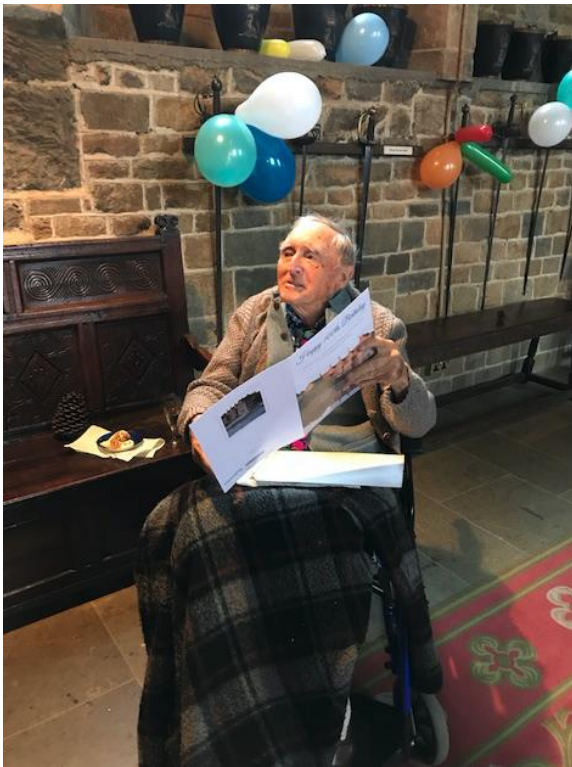




# The Broughton Social Group Newsletter

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A message from Martin Fiennes saying thank you so much for our Birthday Card to his father and it was hugely appreciated. Lord Saye loved the card and was very moved.

Keith Wheatley suggested the idea and Eunice and her neice, Katie, designed the card. Sue arranged for everyone to sign it.

This month's newsletter shares personal memories of Lord Saye and his family.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this special edition.



## Steam Trains

A few days after we moved into Broughton, our new neighbour, John Taylor, took us to see his farm at Fulling Mill. There we met Lord Saye who was trying to rescue a lamb that had fallen into the stream. John introduced us and Lord Saye knew all about me, my name, address and where I worked. I was astounded.

One day later when we were chatting, I mentioned in passing that I was interested in steam trains and found that Lord Saye was too. We were both interested in the Great Western Railway classes of locomotives and both very knowledgeable.

**Keith Wheatley (Danvers Close)**

## One Man and his Dog

I used to take our Golden Retriever Oscar for a walk in the park most days. I would meet Lord Saye and he would say "do you live in the village" every time.

**Clive Leech (Danvers Close)**



### The Tea Room

I used to run the Tea Rooms at the castle.

Lord Saye would come in and say to me, "what are we giving them today Margaret?"

And "do you think there will be any left for my lunch?"

**Margaret Howarth (Danvers Close)**

### My house is 100 years old too!

I have lived in the same house in Broughton all my life. I was born in this house and then took it over from my parents. The house was built in 1920 making it the same age as Lord Saye.

My mum Lillian Drinkwater was in service at the Castle in 1927 at the age of 16. She used to get up at 5.00am to take hot water up to the then Lady Saye for her wash. Lillian would light the fires and black lead the grate.

When the family went away, they had to clean the whole house and would put the mattresses on the roof to air. Lillian made a tape of her experiences and Lady Saye might still have it.

Some time ago I met Lord Saye in the grounds and we were looking at the stone on the castle. Somehow, we got onto the subject of dying. I said, "you will be remembered as the 7th Baron Saye and Sele but I will be lost in the mists of time". Lord Saye smiled and replied, "I suppose you are right Gordon.

I and my wife Pat remember that Lord and Lady Saye have always been interested in the village. There would be Christmas parties for the children and when William was 10 months old the Health Visitor would go to the castle. All the other babies in the village would go to be weighed too and then the mothers would have afternoon tea on the back lawn. They have always shown an interest in the Nichols family as the longest standing residents.

**Gordon Nichols (Wykham Lane)**

### Christmas Carol Singing

At Christmas time the church choir used to go round the village singing Carols from door to door. They would finish in the Great Hall and Lord and Lady Saye would request their favourite Carols to be sung. Then the wine and mince pies would appear.

Frank remembers that the Parish Council used to meet in the Great Hall too.

Doreen remembers meeting Lord Saye in the Park and they would always talk about the wildlife and trees about which he is very knowledgeable.

**Frank and Doreen Knight (Wykham Lane)**

### Building Work at the Castle

I did lots of carpentry and building work at the Castle over the years. Their son Richard used to like helping me. I remember that he had a carpet in his bedroom with his name on it. Lord Saye always had a good sense of humour.

**Fred Ward (Wykham Lane)**

## Scrumping Apples

When I was 12 or 13 my friend Clint Walther and I would go scrumping in the orchard. This is now the piece of scrub land alongside the path from the church to the Main Road.

One time, Lord Saye ran over a tree that had fallen over the brook. He said, "I know who you are" and we ran away. Our parents made us go back and apologise.

**Steve England (Danvers Close, previously Wykham Lane)**

## Tree Planting 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Edward remembers planting a tree in the churchyard with Lord Saye.

This was to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armistice and he was chosen as he was the youngest member of the congregation and Lord Saye was the oldest.

Our family still go and visit the tree to see how it is doing as it was only a twig when it was planted.

**Katherine Mills (Wykham Lane)**



### Planting the "Twig"

When the tree was planted, Rev. Ronald thought it was such a small "twig" that it needed "much prayer" to help it grow.

Two years later the Rowan tree has survived and seems to be growing well.

Thanks to Chris Hopkins for taking care of it.



## The Family Man

It was the day of Martin's wedding and my Playgroup Staff and I were caring for the children of guests. We were looking after them in the tea rooms.

Lord Saye came over to see how we were getting on, just as Lady Saye came out of the Castle to go to church. I said, "Oh Lord Saye how lovely Lady Saye looks". With great pride in his eyes he replied, "yes she looks magnificent". He walked away 10 feet tall.

Some years later, in church for a communion service, the choir of which I was a member, was processing out of the vestry. I looked up and saw Lord Saye with a big grin on his face. Bouncing up and down on his lap was William's small son, who was delighted to be with his grandfather. "Happy Days"

**Miriam Parsley (Wykham Lane)**

## Milton Village

When I was 5 or 6, we lived opposite the Fiennes family in Milton. This was before Lord Saye inherited his title and moved to Broughton Castle. I remember that he was Church Warden of St John's Milton and was on the Parish Council. We used to play hide and seek with Richard, Martin and Susannah in the large back garden and we would play in the old Anderson Shelter.

At Christmas we would go Carol Singing. There would be Mrs Hargreaves from the Manor House with her sister, the Hall family, Brenda Green my sister Linda and myself. We would "borrow" the hymn books from the church, but always put them back! Nat would invite us back to the kitchen for mince pies afterwards.

**Micky Quartermain (local at the Saye and Sele pub)**

## New Residents in the Village

When we moved to Broughton, we visited the Castle as my mother had been a steward at the Castle many years ago. She told tales of how she had to make sure that ladies with stiletto heels didn't walk on the lead roof and that people didn't hurt themselves with the heavy cannon balls in the room "with no ears".

My father John Young, who was the Manager of Oxfordshire Ironstone Company knew Lord Saye (they may have played golf together). When the company closed down, he gave the castle a table from his office.

Lady Saye was being a steward during our visit so we went to say hello. She said that the table had ended up in the attic.

**Eoin Young (Wykham Lane)**



## Cricket

I remember that Nat used to play cricket at the Broughton and North Newington Sports and Social Club, before he was Lord Saye.

The girls didn't talk to him, but the boys did.

**Iris Davis (Wykham Lane)**



## CAMHS Day Out

I used to work for the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services and Lord and Lady Saye allowed them to have an Away Day with workshops in the castle grounds at no charge.

I had a cup of tea at the castle to arrange the event and they were very kind to me.

**Jean Newman (Danvers Road)**



Hello Residents of Broughton, our Annual Trick or Treating for the children of the village is still planned to go ahead for this year. We would love to have this for the children to look forward to. If you are happy for visitors again this year, we would appreciate the normal decorations or displays of pumpkins/lights outside the houses of those wishing to participate. With regards to the sweets/treats themselves, we simply ask that they be individual bags or individually wrapped. We also appreciate that you might not want to hand them out to the children directly, so if you want to have a pot or something similar that they can help themselves to, after knocking to say hello, that would be great!

We will all ensure we adhere to social distancing and adults will remain at the end of the drive ways etc. but we really hope you are happy to participate in the way you have in previous years, the children all loved the efforts from last year! Meeting place is the cul de sac at the end of Danvers Close at 5.30 p.m. for those wishing to join the walk around in groups of 6. Fancy dress encouraged.

If anyone has any concerns, questions or ideas please get in touch with me directly and we can plan anything for our route. My number is 07496022916, kind regards Kelly Leech

### 100 Club Draw

1 <sup>st</sup>	£60	Jill Hazelwood	No. 14
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£40	Lord Saye & Sele	No. 100

A lovely surprise for Lord Saye on his birthday. The first time he has ever won a prize in the 100 Club.



Many thanks to Clive, Katherine, Kay, Saxby, Simon and Wayne for helping to sweep the Main Road path. It looks great.

Also, big thanks to Haden and Roger for strimming along the Main Road.