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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Who was William Harding?

Some of you may know about our name 'William Harding' and where it came from and the man who we are named after. However, we thought that the following history about our school would be of interest to you.

In the recent Aylesbury Town magazine, there was an article about who William Harding was.

William Harding owned farmland, a house and an Inn as a yeoman farmer. Yeoman is an official who provided honorable services in a royal or high noble household and was the ranking between a squire and a page.

When he died in 1719, he left his estate to provide 40 Shillings a year (equivalent to approximately £232.00 in today's money) for poor men and women of Walton. Money from his estate was also used to provide select children from poor families in Aylesbury and Walton, apprenticeships and clothes.

Over the years, the land he owned has been developed and therefore the endowment has grown, enabling the Charity to continue supporting young people in education.

In the 18th Century, young people were able to do apprenticeships as coopers (makes wooden casks, barrels, vats, buckets, tubs, troughs and other similar containers), carpenters, milliners, blacksmiths and dressmakers.

Today, the Charity supports funding for school trips and school uniforms. Grants are provided for young people at universities or higher education establishments as well as benefitting schools and education establishments with sports clubs, art societies and organisations working for residents of Aylesbury.

If you wish to know more about the William Harding Trust we have created a page on our website for your ease <https://www.williamhardingschool.co.uk/william-harding-trust-grant>

Kind regards,

Miss Cotchin
Head teacher

Our School Values are: Inclusion, Perseverance, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility and Collaboration.



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