

FOLKSWORTH 1952 WALKING TRAIL

This is a trail of houses known to be in the village in 1952, and still there.

Other houses existed in Folksworth but have since been demolished.

With special thanks to John Blackman, Tony Jinks and John Castle.

No	NAME IN 1939	BUILT	OCCUPIERS IN 1952
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---- MANOR ROAD ----

2		About 1948	Fred, an agricultural worker who lived to be over 100, and Doris Jackson
4			"Bokie" and Freda Wilson
18	"Craignair" now known as "Chaucer House"	1930s Built the along with the "cottages", semi-detached properties next door.	Jack Grundy, director of a catering company, Annie Grundy and family. Jack had been a Lieutenant Commander in the Royal Naval Reserves working on minesweepers in WW2.
20	"Fiona"	1930s	Perry Hill and Grace Dunkley and son, Bob. TV owners
22	"Yoxall"	1930s	Cyril and Ursula Nicholls and sons, Ivor and Ken.
28		About 1950	Frederick J Barwick, milkman.
32	"Quorn Cottage"	1700s (Extended)	Bob, brick worker, and Maud Gilbert.
34	"The Fox"	At least mid-1800s	Closed for refurbishment. New landlords, John and Mrs Morris opened the bar on the day. Previous landlord, retired boxer, Danny Webb, raised funds, to provide a village hall through concerts in a local barn.
38		Early 1800s (Extended) Built by Washingley Hall estate as three terraced cottages for estate workers.	Bella and Harry Jackson Peggy Purdue Occupants of 2 cottages known.
40		At least 1800s The original stone cottage had no foundations. Pulled down in 1990s replaced with the current house.	Constance and Frederick "Potter" Jackson. Constance taught piano in the village, her husband was a local dealer and "character".
44	"Rosedene" now "Kynance Cottage"	1930s	Cyril Neath, brickyard worker - one of few car owners yet cycled to work. Only drove his car on Sundays
48	"Manor Farm"	At least mid-1800s	George and Maud Burton, Farmers – an old Folksworth family
47	"The Red House"	At least mid-1800s	Albert and Annie Barnes. Albert a dairy farmer who owned very little land, his cows grazed the verges in the summer.
41	"The Priory"	1600s (Despite the modern appearance) Served earlier as the old Rectory but destroyed by fire in 1882.	Frances Spencer, widow of Charles Spencer, boot maker.
39	"Dunromin"	Before 1939	William Lodge, retired house and ship painter and his wife, Annie.
	Now "Chinon"	At least mid-1800s	Sydney Percy Williams, "Nippy", worked at Polebrook Airbase

---- ELM ROAD ----

	The Village Hall	1952 Built on land given by Frederick George Hutton Storey, local farmer. Roof trusses and original windows from Polebrook Airfield.	Opened 1952 following public subscription and fundraising,
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	The Village School. now the Old School House	1872	Headteacher: Miss Braybrook. Approximately 35 children enrolled.
	Elm Farm Now Elm Farm House	1600s	Bernard Frost, member of the first Village Hall Committee, and sons. Moved up from Woolwich, London.

---- MORBORNE ROAD ----

2	“The Rectory” now “Folksworth Manor”	About 1882 Built as the new Rectory following the fire at the old Rectory.	Dr Smiter, a Yaxley GP and his family rented the property. He infamously kept turkeys on the second floor!
1,3,5,7	Four “New Council Houses”	After WW2 about 1948	Jack and Mrs Driver Charlie and Mrs Atkins Mr and Mrs Bullivant Les Prior, farm worker and wounded WW1 veteran, also cut hair. Wife Florence Prior.
	St. Helen’s Church	From 1100	Reverend W Gwyn Hopkins was Rector, but he was resident in Yaxley Vicarage, and left in 1955 to become an army chaplain.
	Rectory Farm	Sometime in the 1800’s	Wilf Prior, Farmer and Joan Prior. Wilf died in 2021.

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174		About 1946 Cuthbert Smith built the house with a flat roof like those in Malaysia.	Cuthbert Smith, Church Warden, worked in Malaysia before WW2 and was taken as Japanese prisoner of war.
79 81		1951 Farm Cottages for Sheeplair Farm.	No 79 Harold Reed No 81 Bert Hancock Both farm labourers
74		1936	Frank and Christobel Bull, Farmer
70		1931 Constructed by Frank Bull	Arthur Bull (father of Frank Bull), Retired Plumber from Peterborough and his wife, Ethel. Mr. Bull died in 1969 aged 101. His Peterborough plumbing firm still exists.
39	Lodge Farm	Before 1851	Jim, farm worker and Mrs Haines
15	Sheep Lair Farm	1800 originally a small cottage	Martin and Mrs. Blackman, farmers. The Blackman family still live there today

---- WASHINGLEY ROAD ----

1 3 5 7	The original “Council Houses”	About 1919 after WW1	Mary Davies, school dinner lady Mr Frank Bullivant who worked at the petrol station at Norman Cross Albert “Obi” Coles, brick worker and his wife Barbara. Ken, first chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, and Mrs Bellamy.
6		Not known The first cottage was demolished and a new house built in the 1970s. Only the original splendid fireplace remains.	Unmarried sisters, Sarah-Jane and Annie Peat in the original cottage. Peat family members living in Folksworth since the early 1800s.
9		About 1934	Mr Isaac Reginald Tee, who retired here in 1952.

The information is correct to the best of our knowledge, but please let us know if you have any further information we can add to the archive.