

MARKET BOSWORTH SOCIETY

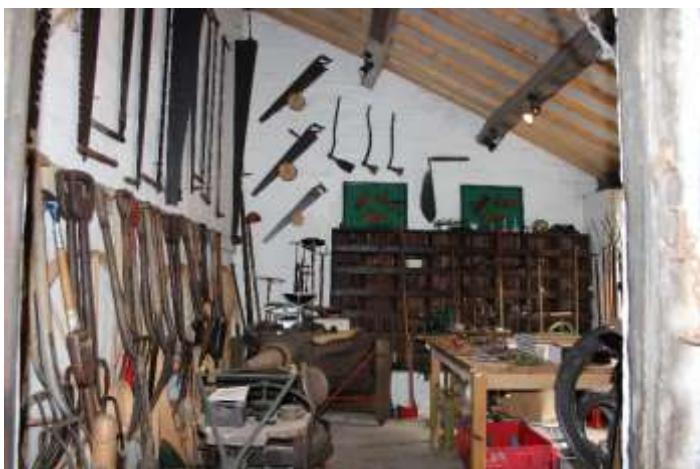
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Heritage Open Days

On the 8th of September the Society supported the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council's tourism project "Heritage Open Days". Brian and Glynis Oakley kindly agreed to open The Forge, Park Street and Ed Robinson, Farrier & Blacksmith kindly gave his time to demonstrate his art. We are very lucky to have people like Brian, Glynis and Ed who are prepared to support the community. We sold a few books that day as well. We had offered a two Guided Tours (based on the Town Trail Guide) we had no takers for the 11:00

am slot so Sally Dowsett, a new guide, and I took the chance to have our own tour. We had a look in to the Memorial Gardens now much better after a lot of arduous work in clearing the overgrown vegetation, (this again with community help) and then to the Free Church. Maurice Harris invited us to take his tour, which we did eagerly. Maurice showed us around the buildings and told us about when the alterations had been made to the kitchen. Below the kitchen were very large and extensive cellars where barrels of beer were stored. These had to be filled before the kitchen could be built. Maurice assured me that that there was no beer left in the cellars.



A view from The Forge to the fascinating museum

The Dower House now stands on the site of the George Inn. I remember the (Carpenters) cottage well as I was a regular visitor as a child. Mrs Harris, Maurice's Grandmother had met my maternal Grandmother in a café in Nuneaton many years ago. They chatted over cups of tea and remained friends for over 50 years. I often wondered why the chimney was so large and the cupboards so high. It was because it was a Laundry> The large chimney was to house the large copper which boiled the water and the cupboards were airing cupboards. Upstairs is a large room with windows facing South, West and East which was the drying room. Everything was dried indoors. The washing always had to be done by Friday, because on Saturday after a quick wipe the copper was filled with fat and used to fry chips. What a great entrepreneur the owner must



have been. Maurice recalls having chips from there wrapped in newspaper with the vinegar turning black with newsprint.

Seen here is one of those tall cupboards. I mentioned and a view of St. Peter's Parish Church. I had not seen that view for 45 year it brought back a lot of memories.

We had more people for our afternoon tour, so it was back to work. I enjoyed taking a group of people around Market Bosworth, explaining about the houses and the architecture. Bosworth Links has added to our knowledge and the story of Dr Pull always goes down very well.

If you, your family, or any group of which you might be a member would like a guided tour please use the contact details at the end of this article. Tours can be arranged for any day or time to suite. We normally limit the group size to 15 people per guide to make sure everyone gets to hear the narrative and can ask questions as we go along. Tours typically take around 90 minutes to two hours but can be tailored to suite most requirements. We had one well known Bosworthian on this tour and they admitted that they had learned quite a bit about Bosworth, even after having lived here for many years.

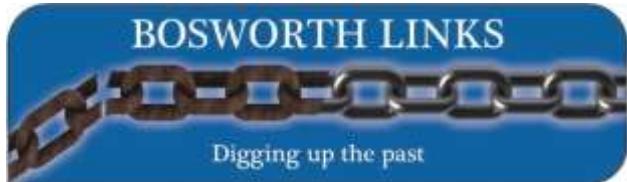
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Next Meeting 18th October Bosworth's Battles by David Humbertson

Our Next meeting will again be in The Free Church, Barton Road. It will commence at 7:30pm and as ever guests are more than welcome subject to us having room. A small fee of £3.00 is payable by guests to help

defray costs. David is the chairman of the Leicestershire and Rutland Western Front Association. David and his partner Valerie Jacques have noted all the fallen from WW1 from the War Memorial in the Market Place. They have then researched the battles in which our soldiers fell. The lecture will not only talk about those named but about the battle in which they were taking part. It is important to remember those from Market Bosworth who gave their lives in battle but also that sadly many. Many others also died. David will weave a picture around the research helping us to see what the soldiers were trying to achieve when they died. Following on from this in November we have a much more personal and specific look at the First World war as we focus upon Market Bosworth. The research has been based on the archive and other data bases and will concentrate on telling the story of Bosworth between 1914 and 1918. Both events are the Society's contribution to the recognition of the end of the First World War 100 years ago.



Feedback Meeting 25th November 2018 Dixie Grammar School Hall 1:00pm

I thought the digs were exciting, especially seeing all the finds and information being unearthed but the next stage seems even more exciting. Mathew Morris and his team have been working away examining, dating, and categorising all the finds from the dig last summer. They will then write reports for each of the test pits together with an overall report which will then cover two years and 53 pits. We set out to dig 50 pits but due to the enthusiasm and help we have received from homeowners and volunteers we have comfortably exceeded that objective. We really have learned something about the development of the settlement and can fill in the gaps between 410 and 1086. The finds will be on display so come along and look at the prehistoric pottery shards, Anglo-Saxon Shards, and other finds right through the Medieval period to the modern day. We will also have another world premier! The new DVD will be available and will be shown during the afternoon. For those that have asked if they can see it before, the answer is still no. What you can do is look at some excellent photographs taken again by Seth Lewis. Seth did a fantastic job last year and has done us proud again this year. To take a look at Seth's pictures please go to <http://marketbosworthsociety.com/seth-lewis-big-dig-summer-2018-photographs/> where you will be able to see them. Alternatively click the link on the Bosworth Links page of the website.

Come along and see what lies beneath our very feet!