own account opposite the shop that he had been connected with for so long. Being thoroughly acquainted with the trade he has built up a nice connection and is supported by an ever increasing number of friends with whom he is brought into touch by the interest he takes in the affairs of the Congregational work. Mrs Field has for several years managed a registry office for servants, and anyone wishing to gain a situation or any requiring maids cannot do better than consult her.

**Wright, Chemist,
Market Place, Olney**

THERE are many residents in and around Olney, who, thanks to the naturally good constitutions and well known, we might almost say proverbial, healthiness of this part of Bucks, seldom or ever require the services of a medical practitioner, and consequently are enabled to do without the concoctions of the chemist; but sickness comes often unawares, and it is therefore of the utmost importance that there should be in a community a thoroughly reliable source whence to obtain the remedies we stand in need of. The shop in review is now known as 'Y^e Old^e Post Office', and is under the management of Mr H Booth. The stock embraces a representative assortment of all the drugs and chemicals used in English pharmacopœia, purity and strength being assured by constant fresh supplies from the best wholesale houses. There is, of course, the usual assortment of sundries, and articles suited to the toilette.

**Mr S Hill,
Baker and Mealman,
Market Place, Olney**


THE business of Mr Sam Hill has always been in evidence in the town, and for many years before he purchased it, it was carried on by the late Mr James Aspray. Mr Hill has a wide and increasing connection which the excellent quality of his bread, cakes, &c, is bound to command.

41, **Midland Road, Olney.**

CHAS. HINDE,

Coal and Loke Merchant,

CARTING CONTRACTOR,



Best Babbington, Shipley, & Langley

COALS.

Truck Loads to any Railway Station.

ESTIMATES GIVEN FOR ALL KINDS OF CARTING

BY THE HOUR, DAY, OR JOB.

Now a private residence

**Mr Alfred Smith,
Coal Merchant,
High Street, Olney**

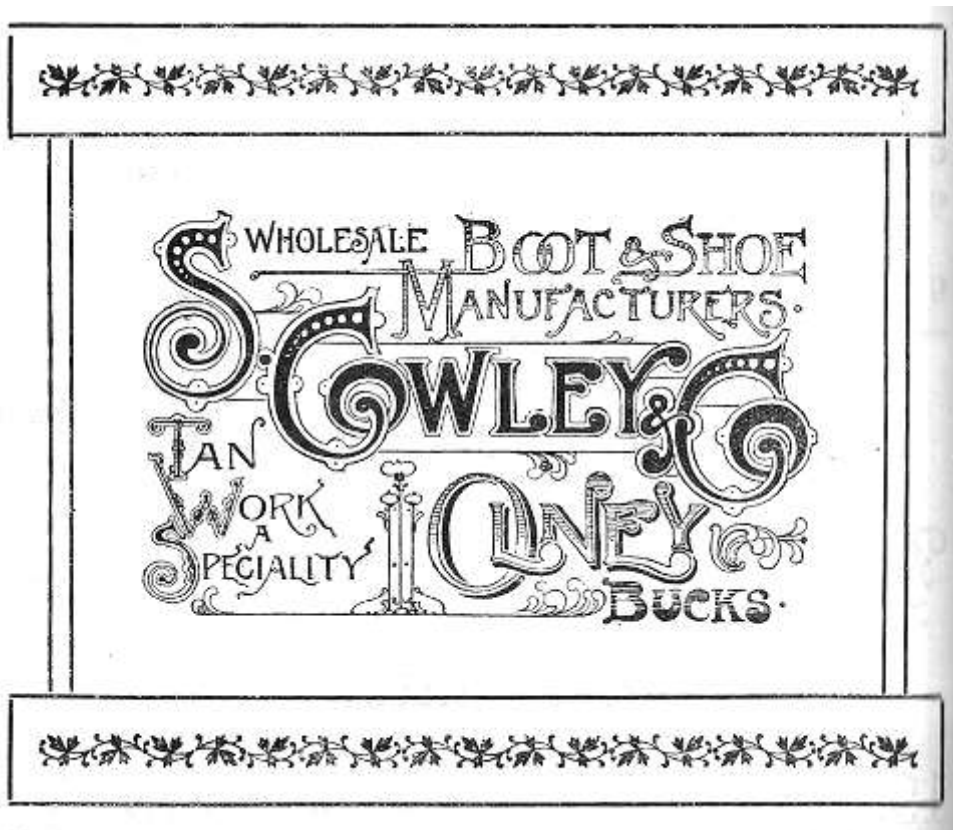
MR Alfred Smith, who for several years traded under the name of L Cooper & Co, has recently adopted his own name, having thoroughly become recognised as being the sole and only representative of the firm. Mr Smith upon purchasing this old established business from Mr Leapidge Cooper, who retired from trade, has carried it on in the same style as his predecessor, and besides working Olney also attends the local markets where he never fails to receive a share of the patronage of the tradesmen and farmers who attend them for the various kinds of coal, coke, salt, slag, granite, &c, in which he trades.

**Mr A Hoddle, Butcher,
Olney**

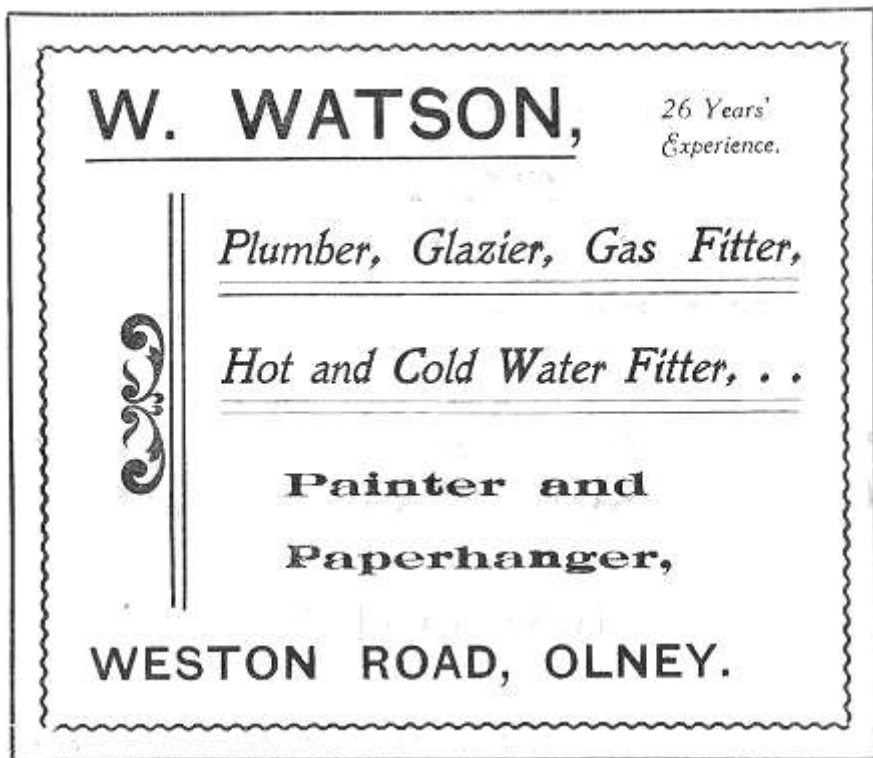
THE Cowper Museum under its new decoration is a very conspicuous landmark in the Market place and anyone glancing at this house cannot fail to notice the shop of Mr A Hoddle, an old and respected tradesman of the town. Mr Hoddle has for years enjoyed a good share of the trade of the town, and deservedly too, for he kills the primest sheep, pigs and beast that it is possible to procure. Mr Hoddle has also gained a reputation for his potted beef, etc.

**Mr Hinde, Coal Merchant,
Midland Road, Olney**

WE cannot do without fires therefore we cannot do without Mr Hinde who not only supplies coals of the best quality in large and small quantities, but also wood by the cart load at a reasonable price. This business was, prior to Mr Charles Hinde's taking it over, quite a small and insignificant one, which had struggled on for some years under different proprietorships, but upon Mr Hinde's possession it went up by leaps and bounds and fortune evidently smiled upon him for in a remarkably short time he increased his ledger customers tenfold. Mr Charles Hinde after working it up and placing it upon a sound footing has recently transferred it to his brother who will carry it on under the title of 'Charles Hinde'. Mr E Hinde intends working it on the lines adopted by his brother and gives evidence of being as popular amongst his customers, who may rely on every attention being given to their orders.



Factory in Yardley Rd destroyed by fire in July 1928



37 Weston Road, now a private residence

**Mr F Hawley,
Cabinet Maker,
High Street, Olney**

THERE have been cabinet makers and furniture dealers in Olney for all time but the business of Mr Hawley is really the business of town which has been in the past a convenience to the working townspeople. When the trade of Olney began to look up Mr Hawley adopted the hire-purchase system and thus proved a great acquisition to many of our now more affluent householders. Mr Hawley's shop is a veritable emporium of household necessities, and is the place for young couples to visit who wish to thoroughly furnish their future abode.

**Messrs Kitchener & Son
Wholesale and Retail Boot
and Shoe Manufacturers,
Olney**

THIS is a stock of one of the oldest families in Olney which has a clear descent from 1669. Mr J T Kitchener, the head of the present firm commenced as a manufacturer's agent in 1880, and for a period of 19 years represented a number of the leading manufacturers of the country, amongst the number being Fussell & Drowery, Birmingham; R E Randall, Northampton; A Stanton, Northampton; and Rabbitt & Sons, London; and during that period distributing tens of thousands of pounds in wages.



Mr J T Kitchener

At the closing down of Messrs Rabbitt, in the year 1898, the present firm launched out into the wholesale trade both for home and export. In the year 1900 they added to their growing business a retail branch at Wolverton, where their noted brands of 'Kitchener's Reliable' are absolutely in front of all others in the district. It is the growth of their wholesale trade this last two years which is adding its share to the prosperous condition of our little town of leather, as they distribute upwards of £80 per week in wages. Evidently this old family have taken a

real grip, and we wish them every success.

J. W. Brown,
Fishmonger and General Stores,

MIDLAND ROAD.

Fresh and Dried Fish. Tobacco.
Stationery. Offalls. Sweets.

FRIED FISH Wednesdays and Saturdays.

47 Midland Rd, now a private residence

H. J. HARRIS,
9, MARKET PLACE, OLNEY, BUCKS.

PICTURE FRAME MAKER,

CABINET MAKER, FRENCH

POLISHER, UPHOLSTERER

DEALER in ANTIQUE FURNITURE

Blinds of Every Description Made to Order.

Repairs of Every Description.

Saracen's Head pub, now a private residence

Mr Wesley, Coach Builder, Wheelwright and Joiner, Olney ONE has not to go far from the Railway Station before noticing Mr Wesley's premises on the right hand side and abutting the line itself.

Mr Wesley is a thorough practical van and cart builder, and several specimens of his work are seen about the streets. He is always ready to oblige his customers especially when urgent attention is required, and carries out their orders in a masterly manner.

Mrs Griggs, Fancy Draper, Olney MILLINERY, Fancy Drapery, &c, are the items traded in by Mrs Griggs. Since she has launched out into the business world she has built up a good connection of customers. Her stock of millinery, flowers, ribbons, and laces is very extensive and well selected, and she is generally amongst the foremost in procuring the latest novelties in materials and designs.

Mr H J Harris, Cabinetmaker, &c Market Place, Olney EVERY householder at some time or other would like some cherished furniture polished or picture framed if he only knew where to get it done.

Such are some of the items that Mr H Harris specializes in, which will be noticed by his advertisement on page 168. He is a thoroughly practical and painstaking carpenter, cabinetmaker, &c and devotes much of his time to upholstering. Besides the above he also deals in antique furniture.

Messrs Hart, Bros, Builders, Contractors and Undertakers, Midland Road, Olney THE building and carpentering business carried on by Messrs Hart, Bros, is an ever increasing one and deservedly too. They are thoroughly up-to-date business men and capable in all the branches connected with their trade. Coming from the Railway Station their well-appointed business premises are much in evidence on the left hand side of Midland Road. Messrs Hart lay themselves open to undertake jobs however extensive and with the modern machinery and appliances they possess can execute work at prices that will meet with the approval of those who have any idea of the work entailed.

F. G. Paggett,

Soho House,
4, High Street,
Olney, Bucks.

Milliner.

Good Value in Kid Gloves.
Special Lines in Fall Nets. **Terms: Cash**

Now a solicitors office

R. E. RABAN,
Baker and Confectioner
MARKET PLACE, OLNEY.

MADEIRA, SULTANA, AND PLAIN CAKES. ☘ TRY OUR
FAMOUS TEAS, 1/4 and 1/6. ☘ ALL ORDERS
PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.

Agent for Lipton's Tea. Dealer in all kinds of Offals

17 Market Pl, until recently were part of Turners ironmongers

**Messrs T Smith & Son,
Basket and Sieve
Manufacturers,
Bridge Street, Olney**

THE manufacture of baskets and wickerwork is and has always been a one family monopoly in Olney. This particular business being worked entirely by the family of Smith - brothers and nephews. In the Poor Levy accounts, in connection with the workhouse, there are several entries for 'scuttles', &c, paid to the Smiths at the beginning of last century. Going back still further, viz, May 12, 1768, we find an entry in the Church Register of the burial of 'Thomas Smith, basket maker'. The various styles and shapes of baskets and sieves made up by Messrs Smith have a wide fame and their products have not only spread all over the British Isles but over the arid desert of the Sahara for camel transport besides other quarters of the globe. Messrs Smith's osier cobs are extensive and afford a never-failing supply of the supple withes. Cane-bottom work is also largely carried out by this old established firm of basket makers.

**Mr T W Griggs,
Wheelwright,
Market Place, Olney**

THE trade of a wheelwright is always looked for in a town, and that carried on by Mr Griggs is the oldest established one. Mr Griggs learned his trade under Mr John Negus who was a noted craftsman when in business and who is now one of our respected inhabitants. Mr Griggs's modern business premises are approached from East Street.

**Mr J Hollingshead,
Watchmaker and Jeweller,
Market Place, Olney**

THE increased production and cheapening of watches is one of a commercial phenomena of the last few decades; how this has operated on the watchmaking trade we need not discuss, but it has proved an incontestable benefit to the watch repairer, who can now count his customers by the score, and even more than that, to each one that came to him formerly. The watchmaking and jewellery business of Mr James Hollingshead has been in the family for several generations and bears evidence of still continuing as both his sons are learning the practical portion of the business. Mr Hollingshead is in the strict sense of the word a practical man, and if any article of jewellery, or any

**KITCHENER & SONS,
Boot and Shoe Manufacturers,**

HOME and EXPORT
and "RETAILERS."

All kinds of Bespokes Made to Measure

UPPERS & BOTTOM STUFF CUT TO ORDER.

The Olney Gas Co.



SUPPLY AND FIX THE MOST

Up-to-Date Gas Fittings

AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

Slot Installations & Cookers

FIXED FREE OF COST.

For Particulars apply to—

G. H. POTTER, Gas Works.

Premises currently vacant

timepiece is in need of repair, if he cannot do it, the article may be safely put down as beyond repair. A select stock of watches, clocks, plate and jewellery is always kept.

**Messrs C Dimmock & Co,
Cycle Dealers, Picture
Frame Makers and
Furniture Dealers,
High Street, Olney**

THE late Mr Charles Dimmock settled in Olney some nineteen years ago, and having left the trade of coachmaker which he learned in Wolverton Works, set up in business in a very small way as a general furniture dealer, in High Street South, at the shop now occupied by Mrs Hooton. He met with a ready patronage and his business increased year by year, which necessitated a removal to larger premises in the Market Place, adjoining Berrill's Court. Here he launched out into the cycle trade in conjunction with Mr Harry Minney who, together, worked up a very large trade in this direction.

After a few years the partnership was dissolved and each followed upon his own particular maker's machines and accessories. Mr Dimmock then devoted his whole attention to the 'New Hudson' make, and secured premises in Northampton and Newport Pagnell and thus became one of the largest sellers of this celebrated bicycle in the Midland Counties. His business in the general house furnishing trade at the same time was still increasing and compelled him to again search for larger premises, which he was fortunate to secure in the centre of High Street, viz, the premises of the late Mr John Higgs, butcher, which he converted into one of the finest looking shops in the town.

When he had thus scaled the ladder of fortune, and every thing seemed assured for his prosperity, he was suddenly taken ill, and died in the prime of life. Since his decease his widow and sons have carried on the business on the lines adopted by Mr Dimmock. Their fine show of furniture, &c, cannot but attract attention and also buyers who can rest assured of being well served at the most reasonable prices.

HART BROS.,



Carpenters and Contractors

MIDLAND ROAD,
— OLNEY. —

Estimates on Application.

40 Midland Rd, now a private residence

**Mrs Harris, Dressmaker,
Olney**

WHAT has been looked upon as the premier dressmaking establishment in the town for many years is that of Mrs Harris, widow of the late Mr W Harris, saddler and harness maker. It is no uncommon thing to hear the fair sex in their little *tête à tête* criticising upon dress and make the remark “where did you get that *lovely* dress made you are wearing?” and so on, with the invariable answer - “Mrs Harris”. Mrs Harris has, since our connection with the town, changed her business address several times, even this last month she has just transferred from 33 to 35 High Street South. Mrs Harris has become so famed in and around Olney in her dressmaking that it is needless to waste space in these pages to comment, but we should like to draw the attention of our readers that, besides keeping the best range of patterns and trimmings, she is agent for Moore’s celebrated corsets and the Sketchley Dye Works for whom your orders are solicited.

**Miss Harris, Confectioner,
High Street South, Olney**

JUST in time to be announced in this ‘look around Olney’ is the business of Miss Harris, who being a native, is well known by all the residents. Visitors to the town will benefit by a visit to her establishment for as may be seen by her advertisement, she has gone a step further than supplying sweets only. Miss Harris has just entered upon the business carried on for some years by Mrs Griggs. In addition to the stock held by the late proprietress she has added jellies, cooked ham, and potted beef. We hope she will receive an ever increasing support.

Olney Gas Company

IF only it was generally known how cheaply one can get gas fittings placed in their homes by the Olney Gas Co., they would never hesitate in having gas installed in place of the clumsy and dangerous oil lamps which require so much attention every day to trim and thus waste time that might be devoted to other things - work or pleasure. Since the advent of the new directorate and Mr Potter, their clever and practical working manager, the Olney Gas Co. have awakened from the lethargy in which they remained since the creation of the company.

**FURNITURE. FURNITURE
FURNITURE.**

C. DIMMOCK & Co.

Have been Established 20 years.

Have the Finest Value, the Most Up-to-date and the Most
Reliable Selection in the District.

Our Motto has always been VALUE FOR MONEY.

C. DIMMOCK & Co.

are now offering at LOWER PRICES than ever before a
large stock of

BEDROOM SUITES.

**DINING ROOM SUITES. KITCHEN
TABLES, &c.**

SPECIAL BARGAINS in Carpets, Linos, Floorcloths, Mats,
&c., &c.

PICTURE FRAMING

is one of our Specialities. Always a Splendid Selection of
Mouldings. You will save money by purchasing here.

All Goods Delivered FREE.

C. Dimmock & Co.

**FURNISHING
STORES,**

OLNEY, BUCKS.

15 Market Place, now a fast food outlet

All the best and latest gas burners, cookers, heaters, &c, can be fitted at practically wholesale prices by the company's gas fitters which is to the mutual advantage of both parties.

**Mrs Drage,
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DURING the time Olney boasted of its auctioneers it was no uncommon thing to hear 'the man with the hammer' say "it is no modern *antic*

piece". In those, now distant, days there was no recognised antique dealer in the town, but owing to the changes of time we find that we possess such an interesting character in Mr J B Kitchener of Dartmouth Road. He is a very self-reliant young man and will undertake to supply either ancient or modern antiques to the wishes of his clients. He never fails to attend all local sales and by regularly purchasing goods in out of the way places often secures tit bits in the shape of curios.



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EVERYONE in and around Olney has some idea, or rather should have, of Mr Griggs' capabilities of repairing timepieces, etc. When the foregoing pages were written we were under the impression that our old townsman had retired upon his laurels but have at the last moment heard that such is not the case. He is a thoroughly practical man at his trade and has had a vast experience, anyone wishing to support an old tradesman in the evening time of his life, cannot bestow a greater help than giving him a share of their custom.

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The Procession

Olney Hospital Sunday



The Olney Bowling Club



THE ancient game of bowls is also represented in the town, a club having been formed some two years ago. For the first year the members played on a part of the cricket ground in the ‘Recreation’ field, but owing to the prowess and big hits of some of the local champions of the ‘willow’ the more corpulent members of the club became alarmed and pressed for a private ground. To continue ‘in safety’ throughout the first season, many of the members kindly placed their private lawns at the club’s disposal, during the season.

An active committee then took the matter of providing a private green in hand, the town was scoured by ‘search parties’ and eventually a piece of ground in the corner of the ‘Recreation’ field was selected. The ‘genial doctor’, a patron of all the town sports and an expert in matters pertaining to bowling greens, was soon in evidence. The attractions of ‘direct’ over ‘contract’ labour appealing to the committee our worthy medico proved his ‘many-sidedness’ by setting out the levels for the workmen, and supervised them to such good effect that the green, some 42 by 33 yards in area was ‘well and truly’ laid for the sum of £26. The ground was then enclosed and the wide borders planted with various trees, shrubs, and plants which during the past season have been a source of admiration to members and visitors.

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The club have been exceptionally fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr F Wootton, mine worthy host of y^e ancient hostelry, 'The Bear' of Emberton as their groundsman, and thanks to his untiring energies the ground has been kept in the pink of condition.

During the second season, though the first on their own ground, home and away matches have been played with various neighbouring clubs, including Kingsthorpe, Northampton County ground, Russell Park, Bedford, Wolverton and Newport Pagnell, etc, and although only one or two of the members had had any previous experience of the game, some notable victories over well established clubs were gained, the club only losing some 13 points in the whole of the matches.

There are some 40 members. A Pavilion is being erected on the ground before the next season. The officials and members of the club extend a most hearty invitation to bowling visitors when present in the town during the season, to visit the ground and try their skill, bowls and other accessories being provided. It is needless to add that the club is looking forward to a most successful season next year.

Olney Town Cricket Club



THIS club was formerly known as the 'Excelsior' which had its pitch in the field called 'Hatch green'. In due course efforts were made to get a more suitable ground and this was obtained in a field adjoining Yardley Road which was retained until the year 1898 when the club again migrated to the 'Recreation' field and devoted their attention to levelling a portion for play and by their devoted energies they have now a good wicket. From the

village teams that were their former opponents in matches they have aspired to meet more important ones including the League teams of Northampton, Wolverton, &c. It is anticipated, by the promising signs of the young blood in the club, that there is a brighter prospect in store which is to be hoped for in the interest of cricket in connection with the town. It is to be noticed that some of the original promoters of the club are still in evidence, Mr J W Whiting, Mr S Haseldine, and Mr W Field; the last signaled himself during the past season by making his first century.

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The club give the credit of their success to their 'genial' captain, Dr Grindon, who has filled that position for the past seven years, and to their ex vice-captain, Mr E Mobbs, the 'Olney Jessop', as he is a batsman of the forcing type and an idol with the spectators who delight in seeing him smashing the ball to the boundary. He is also a fast bowler of high merit and a player we hope to see assist the county in the near future.

Mr Archer Field, another all round cricketer, has rendered yeoman's service for the club, and always holds a prominent position in the averages of both batting and bowling. The club's record for the past two seasons is as follows:- 1906, matches played 18, won 9, drawn 3, lost 6, score 1893 for 153 wickets, average 11.01. 1907, matches 17, won 6, drawn 5, tie 1, lost 5, score 2138 for 140 wickets, aver.15.27.



EDWARD VII CORONATION CRICKETERS

Standing, reading from left to right, L Thompson, H Minney, A Ruffhead, F Gibb, H York, W Page, F Grindon, A Gudgin, L Cooper, W Gudgin, W Pebody, G Wright, J Mann, E Gould, and O Ratcliff
Sitting, E Field, E Boswell, C Dimmock, F Higgins, S Cowley, J Pater, E Drage, L York, W Wilford, and J Page

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The Sports Field and Bathing Place



ON the approach of the Jubilee celebrations in 1807 there was a lot of talk by some very enthusiastic attendants at the meetings convened for that occasion to consider what should be done as a befitting memorial of the great event. The suggestion of these enthusiasts was a 'recreation' ground *for the children to play in* as they were 'kicked off the Knoll and other open places' when playing. Under the impression that the children would have somewhere to play unmolested by 'the man in blue' the support of others attending the meetings was obtained. Correspondence took place on the subject and the following paragraph in reference to the matter appeared in a local print:

'At a Jubilee committee meeting, on June 18, 1807, letters were read from Lord Dartmouth and his agents stating his willingness to let a field for cricket, football, &c, at a rent of £1 per acre, for 21 years. In the course of the meeting it was stated that the field was to be let as a sports field for cricket, &c, and not as a public recreation ground'. This accounts for the children being not always politely ordered out on account of imaginary damage to the grass. The 'Recreation' or more correctly speaking *Sports ?* field, is a back field, adjacent to a back street, in the back part of the town, awkwardly situated. The approach is down a long pathway through a field and is skirted by barbed wire. For the use of this path the tenant is paid a quit rent - not the landlord. If the Feoffee field on the Weston Road had been arranged for, how different for the general public and the children, things might have been. It is a recognised fact, if the applicants' names for coals, etc, given by the charity were regularly published there would be a great diminution in the number who apply, and as that money undoubtedly was left for the benefit of the town, it could be disposed of in such a useful way by affording pleasure to all. The bathing place, which is at the bottom end of the field, has been a great acquisition to the town. This is under the management of Mr Wooton who is ever ready to help and encourage all who wish to attain the arts of swimming and diving.




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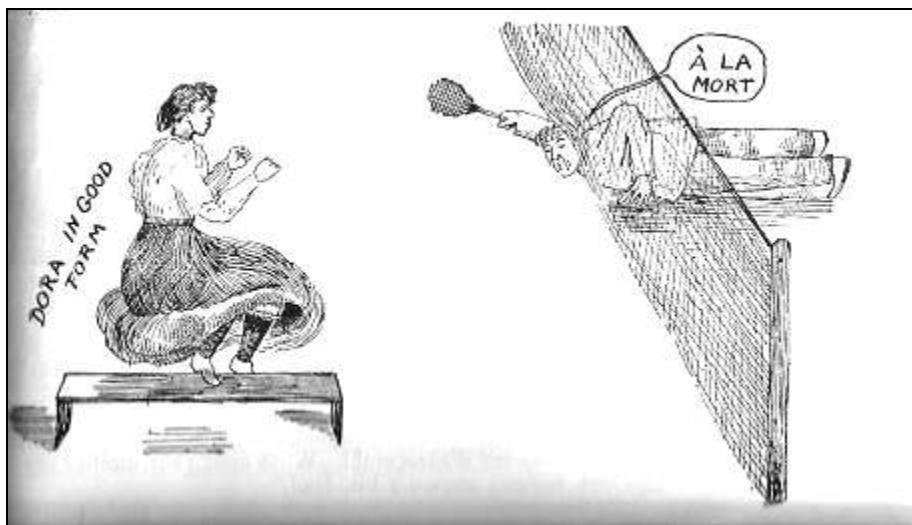
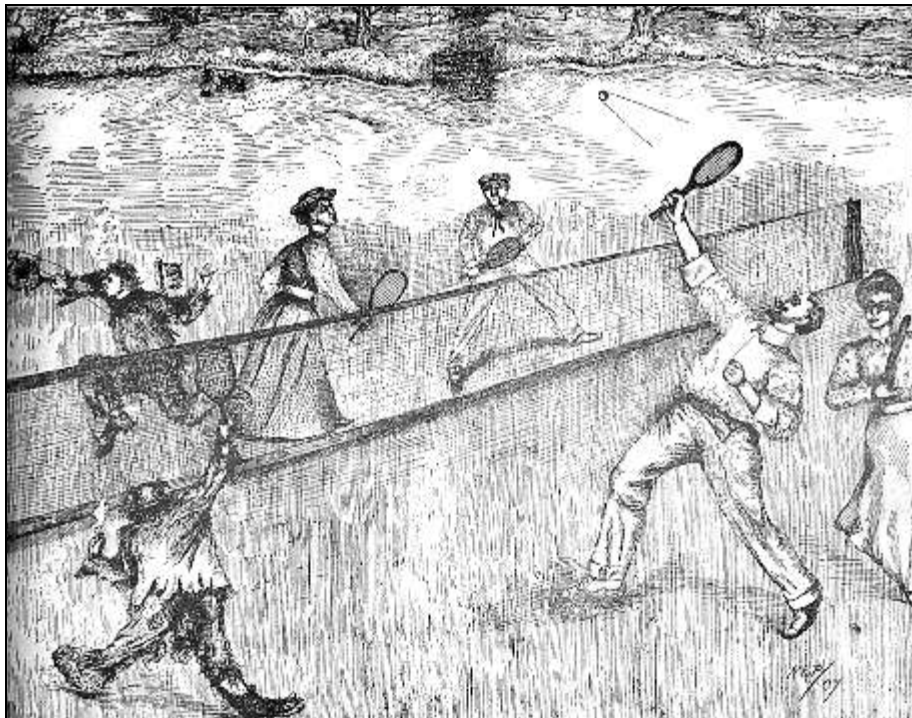


— **OLNEY.**

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Olney Tennis Club TENNIS players of Olney amalgamated two years ago and formed a club. The ground selected was in the 'Recreation' field which is still retained. A great amount of amusement is thus afforded in this public place, not only to *some* of the members themselves, but also to the on-lookers who are gifted with keen sight and hearing. The accompanying illustration depicts the idea formed of its members by spectators one bright summer evening and the two smaller sketches, the attitudes of two of its leading players.



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Now part of a rug shop

Football in Olney



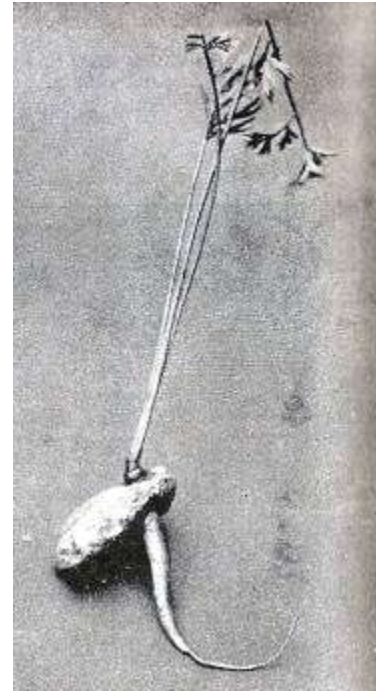
UP to the year 1905 football under both codes, was a recognised item in the sport of the town, but at the end of the 1904-5 season, owing partly to its loss of playing members, and partly to the waning interest in the game at Olney the Association committee, finding it would be useless to start another season, decided to wind up their accounts, and break up the club; so football in Olney is confined solely to the Rugby game. The present club was founded in the year 1878 under the title of the 'Olney Town Rugby Football Club', and is now affiliated to the 'East Midlands Rugby Union', playing the game as set forth in the rules of the Rugby Union. When the Association club was broken up, its younger playing members joined the Rugby section, and combined to establish it on a firmer footing, as affairs were very low in the Rugby's hands at that time, and it was only owing to the hard work of a few enthusiasts that the club was kept on. Through the next two seasons things did not look in a position to financially cope with the additional expenses, which such fixtures involve – lower rate teams having to take their places, which did not in anyway quicken the enthusiasm of its supporters.

Affairs during the season 1906-7 made things look better, the Olney club being largely indebted to Bedford (RU) Club for several guarantees which it gave to its less fortunate neighbours, and also several gentlemen, not in any way connected with the club, consented to the Secretary inscribing their names on his Patronage list as regular subscribers, these together gave the club great financial assistance, and so we find them at the beginning of the present season with a better list of fixtures, including Bedford, Northampton, Civil Service, Coventry, Charing Cross and St Thomas's Hospitals, Old Merchant Taylors, London Devonians, Leytonstone, Stratford-on-Avon, and last but not least the Bedford Grammar School, which fixture is the most keenly contested in the whole bunch, and is very interesting, as it is eagerly waited for by the Olney players. These fixtures combined with a balance in hand of over £16, and a good patronage list, which the



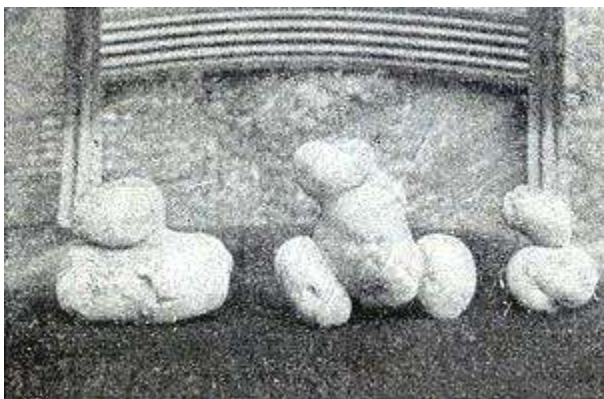
ONE OF OLNEY'S BRAVE BOYS

The above portrait Stanley F Allabarton who hearing the cry for help whilst in the Clifton Meadows on August 22, 1907, ran to the assistance and thus the life of a boy named Charles Boswell who otherwise would have been drowned. As a recognition for his bravery the Royal Humane Society awarded him a certificate.



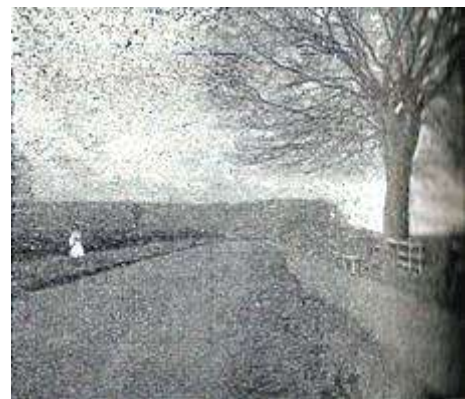
WHAT IS IT?

The above illustration represents a carrot which has grown through a stone on the farm of Mr Charles Hinde, of Warrington.



WHAT ARE THEY?

Three potatoes grown in the allotments upon Overs' Hill in 1906



THE BEECH TREE

On Overs' Hill

committee hope to enlarge upon, should be the means of waking up sleeping enthusiasm and gaining support for the club which it has so long stood in need of. As we look back upon its history we see a very plucky club hampered by not having sufficient financial support to keep it going as well as it deserved.

Times have been when the town has witnessed special trains depositing their loads of football followers from distant towns, to witness their club try conclusions with the Olney team, but that has passed, although during the last season, especially when Leicester visited our town, the gate receipts were, indeed, much better than had been the case for several years.

As we glance back upon its players we find that some of those who have been taught their football at Olney, having left their old club for better fixtures than could be provided here, and have gained distinction not only in the Old Country but in British Dominions beyond the seas. Two of the last being Mr Edgar Mobbs, now captain of the Northampton Club, and Mr Frank Coles, also connected with Northampton. We could enumerate the names of other Cowpernians who have been famous at football, if space would allow of the insertion of incidents specially connected with them.

At the present time Mr B J Swannell one of the playing compatriots of some of Olney's footballers in days gone by is still playing football in Australia, some will remember that he was a member of the 1904 British Team which toured Australia, but did not return with them, preferring to play for New South Wales against New Zealand and Queensland, thereby gaining his Inter-state cap, also an Australian cap, being one of the Australian team touring New Zealand in August and September 1905. He also coached the schools that won the NSW Public School Premiership, both with the 1st and 2nd XV. It is Mr Swannell's conviction that 'fixed places' in the pack is better than 'first up, first down'. We trust that Mr Swannell may some day visit Olney, to tell of his football experience in other countries.

Time brings us now to the 1907-8 season which has just commenced. Affairs look brighter in the football world; Mr J Simcoe, who has a long experience of local football being captain of the team, with

Mr C Kitchener as vice-captain. Mr B Ruffhead is the Hon. Treas. and presided over by a committee of nine. The colours are cerise and French grey, and the headquarters are at the 'Two Brewers'. Anyone wishing to join the club, as a member, can procure a fixture card which admits to all the matches (on paying 2s.6d each season), from the Hon Gen. Sec., Mr H B Lineham, Dartmouth Road, Olney, who will be pleased to enrol as many new members as possible.

MR E R MOBBS



MR E R Mobbs, captain of the Northampton St James's Rugby Football club, was born in that town twenty-five years ago and there began to show his aptitude for sport at a very early age. When 8½ years old, and a scholar at the Bedford Modern School he played for a school team of boys under 10 years of age, and later obtained his place in the house team. On leaving school he did not play for about four years, except in a few scratch matches, and it was not

until 1904, when residing at Olney, that he again took up the game and ultimately became captain of the above celebrated football club. He has also taken great interest in cricket both in Olney and elsewhere, which will be noticed in the account of the cricket club on page 183.

Olney Railway Station

THE advent of the railway at Olney has been the means of making the town what it is at the present day. Although the Midland Co. do not see their way to improve the miserable service of trains there is one thing in their favour, that is we can quickly get to London after leaving Olney or

vice versa. This line was opened in 1872, and our station, which a few years ago when the East and West junction commenced their short lived running, bid fair to become one of importance. The officials and men employed are: Station Master, R Grice; Senior Clerk, A Crossley; Booking Clerk; C H Harris; Machine Clerk, H Field; Station Porters; C Sizer and C E Pearce; Assistant Porter, P Porter; Goods Checker, G Horn; Signalmen, G Prince and T Sarson.



OLNEY BAND CYCLE PARADE PRIZE WINNERS, 1907

The names of the standing competitors reading from left to right are G Ingram, Miss Church, A Jones, Miss N Berrill, E Wickens, Miss B Gomm, W Clark, and C Whethers.

The two sitting, G Jones and W Douglas

Olney's Choral Society FOR generations there have been choral societies in the town but they have not proved so long in duration as the present one which has become quite a success for it has had a longer existence than any of its predecessors. The present choral society has merited the warm encomiums of the general public for the music selected is good and the concerts given are some of the best the town can boast of.

The society was started on September 22, 1903 under the conductorship of Mr W W Wright, when 'Penitence, Pardon, and Peace', (Mauder) was the work chosen which was successfully given in the Parish Church, the Congregational Church, and in Emberton Parish Church. In the following year, owing to pressure of business, Mr Wright found it impossible to conduct the society and thus the baton was passed on to Mr Britton, of Emberton, the well known and appreciated musical conductor, who infused new energies into the society. His first cantata was 'Ruth', followed by the ear-racking 'Walpurgis Night'. Last year a very successful concert was given, when 'The Creation' was rendered with a miscellaneous programme also. This year the society are practising 'The Messiah'. The membership is upwards of sixty and their practices take place every Tuesday night in the Council Schools, the concerts are given at intervals in the New Hall.

Bucks Archæological and Architectural Society



READERS of this history will be pleased to learn that the Bucks Archæological and Architectural Society which held one of its extremely interesting exhibits in Etolia House, Bridge Street, in July 1890, celebrated its Jubilee by a very important two days' exhibition at Aylesbury in the summer of 1906, and has recently entered upon a phase of existence. The old endowed School House has been acquired and is now being adapted as a Museum Library, etc. The premises are situated in Church Street, Aylesbury, just by the Church Yard, and are convenient both by situation and arrangement for the purposes of the Society. The cost will however be heavy and will require an increase in membership, and a general awakening of interest in the county concerning our local history and antiquities. The present number of members is rather more than 200, the annual subscription is 10/- due on the first of January in each year. The subscriber receives annually (so long as he pays) a volume of transactions, usually about 90 or 100 pages, illustrated. Their issue, called the 'Records of Bucks' has been enriched in the

past by papers and essays from very many distinguished and learned men; eg: Mr St John Hope, Lord Rosebery, Archdeacon of Bucks, Lord Boston, A H Cocks, Esq, late John Parker, Esq, late G F Lee, Mr Swinfen Harris, &c. A complete set is very difficult to procure, in fact nearly impossible, imperfect sets (wanting a number or so) have fetched £25.

It will be apparent that the subscriber receives the full value of his 10s. in the annual volume and has in addition the satisfaction of helping to maintain a museum and library, both of which are open to his use. Anyone, man or woman, is eligible for membership. The Hon. Sec., A H Cocks, Esq., MA, FSA, Poynetts, Skirmett, Henley-on-Thames, and Hon Treasurer, Mr C G Watkins of Aylesbury, are both ready to give expert advice without charge to incumbents and churchwardens on any question relating to repair, rebuilding, or alteration of churches or bells; or will be glad to give an opinion on other antiquarian matters; it is also open to offers of objects and collections either as gifts or on loan for the museum.

Olney Division



THE North Bucks Centre of the St John Ambulance Association with which the Olney Division is connected, was founded in 1898, with Lord Addington as first president. It is managed by a strong committee and staff of lecturers composed of fifteen medical men residing in the neighbourhood, and Mr S C H Moberly, MRCS and LRCP, Winslow, the Hon Sec and Treasurer.

Since the formation, 562 men and 263 women have received the First Aid certificate and 221 the Nursing; also 9 men and 38 women have received Medallions. A Silver Challenge Cup is competed for publicly every year by teams of five certificated men. The competition for the Cup takes place during the summer, on a selected Saturday, in the grounds of some country house, the Host usually entertaining the committee at lunch and the teams to a tea, and the public is invariably admitted to see the contest. Since 1899 the places and winners have been as follows:-

MY LOOK ROUND OLNEY

1899	Gayhurst (Mr W W Carlile, MP).....	4	Olney
1900	Bletchely (Col Giles).....	10	Hanslope
1901	Addington (Lord Addington)	10	Bletchley
1902	Weston Underwood (Col Bowyer).....	8	Wolverton
1903	Stony Stratford (Col Bull)	5	Wolverton
1904	Newport Pagnell (Mr F Taylor).....	9	Wolverton
1905	Woughton-on-the-Green (Col Levi).....	4	Stony Stratford
1906	Olney (Mr J C Hipwell).....	7	Stony Stratford
1907	Shenley (Col Duncan)	7	Wolverton

List of Officers of the Olney Division: President of Committee, Mr A W Hipwell, JP; the Olney Divisional Surgeon and Secretary to Financial Committee, Mr F J Grindon; First Officer and Hon Secretary, Mr W T Knight, 14 High Street. Stretchers and appliances are kept at the 'Two Brewers' Inn.

A Ratcliff 'endpiece'

Ethel:

DAD (severely): "And look here, Ethel, you mustn't encourage that young man to stay so late at night. It's disgraceful! What does your mother say?"

ETHEL: "She says men haven't altered a bit, Dad."



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