



March 2020

Dear Member

I hope that you are coping with the current situation and are being supported. **If there is anything I can do to help, please let me know.** Contact details at the end of this article. I doubt if I need to tell you that your Newsletter is going to look a bit different for the next month or two but it will still be packed with all the things you have come to expect (no, not spelling mistakes, grammatical errors and poor punctuation, shame on you). I shall do my best under the circumstances, but it is even more important for you to send me your articles and items to include. Oh, and whilst I remember it as we are all in purdah, so to speak, why not get around to looking out your favourite views and vistas photographs? It would be nice to see them. You can upload them, email them, or drop them off to me.

I have included some information from sources that I would not usually include, this month but I think acceptable and reasonable to include them under these rare circumstances. As usual I am open to feedback. If you like or dislike this newsletter then tell me. If you would like to see things included and excluded, then please tell me.

Subscriptions.

Just to confirm that the subscription rates are unaltered from last year and therefore remain at £12.00 for a single membership and £18.00 for a joint membership. Thank you for those who have already renewed. Your Committee really appreciate your support especially at the moment. It has never been easier to renew your membership, there are four ways you can do it. Method one (and the safest method) is to make a direct payment via your internet banking facility to the MBS account held at the HSBC Bank. The sorting code is 40-32-03 and the account number is 91001108. Please use your surname and postal code as the reference (do not worry if it will not all fit in the space allowed). You may also ask your Bank/branch to make the payment for you if making a personal visit.

Method two is to complete a standing order. This will enable your bank to make the payment on your behalf and will automatically do so each year, thus avoiding the usual rush at the March meeting. I can send a mandate to you upon request. Once again please use your surname and postal code as a reference (again do not worry if it will not all fit in the box). Once complete please post/hand the mandate to your bank (you can also set up standing orders via internet banking)

If you would like to post a cheque please send it to MBS c/o Mrs M Lambourne, Hon, Treasurer, 84 Newbold Road Barlestone CV13 0DY

If you would like to drop off a cheque or cash in Market Bosworth then please do so at 29 Warwick Lane, Market Bosworth. CV130JU

The observant may well have spotted some recycling here, well we must all do our bit. Do not forget to let me know if you would like tickets reserving for “An Audience with King Henry VIII” I cannot guarantee it will take place on the 11th June, but it will take place. It is too early to say right now what will happen in June.

Entertainment

Being stuck at home is not everyone’s cup of tea and boredom can easily set in. One of your Committee members suggested to me that I should pass the time by doing an Acrostic. Clever idea I agreed and then went to look it up! It is a series of lines, not unlike a poem but the initial words spell something out. Its quite tricky to do but it does get your brain working and cannot do any harm for one’s vocabulary. At the risk of losing your confidence in me as your chairman here is one I did earlier:

This Corona Virus is a pain
O’ go outside and feel the rain
Instead of being in a crowded room
Leave them behind and see nature bloom
Enter the lanes in the countryside
Take a stroll in the great outside
Rural places are safe and sound
Outside Mother Nature does abound
Leave behind your cares and woes
Listen instead to the rooks and crows

I did warn you that it was not very good, but you get the idea. Incidentally, it meets Government standards of one outing per day for exercise (keep your distance). Why not try one or two yourself? I worked mine out in my head before writing it down and that was a bit of a challenge, but it passed the time and I enjoyed using my brain. I plan to do one based on Paracetamol Tablets but need a lie down first. Please send them in to me and I will add them to the next Newsletter. No need to be embarrassed, just look at my effort again. They do not have to rhyme but making them rhyme adds an extra challenge. I did one on Pasta but cannot publish that here. Which leads us on to....

TOILET PAPER HAS LONG HISTORY

ELGIN, Ill. (AP) - From corncobs to catalogues, the days before toilet paper were tough on the tush

We scoff at silly ads featuring grocers groping those fluffy rolls. But gratitude seems more appropriate; our ancestors got a bum deal in the outhouse. And out of that came another chapter of the American dream.

Businessman Joseph Gayetty invented the first commercially packaged toilet paper in 1857, but the product sold poorly, according to Charles Panati's "Extraordinary Origins of Ordinary Things".



Most Americans refused to spend money on paper when they were amply supplied by the Sears catalogue, newspapers, and corncobs dangling from a string. In coastal regions, the hygienic resorted to mussel shells,

Some go so far as to trace the source of Sears' meteoric growth at least partially to the alternative use of its "wish book".

When Sears switched to non-absorbent coated stock, the change was met with consternation by many farm families.

English lords taught their sons to be cultivated young gentlemen by advising the purchase of a cheap volume of verse for use in the 100. Presumably, while sitting in a contemplative state, the lads scanned a few stanzas before turning paper to other ends.

Affluent Romans used sponges, wool and rose water. Peasants turned to sticks, stones, leaves, hay, or dry bones. French humourist Francois Rabelais swore by the downy neck of a goose.

Englishman Walter Alcock tried to market toilet paper in 1879. Alcock refined the invention by adding perforated "tear sheets". But marketing an unmentionable product proved a tough sell during the Victorian pinnacle of prudery. Magazines refused to carry the ads. Alcock spent nearly a decade struggling to get his product advertised and accepted.

Across the Atlantic in the 1880's, many Americans installed indoor plumbing as major cities-built sewer systems. Clarence and Irvin Scott lived in Philadelphia -- then boasting the title of most fully plumbed American city - and showed better timing than Gayetty.

Produced in small rolls, their product first came in unlabelled brown wrappers, and evolved into the prestigiously named Waldorf Tissue with the slogan "soft as old linen". It sold for 5 cents a roll.

By World War I, the Scott's set out to conquer the American market with more aggressive advertising based on snob appeal. A typical ad read: "They have a pretty house, Mother, but their bathroom paper hurts. "

Today's toilet paper ranges from single ply industrial brands to designer rolls in a rainbow of prints and pastels, scents, and textures. Most trumpet political correctness via recyclability.

Today the average household spends \$33 per person annually on toilet paper, said Dan Vinh, an assistant product manager for the James River Corp., manufacturer of Quilted Northern.

Assigned to Associated Press

Thank you, Glynis, for finding this in the Archive. Very interesting and very topical. It was taken from Aspect, May 1995. I wonder if anyone has a recipe?



VE DAY 75th Anniversary May 8th, 2020 (Part One)

As I am sure you know VE day stands for Victory over the Enemy but was not the last celebration of World War 2. For a bonus point can you tell me the initials for the ‘other day’ and what the initials stood for? But I digress, here is an article prepared and written by Ingrid for us.

Friday 8th May 2020 has been designated as a Bank Holiday with extended licencing hours. However, in light of the current situation with Coronavirus, we will have to await government instructions. Nevertheless, we can look back and see how victory was celebrated across the country on this date in 1945.

Churchill made May 8th a public holiday. King George VI and family appeared on the balcony of Buckingham Palace. The Board of Trade announced that people could buy red and blue bunting without using ration coupons. Some restaurants had special Victory Menus. At 3.00pm flags stopped being waved, bells ringers halted their labours as everyone paused to hear Winston Churchill’s speech from Number 10 Downing Street.

This is what happened closer to home in Hinckley town centre:

- 2:55pm Bugler to play the Last Post and Reveille
- 3.00pm Piper to play ‘Battles O’er’ and ‘Flowers of the Forest’
- 6.55pm A Cry for Peace around the world
- 7:00pm Ringing out for peace by St. Mary’s church
- 7:00 Parade at the Bandstand by the Royal British Legion.

Dennis Bream of Carlton remembers that on VE day there was a parade of people waving flags a singing through the village with the church bells ringing. There were few young men present as they were in the forces.

Peter Loseby informed us that there were buntings along Station Road

Last, but by no means least, Maurice Harris recalled this 1945 scene in Market Bosworth with his Free Church article for Aspect in May 1995

“Many people who now consider Market Bosworth to be their hometown cannot remember the town as it was on VE day. Some would imagine that it was less attractive and certainly less enterprising than it is today. At its heart it probably has not changed a great deal except perhaps in one or two particular areas. In 1945 particularly there was a great sense of togetherness, a sense of relief and a sense of joy in the fact that peace had come at last. There was much rejoicing with a massive bonfire in the square and a victory parade by the Forces who had occupied the neighbouring district. Out of this situation came the spirit of community and a strong sense of wanting to share in each other’s good fortunes. We did not find ourselves complaining about what others were doing, we found that then organisations in the town helped each other in ways which would now seem surprising. We were still able to have a ninety-minute football match in Barton Road (using a pig’s bladder as a ball) without being disturbed by a single car. The shops closed all day on Sunday and yet we had time to shop for all our needs. From our point of view this time of peace brought about the release of our church from war service to be reopened as a place of worship. During the war it had served as an ARP

(Air Raid Precaution) store. It was not however until 1949 that it was refurbished and opened as a church again.

At this time of celebration for the 50th anniversary of the ending of the war we would invite you to spend a little time thinking of the spirit of 1945 and to try and rekindle that spirit once again.”

Thank you, Ingrid, for a very interesting part one, I am already looking forward to part two. Incidentally, we have seen some of the 1945 spirit again very recently as friends and neighbours look out for each other as we suffer this current crisis. I said previously that we were fortunate not to suffer the floods which had blighted many this Winter but if we had we would, as a community, have risen to it. We can now demonstrate community support as we wage another war against an invisible, but in many respects an equally deadly enemy. It is ironic that celebrations for the 75th anniversary of another dreadful crises are to be compromised by another crises. We can justifiably class this present crisis as a war.

Even More Entertainment

I have been working on a quiz just in case we have a situation at a forthcoming meeting when we need to change, with some urgency, the published programme. The one I have devised is fiendishly difficult and Lynne has told me off for making it so hard. I was working on some alternative questions and had an idea. A number of our members will know Market Bosworth very well indeed, far, far better than me. So, what I would like you to do is to think of a question, could be anything at all (from a place to a date, picture, anything) and send me the question. And of course, the answer.

Now you have started thinking there may be a question to which you do not know the answer. Well you can of course ask a question here because I bet someone here will know. It will help us all to keep active and remember parts of Market Bosworth that we may not be currently visiting (and not just the Red Lion, thank you).

Can you help?

I have heard from Roger Thomas. Roger had recently been granted permission to carry out a resistivity survey on Silk Hill. The results are being analysed as we speak, and it is hoped I will be able to include them in next month’s newsletter. Roger has asked if we can help with a puzzle he has encountered. Roger asks if anyone has any theories about where the Duke of Norfolk’s camp was before the battle? Roger has been told two different places near to Cadeby, but on the old Bosworth Estate auction map there is a Norfolk House field marked in a 3rd position, nearer to Sutton Cheney. This may have nothing whatever to do with the Duke of Norfolk, but it does seem a bit odd. Over to you, please send any answers to the contact address below and I will forward them to Roger. I will include answers in next month’s issue of the Newsletter.



Can you Help again?

Family History Request (this time via Robert)

Sally Key is investigating her father's family history and is trying to find information about Matilda and Albert Peel who lived in the Grey House, Church Street, around 1912 to 1916. Matilda and Albert were Sally's grandparents



The picture shows The Grey House today. Although dated 1824 the façade of the house hides the original structure of the half-timbered Manor Farm. At the time of the Peel's occupation there would have been another building to the left, (see photograph to the right) the Old Stone Malthouse, dating from 1694, which was demolished in 1965 to allow the widening of Church Street.

Any information about the couple will be passed on to Sally. Can anyone help?

Policing Update

There have been some questions regarding policing across Leicestershire during this crisis and I have decided to share here a message from Simon Cole. I am sorry that some of the information given is on-line. I am sure that a friend, neighbor or relative could help you if you want to know the information. But please telephone them, rather than to visit them.



A message from the Chief Constable about policing during the coronavirus outbreak

As things have changed over the last few days, everyone is coming to terms with what the COVID-19 outbreak means for them and the impact on their lives and the community around them. We are all thinking of our loved ones at this time and how we can help keep them – and ourselves – safe.

We must all work together for the greater good of us all across Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland.

The response across LLR to the outbreak is being led by our health colleagues and they are doing an amazing job in the face of an ever-changing picture and growing pressure on them and their resources.

We must consider what we are doing as the police to support health colleagues, whilst keeping our essential 24/7 policing operation on the road and in your community. These are unprecedented times, but we are prepared.

There are well rehearsed plans in place to deal with a pandemic, and we are working very closely with our partners across the force and the region.

Policing the community

Our policing response remains unchanged at the moment, with our frontline officers and staff out in your community responding to calls for help from the public, working to solve problems and combat crime.

I am immensely proud of the response from my officers and staff, who, in the face of a fast moving and developing situation, are committed to doing their duty and protecting the public.

We will be there to respond to emergency 999 calls. We will continue to assess what to prioritise as the impact of coronavirus on local communities, and on our own officers and staff, develops.

We have a plan that reacts to events and helps us to apply common sense judgements; we may need to scale back some community engagement events to enable us to deal with more critical emerging issues and we may need to respond differently to minor anti-social behaviour. We will keep you informed of any changes we are making when we make them. For instance, some beat surgeries have already been postponed meeting the guidance about social distancing.

It would be helpful to engage with us online where you can report crime, anti-social behaviour, and road traffic incidents, as well as find out useful information. Take a look here: <https://www.leics.police.uk/>

We are asking you to limit your visits to police stations – and to not go at all if you have any concerning symptoms.

By keeping yourself safe – self-isolating if necessary – and taking precautions over hygiene and cleanliness, you can help protect the more vulnerable, and those colleagues of mine who are committed to be out in public, fighting crime and protecting the public.

So how can you help? It would be hugely helpful if you could:

Read the PHE guidance on social distancing which is here <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance>

For information from the force, please follow our social media pages – @leicspolice on Twitter and Leicestershire Police on Facebook.

Sign up for Neighbourhood Link for your area to get relevant and useful messages; I'm signed up for my area - <https://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk/>

Please also feel free to say ‘thank you’ to my officers and staff as you see them out and about. They are a remarkable bunch who are getting on with policing in remarkable times. I am very proud of them.



Keep Safe

At times like these we often see the very best of people, sadly we also see some of the worst. I thought for a while before including this article but then decided that if one person reads it and one person is saved from losing money to a scammer or conman/woman it would be justified so here it is.

Neighbourhood Link

Local news for Leicester
Leicestershire and Rutland



Coronavirus Related Fraud Reports Increase By 400 Per Cent in March

Recently the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) reported a new trend in fraud related to Coronavirus, or COVID-19.

Updated figures show there have been 105 reports to Action Fraud since 1 February 2020, with total losses reaching nearly £970,000.

The first report relating to Coronavirus, or COVID-19, was received on 9 February. There were 20 more reports that month. Since then, there have been 46 reports between the 1 March and 13 March, and 38 reports in just four days (14 March – 18 March).

What scams are we seeing?

The majority of reports are related to online shopping scams where people have ordered protective face masks, hand sanitiser, and other products, which have never arrived. Other frauds being reported include ticket fraud, romance fraud, charity fraud and lender loan fraud.

Phishing emails

We have also received over 200 reports of coronavirus-themed phishing emails. These

attempt to trick people into opening malicious attachments which could lead to fraudsters stealing people's personal information, email logins and passwords, and banking details.

Some of the tactics being used in phishing emails include:

- Fraudsters purporting to be from a research group that mimic the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organisation (WHO). They claim to provide the victim with a list of active infections in their area but to access this information the victim needs to either: click on a link which redirects them to a credential-stealing page; or make a donation of support in the form of a payment into a Bitcoin account.
- Fraudsters providing articles about the virus outbreak with a link to a fake company website where victims are encouraged to click to subscribe to a daily newsletter for further updates.
- Fraudsters sending investment scheme and trading advice encouraging people to take advantage of the coronavirus downturn.
- Fraudsters purporting to be from HMRC offering a tax refund and directing victims to a fake website to harvest their personal and financial details. The emails often display the HMRC logo making it look reasonably genuine and convincing.

Superintendent Sanjay Andersen, Head of the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau, said: "Fraudsters will use any opportunity they can to take money from innocent people. This includes exploiting tragedies and global emergencies.

"The majority of scams we are seeing relate to the online sale of protective items, and items that are in short supply across the country, due to the COVID-19 outbreak. We're advising people not to panic and to think about the purchase they are making. When you're online shopping it's important to do your research and look at reviews of the site you are buying from."

Graeme Biggar, Director General of the National Economic Crime Centre, said: "We have already seen fraudsters using the COVID-19 pandemic to scam people looking to buy medical supplies online, sending emails offering fake medical support and targeting people who may be vulnerable or increasingly isolated at home.

"These frauds try to lure you in with offers that look too good to be true, such as high return investments and 'healthcare opportunities', or appeals for you to support those who are ill or bogus charities.

"The advice is simple, think very carefully before you hand over your money, and don't give out your personal details unless you are sure who you are dealing with.

"We are working together across law enforcement, government and the private sector to combat this criminal activity and protect the public. If you think you have been a victim please report to Action Fraud."

Protect yourself

1) Watch out for scam messages

Don't click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails, and never respond to unsolicited messages and calls that ask for your personal or financial details.

2) Shopping online:

If you're making a purchase from a company or person you don't know and trust, carry out some research first, and ask a friend or family member for advice before completing the purchase. If you decide to go ahead with the purchase, use a credit card if you have one, as most major credit card providers insure online purchases.

For more information on how to shop online safely, please visit: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/shoponlinesafely>

3) Protect your devices from the latest threats:

Always install the latest software and app updates to protect your devices from the latest threats.

For information on how to update your devices, please

visit: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/securing-your-devices>

For the latest health information and advice about COVID-19 please visit the NHS website.

Environmental Improvements

Your Society recent received an email from Paul Grundy, Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Conservation Officer. This is what Paul wrote:

“I am contacting you as a valued local history group / civic society established within Hinckley and Bosworth Borough. Please see below an opportunity to identify and suggest suitable conservation or heritage related schemes to be delivered by next year's Environmental Improvement Programme (2020 / 2021), as administered by the Borough Council. All Parish Councils and Borough Councillors have also been approached to suggest schemes, so please ensure any scheme you propose does not duplicate those suggested by the relevant Parish Council or Member.”

Please forward your suggestions to me (contact details at the end) for onward transmission to the Market Bosworth Parish Council. You will not be able to make recommendations directly to Paul or Hinckley and bosworth Borough council.

Environmental Improvement Programme 2020 Guidance

Criteria for schemes (meeting as many as possible)

Implement schemes identified in the Authority's Conservation Area Management Plan Reviews

Enhances the historic environment/Increases understanding and interpretation of heritage

Complete or complement schemes undertaken in previous year's programmes

Be implemented on publicly owned or private accessible land

Be in areas which have not yet benefited significantly in previous years' programmes

Application Questions

Provide a brief overview of the proposed project and how it meets the criteria for schemes
Details of quote obtained, including preferred supplier (ideally 2 quotes should be provided for projects up to £20,000, if you are unable to provide 2 quotes please explain why e.g. specialist nature of works)

Details of funding request and match funding availability

Please mark your emails/envelopes Environmental Improvements.



The application process continues and there is not a great deal to report at the moment. Rest assured as soon as I have any news, I will share it with you and with the Bosworth Links Facebook page (to which a hilarious photo has been placed). We are still well on track for digs commencing in September, when hopefully we will be able to gather in small groups in the outdoors.

And Finally,....Remember to look out your favourite views and vistas photographs. Send in your subscription, if you have not already, do and send in an acrostic. Send in your Market Bosworth questions and quiz questions (with answers) and also answer the question I posed in the VE day article. Please try to help Roger with his puzzle and Sally with her search.

If you have any ideas that you would like to see included, weekly quiz, monthly teaser anything to help with the lockdown, please let me know. Do not forget the feedback, good or bad, I can take it.

But most of all, keep safe, keep an eye on each other and keep washing those hands, all together now "Happy Birthday to....."

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', written in a cursive style.

Nigel Palmer

Chairman