

Gamekeepers Cottage – Report for Annual Parishioners Meeting

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On the hillside leading down to the pond stood a small thatched cottage built in the 18th century which was once the home of the Gamekeeper of the Rigby Estate.

After becoming disused in the 1950s the thatch was set on fire and the cottage demolished together with a brick outhouse and a pigsty.

Hidden in the woods it was out of sight but as we knew it was there, we decided to remove the remains brick by brick, uncovering the foundations and two brick fireplaces. We did the same with the other small buildings and recovered a brick engraved with the words 'Tovell Mistley' which was manufactured at a brick works on the quay adjacent to the shipyard. Because of its hidden position in the woods the remains which also contain a well are in reasonable condition although a large tree has recently blown down across the pigsty base.