



Langdyke Trust



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WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

1300-1350: DISASTERS

Famines and poor nutrition resulted from climate change, failed harvests and animal diseases. In 1348-9, when the Black Death struck it killed a quarter to a third of England's population.

1350 ONWARDS: ABSENTEE LANDLORDS

Torpel was sold back to the king to pay the debts of the last of the knights.

The new owners of Torpel included Peter Gaveston (favourite of Edward II), Edmund of Woodstock, Edmond Earl of Kent, Margaret Beaufort (mother of Henry VII), King Henry VIII, King Edward VI, Queen Elizabeth I, King James I, King Charles I. Finally in 1687 the Torpel land was bought by the Trollope family of Casewick Hall, Uffington. All received money from rents but they never lived at Torpel.

2009: TORPEL FIELD BOUGHT BY THE LANGDYKE TRUST

The Field had been used for grazing horses and the old stables were rotten. Heritage Lottery and other funding has enabled the Trust to:

- Carry out research into the archaeology and history of Torpel
- Build this cabin to provide information to visitors
- Manage the grassland as a County Wildlife Site.



BIRDS-FOOT TREFOIL
Lotus corniculatus
JUNE-AUGUST



COWSLIP
Primula veris
APRIL-MAY



KNAPWEED
Centaurea nigra
JULY-SEPTEMBER



HOARY PLANTAIN
Plantago media
JUNE-SEPTEMBER



LADY'S BEDSTRAW
Galium verum
JULY-SEPTEMBER



GROUND (STEMLESS) THISTLE
Cirsium acaule
JULY-AUGUST



CAT'S EAR
Hypochoeris radicata
MAY-JUNE



BLUEBELL
Hyacinthoides non-scripta
APRIL-MAY

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