

# History

1 Victoria Cottages, RG10 0TN

Date unknown - possibly late 19th Century or Early 20th Century. William Davis, a builder and property speculator, constructed a row of six cottages (as seen below on the left) on Davis Street after purchasing the land in 1837.



Now 1 & 2 Victoria Cottages, the building used to be known as The Victoria Arms.

Historical records indicate that by 1853, a beer-selling establishment existed adjacent to a row of cottages on Davis Street. This establishment, known as the Victoria Arms, was occupied by Philip Nightingale, who held a license to sell beer. In 1853, the property, including the Victoria Arms, was acquired by Reverend A. A. Cameron. Disapproving of alcohol sales, Rev. Cameron bequeathed the property to his nephew, John Macky, with the stipulation that none of the houses be used for the sale of intoxicating liquors. Consequently, the Victoria Arms ceased operations as a public house.

Despite the closure of the Victoria Arms, local residents continued to have access to alcohol. Nearby, William Pither, a wheelwright affected by the advent of the railway, began selling beer to supplement his income, leading to the establishment of The Wheelwrights Arms pub. Additionally, the Jolly Farmer pub at the other end of Davis Street provided another venue for locals.

**1984**



2001



- The house was one dwelling, at some point it was split into 2 (unknown when). The majority of the land was kept for number 1.
- The building as a whole has its own postcode, which again is unknown why. So when looking up an address, there are only 2 properties to choose from.
- There is a cellar in the front-room but unused and can't be accessed. We assume this was from when it was a pub.
- The rose bush embedded in the patio out the back is from the previous owners 50th wedding anniversary. They were avid gardeners and lived here for over 50 years we believe. When we bought the house it went through probate, with the previous owners living here until they passed. It's an incredibly loved property by the previous family, and ourselves.

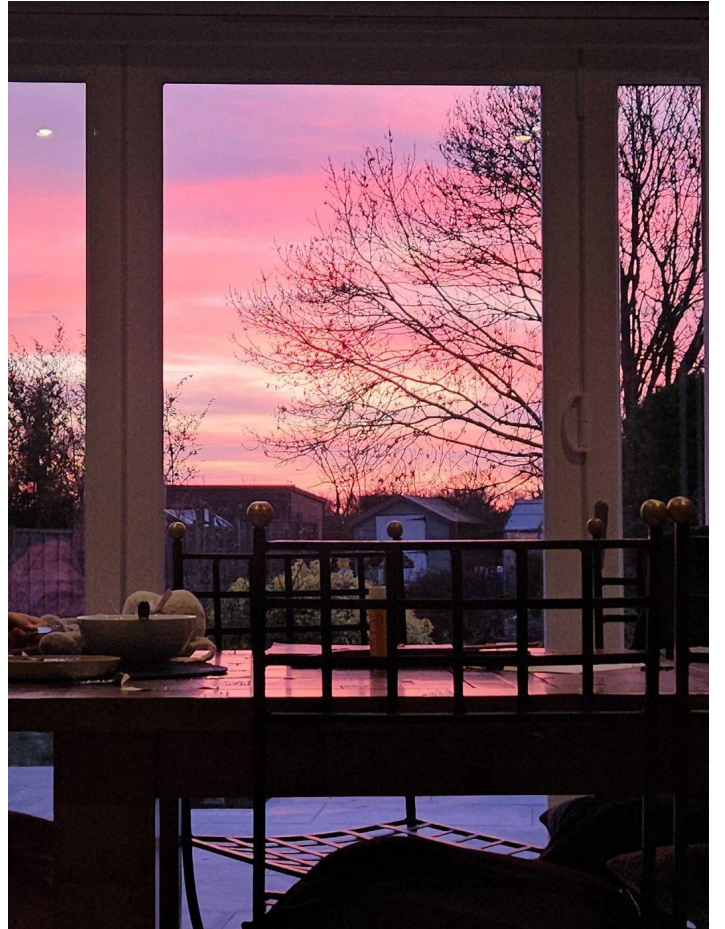
# **Other Features of**

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Sun rises at the back of the garden, and sets at the front of the house. The morning sunrises can be incredible, orange fiery skies are often seen.







- There is an entrance to Dinton Pastures Heath over the road to the right of the house (as you look at the road), easy access to nature.
- In the mornings, if you sit and look out the front bedroom window in summer you will see the bunnies running around on the other side of the fence of Dinton.
- We get amazing Starling (bird) murmurations in the sky out over the back garden.
- There is the Wheelwrights Arms pub walking distance, a bus stop, a quiet little park at the end of our row of houses that overlooks farmland and has had a recent upgrade due to lottery funding, Sainsbury's at the end of the road (plus other convenience shops!), Winnersh library as well as Dinton.
- To top it off, we have the absolute best neighbours (both sides).



Topped off by having Dinton Pastures directly opposite  
- 8 Lakes



