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Dear Member

If it is not too late and I have not already done so, may I wish for you a Very Happy New Year. I hope that 2020 is a good year for us all, full of peace and happiness.

In the December Newsletter I asked you for your Favourite Views and Vistas and I make no apology for returning to it here. I think that it vital that we do our best to protect the views we can all enjoy together with the countryside for generations to come. I have received two images via our Facebook Page and share them here.



They were taken and shared by Jennie Lockley whilst walking in the Country Park. You can share your favourite photographs in four ways

- 1) Go to <http://marketbosworthsociety.com/favourite-views-vistas/register> and upload your photographs directly. Let me know if the upload fails as it is a new plug-in.
- 2) You can email me your photographs info@marketbosworthsociety.com and I will upload them for you.
- 3) You can drop any photographs off to me at 29 Warwick Lane or any other committee member (please remember to include a return address)
- 4) You can add them to the Facebook Page, and I will transfer them to the webpage (let me know if you do not want this). The Market Bosworth Society would never use an image inappropriately but will, for example, share them with the Neighbourhood Forum for use in the next Neighbourhood Plan.

I really look forward to seeing the photographs of your favourite views from in and around Market Bosworth. If you are not sure if a photo qualifies, do not worry. You can do no harm and I shall enjoy seeing them. Do please give this your support as there is pressure being placed everywhere for increased land to be put to other uses. Whilst I understand the reasons and agree with sustainable housing, I do also vehemently believe that

we must protect our most precious assets, the beautiful views, and vistas around Market Bosworth is surely one of our most precious assets?

So, come on, get looking for those pics and share them.

Meeting Report

Regrettably, Richard Knox, our speaker was unable to attend on the evening, at the last minute. Happily, he is fit and well, but it did cause me some worry. Luckily, we had a local hero in our midst. Unbeknown to any of us we had a descendant of a family who fought in the Battle of Bosworth on the side of Richard III and he was happy to talk for 20 minutes whilst I worked out what to do next.



Bill Huddlestone, for that is his name, is related to Sir John Huddlestone (coat of arms shown here) who was a Knight Baronet. Bill's attention to his ancestry was started by his wife reading a book entitled *The King Makers Daughter* by Phillipa Gregory who mentions Sir Richard Huddlestone. This started Bill on a family history search with interesting discoveries.



At the Battle were Sir John and his four sons Richard, John, Henry, and William. After the battle in which Richard a friend of Richard III was slain, the father and sons escaped to Millom Castle where they were summoned to appear before Henry VII. They did so and quite wisely as Henry VII was magnanimous in victory and as they bent their knee to him, he spared and pardoned them. I expect there were strings attached. I have only given a brief outline as Bill has agreed to come back with his notes, this time and give us a full account.

After Bill we watched the first of the two Bosworth links Dig DVDs which was enjoyed by all. I was able to tell the audience about the feature we found in the Parish Field and some other bits of information that emerged from the dig. I expected that a missing speaker would happen at some point and it happened to be this month, but, importantly, no one came to any harm, except those who had to put up with my jokes. Thank you Bill and we will be making a charitable donation as you requested. See you again before too long!

A Royal Visit!



Seldom has such an important event happened in Market Bosworth. We of course saw the cortege of Richard III as his mortal remains were taken from the Battlefield to his final resting place in Leicester Cathedral but this time the King will be very much alive.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I can confirm that on the **11th June 2020** we will be visited by non other than Henry VIII son of the victor of Bosworth field. By the kindness of Bosworth Hall Hotel, we have been afforded a room for the evening and we shall enjoy an audience with the King.

The King is our most colourful monarch. Now in the later years of his life, the 'King' recounts his life, telling of his wives, children, and the events of his long reign, in a most forceful fashion. He is ill and is pained by his badly infected leg and, although recently married to his sixth wife, he appears an angry and vengeful man!

We are indeed fortunate to have been granted an audience' with the 'King', during which we, the public will be invited to question and 'petition' their Monarch.

This will be an all ticket event to manage the numbers present but the great news is that MBS members will be given free tickets! If you have a single membership you will receive one ticket and joint members two tickets. Tickets will be on sale if you want to bring a guest. The price will be just £5.00, a real bargain. I will detail how to obtain tickets in a future newsletter but for now please ensure that your diary and calendar is suitably annotated.

This is just one of the treats organised for you by your committee for the forthcoming year, but more of that later!

The Market Bosworth Red Cross Shop by Glynis Oakley and Ingrid Davison

In 1870 The British National Society for aid to the sick and wounded in war was founded.

In 1905 the Society was re constituted as the British Red Cross Society.

This year, therefore, the Red Cross celebrates 150 years. In 1976 the Red Cross Group, Market Bosworth, acquired premises at 29A Station Road which was one of the 'Wembley' houses next to the garage.



Aspect, November 1976, tells us that: "The Centre will eventually consist of the medical aid equipment store, rest room in which tea and biscuits may be obtained, a meeting place for Red Cross activities. Etc., and the sale of any type of gifts given to us. We are also willing to sell goods for anyone on a 25% commission. We are doing this to help meet overhead expenses.

We anticipate opening from 10 am to 12 noon and 2.30pm to 4.30pm, or as the need arises.

Offers of help from anyone will be welcomed, but it must be understood that the whole project is being run on a purely voluntary basis".

In January 1986, the Red Cross shop moved to much smaller premises on Main Street behind the coffee shop. Access was down the alleyway between the chemist and the coffee chop (now Thyme).

We know that Cissy Glyde (formerly landlady of King William) volunteered there.

We would love to hear from anyone else who was a volunteer or has any memories of visiting the shop. Has anyone still got or still using any of the purchases they made? Please share your memories with us.

Thank you, Glynis, and Ingrid, I hope we do hear about lots of memories.

BOSWORTH LINKS



Latest News

We are arranging the feedback session from the July 2019 dig on the 1st March 2020. It will be sometime on that Sunday afternoon, more details to follow in the February Newsletter but I thought it best to give you advance warning to note your diary.

We have had our first meeting to complete a full funding application from the Heritage Lottery and a lot of work is still to be done. We are still on the lookout for a Secretary and a Social Media expert so if you are or should know someone please get in touch. Planning a major event like this over three years will be quite a challenge and we need to fill these two specialist posts. There are only six of us on the sub-committee and we all have other responsibilities so please do help if you can.

We are also looking to engage with a wide variety of people to take part, learn about archaeology, learn about history in a very hands on way and enjoy doing so. We would like to ensure that we can reach out to all ages. If you are a member of any groups or again know anyone who is, please pass on their details to me (contact information is at the end of this Newsletter) or ask them to get in touch. We want to ensure that everyone that wants to or would benefit from some time travelling can take part. You only must look at the photographs from 2017, 2018 and 2019 and the two excellent videos to see how interesting and fun it was.

I have recently revamped the Bosworth Links webpage, so it is well worth looking as the Design Brief for the 2020/2023 digs is now on there. Please have a look and if you are not already registered as a volunteer follow the link to the volunteer form and fill it in.

Digitalisation of the Archive

One piece of good news followed hot on the heels of another. At long last the project is ready to move ahead. The programme to record, store and make accessible all the items is nearing completion. There are a few tweaks and adjustments to make but we have been able to beta test it and the news is that it works very well. The second bit of good news is our host company TSOHosts have reviewed their packages for web hosting. They have increased their basic offering from 10GB to 100GB but what is exciting is that they have added a new Deluxe version with unlimited storage! The costs are not prohibitive as the Deluxe version costs little more than we were paying with our previous hosts (Vidahost) three years ago before we moved to our current providers. A meeting is being convened with the sub-committee to test the plan to now apply for funding. It looks like being a busy couple of years. But a very exciting and rewarding couple of years. If you would like to get involved let me know and I will start a list and ensure that you are contacted when we need help.

And Finally (Hello Walter)



Some time ago Robert Leake shared with me some images of graffiti in St. Peter's Parish Church so I thought I would share them with you, here, but don't tell Robert!

I doubt if anyone can name any of the owners of the church tower handiwork.



Here, therefore, is a much easier bit of graffiti you may be able to put a name to. Award yourself one point if you can say where it is and one point each if you can name the owners of the initials depicted.

I will give you the answer next month, unless I forget. Have fun.

Contact Details

Please see the website www.marketbosworthsociety.com for information or email on info@marketbosworthsociety.com or if you would like to call me then 07930149408 or 01455290160. Correspondence can be sent to Market Bosworth Society, c/o 29 Warwick Lane, Market Bosworth, Leicestershire. CV13 0JU

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nigel Palmer', with a long, sweeping underline.

Nigel Palmer,
Chairman.