

# MARKET BOSWORTH SOCIETY

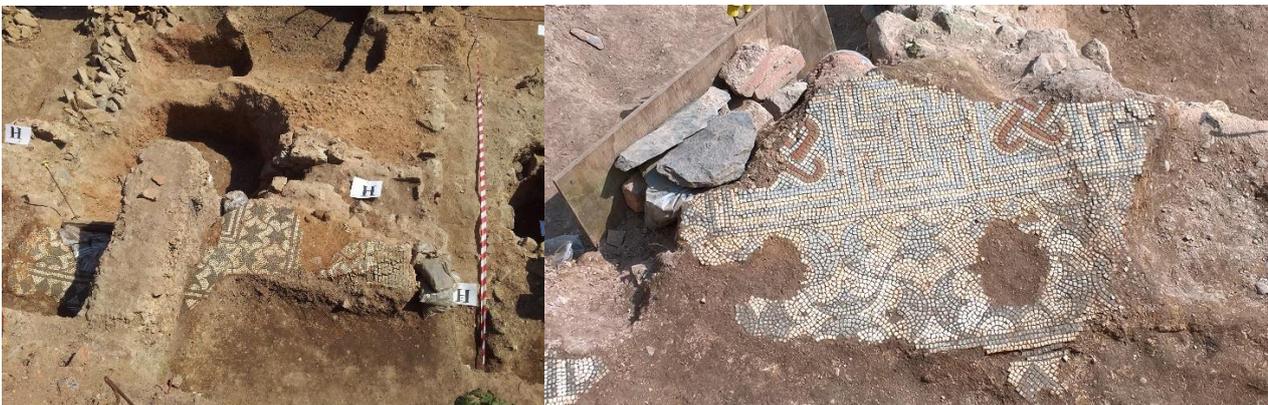
February 2018

Dear Member

## Meeting Report February 2018

After **Mathew Morris's** lecture, "**Beneath Bus Stations and Breweries: Recent archaeological discoveries from Leicester**", waiting for a bus or enjoying a pint, in Leicester will never be the same again. Nor will shopping in Leicester, as people have done for thousands of years. Whether prehistoric citizens shopped we will probably never know, but you will certainly be treading in the footsteps of Romans and Medieval period shoppers. Over the last 80 years archaeologists have been busy digging up Leicester's past. There have been many developments in and around the City Centre which has enabled archaeologists, mainly from the University of Leicester Archaeology Services (ULAS) to dig down and make many fascinating discoveries. Another reason for the success of discoveries, is that the centre of Leicester, (or *Ratae Corieltavorum*, more usually shorten to *Ratae* which of course was the name given by the Romans to the city), has shifted, leaving free some areas open to excavations. Amazingly there have been excavations on 16 sites in Leicester since 2012 and Mathew concentrated on just 4 of them, The Southgate Bus Station (formerly used by Midland Red), the Highcross Shopping Centre, the Sibble Factory Site and Western Road (the old Equity Shoe factory).

Mathew is one of those rare speakers who is not only a master of his subject but is also able to bring the subject alive. A near capacity audience listened intently as Mathew peeled back the layers of the various digs and showed to us pictures of the treasures unearthed, be they hair pins, broaches, buckles, clips, carvings, pottery and of course some exquisite and breath-taking mosaics. Some of the mosaics will be on display at the refurbished Jewry Wall Museum when it reopens. I cannot do justice to the lecture here but will say again how very interesting Mathew made it. Clearly archaeology is extremely popular in Leicester as those of us who queued for four hours to visit the



Two pictures of the Sibble mosaics.

Sibble site will confirm. Mathew had also calculated that Leicester is the most investigated city in the United Kingdom, by adding up the areas of all the various dig sites. I could go on but must stop there. If you missed out and would like to hear the lecture, get in touch, with me and I will do my best to find out when Mathew will be delivering it next. Contact details at the foot of this article.

## Forthcoming Attractions

Your Committee has been working hard to put the final touches to our programme of events for 2018/19. As you know our year runs from the Annual General meeting in March to the following February.

The lectures and field trips are:

Mar 15th	AGM (7:00pm) & Mercian Leicestershire (7:30pm)	Peter Liddle MBE
Apr 19th	Researching My Family	Gemma Tallis
May 17th	An introduction to decoration on Roman and Medieval Pottery	Jo Connell
Jun 14th	Community Meeting and Bosworth Links	Mathew Morris, Dr Julie Attard and Gemma Tallis
Jul 19th	An Afternoon at Bosworth Hall	Members Only
Aug 16th	Battlefield Line Visit	Members Only
Sep 20th	Memories of Bosworth	Robert Leake Referee
Oct 18th	The Great War, Battles and Bosworth	David Humbertson
Nov 15th	Market Bosworth's War 1914-18	Narrator Robert Leake
December	No Meeting this month	
<b>2019</b>		
Jan 17th	Castles of Leicestershire	Richard Knox
Feb 21st	Flint Knapping	Robert Wells
Mar 21st	AGM/ The Tigers Caged	Robin Jenkins

I hope that you will agree that the list is an exciting one, which is full of interest and entertainment. We have deliberately chosen to support local places of interest this year and there may be an additional field trip late in late summer (which will again be members only). If you have friends, neighbours or family who would like to join, please encourage them to do so. Membership forms are available from the website (details below) or at any of our meetings

Most meetings will take place at The Free Church, Barton Road, commencing at 7:30 except for the Community Meeting on June the 14<sup>th</sup> which will be held at St. Peter's Parish Church. That meeting will start at 6:00pm (with the Society lecture at 7:30pm). I will publish more details as we near the dates of the meetings or field visits. Suffice to say that the visits will include areas and experiences not normally available to visitors. Do try to get along to the meetings if you can, it is always nice to see you and a good-sized audience makes for a great atmosphere.

## Next Month's Speaker

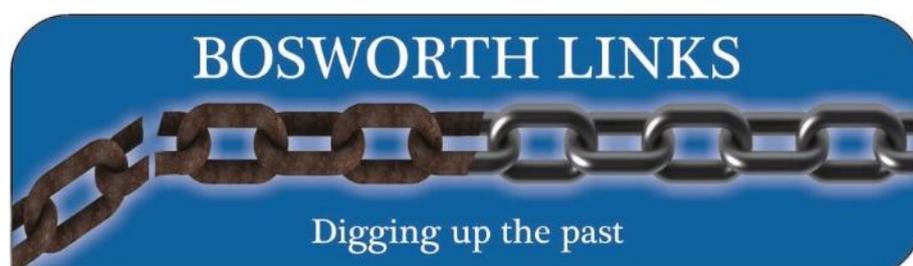
Our meeting in March will follow our Annual General Meeting (which will take place between 7:00pm and 7:30pm). **Peter Liddle MBE**, making a hugely welcome return, will be our guest speaker and will deliver his lecture **"Mercian Leicestershire"** In his lecture Peter will detail the archaeology of Middle Saxon Leicestershire and surrounding areas putting this into its political context. This is a period when Leicestershire was at the heart of the most powerful English kingdom of the period. It is only in recent years that information has been discovered enabling more than just a few minutes lecture covering this period in history - fieldwork, excavation, test pitting and metal detecting have all added new information. The Bosworth Links data has added some excellent new information. If you took part in Bosworth Links last year you will undoubtedly have helped with this new information. Come along and see what Peter has to say. If, as a member you would like to bring a guest or guests, please do (subject to seating availability) We make a nominal charge of £3.00 to defray costs. Often guests decide to join up there and then thus helping to continue the work we do in preserving the history and conservation of Bosworth.

## The Tommies and Bosworth Battlefield Centre.

As I am sure you will recall the Society, via Glynis, Ingrid and Beth have been busy working with Richard Knox to finalise the Exhibition created by The Tommies, working at the |Bosworth Battlefield Centre. The exhibition is built around a fictitious street, named Bosworth Street. We have been working to provide factual evidence of the real lives of people during the war who lived in and around Market Bosworth. The exhibition is now ready and will be on display in early March. Keep an eye on the Bosworth Battlefield Facebook page and website. We will also add the event to our calendar and Facebook page once final details are known. This has been a great example of the value of the MBS archive and the fantastic willingness of the people of Bosworth to share their information and family artefacts. We are immensely grateful to many residents of Market Bosworth who have donated and lent some very evocative and interesting items for the exhibition.

## Town Trail Guide

You will, I am sure, have seen the Town Trail Guides we use when taking parties on a tour around our beautiful market town. We are undertaking a rewrite, which is going very well, and they should be able to go to print within a couple of months (you will be relieved to note that it is not me doing the typing. I make the tea and coffee). What we do need are guides. The talks are designed to be a light touch, so mostly pointing out items of interest rather than a lot of dates and facts. There are currently three of us who act as guides. We wish to increase that number. We have one volunteer from last month but would like a couple more. The job is not too onerous as it is within the centre of Market Bosworth. The walks take around 90 minutes and you would be unlikely to lead more than one or two groups, or whatever you would like per year. Full training will be given, and they are fun. When I started as a volunteer guide I found out so much about Bosworth I was surprised. If you are interested get in touch. Similarly, if you know of any groups who would like a guided tour, please, again get in touch. Details below.



## Big Dig Weekend

21st & 22nd July 2018



Come and get involved

Visit

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Bosworth Links is grateful to and supported by: The Heritage Lottery Fund, The Duke Educational Foundation, The Market Bosworth Parish Council, The Richard III Legacy Fund, The Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council (PCIP) Heart of England Co-operative Society



We are making excellent progress with our plans for 2018. We have received our second tranche of funding from the



Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) **LOTTERY FUNDED** which will enable us to make progress towards this year's dig. We nearly have a full complement of pits for this year. Gemma and I have identified the last few pit locations and will be approaching the property owners shortly. Whilst we have some ideas where we would like to dig, our priority is, wherever possible, to dig where we have received an invitation. Please do get in touch if you would like to find out more about what lies beneath your garden. It is not too late as we want to try and include everyone interested. All the reports from last year are available via a link on our website. Not all land is suitable as some has been made up and that means we cannot rely upon the finds to give a true picture. We already have kind permission from Market

Bosworth Parish Council to dig on the Parish Field again this year. We are also waiting to hear about permission we are seeking to dig on the Warwick Lane Bank.

We would love to hear from you if you would like a pit in your garden. Little damage is done, and it is difficult if not impossible to tell where the pit was after a couple of months. You don't have to have your own team, we have an ever-growing number of volunteers (almost everyone from last year has volunteered again for this year) we can provide a full or partial team. You don't have to be built like a Navvy nor as skilled with a spade. We have roles suitable for all ages, abilities and experience. All are welcome, and all can take part and join in. The families that took part last year have all said it was a great opportunity to work together across the generations. What wonderful memories were built for young and not so young. Just in case you need more persuasion, the wrap up barbeque, on Sunday 22nd is booked! Please give me a call or an email or simply fill in the volunteer form on the website and leave the rest to us. This could be your last change to take part in something amazing which will be used by future generations and a project which is attracting international attention.

## The Cattle Market

As you know the Cattle Market closed in 1996 after 331 years and is now Market Mews and the Rectory Lane Car Park. At the last meeting I had handed to me some documents about the closure of the Cattle Market. Inside the folder was a brochure detailing the "133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Fair" on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 1994 (market day was usually a Monday). I enjoyed leafing through the brochure for no other reason that the names stood out for me. For most of the late 1960's and through the 1970's I helped at South Farm owned by Sam and Tertius Perry. Tertius, of course carried on farming after Sam's accidental death. I spent many, many happy hours on the farm and enjoyed the company of many people, John Rawson, Arthur and Bill Drackley, Mr. Statham, Andrew and Aiden Jones. I also knew many of the farmers in the brochure as I saw them at the market. Many to talk to as we awaited the start of the auction. In those days we drove the cattle to market up Sutton Lane or Shenton Lane. My job was to run ahead closing all garden gates and where there were none to block the cattle from entering, then run ahead to the next entrance. I must have been fit in those days. Imagine, if you will, the fun if that was done today! During the school run!

I have copied the pages here for you to have a look at. I hope they evoke happy memories for you too.

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MARKET BOSWORTH CATTLE MARKET

133rd ANNUAL SPRING FAIR

of

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SUCKLER AND BARREN COWS

CALVES AND BREEDING SHEEP

SALE - THURSDAY 5th MAY 1994

Sale to Commence with the Sheep at 11.00 a.m.  
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TELEPHONE: (0455) 632212

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SHEEP

Sale at 11.00 a.m.

Entries already received:-  
Mrs. M. Guttridge  
Entry of Ewes and Lambs

REARING CALVES

A number of Rearing Calves will be on offer

BARREN COWS

Messrs. D.A. & J. Jackson

1 One Hereford cross Cow  
2 One Friesian Cow

SUCKLER COWS AND HEIFERS

Messrs. J.A. & G.J. Wibberley

11 - 12 Pure Bred Limousin Cow (3 qtr) with Belgian Blue cross Bull Calf at foot (born 27.1.94)  
Served Belgian Blue Bull - 7.4.94  
N.B. This cow is dam of 1993 Market Bosworth Christmas Show Supreme Champion

13 - 14 Belgian Blue cross Cow (¾ bred) with Limousin cross Bull Calf at foot (born 25.8.93)  
Served Limousin Bull - 31.12.93

15 One Belgian Blue cross Bulling Heifer 20 months 720

16 One Pure Limousin Bulling Heifer - 20 months 620

STORE CATTLE

Messrs. T.B. & J. Bates & Son

41 - 44 Four Simmental cross Heifers - 16 months  
45 One Charolais cross Steer - 16 months  
46 One Simmental cross Steer - 16 months  
47 One Friesian Steer - 16 months

Mr. V. Durham

48 One Friesian Steer - 2 years  
49 One Hereford cross Steer - 2 years  
50 One Limousin cross Heifer - 15 months  
51 One Hereford cross Heifer - 15 months  
52 - 57 Six Limousin cross Heifers - 13 months

Messrs. K.W. & D.J. Bailey

58 - 65 Eight Continental Steers and Heifers - 12-20 months

Mr. R. Morris

66 - 71 Six Continental cross Steers and Heifers - 15 months

Messrs. H. Lawton & Son

72 One Hereford cross Steer - 12 months  
73 One Blonde cross Steer - 18 months  
74 - 75 Two Friesian Heifers - 2 years

Messrs. K.W. & D.J. Bailey

76 - 83 Eight Continental cross Steers and Heifers - 12-20 months

Mr. R.F. Dobson

84 - 89 Six Hereford cross Steers - 12-14 months

Messrs K.W. & D.J. Bailey

90 - 97 Eight Continental cross Steers and Heifers - 12-20 months

Messrs. F. Dobson & Sons

413 98 - 101 Four Hereford cross Steers - 12-13 months  
102 - 105 Four Hereford cross Steers - 18-19 months  
106 - 109 Four Hereford cross Steers - 18-19 months

Mr. C.E. Preston

432 110 - 111 Two Angus cross Heifers - 15 months  
112 - 113 Two Angus cross Steers - 15 months

Mr. W. Irving

114 - 117 Four Blonde cross Steers

Messrs. K.W. & D.J. Bailey

118 - 125 Eight Continental cross Steers and Heifers - 12-20 months

Messrs. R.W. Hebblethwaite & Son

126 - 134 Nine Blonde Heifers - 12 months  
135 - 138 Four Blonde Steers - 12 months

Messrs. P.G. Payne

139 - 151 Thirteen Simmental cross Steers - 13 months

Messrs. K.W. & D.J. Bailey

152 - 159 Eight Continental cross Steers and Heifers - 12-20 months

Mr. J. Harris

160 - 169 Ten Continental cross Steers - 18 months

Mr. R.H. Trivett

170 - 171 Two Limousin cross Steers - 21 months

172 One Hereford cross Steer - 21 months

173 - 176 Four Limousin cross Steers - 14-20 months

177 - 187 Eleven Limousin cross Heifers - 14-20 months

188 - 193 Six Hereford cross Steers - 14-20 months

194 - 200 Seven Hereford cross Heifers - 14-20 months

201 - 205 Five Friesian Steers - 14-20 months

Messrs. K.W. & D.J. Bailey

206 - 213 Eight Continental cross Steers and Heifers - 12-20 months

214 - 221 Eight Continental cross Steers and Heifers - 12-20 months

Silver Birch Investments Ltd.

222 - 233 Twelve Charolais cross Heifers - 12-15 months

Messrs. K.W. & D.J. Bailey

234 - 241 Eight Continental cross Steers and Heifers - 12-20 months

Mr. K. Myles

242 - 251 Ten Hereford cross Steers - 18 months

Messrs. F.H. Shepherd & Son

252 - 258 Seven Friesian Steers - 18 months

259 - 265 Seven Friesian Steers - 15 months

266 One Blonde cross Steer - 13 months

267 - 268 Two Blonde cross Heifers - 13 months

269 - 271 Three Friesian Steers - 12 months

Mr. T.E. Perry

272 - 275 Four Hereford cross Heifers

276 One Friesian Heifer

OUTLIERS

Messrs. J.C. Trivett & Son

277 - 286 Ten Charolais cross Heifers - 12 months

287 - 290 Four Charolais cross Steers - 12 months

291 One Friesian Steer - 12 months

Messrs. F. Henton & Sons

292 - 297 Six Hereford cross Steers - 2 years

298 One Angus Steer - 2 years

299 - 304 Six Hereford cross Steers - 15 months

305 One Angus Steer - 15 months

Miss J. Sparrow

306 - 309 Four Hereford cross Steers - 24 months

310 - 312 Three Hereford cross Steers - 22 months

Messrs. K.W.C., J.W. & M.J. Faux

313 - 315 Three Limousin cross Steers - 15 months

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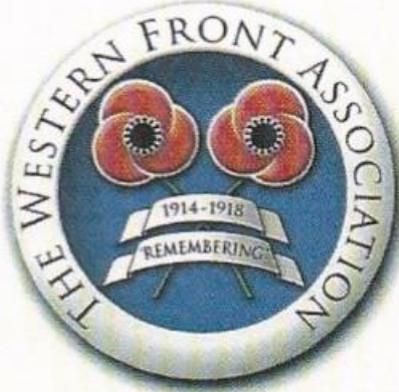
CID status in respect of all steers will be given out at time of sale.

All stock to be paid for on the day of sale.

“All stock entered, unless otherwise declared are straight and right!” Those were the days. Thank you for sharing (if it was you and you read this could you call me please? I was an idiot and didn't note your name)

## October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Glynis, Ingrid and I had a lovely meeting with David Humberston and Valerie Jacques. Chairman and Secretary, respectively, of The Western Front Association. Your committee thought it fitting that the Society marks the One Hundredth Anniversary of the end of the Great War with a lecture about the war. On your Membership Card it simply says WW1 Memorial Information, a working title pending today's meeting which came too late to change the printing. What David will do is map out the war, the major battles and what part those named on the War Memorial played. I believe that to be a good public speaker the person must have full command of the subject, an ability to communicate, a sense of humour and be enthusiastic about the subject. We saw this in Mathew last week and David has all these qualities. During our discussion, David and Valerie explained that they organise a trip each year to the War Graves in either France or Belgium. I offered to share Valerie's contact details with you. They use a very good hotel and limit the group to around 30. If you are interested, then do please contact Valerie. There is more information on the website.



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It is highly likely that we shall be hearing more lectures from David in the future.

## Finally

Please think of the Society if you come across any documents, photographs, post cards, slides, brochures etc. etc. We are especially interested in preserving VHS tapes and DVDs. All these items will be added to the Archive and carefully catalogued by Glynis and her team to make them available for students, researchers and future generations; here in Bosworth and across the world. Your committee are putting together a plan to digitalise the Archive which will not only make it more accessible but will also help to protect and preserve it. More about that to come.

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Chairman