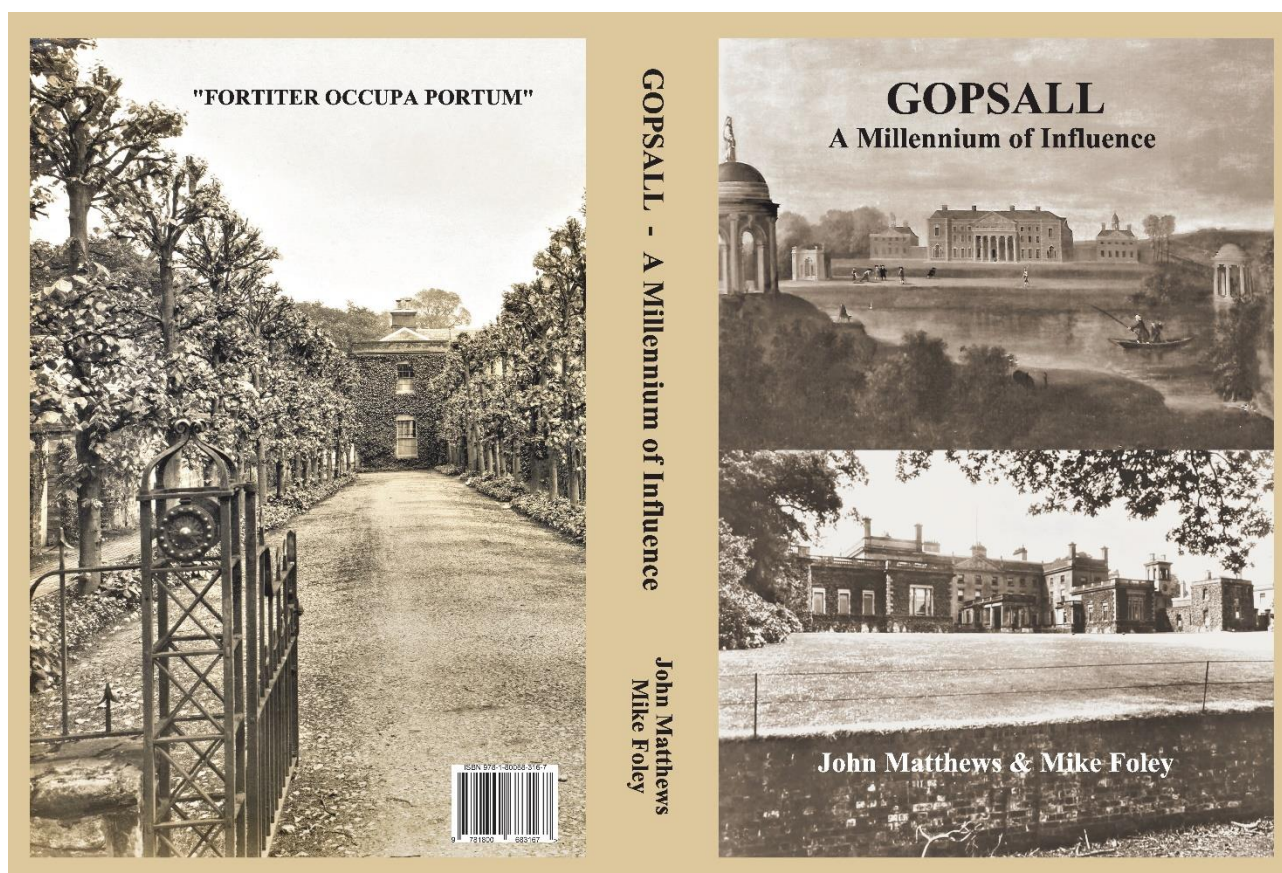


“One of these days we should write a book about Gopsall” said John Matthews & Mike Foley whilst they were supporting an important building in the area, the village pub (The Horse & Jockey). Well, here it is!!



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Foreword by The Rt Hon the Earl Howe GBE PC

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Although the manor of Gopsall would have existed prior to the Norman Conquest, it is first mentioned shortly after the Battle of Hastings (1066), when it was 'given' to Hugh d'Avaranches by William I. Of course, at that time, final ownership was retained by the Crown. Since then, the manor has been administered or owned by nine families but, some 885 years later in 1951, Gopsall Manor once again became a possession of the monarch, albeit in the guise of the Commissioners for Crown Lands. However, the one thing missing was Gopsall Hall, which had been sold to a demolition firm prior to the land being purchased by the Crown

The final end and breakup of Gopsall Manor and the wider Gopsall Estate (acquired by the Crown in 1932 and 1943) occurred in 2017-18, when the Crown sold most of the land to sitting tenant farmers and the rest, marketed as 'The Shackerstone Estate', to Chris Stamper, one of two brothers who established a computer games company in Twycross (Rare Ltd).

Today Gopsall Hall and the Gopsall Estate no longer exist but, the Gopsall village churches, churchyards, almshouses and local schools (whether still functioning, as in Congerstone and Heather, or converted to houses) are tangible reminders of the past.

This book documents the 950 years of Gopsall Manor and its Lords and the influence that Gopsall had on the villages and villagers within the wider Gopsall Estate.