



August 2020

Dear Member

Welcome to the August edition of the Newsletter. Whilst I do not want this edition to be dominated by the current Corvid -19 crisis it will inevitably be affected by it. Both lectures for September and October have been confirmed as deferred with November's lecture under review. With no lectures or visits possible it seems that there is little going on. That is not quite the truth as there is much going on in the background. I have received some correspondence from members and associates and complete strangers asking for help with research and access to the Archive. I have been adding videos received to the video page on the website. If you have not been over for a look yet I would encourage you to do so. There are some very funny and moving videos there, whatever the emotion they are entertaining. The jokes page is updated occasionally as well. A huge thank you to those who have shared their jokes, cartoons, videos, bon mottes and quotations, I have enjoyed them all. Please send them in, come along do not be shy! I have also been sharing news, the volume has fallen recently but I anticipate more in the near future.

I have been busy looking at the website and thinking about how to make amendments to bring it up to date and refresh it, something it will need at the right time. It will not be easy but as we now have the facility to host unlimited sites and unlimited space I am thinking of building a new site and then replacing the old with the new. It is quite a project and something I contemplate with an element of trepidation. If anyone has web building skills and wants to help, get in touch. I have also been looking at developing two other domains that the Society now owns. Bosworth-Links is registered and ready to be created. I would love to have it up and running in time for the next series of digs as we can host our own reports, videos, and photographs. I am also working on Bosworth Walks another domain. Sadly, plans for a launch to our guided walks programme has been inevitably delayed but it is still part of the Society's strategic thinking. It will support tourism in the area and will attract visitors and their spending money to our shops and nearby attractions. Maybe next year will be Bosworth Walks year. It will be a valuable source of income to support the Archive and what will hopefully become continuing digitalisation.

During lockdown I have been walking many of the footpaths around Market Bosworth in our beautiful countryside. Lynne and I have been doing a good deal of walking. We used to think that second gate was a long walk but now comfortably manage 8 or 9 miles. We have walked to Sutton Cheney, Cadeby, Shenton, Carlton, Shackerstone, Congerstone and Far Coton. Using a mixture of tow paths and footpaths. Our next foray will be to Dadlington and Stoke Golding. Our two dogs, Bobby and Sue have loved joining us on the walks. If anyone is thinking of a walk but is unsure of a route perhaps I can help? If, you want to organise a group walk that too can be supported. The Bosworth Walks page on the website gives some ideas of routes. Lynne and I are far from professional walkers but feel fitter and happier for getting active. If you haven't yet given our countryside a try there is much to see, and the blackberries are ripe (as are the sloes).

A Date for Your Diary

The socially distanced walk to visit Hercules followed by a socially distanced cream tea will be on the **24th September**. I have a few names so far but if you would like to go on the walk and the tea please let me know. Similarly, if you would like to skip the walk and go straight to the tea I will need to know. I am negotiating with Ruth at the Hall for a meal deal and I don't as yet have all the details but please make a note in your diary if you would like to take part. The maximum size of the Hercules party is 20 (which includes me as your guide) and so it will be first come first served. There is an overall limit of 30 on the cream tea which will be decided upon the same principle. If you have already notified me that you want to go you need do nothing more at the moment. At last, something to look forward to – and to report on in the October Newsletter!

VJ Day

In May we celebrated VE Day and VJ day was remembered on the 15th August (actually the surrender was on the 14th due to time differences) and many places, the United States as an example only received the news on the 2nd September. VJ day was the final ending of the war and the beginning of the nuclear age. The forgotten army were brought home and we are lucky to have received an account from Ingrid, covering the experience of her Uncle.

Read on.

Fighting in the Far East WW2

In January 1942 HMS Thanet was ordered, together with HMAS destroyer Vampire, to intercept a Japanese invasion convoy approaching Endau on the east coast of Malaya. During the action that ensued, HMS Thanet was hit in the engine room and immediately disabled. Orders were given to abandon ship as she quickly started to sink, illuminated by Japanese searchlights. The accompanying ship Vampire attempted to lay a smoke screen as the survivors were being fired upon, but she had to make her escape.



Joseph Cheshire from Market Bosworth was in the water, one of 16 men who managed to clamber into a small float built for 10. Thanet sank at 0420 shortly after being hit. The men took turns, in fours, to push and paddle the float towards land and after many hours in the water, they eventually came ashore, exhausted.

Several separate parties of Thanet's crew also reached land but 30 ratings, including Joseph's best friend, were picked up by the Japanese destroyer Shirayuki. They were believed to have been executed the next day.

Few of the surviving and dispersed crew had any footwear, much clothing, or weapons. Joseph joined three others from a different float and together, they decided to try to make it along the shoreline in the hope of finding another vessel to take them on to Singapore. Other survivors opted for a route through the jungle as a possible short cut.

Joseph and his three pals found an abandoned canoe and for a couple of days, paddled at a good rate hugging the coastline. At night, cold and hungry, they made a windbreak out of palm leaves and buried themselves in the sand. At one point, they were given food and shelter from an old Malayan man. They discovered from him that there was a group of British sailors being guided through the jungle to a main road

leading to Johore. Hoping to meet up with the others ahead of them, the group of four trekked with a guide, for about 5 hours through the jungle. Surprisingly, they came across two other men, a gunner from their ship and an air force officer who had been shot down. The gunner informed them of danger from advancing Japanese on Johore. They all had to retrace their steps and head back to the beach.

Joseph learnt from the gunner that there was a whaler along the beach which could be made seaworthy. At the same time, there were 20 sailors under another command trying to reach the whaler, but they had to be there within 6 hours. Having found the whaler, they worked on it, bailed out water and made sails out of an old blanket. Later, other Thanet crew arrived in addition to some more shot down airmen. At night, they set sail sticking close to the shore. Joseph and his 3 pals, together with 16 other men were in the whaler and 8 more men were in a canoe.

Relief came in the morning when the lighthouse outside Singapore harbour was spotted.

Joseph Cheshire was on one of the last evacuation ships to get away before the surrender of Singapore 15th February. An incredible escape!

(Thank you to Sandra for letting me tell Uncle Joe's story - Ingrid).

Thank you Sandra and Ingrid for a fantastic record of one man's survival against the odds. I then received this from Angie Hutton.

MEMORIES OF A RETURNING SOLDIER

Recent VE/VJ Day celebrations brought some happy but poignant memories to the fore regarding my father, Cyril Hutton.



My father joined the Army, I presume the Leicestershire Regiment and fought in the Second World War. For some of that time he fought out in the Middle East. He was away from home for several years. Prior to joining up he lived in Market Bosworth with his Wife, Winnifred/ Winnie, my mother, and their only daughter, at that time, Barbara.

My Dad never mentioned his experiences of war to his three daughters, Barbara, Angela, and Joan. I learned much later in life that he did share a few memories with my brother, David, when they were working together on Dad's allotment. The accounts are not detailed, and I can only share the bit of information below, which was relayed to me by David. Sadly, David is no longer with us.

Dad was a prisoner of war for a few months whilst serving abroad but managed to escape together with other prisoners, tunnelling their way out, I believe.

Another episode Dad spoke about was when he and nine other soldiers were out in the desert and they were shot at by overhead planes. Dad and one other dived into a nearby Oasis and survived but the remaining eight were killed.

At one time, Mum had not received any correspondence from Dad for a considerable length of time and was, obviously, concerned for his safety. She investigated this by going into Leicester to the then War Office, I believe, to try and ascertain his whereabouts. Eventually, twenty letters arrived all at once, which had, for some reason, been held up in the system. What anxiety all of this must have caused my mum.

After fighting and serving his country for all of those years, when the war ended, he was just taken as far as Leicester and dropped off there to walk home to Market Bosworth. Mum was awakened in the early hours of the morning by stones being thrown at the bedroom window. She must have been both shocked and delighted to see her husband standing there.

Mum and Barbara lived down Shenton Lane in Market Bosworth during war time. Barbara would be approximately two years old when Dad left to go to war. Apparently, it took her a while to adjust to him being home because she could not really remember him. A family having to rebuild relationships.

There were some scars left of war on Dad! I remember mum telling me that he would suddenly jump out of



war, we have to be grateful for his safe return. Others were not so fortunate as fourteen men and one woman, from Market Bosworth, were killed in action.

An event was organised by the Market Bosworth Soldiers and Sailors Club, A Welcome Home Dinner and Dance, which was held at St George's Ballroom in Hinckley on Wednesday, 2 October 1946. My Dad was

Winnie & Barbara with returned dad, Cyril

Glancing at the guest list, I remember so many of the surnames in particular, with being born and bred here and in times when we all knew each other in our communities.

Well done dad for your contribution towards Victory and for returning home to us. Proud of you! To mum too for all that she must have gone through in holding things together whilst dad was away for all of those years.

Sadly, Mum died in 1972 aged 58 years and Dad died in 1980 aged 71 years. Great parents whom I remember with such love and gratitude.

Angie Hutton
Second eldest daughter

Can You Help – An Update on our Postbag

Actually, as most if not all of our mail has been electronic can we really call it a postbag, or should that be an in-box? I think I prefer postbag as that creates an images of a bulging sack carried by a postie. Back in June we were contacted by Roger J Morgan who amongst other things asked about the fabled book "Is it true what they say about Dixie – the second battle of Bosworth" After research and responses from local historians and experts I concluded that the book was a myth and that it never existed even as an unpublished manuscript. The ISBN (International Standard Book Number) number sometimes quoted leads nowhere and is itself false. Whilst it was nice to put a question to bed it was also sad that the book does not exist. I bet it would have been a cracking read!

When I covered the story in more detail last month I received an interesting and helpful email from Peter Loseby, who had been following the story. Peter corrected my assertion that the shooting incident, between the 4th Baronet and the Revd. Wright was bad feeling left over by the Chancery Court Case. Here is what Peter had to say:

Hi Nigel

Thank you for the newsletter.

However, may I correct you on one section of the letter.

You suggest that there was an ongoing dispute between the seventh baronet and the Rev Wright over the Chancery Court case.

This case was resolved by Eleanor Pochin in 1812 when she cleared all of the family debts.

In tying up the loose ends of the case the Chancery Court confirmed that only the Rev Wright was to continue as a Governor of the School.

In 1820 the Reverend Wright selected a new board of governors neither Lady Pochin or the 7th Baronet, who was waiting for the death of Lady Pochin before taking his place at the Hall, had anything to do with the selection of Governors.

Lady Pochin was charged with the appointment of teachers though she was dead before Doctor Benoni Evans was appointed in late 1828 as the Headmaster.

He succeeded the Reverend Henry Small who was dismissed I believe for not fully carrying out his duties. Sir Willoughby Dixie returned to Bosworth in 1823 after the death of Lady Pochin. By that time the Chancery Court case was no longer in dispute but relationships between the Baronet and Rev Wright were fractious because Rev Wright was a trustee of Lady Pochin's will and it's believed that in carrying out her wishes it went against what the 7th Baronet wanted.

On that fateful afternoon did Sir Willoughby intend to shoot the Reverend or was he simply shooting at the birds?.

It is possible that Sir Willoughby was insane and that was the reason given for not pressing charges by Rev Wright. It is also true that Sir Willoughby died suddenly in 1827 but I have not been able to find the cause of death.

To sum up Nigel what caused the altercation had nothing to do with the Chancery Case. That is of course unless you know different.

A big however but thought I would contact you before others picked up on it.

Best Wishes

Peter

I am happy to put the record straight, and it is always good to receive feedback, thank you Peter for taking the time to contact me, much appreciated. The email poses some other questions, the cause of death of Sir Willoughby for instance, does anyone know? Upon a recommendation by Walter Baynes I borrowed a copy of 'The Book of Bosworth School 1320 -1950 by S. Hopewell, M.A. (Oxon). Sid Hopewell was a teacher at the Dixie Grammar School and has written an excellent history I would encourage all to read. The Chancery case is covered in chapter VIII and I was able to read the whole story. It is extremely complicated and not for repeating here, but the final settlement amount was £1012 paid by the executors of Lady Pochin. There being no point in further action the governors petitioned the master to wind up the Chancery proceedings. The case finally ended in 1835, taking over 50 years from 1779. It is a fascinating story with many twists and turns well worth a read. I started my research by looking in a book I own called The Bosworth Story, by Bernard Newman. Imagine my surprise when, at the same time, I received this email:

Hi Nigel



I am writing biography of Bernard Newman. On the website I found this. If it is possible for you to send it to me I would be most grateful. If you have any other information about Bernard Newman that would be most helpful. If you have any questions please ask.

Any reminiscences by people who knew him or have any knowledge of him would be very welcomed.

Thank you very much.

Jeff Malter chateaudox2007@btinternet.com (shown with permission)

Newman B Biography by Martin Roe Bursar F7/DGS/10

I circulated your committee and from there referred (again) to Walter Baynes who proved extremely helpful and knowledgeable. Walter is the Archivist and Committee Member of the Dixie Grammar School Association. Their website is <http://www.thedgsa.co.uk/index.html>. Through Walter and help from Marion I discovered that Martin Roe lived in Newbold Verdon and I was able to write to him. I was delighted when Martin called me. Not only was he happy for us to share the item from our Archive he offered any assistance to Jeff Malter he could. We had a long conversation, in which Martin told me he had been interested in

Bernard Newman for several years and had written a number of articles about him, most published by the Leicester Mercury. Martin told me that Bernard had been a guest upon Desert Island Discs on the 27th August 1956 sandwiched between non other than actor Dennis Price and musician and broadcaster Humphrey Lyttleton (probably best known as chairman of the panel game 'I'm sorry I haven't a clue?') Martin actually owns an artifact from that radio appearance. I was able to pass on Martin's contact details to Jeff who wasted no time in contacting Martin. I have asked both Jeff and Martin to keep me updated with progress which of course I shall share with you dear reader. You can read about Jeff Malter here: <https://thecwa.co.uk/find-an-author/malter-jeff>

Here is F7/DGS/10 in all its glory.

Leicestershire Personalities		
<p>Bernard Newman – A Famous Old Boy of Dixie Grammar School</p> <p>A few months ago a visitor to the Dixie Grammar School asked if the school had any significant old pupils. I talked to our visitor about Bernard Newman.</p> <p>Born in Ibstock, in 1897, Newman was from famous literary stock. His grandmother came from Nuneaton and had a cousin, Eleanor Evans – better known as George Eliot. Newman won a scholarship to The Dixie Grammar School – a connection that would last until his death in 1968. Bernard Newman became famous as a writer and lecturer. A survivor of the Great War, he moved to London to become a</p>	<p>Civil Servant. His first book 'Round about Andorra' started a career in travel writing and lecturing lasting 40 years. Approx 140 books were published between 1926 and 1968. He visited more than 60 countries, meeting most of the world's leaders. From the 1920s until his death he would undertake an annual trip. In the early years this would be to Europe, and until the 1950s on his bicycle! All this taken as annual leave from the Civil Service, from which he did not formally resign until he was almost 50. He also developed a second career as a lecturer. Having undertaken his European tour and written the resulting travel book, he would then tour the UK giving lectures on his overseas travels. He also gave talks on the radio (and never lost his local accent!).</p>	<p>Based on his experiences during the First World War, Newman wrote his first novel 'The Cavalry went Through'. Published in 1930, although a novel, some reviewers believed it to have been written by a top military strategist. Newman then moved on to what would make him most famous – writing spy novels. His first – 'Spy' – published in 1935 was fiction but people insisted on believing it to be true. During the Second World War he worked as a lecturer for the Ministry of Information, giving talks to packed town halls, military bases and munitions factory canteens. All the time still writing novels between talks. By the 1950s, a Daily Mail poll made him the 4th most popular novelist in the UK. In 1956 he achieved the accolade of an appearance on Desert Island Discs (I now own the copy of a</p>
		<p>novel, 'Double Menace', he handed to Roy Plomley, the presenter). TV appearances started to come his way, mainly talking about spies and spying. He met both Kruschev and Kennedy at the height of the Cold War. He had private meetings with Kennedy and was invited to join him on the Presidential helicopter – Newman's first flight in a helicopter at the age of 65...with the most powerful man on earth. A much forgotten man who achieved so much in his life, and despite his life style never forgot his home area. He was always proud to be associated with The Dixie Grammar School and one of his final projects was to write the history of the school, 'The Bosworth Story'.</p> <p><i>Martin Roe School Bursar</i></p>

You will also recall that the Society was contacted by Tom Carr Chairman of the Belmont History Society (in Lancashire), Tom was interested in finding out about The Revd Charles Wright whose father was the Revd. Thomas Wright (involved in the Third Battle of Bosworth see above and last month). It seemed that in researching this I discovered that Peter Foss had mistakenly believed that it was Charles who spent his life Ministering in Market Bosworth and not Henry. I contacted Peter and here is an extract from his reply email:

“Dear Nigel,

Thanks for sending me this interesting letter. I am always happy to receive any further ideas about Bosworth from researchers etc. as it takes me back to my original material to check it and possibly amend it.

In a website document on Belmont Church, the author George Skinner (who has obviously done scholarly work in c.2010) says that the father of Charles Wright of Belmont (born 1799) was Lawrence Wright, but this may well be a mistake which the current local historians are correcting, for the rector of Market Bosworth, Thomas Wright, would seem to be the father. I have quite a lot on Thomas Wright (b.1756) also in my Moxon book, but know practically nothing about his family or his sons. So, this adds a lot, and I would be interested to do a little more searching in order to correct my text esp. on page 121. (The Dixie family tree on p.93 is also incorrect in that kinship connection, but I've known that for some time. My book has a number of small factual errors which need putting right though in general the history is sound).

There are no photographs that I have come across of that family, and I am surprised that Belmont doesn't have any either, if you look at what they do have in the way of a photographic collection, and I wonder if there is anything relevant in your parish archive.

I'll keep my eye out for other references.
All the best
Peter”

What an interesting email.

Now for yet another dip into the electronic mailbox!

More up to Date

The latest request has come from Anne Froy:

Good morning,

I am researching my family history and have discovered that my grandfather died in West Haven, Market Bosworth in June 1965. I think this might be Westhaven Court care home.

Can you tell me anything about the area and the home please?

Regards

Anne Froy

I started the process and Glynis was quick to seek out references to Westhaven in the Archive. We have quite a lot but not so much about the residents. I decided to ask Anne if she could share a little more about her grandfather. Her response was:

Thanks for your reply. It would be lovely if you did have more information for me.

I don't know much about my grandfather because he disappeared from my mother's life when she was quite young., so he was never spoken about. From the few clues I have I think I've found the right person.

His name was Reginald Marsden, born in Ecclesfield, near Sheffield on the 19th July 1896. He served in the Royal Navy in the First World War. He became a miner after the war. He married my grandmother in Leeds in 1923 and my mother was born in 1926. He then turns up in Hinckley in 1939 living with Florence Wall, who was a widow. I don't know if they were living as a couple or if he was just a lodger. Florence died in 1963. Reginald died in West Haven on 30th June 1965. His death certificate describes him as a retired Coal Bagger. His death was notified by I. Russell of 4 1/2 Bassetts Yard in Hinckley - perhaps that was a member of staff at the home?

If you can add anything to his story that would be fantastic. Don't worry about the timescale. Thanks very much.

Kind regards

Anne Froy

Over to you. Did you work in Westhaven in 1965, or know someone who did? Did you know Reginald or Reg as I expect he was known? How about I Russell? Did you know him or her? Please have a think and if you can help Anne please let me know. A similar request has been made via Aspect. I would very much like to help Anne with the details of her grandfather.

Wellesborough: The Gift that goes on Giving

I hope you enjoyed my article about Wellesborough in the June edition of the Newsletter. I enjoyed researching it and what a lot of famous names were connected to it, Boudica, Emperor Nero, Lady Godiva, Leofric; Earl of Mercia, Henry De Temple, King Harold, The Harcourts, The Knights Templar, Judge James Temple, Charles I, King James II, King George VI, NATSOPA and now possibly The Labour Party or the

Trades Union Congress (TUC). I mentioned that good friend to the Society Eddie Smallwood was writing a book of the area and his co-writer Michael Dix got in touch. Whilst he was researching Sibson he came across a Women's Institute book printed in 1993 referring to the Labour Party being evacuated to Wellesborough where the NATSOPA Homes became the headquarters of the party during WW2. Another book 'Parties at War' written by Adrian Thorpe mention is made of a decision in 1940 to bring staff back to Transport House and goes on to say that the operation at Market Bosworth was mothballed in 1943. But like all good stories I think there is a twist and it was the staff of the TUC who were transferred to Market Bosworth and not the Labour Party. The documents are held in the library of Warwick University but are unavailable due to the current crises. Has anyone else heard of this? Did the Labour Party or the TUC or both set up shop in Market Bosworth in World War 2 in an effort to escape The Blitz? Once Michael has been able to get to the archive he will share the information with me. What a never-ending story this has become.

Therefore, as you can see, it has been quite a busy period and a genuinely interesting one. Thank you to all who have helped and contributed or are about to! Do please send in any information you have about any of the research mentioned, you never know you have the missing bit of the jigsaw. If you wish to remain anonymous or would not like the information shared simply tell me and I will guarantee to respect your wishes.

Land North of Station Road



The image is a consultation feedback poster. At the top left, there are two logos: 'Richborough Estates' with a circular logo and 'FISHER GERMAN' with a stylized 'F' logo. To the right of these logos, the text 'Consultation Feedback' is written in a large, dark blue font. Below the logos and text, there is a satellite map of a rural area with a red outline highlighting a specific plot of land. To the right of the map, the text 'Freepost FG MB' is displayed in a large, dark blue font. At the bottom right, there is a red rectangular box containing the text 'Please submit comments by: 9th September 2020' in white font.

Many of you will have received an envelope with this and other documents inside. It is yet another attempt to build in Market Bosworth. This time the proposal is for 63 homes. The ploy is exactly the same as used by Gladman. The hope is that people will comment once and not comment when the application goes to Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council for full and proper consideration. Plus, the application will be carefully crafted to appear to satisfy all of the residents comments, this leaving little room for any objections. Nevertheless over 120 people did make comments to HBBC regarding the Gladman proposal on Shenton Lane once the plans were announced. I hope residents and interested parties will comment again once plans are submitted for this

development. Once again the emphasis is on affordable houses and they promise 25 such homes as part of this development. This is a requirement, that all new estates have 40% affordable homes, within the National Planning Policy Framework. This requirement is often negotiated away in exchange for what is known as s106 funds. These funds are to fund infrastructure improvements, green spaces, and similar improvements necessary to support a new estate. Sadly, even if these 25 homes are built they will be beyond the means of any couple working a 40-hour week on National Living Wage.

I am against this plan for a number of reasons, which I will set out:

- Market Bosworth has a Neighbourhood Plan (adopted in 2016 to run until 2026) voted for by residents as an expression of their will to see sustainable and responsible growth in the housing stock. The plan was required to incorporate the provision of 100 plus new homes over the term of the plan. This figure has now been accepted generally as being 110. So far, since the plan was adopted two developments are progressing (Sedgemere and Station Fields) and will provide an additional 180 houses, well beyond the targeted number..
- The layout of the town centre dates to the 15th Century and consequently struggles to cope with the demands placed upon it today. Adding a further 180 families will push this infrastructure to the very limit, and beyond. Even with the changes made in the proposed Town Centre Development Plan. Schools, dentists, doctors will also be challenged to provide an adequate service to the new number of residents.
- If this development is allowed to proceed we are most likely to lose one of our major employers. JJ Churchill need to keep their machines running 24 hours per day in order to make efficient use of a huge investment in technology. Those living across the road will apply for and will be given a Noise Abatement Order which means that the factory will have to close and relocate. This will not only lose valuable jobs to Market Bosworth but also the sponsorship funding enjoyed by many institutions from the generosity of this company.

Market Bosworth has a lot to give, and is playing its part in planning for the future and accepting responsibility to provide homes for a growing population. These plans will undoubtedly cause some inconvenience and change, which residents accepted and voted for back in 2015. What is not acceptable is simply building because land happens to exist. I want to see sustainable growth not destruction which is the only logical outcome to building an unsustainable number of new homes.

Lockdown 2020

What have you been up to? I mentioned earlier that Lynne and I have been enjoying our beautiful countryside. I would like to hear your experiences of lockdown. I will publish them in the Newsletter or keep them private, up to you. I would very much like to share the experience with future generations through the Archive. You can bet that in 2120 there will be events to reflect upon the largest crises we have faced since the Falklands War and possibly even World War 2. It is hoped that by then there will be a viable vaccine so life can return to as near normal as possible. How have you felt? What have you done? How have you stayed connected? I have a conversation yesterday where the person told me that she had been part of her nieces speech development as they Zoomed at bedtime to hear her talk. Something that they would not have thought of prior to Covid -19. Do please share with me as this is an opportunity to be part of everyone's future by sharing our today. If you would like any maps for walks or even would like to organise a guided walk have a look here <http://marketbosworthsociety.com/bosworth-walks/> or give me a call.

Heritage Matters Government White Paper ‘Planning for the Future’



If the issue of a recent white paper, ‘Planning for the Future’ passed you by, please take a look at it. You will find it here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future> (I hope that now that the Market

Bosworth Community Library has re-opened they will be able to help anyone not familiar with the internet to find the document).. Please do not print it, it runs to 63 pages. In brief it is a consultation to radically alter the way Town and Country Planning works in England.

There are plans to repeal the Town & Country Planning Acts and replace them with a new Act and policy

framework (which will in turn replace the National Planning Policy Framework and the National Policy Framework Guidance). The document talks about building ‘beautiful’ house, which troubles me enormously. Beauty is subjective and has no place in a document about building sustainable, efficient, and affordable homes for the future. Having read the document there are several other concerns created in my mind by a number of seemingly incompatible contradictions. The policy of dividing land into three categories of *Growth* areas suitable for substantial development, and where outline planning approval for development would be automatically secured, *Renewal* where areas are seen to be suitable for some development and *Protected*, areas where -as the name suggests- development is restricted. Sounds remarkably simple but as ever the devil is in the detail. Protection will not be easy to secure.

What is very worrying indeed is the White Paper appears to sweep away protection afforded to listed buildings of all grades. Claus 3.30 states: *We also want to ensure our historic buildings play a central part in the renewal of our cities, towns, and villages. Many will need to be adapted to changing uses and to respond to new challenges, such as mitigating and adapting to climate change. We particularly want to see more historical buildings have the right energy efficiency measures to support our zero carbon objectives. Key to this will be ensuring the planning consent framework is sufficiently responsive to sympathetic changes, and timely and informed decisions are made.*

3.31 States: *We will, therefore, review and update the planning framework for listed buildings and conservation areas, to ensure their significance is conserved while allowing, where appropriate, sympathetic changes to support their continued use and address climate change. In doing so, we want to explore whether there are new and better ways of securing consent for routine works, to enable local planning authorities to concentrate on conserving and enhancing the most important historic buildings. This includes exploring whether suitably experienced architectural specialists can have earned autonomy from routine listed building consents.* Without wishing to be alarmist those two clauses lead the way to replacing features of listed buildings and heritage buildings within a Conservation area with modern materials, even changing the design of the building should that make it more energy efficient. Should one of the suitably experienced architects be involved local people and the Society will have no say and no part to play. It is difficult not to feel a sense of alarm.

Please, please read the White Paper and comment upon it. We have until around the 3rd November (12 weeks from the 6th August) to try our best to influence the decisions to be made. Yes, we do need more houses. Yes, Market Bosworth is playing its part as we have seen elsewhere we are well on track to exceed our part of the targeted number of new homes under the Market Bosworth Local Development Plan. Yes, we do want a say in where and how housing is provided in Market Bosworth. The document appears to say much but offer little and is as it stands much skewed in the favour of unlimited development.

To get you ready to read the White Paper here is this month's brain sharpening quizzes, I hope you enjoy them.

True or false - Questions

- 1) The Channel Tunnel is the longest rail tunnel in the world
- 2) A woman has walked on the Moon
- 3) According to Scottish law, it is illegal to be drunk in charge of a cow
- 4) Vietnamese is an official language in Canada
- 5) The setting for the ITV drama Midsomer Murders is a fictional English county called Midsomer
- 6) An emu can fly
- 7) President Theodore Roosevelt's son was called Kermit
- 8) Edinburgh is further East than Carlisle
- 9) The can-opener was not invented until 45 years after the tin can
- 10) There are McDonald's one every continent except one

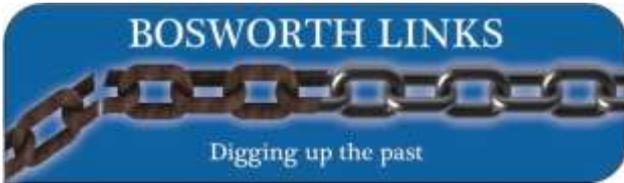
Celebrity - Questions

- 1) Which singer was known amongst other things as "The King of Pop"?
- 2) What is Cher's last name?
- 3) What is the name of Kim Kardashian's eldest child?
- 4) Who was the winner of the first ever UK series of 'I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!'?
- 5) Which English supermodel was born in Streatham in May 1970?
- 6) Which footballer has the most Instagram followers in the world - as of 2020?
- 7) Tom Cruise is an outspoken member of which religion?
- 8) Who is Dolly Parton married to?
- 9) American singer Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta is best known by which stage name?
- 10) Taylor Swift grew up on what type of farm.

Music - Questions

- 1) One Direction is known for being the runners-up in The X Factor in 2010, but who came first?
- 2) Which singer has the most UK Number One singles ever?
- 3) What was Britney Spears' first single called?
- 4) Who is the only singer to have ever performed more than one James Bond theme song?
- 5) Who were the three headliners of Glastonbury 2019?

- 6) Who is the only musician ever to have been awarded the Nobel prize for literature?
- 7) Which Beatles song was banned from the BBC for its lyrics?
- 8) Who was the first female artist to achieve a UK number one with a self-written song?
- 9) What is the real name of U2's guitarist, known as The Edge?
- 10) What is David Bowie's real name?



Not wishing to sound like a broken record, but I have nothing new to report. So, how about a quiz? It is difficult so if you get half of the questions correct, give yourself a pat on the back. More than that and you are truly an expert. I expect Gemma to get 30/30 at the very least! Please pass your paper to your neighbour for marking. But keep your distance!

Archaeological Quiz

1. A young Bedouin goat herder was throwing rocks into a hole when he heard what sounded like a clay jar breaking. The year was 1947. What significant ancient documents had this boy discovered?

2. Rise and Fall

Which civilization peaked earliest?

- A. Aztec
- B. Greek
- C. Roman
- D. Egyptian
- E. Polynesian

3. Gorges

This gorge, some 30 miles long, is in Tanzania between Serengeti National Park and the Great Rift Valley. No site in the world has produced a longer sequence of stone tool assemblages and hominid fossils. Name this gorge.

4. Lost Locations

Which ancient city is not paired with its location?

- A. Memphis - Egypt
- B. Carthage - Greece
- C. Persepolis - Persia
- D. Troy - Asia Minor
- E. Herculaneum – Italy

5. Breakthroughs

The Rosetta Stone made the translation of Egyptian hieroglyphics possible because a passage of hieroglyphics was also written in what other language?

6. The Americas

Huánuco, Cusichaca, and Machu Picchu were ancient cities of what civilization?

- A. Inca
- B. Maya
- C. Aztec
- D. Carib
- E. Papago

7. Compass Directions

The first people to cross the land bridge which existed in the region now occupied by the Bering Strait travelled in which cardinal direction?

8. Trash Piles

A mound of shells, bones, and debris found on the site of an ancient habitation is a ...

- A. dig
- B. cairn
- C. codex
- D. midden
- E. dolmen

9. Alloys

What alloy was the most important metal for tools and weapons between the years 4000 and 2000 B.C.?

10. Archaeological Analysis

A faunal analysis at an archaeological dig produces data relating to which characteristic of the people who lived there?

- A. physical stature
- B. tribal organization
- C. architectural skills
- D. hunting and dietary practices
- E. religious beliefs and ceremonies

11. Ancient Architecture

The greatest architectural works of what ancient empire were amphitheatres, aqueducts, baths, basilicas, bridges, and triumphal arches?

12. Aztec Cities

Tenochtitlan was a city built by the Aztecs. Today, the city occupying that same location is ...

- A. Tijuana
- B. Veracruz
- C. Hermosillo
- D. Guadalajara
- E. Mexico City

13. Special Stones

It is made of large stones arranged in concentric circles around a central altar. Name this prehistoric structure near Salisbury in southern England.

14. Starting Points

Which region, home to many ancient civilizations, had a name literally meaning "land between the waters"?

- A. Assyria
- B. Phoenicia
- C. Macedonia
- D. Babylonia
- E. Mesopotamia

15. Wonders

Name the only one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World that still survives.

16. Greek Temples

What town at the foot of Mt. Parnassus was famed for its oracle at the Temple of Apollo?

- A. Argos
- B. Delphi
- C. Eleusis
- D. Philippi
- E. Thessalonica

17. Tool Technology

The Olmecs and Mayas had no iron. Instead, archaeologists have found weapons and cutting tools made from a volcanic glass called ...

18. Buried Treasure

What Roman city was hidden for nearly seventeen centuries after being buried by ashes in the year 79?

19. Magnificent Murals

A long-hidden cave with Ice Age art covering its walls was discovered in 1940 at which site?

- A. Dijon

B. Cannes

C. Lascaux

D. Lourdes

E. Fontainebleau

20. Ancient Civilization

An early kingdom developed near the fertile Yellow River around 1500 B.C. in a region that became what country?

21. Dating Techniques

A radioisotope useful in establishing the age of ancient objects is ...

A. lead-208

B. carbon-14

C. nitrogen-14

D. potassium-39

E. phosphorus-208

22. River Cities

What river is associated with these ancient cities?

Luxor

Aswan

Thebes

Karnak

23 Petroglyphs

Archaeologists studying petroglyphs of Native Americans are studying ...

A. weapons

B. burial sites

C. picture writings

D. cooking artifacts

E. forms of architecture

24. Architectural Projects

It consisted of a series of five terraces of glazed brick, each 50 feet above the next. Name this structure erected by King Nebuchadnezzar for his wife in 562 B.C.

25. Conquered Capitals

Once the capital of the Aramean kingdom, it fell to the Assyrians, then the Seleucids, then the Byzantine Empire, then the Mongols, and then the Ottoman Empire. Name the city.

A. Sparta

B. Timbuktu

- C. Damascus
- D. Teotihuacan
- E. Kuala Lumpur

26. Archaeological Ages

The Bronze Age followed the Stone Age. What age followed the Bronze Age?

27. Peninsulas

On which peninsula can you see pyramids?

- A. Sinai
- B. Malay
- C. Gaspee
- D. Yucatan
- E. Florida

28. Fabulous Finds

A military engineer in whose army discovered the Rosetta Stone outside Alexandria in 1799.

29. Ancient Developments

Cuneiform has the same purpose as ...

- A. mummies
- B. aqueducts
- C. catacombs
- D. mausoleums
- E. hieroglyphics

30. Historic Buildings

The Pantheon is in Rome. In what city is the Parthenon?

And Smile....

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[Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?](#)

[Why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?](#)

[Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?](#)

[Why is it that Doctors call what they do 'practice'?](#)

[Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavour, and dish washing liquid made with real lemons?](#)

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why isn't there mouse-flavoured cat food?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?!

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

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Answers to Archaeology Quiz (no cheating!)

1. Dead Sea Scrolls
2. D
3. Olduvai Gorge
4. B
5. Greek
6. A
7. east
8. D
9. bronze
10. D
11. Roman

12. E
13. Stonehenge
14. E
15. pyramids at Giza
16. B
17. obsidian
18. Pompeii (or Herculaneum)
19. C
20. China
21. B
22. Nile
23. C
24. Hanging Gardens of Babylon
25. C
26. Iron Age
27. D
28. Napoleon's
29. E
30. Athens

Music Quiz Answers

- 1) Matt Cardle
- 2) Elvis Presley
- 3) Baby One More Time
- 4) Shirley Bassey (John Barry and his orchestra does not count as their theme is reused.)
- 5) The Cure, The Killers and Stormzy
- 6) Bob Dylan
- 7) I am the Walrus
- 8) Kate Bush
- 9) David Evans
- 10) David Jones

Celebrity Questions Answers

- 1) Michael Jackson

2) Sarkisian - full name Cherilyn Sarkisian

3) North West

4) Tony Blackburn

5) Naomi Campbell

6) Cristiano Ronaldo

7) Scientology

8) Carl Dean

9) Lady Gaga

10) Christmas Tree Farm

True or False Answers

1) False – The Gotthard Base Tunnel in Switzerland is 4 miles longer at 35.5 miles long

2) False

3) True

4) False

5) True

6) True

7) True

8) False

9) True

10) True