

Hello Heritage...

The Old Rectory

Local History Café Extended group is based at the Sir John Moore Foundation www.sirjohnmoore.org.uk



Aubrey Moore's memoir of village life was published in 1982. His father, Charles, was rector from 1877 to 1922. He was appointed by his brother, Squire George of Appleby Hall (now demolished), whose estate included 'the gift of the Rectorial Living of Appleby'.

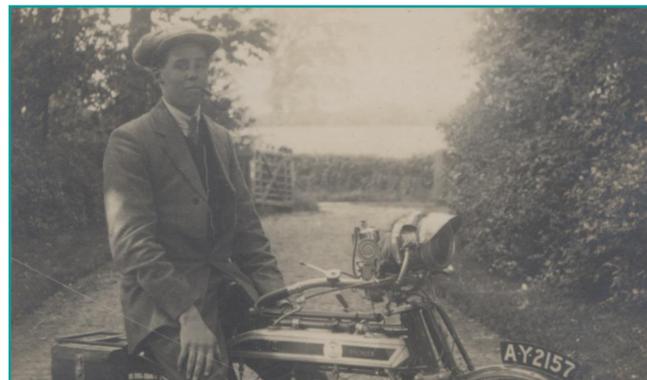
The Rector played a significant role in local life. He and his wife visited the poor and sick, hot soup was dispensed weekly to the elderly, and they hosted events including the Choir Supper to recognise those contributing to church life. The rector was also a keen participant in fox hunting which continued here (see inset picture).



Built in 1807, the Rectory originally had 50 acres of farmland which provided produce for the household.

A grand house required many staff. This photograph shows a groom, gardener, stockman, cook, housemaid, governess and housemaid. Aubrey also remembered a butler and other 'outdoor' staff for farm work.

Without domestic appliances, or services such as electricity, the work was hard. All heating and cooking required coal to be brought in, and cooling required ice collected twice a week from Measham Station. Bread and butter were made twice a week – and visitors knew on which days to call!



Aubrey was the last of the Moore family to live in Appleby. He and his father were enthusiastic adopters of new technologies, including motorbikes and early cars. These were often unreliable, not helped by unmade roads.

Squire George and Rector Charles were descendants of Sir John Moore's elder brother. Much earlier generations, Sir John Moore's nephews, supervised the building of the school.

The early 20th C also saw social change for the family. Aubrey briefly attended the village school. He said "It taught me about other boys and their upbringing and cured me of being the spoilt brat I was."

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