

in 1832. A Sunday School was started in 1807 to teach the three R's, with 59 pupils in the first year. It is now host to the Yelvertoff Ladies Choir and History Group Archives.

Yelvertoff continues a long history of Congregational worship going back as far as 1662. The present Church was built in 1792 and a new frontage built on

### The Congregational Church

community. In recent years an environmental area has been developed to supplement the already extensive cultural activities.

The much-acclaimed Primary School is housed in an original Victorian building and has been expanded with the growing

### Primary School

addition of a second south aisle, making three arcades in all, with the magnificent south doorway of the earlier aisle rebuilt onto the outside of the third.

Other outstanding features include a fine monument to a 14th c. Rector.

Crick is an ancient village,

lying close to the gap

carrying north south

with Crick being the

northern end of the

Yelvertoft

in the wilds of

Northamptonshire.

the absence of major

through-roads and the

friendliness from a close

motorway for a while.

communication routes;

from the Roman Watling

Street to the modern M1,

Between times the railway

and canal also shared the

same route, adding to the

Yelvertoft is a quiet and

friendly little village situated

The quietness results from

Crick

There has probably been a church on this site since Saxon times and a priest was certainly mentioned in the Domesday Book. No visible traces of that age remain but some existing parts are likely to date from about 1100 AD.

### Yelvertoft Wil Saints Church W

prosperity of the village

which in 1880 housed 45

weavers, 37 farmers and

settlements dating back to

distribution warehouses to

the west of the village have

91 tradesman. With

the Iron Age, today's

replaced more ancient

trading centres.

www.crick.org.uk

was probably Ceolfrith,

possibly evolving later to

Gelver. The name-ending,

'toft' denotes, in Danish, a

small settlement. Yelvertoft is basically a linear village

arranged along the High

Street. This is approximately three

the Trent and Mersey
Canal. To the south of
Crick is a notable tunnel
1528 yd (1397 m) in
length. At Crack's Hill, in
order to avoid the use of
locks or a further tunnel,
the canal takes a long wide
sweep to the west of the

Formed by amalgamations of once-independent canals, the 'Leicester Line' of the Grand Union Canal runs north from Morton junction for about 35 miles (56 km) until it reaches Eccester, where it joins the River Soar to provide a link to the River Soar to provide a link to the River Soar to provide a link

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splendid views over the surrounding countryside. The wood is managed by the Crick Millennium Wood

Crick Millennium Wood is planted on a large, previously farmed field. Benches have been provided in the woodland for people to enjoy the

#### Crick Millennium Wood

Meolithic period have been found on the hill. It has also been rumoured that the Romans used the hill as a sentry point. The hill is now managed by Daventry Countryside Services.

Crack's Hill was created during the last ice age when melt water deposited material underneath the ice. Once the ice sheet retreated it left this pile of silt and rock behind.

Worked flints from the

### Crick to Yelvertoft Crack's Hill

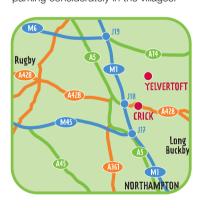


## Both Crick and Yelvertoft lie just inside the north west boundary of Northamptonshire where it adjoins Warwickshire along the Watling Street.

The line of this ancient road defined the border between the kingdoms of Danelaw and Wessex during the formative years of the villages. Since then, Crick, lying closer to the natural north south communication routes, has expanded at the centre of a major trading network. In contrast, Yelvertoft, enjoying a quieter progress, has independently preserved its rural character.

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Drayson who in 1806 bequested money for the education of the poor village children; Marsons Drive near the home of TE Marson, a Victorian landowner, farmer and artist; and Lauds Road strist; and Lauds Road remembering Archbishop

As you walk through the village you will see varied architecture, with old field and family names breserved in the house and street names. Rectory Close which marks the location of the old rectory; Drayson Lane which commemorates Richard

### some and Street Names

school was demolished in 1847 and a new one erected, this is now the Crick Ex-Servicemen's Club. A new state primary school was opened in 1915.

The outside of the Old School remains remarkably like the original girls school built in 1846. But the inside is quite different, now being a community hall and housing the Crick IT Centre. The original boys'

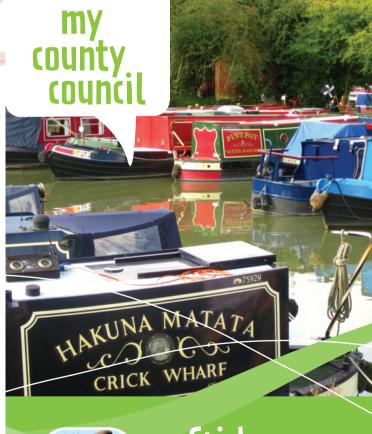
### The Old School

church contains and still uses the organ built for the Chapter Royal at St James' palace in 1842.
The most famous rector was William Laud who became Archbishop of Canterbury and was executed during the Civil

A church may well have existed before the stone building of 1077, the presence of a priest being recorded in the Domesday Book. The Church was extended in a westerly direction and the roof raised in stages from the 12th to 15th century. The

### Church of St Margaret of Antioch

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# Crick & Yelvertoft Countryside Walks









