

Report on the Ketton History Group Meeting on 9 October 2018

In a very interesting and informative meeting John Davis described an ancestor of his who served in the First World War in the London Rifle Brigade who was awarded the Military Medal in June 1918.

He was born in 1895 and there is a citation number for the London Gazette. The question was, "Where do I go from here." The Imperial War Museum was likely to have a record of gallantry awards, and The Gazette would likely hold records as well. As he was working in London at the time of his enlistment, would probably accounted for him having joined a London regiment rather than a Leicestershire, Northamptonshire or Lincolnshire one.

Following his war service he joined the Lincolnshire Police Force, following in his father's footsteps, rising to the rank of sergeant, In 1939 the Cliff Road police houses Stamford accommodated the family.

This was followed by a discussion on schools in Ketton. The earliest mention of schools in Ketton appears in the Northwick rent book of 1777. Rents paid were shown against names (no addresses), The rent recorded for the school houses was 9d.

In 1828 the school house immediately to the right of today's library was purchased for the sum of £240, £140 gifted by Sir Gerard Noel, the remainder by numerous subscriptions within the village. From whom it was purchased there is no public record. There are no records to show who the first master was, or the numbers of pupils attending. Further information on this subject will be researched.

The next Meeting is at 7.00 pm 12 November 2018 at the Parish Office. Please note that this is the final meeting of the year. The schedule for 2019 will be published later.