

Ashmansworth 1928

As told to us by our father-in-law Wilfred Cooper.

The snow was as high as the horses' heads and had filled in the lanes. With horses and wagons, and his farm hands, they took on the formidable task of digging their way with shovels down Stoney Lane, through Doiley Bottom and into Stoke, to the village stores. For the journey, the horses had to have sacks tied over their hooves, so they could grip on the slippery roads and hills. They collected provisions for the two villages, and took them to the Plough, where they were left for the Ashmansworth residents.

The next day they dug their way along Cross Lane, to the Three Legged Cross where the Landlord Mr Greenaway welcomed them with hot food and a glass of ale. They then left the rest of the provisions for the residents of Crux Easton to collect.

This Teapot was given as a thank you to Wilfred for saving the day. As you can see the Teapot was treasured by his wife Bessie, who polished it so well the silver is now barely seen. The Farm Hands were also rewarded.

The teapot was handed over to the village of Ashmansworth by Margaret, Iris and Mary Cooper in 2021

