



Our Heritage Matters

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Notes from the Editor

If anyone has anything they think would be of interest to our members either that they can create or would be interested in, then do let the chairman know as below. We would also really like a few extra helpers – you don't have to be on the Committee – to especially help with research to help produce this newsletter! Contact Peter Alexander (the Society Chairman) at chairman@cogenhoeheritage.org.uk or enquiries@cogenhoeheritage.org.uk
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Society Meetings

Open to all: non-members just £4 including refreshments and members £3. The full programme can be found on our website www.cogenhoeheritage.org.uk Planned meetings are listed on page 19. **The talks are cancelled until further notice. We hope to see you all again as soon as circumstances permit.**

Pub of the Month – The Trumpet

WESTON FAVELL, 574 WELLINGBOROUGH ROAD

Northampton town had two Trumpets, but gained a third when the boundary was extended out to Weston Favell.

The oldest was around before 1500 in Horsemarket and that existence is as much information as it has been possible to find by Dave Knibb during his extensive research into our pubs (remember, 80% of the town burnt down in 1675). The one at 29 Silver Street had an undocumented beginning but was being mentioned in the press by 1880 and it continued with a few ups and downs until its licence was taken away by one of the regular Council 'purges' in 1923.

Later in the 20th century we gained another Trumpet by default when Northampton grabbed Weston Favell for eastern expansion. The investigation of pubs outside the comparatively well-documented towns can be a very exasperating experience, and so it is with this Trumpet. Its history is buried somewhere in inaccessible private deeds and family records.

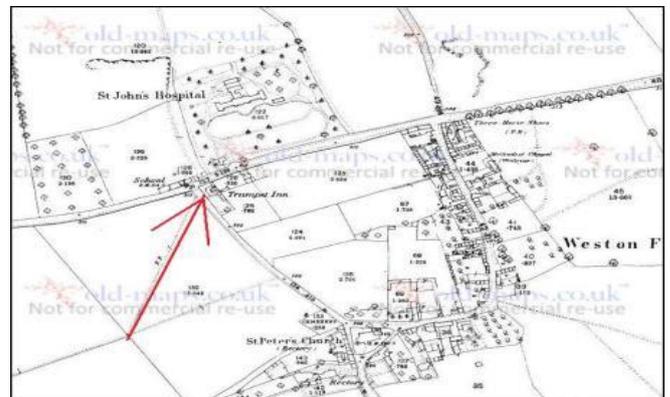
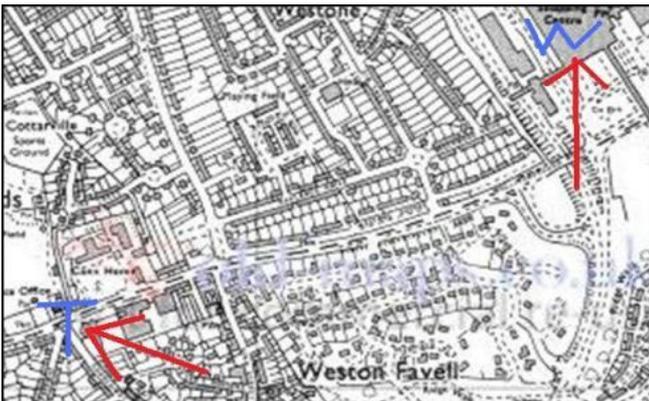
For those not too familiar with Northampton landmarks, The Trumpet (T) is about a mile down the road from the Weston Favell (W) shopping centre, adjacent to Aldi.



It looks 20th Century and indeed the current building was opened in 1936 after a road widening scheme which also took away the blind corner to Church Way.

This is how it looked before the last rebuild when the new pub was built behind the old pub and was ready to open as the old one closed.

Before the 1970s expansion, The Trumpet was clearly not a village pub as it was some way outside on a main road.



For those of you that have regularly experienced the rush-hour car park, Northampton-Wellingborough, otherwise known as the A45, you might think that daily heavy traffic west-east between the two used to be the norm. But when The Trumpet first arose, it was an era when the vast majority of people did not even travel outside their own village except maybe to the weekly market of a nearby town – Weston Favell is midway between Northampton and Wellingborough markets. Whilst the origins are unknown, The Trumpet was clearly a Coaching Inn with extensive stables and grounds and although the earliest known documentation comes from circa 1700, it does seem highly probable that its history goes back potentially for many more hundreds of years.

Here are some theories about how this establishment might have arisen as a viable entity in what could easily be described as the ‘middle of nowhere’:

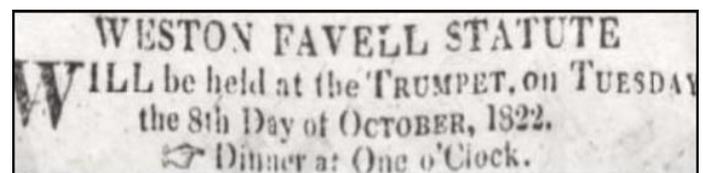
- Even the small amount of trade between Northampton and Wellingborough would have required some form of refreshment and horse stopping point.
- Northampton was once one of the most important towns in the country, with its castle since 1100, and the monarchy holding court here. Hence travellers to the town on this nationally important route both east-west and as a link to north-south routes to northern towns and cities.
- Another possible clue is to be found in Wellingborough. The road towards Northampton, from its *original* town centre, is named Oxford Street. Leading off the other way is Cambridge Street. This came about because the east-west migration of pilgrims to attend the two great ecclesiastical centres of Oxford and Cambridge. So, a regular chugging of pilgrims along our Wellingborough Road, again needing a stopping point.
- And then there was the St. John’s Hospital. Way out in the countryside since mediaeval times to keep its infectious diseases away from town folk. Since 1871 it has been a convalescent home and then a Residential Care Home.

Weston Favell village had two other pubs. The Bold Dragoon still sits in the High Street since at least 1860 (landlord Henry Clark was fined in 1863 for serving ‘unjust measures’).

The Horseshoe was on the corner of Wellingborough Road and High Street and, whilst having been rebuilt in 1923, it disappeared in 1972 for road widening. The origins have been traced to 1834 but the style of the old thatched building suggested a much greater age. It had some rooms and stables but not on the scale of The Trumpet. The sustainability of three pubs at one village like Cogenhoe surely supports the theories for notable passing trade... I rest my case!

The Trumpet has some very interesting events in its history.

During the 1700s and 1800s it held Statute Fairs – these will be explained in a later article, so no spoiler here!



There were also dog races with ‘hungry’ dogs running a straight 200 yards tempted by food at the finishing line.

In 1939, Mrs Adcock, at age 106, was the oldest woman in Northamptonshire and had a treat from Mr Folwell, the village baker, of a cake with 106 miniature candles and then a treat from Mrs Westerly, the landlady of The Trumpet, of a ride in her motor car. Unable to read or write, Mrs. Adcock was a storehouse of rich memories, some of which she shared with the reporter from The Northampton Mercury about life in the past. At age 100 she lived in Norwich and gratefully consumed a dozen bottles of strong ale, sent by the local brewery, which she liked and found they did her the world of good though she had never had ale before! She remembered Christmas about 80 years before when, in East Anglia, the snow fell 10 days before Christmas and lasted until May. 18 weeks of inactivity for men whose life was working the land – a bit of a contrast with 2020 when we are indeed quite sweltered but so many have also been in enforced inactivity. Most remarkable of all was the recollection of her Christening 101 years before “I walked to the Church and everyone was proud of me because I didn’t cry when the water

was put on". She had seven children and hopefully some at least, and indeed grandchildren, are knowledgeable about her remarkable adventures.

It is said that the first Northampton prosecution under the Road Traffic Act 1930 for being 'incapable of having proper control of the car' i.e. drunk, was of a customer of The Trumpet.

MR. J. PAGE

THE funeral of Mr. James Page, of Nene View, Castle-street, Wellingborough, one of the town's veteran public workers, aged 89, took place on Wednesday.

A native of Wellingborough, Mr. Page spent his early years at Northampton, where he worked as a leather cutter, and then in the leather dressing trade. He returned to Wellingborough and established the former business of James Page and Co., leather dressers, of Mill-lane, retiring some years ago. His first job was as a butcher boy at 1s. 6d. a week.

He claimed a good record of local government work for the town. He first sought election to the Local Board of Health—the forerunner of the Urban Council—in 1883, and was defeated, but the next year he headed the poll with a reversal vote. He remained a member of the Board and continued on the Council, being chairman in 1902.

He was proud of his sewage scheme which he introduced to Wellingborough. He put the scheme before the Board in the 'nineties, and went over the county examining other schemes to compare and improve. He made a report, and as a consequence Wellingborough had its first sewage scheme.

REFUSED ALDERMANIC SEAT

He represented the East Ward on the County Council for some time.

A teetotaler and non-smoker, he learned, after his defeat, there was a pint of beer for every man who said that he would not vote for him. Consequently, he refused an aldermanic seat, contending that if the public were too mean to vote for him he would not represent them.

Mr. Page retired from the governing body of Wellingborough School in March this year. He was the oldest member of the body, and was also a member of the Wellingborough Old Age Pensions Committee, which he joined on its inception 39 years ago.

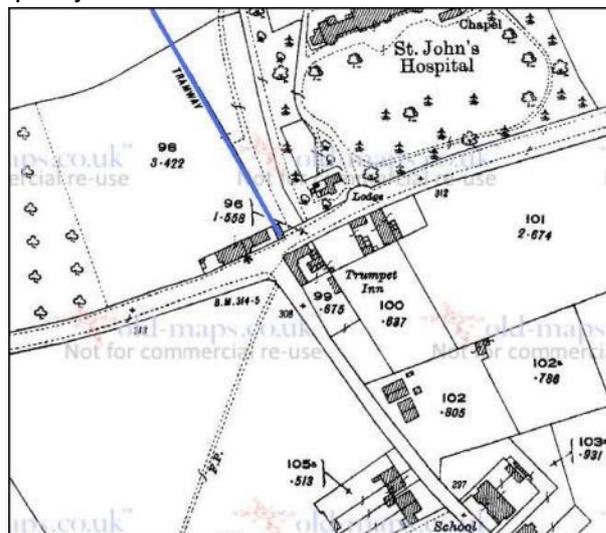
ROAD BUILDER

His grandfather, Thomas Bradshaw, born at Ecton in 1780, was the builder of the Wellingborough to Northampton road. The road started in Oxford-street, Wellingborough, and ended in Abington-street, Northampton.

His grandfather constructed the toll gates on the road, but later his uncle, Daniel Bradshaw, pulled them down, while continuing the road-making. The stone for the work was obtained from the Cherry Orchard, almost opposite the Trumpet Inn at Weston Favell. The undulations in the ground from where the stone was taken may still be seen.

As an aside (and I do like my rambles off-piste) in the 'before' map above, you can see the workings of an old quarry behind St. John's.

In this map there is marked a Tramway to the quarry.



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It fired up my curiosity and this story from 1939 reveals a tale so fascinating in itself it seems worthwhile printing in full.

I remember the late 1980s when The Trumpet used to put on a splendid firework display in its gardens on November 5th. Also then, a local Cogenhoe man used to display his own home-made fireworks on the village playing field. No doubt ELFnSAFETY put a stop to all that fun.



The Trumpet is now part of the Green King empire so you are always sure of a good pint and a fine meal should that be your need after the hassle of Weston Favell Shopping Centre or a long walk around Abington Park. But there's not much room now to race your dog.

Robert Vaughan, with original historical pub information on all those mentioned above, by Dave Knibb.

The wonderment of the 1700s as disclosed in the Newspapers

1798. LADY DUDLEY: The dowager Lady Dudley has declared she is not pregnant. In consequence, a writ will be granted to summon lord Dudley to his seat in the house of peers.

1735. DOCTOR BARNARD : On Saturday last, Dr. Barnard, one of the Fellows of the Royal Society, was knocked down by three fellows in Thrift Street, Soho, and robbed of his Gold Watch; The doctor stabbed one of them with his Sword in the Belly, in such a Manner as it's believed he cannot possibly recover, but the other two carried him off.

1735. NO DROLLS: We hear that the Drolls at Southwark Fair will also be prohibited.

1797. NIPPIN LOST WATCH AT COGENHOE: Between Cogenhoe Mill and Northampton on Saturday 18th February last. LOST: A SILVER WATCH, maker's name Chas Clay, London No 10901. Whoever has found same, and will bring it to Mr Nippin, at The Saracen's Head inn, Northampton, shall receive HALF-A-GUINEA Reward.

1792. SHOULDER OF MUTTON CALAMITOUS FIRE – BUT THE BEER WAS SAVED

About two o'clock in the morning of the 17th of February, 1792, a most calamitous fire broke out at the Shoulder-of-Mutton public house (since converted into a private dwelling house), on the Market square, which entirely consumed the same, and was attended by a melancholy loss of life—Mrs. Marriott, the landlady, together with her five children, and two lodgers, perishing in the flames, Mr. Marriott being the only person who made his escape, which he effected by getting out of the garret window, and over the roofs of two adjoining houses, into a garret window of the third. No portion of the property, except some beer in an arched cellar, was saved. Not being insured, a subscription was set on foot, and more than £.150 collected, which covered Mr. M.'s actual loss, but left him without employment.—There is a marble tablet in the portico of All Saints' church, commemorative of this shocking event.

1735. COUNTRY GEORGE NO DEFRAUD : George Philips, alias Country George, was tried for defrauding Thomas Sackville of £4 10s, it being part of £8 which was the price of a horse that he had bought; and after the Bargain, the Jockey laughed and made Game of the Man, and swore the Horse was not worth a shilling; for he was a Roarer (a Term he gave him) and the first Time he was worked would drop down, make a hideous Noise, and bleed at the Mouth. The trial occasioned a great Deal of Laughter in Court, and the Defendant was acquitted.

1793. EVIL IN COGENHOE ORCHARD: On Thursday night, the 22nd August, some evil-disposed Person or Persons entered into Orchards and Gardens of nearly all the inhabitants of the Parish of Cogenhoe, in Northamptonshire, and stole the Fruit, destroyed the trees, and did considerable Damage. Whoever will give Information of the Persons who did the said Mischief shall receive ONE GUINEA REWARD: and if convicted, shall receive a further Reward of ONE GUINEA of us whose Names are hereunder mentioned – Mrs Higgins, Mrs Sibley. John Chapman, Blundel Kilsby, Robert Johnson, Wm Smith, B Jones, Daniel Sharman, Richard Warwick, Thomas Wright.

(Note the mention of Mrs Sibley who previously appeared in July edition article Houfe of Sibley at Cooknoe)

Post Script from Dave Knibb: the premises were uninsured and a public collection raised enough money for Mr Marriot to rebuild as a public house, renamed The Phoenix. But he didn't stay there long and it closed in 1831, being then converted to a house as mentioned above.

Quiz!

AUGUST QUIZ: CASTLES

1. Which country has the most castles in Europe?
2. Where is the oldest castle in the world?
3. What is the biggest castle in the world?
4. What is the most beautiful castle in the world?
5. Where is the smallest castle in the UK?
6. What is the oldest permanently inhabited castle in the world?
7. Does Australia have castles?

(if you don't get No 6, stop doing Heritage quizzes!)

Answers to July Quiz on Listing and Scheduling :

1. As some Listed properties have more than one building the total is an estimate at 500,000
2. Knapp of Howar, Neolithic site in Papa Westray, Orkney at circa 3700BC is 200 years older than Stonehenge



3. Yes, it certainly is Listed, as Grade B under the Scottish system
4. Not automatically as Scheduling is a different regime but a site which is Scheduled might also have a Listed Building.
5. Circa 20,000 Scheduled Monuments in England
6. The Express Lift tower, Northampton, listed 1997 when just 15 years old.

New Facebook Page



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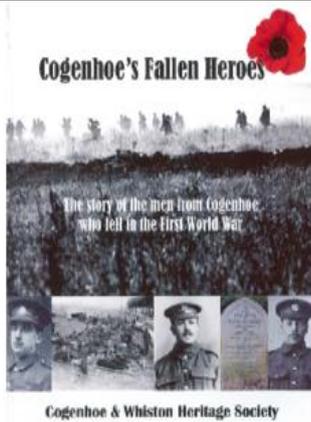


It's early days but this is a useful way for the society to inform members and the wider community of up to date information. You can also post your own contribution.

Add us now as one of your favourites.

Society Publications

The Society has publications for sale (the cd will be free with any book purchase). Ask a Committee member or email to enquiries@cogenhoeheritage.org.uk.



Cogenhoe's Fallen Heroes

*The story of the men from Cogenhoe who fell in the First World War
Price £15*

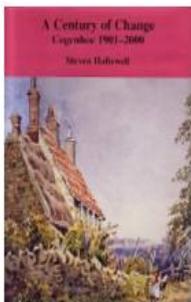
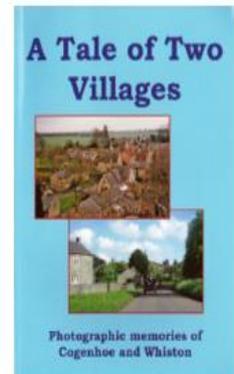
The War Memorial Project was born out of a fervent wish to remember the ultimate sacrifice made by the young men of Cogenhoe in the Great War.. This book is a tribute to those men.

An addendum detailing further research has been published and can be obtained from members of the committee.

A Tale of Two Villages

*Photographic memories of Cogenhoe & Whiston
Price £10*

A pictorial record of the two villages showing people and places through the past and based on the first photographic exhibition held by the society during April 2008. Since then in 2010 a second exhibition was held.



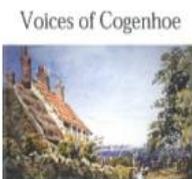
A Century of Change *Cogenhoe 1901 - 2000*

This hardback book was produced from the interviews of over 50 people from many walks of life who had their memories recorded. Some were born in the villages, others worked here and still more came to live here.

Voices of Cogenhoe

CD £3.00

This CD based on the interviews is an opportunity to listen to the memories and recollections of the many people who lived in Cogenhoe and Whiston. In all over 40 villagers contributed over 60 hours of taped interviews and this was condensed into a double CD with a running time of about 120 minutes.



Planned Meetings

No meetings currently planned until September at the earliest

Wednesday 9 September 2020 - Northampton to Bedford Railway - Richard Deacon.

Not just another Railway history, but a detailed look at how to go about the legal process of building a railway in Victorian times and then a journey following the railway then and now of what was chronologically the last railway to link Northampton to another town.

Wednesday 14 October 2020 - 'The Ship of Dreams': The Life and Death of R M S Titanic - Steve Dimmer

375 miles south of Newfoundland, 2.5 miles beneath the Atlantic Ocean lies the wreck of the most famous ship ever, R M S Titanic. We examine its journey through its conception, construction, triumphant launch and catastrophic maiden voyage, showing the many mistakes that were made and the lessons that we learned too late.

Wednesday 11 November 2020 - The Life of Bassett-Lowke of Northampton - Douglas Goddard

Illustrated by a selection of postcards, catalogues, publications and ephemera, this talk traces how W. J. Bassett-Lowke developed his hobby into a model making business with a name established throughout the world. It also shows his large-scale commissions, his life and work as an author, photographer and designer and his civic achievements for Northampton.

Wednesday 9 December 2020 - Noel, Noel, Well - Derek Harris.

The show consists of a debate between the Christmas tree decorations as to who should have the coveted spot at the top of the tree. There is some audience participation.

Wednesday 13 January 2021 - 'Any Old Iron': The History of the Butlin Family and their Furnaces in Wellingborough - Jon-Paul Carr.

An illustrated and informative talk of the history of a Northamptonshire family and involvement in the 19th century and early 20th century iron ore manufacturing industry.

Wednesday 10 February 2021 - The Home Guard - Chris Bazeley

The talk considers the national and local scene with anecdotes from former members. What led to the formation of Dad's Army and what did they actually achieve?

Wednesday 10 March 2021 - Annual General Meeting followed by The History of Country Houses since 1900 – Neil Lyon

This illustrated talk traces the changing fortunes of the principal houses and landed estates over the past century. It is not a story of decline and fall; on the contrary, it is the story of survival and the renaissance of our local country houses.

Society QR Codes

Just a reminder of two QR codes which your smart-phone should recognise and take you easily to various websites. Just point the phone camera at it.

HERITAGE SOCIETY WEBSITE



THE GREEN PLAQUE HERITAGE TRAIL

