

## **Ketton History Group Meeting 12 September 2019**

A lively and enjoyable meeting where 11 members discussed a number of topics starting with a Public Health Report from 1949 for Ketton Rural District Council. Ketton Rural District Council whose offices were in Stamford, covered a number of villages including Clipsham, Essendine, Great Casterton, Ketton, Little Casterton, Pickworth, Ryhall, Tinwell and Tixover.

The district had a growing population of over 2900 with 855 dwellings. The birth rate was above the average for England and Wales, and no children under 1 year of age had died. The infection rate was low. The ambulance service was provided by St Johns Ambulance on behalf of Rutland County Council.

There were no council houses built during the year, but 4 were under construction in the village. There was a piped water supply in Ketton that was not universally available, but work was in hand to replace pumped water from boreholes.

At this time there were two slaughter houses in Ketton.

The sewage system was not yet in place and there were major concerns with the safe disposal of night soil.

Collyweston had a recent Heritage weekend that was attended by some of our members. It was very interesting but despite a geophysical survey the site or size of Margaret Beaufort's Collyweston Palace was not absolutely identified.

A discussion on roads through Ketton and how they had changed over the years produced a number of ideas about the old routes including the suggestion that the road to Collyweston from Ketton had originally followed Sinc Lane through Aldgate. There was also discussion on Toll Roads.

It was suggested that the group should look at local buildings, who built them and how they had changed.

Finally there was a discussion on village archives.

### **Meetings for 2019**

Meetings are planned for 10 Oct, 14 Nov 2019. All meetings will be in the Parish Office starting and 7pm.