

Welton History Group November Newsletter

Thank you to all who came out to the October meeting when we had a rather different presentation from Adrian Perkins about his experiences in investigating and writing about places in Northamptonshire where strange experiences were reported!

Our next meeting will be on **24th November at 7.30pm** in the village hall and will focus on the **History of Rugby as seen through the lens of early photographers** within the town. Led by John Frearson, through a range of images we will journey back to explore how the town and its people were portrayed to the world in very different times.

West Northamptonshire Council has recently launched a website on the Historic Environment of our county, including details on

- Holdenby House
- Great Brington: church, village cross, estate cottages
- The Vulcan Works
- Twin viaducts across the Nene
- Earthworks: Charwelton (deserted late medieval settlement) and Lilbourn (shrunken village)
- Cropmarks: a probable medieval moat at Remington

Each section provides a simple summary, some photographs, map reference, text and sources list along with links to other relevant sites. The summaries are architecturally focused and likely to be of interest to those seeking specific details about a site.

The website also provides links to archaeological groups across the county, a finds / sites map for the county and information about The ARC at Chester House (Archaeology Resource Centre).

Please see <https://her.northamptonshire.gov.uk>

You may also be interested in finding out more about the rich heritage and history of Northamptonshire through the **History of Northamptonshire in 100 Objects**. This exhibition is running at the Northampton Museum and Art Gallery until 22nd February 2026 and takes visitors on a journey through the geological, archaeological and social history of our county through a selection of 100 remarkable objects. For more details about the exhibition, please refer to the Northampton Museum and Art Gallery website: <https://www.northamptonmuseums.com/>

The exhibition is also supported by a **podcast series** in which listeners can hear from curators, historians and residents about the range of 100 objects which in their own way add to our sense of the people, places, and history of our region. The podcasts are available on You Tube via the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLt4wpdbe1tCc5IxIjmiV27YL2xhuDHeF>

Finally, please look out for the next edition of Welton News and Views which will include an update on an interesting project we are hoping to kick start at our AGM and social gathering at The White Horse on Monday 26th January. Our **“Where the X are we?”** will be a Welton based game in which we try to work out where the X we are, but from the comfort of a cosy pub! Longer term we hope to develop a supplement to Jackie’s Town Trail by creating an updated record of our village and its history. Any old photographs, notes, memories or accounts of features in our village (houses, roads, public spaces, roads etc) would be valuable in creating the sort of data base needed. Please send anything of interest to suzanne.edwards161@icloud.com