Gloucestershire Echo - Wednesday 07 June 1939

[TO-DAY'S GOSSIP](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19390607/030/0004) [Mr. Justice Hodson FAMOUS barristers and others are members of a committee which has been appointed by the Lord Chancellor to inquire into the administration and working of the Poor Persons Rules. The chairman is Mr. Justice Hodson, who is a son of the Rev. T. Hodson, for some years](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19390607/030/0004) Rector of Oddington.

Gloucestershire Echo - Wednesday 07 June 1939

D[EAD IN FIELD TRAGIC DISCOVERY AT ODDINGTON. Mr. Joseph Stokes, aged 61, was found dead by his son-in-law, Mr. N. J. Thompson, of Manor Farm, Oddington at a field on his farm, about 2 p.m. on Tuesday. Mr. Stokes, who was well-known builder of Birmingham, had been spending short holiday at the Manor Farm. He went out shooting on the farm that morning, and as he did not return for lunch a search was made, and he was found dead near a ditch in a field adjoining the road leading to Broadwell. It is understood that Mr. Stokes had been in indifferent health for a number of years. The facts have been reported by the Stow Police to the Divisional Coroner.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000518/19400928/082/0006)

Cheltenham Chronicle - Saturday 20 January 1940

[COTSWOLD CYCLIST DIES AFTER COLLISION While cycling to his home from Stow-on-the- Wold late on Thursday evening, an Oddington man was involved in an accident with another cyclist, and died early today in Cheltenham General Hospital as result of injuries which he received. The man was Henry Watson (62), builder, of the Council Houses, Oddington. The " Echo" understands that Mr. Watson was cycling from Stow to Oddington at about](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19460517/014/0001) 10.30pm [collided with another pedalcyclist. and received head injuries. He was admitted to Cheltenham General Hospital, and died early to-day.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19460517/014/0001)Mr Watson leaves a wife and married daughter.

Gloucestershire Echo - Thursday 11 April 1940

[The jury returned a verdict  of "Death by Misadventure" on Rex William Hanks, four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Hanks, Upper Oddington, who died on November 3 as  the result of an accident after getting off a 'bus on the Stow to Chipping Norton road at Oddington. The cause of death was fracture of the skull and severe multiple injuries sustained when he was accidentally struck by a car.  Mrs. Mary Georglna Hanks, the boy's mother, said that she followed her three sons off the bus, in which they had returned from Stow.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19481113/021/0001) [Before alighting they had seen two small playmates on the opposite side of the road, and all three ran to the rear the 'bus and out of her sight to cross the road. While on the top step she saw a car approaching, and shouted to Rex, but she did not think he heard.  Mr. Evan Jones, of Sheep-street, Stow, the driver of the 'bus, said he thought that](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19481113/021/0001) the car was being driven in a reasonable and proper manner. [Mr. Frederick Walter Poole, Lyndale, Well-lane, Stow, the 'bus conductor, said that](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19481113/021/0001)he [was collecting fares at the time. In answer to Mr. J. Eeley, who represented him and the driver, Poole said: "I observed that the three children were in the charge of their mother.’’ He said he always saw unaccompanied children across the road but it was not part of](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19481113/021/0001)his duties. [Sgt. William Frederick said that Dr. King voluntarily made a statement](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19481113/021/0001)o[n November 4. In this he said](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19481113/021/0001)h[e realised that people were getting off the 'bus and reduced](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19481113/021/0001) his speed to 45 mph also s[ounding his horn. He braked and swerved to void the first two children,](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19481113/021/0001)b[ut owing to the nearness of](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19481113/021/0001)t[he third child and the 'bus it was impossible to take further voiding action.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19481113/021/0001) [Summing up, Mr. Lane said; "If a motorist had been passing there at 15 or 20 m.p.h., if what we have heard was the case, that first one, then a second, and then a third ran across, then nobody could possibly have avoided knocking the child down, so I do not think you need consider the question of there being such a high degree of negligence as to amount to criminal negligence." He thought that possibly the tragedy would have been averted if the conductor had looked ahead, seen the car and called out: "There's a car coming."](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19481113/021/0001)

Cheltenham Chronicle - Saturday 15 June 1940

[D.F.C. FOR FLYING OFFICER Flying Officer John Cecil Johnson, R.A.F.V.R. (No. 104 Squadron), who lives at Oddington, and who was born at Moreton-in-Marsh, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Announcing the award, the Air Ministry says:— " This officer has proved himself to be an outstanding captain of aircraft. By his leadership, enterprise, and courage, he has set a fine example other pilots. "In April, 1943, he was prevented by bad weather during one sortie, from attacking the primary target. In place of that he decided to attack very heavily defended airfield Tunis. Despite much antiaircraft fire, he pressed home his attack and secured hits on hangars." Flying Officer' Johnson has displayed](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19431014/021/0001) the [greatest courage on all his missions.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19431014/021/0001)

Birmingham Daily Gazette - Wednesday 03 July 1940

[OFFERS to purchase a Methodist Chapel are invited, situate in the lovely Cotswold village of Oddington. 21/2 miles from Stow-on-the-Wold.; modern stone building in perfect condition; suitable for conversion into a dwelling house; key at Mr. Gardener's. Upper Oddington.—Offers not later than July 21st to Rev. Arthur Ward. Wesley Manse, Chipping Norton](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0002217/19410712/073/0004)

Gloucestershire Echo - Tuesday 24 December 1940

[Major-Gen. D. G. Johnson, the last V.C. of the Great War, has been appointed G.O.C. Aldershot Command. Son of the late Capt. William Johnson, of Oddington, he is aged 56.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000669/19400703/010/0001)

The Tewkesbury Register, and Agricultural Gazette. - Saturday 12 October 1940

[PEOPLE FLEE FROM FIRE BUNGALOW GUTTED AT ODDINGTON. Occupants of an Oddington bungalow had to flee in their night attire when fire destroyed the bungalow in the early hours of the morning. The fire occurred at the bungalow the main road from Stow-on-the-Wold to Chipping Norton, opposite the Brick House Garage, in the parish of Oddington, the property of Miss M. V. W. Rowden, of " Highways." On the arrival of the fire brigade from Stow-on-the-Wold it was found impossible to save the bungalow or its contents. The tenant, Mr. S. Hopley, his wife and small child, and also two friends who were staying the night with them, were all compelled to leave the burning building in their night attire and take refuge with Mr. and Mrs. Allworth Simms at the Brick House Garage. Although the fire brigade made use of a pond nearby, the bungalow was completely gutted and the furniture destroyed, with all the occupants' wearing apparel.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19420120/041/0005) [The brigade, however, succeeded In preventing the fire from spreading to the block of stables adjoining occupied by a number of evacuees.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19420120/041/0005)

Gloucestershire Echo  25 Jan 1941

[To-day's Gossip V.C. Retires. THE retirement from the Regular Army of Major-General Dudley Graham Johnson, who won the V.C. a week before the Armistice of 1918, is announced to-day. Major-General Johnson, who is 59, also holds the VC, DSO](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19440129/028/0003) and MC. In [1940, he was appointed G.O.C. Aldershot Command. Son of the late Captain William Johnson, Inniskilling Dragoons, of Oddington, Moreton-in-March, he married Marjorie, the only daughter of the Rev. A. G. Grisewood, former Rector of Daylesford, Chipping Norton, and is therefore a brother-in-law of " Freddie " Grisewood, the BBC announcer](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19440129/028/0003)

Warwick and Warwickshire Advertiser - Friday 28 March 1941

[Kitchen Helper; live in; 'war widow or elderly woman. Honble. Mrs. Talbot-Rice, Oddington House, Moreton-in- Marsh,](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0002217/19411122/063/0004) Experienced maid required.

Gloucestershire Echo - Saturday 28 June 1941

[Today is a happy anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. James Rawlings, of Bridgetown Farm cottage, Btratlord-on. Avon.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0002217/19401012/026/0003)Fifty years ago w[e lived at Oddington near Stow-on-the-Wold," Mr. Rawlings told the Journal's correspondent at Stratford-on-Avon, "but if we never went far from home we knew all about Stratford Mop." We used to go to the fair. It was our day out afore we were married—the only one we had."](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0002217/19401012/026/0003)The couple were [married by the Rev, Mr. Bernard, a curate at Oddington. That was not so much a day out as a day off "I were back at work o' the Monday' Mr. Rawlings recalled.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0002217/19401012/026/0003) [James Rawlings, who will be 73 years of age next Thursday, was one of the children of Timothy Rawlings, a baker at Lower Oddingon. His wife, who is not yet 70 was formerly Mary Christiana Williams, daughter of an Upper Oddington farmer.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0002217/19401012/026/0003) [The couple were married at Lower Oddington new church, "they married 'em at the new church and buried 'em at the old church" said Mr. Rawlings. They have seven sons, all married, two daughters (one of whom lives with them) and 21 grandchildren.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0002217/19401012/026/0003) [Both have enjoyed good health down the years and for his part James Rawlings declares his fitness is due to hard work, fresh air, plenty of bread and cheese and something to drink. The something to-drink, one gathered, was usually the home-made variety, which his wife brewed for him. James a bright-eyed, lively little man, was thirsty as he told me his story. "I've done a bit of lumping about on this farm for 44 years" he said. "and the worst of it all is that if Hitler is trying to do us down. We can't have a drop of parsnip without some](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0002217/19401012/026/0003)sugar. [But we shall win the fight for sugar and lots of other things, all right’.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0002217/19401012/026/0003)

Cheltenham Chronicle - Saturday 26 July 1941

[CYCLE CRASH COMING DOWN HILL ODDINGTON MAN'S DEATH INQUEST 62-years-old cyclist who came down a hill and struck the bicycle which was being pushed by another man, swerved, and fell off his machine, it was revealed at the inquest on Henry Neil Watson, of 2, Council Houses, Oddington, near Moreton-in- Marsh, at the Police Station, Cheltenham, on Friday afternoon. A verdict of "Death by Misadventure" was returned by the North Gloucestershire Coroner (Mr. J. D. Lane). Watson died at Cheltenham General Hospital from fracture of the skull.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000518/19460601/029/0003) [P.S. Smith, of Stow, said he sent for an ambulance and the doctor. The front brake of Mr. Watson's bicycle had been in good order, but the rear brake cable had been broken. The Coroner, returning his verdict, said he was satisfied that no blame could be attached to the two pedestrians with whom Mr. Watson had collided. Death was due to intracranial haemorrhage, following a fracture of the skull](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000518/19460601/029/0003).

Cheltenham Chronicle - Saturday 30 August 1941

[At the Stow-on-the-Wold Petty Sessions on Thursday Henry Prosser, of Oddington was summoned for riding a bicycle without front or rear lights. Evidence was given by Special Constable R. F. Cox, who said that when he questioned Prosser the defendant became rather abusive. The Chairman said to the defendant, "You must not speak to a constable or a special constable the way you did." Defendant: "That's quite right, sir." He was fined 10 shillings. for each offence.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000518/19400615/020/0002)

Gloucestershire Echo - Friday 19 September 1941

[Birthday Greetings Many Happy](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000518/19450224/040/0005) [of the Day to Dorothy Edna Watson, Fox Inn, Oddington](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000518/19450224/040/0005)

Gloucestershire Echo - Friday 26 September 1941

[A girl aircraft worker's death as the result of being crushed after falling from the tow-bar between a tractor and a petrol tanker while she was working at an aerodrome was described at an inquest held by Mr. J. D.i Lane, the North Gloucestershire Coroner, at Cheltenham Police Station on Tuesday. The inquest was on Kathleen Mary Crabb, of Croydon, aged 27, who died in the Cheltenham General Hospital on June 11, the day the accident occurred. The Coroner returned a verdict of "Death by Misadventure." Mr. F. H. Green, of Bourton-on-the-Water, represented the Commandant of the Maintenance Air Force, and Miss Parker, H.M. District Inspector of Factories, Gloucester, was also present. Darrel Parslow, of Merton Cottage, Charlbury, an aircraft worker, said that he was standing near one of the hangars when he saw Miss Timms and Miss Crabb sitting on the triangular tow-bar of the tanker.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19440705/033/0003) [He saw the tractor driver mount his seat, and it looked as though he turned and spoke to the girls, but he could not hear what he said. A few seconds later the tractor moved off in a semicircular direction, and that appeared to unbalance Miss Crabb, who eventually fell off side way.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19440705/033/0003) [The tractor driver, Reginald Avery, of Church-place, Oddington, said he told the girls not to get on the tow-bar as it was dangerous and not allowed. He got in the cab and started to move the tractor off slowly, and after he had gone about 20 yards he was called to stop. He did not know the girls had jumped on again.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19440705/033/0003) [The Coroner, returning a, verdict of "Death by Misadventure".](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19440705/033/0003) Neither girl [seemed to pay much heed to the warning they were given. It was obviously dangerous practice to ride on the tow-bar.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19440705/033/0003)

The Tewkesbury Register, and Agricultural Gazette. - Saturday 12 July 1941

[Capt. Gerald Lord Hodson, R.N., has been awarded a bar to his D.S.O. Capt. Hodson is one of the six sons of the late Rev. Thomas Hodson, for many years Vicar of Charlton Kings and afterwards Rector of Oddington. All the six sons were educated at Cheltenham College, and afterwards attained distinction in the law, the Church, or the Services. One of them is now Mr. Justice Hodson, of the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division. Rejoined Navy CAPT. HODSON spent five years at Cheltenham College before he became a Naval Cadet, and within twelve months he had landed with the Naval Brigade to take part in the South African War. There he was twice mentioned in despatches, awarded the medal with two clasps, and given two years' seniority in rank. In the Great War he served for the first year with the Home Fleet, and then in the Mediterranean, where he was awarded the D.S.O. He went on the retired list 16 years ago, but is now on the active list again.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19420617/040/0003)

# Cheltenham Chronicle - Saturday 10 May 1941

[DIAMOND MERCHANT Mr. David Cohen, of The Old Stone House, Upper Oddington, near Moreton-in- Marsh, retired diamond merchant, who died on March 18 last, aged 78 years, left £23,927 9s. (Duty paid £2,528). He left £1,000 upon trust for his daughter Helen. £25 each to the executors, £150 and his motor-cars to his wife, and the residue to her for life, and then his furniture, etc., to his daughters, and the remainder to his children.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19451103/044/0003)

Belfast Telegraph - Monday 23 June 1941

[THEFT OF CHAIRS William Charles O. Clarke, of Upper Oddington, who was brought up on remand, was fined £5 for the larceny of two chairs from a camp. He pleaded guilty. Inspector Hallam said that Clarke, who had served as a cinema operator at an Army camp, had stolen two fireside chairs, valued at £1 17s. 6d. each, the property of the War Office. P.S. Phelps, of Stow, said that on October 27 he saw the chairs in the kitchen of Clarke's house. When asked how he came into possession of them, Clarke replied ‘you have got me – I had them from the](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19441103/035/0004) camp.

Gloucestershire Echo  13 September 1941

[REX Rabbits for Fur and Flesh.—Stock for sale.—Mrs. Thompson, Manor Farm, Lower Oddington. Moreton-in-Marsh](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0002217/19420606/114/0006)

[SALE, Austin Seven (1934), new tyres. good condition; can be seen after 7 p.m.— Green Farm. Oddington.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0002217/19420606/114/0006)

The Tewkesbury Register, and Agricultural Gazette. - Saturday 22 November 1941

Oddington [Schoolchildren will be available for work on the above mentioned dates to help with the harvest or any other urgent agricultural work. Wages: 9d. per hour for children aged 14-18 years.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0002217/19440722/095/0004)

Gloucestershire Echo - Tuesday 20 January 1942

[SAVINGS DRIVE PLANS DISCUSSED AT STOW MEETING A meeting' the Stow-on-the](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000518/19410726/029/0002)Wold [and District National Savings Group was held at Stow on Wednesday. Colonel Martin, of Oddington was in the chair,](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000518/19410726/029/0002) …each group [was asked to set itself an objective in the form of providing the cost of particular war weapon. discussion took place, and the following weapons were decided upon: Broadwell, 3 Bren guns £150; Stow Junior School, one machine gun £100; Oddington. one large armour piercing bomb, £100; Stow-on-the-Wold, one Bren gun and carrier, £1,500;](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000518/19410726/029/0002) [Donnington, two rifles, £14.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000518/19410726/029/0002)

Gloucestershire Echo  14 Feb 1942

[JUSTICE HODSON'S SON KILLED](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000518/19420214/074/0008)

[Sec.-Lieut. Hubert Blake Hodson has been killed in action in the Middle East. He was only 22 years old, and was educated at Winchester and New College, Oxford. He had been active service since the beginning of the war, and was an officer of a Lancer regiment forming part of the Royal Armoured Corps. His father, the Hon. Sir Francis Lord Charlton Hodson, Kt., K.C., M.C., is one of six sons of the late Rev. Thomas Hodson, the late](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000518/19420214/074/0008) Rector of Oddington. [He served in the Great War with the 7th Gloucesters, in Gallipoli and Mesopotamia, retiring with the rank of captain and the Military Cross and an Italian decoration as Cavaliere of the Order of the Crown of](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000518/19420214/074/0008)Italy

Gloucestershire Echo - 14 Feb 1942

[HIRE PURCHASE CLAIM Stow Court Decision The United Motor Finance Corporation, Ltd., of Stroud, represented by Mr. J. D. Barkes, of Moreton-in-Marsh, made application at Stow County Court on Wednesday for an order giving leave to retake possession a horse box on the grounds that the vehicle was their property, and held by William Allworth Simms, of the Brick Garage, Oddington, under a hire purchase agreement, and that he was £45 14s. in arrear with the hire rent payments. Mr. Barkes informed the court that the hire purchase price was £637 and £591 ss. 4d. had been paid. The date of final payment was November 30, 1939. A letter was read from Simms, who was unable to attend the court. He admitted owing the amount of arrears, but since the war started he had been unable to keep up the hire purchase instalments. The amount he originally borrowed was £400, and as he repaid £491 he thought it to be a rather harsh step of the applicants to ask for the return, of the horse box. He would be glad if he could be allowed to pay the arrears by instalments of £2 per month, and that if conditions alter and he was able to use the horse box the debt would be cleared earlier. Leave to retake possession of the horse box was granted, suspended until further order and default in payment of £2 per month, with liberty to apply to vary the sum of £2.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000518/19410125/030/0002)

The Tewkesbury Register, and Agricultural Gazette 6 May 1942

[PEAR TREE COTTAGE. UPPER ODDiNGTON. Two miles from Stow-on-the-Wold. Sale of the above Freehold Property and the](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0002217/19390520/059/0004)on FRIDAY May 30th [at 2.30 p.m. precisely, subject to Conditions of Sale, the chiefly Stone-built and Blue-Slated](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0002217/19390520/059/0004) [occupying a central position in this Costwold Village and containing Living-room-Kitchen, Sitting room and 3 Bedrooms, Main Electric Light and Rural District Loaned Water Supply laid on. Wash House. Lean-to Coal House. Pig Sty: together with Front Flower & Vegetable Garden. The whole area covering about quarter of an acre.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0002217/19390520/059/0004)

# Gloucestershire Echo - Wednesday 17 June 1942

[AT CASTLEROCK One of three soldiers who got into difficulties while bathing at Castlerock on Saturday evening was drowned. He was Private H. H Clifford, a 24-year-old unmarried man of Oddington. The body was recovered in about 20 minutes. Artificial respiration was tried. The two others, who were saved, were brought ashore by comrades in an exhausted condition.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0002318/19410623/118/0006)

Cheltenham Chronicle - Saturday 16 January 1943

[DEFECTIVE TYRES ON LORRIES OWNERS FINED AT CHELTENHAM](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19400411/041/0006) [At Cheltenham Police Court today fines of £1 were imposed on Stanley Clarence Batcheller, of Warren Fruit Farm, Toddington, and William Allworth Simms, of Brick House, Oddington, near Moreton-in-Marsh, for permitting the use of lorries with defective tyres. Their respective employees, Ernest Alfred Shakespeare, of Toddington, and William Christopher, of Oddington, were fined 5s. each for using motor lorries with defective tyres.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19400411/041/0006)

The Tewkesbury Register, and Agricultural Gazette. - Saturday 24 April 1943

[Arthur W. Wright, of Oddington, was fined 10s. for riding a bicycle without lights.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000518/19410830/007/0001)

Gloucestershire Echo - Thursday 14 October 1943

[NAZIS' PLANS FOR AIRBORNE INVASION OF COTSWOLDS Stow - on - the - Wold figured largely in the invasion plans of the Germans, and on their maps was heavily underlined as place of prime importance. This revelation was made by Major H. Burrow Hill, M.C., Commanding F Company of the Gloucestershire H.G., when he addressed the farewell parade at Stow on Sunday. Major Burrow Hill said that they would remember that a number of maps and orders relating to the invasion of England were captured in Brussels. These indicated that the main landing was to have been in the Weymouth area, followed by advance north to the Cotswold Hills, where there was to have been an airborne landing. He was told that Stow-on-the-Wold on the maps was heavily underlined as being considered by the enemy a place of prime importance. It might be a matter of regret to many of them that they were never given the opportunity of killing any Germans, but he thought they could claim that they helped to frighten them away. There were present 12 officers and about 120 men of the Company from the parishes of Adlestrop, Bledington, Broadwell, Condicote, Icomb, Maugersbury, Stow-on-the- Wold, Swell, Oddington and Westcote.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000518/19441209/046/0005)

The Tewkesbury Register, and Agricultural Gazette. - Saturday 13 November 1943

[ODDINGTON FUNERAL The funeral took place on Monday at the Old Church, Oddington, of Mr. Lambert John Gardner, who died on Wednesday last following an operation. Mr. Gardner, who was 65 years of age, was for 20 years a master Baker at Shipton Oliffe before his retirement 28 years ago, when he went to live at Oddington.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19430831/045/0004)

Cotswold Echo - 29 January 1944

[The next properties, situate at Stow-on the-Wold and Lower Oddington, were offered by order of the trustees of Mrs. Ellen Mansell,](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0002217/19410913/043/0002)deceased. [Lot 4. block of three stone-built cottages in Lower Oddington, let to Mr. P. Raiford, Mrs. Dyer and Mrs. Bridge at the rental of £35 per annum, landlord paying rates, were purchased by Mr. F. Hiatt for £2OO.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0002217/19410913/043/0002)

Gloucestershire Echo - Friday 05 May 1944

# Auction with [VACANT POSSESSION " SUNNYSIDE," UPPER ODDINGTON. Two miles from Stow-on-the.Wold. by order of the Trustee of Mr. Edward](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0002217/19430227/056/0004)Wiltshire. On [WEDNESDAY, MARCH. 3rd. May at 2 o'clock p.m. The Detached Pair of Chiefly Stone Built and Blue Slated DWELLING HOUSES AND SHOP. One House contains Four Bedrooms on Two Floors, Living Room and Larder. Outside Wash House and W.C.. Front and Back Gardens, now let on a weekly tenancy to Mr. Edwin Gardiner at the gross rental of £113 per annum. The adjoining House has similar accommodation with the addition of SHOP PREMISES at the side, consisting of Large Shop, fitted with Counter and Wood Shelving and Store Room over, formerly used as a General Stores and until recently occupied by Mrs. Wiltshire.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0002217/19430227/056/0004)

The Tewkesbury Register, and Agricultural Gazette. - Saturday 01 July 1944

[CYCLISTS FINED The Misses Kathleen and Peggy Sandles, of Oddington, were each fined 10s. for riding bicycles without lights.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000518/19410510/019/0002)

Gloucestershire Echo - Friday 03 July 1944

[Where to get your new Ration Book TO RESIDENTS IN THE CHELTENHAM RURAL AREA.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0002217/19440701/068/0004) [You may obtain your ration Books from the place set out hereunder:](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0002217/19440701/068/0004)……July 7th [Reading Room Lower Slaughter,](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0002217/19440701/068/0004) [Oddington Village Hall.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0002217/19440701/068/0004) Hours of opening [10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0002217/19440701/068/0004)

Gloucestershire Echo - Thursday 15 February 1945

[COTSWOLDS RAISE £765 FOR P.O.W. Over £765 was raised for the Prisoners of War Fund of the British Red Cross Society by the flag day organised Mrs. Dugdale, of Sezincote, the Moreton-in-Marsh and Stow - on - the - Wold districts.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000518/19430116/076/0005)Of this sum [£25 13s. 7d. was raised by Oddington, Adlestrop,](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000518/19430116/076/0005)Daylesford.

Gloucestershire Echo - Saturday 03 November 1945

[How a car which had been hired in London for one day was found seven weeks later in the Stow district, during which time it had travelled 3,630 miles, was described at Stow Police Court on Thursday.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19450406/060/0004)F[ines totalling £30, with £8 16s. expenses were imposed on Peter Harry W. O. Clarke, of Upper Oddington, when he was accused of offences in connection with the use of petrol and hire of a car. The charges were: Failing to deliver unused petrol coupons, making a false statement on a formal declaration relating to the 'hire of a motor, vehicle, and unlawfully using motor fuel. He pleaded not guilty to the first but guilty to the others.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19450406/060/0004) [The chairman (Major E. F. B. Witts) told Clarke that the magistrates regarded the case as very serious, and found him guilty on each of the charges, for each of which he was fined £10 with costs £8 16s.](https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/viewer/bl/0000320/19450406/060/0004)