

About Us

Formed in 2019, the Goadby Marwood History Group is run by village volunteers who have taken information principally from census and other records, gravestones, local newspapers and memorabilia of current and past residents.

Our aim is to document the history of Goadby Marwood and to provide an archive of local information that will be of value to anyone with a connection to our beautiful village.

It is hoped that our website www.goadby-marwood-history.co.uk and occasional publications provide pleasure for the casual reader and help people to understand what makes Goadby Marwood the village it is today. Hours of painstaking research and transcription have gone into building a unique repository of village information.

Can you contribute?

We rely on contributions from local residents, past and present, and those associated with Goadby Marwood village and surrounding farms. We welcome photographs relating to the village - also documents, magazines, anecdotes, photographs of ancestors - anything that relates to the historical aspects of Goadby Marwood. If you can help we would love to hear from you!

Become a Member

Everyone who works to support the ongoing research of The Goadby Marwood History Group is a volunteer. We need your help to continue with our extensive and varied history projects, and to keep the website running. If you've found the information on our website interesting or useful, or if you would like to become more involved in our research projects, why not become a member? Membership costs just £10 per annum.

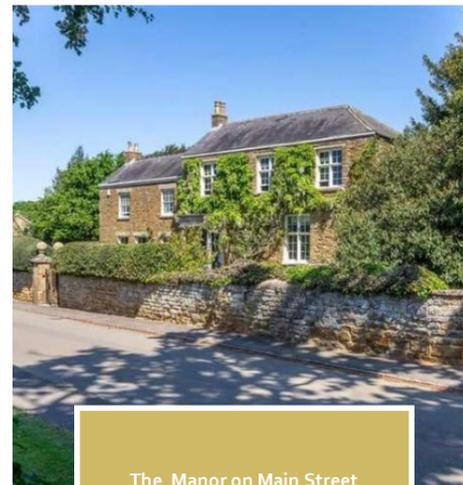
Projects for 2022

The Manor
The 1920 Belvoir Sale
Hall Farm
The Life of Miss Monica Sheriffe
Churchyard Survey
Parish Register Transcriptions
The Home Guard in Goadby

Upcoming Events

'The Real Dad's Army'
A talk by Jed Jaggard
Friday 8th July 2022
Contact us to book a place.

Village History Walk
September 2022



The Manor on Main Street

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The Search for Avro Lancaster R5694 EM-F

The largest and most complex project that the Goadby Marwood History Group has tackled so far, has been to find the exact crash site of the Lancaster bomber that came down on the outskirts of the village in November 1942.

In the early spring of 2020, the group approached Richard Pincott of The Field Detectives, with the idea of locating R5694 EM-F and telling the story of her crew of brave young men. Richard jumped at the opportunity, and so began a huge research project involving a physical survey to locate the crash site, as well as hundreds of hours of family history research to identify

the crew and tell their stories, and, where possible, to contact living relatives.

The physical survey is a fascinating process, but it is the human stories that make a project worthwhile. In an emotional email to our group the niece of one airman wrote: *"This is so amazing! We all think it is Peter from the other side trying to tell us his story, joining all the little pieces we have from our family history and mostly joining all of us again after so many decades being apart from each other!"*

Read the stories of each of the brave, young airmen of Lancaster R5694 EM-F on our website.



F/Lt Ray Hannan
DFC, pilot of
R5694 EM-F

THE SEARCH FOR THE CRASH SITE
OF AVRO LANCASTER MK I
R 5694 EM-F
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NEAR EATON, LEICESTERSHIRE

FIELD SURVEY
REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2020

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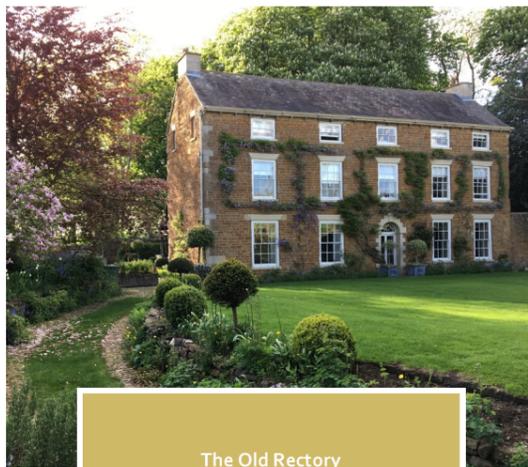


Commemoration Day August 7th 2021

On Saturday August 7th we held a Commemoration Day to honour the gallant crew of Avro Lancaster R5694 EM-F.

A memorial service was held at the crash site, and a commemorative plaque was unveiled. The service was attended by relatives of the crew, representatives from

207 Squadron RAF, The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Hose & Harby and Granby & Barnstone Royal British Legion, 1279 Squadron Air Training Corps, and Friends of RAF Spilsby, as well as local residents and many of the amateur historians who contributed to the project.



The Old Rectory

A House Through Time

It was the excellent BBC2 TV series, 'A House Through Time', that gave us the idea of researching the various old houses in the village and telling the stories of the families who have lived in them over the decades.

One of the first properties we tackled was the beautiful Rectory situated next to St. Denys's Church at the

west end of the village. The current façade dates from around 1750 although records indicate that there may have been a house on the site much earlier.

In 2020, during work on the gardens, a stone cross was discovered which is thought to date from the 12th Century and may once have adorned the rood screen in the church.

Visits to the Records Office



Tithe Map 1839

The group organized two visits to the Leicestershire County Records Office at Wigston before lockdown.

Of particular interest was the 1910 Valuation Office Survey. The 'Lloyd George Domesday Survey' as it became known, was carried out between 1910 and 1915, and provided a unique snapshot of land

and property in the Edwardian era

Another extremely interesting document was the 1839 Tithe Survey and attendant map, which can be viewed on our website.

Other records held in the archive include various property deeds and maps, and the housekeeping rec-

ords of Mrs. Phyllis Collyer, wife of Rev. Hubert Collyer, Rector of St. Denys's Church for over 30 years.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions we were unable to visit the office in 2020 or 2021, however, we may consider a further visit now that restrictions have been lifted.

Soldiers of the First World War



Pte Billy Pizer

The first project we embarked upon as a group was to research the lives and families of the young men of Goadby Marwood who fought and died during The Great War.

A total of 45 men with a connection to our village fought with the armed services during the First

World War and nine failed to return.

Young Billy Pizer, whose family farmed at Green Lodge, was one of them. He volunteered for military service just a month after war broke out, enlisting at Melton Mowbray on September 2nd, and was posted to the 8th Battalion

Leicestershire Regiment.

Billy was wounded twice and each time returned to the front. He was killed in action on August 17th, 1917, near the small French village of Vermelles.

Read the full stories of Billy and his 'Goadby Boy' comrades on our website.

The 1920 Belvoir Sale

By 1920, the Duke of Rutland estate, like many others, was facing a severe cash-flow crisis. The Duke had rolled over debts incurred when Belvoir Castle was rebuilt following a devastating fire at the beginning of the 19th Century, and these debts, together with the sudden decline in agricultural income and higher taxation imposed after The

Great War, forced the 8th Duke to sell over 13,000 acres of his Leicestershire estates.

The sale took place between March 3rd and 6th, and in total 640 lots were put up for auction.

The sale included Goadby Hall as well as all the cottages and houses and most of the surrounding farms of Goadby village.

In 2022, The Goadby Marwood History Group will be transcribing and publishing on our website the sales information for all the Goadby properties that were included in the sale catalogue, as well as copies of the accompanying maps and details of who purchased each property and the amount paid.



Goadby Hall 1920 catalogue plate

The Roman Soldier from Invasion to Withdrawal

In September, with lockdown restrictions having been lifted, we held our first event at the village hall.

Jed Jaggard of 'The Past Presents' gave a fascinating talk covering the life led by Roman soldiers during the 350 year plus occupation of Britain.

The evening was well attended and guests were treated to some delicious Roman style snacks and spiced Roman wine.

Jed will be joining us again in 2022 to give a talk about the Home Guard during WW2. Why not join us for an informative and entertaining evening!



Roman lead dice discovered at Goadby. Dice games were very popular during the Roman period and often involved gambling. To discover more about the many Roman artifacts found in the village visit our website.

Roman Goadby

Goadby Marwood is located close to the ancient trackway known as 'The Salt Way' and is thought to be the site of a Romano-British small town that may have national importance as a key location in the East Midlands area. It is possible that the site played a significant role in local and regional socio-

economic relationships, both before and during the Roman occupation. Over the last 70 years a number of discoveries have led experts to conclude that the area was an important iron working location with possible links to the Roman towns of Vernemetum and Margidunum on The Fosse Way.



Coins from the Roman hoard discovered during quarrying operations in 1953