

# MARKET BOSWORTH SOCIETY

May 2020

Dear Member

Whilst the lockdown conditions do seem to be easing, we must still work at keeping safe. This was very apparent at the recent VE Day celebrations. As befits the anniversary many members smiled in the face of adversity and did not let the Corina Virus spoil the fun. I have received a lot of photographs, here are just a few. I shall place all of the photographs onto the website (unless you ask me otherwise).







It certainly looks as though everyone had a good time. Although I did hear that for some it was not tea in their teapots... Despite social distancing everyone managed to get together without getting together. Well done to everyone who took part and made it a special day. The decorations looked great and I am sure that anyone looking down would have been pleased at the way Market Bosworth looked and celebrated. I wonder if we could make this a regular event. Could the first Saturday of the month be a special day? Could we have a social distancing tea party every week? Have a word with your neighbours and see what they think. Let me know of any planned events and I will share them here.

## **Gladman Development**

I very much doubt if there are many people who live in and around Market Bosworth who have not heard that a company called Gladman have submitted an outline planning request to Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC) for land adjacent to the Cemetery and bound by Shenton Lane and Sutton Lane (The Gated Road).

A development of this size will impact the lives of every single resident of Market Bosworth and the surrounding area, not to mention our visitors who bring wealth to the town by spending in shops, bars, and hotels. I do hope that you took the opportunity to make your views known. I know many of you did and thank you for sharing with me.

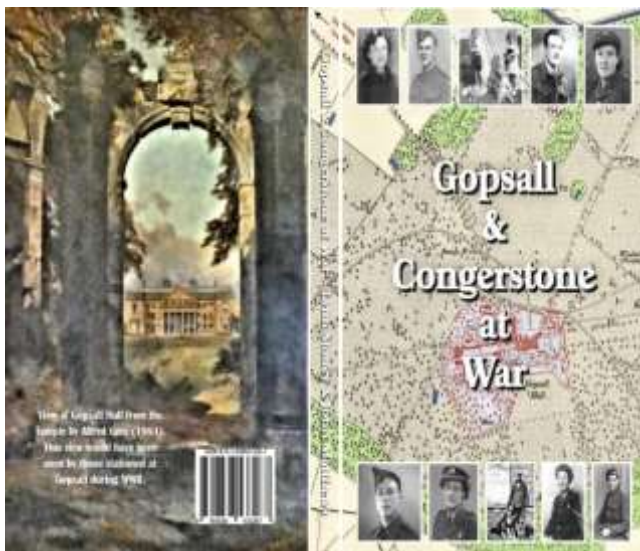
I hear unconfirmed reports that around 200 comments have been received at Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council Planning Department, the vast majority of them objecting to the proposal. There does seem to be

some confusion about the closing date for comments. It should be 21 days after the proposal is advertised but the signs put up near to the site suggest that the consultation period began on the 20<sup>th</sup> May. I noticed that this morning (26<sup>th</sup> May) the on-line comments facility was still available. I telephoned Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council and asked to speak to someone in the Planning Department. A very pleasant woman took my details and after a little wait was transferred through to Sonia who works in the Administration section of the Planning Department. I explained my enquiry and Sonia explained that the planning officer was on leave today and could she, Sonia call me back tomorrow. I await her call. Once I hear back, I will let you all know. I do understand that due to the numbers of comments and the very nature of the application the Planning Department are doing all they can to facilitate comments. If you have not already done so, please comments as soon as possible. The link to the comments section is <https://pa.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=makeComment&keyVal=Q8D5F6II0QU00> and if unable to access that link then please use this email address [planning@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk](mailto:planning@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk) quoting reference number 20/00345/OUT.

It is likely that the next step will be for the plans to appear before the Planning Committee (probably around July 2020 I will let you know when I hear of the details) comprised of Borough Councillors. The Committee will consider the plans and the recommendations made by the Planning Department before making a decision. If, as we hope the development will be refused it will almost certainly then go to appeal. This is where a hearing manager will take evidence from all sides of the argument and then make a decision. That is unlikely to take place until 2021 and again I shall alert you to the details. You can see the last Planning Committee meeting [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YxZA68GRmnY&fbclid=IwAR3Nq8fpeXLoL4ar3DJ98fGssE2Q7d7xmxK3o0qAfBuYwV_zqhx9B4Lx9iI) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YxZA68GRmnY&fbclid=IwAR3Nq8fpeXLoL4ar3DJ98fGssE2Q7d7xmxK3o0qAfBuYwV\\_zqhx9B4Lx9iI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YxZA68GRmnY&fbclid=IwAR3Nq8fpeXLoL4ar3DJ98fGssE2Q7d7xmxK3o0qAfBuYwV_zqhx9B4Lx9iI) the golf course is discussed from 1.05.38 approximately.

**There may be an opportunity to create an action group, should that be the case could you indicate to me if in that eventuality you would be interested in becoming involved. Nothing planned as of yet.**

## News of a new local Publication



Although the building work at St Mary's Church, Congerstone has been suspended for a couple of months as a result of the 'lockdown', heritage activities have been continuing, that the book on *Gopsall & Congerstone at War* by John Matthews and Lynn Stoney is now ready to go to the printers.

Left, is a picture of the front and back covers of the book. The book is a collection of the memories of the local community and those stationed at Gopsall during the Second World War. It will be a paperback with 132 pages and 75 black & white photos and illustrations and will include the memories of 28 military personnel and 12 villagers.

Last year during planned heritage activities a number of people said that they might be interested in purchasing the book when it came out. To get a better idea of how many copies should get printed, it would be really **helpful if you could let Gill Lawrence know as soon as possible by email if you would like to buy a copy of the book and how many copies you would like to order.**

The money made from book sales will go towards the St Mary's Church Restoration

**If you would like to order a copy please contact Gill Lawrence by email [oldpogill@gmail.com](mailto:oldpogill@gmail.com)**

# **Gopsall & Congerstone at War**

Memories of the local community  
& those stationed at Gopsall during the Second  
World War

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## Anticipated Costs

£6 - collect from the Old Post Office, Main St, Congerstone

£8 - including post & packing.

£14 - 2 copies including post & packing.

Detailed purchasing information will be posted once the book has been printed

If you would like to order a copy please contact Gill Lawrence by email [oldpogill@gmail.com](mailto:oldpogill@gmail.com)

## **Time for a quiz.**

I hope you enjoy this quiz. It appears that some of you enjoyed the last quiz in one of the bulletins, judging by the feedback I received. It was an exceedingly difficult quiz and this one is not so hard. I hope you enjoy it all the same. If you have any quiz questions, please send them to me for inclusion in a newsletter or one of

the interim bulletins. I will start with a quiz sent in my Mary, thank you Mary. I hope that some other members will follow your example and send us some questions (and answers!).

## Some archaeology questions?

1. Does Mesolithic come before or after Neolithic?
2. In what era or dates were the Beaker people living?
3. What does LITHIC mean?
4. What are said to be the three most important skills or attitudes for archaeologists?
5. Surface artefact mapping is a more technical way of describing what?

Answers after the contact section (if there is room)

## Quiz Number Two (I do spoil you, do I not?)

1. What is the four-digit number in which the first digit is one-fifth the last and the second and third digits are the last digit multiplied by three?
2. Jane went to visit Jill. Jill is Jane's only husband's mother-in-law's only husband's only daughter's only daughter. What relation to Jill to Jane?
3. Which of the words below is least like the others? The difference has nothing to do with vowels, consonants, or syllables.  
MORE, PAIRS, ETCHERS, ZIPPER
4. Tabitha likes cookies but not cake, likes mutton but not lamb, likes okra but not squash. Following the same rule, will she like cherries or pears?
5. What is the Number that is one more than one-tenth of one-fifth of one-half of 4,000?
6. In a race Jerry was not first or last. Janet beat Jerry, Jerry beat Pat. Charlie was not first or last. Charlie beat Rachel. Pat beat Charlie.
7. Find the number that best completes the following sequence 1 2 4 7 11? 22
8. Marion bought 4 oranges and 3 lemons for 90p. The next day she bought 3 oranges and 4 lemons for 85p How much did each lemon and orange cost?
9. Start with the total number of mittens three kittens lost, and multiply by the voting age in the UK. What is the answer?
10. There is at least one nine letter word which contains only one vowel. Do you know what it is?

Once again, answers at the end.

## Give me one on sport

Lynne becomes quite vexed when she asks me a question which I do not really want to answer, most married men will understand this. My usual response is, "Sorry, can I have one on sport?"

So, for all of those like me who have an extensive knowledge of sport (I do not really but Lynne has never called my bluff).

## Sport - Questions

- 1) What are the five colours of the Olympic rings?
- 2) In football, which team has won the Champions League (formerly the European Cup) the most?
- 3) How many players are there in a rugby league team?

- 4) Which horse is the only three-time winner of the Grand National?
- 5) Since 1977, where has snooker's World Championship taken place?
- 6) In tennis, what piece of fruit is found at the top of the men's Wimbledon trophy?
- 7) Who won the FIFA Women's World Cup in 2019?
- 8) In bowling, what is the term given for three consecutive strikes?
- 9) How many world titles has Phil Talyor won in darts?
- 10) In golf, where does the Masters take place?

## **Memories**

I hope that the articles in the last two Newsletters featuring VE Day have evoked some happy memories of past celebrations. I have been contacted by one member who promises to research her fathers war experiences and share them with us. I will not mention the name here, but you know who you are, and I think you should be ready by September....Seriously I always enjoy reading memoirs and when members share their memories. That is what makes our culture and heritage rich in depth and variety. One member was prompted to share some memories with me.

Here are two such:

What a coincidence

Several years ago, on the BBC, was a documentary about the origin of man in the Rift Valley in Africa and how our species spread around the Earth, the programme being narrated by Dr. Alice Roberts.

In the programme it showed how mankind spread the Middle East, into Asia, Europe and India to Malaysia Indonesia and finally Australia Roberts stated that in Norther Malaysia there was a tribe which in contrast to the skin colour of Indonesians was very dark.

As you may be aware, I enjoy talking to people, especially visitors to Market Boswort, and one day I met a very tall gentleman outside the Dixie Grammar School., who was also very dark skinned. He informed me that he came from Sutton Coldfield and his son was playing Rugger against the Grammar School and he was having a look around the town.

I asked him where his family originated, and he informed me that it was Malaysia. I then told him about the programme by Dr. Roberts and about the dark-skinned tribe in Northern Malaysia and to my surprise he said that his ancestors were members of that tribe. What a coincidence!

My motto is that "it pays to talk" and it certainly does.

A Very Unique Experience

Many years ago, the Hinckley Times in conjunction with Newmarket Bus Company ran three-day trips to London, Edinburgh etc.

My wife Barbara and I booked a trip called 'Windsor Restored' (after the Windsor Castle fire) to see the restored Windsor Castle

We were booked into the Tower Hotel (next to Tower Bridge). Barbara suffered from claustrophobia and I had therefore requested a room on the lower floors, but upon arrival we were given a room on the fifth floor, about which I complained. Our courier suggested we go to reception. There we were informed that we could have a suite on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor which overlooked the River Thames and Tower Bridge, (all lit up).

We were shown to the room, one of the best rooms in the hotel and as we stood there admiring the view, the Tower Bridge commenced to open up. Then to our left appeared the Glasgow paddle steamer Waverley. Then to complete the picture in the distance Concorde fly by on its way to Heathrow.

This experience must be unique to only Barbara and me and no one else, and what a wonderful experience it was.

Phill Tebbutt

Thank you, Phil, it is indeed a small world and what a wonderful memory you have of your visit to London with Barbara, thank you for sharing. Phil actually gave me the inspiration for the Sports quiz, with a sports question he shared with me.

Here is Phil's quiz question

“For many years after the breakaway from Rugby Union to form Rugby League, anyone associated with Rugby League was stopped from attending any Rugby Union ground or function.

My Question is ‘Who was the first Rugby League player to play on the Leicester Tigers ground on the Welford Road and Under what Circumstances.’”

Answer

“It was either Ernest Woo, full back, or Francis Drury. In World War 2 only Rugby Union was played by the armed forces. All inter services matches were played at Welford Road. Twickenham was not being used due to the danger of bombing. These two men were in the forces and therefore able to play Rugby Union. Ironically, the east end of the Crombie Stand was damaged by a Nazi bomb.”

Now, over to you. It is lovely to hear from members even lovelier if the email or letter contains an article, quiz, or something for the newsletter. Do not be shy, everyone has an interesting story to tell or an interest that can generate quiz questions.

## **NATSOPA Homes**

Back in 2018 you may recall that I was contacted by Springbourne Homes to help with their search for a missing memorial plaque at the site they had acquired in Wellesborough. I had almost forgotten all about it until I was contacted by Robert Beasley, publicist for Springbourne homes. Robert wanted to tell me that he had completed some more research which he wanted to share with me. He also asked permission to use the research I had conducted via the Market Bosworth Society in a press release. After reading the press release, I gave my consent. The article appeared in last weeks Hinckley Times. Here is what the release contained.



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### **BUILDER DIGS UP AMAZING ROYAL HISTORY AT BOSWORTH CONSTRUCTION SITE**

A Midlands builder has unearthed an astonishing royal history stretching back more than 1,000 years at a construction site on the Leicestershire-Warwickshire border.

Springbourne Homes chairman Adrian Burr is building a development of 19 luxury homes at Hornsey Rise, Wellsborough, just a brick's throw away from the site of the Battle of Bosworth in 1485.



So he asked respected local historian Nigel Palmer for help in researching the ten acre plot and was stunned to learn it was once owned by King James II and has direct links to King Charles I and King George VI, father of our Queen Elizabeth II.

Burr, whose award-winning firm is based in Nuneaton, Warwickshire, is full of praise for Palmer's expert work, saying: "Nigel has done an amazing job in helping us discover that the site has such a rich, regal history.

"I had no idea it had such a long and royal heritage, especially once being owned by the King of England.

"That's why I'm now even more determined to make sure our new development becomes a jewel in the crown of the local area and the Springbourne collection!"

Ancient records also revealed there's been people living at the idyllic location, near Market Bosworth, since the time of the Battle of Hastings way back in 1066.

Documents dating back to the days of William the Conqueror show that Henry de Temple, third son of Leofric, Earl of Mercia and Countess Godiva, lived there at the time.

There's also a direct link with the execution of King Charles I in 1649, as one of the judges and signatories to the execution order was Judge Peter Temple, who was born at, and later inherited, Temple Hall - a moated Manor House on the hill at Wellsborough.

Unfortunately for the Judge, when the monarchy was restored in 1660, he was stripped of the land and imprisoned in the Tower of London. The forfeited land was given to James, Duke of York, who later became King James II.

More than 260 year later, another Duke of York - the future King George VI and father of Queen Elizabeth II - made an official visit to the newly built Memorial Care Home for printers which opened on the site in 1921.

Nigel Palmer, chairman of the Market Bosworth Society, which documents the history of the area, admits even he was surprised by the results of his research.

He said: "I was astonished to uncover its remarkable story and so many links to royalty.

"We managed to trace ownership all the way back to Lady Godiva in the 11th Century, on through to Robert de Harcourt, the Knights Templar and went on to find those links with Kings Charles I, James II and King George VI.

"It's an absolutely fascinating history which precedes the Battle of Hastings in 1066 but I'm sure people drive past it every day and don't realise what an important, notable site it is."

Builder Burr, who bought the disused and dilapidated care home in 2012, is now focused on creating a new 21st Century community on the historic hill.

He's determined to pay homage to its colourful past, though, with the Springbourne boss having insisted on converting a 100-year-old church on the site into a new unique home, rather than demolishing it.

He's also spending £15,000 to restore and renovate a desecrated World War One Memorial, which was originally erected in honour of 380 NATSOPA printers who perished in the Great War.

Burr is also preserving a three-acre wood alongside the 19 new homes at Hornsey Rise to further strengthen the links to its notable past and give residents their own special place for recreation and relaxation.

For more information on the history and heritage of the Hornsey Rise site and Springbourne Homes, visit [www.springbournehomes.co.uk](http://www.springbournehomes.co.uk)

I have omitted the photograph of me to protect the innocent, it confirms that I most definitely have a face for radio. I thought you might enjoy re-reading the original article for a previous Newsletter. I am do conduct a

little more research and then will be meeting with Amy Payne of BBC East Midlands today to see how best the story can be told. I might even get on the telly again; you have been warned!

## **National Society of Operative Printers and Assistants (NATSOPA)**

Amy Payne from the BBC recently contacted Beth. Amy is the reporter for this area and works for BBC East Midlands Today (usually aired around 6:30pm weekdays). She in turn had been contacted by Rob Burgess who is working with the developer, Springbourne Homes, in particular their MD Adrian Burr (from Nuneaton)



" NATSOPA " MEMORIAL HOMES-1936

of the site at Temple Hall in Wellesborough. You may have seen the recent planning application to demolish the old house. The developer had found an old stone pillar or obelisk on which was a plaque. The plaque had been stolen and he wanted to know what was on it. He believed that it was a memorial to the fallen in World War 1. This is where we came in. In a remarkably short space of time we were able to help answer several questions and provide a good deal of background information.

Glynis was able to search out some information from the archive and I emailed members asking for information. Thank you very much to those who have responded, you all helped us a good deal. I am particularly grateful to Robert "Bob" Jarvis and Rod Proudman, whose fathers had both worked at the homes. Through the archive and the information shared by Rod and Bob we were able to put an interesting piece together which I thought you might like to read. Do bear in mind the clock was ticking as we did the research.

### **The beginning (as far as we can tell)**

There is evidence that Temple Hall, site of the defunct NATSOPA Memorial Homes, pre-dated the Norman conquest. In the Reign of William, The Conqueror, Henry de Temple third son of Leofric, Earl of Mercia and Countess Godiva (yes, she was the one) was the owner of the manor called Temple in the parish of Sibberson

Ownership of the land would have changed hands several times and was home to The Knights Templar in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century, when Wellesborough was a small hamlet. The land is thought to have been given to the Knights Templar by the Harcourt Lords of the Manor of Bosworth (Sir Robert Harcourt of Stanton Harcourt fought on the side of Henry in the Battle of Bosworth in August 1485) the Harcourts also gave land in Rothley to the Knights Templar. This for a much larger preceptory and manor house, with associated buildings such needed to sustain a large estate. The Wellesborough site, although smaller was still of significant size (the top of Wellesborough Hill and several acres along each side) was to be the home of the Knights and was expected to be similarly self-contained. Temple Hall Farm (now in use by the Dixie Grammar School) would not have been across the road as there would have been no road.

The moated Manor house acquired some history of its own, Judge Temple, a member of the court who sentenced Charles I to death was born at Temple Hall. In 1710 Dissenters of Sibson ( Protestant Christians who separated from the Church of England in the 16th, century) built themselves a chapel at Temple Hall, which in 1919 was in use a farm labourers' cottage.

When the land was acquired by NATSOPA It would have been known as Temple Hall echoing its historic past and would have been a moated manor house, still.

## Creation of NATSOPA Memorial Homes

The name created a good deal of confusion. Being plural I initially believed that there were more homes scattered around the country, but I soon realised that I was wrong. The name stems from the fact that there were planned to be three homes on the Wellesborough site serving three separate needs. Initially it was decided that there would be a sanatorium for sufferers of Tuberculosis. If anyone knows why Wellesborough was chosen, for the homes, do tell. I think, for the moment at least, that sited as it was on a high hill (390 feet or 119 meters above mean sea level) and far away from local towns and villages for the fresh air needed by Tuberculosis patients. Fresh air has always been seen as an important part of the recovery to good health. In the end there were just two homes, a Convalescent Home, and a Retirement Home. It was also reasonably central to the UK and had good rail links. The Society members made the decision to provide the homes when they voted in favour of the homes in 1919, as a Memorial to the 380 NATSOPA members who fell in in World War 1.

## NATSOPA Years

The official opening was on the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1921, by Rt. Honourable Lord Northcliffe (owner of the Daily Mail and the Daily Mirror) The Wellesborough Homes were extensively reconstructed and extended and reopened on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 1928 by Lord Riddell. The homes now benefitted from 55 separate bedrooms., members convalescing was given 3 to 5 weeks of all in accommodation free of charge (paying only for the rail fare of their wives!). There were single and double rooms available. There was a small hospital of two wards, staffed by a fully qualified Matron and a fully qualified nurse.

Aged members (aged 65 and over with a minimum of 25 years membership) had the benefit of 6 self-contained cottages, two rooms each for married couples and three sets of quarters for aged bachelor or widower members. They were fully furnished and provided with all requirements for board, lighting, warming, cleaning, maintenance, and medical services.

There were amusements provided, indoors – billiards, bagatelle table bowls, table tennis, piano, gramophone, wireless, library (of 600 books) talkie cinema and badminton. Outdoors – two tennis courts, croquet lawn, bowls, cricket, miniature golf. Putting green and darts. I



*Bob's Father, Archibald Goddard Jarvis*



*1Roland Proudman, Rod's uncle*

wonder why they did not allow the residents to play darts inside?

There were also within the grounds a number of gardens, an orchard, and ponds. One garden Northcliffe Garden was a rose garden created in the memory of Lord Northcliffe, as a tribute to his fairness as an employer. Other gardens were, The Lord Riddell Garden, The Gurnett Memorial Garden. The Old Timers' Garden all marking important people or events.

## The Coming of the End



NATSOPA was consigned to history when it became the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades, Division 1 in 1966. The Wellesborough home closed in 1964 (notice was served to the employees at that time on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1964). It appears that the die was cast in 1919 when the Homes were created. The property purchased by NATSOPA was vested in a board of 5 trustees. During the lifetime of the homes NATSOPA had paid substantial amounts in support of the home. Even when the usage fell as social conditions changed. The biggest cost was the Local Rate and several attempts were made, all unsuccessfully to argue that the charitable status of the homes rendered them free of a Rateable Value. Initially a case was successful but overturned by appeal. NATSOPA attempted to raise funds against the homes only to find that they did not own them. NATSOPA could no longer allocate funds to the Homes they did not own and finally a formula was worked out with the Charities Commission where the union could lend money in exchange for the security of a mortgage. Finally, with dwindling funds, dwindling demands, and an ever-increasing cost it was decided to close and to sell the existing Homes and move elsewhere. A site was purchased in Rottingdean, Sussex to continue as a memorial to the fallen, now in two World Wars, the new home was completed in 1965 with convalescent accommodation for 25 people and a token accommodation for the elderly.

### After NATSOPA

The buildings lay empty for around 2 years before being taken over by a Roman Catholic Order, locally identified as the Holy Ghost Fathers when it was used as a seminary and training facility. They did not maintain the gardens to the same standards as NATSOPA.

The premises and grounds were purchased in 1973 by the Aged Pilgrims Friends Society, giving the building new life as retirement homes. This Society was founded in London in 1807 and was set up to care for Protestant Evangelists. There were 40 residents when the home was officially opened on the 27<sup>th</sup> July 1974. The home was called "The Hornsey Rise Memorial Home" after the former London based home, "Hornsey Rise"

The end finally came when the Aged Pilgrims Society closed their home in 2012, after it was first opened by NATSOPA 91 years earlier.

Since then the home has been ransacked by vandals and set afire in June 2016. The fire was attended by several appliances from Market Bosworth, Hinckley and Shepshed. The site has since been acquired for demolition and development.

I am grateful to and wish to credit, Rod Proudman, Bob Jarvis, the late Bernard Heathcote, Keith McCarthy, Hinckley Times June 8, 2016 C.P.S. Tudor Street, London EC4, Glynis Oakley and the Market Bosworth society Archive, NATSOPA: 75 Years James Moran.

## **Shaw Family an update and other correspondence**

I shared with you some emails and responses in the last Newsletter from P. Shaw of Western Australia. The fact that his email was a co.uk one did not escape me and that the servers routing his emails were nowhere near Australia had also been noted, but you never know, and it did provide a little fun.

He wrote recently to add:

Err, sorry Nigel, me again,

Just came across an Ordnance Survey map of 1888-1913 which shows a spinney on Tinsel Lane, just west of Wellsboro bridge.

There is no name for this spinney on the current OS map but on the old one it is called "King's Hill Spinney".

Do you have any info? because I cannot help wondering if it may be significant.

Regards,

Peter.

Faced with any dilemma I always look to experts for advice. To whom could I turn who should enjoy contributing? I first turned to Mathew Morris who replied with:

“Here are some thoughts on the 'King's Bridge'

It is a name linked with a canal which was not built until the early 19th century. Any earlier connection is very tenuous. However, if it did have an earlier connection it is worth bearing in mind that Congerstone comes from the Old English for 'King's farm'. It is more likely any 'king' names on that side of Market Bosworth, if they are not post-medieval family names, are vestiges of the Anglo-Saxon period, a good 600-700 years before Richard III came along.

Connecting the battle with Bosworth is a relatively modern phenomenon. Exact battle sites were not recorded in the medieval period but in the post-medieval period, when travel and the concept of a 'holiday' or 'grand tour' became more widespread, people wanted to visit historic sites. By this time, locations had become diluted in folklore. People looking for the battle would first be directed to Market Bosworth, the local market town with all its amenities, and from there would find local directions. The name references the wider need to find Market Bosworth first before people could find the battlefield.

Personally, the physical evidence is incontestable for the battlefield being around Fenn Lane and has been strengthened by more discoveries recently with our work on the MIRA testing track. Richard visiting/passing through Bosworth around the time of the battle does not automatically equate to the battlefield being somewhere else. Richard is supposed to have ridden out from Leicester first thing on the morning of the 21 August. The scouts and vanguard of his army could have been in the area by lunchtime looking for Henry's army, a good place to camp, potential places to fight etc. Bosworth would have been a logical place to visit for local news and Richard would have wanted to have scoped out the local landscape himself.

The route to Leicester in the medieval period would have been across the wooded upland to Cadeby and Kirkby Mallory and then on to the old Roman road (Fenn Lane). This would have been a potentially dangerous route in the medieval period, through the fringes of the Charnwood Forest and through Leicester Forest, both rife with outlaws. Most people from Market Bosworth probably never visited Leicester and would have had no need to. Market Bosworth was a market town so traders would have come to them. If they did travel, they were more likely to have gone to Tamworth - down the safer Sence valley onto Watling Street.

My next 'victim' was Peter Foss who also joined in with:

"Even if it is a hoax, as I still suspect, you could reply (if not already) - and skirting round the fact that the site of the Battle is now known beyond all doubt - that 'King's Bridge' was named after William King, tenant farmer of the Fifth Baronet, who owned land on either side of the canal at that place. As one of your committee I think said these bridges were frequently named after farmers of the land the canal passed through (as they were access for their land). This is well-known to canal historians and enthusiasts."

Thinking it was at an end after I shared these two responses P Shaw responded with:

Hello Nigel,

Just wanted to thank you for recommending 'The History of Market Bosworth' by Peter Foss.

It arrived this week and already the first few pages have provided some very useful information.

Such as a windmill (a previously missing part of my version of events) located next to "Kingshillfield" on a hill that Mr Foss says looks over "Redemoor Plain" which - quoting William Hutton - is named "from the colour of the soil" .

Plus, mention of a 'Leicester to Lichfield' route through Bosworth. Station Road was previously Lichfield Street and most likely the one used by Celia Fiennes in 1698. There is no evidence in her writing of a detour to see Bosworth Field as suggested by the book (p.98) because, I believe, the road through Wellsborough would have taken her right over it.

Kind Regards

Peter Shaw.

I have yet to respond, but should anyone here have any suggested replies, I am all ears! (Or as we are emailing should that be all eyes. I think I need a lie down and one of my little white tablets).

I guess you know the expression, one thing leads to another. Well, through my letterbox came this:

Dear Nigel

Further to our recent conversation, I believe that the story of King Richard III's demise incorrect and what actually occurred was as follows.

We all know the famous lines from Shakespeare's Richard III "A horse, a horse, my kingdom for a horse".

What happened next was that Henry Tudor rode up and told Richard that it was a fair swap, under the current circumstances and duly handed his horse over to King Richard III. Richard then rode off back to the castle at Middleham in Yorkshire, where he spent the rest of his days. Henry of course then became King Henry VIII.

You may say who was taken to Leicester to be buried in the friary. Well, the body had been so mutilated it was unrecognisable, but it was believed to be a close associate of Richard named Albert Hoskins the illegitimate son of Richard. It was therefore his remains that were retrieved from the car park near to the Cathedral in Leicester.

Being the illegitimate son of King Richard III also explains the D.N.A. taken from the remains was the same as that of Richard.

So, I would be interested to get your views on the above theory, which I believe is quite feasible.

What do you think Nigel?

P Tebbutt

Once again, I sought advice, not surprisingly medical, but historical. Who better to answer this than the very man who discovered the mortal remains of King Richard III? That is correct, Mathew again:

“Thanks for this, I think...

Unfortunately, Phil's story is incorrect! Everyone knows it was Richard III's half-brother who fought at Bosworth, not Richard III (who was apparently fond of using stunt doubles and was nowhere near the battle at the time, honest guv, I was polishing me spurs in bed at the time!). True story...

At least according to a bloke wearing slippers and smelling of cat pee who accosted us in the car park during the dig.

On a more serious note, it is not a theory I have previously heard but it is very similar to many circulating about. Unfortunately, the only way for the DNA to work according to this scenario (bearing in mind the match is through the mitochondrial DNA passed down through the female line) is if Richard III had Albert Hoskins with his mother or one of his sisters (let's not go there!) otherwise they wouldn't share a common female ancestor.”

So, there we are. The newsletter is not only informative on the subjects of history, heritage, conservation but also on hereditary genetics.

It is a lot of fun being your chairman, I can heartily recommend it so if anyone would like to take a turn?

## **Cadeby Hall – an enquiry by the new owners**

On to more serious matters. I received this email:

*“Good morning Nigel, we have just recently moved into Cadeby Hall and would love to know more about the history of Cadeby / Cadeby Hall.*

*Regards Kevin and Carol Brennan”*

I have received some information from Glynis and other committee members and there are mentions of the hall in both “The History of Market Bosworth”, and also “From and Open Wooded Hilltop” but I am sure that you will have some information that would be of interest to the new owners. Please let me have any information you have to the usual email address (either the nigel-palmer one or the info@ one) and I will share the information with Kevin and Carol.

## Wordsearch

Feedback that I have received suggests that you enjoyed the last ones. I picture you sitting in your garden, tea in one hand, pen in the other working on the wordsearch. I have included another one for you for fun. I seem to have trouble with this one. Lynne tested it for me and told me that one word was in twice and one missing altogether. Can you confirm that?

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3. YORK	4. CHURCH
5. SPRINGFIELD	6. PRIORY
7. RECTORY	8. SUTTON
9. LANCASTER	10. WARWICK
11. HEATH	12. MAIN
13. HARCOURT	14. REDMOOR
15. MAIN	16. SHENTON
17. WESTON	18. CATHERINES
19. HEATH	20. SOUTHFIELD
21. AMBION	22. BECKETT
23. SYCAMORE	24. HAVEN
25. CEDAR	26. GODSONS
27. PARK	28. WESTHAVEN
29. HORSESHOE	30. TUDOR
31. STATION	32. STANLEY

## Poetry Corner

I may have mentioned that in times of difficulty I often found myself re-reading and reflecting upon Kipling's wonderful If. I cannot claim to be well read but have found many answers in this poem over the years. I would like to share with you a poem which was treasured by my mother. Every evening as she retired to her bed, she

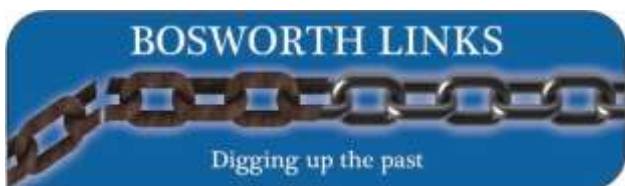


would pause by this poem she had on the wall and would read it out. I think that never have the sentiments been more relevant as we work through lockdown, and self-isolation. Perhaps now?

Leisure (W. H. Davies)

What is this life if, full of care?  
We have no time to stand and stare.  
No time to stand beneath the boughs  
And stare as long as sheep or cows.  
No time to see, when woods we pass,  
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.  
No time to see, in broad daylight,  
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.  
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,  
And watch her feet, how they can dance.  
No time to wait till her mouth can  
Enrich that smile her eyes began.  
A poor life this if, full of care,  
We have no time to stand and stare.

"Leisure" is a poem by Welsh poet W. H. Davies, appearing originally in his *Songs Of Joy and Others*, published in 1911



## Johan Verspay



Members who took part in the 2018 digs, will I am certain, remember Johan. Lynne and I had the pleasure of hosting Johan as he wanted to spend time learning about Bosworth Links as he was to be engaged in a similar but much bigger project in Europe. I try to keep in touch with Johan and recently I sent him an email asking him how he was getting on. Obviously with a pandemic the lockdown situations are quite common across many countries. I think you might like to hear what Johan had to say:

“We are doing great here and really enjoying our new home in Liempde. It’s such a relief to be able to go out and have plenty of space for the girls blow off steam. It is difficult to imagine how it would be if we were still in our house in Zaandam.

Although we enjoyed it very much, it was much smaller, and we had no garden to speak of. Of course, we’ve had our challenges lately adapting to the new situation and home-schooling the kids, but luckily, we are not on strict lockdown. So, we can go about, but are encouraged not to, except for the essentials. Besides some groceries and some trips to the hardware store there is little need for us to go anywhere now.

The girls are doing great. Emmeke (9) and Doortje (7) had some difficulties at first with doing their homework and we found out that the eldest had fallen significantly behind with her math, but everything settled in time and they work diligently now (mostly). Of course, they are very proud big sisters to our youngest, Janna. The girls are helping out with the baby and she really likes being with her sisters and

enjoying all the attention. Janna is turning 7 months today and growing steadily. Janna is a very happy and playful little girl.

The times have been busy lately and moving to a new house wasn't really planned, nor convenient. But we've made it and I'm still alive (sort of). Our community archaeology digs have all been cancelled as well for now, but on the upside, it gave me some needed time to finish my dissertation. It's nearly done now, but I have a hard time dragging myself to the computer to do the writing. Especially with the house, the things that still need to be done and the new opportunities that present themselves. The place itself is even packed with archaeology. Going through the mole hills I find all kinds of medieval pottery -even early medieval stuff- and the other day the front piece of the quick release box of an allied T5 parachute turned up in the garden. Now even my flowerbeds are taunting me with new archaeological adventures. To keep my sanity, I started a vegetable garden with the girls and began growing hop. With all the micro-breweries around it might be an interesting enterprise on the side.

Despite the lack of fieldwork, we have been making progress with our CARE-project. The National Heritage Agency wants to support it now too and we are exploring whether we can combine it with some additional initiatives and develop a field school for students AND volunteers on archaeology, architectural history and historical geography, combining research, education and public outreach.”

It was lovely to hear that Johan and his family are doing so well. If you look up Liempde on Google Maps it offers some photographs. I would encourage you to view them, if possible. It looks a lovely place to live. Lynne and I plan a trip to see Johan once all of this lockdown business is over. But don't tell him, it will be a surprise. The link to the photographs (easier to go via Google maps) is

<https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Liempde,+Netherlands/@51.569362,5.3723188,3a,75y,90t/data=!3m8!1e2!3m6!1sAF1QipOJCpheapZoecVyAhmAderlaUUc39tjq8MyXYbyv!2e10!3e12!6shttps:%2F%2Flh5.googleusercontent.com%2Fp%2FAF1QipOJCpheapZoecVyAhmAderlaUUc39tjq8MyXYbyv%3Dw360-h202-k-no!7i5312!8i2988!4m5!3m4!1s0x47c6dd5972f7822d:0x8ee98a8f46afb3eb!8m2!3d51.569362!4d5.3723188>

The photograph shows Johan during one of our magnet fishing expeditions. We did pull out a decent bicycle from the Ashby Canal together with an old iron bar, a washing machine and several bits and pieces of junk, nothing of any great value. It was fun to do, and we had a great laugh whilst dangling our magnets in the water. I am sure you will join in me in sending to Johan and his family our best wishes and hope that he may one day return to dig with us again.

I have nothing else to report at the moment. All work is suspended pending a promised resumption in October when I expect it will be all hands to the pump once again. I am still keeping an eye on the likely lifting of the lockdown and have a few ideas for an event in September or even October of this year. I cannot make any promises, but it would be great to get together and do something Archaeological, as someone said to me recently. Indeed, it would. If you have any ideas for a smallish event let me know.

I hope to be able to bring some brighter news next month. I also hope to read that fewer people are falling prey to Corvid 19 and that medical science is progressing to give a better outcome for those who do contract the virus.

In the meantime, please keep safe and keep well.

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**Please remember that there are more jokes and videos on the website, please travel to <http://marketbosworthsociety.com/nigels-naughty-page/> to read the jokes and to watch the videos. Thank you to everyone who has shared jokes and videos with me. I am incredibly grateful to you.**



**Nigel Palmer**  
**Chairman**

### Answers –

#### Archaeological Quiz

1. Before. M is 10,000 BCE to approx. 4,000 BCE.
2. Early Bronze Age, 2,300 to 1,500 BCE
3. Stone.
4. Positive attitude: ability to work in a team; tolerance for the weather!
5. Field walking.

#### Quiz number two

1. 1155
2. Janes Daughter. (Jane's mother's husband is Jane's father, his daughter is Jane, and Jill is her daughter.)
3. Zipper (The others can be anagrammed into the names of cities: Rome, Paris, Chester.)
4. Cherries. (Tabitha likes food with two syllables).
5. 41 ( $4000/2=2000$ ,  $/5=400$ .  $/10=40$ ,  $+1=41$ )
6. Rachel
7. 16 (each number adds 1,2,3,4, and 6, respectively to the preceding number.)
8. Oranges cost 15p each and lemons cost 10p each
9. 216 (3 kittens @ 4 mittens each =  $12 \times 18$ . Kittens have 4 paws.)
10. Strengths

### Sports quiz

#### Answers

- 1) Blue, yellow, black, green, and red
- 2) Real Madrid (13)
- 3) 13

- 4) Red Rum
- 5) Crucible Theatre
- 6) Pineapple
- 7) USA
- 8) A turkey
- 9) 16
- 10) Augusta National