



The derivation of names (etymology) is often imprecise. This is made more difficult because many original names have been corrupted over time. Some of the names of the fields are obvious, such as Windmill Hill or Mill Mead. Mead being an area of land that ?????????????? The names for the villages and other fields in the area are of Celtic origin and derive their names from Saxon words.

The name West Overton comes from the Saxon name Uferan tune meaning upper farm or perhaps river settlement. Its earliest record is 939 AD and was mentioned in the Domesday Book (1086) as Overtone. It was later recorded as Westovertone in 1275.

The name Kennet may come from the Latin Cuneitoi the Roman name for Mildenhall.?  
The name Lockeridge may come from ridge with a loca (enclosure). It was recorded as Locherige in the Domesday Book.

The name Fyfield was recorded as Fifhide meaning five hides in 1242.

Wroughton Copse – corrupted from Raddun red earth.

Glory Anne – may have been corrupted from Port Lorient. Port in this sense meaning a way to market.

Totterdown – from the Saxon word 'raised on high'

Lacket Meadow – from the Saxon Lacca , meaning pit or well.

Lammas Meadow – from Lammas Day (1 August), the Saxon custom to offer up new loaves of bread as the first fruits from the corn.

Gallop Piece – from galla Saxon word meaning spacious?

Chick Changles Wood – corruption of scythangara , meaning sloping hangar: a wood on the declivity of the hill.

Knights Close – from the Saxon Cnigt , meaning servant, indicating estates held on the feudal system of knightly tenure.

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