

Notes of the 13 June 2017 Ketton History Group Meeting at Ketton Parish Office

The meeting began with a presentation by David Naylor on the Railway in Ketton. It included that setting up of the Syston to Peterborough Line, and the opening of Ketton and other stations to both Goods and passenger traffic. The Syston-Peterborough railway in common with many other Rail ventures was not welcomed by many Landowners but received much support from the trades people and farmers of Ketton, who foresaw an increase in prosperity if they could transport their goods to markets more easily.

Beet was shipped from Ketton and also Watercress, which it is believed was grown in the Sinc Stream beds. Later the output from quarries in Luffenham, Easton on the Hill and Ketton became the major goods shipments. Luffenham and Easton on the Hill Quarries have since ceased production but Ketton Quarry still ships a large amount of materials by rail. Goods were also received in Ketton, for example the coal for the Gas Works located near the Midland Hotel.

A small excerpt from a timetable was discussed and it was suggested that more information may be available on the Stamford Library microfiche, the York Rail Museum, or in the local newspaper archives. Examples of passenger rail tickets were shown. There is little information available on passenger experience at Ketton and John Collier agreed to include a request for more information in the Chatterbox Ketton Village Magazine. The intention is to produce a project folder on Ketton and the Railway

Images from Lord Northwick's Rent Roll of 1778/9 were shown and discussed, and also early photos of The Green including Miss Cavill's cottage. The origin of buildings in Ketton and why they were located as they were, and it was noted that in Aldgate there are row of cottages called Lord Northwick's cottages.

The next meeting is to take place at 7 pm on 13 July 2017 at Ketton Parish Office.