

## Place-names in the Whittlewood Project area

### Akeley

1086: *Achelei*

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> cent: *Akileia, Akeleia, Akelay, Achelay, Acleya, Aklye, Acle, Ackle, Aklee, Akeleya, Akele*

BPN, 41: probably *Acan-leah*, 'Aca's clearing'

G&C, 240: 'oak clearing'

### Duck End

probably post-medieval

### Stockholt

13<sup>th</sup> cent: *Stocholt, Stokholt*

BPN, 41: 'stump-wood' (see also G&C, 234)

furlong and other names (14<sup>th</sup> cent, NCO 4084): Aldefeld; le Blakeheg; le Bregge; le

Brodemore; Chaldewellehed; le Cherchehull; Cokeredforlong; Collercroft; le Farenhull; Fouschiche; Fyschwere; le Groteforlong; Hikesmaneslane; le Holm; Kyngeshale; Lylyes; Moldescroft; Molldattewelles; Oldebury; Parson's Ditch; Philipotesput; Pywelyndich; Reyegrene; Schetmullpece; Smythesmed; le Stokynge; Walys; Wodelane

furlong and other names (15<sup>th</sup> cent, NCO 4085): Bakhowsdych; Blakeheygeaker; Bysshale;

Colleslane; le Comynbrook; le Crepull; Goodwellgrene; Gybbeslane; Gyssaledych; Hekemannescroft; Henryshoyges; Lemeswellewhey; Lylynsdyche; Pachwslape; Pughelyn; Pyntfold Hende; Stonhull; Tounwell; Walesbutt; Wasshepoll; Ykman Lane

furlong and other names (1623, NCO 4467): Berrysett; Blackhedge; Chadwell; Church Hill;

Cockett Well; Deermore Piece; Farnell; Gallowway; Kingstrupp; Longbrech; Longhill; Neales Hill; Netherway; Norton on the Hill; Pinnock Hill; St Mary; Shortbrech; Skynnerscroft; Stockings; Wise Plack Corner; Worthy Piece

furlong and other names (1639, BGT no.2): Berry Lane End; Crabtree Green; Loomsway;

Parsons Pill; Pillox Hill; Sammins Townsend

### Cleyley Hundred

1076: *Klegele*

1086: *Claveslea, Claislea, Claile, Claiesle, Claieslea, Clailea, Clailae, Clailei, Claislund*

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> cent: *Cleile(y), Claile, Clayl', Cleyele*

NPN, 96: the hundred meeting-place was at Cleyley Well in Potterspury. There are several old footpaths here, leading to a meeting-place.

### Furtho

1086: *Forho*

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> cent: *Forho, Forhou, Forhow, Forreho, Fortho, Fordho*

NPN, 99: 'the projecting hoh'. The church and manor house stand on a low spur of land.

G&C, 72, 189: the first element is 'ford' and the second means 'hill-spur'.

MK, 46: 'sharp projection of land'; an outlier from the concentration of 'hoh' names on the western scarp of the Chilterns.

### Cuttlebrook

13<sup>th</sup> cent: *Cuttel(l)ebrok*

NPN, 103: possible stream-name

furlong and other names (1593, NRO Furtho XIII.16): Barnewells way; Blackland Slade

furlong; Byard Watering close; Eyres Stocking; Hilliards close; Mugg Rowden; Perrie field; Rufheadland; the Sharpes

furlong and other names (1665, NRO Furtho XIII.11): Clay close; Crow Grove; Cuttles; Hare Stocking; Thornbacks; Vasses

Leckhampstead

1086: *Lechamstede*

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> cent: *Lechamstede, Lecamstede, Magna/Parva Lechamstede*

BPN, 43: OE *lēac-hām-stede*, 'leek-homestead'

Chadburn, 8: homestead or dwelling near a stream flowing through boggy ground

furlong and other names (13<sup>th</sup> cent, LPC): Assebroc; Bedelond; Benhul; Blechmerefurlong; Cadeford; Depedenehull; Farihull; Frebrugge; Fulesiche; le Longelond; Masefen; Nottoho; Redemor; Rolosfurlong; le Smaledoles; Stokeford

Lillingstone Dayrell and Lovell

1086: *Lelinchestune, Lil(l)ing(e)stan*

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> cent: *Lil(l)ing(e)stan, Litlingestan Daireli, Lutlingestan Daireli, Lilling(e)ston, Lingestan, Lulling(e)ston, Lollingeston, Lillingestune, Lingeston, Lilligestan, Lillestone, Wike Lullingstan*

BPN, 44: OE *Lytlinga-stan*, 'stone of the people of *Lytel* or *Lytla*'

Heybarne

the manor originated in a carucate of ancient assart which Simon de Patishulle held of Ralph Dayrell in 1279

furlong and other names (13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> cent, LPC): Brendelegh; Depeden; Haringgesho; Hemyng; Heyneche; Holebek; Milefeld; Monekesmede; Northcroft; la Ruedich; Scorteibrech; Shutmull; Tibetfeld; Watenhal

furlong and other names (1611, BRO D22/9/1): Barmanse close; Broadenett; Brockinges; Caunewell; Debdense; Moorye close; Pilch field; Rishye close; Rueth field; Teggse field; Traseloe

furlong and other names (1699, BRO PR130/28/1): Blackland; Claries; Debdale; Linshire; Little Hollandine; Stonepit field; Tornacre

Luffield Abbey

13<sup>th</sup> cent: *Luffeld, Loffeld*

BPN, 45: 'Lufa's open ground' (see also G&C, 274)

Passenham

c.925: *Passanhamme*

1086: *Passonham, Passeham, Paseham*

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> cent: *Passeham, Pasham, Bassenham, Pasenham, Passenham*

NPN, 101: 'Passa's hamm' (see also G&C, 48-9, 53)

MK, 47: 'land in a river-bend'

Ashalls Copse

13<sup>th</sup> cent: *boscus de Asswell*

NPN, 101: 'ash spring'

Deanshanger

937: *Dinneshangra*

13<sup>th</sup> cent: *Daneshongr', Duneshangr', Dunehanger, Deneshangre, Denyshangre, Doneshangre*

NPN, 102: 'Dyne's slope' (see also G&C, 232)

MK, 45: 'sloping wood', although the place is low-lying and the slope a gentle one

Grub Hill (lost)

14<sup>th</sup> cent: *Grobihill, Grobyhill, Grobyhul*

NPN, 102: this may be a compound of *hill* and the adjective *grubby*, 'infested with grubs', though that adjective has not hitherto been noted before the 18<sup>th</sup> century

Puxley

1086: *Pocheslei, Pocheslai*

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> cent: *Pocheslea, Pokesle(am), Pockesle, Pokelesleam, Pokel(e), Pochele, Poghel(e), Pogh'l, Pukesl', Powel'*

NPN, 102: 'Goblin's leah', from OE *pūcel*, 'goblin, sprite'

Shrob Lodge

13<sup>th</sup> cent: *Shirope, Scrob, Srubbe, Shrob, Shrub(be), Schrobbe, Scrubbe, Srubbes*

NPN, 102-3: OE *scrybb, scrubb*

MK, 45: 'scrub', suggesting an absence of heavy tree cover

furlong and other names (1566, PRO DL43/8/6A): Barroweleyepece; Berehill furlong;

Blyndwell furlong; Bowerhyll furlong; Bryers furlong; Chawdewell furlong; Coddefurlong;

Costleyes Corner; Crabtree furlong; Depehale furlong; Dryvyll; Duddeswellbrooke;

Dunstede furlong; Foxehedge furlong; Fysshepece furlong; Gorebrode furlong;

Hackebusshepece; Hardingesweye furlong; Heyefurl; Horseheddes furlong; Kinges

Standing furlong; Lowsyebusshebalke; Lynnecroft furlong; Mangthorne leyes; Maries;

Millhillwall furlong; Nudgeneddes furlong; Pathefurl; Peace furlong; Rewehedge furlong;

Ringfurrowe furlong; Rowleyes furlong; Sedelynges; Stonymoore furlong; Wallesworth

furlong; Willye furlong

Potterspury

1086: *Perie*

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> cent: *Perie, Pirie, Pery, Estpirie, Potterispirye*

NPN, 105: 'Peartree'

MK, 45: likely to indicate a stretch of landscape predominantly free from trees

Blackwell End

14<sup>th</sup> cent: *Blakewellende*

NPN, 105: 'dark spring'

Wakefield Lawn

1086: *Wacafeld*

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> cent: *Wachefeld, Wakefeld, Wackefeld, landia de Wakefeld*

NPN, 105: 'Waca's land'

G&C, 276: first element means 'festivities'

furlong and other names (13<sup>th</sup> cent, BL Add MS 28024): Coppedemor; Lousiplot; le Malmes;

Rouwestockyng; Tocheholes; Wrotecost; Wyndolfueshegg

furlong and other names (1416-17, PRO SC6/949/2): Astefeld; Brokefurlong; Cattysbrayn;

Frithstokkyng; Shepecotestokkyng

furlong and other names (1431, PRO E210/5144): Astwellfeld; Boroughwellfeld; Goselondys;

Hardlyfeld; le Malums; Sladfurlong; Wrotecroft

Silverstone

1086: *Silvestone, Selveston(e)*

13<sup>th</sup> cent: *Silvestone, Selveston(e), Sulvestun, Shelveston, Shulveston, Silvereston,*

*Silverstone*

NPN, 44: probably from *Sigewulfes-tūn*, 'Sigewulf's farm'

#### Olney

13<sup>th</sup> cent: *Anelegh, boscus de Aneleg'*

NPN, 44: 'lonely clearing or wood', from OE *ān(a)*, 'one, alone, single, solitary'

furlong and other names (13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> cent, LPC): Ansercrofte; le Brodeheg; Cranesfurlong; Dedenhul; Depslade; Hanlescroft; le Hech; le Heyelreue; le Hurilond; le Longeheg; Smalebroc; Stocwell; Stonforlong; le Wyndmulhul

furlong and other names (15<sup>th</sup> cent, NRO Misc Ph 1682 & XYZ 1390): Barkereslane; Dynnesdych; le Fysshwere; Gybbescade; Heynes; Mouslane; Netherbagenho; Perettestrethegge; Tryllonnesdych

furlong and other names (1588, NRO LB50): Blackepittslade; Bustowne; Cattharne furlong; Erawne furlong; Golsland furlong; Hale hill; Hastwell furlong; Snaylesmeade; Swynny furlong; Whittlefield furlong; Whyttesokefurlong

furlong and other names (1827, NRO Map 2948): Barnhill furlong; Bloodhanger meadow; Brownslade furlong; Deadwells; Fennill furlong; Hall Hills field; Hastywell furlong; Long Bagnalls; Ridge Knoll furlong; Stanbury Hill; Walway furlong

#### Stodfold Hundred

1086: *Stodfald, Stofald, Stodfalt*

13<sup>th</sup> cent: *Stodfald, Stodfold, Stotfald, Stotfold*

BPN, 40: the site of the hundred meeting-place was in Lamport 'in a ground anciently known by the name of Stock or Stofield' (Willis, *Hist. of Buckingham*, 280)

#### Stowe

1086: *Stou*

13<sup>th</sup> cent: *Stowa*

Clarke, 214: 'place', 'place of assembly', or 'holy place', in which sense a saint's name may have been attached to it and later dropped. Stowe may have been the assembly place for the local district, a natural meeting-place next to a Roman road junction and the market at Lamport (see below).

#### Boycott

1086: *Boicote*

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> cent: *Boicote, Boichot, Boycote*

BPN, 48: 'Boia's cottage(s)'. Boia is a name of continental origin found in late OE.

#### Dadford

1086: *Dodeforde*

13<sup>th</sup> cent: *Dodeforde, Doddeforde, Dudeford, Dedef'*

BPN, 48: 'Dodda's ford' (see also G&C, 74)

#### Lamport

1086: *Landport, Lanport*

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> cent: *Lamport, Langeport, Lancport, Langport*

BPN, 49: OE (se) *langa port*, 'the long port or town'

furlong and other names (13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> cent, BL Harleian 4714): Akemannedich; Blakehegge; Brockfurlong; Biggerode; Cowenham; Crowenestfurlong; Dolemedes; Hanlowe; Heiholt; Helrowe; Hemhangre; Kerswelle; Melpethehull; Puthfurlong; Rokesmore; Ruynhull; Waldfurlong; Wolputweye

furlong and other names (1439, BL Harl Ch 86A44): Alysberyell; Byglowefurlong; Bysale; Crabtreffurlong; Lynchefurlong; Medeacre; Plowethornfurlong; Pynnokysleye; Stokwell; Upleymore; Welyonthorn

#### Whittlebury

c.930: *Witlanbyrig*

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> cent: *Witleberia*, *Wittlebir*, *Wyttlebury*, *Wytelbur(y)*, *Witteleburi*, *Wytelesbyry*

NPN, 45-6: 'the burh of *Witela*'

furlong and other names (1733, NRO Microfilm 219): Brand Stile furlong; Broadmead field; Burywell Hill furlong; Bushy Hill furlong; Dry Pasture furlong; Foxton field; Netherends furlong; Paunch Brook piece; Shotsmoor Hill furlong; Spring furlong; Stocking House furlong; Wheathill field; Wood Leys furlong

#### Wicken

1086: *Wicha*, *Wiche*

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> cent: *Wika*, *Wyke*, *Wike*, *Wyca Mainfein*, *Wykes*, *Wicne*, *Wykhamund*, *Wykedyve*

NPN, 108: the parish takes its name from two separate manors called wic

#### Dagnall

14<sup>th</sup> cent: *Daggenhale*

NPN, 108: '*Dagga*'s nook'

furlong and other names (13<sup>th</sup> cent, SPC): Stretforlong; Wodeforlong

#### Yardley Gobion

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> cent: *Gerdeslai*, *Gerdele*, *Jerdelai*, *Jeardelegh*, *Yerdele(ie)*

NPN, 108: OE *gyrda-lēah*, 'woodland from which yards or spars are taken'

MK, 45: *leah* can mean either 'wood' or 'clearing', in this case probably the latter

#### Moor End

13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> cent: *la More*, *La Morende*, *Le Mourhende*, *Le Morhende*, *Moresend(e)*

NPN, 108: 'Marsh end'

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