



## Quorn Local History Group – Newsletter

### 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**Meetings** – As part of the groups input to the villages D-Day commemorations we welcome local aviation historian Patrick Geary to the Church Room on Thursday 27th June. Patrick will cover the important role played by the Allied Air Forces in support of the Normandy Landings. If you have been to one of Patricks talks before you will know that we are in for an informative and entertaining evening - all are welcome. Pay on the door: Members £2 under 18's £1.00 - Guests £4.00. Refreshments included. See you there!

**Library Display** - A reminder that the other QLHG contribution, the “80th Anniversary of D-Day - Quorn in WW2” is available to view in the library display cabinet - pop in and take a look.

**The Village Museum** – Do take a look at 'What's New' on Quorn Village Online Museum - [www.quornmuseum.com/new.php](http://www.quornmuseum.com/new.php), where another varied mixture of items has been added over the last month. Including a Quorn Scouts Royal Artillery Bugle, Original Plans and Sections for Swithland Reservoir from 1889/90, A drawing of Buddon Brook/Quorn Memorial Gardens from the late 1980s and a newspaper article about the Quorn House Civil Defence Convalescent Home in World War Two.

**Quorn's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day** – The variety of events really hit the mark with much appreciation expressed for the hard work and efforts of the village groups involved in making it happen. Often forgotten though is that history belongs to everyone, and this was demonstrated by the amount of research and effort that was put in by the people with the attention to detail which really brought our history to life. Whether looking at traditional flower displays or into the 1940's William IV pub, Arthur and Mabel's living room, visiting a cake and jam stall or sampling the food treat of the times 'Spam Fritters and Chips'. All these things sparked the memories and inspired. The St Bartholomew's Commemorative Church Service address and displays really brought home the life at the time linking the Normandy Invasion with the actual people of Quorn. Did you spot the rug on the floor of Lonsdale Mews Arthur and Mabel's Living Room? This was made in Quorn by a local resident during the war and typical of the time or the NQSC William IV bar beer tap handles with their F.A.Stenson 'Home Brewed Ale' labels? The WI Victory Sponge and other items made from wartime recipes as was the John Dory Spam Fritters and Chips. All helped us to commemorate the times past in respectful way.



Lonsdale Mew's Arthur and Mabel's Living Room



NQSC's William IV pub



The WI cake and jam stall



John Dory's Spam Fritters + Chips/St Barts Flowers



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