Our Virtual Village – October update

The Stinchcombe Historical Society

Pub trivia –

1. Which Club ground was thought to have been the first in the country to host a limited overs cricket match?
2. What was the estimated crowd at that game?

You can get your answers in an article under ***Our Virtual Village*** called ***The Stragglers*** which has now gone live. It was compiled and written by John Darlaston MBE who is President of Dursley Rugby Football Club Ltd and includes the rise of Rugby and other sports at the ground.

Alongside that Richard Cheetham has written his fascinating ***Cheetham's Ramblings*** about the cricket ground and players.

All the articles of House Histories, ***Notable Families*** and other historical aspects of the Village can now be found under the main menu heading ***Stinchcombe Local History Society***

The list of future House Histories to be published has also been updated.

- December – Overend Cottage
- January – The Malthouse
- February – Pound Cottage
- March – The Old Vicarage

Can **YOU** supply interesting stories and photos on any property whether you own it or not? That includes any properties that have been featured already. I would be pleased to hear of

anything you have that adds to the histories.

Roger Batty

A Village Property – update

The Momentum is growing

There has been a lot of interest in this project and the momentum is growing for ***Our Virtual Village***. So ***thank you*** to all those that have contributed so far.

As you will see from our list of properties below we are promised articles on various houses for the next 11 months taking us to February 2022 (as well as the Cricket and Rugby Clubs, the War Memorial and other aspects of the village).

- ***Melksham Court*** – March
- ***Langside Cottage, Hounds Green*** – February
- ***Combe House, Street Farm, Granary Barn*** – January 2021
- April – Old Clingre Farm
- May – The Buildings
- June – Court Barn
- July – Lamport Court
- August – The Old Post Office
- September – Church Farm
- October – Overend Cottage
- November – The Malthouse
- December – Piers Court
- January 2022 – Pound Cottage
- February – The Old Vicarage

However, it's not just articles on some of the larger

properties that we wish to publish. We would welcome information on all types of houses and cottages in the Village. Some of the Social History of the previous owners/tenants of properties create just as good stories as the history of the properties themselves.

Can **YOU** supply interesting stories and photos on any property whether you own it or not? That includes any properties that have been featured already. I would be pleased to hear of anything you have that adds to the histories.

One of the properties that we don't have too much history on, or photos of, is **The Old Vicarage** and an article is due to be written by February next year so there is still time! That property has been used as Parish Rooms holding Church meetings and many events and of course several vicars have lived there over the years. There **MUST** be members of the community who have old photos or stories so please check your albums and speak to older residents and see if you can send me anything that is of interest to go in that article.

Thank you

Roger Batty

Our Virtual Village – A Village Property

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Property

A new feature for the Village in 2021 is a new Heading on the website called ***Our Virtual Village***. Each month about different Village property will be featured featuring the History of a Village Property.

Our Virtual Village

In the Virtual Village, each page added will be written by house owners themselves or Villagers who have researched a specific property. It's history and it's owners, with interesting stories and facts.

We welcome owners or Villagers to put forward an article for publication. On the Our Virtual Village page on the website. We give some guidelines and how to get involved. This new feature is designed that each House page can be expanded. Other people might want to add further information or stories to a property.

Our forthcoming articles

- January – ***Combe House, Street Farm, and Granary Barn***
- February – ***Langside cottage, the history of its place in village life from the 1700s to the present day Langside.***
- March – Melksham Court
- April – Old Clingre Farm
- May – The Buildings
- June – Court Barn
- July – Lamport Court

The first article on Combe House, Street Farm and Granary Barn is written by Roger Batty and is now ***live on the website***. Further detailed and interesting information can be found in the article if you click on the words typed in red.

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A Village Property

Stinchcombe Local History Society – "A Village Property"

Stinchcombe Village is full of wonderful properties both large and small. Each property has its own House History. All properties are rich in history and memories. Other Villagers know little or nothing about those histories. Indeed, sometimes the owners themselves know nothing!

Your Own House History

The ***Stinchcombe Local History Society*** is suggesting that once a month a local homeowner may like to publish what they know of their house history for all. To include photos and any other interesting stories and put on the Parish website. Then maybe other local people can add their own extra titbits to that property history with their own stories.The History Society can then build up a comprehensive history of the Stinchcombe Village Properties.

The First Village Property

The first history of a "***Village Property***" is planned for the New Year as "***Combe House & Street Farm***".

Suggestions for topics

Rather than being too prescriptive here are some suggested bullet points to get people started

- when the house was built
- description
- how it's changed over the years
- past residents and their occupation/role
- significant events
- anecdotes
- how they've researched the house's history
- what it means to them to live in an historic house
- photos old and current

To get Involved

Roger Batty will collate stories and details. Contact Roger Batty (07765468756) if you would like:

- to be involved with "A Village Property"
- get your own property published
- would just like to help in the project

Bengad Stud

The Ponies that have been a part of our village.

We will all be familiar with the lovely Bengad ponies that we have walked past, enjoyed as foals, mares, geldings, stallions and generally much admired on the hills in Stinchcombe.

The Bengad Stud

The Bengad Welsh Pony Stud started by Mrs Doris Gadsden in the 1960s began its life at Piers Court. It then moved to Southend Farm and latterly to Wick Lane. Laura Hutchins and Di Talboys who used to work with Mrs Gadsden, have bred, looked after and loved these ponies for many years. At their height there were hundreds of ponies on the hills, but now the last 3 youngsters have gone to a new home in order to be shown and brought on as children's ponies.



Laura in 2004

The last 3 – Lily (Bengad Lily of the Nile), Poppy (Bengad Desert Poppy), and Lizzie (Bengad Lisianthus) have moved locally to Benhill Performance Ponies. Below is a picture of these lovely ponies just before they left Stinchcombe – it feels a bit like the end of an incredibly happy, successful era, but the Bengad name and genes will live on both

nationally and internationally.



Welsh Ponies at Bengad Stud

Laura also sends a big thank you to all the kind people who sent the ‘Hello Laura’ booklet and photos in May of this year. She is still getting enormous enjoyment out of it.

Julie Thomas