

the enclosure in 1780, viz. 65 acres to Alex. Heaton and William Bilbie, Esq. in lieu of the impropriated tithes, and 44 acres to the vicar of Whatton, in lieu of the vicarial tithes. It consists of as many manors as it has owners, and was formerly a chapelry, but its *chapel* was in ruins many years ago, and a writer in the 62d vol. of the Gentleman's Magazine, says, "part of the walls still remain ; these are visible under a modern built house of brick and tile, .and the chapel itself is now a common alehouse." The inhabitants now use Whatton church, and pay one-third of the church rate. After the Conquest, Aslacton was of the fees of Walter D'Agincourt, Ilbert de Lacy, and Gilbert de Gand, and a portion of it was long held by a family of its own name, and from them passed to the Cranmers, of whom was ARCHBISHOP CRANMER, the great church reformer and martyr, who was born herein 1499, and became in 1532, the first Protestant archbishop of Canterbury. The life of this .eminent prelate is the subject of a volume, therefore a brief notice of his last sufferings, under the persecution of Queen Mary, must here suffice. "After condemnation, he was induced to sign a recantation; but having nobly denied his error, and withdrawn that confession, he was condemned to the stake, at which he suffered on the 21st of March, 1556 To this he was brought without any official notice, though he had reason to expect it; and when tied to it was obliged to listen to all the charges and aspersions of Dr. Cole; but Cranmer boldly replied,

' I believe every word and sentence taught by our Saviour Christ, his apostles, and the prophets of the Old and New Testament; but as to the pope, I refuse him as Christ's enemy, or Antichrist, with all his false doctrines.' So great was his sorrow for his recantation, and so determined was his spirit at the last hour, that he calmly held his right hand in the flames till it dropt off, saying, 'this hand has offended;' and this he was enabled to, as his executioners had taken care to keep up a slow fire, in order that he should suffer the utmost pain of his punishment, as a proof of their regard for *Christian mercies*.— It has been stated that after his whole body had been reduced to ashes, his heart was found entire, and untouched' by the fire, which by some of the bystanders was considered as an argument in favour of his hearty love of the truth; whilst others looked upon it as a proof of the heretical obduracy of that vital part, which would not yield even to the " warm argument of a blazing Catholic fire !"

The site of the *manor house*, which was the seat of Archbishop Cranmer and many of his ancestors, is now occupied by the farm-house of Mr. Wm. Green. Near it may still be distinctly traced several moats, islands, and other remains of the pleasure grounds, and at a short distance is a raised walk which leads to Orston, and is yet called *Cranmers' walk*. At the west end, on crossing a moat, the visitor may ascend a square mount of considerable elevation, and from thence have an extensive prospect. *Here* are also two other mounts, said to have been raised by the archbishop, but they have been greatly reduced by some of the former owners of the estate. On one of them, tradition says the archbishop " was wont to sit and survey the surrounding country, and listen to the tunable hells of Whatton." In 1816 *John Marriott* left 20s. yearly out of his farm at Aslacton, to be distributed in bread at Christmas.



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Forthcoming Local History Events

Tuesday October 5th 2005—7.45pm	The Field Walks and Artefacts found The Bingham Heritage Society	The Cranmer Arms, Main Street, Aslockton
Tuesday November 7th 2005—7.45pm	Antique Locks and keys <i>Peter Hall</i>	The Cranmer Arms, Main Street, Aslockton.
Tuesday December 13th 2005—7.00pm	Belvoir Castle—Behind the Ropes A visit to Belvoir Castle	

Visitors, particularly residents of the three villages, are most welcome.

Membership is only £5 per year (the Membership year runs from July to June). Come along to any meeting and join.

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Whites Directory—1832

Gregg Redford

Trade Directories were produced by commercial publishers and were produced for a specific market. The earliest directories were published in the last quarter of the 18th Century and where sold primarily to the land and leisured gentry. Each entry has a brief historical description, followed by a contemporary description and then a list of private inhabitants (usually people of some importance locally) and local trades people.

As entries were listed alphabetically by Church of England parishes, this transcription from the 1832 edition of Whites Directory list both Whatton and Aslockton in the parish of Whatton. It is interesting to note that Aslockton is listed as ASLACTON.

WHATTON PARISH

Includes the two townships of Whatton and Aslacton, which keep their poor separately, and contain together 677 inhabitants, and about 3400 acres of land, in the vale of the Smite, where that river is augmented by the Wipling.

WHATTON village and township is on the south side of the Smite, and on the Grantham road, 3 miles E. by S. of Bingham. It was anciently called *Watone*, from its watery situation, the flood water lying; longer here than in many other places. It contains 1800 acres, and was enclosed in the year 1790, when 36A. IR. 18P. were allotted to the vicar, and 120A. 3R 5P. to the impropiator, G. S. Foljambe, Esq., in lieu of tithes. The latter sold his allotment to Thos. Hall, Esq. of Nottingham, who now owns 800 acres here, having; purchased several farms of the lord of the manor, the Earl of Chesterfield, who still holds 320 acres, and the remainder belongs to several smaller freeholders. After the Conquest, this manor was of the fee of Gilbert de Gand. It was lung held by the Whattons, Newmarches, and Gascoignes, the latter of whom sold it to the father of the first Earl of Chesterfield; but some of the lands were successively held by the Whalleys, Gelsthorps, and others. The *church*, which Adelina de Whatton gave to Welbeck ab-bey, is dedicated to St. John of Beverley, has a handsome tower and spire with five bells, and contains many ancient monuments of the Whatton, Newmarch, Cranmer, and other families. The whole was repaired and new pewed in 1807, at the cost of £1700, except the chancel, which is in a *very* decayed state, and the duty of repairing which belongs to the owner of the impropriate lands. The *vicarage* is valued in the King's books at £5. 6s. 8d., and has now 92 acres of glebe, including its allotments at the enclosure of Whatton and Aslacton. G. S. Foljambe, Esq. is the patron, and the Rev. H. N. Bousfield, B. A. is the incumbent. A Methodist chapel was built here in 1825. The charities consist of the *Poor's close*, (one acre,) the tenant of which distributes three tons of coals yearly; and £12 left by John Clayter, in 1738, and now in the bank at 2/12 per cent.

ASLACTON is a pleasant village and township on the N. side of the Smite, one mile N. by W. of W nation, and 2| miles E. of Bingham. It contains 289 inhabitants, and 1600 acres of land, most of which is occupied by the owners, except the Abbey farm, (200 acres,) which belongs to King's-Cliffe school, in Northamptonshire, and the following allotments made at

Summerfield's Holding

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In the Sales Particulars for the sale of Whatton Manor in 1919, lot 35 was described as *Summerfield's Holding* with Mr. W. Summerfield as the tenant at a rent of £8.10s a year.

The lot consisted of a Stone and Brick built cottage, with tiled roof, together with out buildings, garden, small orchard and a close of pasture land. The whole holding amounted to 1.745 acres.

The photograph below was taken in 1893 and shows Ellen Summerfield and her eldest daughter Joy.



The second photograph was taken in 2005, the building is that shown on the left of the original photograph and is all that remains (except, perhaps for the pump) of the cottage and outbuildings.



The cottage was located behind Gables Farm (Church Street) on the footpath that links Church Street to Grantham Road.

The cottage was described as containing a Living Room, Parlour, Dairy, Cellar, small Saleshop and four bedrooms.

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The Cranmer Local History Group as part of its' constitution is committed to promoting the history of Aslockton, Scarrington and Whatton-in-the-Vale in particular and local history in general.

As part of that commitment the group organises a series of talks throughout the year and this quarterly digest is intended to compliment that programme.

All information welcome

We are always interested in photographs, anecdotes and documents relating to the villages. We have already archived in excess of 100 photographs and have extracted references to the villages from documents dating back to the 11th Century.

We are able to scan material very quickly so any documents or photographs you may loan to us will be returned very quickly, unharmed.

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Local History Digest

This is the third edition of the Local History Digest containing original articles by members of the Cranmer Local History Group and transcripts of relevant material.

Each edition will contain a number of short articles dealing with the history of the three villages (*Aslockton, Scarrington and Whatton*).

Whatton and Aslockton Cricket Club

Richard Lambourne

The cricket club has been traced back in our records and the archives of Nottingham library and the earliest record that can be found is that the club, then known as Whatton Cricket Club played a match in 1815 against a side from Car Colston and Screveton.

Our records show that in 1870 Captain Edward Hall of Whatton Manor was the President of the Club, a position held by a member of the Hall family until 1919.

Prior to 1898 the club played on a ground behind the 'Griffins Head' at Whatton. Apparently during the season of 1897, a visiting team (Notts. Police) took rather a lot of persuading to vacate the Griffin Head after a lunchtime break, much to the annoyance of Captain Hall. He called an extra ordinary general meeting because he felt that the club needed a fresh start after such goings on following a disastrous season. At this meeting he informed the committee that he had arranged the transfer to our present home on Dark Lane, arrangements were made with the ex-grounds-man from Trent Bridge to supervise the laying of a new playing square for the 1898 season.

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Whatton and Aslockton Cricket Club—1954

Back row (left to right): Malcolm Kirk (Scorer), Bill Payling, Bill Lambert, Les Pritchett, Ted Fox (Captain), Frank Pritchett, Len Payling, Don Codling.

Front row: Jack Kettle (Umpire), John Avey, John Piper, Lyn Worley, Arthur Pritchett.

Census Database

The Census database has been updated to include a transcript of the 1861 Census returns for Whatton.

The database is available on-line (www.cranmerlhg.org.uk) or on CD now includes

1861—Whatton

1881— Aslockton, Scarrington and Whatton

1901— Aslockton

Images of Aslockton



Aslockton Railway Station circa 1920