



Quorn Local History Group – Newsletter 15th July 2024

Meetings – Our last talk on Thursday 27th June, was part of the groups input to the villages D-Day commemorations when local aviation historian Patrick Geary was welcomed to the Church Room. Glenn Miller and Vera Lynn music, D-Day flags, a peace lamp and display boards all added to the atmosphere in the room. Patrick told us of the important role played by the Allied Air Forces in support of the Normandy Landings 80 years ago. The evening was both informative and entertaining.



Thursday 25th July. Artist Alfred Thomas Warbis is the subject of our next talk when we welcome his daughter Dr Elizabeth Pearce to the Church Room on Thursday 25th July at 7pm. Over 1,200 of Alfred's scenes of the Leicestershire area including Quorn were published in the Loughborough Echo, Melton and Coalville Times between 1950 and 1974 under the title "From an Artist's Sketchbook. It is fitting that our latest Facebook profile is a sketch of Quorn Cross by Alfred. He worked in advertising, but in addition produced a series of pen and ink drawings of buildings and scenes in the areas where he lived.

Thursday 29th August. A date for the diary as Group member John Adsley will talk about the English Civil war of the 1640s. This was the bloodiest war ever fought by the British. It was waged across all the nations of Britain. It was a war of ideas and families were torn apart through their passionate beliefs on; the place and operation of religion, how and by whom Britain should be governed, the place of Kingship and by the role the ordinary citizen should play in shaping modern Britain. Much of the war was fought in the English Midlands and Leicestershire. Charnwood figured prominently in its prosecution.

All talks take place at the Church Room at 7pm and are pay on the door - Members £2 under 16's £1 Visitors £4. Refreshments are included. See you there!

Trips – National Memorial Arboretum - On Tuesday 11th June several members joined with QUOFS to visit the National Memorial Arboretum. It was a well organised visit, with coach travel provided by Paul S. Winson. As well as the coach, the price included an arrival introduction and refreshments, a mini train tour of the site and entry to the exhibits. There was free time to visit the site as well. Many thanks to the organisers and for inviting QLHG members.



Melton Mowbray History Trail - Saturday 6th July and we were on the Melton Mowbray History Trail (suffering four seasons weather in one day!) which took us on a journey around the town centre looking at the town's rich and fascinating history going back 100's of years. Melton Mowbray is of course, known as the Rural Capital of Food and famous for Pork Pies and Stilton Cheese but we found out that there was far more to the town's history than just food. An enjoyable, informative and interesting visit, with thanks to our guide Brian, who will be visiting us in November to present a talk on Leicestershire War Memorials.



HELP – 1. The library. We need your help. Next year the county library service will be 100 years old. We hope in conjunction with the Quorn Community Library to mount a commemoration. From old information, we know Quorn had a library and public reading room long before the Public Libraries Act. The library appears to have moved homes (including being in a Bowling Alley!) several times before in 1963, it could be found in the canteen of Wright's Mill! Later it was situated in the Rawlins complex. So, if you know any of the history, have tales, photos, newspaper cuttings, etc. we'd love to hear from you. Everything no matter how insignificant it may appear to be, is worth recording and can be copied and returned. If you can help, please email: quornlhg@gmail.com

HELP 2. W.I. Churchyard Survey 1981 - We would like to know who embroidered the cover of the Quorn W.I. Churchyard Survey 1981 - if you can help us, please email quornlhg@gmail.com



The Women's Institutes Churchyard Recording Project commenced in Quorn in 1980, members of Women's Institutes were made aware of the need to preserve the inscriptions and epitaphs in village churchyards. They decided to record as many of these as possible in a standard form before they were further eroded. Quorn WI took part and did an incredible job. The St Bartholomew's closed churchyard and the Baptist Church were surveyed. The results for St Bartholomew's are published in this bound book.

Help - 3. Quorn Remembrance Sunday War Memorial Service - As you probably know from last years' service there were no road closures, this resulted in an unsafe situation as participants, rather than entering the memorial garden elected to stand in the road. The organisers of the event are the Royal British Legion however, under the most recent requirements there are strict protocols to follow and Quorn Parish Council, who's support for any road closures is required have issued the following call for volunteers. "In order to apply to close the road for Remembrance Day at the War Memorial, we need a number of volunteers to man each closure site (three sites)

for the duration of the service. At the moment, we do not have the number of volunteers required so cannot move the application forward. If this is something you feel you could help with, please email parishmanager@quorndon.org Thank you.”

Service of Commemoration - A Service of Commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of the sinking of HMS Quorn is to be held at St Bartholomew’s United Church, Quorn on Sunday August 4th 2024, at 10.30am. All are welcome.

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, where a varied mixture of items has is added each month.

Social media – remember to keep up to date and ‘like’ the groups Facebook page, Instagram, X (Twitter), YouTube and Website.



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