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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](http://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!

Join Us

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 in this newsletter or 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.

Forthcoming Events

Medieval Monastic Farmers—  
The Granges of Leicestershire

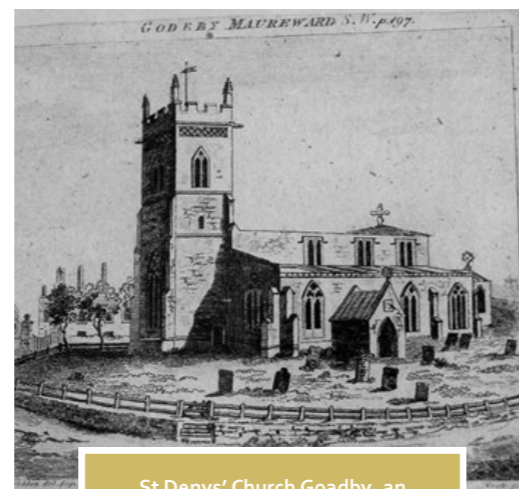
A talk by Peter Liddle  
St. Denys' Church  
Friday 7th July 2023

Pay on the door.

The Cold War

A talk by Jed Jaggard  
Village Hall  
Friday 8th September 2023

Contact us to book a place.



St Denys' Church Goadby, an engraving from the *History and Antiquities on the County of Leicestershire* by John Nichols.



# Newsletter

Spring 2023

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The Platinum Jubilee - History in the Making

In 1953, the villagers of Goadby Marwood gathered together to celebrate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Fancy dress competitions were held and a special tea was organized,

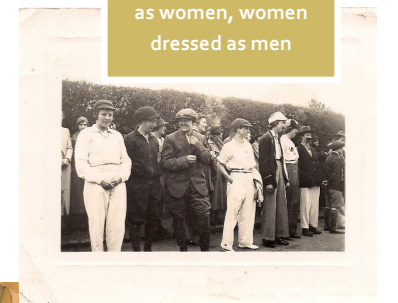
69 years later, to celebrate the Queen's 70th year on the throne, villagers once again gathered together around the Vil-

lage Hall. A great party atmosphere prevailed with copious amount of food and drink shared.

To mark the occasion, Kit Kitson organized a commemorative group photograph. Perhaps in 70 years time the villagers of Goadby will once again be wondering about the lives of those pictured.



Residents on Coronation Day in 1953, men dressed as women, women dressed as men



Residents gather at the Village Hall June 5th 2022

Community Award for GMHG

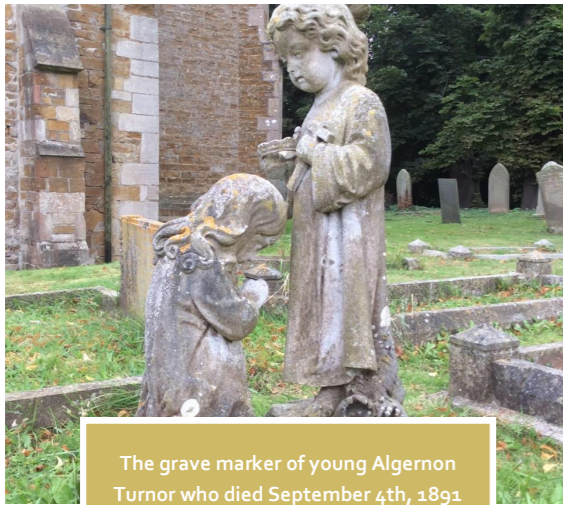
At our AGM in January the Goadby Marwood History Group Team was surprised with a fantastic Community Award from Ian Matteoli MBE, High Sheriff of Leicestershire for 2021/22.

Team member, Jody Downes had nominated the GMHG team for the work done on

researching the loss of Lancaster R5694 EM-F and the subsequent commemoration events attended by families of the eight young airmen killed.

We hope to display the award in pride of place at future events in the Village Hall.





The grave marker of young Algernon Turnor who died September 4th, 1891 aged just three years.

### Churchyard Survey

One of our main focuses during 2022 was to record all the memorials in St. Denys' Church and Churchyard.

Many Saturday mornings were spent kneeling in the damp grass trying to transcribe the worn and weathered words on each gravestone.

The beautiful memorial pictured marks the grave

of Algernon Turnor, the young son of Algernon and Henrietta Turnor who lived at Goadby Hall towards the end of the 19th Century.

According to newspaper reports of the time, young Algernon died after eating poisonous berries which he had picked whilst out exploring the woods around the estate.

### Samuel Lowe's Estate Map of 1715

In 1715, Samuel Lowe, Lord of the Manor, commissioned local surveyor, Thomas Crane to conduct a comprehensive survey of the Goadby Estate. The resulting map is held in the collection of the Duke of Rutland at Belvoir Castle, and has been reproduced on our website with his kind permission.

Samuel inherited Goadby Hall and estate from his

father, Henry, together with several large sugar plantations in Jamaica. Samuel had an extravagant nature; Nichols quotes an account by the Reverend Francis Peck, Rector of Goadby, that describes how, in 1727, Samuel ordered fish to be brought in from Derbyshire to stock his ponds. Trout were apparently 'brought in buckets on men's heads who

walked night and day with them, and were delivered alive, at 12d a piece, ...' Samuel died in August 1731 at Goadby, he was just 37 years old. The Goadby estate was passed to his sisters. It was later sold to wealthy merchant, Peter Wyche, and the proceeds used pay Samuel's many creditors.

To view the full map visit our website.



Detail from the 1715 map showing the village centre



Goadby's Belvoir Angel

### The Goadby Marwood Belvoir Angel

During our survey of the gravestones we were delighted to discover a single 'Belvoir Angel'.

Found in Melton and throughout the Vale of Belvoir, Belvoir Angels are a distinctive example of localised folk art that appeared on gravestones in the Vale from around 1690 until 1750. In each case the

grave shows a carved angel with down-turned wings and a ruffed neck. It is thought they were commissioned by wealthy parishioners wanting to leave their mark on Earth. The identity of the masons remains a mystery although some historians believe they may have been a father and son, possibly

based in the Hickling or Nether Broughton area.

The inscription on the Goadby gravestone reads:

*'Here lyeth the body of Margaret Kilby who was the wife of John Killingly and the wife of John Lee She departed this life April the 20th Anno Dom 1701'*



Miss Mon hunting with The Belvoir

### The Life & Times of Miss Monica Sheriffe

'Miss Mon' as she was known to villagers, was born at Wyndham Lodge in Melton Mowbray in 1903. She moved to Goadby Hall around 1905 with her parents and sister and she lived at the hall until her death in 1999 at the age of 96.

Her long and remarkable life spanned the roaring

20s, the tumult of WWII, the swinging 60s and the height of the Cold War.

Monica's appearance has been described as 'manly' although she is also described by those who knew her as 'always incredibly elegant'. She made no secret of the fact that her relationship preferences

were with women although she had many gentleman admirers. She had a number of affairs, most notably with the mysterious and exotic Elvira Chaudoir, a WWII double agent employed by the British Secret Service.

Read the full story of Monica's fascinating life on our website.

### The Real Dad's Army

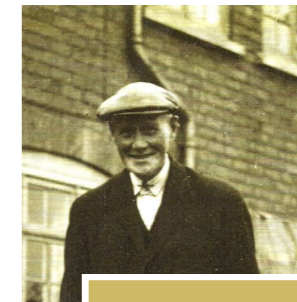
In July we were treated to an excellent talk by the knowledgeable Jed Jaggard of 'Up An' At 'Em History'.

As a rural community employed in producing the vital crops and livestock needed to sustain the nation, most of the men of Goadby would have been in reserved occupations, and many joined the

Home Guard as a way of 'doing their bit'

Jed's talk was both humorous and sobering in equal measure and painted a vivid picture of life in Goadby during WWII.

Following the talk guests enjoyed a buffet of 40s themed snacks to round off a great evening.



Fred Talkes (left) and Herbert Mayfield were two of several local men who served with the Belvoir Battalion Home Guard during the Second World War

### Village History Walk

On a sunny day in September a large group assembled in the church for the start of a leisurely walk around the village.

Sue Haynes kicked off the proceedings by giving a potted history of our beautiful church covering the various alterations that have taken place over the centuries, and the many

notable characters who are buried in its confines.

The walk began with a tour of the grounds of Goadby Hall and took in all of the many interesting houses in the village, including The Manor and The Rectory, before finishing at the Village Hall with a well-earned cup of tea and delicious slice of cake.



The group of walkers gathered at the north façade of Goadby Hall