

# The Whittlesford Society

Whittlesford - Past, Present & Future

## PLEASE TELL US...

One good thing about the lockdown is that so many people have been walking round the village in those 'exercise' slots and will, we hope - whether newcomers or old hands, continue to take time to notice things in and about the village they may have missed before!

Whit Soc can draw on an archive packed with fascinating detail about the history of this village and the people and life here over the centuries.

So, if you wonder whoever William Westley or Lettice Martin were, or why the 'village green' is called 'The Lawn' and how places got their name, or what various buildings are or were, **we'd love to hear from you** and perhaps point you to answers and encourage you to join us in our various activities when life is 'normal' again,

An immediate priority is examining **SIGNAGE** in the village – whether a map; or direction markers on public footpaths or recommended walk routes; or labels/information boards at key sites – backed up by data and more on-line. - **YOUR COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS & INVOLVEMENT are needed!**

How many people, for example, had wondered about an old door set in the wall in High Street near Scotts Gardens– until our 'Poppy Pilgrimage' in 2018 highlighted this last trace of the impressive Working Men's Institute built in 1865 by Robert Maynard I & used as a VAD Hospital 1914-18? Please tell us about any quirky corners you've come across or village walk routes you've enjoyed or that you'd be interested in – for social or ancient history interest or wildlife importance. We'd hoped by October we may be able to celebrate our 45th birthday in some largely open air or otherwise socially distanced but sociable get together – possibly also involving 2 most aligned ex-spin-off groups - Whittlesford Archaeology Group and The Tree Group - to share and show off what they've been doing too since pre-Covid times and help develop new plans. **Interested?** Email [infowhitsoc@gmail.com](mailto:infowhitsoc@gmail.com) ☎ 833386

