



## Businesses of Gorse Hill

### Early Businesses

1870 – J BRUNSDEN, Gorse Hill house, Corn factor

1871 – John HAYWARD, painter & grocer.

1875 - 1878 John APLIN a butcher

1876 – Opening of Money Order & Savings Office. 1895 postmaster Mr. R. J. WALKER.

-Mr. HARRIS, Post Office & Grocer.

1877 - John TAYLOR, milkman

1878 - William EASLEY a shoemaker of Hinton Street.

1879 – J SELLWOOD, High Street, Grocer.

Richard HAYWARD a grocer

W. GARNEY – baker & Grocer

1880 – J SLY - baker & grocer

Joseph GOODMAN a draper,

James HIBBERT a smith

1890 to 1923 – Albert HAYNES, High Street, Gorse Hill – Bacon curer, grocer. In 1923 run by Charles Herbert JAMES.

1892 – George KEMBREY – haulier.

George CONSTABLE, baker.

1893 – Edward CARPENTER, butcher.

Benjamin CAMBRIDGE, furniture dealer, 248/9 Cricklade Road.

1894 – JACKSONS's, Draper & Clothier, 52-57 Cricklade Road.

1897 – Lewis ELEY, Cricklade Toad, baker.

1900 – ALLMAN – photographer.

T CURNICK, butcher & purveyor

T HARDING, corn, coal, flour & meal.

H W J TUCK, saddler

DUNSFORD, watch & clock repairs

J W COWLEY, baker, grocer, and coal merchant

A SPARKES, butcher  
M KERSLAKE, picture framing  
1902 - C. JAMES, Grocer.  
1903 – Elizabeth GORTON, Confectioner.  
1906 – J. W. COWLEY, baker.  
1908- Skippers Stores, Cricklade Road  
G. Cox, Post Office, Cricklade Road.  
Pipers, butchers, Cricklade Road.  
Beaumont's, Cricklade Road  
H. J. Reynolds, boots & shoes, Cricklade Road.  
1922 – HIGGS, baker, 18 Cricklade Road.  
1923 – Turner, grocers, Cricklade Road.  
1926 – George Henry DAVIS, draper, and outfitter.  
1938 – Archie Payne, grocer, Avening Street.

## Kembrey Park

Named after George Kembrey who built the first houses on the approach road to the old Ammunition works, originally called Gorse Hill Business Park.

**Plessey's** moved onto the site in 1940 eventually employing 2,300 by 1950, August 1957 saw a strike over downgrading of chargehands. The site was then taken over by Kembrey Engineering in 1980s.

### **Richmond Removals & Storage - 1977**

**Bluebird Toys - *The Mulberrys SN2 6YP*** – Sir Torquil Patrick Alexander Norman founded Bluebird Toys in 1980, his first successful toy was the famous Big Yellow Teapot, made from hardwearing plastic to create a modern take on the traditional doll's house. It was followed by the Big Red Fun Bus and Big Jumbo Fun Plane. also well known for its Polly Pocket, Mighty Max was launched in 1992 More than eighty different sets were created, as well as a tie-in video game, battle cards, watches and backpacks. It was bought out by Mattel and Swindon HQ closed in 1998.

### **2017 Businesses on Site -**

Seven Seas Worldwide (Swindon) **Ltd** - Relocation Agents, Overseas Removals  
Hamblin Watermains – Water Engineers  
Pure Offices Swindon – Serviced offices  
Swindon Interiors LLP – Design Consultants  
WPS UK Ltd - Traffic Control and Management  
CRW Special Projects Ltd – Training services  
Owlet-Jaton Ltd - Fixings and Fastenings  
Premier Water Coolers Ltd  
Deck Security - Security Services and Equipment  
Country Wide Estate Management – Property Management  
Industrial Electronic Wiring Ltd – Cables  
3rd Edition Ltd – Cabinet Makers  
Rapier Employment Ltd – Recruitment Consultants  
Isimile Ltd – Computer Consultancy  
WYG Trench Farrow – Management & Business Consultants  
Medical Physics International Ltd – Medical Supplies  
SetFast, Decent Group – Publishers & Publications  
Capita Ltd – Financial Advisors  
Rocking Zebra Ltd – Recruitment Consultants  
Equi Media Ltd - Marketing and Advertising Consultants

Ardour Recruitment Ltd - Recruitment Consultants  
Stibo Systems - Data Suppliers and Services  
AGI Shorewood Ltd - Printers and Lithographers  
Cleeve Technology Ltd - Electrical Components and Wiring  
Stow UK Ltd - Shelving, Racking and Storage Products  
1 ICT Support Ltd - Computer Services  
O'Briens Sandwich Bar - Sandwich Shops and Delivery  
Alder King - Surveyors and Valuers  
Medlock Electrical Distributors - Electrical Supplies  
Close Motor Finance - Commercial and Business Finance  
Gatehouse Studios - Music Studios and Practice Rooms  
Eight Interactive Ltd - Training Services  
Hospital Solutions Ltd - Recruitment Consultants  
Sun Cottage Whole Foods - Food Manufacturers  
Elite Security Group - Security Services and Equipment  
Septagon Automation Ltd, Co - Computer Consultancy  
Barker & Hood (SW) Ltd - Freight Forwarding and Storage  
Thames Water Utilities Ltd – Water suppliers  
A & P Cleaning Services - Commercial Cleaning  
99p Land Ltd - Drawing Office Equipment and Supplies  
Tiled-Roof-Conservatories - Roofing Materials  
Qixol Ltd - Computer Software Development  
Ivocom Ltd - Telecommunication Services  
Dial Maintenance Ltd - Building Maintenance and Repairs  
Care Plus Mobility - Mobility Aids and Vehicles  
The Traffic Law Barrister Ltd - Legal Services  
Mitie Pest Control - Pest and Vermin Control Services  
Firestarter Marketing Services Ltd - Marketing and Advertising Consultants  
GMB Trade Union - Trade Unions  
La Beaute Hair Studio  
Kellaway Building Supplies  
Jewson  
Randstad Recruitment  
SIRVA Worldwide Relocation  
Keningtons  
Smiths News  
Structa LLP  
TIBCO Software

## Elgin Industrial Estate

City Electrical Factors  
Greggs  
Plumbase  
DHL  
Imperial Tyres  
Travis Perkins  
Wickes  
Swindon Tow Bar Centre

Fast Plant Ltd  
Electricbase  
Trade Smart Windows  
Electric Centre  
MainMan  
PSP  
Dormen Foods  
Swindon Plumbing Supplies  
Roberts & Prowse  
Akses  
4K Commercials  
Plumbing Trade Supplies  
Ritical Environment Solutions  
Hanson Ready Mixed Concrete  
P L Motor Services  
Swindon engineering Metalworkers  
Hydralogic  
Commercial Van Services.  
Kall Fit Auto Centre  
Vagabond Bags  
Swindon Scrapstore  
Booker Wholesale  
Retrac Productions  
Body Centre  
Scorpion Engineering  
Blade – Motorbikes  
Ashphaltic Roofing Supplies  
ESP Colour Ltd  
Bravedog  
Screwfix  
Select Line Kitchen & Flooring  
Sterling Cars Ltd  
Robnor Resin  
Steris  
Salt Suppliers Co  
NCR Bodyshops  
RHL Print  
Magnet  
G5 Martial Arts  
Julie Scott's Academy  
Dick Lovett Spraymaster  
Riding in Action  
Mega Motorcycle  
Lock 'n Store

## Cricklade Road

1 Chas. E. GAZE, sign & Glass writer in 1928.

18-22 Majestic Wines closed 2016 now split to 3 shops with flats over

18 Market

20 Cakeohollix

22 Elemental Tattoo Studio

24-26 Tre Gambe

28 Swindon Laundrette

30 Tennessee Chicken

31 Astra Travel

32 Gorsehill Clearance Centre

33 Gorse Hill Dry Cleaners

34 Little Panda – Evening Advertiser 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018 - *Little Panda were found to require major improvement in their hygienic food handling and food safety management, as well as improvement in cleanliness within the building. It follows another previous zero rating for food hygiene in 2016.*  
*This was Beale & Michelle in 60's*

35 Doggy Styles

36 All Secondhands this was 'The Faces' snack bar in 50's & 60's

39 Phillip's fish & chips

41 Lady Locks & Vintage Victory Rollers merged in 2016

43 AVP Studios

45 Portugal & Brazil Foods

47 Bite Co Computers

50a D G Accountants

50b Flawless Hair & Beauty

52-57 JACKSONS's, Draper & Clothier 1894-1928

52-54 That Shop – Beds, was Co-op Furniture

55 Hind's Jewellers closed 2017

56 Michael's Workware

57 KwikSave became Iceland

58 Pizza 2 Night

59 John Toomer & Sons Ltd, Livestock food. C.1933

60 Hazal Barber Shop

61 Williams Bros. – Fruiters 1960s

62 A. E. DAWSON, fishmonger, Game & Poulter in 1928, Mr Logo

64 SeKret

66 W. G. Turk, Boots & Shoes in 1908, As Good As New, O'Gradys Café

69 Herbert Albert MATTHEWS, butcher, in 1931, Finest Tech

70 Archers Recruitment

71 Charles Harding

72 George Lesley Flowers & Premier Surplus

73 Prospect Hospice Shop

74 Gorse Hill Framing & Photographic Ltd. This is a photo and print framing shop at 74 Cricklade Road.

75 Premier Military Surplus Store (closed), Was Cosy Café.

76a Chartz Hair & Beauty Is a hair and beauty salon established in 1978 and sits above The Salvation Army Charity Shop.

78 Charlie Edwards Leisure This is an adult gaming and amusement.

79-83 Lipton's Supermarket. This building is now home to Mbros

76 Brian's Discount Store in 70's. Now Salvation Army Charity Shop The charity shop run by volunteers selling, second-hand and new donated items to raise funds for the Salvation Army Charitable Organisation

80 A & S Flooring ex.Carpet Warehouse

82 Molly & Maisie's This is a sandwich bar and coffee shop.  
84-86 Lloyds Bank National Banking Services.  
87 The Grill  
88-90 Post Office now Best Buy.  
89 Marie Curie  
89-91 William Hill, in 1923 E A Carter - Ironmonger  
92 Tandoori Nights  
93 RSPCA  
93-97 My Dentist  
96 Kays Beauty  
94 Gorsehill Shoe Repairs  
96 Kays Beauty Salon  
98 So Fake  
99 A. Dixon, butcher in 1908, Altered Images.  
100 Fireplace Solutions  
101 Zero to Plus  
102 Mrs. L. PROFFITT, Furniture, in 1928, Becky's Barbers  
103 Pritam's  
104 Dairyfresh Bread & Cakes. This Bakery was on the corner of Chapel Street at 100 Cricklade Road originally owned by Trevor Dines who had a bakery in Rodbourne, famous for helping out Swindon folk during the 1977 bread strike. The site is now part of the Hall's Quality Bakers franchise and trades as The Coffee Pot.  
105 Haine & Smith  
107 Dilkush  
109 Was Plessey Club now Zen.  
115 Bet Fred  
117 Uplands Charity Shop  
119 Beijing Chef (was New Swindon Balti)  
120 Gerrie's Sunflower Cafe  
121 Safu's  
122 Hair by Design, The Cutting Bar  
123 Polish Food  
124 Jensions  
125 Empty  
126 Wong Kee Fish Bar  
127 Stop & Shop (was A & K News)  
129 Spice 47  
130/134 was site of original Co-op.  
131 The Touch of Thailand  
133 Gorsehill Dentist  
134 Gloden Tanning & Sunbeds  
135 Swindon Tuition Centre  
144 Napoli Pizzeria  
150 Mr B's Sweet Shop 2018 was Cambridge Diet.  
146/148 This 'n' That furniture closed 2018 was Woodruff's fruit & vegetable store.  
156 Heath  
158 Adult Shop  
160 Premier  
162 Crown Security  
164 Storehouse

166 Pet & Garden Centre  
172 Eat Well.  
239 Gorsehill TakeAway  
248/249 Benjamin CAMBRIDGE, furniture dealer in 1893.  
252 Mr. Parrott's shop (now converted to flats)  
261 Hawthorn Pharmacy  
292 A. J. Guppy, grocer in 1953  
331 Jentz  
345 AAA Supermarket  
373 Woolens off-licence now Electric Vehicle Company  
385 ESS Security  
429 Co-op Funerals, formerly Wheelers Coal with yard in Kembrey St.  
Winnearls & Stiggers Ltd., Cricklade Road, Sawmills & Builders Merchants, had 2 stands at 1969 Swindon Exhibition.