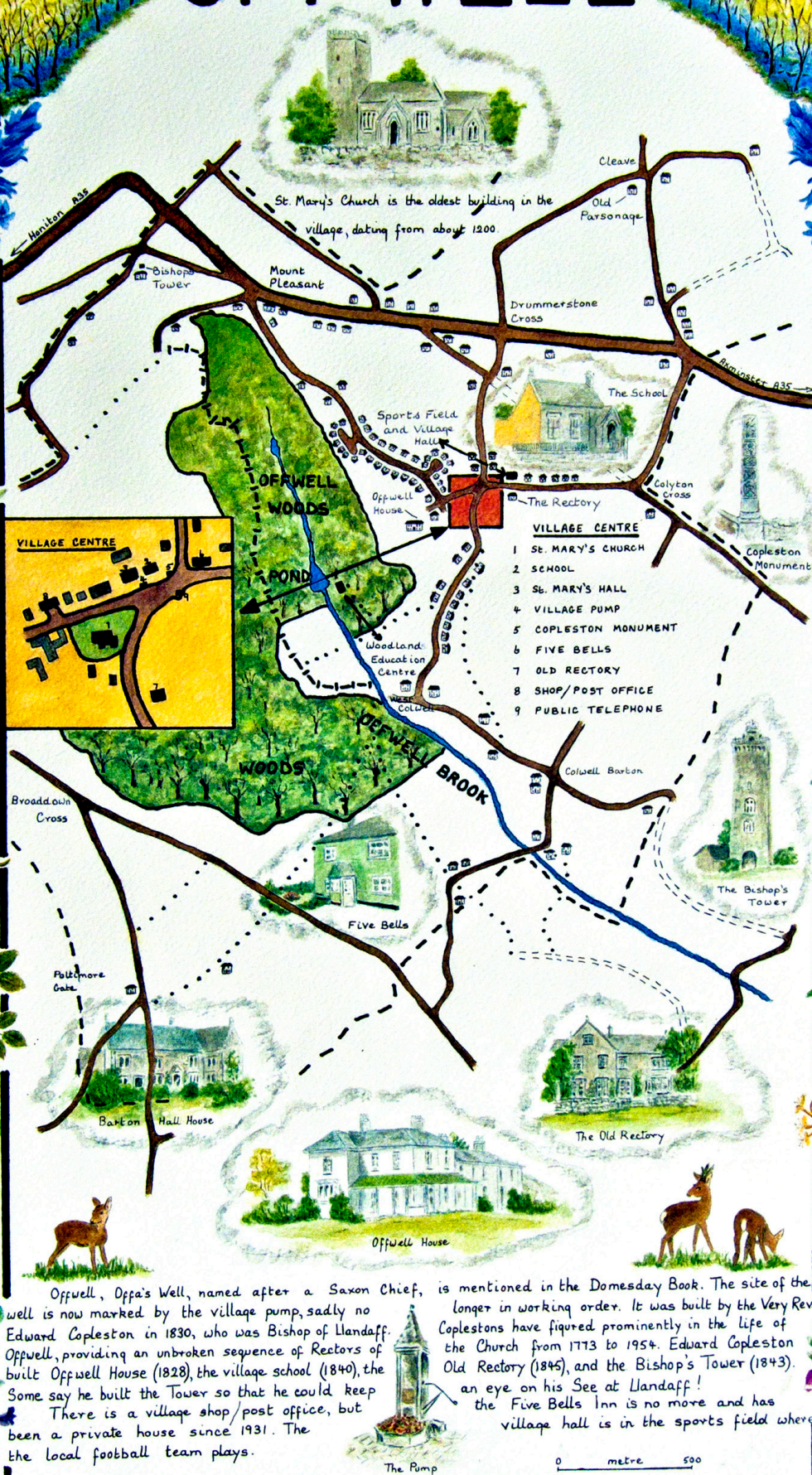


THE PARISH OF OFFWELL



Offwell, Offa's Well, named after a Saxon Chief, is mentioned in the Domesday Book. The site of the well is now marked by the village pump, sadly no longer in working order. It was built by the Very Rev Edward Copleston in 1830, who was Bishop of Llandaff. Copleston, providing an unbroken sequence of Rectors of the Church from 1773 to 1954. Edward Copleston built Offwell House (1828), the village school (1840), the Old Rectory (1845), and the Bishop's Tower (1843). Some say he built the Tower so that he could keep an eye on his See at Llandaff!

There is a village shop/post office, but the Five Bells Inn is no more and has been a private house since 1931. The village hall is in the sports field where the local football team plays.

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