

CONCLUSION

The writing of this story is itself a subject worthy of a book.

It has generated a community spirit of cooperation; of energy; and of opening of doors.

It was evident from the three History Days held in the village hall in the late 1980's and early 1990's that there was a tremendous interest in the history of our village. Not just from families with many generations here; or even the first generation born here, but also from the 'blow-ins' - those of us who have more recently 'discovered' Weare Giffard.

We discovered that Weare Giffard Man 'napped' his flints near Weare Giffard Cross and Gammerton; that he defended his home and cattle near Little Weare Barton, the site we now refer to as a 'cropmark'; and that he was still here in Saxon times. For over the next 1000 years of growth, he continued lovingly to look after our village down through the joys and troubles of the 1000 years from the Normans to ourselves.

It has been a humbling experience with these our forebears coming to life as we researched and uncovered their lives and their achievements. It firmly makes us realize we are indeed but stewards and guardians of this village and this land.

As a team, we have thoroughly enjoyed writing their story, and in a way we have written our own, for in the blood, sweat and tears of our labours we have confirmed that this is a wonderful place to live. This is the story of our village, and we wrote it.



“FOR THE ARCHIVES”

CORRECTIONS, ADJUSTMENTS AND NEW MATERIAL

Please use this page to record additions, adjustments and corrections.

In addition to writing this book, other information has been gathered, and along with all the notes of our research, this additional material, plus any new information, will be stored for safe keeping and public access.

Any adjustments/corrections will be published in the Crosslet, but in the first instance, please send any such information, or new material, to The Editor:

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Back to the Future: Albie Nickels, who already has a big collection of contemporary photographs, has indicated his interest in continuing limited historical research, particularly recording events of the present, and especially via photography. He would welcome anyone else interested in preserving and recording any aspect of past or present village life to join him. **Tel. 01237 477142.**

ADDITIONAL NOTES/ADJUSTMENTS ETC.: